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**October Campout Oct 26—29, 2017**  
**Bay Bayou RV Resort**  
8492 Manatee Bay Drive Tampa, FL 33635



**Our October Hosts**

Juliet Dudinsky and  
Ken & Linda Kuiken

Our September Campout was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. Fortunately, other than some minor damage here and there and some power outages, our members all came through the storm without any problem.

Our scheduled September hosts, Ken and Linda Kuiken, teamed up with Juliet Dudinsky, our October host, to jointly provide us all with a spectacular weekend.



## Our Hosts

Two of our cornerstone members, Ken and Linda Kuiken joined Trail Blazing Sams in February, 1999.

Ken and Linda moved to Florida from New Jersey in 1982 when their sons were 9 and 12. After spending several years involved in sports and boating and then when their sons finished collage, Ken and Linda got their first RV and began their great camping adventure.

Ken and Linda say the best parts of being part of our Chapter is friendship, traveling to new places, games, lots of great potlucks and taking part in Good Sam Rallies.



Whenever you see penalty flag in an NFL game and many other sporting events, those flags were made by Ken and Linda in their business, Officials' Flags and Bags. They also find time to spend with their 4 grandchildren who all live nearby.

Following the Eustis Good Sam Rally, Ken and Linda are are looking forward to their upcoming trip in their 38' Endeavor to the Georgia mountains and points North



Another cornerstone member, **Juliet Dudinsky**, joined Trail Blazing Sams in January, 2000 with her husband, Cotton Deal. We sure have had some good times over the past 17 years. Sadly, Cotton passed away in May of this year.

Now Juliet is embarking on a great new adventure. She is having so much fun in her new 31' Four Winds Class C, enjoying the joy of solo RVing and experiencing all the new firsts. Traveling to the Good Sam Rally in Eustis will be her longest trip to date, but she looks forward to many more good times in her RV.

Juliet volunteers 3 days a week Bay Pines Veterans' Hospital as a receptionist in the Inpatient / Outpatient Surgery Center where she enjoys helping the families waiting for news of their loved ones.

Juliet never misses a Florida Good Sam Rally. For several years, along with TBS volunteers, Juliet has been the Coordinator for the Indoor Games that we all enjoy so much at the Rallies.

Juliet is an avid bowler and loves to compete in competitions and tournaments. She also finds time to spend with family, especially her young grandchildren,

# THURSDAY NIGHT PIZZA PARTY

The TBS coaches started rolling in on Thursday. Almost everyone came for the Thursday night Pizza Party.

Thank you, Ken and Lind Kuiken , for hosting such a great evening.



## Yummy Desserts



Just look at all these great pizzas. Which one to choose?

Ken and Linda serving pizza. We all love pizza and Serge is first in line.



Carolyn, Linda, Richard, Chuck, Brenda & Dennis

# BEAN BAG BASEBALL

We love all our TBS guys against the gals bean bag baseball competitions. And it is always a good opportunity to get some practice before we go to the Good Sam Rallies



And The Winners Are.....



Some Of The Guys Watching Myron's Great Form

Joan Conway Giving It Her Best Shot.



Time For Happy Hour

# FRIDAY NIGHT

Before dinner, we all voted on the pumpkins carved by some of our very talented members. The vote was close, but, in the end, Chuck Potter was the very creative winner.

Then it was time to line up for dinner. The guys, after losing Bean Bag Baseball, graciously served the ladies.



Voting For Our Favorite Pumpkin



## Chuck And "Upchuck".....



Juliet Dudinsky outdid herself with a delicious meal. Sweet potato casserole, mashed potatoes, ham, chicken and dessert were all on the buffet. The guys went through the line twice (at least), first to get a meal for the ladies, second for themselves and the third time just because the food was so good. Thank you, Juliet, for a great evening and a wonderful dinner.



## First Time Guests Ronnie & Irene Spear



After dinner, it was time for Card Bingo, a game we can all play. Everyone brought their dimes to play. Since we played 10 games, we had a lot of winners.

Thank you Robin Murray and Bill Conway for leading the entertainment and making it so much fun.



# SATURDAY

Minutes of our Saturday meeting are on our website. One of the highlights of the meeting was recognizing TBS members who volunteered at the Okeechobee Rally, pictured to the right.

President John Russano welcomed former member Frank Costentino and guests Ronnie & Irene Spear, Richard & Nancy Stone & daughter Dana, and also Roy & Mona Pulaski.

Aftr some afternoon fun and games, it was time for the Halloween party, hosted by Bay Bayou and enjoyed by TBS



In the future, this page will feature accomplishments and announcements by our members—special things you want to share with your TBS friends.

Did you just go on a cruise or vacation and want to share a picture? What about a special award, a new pet or even a favorite recipe .

**Pictured Right—Serge's New Ride**



**Put on a helmet and take a ride with Serge. What fun.**



**Carolyn Is The Brave One**

A Great pot luck recipe from Jill Perry

## **MAKE AHEAD POTATOES**

5 lbs Russet or Yukon Gold potatoes	1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter, cut into small pieces
1 8 oz package cream cheese (softened)	1/2 cup half and half
1/2 cup heavy cream	1/2 tsp, seasoned sal (Lawry's)
1/2 tsp.Kosher salt	1 tsp. pepper

Boil potatoes in a large pot until fork-tender. Drain and put back into pot. Over low heat mash potatoes until mostly smooth, allowing steam and excess moisture to escape. Add butter, cream cheese, half-and-half, heavy cream, seasoned salt, salt and pepper. Mash potatoes until totally smooth. Spread potatoes in a buttered casserole dish (13 x 9) smoothing out top surface. Cover and refrigerate up to 2 days.

When ready to bake - Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Dot top of potatoes with hunks of cold butter. Bake until piping hot and golden brown on top, 25 to 30 minutes... (or more if needed).

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
  
No October Birthdays or Anniversaries

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- UPCOMING CAMPOUTS AND RALLIES**
- November 15—19 **FLORIDA FALL RALLY**  
Southern Palms RV Resort. Eustis
  - December 8—10 Little Willie's RV Resort, Arcadia  
Hosts: Chuck & Jean Potter
  - January 26—28 Ocala Sun RV Resort, Ocala  
Hosts: Steve & Popovich
  - February 14—18 **FLORIDA WINTER RALLY**  
Fairgrounds, Tallahassee
  - March 24—26 Paradise Oaks, Bushnell  
Hosts: Bill & Ruth Hemphill
  - April 18—22 **FLORIDA SPRING RALLY**  
Okeechobee KOA  
Okeechobee, Florida
  - May 26—29 Bay Bayou, Tampa  
Hosts: Dave & Carolyn Rilling

**SUNSHINE CORNER**  
Our thoughts and prayers are with one of our honorary members. Lorraine Zecher was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Lorraine is in good spirits. We miss her happy, outgoing personality at our campouts.

**GOOD SAM PLEDGE**  
*As a member of the Good Sam Club I pledge to give aid to others in need, respect nature and the environment, give back to the community and those less fortunate, treat others with dignity and respect, and to wear a smile (like Good Sam and GoodSamantha's) and promote the pledge of the Good Sam Club to others.*