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Life is meant for good friends, and great adventures!

February 3—6, 2022 the Caloosa Winnies gathered together at Red Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell, Florida for a Valentine’s Day celebration! 17 members coaches were skillfully parked because our ACE team of parkers—John Zink and Tim Mayes—did a great job! There were sites that needed to be changed—but our “Semper Gumby” actions—knowing we have to be flexible—took over and everything worked out for all of us. THANKS to John & Tim for a terrific job!

The weather was so wonderful—sunny and warm—most unusual for February in Bushnell! The week before temperatures were in the 30’s (!!) so we lucked out with 70’s and 80’s! At 4:00pm we all went to our clubhouse for the events—Tortoise Hall. At Happy Hour we welcomed new members to the group, Earl & Barbara Magdovitz! See their picture on the right! Our Treasurers, Tim & Karen Mayes introduced them to the Caloosas and we are happy to have them joining us!



Dinner for the evening was Pizza and Caesar Salad! Tim Mayes volunteered to be our pizza delivery guy so off he went to Pizza Hut! He actually made this run in record time and the pizza was still piping hot when he set the boxes on the table!! The room got suddenly quiet and everyone got their share of pizza and salad. Out traditional Thursday evening meal is never complete without the Ice Cream Social! Our volunteer “scoopers” in this picture were ready to get the serving started! Pictured on the left: (L to R, Orte Gil, Elyn Bewes & Lucy Murse). By the way, none of these ladies were hosting this event—they just stepped up to volunteer! We love our volunteer members!



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Nancy Miller announced information about some on going games for this weekend. The members were asked to send pictures of themselves as youngsters, or wedding pictures, etc. and 23 members complied. Their pictures were put on red valentines and placed on tables for the members to try and identify “Who Am I?” The pictures were identified later in the weekend. THANKS to everyone who participated in this fun game!

Also there was a guessing game—2 jars filled with Valentine candy and members had a chance to check them over and list their guess as how many pieces were in the jar! No cheating was allowed—and the eventual winners were Barbara Magdovitz & Patti Burnett!



The evening games were soon underway with teams being formed and moved to tables to be together. 3 games were played, Word Search, Word Scramble & What Kind Of Candy Am I? The competition was tough and the winning team pictured below was victorious!



Another guest we had for the weekend is in this picture of the winning team ! “Baby” is the mother of Lucy Murse, and “Baby” is 104 years old! She is still employed by a local Walmart store! What an amazing lady, we were delighted she came with Lucy & John.



Jorge, Helen, Baby, and Jan!



Friday morning dawned just beautiful—sunny and warm—perfect for our day of fun activity! At 10:00am everyone was back in the clubhouse for the Valentine Minute To Win It Games. The teams were together with a Captain nominated by the team members to keep score. The games included several played with the Valentine Conversation Hearts, a puzzle to put together, and unwrapping a Hersey’s Kiss with one hand. This was all in fun and everyone got into it trying to beat the other teams! Our winners are pictured on the left: L to R: Wes, Cookie, Patti, Janis & Tim! Their prizes? A Hershey’s Kiss! THANKS to everyone for participating and hopefully you had fun!

Soon it was time for everyone to have lunch on their own. At 1:30pm it was time for the afternoon activity—a Scavenger Hunt! This was not the normal Scavenger Hunt, but a Caloosa version. The teams were gathered together and a Captain was assigned to be the scorekeeper. The rules were read and they were off into the park to find answers to the questions about our coaches. The rules were loosely followed as was expected!



Patti, Joe, Cookie & John



Helen, Ed, John & Lucy



Cheri, Karen, Mike, Barbara, & Wes

It was such a beautiful day for our teams to have a great time! Turn the page for more pictures of our group having FUN!!!



Diane, Mike, Janis, & Ellyn



Mark, Orte & Lu Ann



Jorge, Earl, Tim & Jan



Mike, Wes, Orte, Barbara, & Cheri



Karen leading the pack, Barbara, Cheri, Wes, & Mike



Some of the teams ended up together, trying to keep their answers a secret???



John, Mark, Cookie, Orte, Joe, Lu Ann, & Patti

After an afternoon of good walking exercise, the teams all returned to the clubhouse, and noted the time they completed the hunt on their score sheet. They had free time until Happy Hour when the winning team would be announced.

Happy Hour at 4:00pm brought everyone back to the clubhouse, and the winners were announced for the Scavenger Hunt! When the scoring was done, 2 teams actually scored the same number of right answers, AND their time of return noted on their score sheet was the same! Pictures on the left are the 2 winning teams! They got Valentine Hearts of candy for their prizes! A special THANKS to everyone for participating and being such good sports about the rules!!! Well, they were good sports, but the rules? They followed most of them.....



During Happy Hour a 50/50 was held— THANKS to the guys for selling tickets!! The winners were 3rd prize, “Baby”, 2nd prize, Patti Burnett, 1st prize, Joe Bewes! Congratulations to the winners!!





Dinner for the evening was everyone’s choice of local restaurants. This group chose the Mexican Restaurant—and we had a good time!

Back at the clubhouse games were underway—the Nickels players were having a great time!



Saturday morning we were in for a big change in the weather! It was cold and raining! That didn’t stop us from breakfast at the clubhouse! Potluck seems to be the **GREATEST** ever as we had a **HUGE** variety of food. Even on a rainy day we saw smiles on the faces of our members—enjoying a great feast on the tables!



At 10:00am our business meeting was called to order by President Mark Burnett. Chapter shirts will be ordered as to have in time for the March meeting. The topic of a caravan for 2023 is in the works with dates and locations being researched. It was noted that it is becoming more difficult to find places for rallies which is why we will often return to places we have a relationship with. It’s not always about the place, it’s about getting together with friends and having **FUN!!!**

The rest of the day was free time, to visit local places, go shopping, or take a nap! At 4:00pm it was time for Happy Hour again and everyone came in from the rain and had snacks and drinks.



Dinner was Potluck with 3 tables filled with food once again! We have the **BEST** cooks and it’s tough to pass up anything on the tables! The picture on the right is Lucy and her Mom “Baby” checking out the Key Lime Pie!!





The game for Saturday evening was “The Not So Newlywed Game”! The ladies and gentleman were separated and each had a questionnaire to fill out with specific answers. The object was to compare answers to see if each partner had the same answers. There were a lot of interesting comments for sure!



As the answers were compared by each couple, we had 2 winners!! On the left are Barbara and Earl Magdovitz, and Rick & Natalie Amos! I asked how long each couple has been married. Barbara & Earl—49 years! Rick and Natalie I think they said 13 years!! That just shows how well each couple really know each other!!!

THANKS for everyone for being good sports once again!

The rest of the evening some people played cards or Nickels.

Sunday morning came early the next day and THANKS to John Zink the coffee was on early and we enjoyed our last gathering for the rally. Donuts, bagels, muffins, juice, coffee and tea was on the menu.

When it was time for cleanup and packing our equipment everyone pitched in to help as always. It was time to say our goodbyes until our next meeting in March. THANKS again to everyone for participating in the FUN which is our goal. Our next meeting will be March 3—6, 2022 at Sarasota Fairgrounds. We always welcome visitors! Check our website for further information: www.caloosawinnies.org.

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!

Dues can be sent to:

Nancy Miller, 2150 Clementine St., Naples, FL 34120, payable to Caloosa Winnies

FUTURE MEETINGS

2022

March 3– 6	Sarasota Fairgrounds, Sarasota, FL
April 7-10	Riverside 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



2023

January 9—12	Sarasota Fairgrounds, Sarasota, FL
February 2—5	Red Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



EARL & BARBARA MAGDOVITZ

JERRY & JEANNE BILLA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY TO:

- 1 HANK BAUMAN
- 2 ALLEN GABROY
- 6 LINDA BYERLY
- 16 GAIL SCHWARTZ
- 18 BOB GRAGA
- 20 RICHARD JOHNSON
- 21 BOB DALTON
- 23 BOB KUCERA



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN FEBRUARY TO:

- 14 DAVE & BARB WILKIE
- 15 MIKE & JAN DIPPEL
- 18 RICHARD & ALICE JOHNSON
- 21 BOB & JEAN GRAGA

