



Newsletter

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Thanksgiving Greetings to everyone! Hope you are looking forward to a grand dinner with turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. Hope we will see you at the Fall Samboree in Eustis, as well!

December Birthdays

Jeanne Daland	November 27
Charlie Green	December 6
Sandi Elboeck	December 7
Pam Hendrix	December 7
Archie MacLarty	December 10
Roger Hime	December 11
Tricia Green	December 12

Happy Anniversary to:

Dick & Dotty Weis	12/2/61 - 50 years!
Bob & Beverly Sims	12/27/60
Carl & Pam Hendrix	12/29/85

Cares & Concerns

Be sure to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Shirley Zummo – successful gall bladder surgery; on the mend

Carolyn DeFina, recovering from painful shoulder surgery, but home at last!

Rich & Sharon VanderBok – doing better, but still recovering

November Campout News

What a great campout we had at Grand Lakes RV Resort near Ocala last weekend! There were 18 rigs, including guests of the Himes, Jerry & Martha Wright. Another guest was Penny Ritenburgh's brother Mike. In addition, the Dalands and VanderBoks drove in for the meeting.

Almost everyone was there for early bird Thursday, with Happy Hour and cookouts. During the day on Friday, many worked on stuffing boggy Creek bears and creating fleece afghans. The rest came in on Friday, including Madison, Mickey & Janet Marks' granddaughter. What a circle we had for Happy Hour on Friday! Afterward, 21 of us headed out for dinner. Friday evening our hosts led us in a wonderful tribute to our chapter Veterans, who shared their stories of service to our nation.

Saturday morning, our hosts served oatmeal with loads of goodies to top our bowls. During the meeting at 10, we elected new officers for 2012: Pres. Karl Raabe, VP Carl Hendrix, Treasurer Nancy Leonard, and Secretary Janet Marks. We also made plans for the upcoming Fall Samboree and our Christmas campout. Following the meeting, we continued working on more Boggy Creek Bears – we have a total of 14 to present.

At the games the men once again won Beanbag Baseball (9-6), with Archie MacLarty leading the scoring with 2 homeruns and a double! The Holey Board champs were Mickey Marks and Roger Hime. Saturday evening we shared a ham dinner prepared by our hosts with loads of delicious sides provided by members. Following dinner, we met together for more of our Veterans Day celebration (Thanks, Carol & Penny!). Carol Griffin won the "Dollar ring" created by Mike.

Sunday we shared sweets for breakfast. Thanks to our hosts for a wonderful weekend: the Raabes, Ritenburghs and Hendrixes!

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December Campout Plans December 2 - 4

Paradise Oaks
4628 CR 475
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 793-1823

Hosts: Chapter Officers – **Names & numbers at top of newsletter.**

Call campground and one of the hosts **ASAP** to reserve your spot!

Thursday – Early Bird – on your own

Friday

3:00 Happy hour
Dinner on your own
7:00 Trivia, then our usual games in clubhouse

Saturday

8:00 Breakfast casseroles, provided by hosts
10:00 Meeting
Lunch on your own
1:00 Games
3:00 Happy Hour
6:00 Dinner Catered by TooJays
7:00 Christmas Games & entertainment

Sunday

8:00 Breakfast - Sweets to share

Special Notes:



We will once again donate **non-perishable food items to local food banks. Suggestion: one can per foot of the length of your rig!

We will have a **money tree for our chapter charities also.



Directions: I-75 South to Exit 314; east on SR 48 - Left on County Road 475. Park entrance on left. For those coming from Central Florida: From Okahumpka - Hwy 470 west - turn left (south) on Hwy 475 (runs parallel to I-75). Park on right.



Honoring our Vets!

Upcoming Samborees !

Applications for the Winter Samboree are online. You need to get it in ASAP! The Samboree will be at Rodeheaver Boys Ranch near Palatka..

More info and application available at <http://www.goodsams-florida.org/SamboreeInformation.html>

Keep in mind also the dates for the Winter and Spring Samborees:

Winter: February 28-March 4 at Rodeheaver Boys Ranch in Palatka

Spring: April 24-29 in Okeechobee



Stuffing the bears



Mickey & Roger – Holey Board winners!



Keep in mind: bring in aluminum cans, printer cartridges, magazines & books for our Vets, old cell phones! They all add up to **\$\$ for our charities!**

GOLDEN TRIANGLE SAMS MINUTES

The November meeting was held at Grand Lakes RV Resort in Orange, FL on Nov 5, 2011.

Pres Griffin opened the meeting at 10am. After an invocation by Chaplin Tom Leonard, the pledge to the flag was led by Past Presidents, Derek Pymmer, Ed Creamer, Dale Horn, Rich Vander Bok and Mickey Marks.

Guests: Penny Ritenburgh introduced guests: Jerry & Martha Wright from Ocala, Madison McHaffie, Mickey & Janet Marks' granddaughter and Mike Parrish, Penny Ritenburgh's brother.

Sec Weis took the roll there were 19 members present.

Oct minutes: Ed Creamer made a motion to accept the minutes; Carol Griffin seconds; all in favor. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Carolyn Breitweiser gave the treasurer's report. Our balance as of 10/30/2011 was \$4451.42, Mickey Marks made a motion to approve the Treasurers report; Carol Griffin seconds; all in favor. Report approved.

There were 3 bills to pay. Penny Rigenburgh made a motion to pay the bills; Bob Sims seconds; bills will be paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Penny Ritenburgh: see above

Sunshine: Nancy Leonard: There were many cards sent to members who are ill or recovering from surgery.

Sheriff: Jerry Breitweiser: No fines collected.

Webmaster: Karl Raabe -No Report.

Newsletter: Janet Marks -No report

Aluminum Engineers: No report

Printer Cartridges: Beverly Sims: Office Depot is now only accepting 10 cartridges at a time so Bev is taking them to 2 different stores to get credits.

Host Chairperson: Carol Griffin: Please sign up for a month in 2012

Loaves & Fishes: Tom Leonard: Hold all clothes until Feb but please bring food for Christmas party

Cell Phones: LJ Green: No report

Bob Sims: Bring in books and magazines for the Veterans Hospital

OLD BUSINESS

Phyllis Horn advised the Brick Shirt House has gone out of business and she is checking with another company and will advise.

NEW BUSINESS

Time to sign up for the Fall Samboree on Nov 16-20, Rich & Sharon Vander Bok will purchase the cookies for the Samboree and will be reimbursed by the State. We will volunteer to serve on Tues and Wed

Annual dues of \$12.00 are due in Oct and Nov. Please complete the dues notice form and return with your check. State fees must be paid by the Chapter by December.

Bob Sims withdrew his request to increase our dues to \$15.00

Rich Vander Bok made a motion to spend \$150.00 for 10 wreaths for the Bushnell Cemetery second by Bob Sims motion approved Rich will purchase the wreaths on line

Rich Vander Bok advised the placing of the wreaths at Bushnell will be on Dec 10th; we discussed having a picnic after the ceremony.

Charitable Donations: After some discussion the following items were approved. Karl Raabe made a motion to give \$300.00 to Boggy Creek, second by Carol Griffin. Carl Hendrix made a motion to give \$1500.00 to Florida Guide Dogs for the Deaf, second by Nancy Leonard. Phyllis Horn made a motion to give \$250.00 to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Warren Bradley's name, second by Jerry Breitweiser, Bill Mann made a motion to give \$100.00 to Pennies for Pooches, second by Beverly Sims. Rich Vander Bok made a motion to give \$100.00 to the National Guide Dogs for the Deaf, second by Bill Mann. All motions were approved. Jerry Breitweiser made a motion to keep the balance of \$446.84 in our account for next year, second by Nancy Leonard ;all in favor. All motions approved.

Election of Officers: Mickey Marks presented the slate: Karl Raabe for president, Carl Hendrix for VP, Janet Marks for secretary, and Nancy Leonard for treasurer. Ed Creamer made a motion to close the nominations and elect the officers by acclamation; Bill Mann seconds; all in favor ; motion approved.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:

Ed Creamer found a new campsite in Georgia, Tom Leonard advised we need to grease our antenna and put water in your batteries and replace your fuel filter.

50/50: Archie McLarty and Jerry Breitweiser

Our next meeting will be at Paradise Oaks RV Resort in Bushnell FL on Dec2-4 with early bird on Dec 1st. Please contact your hosts the Officers; you must make your own reservation by Nov 15th.

Since we had no other business to discuss, Carl Hendrix made a motion to adjourn, second by Tom Leonard.

Meeting adjourned at 11.25am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dotty Weis, Secretary



Christmas Wreaths Across America at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell
Saturday, December 10

**Golden Triangle Sams
2012 Campout Schedule**

As of 11/08/2011

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CAMPGROUND</u>	<u>HOSTS</u>
January 6-8	Ocala Sun Resort	Deland, Leonard, Breitweiser
Feb. 3-5	Lake Oklawaha RV Park	Weis, DeFina, L. Green
Feb. 24-26	Blueberry Hill, Bushnell	MacLarty, Sims, Pymmer?
Feb 28 – Mar 4	Winter Samboree- Palatka	
March 30-Apr. 1	Lake Oklawaha, Ft McCoy	Horn, Commans, Zummo
April 24 - 29	Spring Samboree- Okeechobee	
May 4-6	Lake Rousscau, Crystal River	Griffin, Marks, Creamer
June 1-3		Andrews, Vander Bok, Elboeck
No July or August Meetings		
September 7-9	New Smyrna Beach RV Park & Campground	Ritenburgh, Rabbe, C. Green
October 5-7		Hendrix, Mann
November 2-4	Paradise Oaks	Hime, Gonya
Nov. Probably 13 – 18	Fall Samboree –Southern Palms	
December 7-9		Chapter Officers