

Trail Blazing Sams Christmas Campout December 13th-15th (Early Bird,12th) Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, Fl.,





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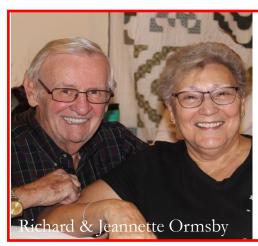


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TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOYFUL MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Our year ended with a beautiful fun filled Christmas Party hosted by Richard and Jeannette Ormsby at Paradise Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell, Florida.

As your hosts we can tell you how much fun we had in providing you with three days of good times, games and food as prepared by our favorite caterer from Ron Don Catering. We want to thank you all for making this a special weekend and a great party.

Of the sixteen members in attendance many arrived on Thursday. There were people playing Corn Hole Challenge in the afternoon while some others were playing games inside. After a short Happy Hour we all caravanned to a little eating place called "Big O's Home Plate. The specialty of the day was smoked pit Prime Rib. So good After dinner back to the club house for a fun game called Rudolph. Blind folded the object was to pin Rudolph's nose on where it should be.



Pete Colón & Linda Voyton



Jean Potter & John Russano



Dennis LaPerle & Linda Nagliere



Richard & Jeannette Ormsby & Frank Cosentino (Owe you one Frank)

Obviously Rudolph wore many noses in the wrong place, The evening ended with many staying to play games of choice.

Friday 13th

Friday morning found many of us heading to our favorite Russell Stover Candy Store in Wildwood. What a mistake, so many sweets to choose from. Surely some will be converted into a few extra pounds.

After lunch it was time for "Kenny's Killers" to challenge "Linda's No Run Losers" in the Bean Bag Baseball contest. As the Umpire the only comment I can make is – (snicker) – it was a close game





L-R: Chuck Potter, Mona Pulaski, Mike Lima, Ken Kuiken, ,Dennis LaPerle, Bill Hemphill, Brenda Gollihue, Ruth Hemphill, Livia Popovich, Carolyn Rilling. Frank Cosentino



While we are about having fun we also are very much aware of the many who are not as fortunate. Ruth Hemphill put us in touch with "Messengers of Hope" an organization of homeless and under privileged. They are the recipients of our Christmas gifts. Every member generously gave 4 five dollars gift cards. These allows homeless person to get into a warm place when it's cold or get a hot drink or meal. After the game all the exhausted participants quickly slid into the very popular Happy Hour as they anxiously awaited the Ugly Sweater Contest. The title "Ugly Sweater" adequately fit many entrants. After parading in front of a distinguished panel of judges, (Mike Lima, Joan Russano & Juliet Dudinsky) the winners were chosen.



<u>Winners:</u> Linda Nagliere, Carolyn Rilling , Chuck Potter



Participants: Ken & Linda Kuiken, Jean Potter, Bill Hemphill. Livia Popovich, Dave Rilling. Linda Nagliere, Richard Ormsby, Carolyn Rilling, Ruth Hemphill. Chuck Potter



Rich Harrison is trying to convince the judges that he has the ugliest sweater..... t-shirt... It didn't work. Does the t-shirt say GRUMPY?

Too bad Rich. Nice try,,



Bill Hemphill and Dave Rilling. showed up as agents. They were to find the "naughty one" and the "nice one" They concluded that the "naughty one" was Jeannette Ormsby and the "nice one" was Juliet Dudinsky.

Even though you're grown up, you should never stop having fun."



Table setting Friday night

Life is a combination of magic and pasta. (Frederico Fellini)



Pete Colón digging in. Frank Cosentino, Bill Hemphill are waiting while some others are filling their plates

After relaxing and digesting our meal we gathered to play for some the favorite left, right and center dice game. The ultimate winner, John Russano sat most of the game on the sideline and only at the end was lucky enough to be given new life. Mike Lima was reported to have the largest bank roll going into the final rounds only to see it quickly disappear.





Such fun: L-R: Eileen Colón Mike& Joanne Lima, Rich Harrison, Chuck Potter, Dave Rilling, Dennis LaPerle, Mona & Roy Pulaski and John Russano still sitting on the side

John Russano got all our money



Saturday 14th

Saturday was a bright and sunny day so everyone gathered around the BocceBall Court for our tournament. Being single elimination the field was quickly reduced to the final match between our President Frank Cosentino , State Treasurer Linda Voyton and Chuck & Jeannie Potter.

Both teams played brilliantly with the team of Chuck and Jean prevailing. Congratulations to both teams.



Frank Cosentino & Chuck Potter Frank must have done a good shot

Linda Voyton & Jean Potter "Are you worried. Jean?

Chuck & Jean Potter"We are the winners" Frank Cosentino & Linda Voyton "Not so sure about that"

After lunch it was time for a new game called Saran Wrap Ball. and it is just that...<u>Saran Wrap Ball</u> with goodies layered throughout the ball and one prize in the center! . This creates a wonderful suspense and urgency to the game! You get to keep whatever treasure falls out of the saran wrap along the way!



Livia Popovich has the ball and Eileen Colón wants it.

Fun and play shouldn't end with childhood.

We don't stop playing because we grow old;

we grow old because we stop playing.

Looking forward to future campouts 2020

January 23-26 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell, Fl., Hosts: Roy & Mona Pulaski February 13-16, Little Willie's, Arcadia. Fl., Hosts: Pete & Eileen Colón March 26-29 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell, Fl., Hosts: Bill & Nancy Carter April 22-26 Okeechobee KOA Spring Rally Okeechobee, Fl., May 21-24 Travelers Rest, Dade City, Fl., Host: Juliet Dudinsky No meetings June, July, August September 24-27 ?? Ken & Linda Kuiken October 22-25 ?? Chuck & Jean Potter November 17-22- Southern Palms RV Resort Fall Rally Eustis, Fl., December 17-20 Paradise Oaks Hosts: Steve & Livia Popovich



After Happy Hour all were ready for a delicious meal consisting of Turkey/Ham with all the fixings. Everyone must have been real hungry because nothing much was left over. After dessert we all anxiously awaited the surprise entertainment.

Table decoration Saturday





We had 2 guests that joined us for our Christmas party and gifts exchange. We were happy to see them join us. Jill Perry and Ray & Rita Turner

Surprise: The Dancing Queens directly from off Broadway. Certainly not On Broadway.

Our Queens provided many laughs as they danced around the room. Consensus was that they were very attractive.

Back from a previous Dancing Queen

performance, Missy Russano led our cuties

Cosentino, Kuiken and Popovich



John, Russano,, Steve Popovich, Frank Cosentino, Ken Kuikem. (Steve having hair problems?)



Queen Cosentino w/ Bill Hemphill



Ken. John. Frank, Steve



After the Queens preformed we had our annual Christmas Gift Exchange. Better described as I'll take that from you. Not everyone got to keep what they thought was their gift of choice.

(Jill taking Linda 's gift.)

Dave Rilling who won 50/50 was heard saying before the drawing: " If I win I am taking everyone to breakfast" However he didn't specify

<u>Sunday 15th</u> after coffee and tasty donuts it was time to say goodbye. Thank you all for making it a fun campout. Drive safely– be healthy– have very

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Time and good friends are two things that become more valuable the older you get.