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Life is meant for good friends, and great adventures!

December 1-4, 2022 the Caloosa Winnies gathered at Camper's Holiday RV Park in Brooksville, FL for our annual meeting, Christmas celebration and charity auction. 16 coaches were in attendance which was great since we did have a few members who had to cancel due to illness.

It was GREAT to welcome new members Barry & Kandice Chadwell. We welcomed back long time members absent for a while, Allen & Betty Gabroy. Those couples joined right in at our Happy Hour in the pavilion clubhouse at 4:00pm.





At 5:30pm it was time for our dinner, including Publix deli trays and lots of side dishes provided by members! The ice cream social was dessert and our scoopers pictured at the right were ready to serve everyone! Left to right: Don Levine, Ellyn Bewes, Mike Ketchmark and Orte Gil! THANKS to our volunteers for stepping in to help!



Our evening activity was ready to begin at 7:00pm. It was titled "Wrap A Snowman"! Teams were formed and each team had to pick a member to be the "snowman". Picture on the left is one of our good sports, Betty Gabroy, on the right is Diane Cipolla getting "wrapped" by her team! The teams were armed with rolls ot toilet issue to turn their teammates into snowmen! See more on the next page!









Allen is wrapping Lynda while Don does the pieces.

Betty gets more wraps from Bruce.

Linda, Lucy getting wrapped, Tim & Barb



Here are our "snowmen" or ladies! L to R: Diane Cipolla, Lynda Kucera, Lucy Murse, Betty Gabroy! What GREAT sports you all were!!!



Here's the winning team that wrapped Betty Gabroy! L to R: Dennis Heitman, Joe Bewes, Dave Wilkie, Bruce Byerly, Betty Gabroy & Kandice Chadwell.

Friday morning at 8:30am it was time for our potluck breakfast! As always, a wonderful assortment of food was on display and ready for the hungry members. It's always amazing how many different items we have to enjoy!

After breakfast was done, it was time for our business meeting. Mark & Patti Burnett, our Presidents, were absent due to illness. Ellyn & Joe Bewes conducted the meeting. Our election of new officers for 2023 was on the agenda. The nominations included: Mark & Patti Burnett, Presidents; Bruce & Barbara Kanoza, 1st VP; Joe & Cheri Sala, 2nd VP; Jan & Mike Dippel, Secretary; Tim & Karen Mayes, as our Treasurer. The voting took place, and all were duly elected. Installation for the officers will take place at the January meeting when they will begin their terms. THANKS to all of you for volunteering your time and talents!





At 11:00am it was time for our craft project under the direction of Cookie Bakunoff, seen in the photo at the left! Several tables had busy fingers going to make the snowmen! Lots of options for dressing our little guys so we had quite a variety! THANKS to Cookie for all her efforts bringing all the materials!









The afternoon was time on our own, it was a beautiful day so many of the group walked around the park. Everyone found their way back to the clubhouse in time for our 4:00pm Happy Hour. At 5:30pm it was time for our potluck meal! SO MANY wonderful dishes found their way to the tables once again! We have the BEST cooks to say the least.



John Murse, our new elf, and Dave Wilkie, our veteran elf, are ready to begin!

After dinner and cleanup, it was time for our annual charity auction. We have held this auction for over 15 years and many of the proceeds have been given to our charity—Joshua House, a home for abused children. As you can see in the photo on the left, our elves were ready to get into action with the bidding on gifts the members donated!

The elves were in rare form and creating so many laughs! The wide variety of gifts is always amazing! Each winning bidder opens their package for all the

group to see—and AWWW about!







Elf John taking bids on a leftover snowman wrap game object!







Cookie & Mike laughing at the elves! (Yes Mike, you made the newsletter again!)



Some of the comments heard during the auction were recorded by this editor:

"This is a war, Frank is at 105, OH OH, sold for 305, I like the paper, you are fair warned, 101 to Linda Levine, drive Tim crazy, pull the trigger Bruce, Frank is betting against himself, flag on the play, 40 for Orte (heard many times!) here we have a bag of tissue paper, I'm going to sit on his paddle, We are pushing #33, I don't even drink, are you letting her get away with that, she cut me off, plays on your emotions, sit down Frank, is it solid gold, let's have a replay." Of course the room was full of laughter and the goal of making money for Joshua House was on everyone's mind.

In the photo on the left is Dave holding a special box. This box is a traveling year to year gift that is a long time tradition for the Caloosas. Who ever bids and wins this box must return the next year to regift it. This year Marge Carney sent the box as she was not able to join us. The winner (I think) was Lucy Murse so she's obligated to return next year with the box! THANKS to the elves making this so much fun! Our total funds from the auction added up to be \$2,820, and some additional donations made out grand total \$3,320! GREAT JOB Caloosas!!



Elf Dave offering a great gift!





Elf John has a beautifully decorated package to auction!



Saturday morning dawned a beautiful day and breakfast was on your own. At 10:00AM some of the members gathered in the clubhouse to make a Santa ornament! THANKS to Cookie for helping us make the ornament & bringing all the supplies.

Cookie showing us how to assembled the ornament! <<<<



Allen Gabroy and others using the glue guns! >>>>





At noon it was time for lunch—cooking hot dogs on sticks/forks over the firepit! THANKS to the guys who got the fire started for us! This was a REAL camping experience! All the food was set out for everyone to help themselves and meet at the firepit! We were REALLY lucky for a beautiful sunny warm day for December! Of course no campfire lunch is complete without SMORES!!! YES-we all enjoyed making them!!







At 4:00pm it was time for Happy Hour at the clubhouse again. Snacks were enjoyed by everyone as usual! A 50/50 drawing was in progress THANKS to the ticket sellers! The prizes are always split into 3 amounts and the winners this time were Linda Byerly, Orte Gil and Barb Wilkie! Congratulations to the winners for taking a chance!



Our Christmas dinner was held at Hernando Oaks Clubhouse nearby THANKS to Janis Fumia for setting this up for us. The buffet dinner was just wonderful, food and service were the best and we all enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere!





Sunday morning we met once again for coffee, donuts and bagels before it was time to leave the park and our friends. I have to THANK everyone who helped with this rally doing what ever needed to be done! With everyone pitching in to handle the tasks—it makes for such a great weekend!!! Soon we will be getting together again in January at Sarasota Fairgrounds!

CALOOSA DUES ARE DUE!!! January 31, 2023 is the deadline for payment of \$40 and is payable to Caloosa Winnies. Mail to:

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OUR NEW MEMBERS



BARRY & KANDICE CHADWELL

FUTURE MEETINGS

2023

January 9—12
February 9—12
March 25
April 3—6
May 47
November 2—5
December

Sarasota Fairgrounds, Sarasota, FL Red Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL Sarasota Fairgrounds, Sarasota, FL Riverside RV Resort, Arcadia, FL (closer to Port Charlotte) Grand Oaks RV Resort, Weirsdale, FL TBA TBA

