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Life is meant for good friends, and great adventures!

OFFICERS 2022

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Mark & Patti Burnett

1st Vice Presidents

Joe & Ellyn Bewes

2nd Vice Presidents

John & Lu Ann Zink

Secretary

Jan & Mike Dippel

Treasurer

Tim & Karen Mayes

The Caloosa Winnies were finally back together as a group after 18 months of pandemic interruption. It was so exciting to once again to see so many friends! The first meeting was held at Alligator Park in Punta Gorda, FL November 4—7, 2021. This has been one of our favorite parks for over 10 years, the residents welcome us with smiles and willingness to allow us to use their beautiful clubhouse and kitchen.



Thursday night we kicked off this celebration with our traditional Happy Hour at 4:00pm. We were delighted to welcome new members Tim & Tena Jones who were joining us for their first event! At 5:30pm we had pizza delivered, and served salad to everyone. Shortly after we devoured all that, it was time for another Caloosa tradition - the Ice Cream Social. Everyone LOVES this tradition!



Making sundaes!



Our "scoopers" L to R: Mark, Richard, John, Patti

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Our theme for the weekend was Thanksgiving. The tables were all decorated with fall centerpieces which made the room look very festive. For the evening it was time for Thanksgiving Bingo! All the members bought cards and chips and the game was started! Each card had pictures of Thanksgiving foods or different decorations. Dave Wilkie did the calling and all the money collected was given back as prizes to the winners. The lucky winners were: Tim Jones, Noreen Litchfield, Patti Burnett, then a 3 way split to Barb Wilkie, Tim Jones, and Keith Litchfield. The next game was split with Jan Dippel and Tena Jones. Next Jan Dippel won again, and Linda Byerly won the last game! It turned out to be a fun game and many THANKS to Dave for being the caller for the game.



Friday, November 5, 2021—it was FINALLY time to celebrate the Caloosa Winnies 50th Anniversary of this chapter being formed! This party is 11 months late, due to the Covid pandemic. The official charter date is December 5, 1970 and we are proud to still be together and having FUN—which is the goal!



Many of our members who “retired” from RVing were invited to attend this reunion. A total of 60 people were there to enjoy Laisley’s Crab House private room, including many of our current members. Arrival at noon gave us time to talk and mingle—remembering so many fun years as Caloosas. Lunch was served at 1:00pm, a delicious Italian buffet.



After lunch was finished, it was time to review the history of the chapter. Nancy Miller read a recap of the many years of activities and fun things the chapter has done. Many of the past chapter Presidents were introduced. Jerry Miller presented a slide show of over 400 pictures highlighting some of the many years of fun activities! The audience laughed and



commented on many of the pictures! These pictures were a reminder of what kind of fun adults can have with a little imagination! And of course it always pays to be a good sport when “voluntold” to be a team captain, or a mummy model! I was really happy we had so many previous members there, it was so great to see familiar faces once again. This was a wonderful event and one we will always remember!





The current members camping at Alligator Park returned in time to have Happy Hour at 5:00pm. Because we had such a great lunch we had snacks that evening instead of a dinner. The rest of the evening was relaxing with games of Nickels breaking out and the card players pictured below!



Saturday morning at 8:30am was our potluck breakfast with so many great dishes once again!!! It's amazing what kind of food comes out of an RV kitchen!! Our business meeting was held at 10:00am, John Zink presided over the meeting. The slate of new officers for 2022 was read, and it was announced voting would take place at the December meeting. Future camping events were also discussed, as usual, the meeting was short but the necessary business was conducted.

Next on the agenda was our craft project—making a turkey (pictures at the right). Everyone had to make one to be able to participate in the Turkey Trot Races later that evening. Of course, some of the filling of M & M Peanuts MIGHT have disappeared while they were being assembled! But who could blame a person—such temptation! Everyone looked so serious getting their turkeys just right!



The rest of the day was free time—to check out local attractions or just sit outside in the beautiful weather and chat with friends we haven't seen in so long! Happy Hour was at 4:00pm and a 50/50 drawing was held! John Zink & Bruce Byerly sold tickets and 3 winners were announced! The Potluck Dinner was served at 5:30pm with a HUGE spread of crockpots and dishes filled with GREAT food!! As you can see in the pictures below—everyone had plenty to eat!



Soon it was time to start our Turkey Trot Races!
 There were 6 lanes taped off on the table and 6
 people at a time raced their Turkeys! Dice was
 tossed to determine which lane would move each
 time. As you can see from these pictures—the action
 was lively and also very competitive!!



As you can see—everyone had a GREAT time with
 so many cheers, jeers and laughs!! Thanks to all of
 you for participating and being such good sports!



The overall winners: L to R:
 Bruce, Patti, Ellyn, Beth & Richard

 Sunday morning everyone gathered in the clubhouse for donuts and coffee before departing and going our separate ways.
 It was so wonderful to be together again as a group! We weathered the pandemic storm and hopefully we will all stay
 well—looking forward to the Christmas celebration December 2—5, 2021. Oak Alley RV Resort is a new park just
 opened so this will be a fun adventure for us. We always invite travelers to visit with us, the agenda and registration form
 will be out shortly. THANKS again to all the members who enjoyed this visit with us and especially for all the help
 throughout the weekend. Happy Trails and please travel safe and stay well!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



TIM & TENA JONES

FUTURE CAMPING ADVENTURES

2021

December 2—5 Oak Alley RV Resort, Webster, FL.

2022

January 3—6 Sarasota Fairgrounds, Sarasota, FL
February 3—6 Red Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL
March 3— 6 Oak Alley RV Resort, Webster, FL
April 7-10 Oak Haven RV Resort, Arcadia, FL (closer to Port Charlotte)
May 5—8 Moore Haven KOA Resort, Moore Haven, FL
November 3-6 Alligator RV Park, Punta Gorda, FL
December 1 —4 Campers Holiday, Brooksville, FL



REMINDER: DUES NOTICE FOR 2022—IMPORTANT!!!

Caloosa Winnies dues for 2022 will be \$25 per coach. Dues are due to be paid by January 31, 2022 in order to keep memberships in good standing. Nancy Miller will be happy to accept your dues at any of our meetings, or with any registrations for upcoming events. Keep in mind that everyone attending a Caloosa function must be fully vaccinated to attend. This precaution is necessary for all of us to stay well!