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From the President's Desk
By Don Damkaer

I look forward to being the President of Chapter 21 and appreciate the good wishes everyone has passed my way since the election of officers at the Parker rally. I look forward to working with the new officers, as well as Pat Bunselmeier, Secretary; Marilyn Wix, Newsletter Editor; and Sharon Del Rosario, Webmaster, who will be continuing in their positions. Ron Schulz is the new Treasurer and Kay Damkaer the new Historian. The Vice President position is vacant and it sure would be nice if one of the newer members would step up and go into training to become the next President at a future date.

The Chapter has continued well under the leadership of Ron Chojnacki over the past four years. He has had a varied and successful team of officers over those years and together they have kept the chapter in good stead. It takes many volunteers to accomplish the tasks at hand.

The rally at Parker was a very successful one with Marilyn and Pat and their team of many volunteers showing all the attendees a great time. It is difficult to find a location during January that has the facilities, and is willing to have a chapter rally during prime wintertime in Arizona. With this in mind, Parker was again reserved for next January so mark down **11 -16 Jan 2013**. Any ideas for future rallies will be greatly appreciated.

An April rally will not be scheduled this year since the Western Area Rally for Escapees (**WARE**) will be held in Lodi, CA **15-19 April**. We hope that chapter 21 will have members attend this function as chapter members Sharon and Don Del Rosario are co-hosting the event.

At the end of every year the chapter has a significant number of members who have memberships expire. If you are one of those members you will be receiving a notice hoping you will renew for another

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President's Message cont.

year or more! Members Bob and Fran Forrer were cleaning out some old papers and provided me with a chapter membership list from 1991. There were almost 500 memberships listed on this roster, considerably more than we have today (160). It is surprising to note that several from 1991 are still active members today. Thank you for your continued support all these years. Others are still active Co-op members and hopefully they will re-join the chapter this year. Every chapter member should be an active recruiter!

The October rally will be held in Deming, New Mexico, **9-13 October 2012.** We will meet at the Dream Catcher RV Park (SKP park) in Deming instead of Poncho Villa State Park in Columbus where the rally has been held the past several years. The chapter Board of Officers felt the cost to the chapter ($60 a day) to use the less than adequate open air pavilion, putting up with the millions of flies whenever food was present, and not having full hook ups for those that desire them, meant it was time to look elsewhere. The Deming area has many opportunities for rally attendees and a full schedule will be published in the next newsletter. Rest assured there will be something for everyone, to include time to socialize and relax before entering into the busy winter season! Treasurer Ron, myself, along with our wives just returned from Deming and Palomas where we have set in motion plans for some exciting times. We even had lunch at the Pink Store and it was as good as ever! Ivonne will be waiting for the chapter's return to show off more of the remodeling she is doing. Mark down the above dates and join us in Deming! More details will be published in the next newsletter.

Thank you again for the vote of confidence and I look forward to a great year 2012 for Chapter 21.

HOORAY!!!

Volunteers came forward and volunteered to lead us forward when our faithful officers of the past few years decided for various reasons that they wanted some time off from Chapter 21 leadership.

Left to right: Kay Damkaer, Historian; Ron Schulz, Treasurer; Pat Bunselmeier, Secretary; Don Damkaer, President; Marilyn Wix, Newsletter Editor. Missing: Vice President; will that be you?

Treasurer's Report (Ron Schulz)

As of 2/24/2012:

Cash on hand	$ 151.35
Checking Account Balance	4,945.52

A check for $669.50 has been sent to CARE. This included money from the La Paz Rally in January in addition to a $300 donation that our members voted for at the January 2012 business meeting at La Paz.

The February 2012 bank statement balanced.

Minutes
SKP Saguaro Chapter 21
January 17, 2012 at Parker, AZ County Park

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Officers Present: President Ron Chojnacki, Secretary Pat Bunselmeier, and Newsletter Editor Marilyn Wix.
The minutes of the October Rally were approved as presented. Motion by Don Damkaer, seconded by Jack Stout. Acting treasurer Marilyn Wix reported that everyone in attendance has paid their dues at least through 2012. Ch 21 has approximately $4700 . There were 24 rigs with 44 people at the rally.

New Members:
Stan Ehrenpfort and Pat Randall, and Joe and Dona Moody

New Business:
Money collected from 50/50, and an additional $300 will be sent to CARE. Motion by Dom Colucci, seconded by Pat Yecny.

VCR's Mel and Ann Hills were very much appreciated for their help at the rally and for the information they gave us. The latest number of SKP's is 109,970.

Rita Stout would like to have Ch. 21 look into the feasibility of buying a commercial blender. Jack will do that.

New Officers:
Dom Colucci presented the new officer nominees. President—Don Damkaer, Secretary—Pat Bunselmeier, Treasurer—Ron Schulz, and Historian—Kay Damkaer. Marilyn Wix will continue as editor. Don Rash made the motion to approve by acclamation.

Chapter 21 and the VCRs presented Ron Chojnacki with thank you cards. The effort and time Ron has given Ch 21 is very much appreciated.

Future Rallies:
None in the spring. The fall rally will be in Deming, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Bunselmeier, Secretary

VCRs Mel & Ann Hills
and our new members

Food and Fun at the Rally in Parker

Lunch before the outdoor games like bocce ball and those valuable prizes!

What would a rally be without polar bears, breakfast and door prizes?

WESTERN AREA RALLY FOR ESCAPEES (WARE)

The following is an e-mail received from Sharon Del Rosario a couple of weeks ago. She and Don are co-hosts of WARE.

Hi Everyone,
April 15, the beginning day of WARE, will be here in exactly 2 months! We're happy to report that paid registrations now stand at 116 RVs plus 11 vendors (and two more promised). We've also talked with several more people planning to attend and more vendors interested as well.
As you can see if you check the web site https://sites.google.com/site/skpware/home, the schedule of activities is chock-full of fun events, thanks to Susie Orr and the Chapters and BOFs that have taken charge of planning them.
And, thanks to ZoAnn Lapinsky from Jojoba Hills Co-op, there's a link to get directions to the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds online.
We are excited and looking forward to seeing you all in Lodi!
SKP Hugs,
Don & Sharon

P.S. Pre-registration isn't required if people aren't sure about their travel plans. They can still show up and pay upon arrival in Lodi. However, only dry camping will be available if they do that.

Escapees Spring Fun!

WARE: April 15

ACRE: April 19

Stuff you didn't know you didn't know!

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

More Escapees' Mail

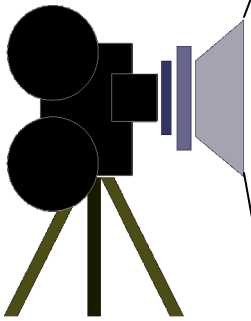
And another e-mail — from Susie & Denny Orr, Chapter Directors:

We hope you are enjoying winter sunshine some place delightful and warm. Well at least with a bit less cold and snow! Winter travels bring new adventures and new friends. Many chapter/c-bofs also have winter activities south. We were at Quartzsite for January. There are plenty of friends and rallies to enjoy and the Big Tent Show is always fun. And on east thru Texas to Florida there are luncheons and rallies that welcome all SKPs.

Planning ahead to spring…… for those on the east coast – ***SKP ACRE*** will have their 3rd Rally in Marion, NC April 19. And for those on the west coast, the first ***WARE*** Rally will be April 15 in Lodi, CA. Information and websites for registration are in the Escapees Magazine. Be sure to register early – let them know you're coming.

Enjoy your winter travels – Hugs Susie & Denny Orr

Previews of Coming Chapter Events



Fall Rally at Deming, NM — October 9-13, 2012

Winter Rally 2013 at Parker, AZ — January 11-16, 2013

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