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## OFFICERS 2022

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Life is meant for good friends, and great adventures!

December 2—5, 2021—the Caloosa Winnies were ready to celebrate the Christmas season at a new park—Oak Alley RV Resort in Webster, FL. The weather could not have been more perfect, sunny and temperatures in the 70’s! All the members arrived in time for the first event of the weekend—Happy Hour Heavy Hors d’Oeuvres dinner! The room was all decorated for us with red tables and pretty centerpieces. The cooks made such GREAT and delightful dishes, we really had a great meal! Ice cream was also on the menu as tradition is for the Caloosas to have the Ice Cream Social. THANKS to the volunteer “scoopers” who dished up our treats!

We welcomed new members to our group—Mike Ketchmark and Cookie Bakunoff!

The entertainment for the evening was a Christmas Jeopardy Game, THANKS to Jerry Miller for assembling the game board. Teams were set, team captains were give instructions how to score and the game was underway. Several comments were made throughout the game that created a lot of laughs! The winning team (pictured on the right) was led by Ed Hanlon, and they were given their prizes of Russell Stovers million dollar bars! As usual, the competitive nature of this group came out during the game with lots of cheers and jeers!



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Friday morning at 10:00am many members gathered in the small craft room to make gnomes and snowmen—THANKS to Cookie Bakunoff putting all the supplies together for us



and leading the project! It was FUN for us!



At noon the park kitchen committee hosted a lunch for everyone in the park! For \$5.00 each the plates were filled with hamburgs and all the trimmings, chips, cole slaw, baked beans. drinks and cupcakes for dessert! Everyone in our group participated in lunch and the clubhouse was filled with many other campers in the park.



At 1:30pm, under beautiful sunny skies the group met at the shuffleboard courts. Team partners were assembled and the first round of play began. The second round of teams were up and when they were finished the scores were compiled and the teams with the highest scores held a playoff game. The scores were added up and the coach (ME) decided all the teams with high scores deserved prizes—just for being such good sports!!



THE WINNERS!

(L to R) Karen, Linda, Mark, Cookie, Mike, Patti, Jan and Richard!



Happy Hour at 4:00pm brought everyone back to the clubhouse and a 50/50 raffle was held. We always divide up the prizes for the winners into thirds so we have 3 winners. Jan Dippel, Bruce Kanoza and Patti Burnett were all winners—which made them very happy!

Dinner was out of the park with options in nearby Bushnell. Many people went to Sonny's Barbecue, others enjoyed other options. The rest of the evening I'm sure there were some nickels games in action!



The next morning dawned bright and sunny for us to gather again for a potluck breakfast. I am always amazed at the huge variety of food we have. Such huge tables of different and delicious dishes — our cooks are so amazing what they can make in an RV kitchen! After enjoying all the great food, clean up was done in record time—THANKS to everyone who pitched in to make sure this fabulous kitchen in the clubhouse was perfectly clean!





John and Lu Ann Zink were not able to camp with us this time but they did drive 2 1/2 hours to preside at the meeting which began at 10:00am. The normal business was held in order and New Business was on the agenda. It was time for officers elections for 2022. Nancy Miller read the Slate of Officers determined by the Nomination Committee. The proposed officers are as follows:

Presidents, Mark & Patti Burnett; 1st Vice Presidents, Joe & Ellyn Bewes; 2nd Vice Presidents, John & Lu Ann Zink; Secretary, Jan & Mike Dippel; Treasurer, Tim & Karen Mayes.

Nominations were called for from the floor, hearing none the vote was taken and the officers were duly elected! The official installation was performed by Nancy Miller, all raised their right hands accepting the positions for 2022! We are DELIGHTED to have a full slate of officers and I know we all will work hard to keep the group together—and continue our mission to just have FUN!!!



Absent from the group were Joe & Ellyn Bewes who were vacationing out of the country at the time of the meeting. They will be installed at the January meeting.

During the meeting some updates were given to the scheduled camping events, noting that it has become more difficult to find campgrounds that will host groups. We have a good relationship with many parks we have visited, which makes it easier for us to return when we ask for time and space.

Diane Cipolla will remain as our Sunshine Chairman, as she has done such a great job for so many years. We all know what a comfort it is to receive cards when you are not feeling your best! THANKS to Diane for doing a SUPER job!

The meeting was adjourned before 10:30am, and we were all off to enjoy free time for the afternoon to enjoy this new campground and surrounding area!



### HAPPY HOUR AT THE POOL!!!

It was a beautiful day and the park invited us to sit in the pool area as they had an entertainer singing and playing music! Well, the Caloosas are not folks to pass up a good time!! As you can see at these pictures we REALLY enjoyed our Happy Hour!



Good times

Back inside the clubhouse it was time for our Potluck Dinner at 5:30pm. Out came all the crock pots and insulated dishes to line the tables with GREAT food! As always, we had a great meal and it was enjoyed by all of us! Thanks to the hosts the tables were cleared and it was time to get ready for our charity auction. Due to another group being in the room with a music program we moved into the craft room because we would also get noisy which is how the auction goes!

This is our 14th year holding an auction to benefit our charity Joshua House, who takes care of children abandoned or abused that live at the property and have nothing but the clothes on their back. Keeping this thought in mind, our elves, David Wilkie and Bruce Kanoza (pictured at the right) do an OUTSTANDING job of keeping the bidding going and having so much fun! Below is a table full of gifts donated by our members. So many fun prizes—just for the right bid!



OFFICIAL  
**elf**  
crew



There were so many laughs—an comments made through out the evening! In the picture on the left, our Secretary Jan Dippel thought she was getting a “ROTO WIPE” but that was only the box—she actually had a nice prize inside!!



Bruce, our SHY elf!

outstanding  
Thank you

The elves did an OUTSTANDING job auctioning the gifts and with additional donations we actually sent a BUNCH of checks to Joshua House totaling \$3,270.00! The generosity of this group is just amazing and a HUGE THANKS to everyone who joined in the great event!!!

Sunday morning bright and early the coffee pot was on and it was time for our traditional breakfast of donuts before we all depart once again. This time we found a wonderful donut shop in the town of Webster—DoughJ's Donuts! Well, you have never had donuts like these—all home made and they were huge! I should have taken a picture but we were all too busy eating!!!

Soon it was time to pack up and leave once again. We really enjoyed the park and the surrounding area which allowed us to do some exploring in this really rural area. MANY MANY thanks to the co-hosts Dave & Barb Wilkie, and Marge Carney. Everyone in this chapter is so friendly and helpful—we all pitch in and just have FUN which is the goal!

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 3—Thursday, January 6th due to scheduling for the Sarasota Fairgrounds. We always invite travelers to join us for a fun event when in the area! The agenda and registration form will be available in your email!

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



MIKE KETCHMARK & COOKIE BAKUNOFF

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### 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



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Christmas season is such a wonderful time of year and we hope you all enjoy this season with family and friends!  
We live in difficult times with the threat of this Covid pandemic. Hopefully you all will stay safe and stay well! Enjoy this time and we'll look forward to a GREAT 2022 with you, all of our Caloosa friends, with more fun times!

Nancy & Jerry Miller

## 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!