



Trail Blazing Sams

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WINTERS QUARTERS PASCO RV RESORT

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Our February Campout was held on February 27th – March 1st at Encore Winter Quarter in Lutz, Florida. We had 14 member rigs present with 3 drive-ins. The Staff at Winter Quarters was once again very friendly, extremely helpful and very hospitable. Our Host for this campout were the Chapter Officers assisted by Linda Voyton.



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Russano

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Linda Voyton

“There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others.”

-Mandy Hale-

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Next Campout

March 27th—March 29th
Encore Winter Quarters, Lutz, Fl.
Hosts: Bill & Joan Conway

Spring Samboree

April 15th—April 19th
Okeechobee KOA Resort
Okeechobee Fl.
Host: Joe & Debbie Weston & Staff
(More details inside)

May Campout

May 22nd—May 25th
Bay Bayou, Tampa, Fl.
Host: John & Gail DuBose



Most everyone arrived on Thursday for the early bird special which consisted of relaxing and socializing until it was time to go to dinner.

Linda, a resident of Winter Quarters made reservations for us at Ukelele

Brand's, a quaint little restaurant which is a favorite of many locals. We were very pleased that **Ron and Sandy Mercer**, long time Chapter members joined us for dinner. After dinner, as usual, it was back to the campground for fun and games.



Mercer,
Ron & Sandy



Friday , 27th

Friday is a relaxed day for most. Some went shopping while others played Holey Board or card games. Friday afternoon Winters Quarters provided us with a very nice welcoming party with wine, crackers, summer sausage and cheese. A very nice treat indeed. Of all the campgrounds we visit Winters Quarters is the only one that has been so gracious. The fact that Linda is a permanent resident may have some bearing but nevertheless it was very hospitable for them to do that for us. Later we caravanned to a family Italian restaurant, **Pizza Villa**, for a very nice meal. Then it was back to Winter Quarters for games and fun time.



*Left : Ron Mercer,
John Russano, Bill Carter
Mike Keller, Linda Voyton,
Ken Kuiken
Right: Sandy Merver,
Joan Russano, Nancy Carter,
Pam Keller, Linda Kuiken ,
Jean Potter*

HOSTING

Please remember sooner or later all members will have to host.

Depending on the time of the year (December, January, February, March) it may be very difficult to book the campground of your choice. So as to avoid a big disappointment please try to book the campground you prefer at least two (2) years in advance of your hosting date. After you have locked in where you will be hosting, please let the President or Vice-President know so your selection of a campground can be put on the Hosting Schedule.

Saturday began as a very gloomy day however it quickly turned around as we were once again treated to an early breakfast hosted by Winter Quarters. Waffles, sausage, strawberries and coffee all for \$1.50 what a deal and what a nice way to start the day. Afterwards we got together for our Chapter's business meeting. The subjects of the meeting are contained in the minutes so make sure you read them. We were all very pleased to see our dear friends **John and Jill Perry**. Jill broke her leg just before Christmas and has been recuperating ever since. Hopefully by the March campout she will be out of the boot and back on her two legs. **Harold and Caroline Johnson** were planning on coming to join us but it was just too much for Caroline to handle. Its been one year of pure hell for both of them. Caroline had major surgery which has drastically altered her and Harold's life style.

A sad point of the meeting was when our long time members **Ralph** and **Lorraine Zecher** announced they were resigning from our Chapter due to health reasons. It's become increasingly more difficult for them to travel. Everyone expressed their sadness but wished them well. The door is always open for them to visit us when they can.



Time to Play Angels vs Devils

Not fair odds. In almost any contest you would have to feel sorry for the underdogs. In this spirited bean bag baseball game four of our lady members took on eight men members. These ladies decided they would play twice, once under their name and the 2nd turn under aliases. The lead changed hands several times with the men building what looked like an insurmountable lead going into the late innings. Everyone was beginning to feel sorry for the ladies but wait, they called time out and had a team meeting. To everyone's surprise the Angels regrouped, put runners on base and a triple by Linda (Lee) Kuiken drove in the winning run. The men could not answer and their top three hitters all struck out in the seventh. Game over. Ladies (Angels) won 9-8.

At future Samborees our Chapter might consider entering an all women's team while Team #2 could be made up of the men. The record speaks for itself.



L. to R.
Linda Kuiken
Alias Lee
Judy Magedanz
Alias Elaine
Mary Murray
Alias Louise
Jeannette Ormsby
Alias Eda

Angels' Team

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."
– Phil Jackson



Sunday 1st

After having coffee and some goodies it is time to say goodbye. We hope to see you all at March Campout.

At our March campout the ladies plan to prepare Easter Baskets.(Men are welcome to join in). According to Jill last year our Chapter gave 70 Easter Baskets to needy children at Shiners Hospital. This year each member is asked to bring two (2) baskets, Easter grass, wrapped candy and other little things to fill the baskets. No sharp items and no pencils with erasers please.

St Patrick Day, March 17th

Wearing green, Corn Beef and Cabbage, Green Beer, Shamrocks, playing Irish music and dancing are but a few ways to celebrate this day.

We wish everyone a great St Patty's Day

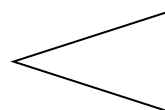


Sunshine News

Rita Turner our Sunshine Lady sends out Get Well Cards and Condolence Cards to members who are sick or who have lost a family member. Please notify her directly if you know of anyone who needs to get a card.



Lynn Frechette has agreed to take over the Indoor Card Games while Caroline Johnson is recuperating. Everyone wishes Lynn well and those going to the Samborees will certainly give her all the help she needs. Caroline has done the indoor games for a long time and has indicated she is just a phone call away and she is available to help Lynn whatever way possible.



Lynn Frechette

COMMITTEE CORNER

Every now and then our newsletter will feature one of our hardworking committees. For the new and old member alike we hope this will bring you current with what we do, how we do it and how we, through our efforts benefit many.

This month we feature our Charitable Contribution Committee and Chairwoman Jill Perry. Jill writes the following:

Charitable Donation Position

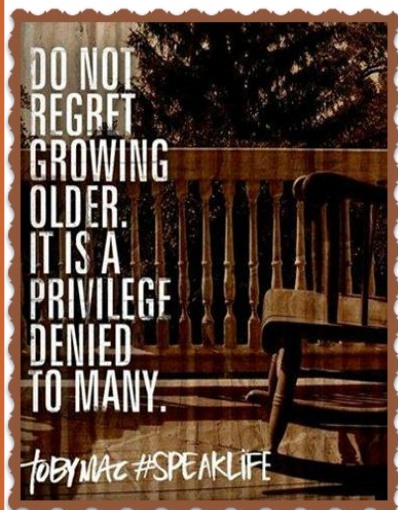
"This position involves donations that are made throughout the year to various organizations and charities from our chapter members. The position is responsible for keeping an up-to-date list of Charities, their contact persons, and evaluations of each one. From the list of acceptable charities, in October of every year, the Chapter membership selects the charities to receive our donations. In addition, the membership also determines the dollar amount of these donations. The position also has the responsibility to follow-up on all donations to assure that they have been received. Seasonal donations (ex. Easter, Christmas) are also organized under this position. Chapter members are asked to notify this position of any organization or charities they wish to have evaluated and put on the list for future donations".



Jill Perry

We thank Jill for submitting this summary and we thank her for doing a great job of chairing this very important committee.

 * **SPRING SAMBOREE (April 15th—April 19th)** *
 * Okeechobee Koa Resort *
 * 4276 Highway 441 S. Okeechobee Fl. 34974-6255 *
 * The theme at the Spring Samboree in Okeechobee is Mad-Hatters. *
 * We've always had several of our members participating and they always *
 * have had lots of fun. Some of the weirdest hats have walked away with *
 * first place and occasionally an over all Grand Champion. So think about *
 * your MAD HAT and join in on the fun. *
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February

23rd, Harold Johnson
 27th, John Henning Jr

March

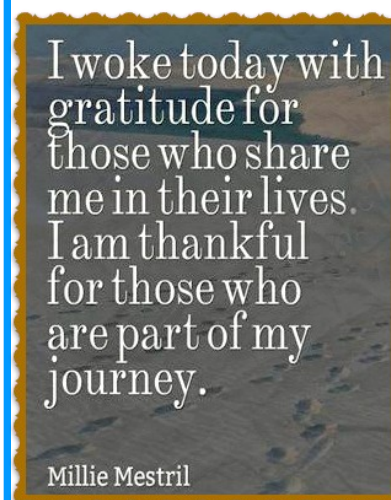
6th Gladys Vollick
 8th, Mike Abrams
 9th, Caroline Johnson
 4th, Lynne Morneault
 29th, Albert Morneault



February

19th, Turners
 20th, Kellers
 21st, Greseths
 29th, Murrays

March





RECIPE OF THE MONTH FOR OUR **MALE MEMBERS**

For the most part males in the household don't do a lot of cooking. When we are asked to prepare a meal most times it will be something we bring in from outside like Chinese, Pizza, etc. Well here is an easy to make dish that will have your honey's taste buds popping. Should be made by the male member of the household.

MAN'S BEST MEAT LOAF

Ingredients

1/2 cup of bread crumbs	1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 lbs of lean ground beef	1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup of milk	1/4 teaspoon ground sage
1 large egg	1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup chopped onions	1/2 cup barbecue sauce
1/2 dry mustard	1 teaspoon Worcestershire

1. Preheat oven to 550 degrees
2. Mix all ingredients except for BB Sauce in ungreased loaf pan
3. Spoon BB Sauce on top of meatloaf
4. Bake uncovered for 1 hour

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