



The PALAVER

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FAREWELLS ABOUND!

PAST PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

No president's updates were submitted by Mike Jacklin in his last few months here at the SKP Ranch.

Mike Jacklin submitted his resignation to the Board of Directors just prior to the start of the summer. He was offered a job opportunity that he could not pass up, in California.

In his absence, John Livesay, President Pro-Tem, took over the responsibilities as President for the RV Park.

We, the Board of Directors, wish Mike Jacklin every bit of success on his new endeavor and thank him for his service to The SKP Ranch prior to his resignation.

Additionally, we appreciate John Livesay's efforts in maintaining life as we know it in The SKP Ranch.

2017 Board of Directors:	
President Pro-tem: John Livesay	At-Large Members: Jim Fagan
Vice President: Marilyn Railey	Donna Gates-Smeall
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*Happy Mother's Day
to All the Moms in
the park!*

*Happy Father's Day to
All the Papas and Da das
In the park!*

**President Pro-tem's Update
For July and August 2017:**

"The SKP Ranch is still standing and things are slow here at this time. Little going on in the way of repairs etc. Many of the Board members have been absent much of the summer season so little business has been conducted.

"We look forward to seeing all our LH return from their summer travels in the fall."

—John Livesay, President Pro-tem—

From the Palaver Editor:

With the long lazy days of summer, Jim and I have been floating in and out of the SKP Ranch, trying desperately to stay cool. Between visits to Albuquerque, Mayhill, San Antonio and back to the Ranch; we have been very busy enjoying the summer.

While I have been working on ideas for the PALAVER for this year, I discovered that over the past year as Editor—the newsletter has been late during the summer due to the fluctuations in my travel patterns. So in the interest of getting the news to you all, I decided that the months of June through August should be ONE newsletter issue with the resumption of the regularly scheduled bi-monthly issues throughout the remainder of the year.

This June-August issue will simply be called the SUMMER EDITION from herein on.

I have struggled with trying to keep to the schedule that Pam operated under and I just cannot do it during the summer months. Aside from this change and the minimal amounts of news that has trickled in this summer, we should have plenty of news flowing in over the remainder of the year for us to read and relish.

Faithfully In Service,
To My SKP Ranch Family,
Your Palaver Editor, Donna Gates-Smeall

We Bid Farewell to Kaye Peterson, Co-Founder of the Escapees RV Club: (Reprinted from the Escapee RV Club home page)



Kaye Peterson, Co-Founder of the Escapees RV Club with her daughter and grandson.

(Testimonials)

“We're so saddened to hear that Kay M. Peterson passed away. She and Joe were the very first SKPs that we met. They stopped to give us neophytes a

hand setting up our Airstream at Rainbows End. I believe they were living in an Avion at that time and we've received a Xmas card from her every year since 1986,”

Cathie Carr wrote:

“We are heartbroken to report the passing of co-founder, Kay Peterson. She and her late husband, Joe Peterson, founded the club in 1978, and continued to serve Escapees members until 1990 when leadership of the club was passed to their daughter, Cathie Carr, and her husband Bud.”

From writing and publishing the club's early newsletters, in the 1970s and 80s, to advising the current board of directors in her later years, Kay maintained a strong connection to the club and its members.

Her grandson, and Escapees RV Club president, Travis Carr, described Kay perfectly. “While this news is deeply saddening, we must all remember that Kay lived one of the fullest lives any ninety-year-old could ever hope for. She accomplished every goal she set for herself, and her every dream has been realized.”

In addition to her work with Escapees RV Club, Kay was an accomplished writer, producing reference books and pamphlets for RVers. She also wrote several novels loosely based on her experiences traveling around the world. Her book *Chasing Rainbows*, an anthology of short stories inspired by people she met while traveling, is a favorite among RVers thanks to her wry sense of humor and candid way of writing.

Joe and Kay were inducted into the MH/RV Hall of Fame in 2001, in recognition of their support of the RVing community. They were honored again in 2010, when RV Business magazine included them in the 100 most influential people in the RV industry for their work in RV advocacy, support services and fostering a sense of community among RVers.

Their work has touched the lives of thousands of RVers. As long-time Escapees member Karen Cannon shared, "Many people's lives have changed because of what she and Joe started. We will always be grateful for them both!"

The family has asked for privacy at this time. Cards and other sentiments may be sent to the Carr family via Escapees headquarters at 100 Rainbow Drive, Livingston, TX 77351. Memorial service arrangements were announced at a later date.

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Photo shot by Joanie Spivey, Lot 103, of a beautiful sunset on Sunset Lane/Windmill Vista.

**The SKP Ranch
Salutes their
Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces**

Roy Gilbert, U.S. Navy 1965-1969, Phu Bai Vietnam
1967 E-5 : Lot 119



Other veterans we appreciate!

Richard Baker

Jerry Brous

Don Cassels

Wally Mauck

Phil Sharp

We support our armed forces
troops!
Thanks so very much!

If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and your name did not appear here, please accept my apologies in advance and also, take a moment to let me know of your service so we can recognize you in a future issue.

Elizabeth Evelyn (1931-2017) Obituary/Testimonials

No obituary notice nor any announcement of the funeral arrangements was provided by her family.

Charlotte Bratcher: "That makes me sick. I loved her so much and she loved me."

Arlene Cassels: "I am so sorry about E2. But it sounds like she passed in her sleep. Bless her heart, that is the way to go. Now she doesn't have to worry about who to go live with. Wonder who is going to take Clyde?" (for inquiring readers, Clyde has gone home with one of the nursing assistants from the assisted living facility where E-2 spent her last few days on earth.)

Donna Gates-Smeall: " I knew her but a short time and she was nothing but kindness to me. She loved her music and her cat Clyde, above all things. May she rest in peace."

Mike Jacklin: "I'm really sad to hear that my old friend Elizabeth Evelyn has passed away. We talked many times about the differences in our beliefs about what happens after death, I'm sure she knows now, and I hope she was pleasantly surprised. Rest in Peace old friend!"

Pam McMickin: "I met E2 shortly after arriving at The Ranch. I was doing wifi related problem solving for both leaseholders and visitors and this started my 15 year relationship with her. Of course we talked a lot. I learned what a unique person she was and came to appreciate her independence. Over the years we became very close and like family. I was sorry that we had left before she had her accident and that I wasn't there to support her before she died. I keep expecting to see her when we return to The Ranch and I will miss her."

Beth B Norton: "It is so sad to receive the news about E2. We always enjoyed sharing music and good dialogues together. She could always keep you on your toes. In addition, a good laugh about getting into each other's car by mistake since they looked so much alike. We will miss her a lot when we are at the Ranch."

Krystal Jean Patterson: "Oh my, I surely will miss her!" from FB page at The Original SKP Ranch.

Dennis J Rundall: "We are so sorry to hear of E2's passing."

John White (- 2017) Obituary/Testimonials

No testimonials or obituary notice were submitted in time for this edition.

However, a service announcement was set for August 22nd, 2017. Condolences may be sent to his sister, Jean White and her address is 18 Deming Street, Woodstock, NY 12408.

John White will be missed.

An obituary will hopefully be provided in the next issue of the PALAVER, as well as testimonials from Leaseholders who knew him.

Recipes For The SKP Ranchhouse Kitchen

Submitted by Sherry Lumb

Since Hidden Valley Bar & Grill in Dexter has closed. I thought I'd share the recipe for their Green chili stew/soup. I used about a LB of pork (which can be whole or cubed), 1 can of Swanson's chicken broth, 1 jar of LaVictoria (this time I used Santa Fe) green chili verde, mild to hot, whatever temperature you like. One chopped onion. Use any amount of potatoes, I'm using six small quartered yellow ones. If you're at home; you add the potatoes about an hour before you want to serve but if you're working, put everything in crock pot early in the morning if you want it for lunch or after lunch if you want it for dinner. Cook on high. If you used a whole piece of pork, shred it. Serve with cheddar cheese, shredded & chopped green onions. If it's too hot tasting then add some sour cream. Enjoy!

PS. if you want to eat quicker chop & fry everything until the potatoes are cooked then add liquid ingredients, bring to a boil and serve. Good with warm tortillas. We could have a cooking class in fall on this meal. (Charlene uses chicken to make hers.)

Hugs Sherry

If you saw this recipe in a previous issue, then it is here again by default and a need to fill space.

 IF...

IF you see something broken or that needs repair, please let someone in the office know about it OR write down in the repair log so Maintenance will know what is in need of repair.

IF you need propane for your heat, please sign up in the OFFICE. If your name is not on the list, then Cortez Gas will not stop at your lot.

IF you want something changed, please DO NOT nag the Board of Directors, ask them to help you make it happen.

IF it is something you can do to make the Ranch a better place, tell someone on The Board of Directors that you would like to do it, then make it happen.

It takes a village to grow a community; let's make ours Bigger, brighter and better for those who come To visit or live here with us...



JUST
FYI

ABOUT THAT BEE TREE!

Several people have spoken to various members of The Board of Directors about the huge amount of bees living in "The HANGING Tree" at the side of the Ranchhouse.



Just a word to all residents, LH or long-term renters...

"Them bees were here before we were....they are permanent residents here...so steer clear of them."

Editor's Commentary By D.G. SMEALL

This last issue has been a long time in coming due to the lack of enough news to report on.

Hence the long drought between issues. If you, the Leaseholder/Resident, don't submit pictures, articles, recipes, etc; then the newsletter doesn't happen.

So please send in your News From The Road, Road Trip Travelogues, Prayer requests, etc. to me at dgsmeall@me.com.

Many thanks,
Donna E. Gates-Smeall,
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What Is A Co-operative (co-op) Anyway?

So what is a co-op (short for cooperative) anyway? asked some new visitor to the SKP Ranch awhile back. You know, I never did answer her question—because at the time, I wasn't too sure how to phrase it. I decided then and there to do some investigative research to see what I could learn. Here is my story and I am sticking to it! With so many new leaseholders, I thought it would be imperative to share my knowledge with everyone.

co-op
'kō,äp/
noun informal

1. a cooperative society, business, or enterprise.

As defined at www.dictionary.com

Origin of co-op was first noted in 1860-1865 as being the abbreviation for cooperative.

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From Article III of the SKP Ranch Leaseholder's Membership Agreement, Section on the Non-profit Nature of this cooperative corporation: "This corporation is organized exclusively for the benefit of a community of people based upon the concepts of "caring and sharing" and to provide education, charitable and cultural advantages for the membership of the corporation and The Escapee RV Club and to provide a place for members of the corporation to park their recreational vehicles, free of charge, while in or traveling through New Mexico."

Additionally, from Article VI, a "member of this corporation" is defined as one or more adults, living in the same recreational vehicle on a continuing basis, who have entered into a membership agreement with the corporation." **Furthermore, all members shall:** " (a) Abide by the bylaws and rules of the corporation, (b) Pay all assessments and fees or make satisfactory arrangements to do so...etc. but here is where I would like to bring your attention to detail in the membership agreement regarding Volunteerism in the cooperative corporation you are a member of: "(d) Share his knowledge, provide his labor and time toward the betterment of the corporation" (just so you know, it is on page 4 of the 13 page Membership agreement where it outlines the key elements of the cooperative corporation known as The SKP Ranch RV park).

So why is this important in the scheme of things here at the Ranch? Well, if you must know, it takes a whole village to make a community and within that whole village of individuals are many skills and talents that make the community thrive.

We all cannot thrive without one another's input into the wellbeing of our community. We may not all agree with the majority's decisions, but we can certainly have a say or speak our piece.

That is why there is a Board of Directors—so that you may share your ideas and thoughts on the various matters of living in the co-op. However, it doesn't mean that everything you speak about will be adopted by the majority of the leaseholders but we can examine the possibilities for improvement.

Yet, we must also consider that each one of us here can contribute something in the way of our talents, skill sets, and experience to improving the quality of life here in the park. This means that if each of us donated 2 hours a week minimum to some task or project here in the park; our community would benefit and thrive from the gift of your time, efforts and labor of love.

I know, there are some of you who have already beaten the paths of this park into improvement along the way and through the years; I believe that those who have donated their time and efforts should be thanked for their service and respected when they are no longer able to contribute physically to the manual tasks of the park—for they still lend morale support, experience and knowledgeable skills that would keep this park perpetuating for generations to come. That is what it means to “care and share” within a co-op.

So I challenge each leaseholder to donate two hours a week to the well-being of this co-op RV park to keep us moving forward in a positive and enduring way.

(Disclaimer: This article was written by the Editor, Donna Gates-Smeall and is not necessarily the opinion of the Board of Directors. Also, the commentary provided herein was researched independently for the education of the residents of this RV park.)



Painting done by Joyce Jenkins, Lot 10.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May through September 2017

May Birthdays

1. Richard Harter
1. Dave Stribling
2. Karen Ireland
6. Rhonda Cook
6. Nettie Haase
7. Dizi (Cathy) Hawes
9. Nancy Schneider
11. Mary Gallivan
12. Lois Boose
12. Rich Baker
12. Shirley Kohl
22. Bill Boose
27. Richard Knowlen
31. Phil Sharp

May Anniversaries

4. Rob & Taffie Levin
8. Dave & Sally Stribling
9. George & Bonnie Keefe
19. Roy & Kathy Gilbert
23. Gary & Jennifer Roessler
27. Tim & Cheri Shaffstall
28. Phil & Nancy Schneider
30. Bob & Beth White

July Birthdays

7. Sandy Singley
8. Carol Koontz
9. Chris Giffin
10. Sharlene Stapleton
11. Dave McKenna
16. Johnnie Wygant
17. Carmen Begin
19. Matt Lucas
19. Richard Wygant
20. Neil Brunton
22. Lee Ossbach
23. Beth White
29. Ron Dutton
31. Krystal Patterson



June Birthdays

4. Jim Hughes
7. Paula Russell
10. Beverly Hughes
13. Tony Simmons/Amari
15. Linda Frey
16. Mark Ireland
20. Bob Kukes
21. Sherry Lumb
21. Jerry Krebill
22. Charlene Tarvin
24. Jerry Pruett
26. Bruce Lewis
28. Marilyn Railey
30. Susan Crunk
30. Caren Collins

June Anniversaries

10. Bruce & Darlene Lewis
13. Jerry & Barbara Pruett
15. Jim & Judy Fagan
15. Wally & JoAnn Mauck
19. Don & Doris Gage
24. Bob & Jean Stuvell

July Anniversaries

1. Art & Sherry Lumb
1. Jim & Donna Smeall
5. Gerald & Sharlene Stapleton
11. George & Linda Frey
14. Roger & Barbara Heaver
17. Richard & Meredith Arnett
18. John & Shirley Kohl
22. Dennis & Charlette Bratcher
31. Jerry & Margaret Krebill

August Birthdays

- 4. Iva Edmunds
- 7. Jennifer Roessler

- 18. Charlette Bratcher
- 21. Gloria Hood
- 24. Trudy Harter
- 25. Gary Woolery
- 30. Dianne Carson

August Anniversaries

- 2. Glyn & Dianne Carson
- 9. Tony & Debra Simmonds/
Amari
- 14. Glenn & Iva Edmunds

- 18. Don & Arlene Cassels
- 21. Doug & Lola Wood
- 23. Vern & Sheila Miller
- 27. Chuck & Gloria Hood
- 31. Charles & Paula Russell

September Birthdays

- 7. Kathy Gilbert
- 7. Les Simms
- 12. Loyce Finch
- 13. Lynn McKinstry
- 15. Martha Nyman
- 17. Jim Coble
- 24. Barbara Pruett
- 27. JoAnn Mauck



September Anniversaries

- 2. Mike & Pat Allen
- 7. Jim & Mary Lee Wissman
- 10. Richard & Trudy Harter
- 11. Cliff & Betty Dulcich
- 29. Jerry & Pat Brous

Due to the large volume of birthdays and anniversaries listed in this issue, *if anyone got missed, please accept my apologies in advance.*

Moving In, Out, And Around...

Moving In.....

Alvin and Donna Kelly	Lot 22
Lee Gordon Ossbach	Lot 74
"Skee" and Joanie Spivey	Lot 103

Moving Out...

Matt & Barbara Lucas	Lot 4
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Moving Around

Jerry & Pat Brous	Lot 22 to Lot 3
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Recently Deceased...

Elizabeth Evelvn	Lot 92	and John White	Lot 49
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Mothers and Fathers: How We Remember Them When We Were Young:

What beautiful memories this mind-jogger brought back. Mother's Day required a lot of planning and preparation, as we either lived on a farm or in a very small town during these years. There was no question what our mother's gift would be. She had a very special favorite flower...sweetpeas...which meant she had to have a corsage, and not just any corsage, but the perfect corsage. Back then (was it the last century?) we couldn't just order delivered flowers by phone or online, but a trip had to be made to the nearest florist, which was more than a few miles; then another trip back to pick it up. She was a very tiny lady and looked beautiful in church with her pink and violet sweetpeas.

Father's Day wasn't as elaborate or as traditional. "Daddy" was over 6'4" and I thought very handsome, especially with his pipe in his mouth. However, when we felt the good aroma of the tobacco was overpowered by the smell of the pipe, it was time for Mother, my sister and myself to make another trip to town to pick out the "special pipe". This might be substituted another time with a new tie or some good tobacco, but it was always what we considered "special."

It's nice to have a reason to just stop and travel down memory lane.

Shar Stapleton Lot #75

Mark Your Calendar Dates:

May 5th	Cinco de Mayo
May 8th	Mother's Day
May 21st	Armed Forces Day
May 30th	Memorial Day
Jun 19th	Father's Day
July 4th	Independence Day
September 4th	Labor Day

Looking Ahead:

October 26th SKP Ranch Hootenanny (Round-up) 2017 Starts

November 9th Semi-Annual Meeting (Fall) 10 a.m.

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Rainbow that appeared after a recent hail/thunderstorm here at the SKP Ranch.

Photo taken by Arlene Cassels, Lot 118.

