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Life is meant for good friends, and great adventures!

Sarasota Fairgrounds in Sarasota, FL was the destination for the Caloosa Winnies first camping event for the new year, January 6—9, 2020. Many of the members arrived early on January 5th to begin the fun time! Our newly elected 2nd Vice Presidents, John & Lu Ann Zink were ready to greet everyone and show them where to park. Sunday night everyone who was there enjoyed a nice dinner at Longhorn Steakhouse!



Monday morning bright and early the rest of the members arrived during the day—it was great to see everyone again! The 4H building tables were decorated with International centerpieces as we gathered at 4:00pm for Happy Hour. Our co-hosts for this event were Bruce & Linda Byerly, Mark & Patti Burnett. Dinner for the evening was pizza—delivered by Papa Johns, and salad prepared by the ladies. Of course our traditional Ice Cream Social was served by our hosts, always a treat for us!



L to R: Mark, Linda & Bruce.

Tuesday morning we all met at the building to begin making table decorations for the February Rally coming up. The rally theme, “Roaring 20’s” - we had a lot of fun making the champagne glasses, (donated by Lucy Murse) into beads and feathers plates in 4 colors.



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In this photo on the left is the finished product! Everyone did a TERRIFIC job figuring out how to glue everything in place and keep the masterpieces intact! They were carefully put into boxes to transport and keep them together! THANKS to everyone for all the work getting this project done!

After all the clean up was finished, it was time for lunch—everyone on their own. The afternoon activity was something new to the Caloosas.

### CHAIR VOLLEYBALL!

This is an action packed game—the volleyball net is now owned by the Caloosas and is a free standing net so it can be played indoors. As you can see in the pictures, the ball used is a beach ball. Chairs are set up in rows—3 people to a row and in 3 rows for each side. The rules are the same as regular volleyball with a few additions—one is not allowed to stand—staying seated is the key. The laughter is so loud among the players—it’s hysterical!



As you can tell from the pictures—the games were a HIT with everyone!

We didn’t keep score—so everyone was a winner! This game will be played again at future meetings! THANKS to Charlie Autry and Jerry Miller for setting up the net!



Tuesday Happy Hour was held at 4:00pm, and there was a 50/50 raffle. At 5:00pm we departed the fairgrounds to have dinner at Der Dutchman Restaurant nearby. This is a popular restaurant and one we go to when in Sarasota. With the bake shop and gift shop included in the building, we took advantage of the facilities and did some shopping.

Wednesday morning was our Potluck Breakfast at 8:30am with tables filled with GREAT food by our GREAT cooks! THANKS to Charlie Autry for making the coffee at the crack of dawn for all of us! The hosts helped with cleanup and soon it was time for our business meeting.

On the right is a picture we are proud to share of our officer team! We are happy to have these members as friends, and serving our chapter with excellent skills! CONGRATULATIONS to you all—you are WINNERS!!!

Our business meeting was opened at 10:00am by President Karen Autry. The usual order of business was completed, including updates for the rally we are hosting next month at Lazy Days RV Resort. Updates for the rest of the camping season were explained with details when agendas will be available.



R to L: Rich Beck, Karen Autry, Charlie Autry, Joe Bewes, Ellyn Bewes, John Zink, Lu Ann Zink, Mike Dippel, Jan Dippel, Carolyn Thomas.

The afternoon was free time to explore the area with lots of things to do. At 4:00pm we all met again for Happy Hour which is always fun and lively. Our theme of an International Celebration was evident at our Potluck Dinner at 5:30pm. The members were asked to bring a dish for dinner that represented their family heritage. What a GREAT variety we had! 3 tables were filled with family recipes, Italian, German, Polish, Dutch, French, English—it was a wonderful and amazing dinner! THANKS to everyone for cooking such great food—it was enjoyed by everyone!!

Thursday morning at 8:30am our farewell breakfast was served—donuts, bagels, coffee—always a HIT with our group!

THANKS to everyone who attended the camping time we had together! The Caloosas goal is to ALWAYS have fun, and January 2020 was a BLAST!!!

We always invite people to visit with us anytime who are owners of Winnebago products. Visit our website at [www.caloosawinnies.org](http://www.caloosawinnies.org) for information on our schedule. THANKS to Mike Dippel for keeping up the website! We'll see you all in February!

Because of the late writing of this newsletter, the usual last pages with schedules, new members, etc. will appear with the March newsletter.

Nancy Miller  
Wagon Queen