



## APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

We visited a new location this month – Whispering Palms RV Resort in Sebastian. The resort has many permanent homes and a limited number of transient RV sites. Arrival was a bit challenging as the streets within the park and the site parking pads are unusually narrow and negotiating turns requires some care and maneuvering. The facilities are attractive and include a very large clubhouse with a full kitchen, a stage and a bingo board as well as a nice pool, pickle ball courts and shuffleboard lanes. Unfortunately, Whispering Palms does not allow class B motorhomes so we are unlikely to return.

Hosting duties for this rally were shared among the Marquarts, Girvins, and Dave Stwalley. We were able to use the clubhouse for happy hour and all group meals. The three Thursday arrivals shared stories with Dave Stwalley showing a photo of his father as a young boy being held by Dave's grandfather. Afterward everyone went their own way for dinner.

Friday three more coaches arrived and happy hour included an Easter themed trivia quiz provided by Nancy Marquart. Dave got the most right answers and was rewarded with some Peeps. Dinner was in the enclosed clubhouse porch featuring Nancy's chili and Dave's cornbread plus salads and desserts contributed by others.

Saturday morning began with a full breakfast by Nancy and John. Board members met to discuss the rally schedule for next season. Later, the resort hosted a complementary lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks for all residents. We were included and enjoyed the event. Dinner Saturday included a main course of lasagna brought by Niki Girvin with Italian bread from Denise and salads and desserts. Everyone helped heat portions in the microwave. Dinner was topped off with a beautifully decorated cake from Bob Scudo and champagne from Niki & Gordon to celebrate Denise Scudo's retirement the previous day. Gordon expressed the club's congratulations and good wishes to Denise as she enters the golden years.

After dinner we played a US geography trivia game emceed by Gordon and Niki. The person with the most right answers (Dave) and the least (Marcia) got prizes of Easter sweets.

There was a group discussion about next season's rallies. Thanks to our Wagon Master John Marquart - with assistance from Nancy Marquart and Howie Trerice - the rally schedule for 2025-2026 is already taking shape. John will be communicating further with everyone about that soon. One rally location is requiring a deposit from the club to hold spaces so when you decide to attend that one, you will need to pay the fee well in advance to reimburse the club.

Sunday morning started with the traditional light breakfast, courtesy of John and Nancy, after which everyone prepared to depart.

We all want rallies to be casual and relaxing but we must emphasize the need for members to commit earlier to attend rallies and volunteer to host. If we aren't able to recruit hosts, we may have little choice but to plan more pot luck meals with everyone contributing food and their own beverages for each meal.

Our Treasurer reported that a number of members still haven't paid their chapter dues for this year. If you are one of them, please send your payment to Denise Scudo as soon as possible.



You will notice at the top of this newsletter that the logo of the FRVA - Family RV Association as the FMCA is now called – has been restyled to reflect this rebranding and the welcoming of members with RV's other than motorhomes. Our chapter logo and name badges have been redesigned by Gordon and Niki. The chapter's web page within the South East Area website has also changed as shown below.

After the rally we learned that Debbie and John Schuettler will no longer be participating in Sun Roamers activities. We thank them for their contributions to the club. We're sorry they're leaving us but recognize that all things change and wish them well.

### **UPCOMING RALLY**

We still need volunteers to host the May rally at Ocean Breeze in Jensen Beach. Contact Wagon Master John Marquart if you plan to attend and also let him know if you can help with hosting.

### **THANK YOU**

As Editor I wish to thank Niki & Gordon Girvin for writing this Newsletter along with several other ones. As most of you know, Jack has had serious health issues and I have been contributing my time to his care. He is doing well and following his treatment guidelines. We do appreciate all the prayers and well wishes from everyone.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **April**

Judy Garbe  
Kimberly Trerice

Jean Fantelli  
Armando Novell

Betty Turpin  
Brian Howe

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

#### **April**

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