

**OUR HOSTS:
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PARADISE OAKS RV RESORT
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For our January campout weekend, we had a total of 20 member rigs and for our business meeting we had one drive in member (Zechers) as well as our new State Directors, Joe and Debbie Weston as guests.

The weather for our weekend was absolutely gorgeous. As all of you know, the winter months in Florida can be drastically different from year to year. Well we could not have ordered the weather any better than what the good Lord blessed us with for the campout. It was perfect for those that played golf, holey board, and our famous bean bag baseball extravaganza.

Friday afternoon Mike and Joanne Lima provided us with Happy hour snacks in the clubhouse followed by an open house of their new coach. Joanne had a wonderful array of tasty snacks for us and everyone really enjoyed all that she provided. I am sad to say, however, that none of us took a picture of the Limas in

front of their coach, but they have a beautiful 40' 2011 Monaco Knight. I will not be doing a newsletter next month, but I will make sure we get a picture of them in front of their coach for the March Newsletter.

Although we had all the tasty snacks during Happy hour, we managed to scarf down the delicious dinner that the Turners provided us that evening. Ray's brother and sister-in-law, Ralph & Carol Turner, helped with the preparation of food all weekend. Our thanks to them as well. Ralph & Carol are from Cape Cod, MASS and spend their winters in Florida at the Blueberry Hill RV park.



Ray, Carol, Ralph & Rita Turner



Are you ready for some dessert?

As I mentioned above, our new State Directors, Joe and Debbie Weston, attended our business meeting on Saturday. Check out the minutes once they are published on the web to see the items that were covered during the meeting. Joanne Lima captured the picture below as we were about to begin the Pledge of Allegiance. I thought it was a picture that deserved a place in our newsletter.



After our meeting, the ladies made more of the the angels for the Hospice Center. During the hour and a half we had a total of 58 angels which included 10 that Jean Potter previously made. Thanks to all that brought supplies and helped. The Hospice Center uses approximately 45 angels a month, so I'm sure this will be an ongoing project for us.



Angel Workshop



Jeannette Ormsby, Linda Voyton, Jill Perry, Joan Russano, Joanne Lima, Linda Kuiken, Joan Conway, Liz Abrams, Jean Potter, Lynne Morneault, Lynn Frechette, Caroline Johnson, Juliet Dudinsky

After our campout, Linda Voyton and Jean Potter made 24 more agels bringing the total to 82 that will be donated. Also prior to the campout, we had various individuals make 106 beautiful baby hats to be donated.



Linda Voyton made 100 of the lovely crosses that are also donated to Hospice. I personally had not seen the crosses before and want to publish the poem that is inserted into the pocket of each of them. Linda is the only one that has been making these in the past, and I think it is something that should be shared. Thanks to everyone that contributed toward the beautiful angels, hats, and crosses.



The following is the poem inserted in the pocket:

I carry a cross in my pocket as a simple reminder to me of the fact that I am a Christian no matter where I may be. This little cross isn't magic, nor is it a good luck charm. It isn't meant to protect me from every physical harm. It's not for identification for all the world to see. It's simply an understanding between the Savior and me. When I put my hand in my pocket to bring out a coin or a key, the cross is there to remind me of the price He paid for me. It reminds me too to be thankful for my blessings day by day, and to strive to serve Him better in all that I do and say. It's also a daily reminder of a peace and comfort I share with all who know my Master and give themselves to His care. So I carry a cross in my pocket reminding no one but me, that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life if only I'll let Him be.

GAMES - Our first game on Saturday was golf. We had three teams of four and Ray Turner's method of picking teams proved to be very sophisticated seeing that two teams came in with three under par and the winning team had four under par. If you are interested in Ray's precise method of picking evenly matched teams, he took a golf tee and threw it up in the air and the person that was the closest to the point of the tee was on a particular team. Precision at its

best!!! The teams were Ron Mercer, Mary Murray, John Perry, and Ray Turner on Team 1. Team 2, the winners, are shown below. Team 3 consisted of Bill Carter, Bill Conway, Chuck Potter, and John Russano.



Winning Team - Cotton Deal, Richard Ormsby, Joan Conway, Robin Murray

Our game immediately after golf was bean bag baseball with the women hoping to take the championship away from the men. Well I'm not sure what the men had to drink or eat, but there was definitely something in the air (perhaps they each had a performance enhancing drug like Lance Armstrong) that caused an abundance of home runs for them. The winning score was 9 to 3 with the men having a total of 5 home runs! This now is a three game winning streak for the men. OK ladies, we have to find some pinch hitters or something to improve our next game. We have never lost like this before. Hopefully our next encounter will produce some better results. The women only had one home run and that was made by Jeannette Ormsby. The winning team shown below consisted of: John Russano, Chuck Potter, Mike Lima, Bill Conway, Robin Murray, Richard Ormsby, John Perry, Cotton Deal, Serge Frechette, and Myron Magedanz.

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Home Runs by: Mike Lima, John Russano, Richard Ormsby, Jeannette Ormsby, Cotton Deal, and Serge Frechette

After our dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs that our hosts provided, we played card BINGO. This seems to be a BINGO game that most everyone enjoys because we always have a lot of participation. The game only costs \$1.00 for 10 games and you had a chance to win \$3.50 each game. Mike Abrams was our BINGO caller and Bill Conway collected the money.



Our next campout will be the Winter SAMBOREE at Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, 380 Boys Ranch Road, Palatka, FL 32177 (386) 325-5646 February 27 through March 3, 2013. The theme for the SAMBOREE is "It's A Zoo". Bill and I will not be attending this SAMBOREE (the first one we have missed since being members) so there will not be a Newsletter next month. Our campout March 22-24 will be hosted by John and Jill Perry and held at Paradise Oaks.

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