

Florida

Discovery

Sunshiners



President Fred Jecks Fred.Jecks@gmail.com (386) 532-0762	Vice President Eileen Mills etmills@aol.com (386) 801-2705	Secretary Wendy Williams imlensfriend@gmail.com (321) 432-0631
Treasurer Lee Minor leer8@aol.com (239) 233-9960	Director Lennie Williams lennieray@gmail.com	Sunshine Person Jean Hoffman jean.hoffman510@gmail.com
Chaplin & Director James Dykes mrzip@juno.com (772) 465-6721	Photographers Carolyn Furniss	Newsletter & Past President Ron Wacker Discovery@rvfunhome.com (813) 240-6552

February 2015 News

This newsletter is 10 pages long and covers 3 rallies.

Up coming Rallies

**March 6 - 10, 2015 Orange City RV PK, 2300 E. Graves Ave, Orange City, FL 888-403-0785
\$40 / night (Hosted by Fred Jecks, agenda was emailed Jan 16, 2015)**

**Apr 15 - 18 - Riverside RV Resort, 9970 S.W. County Rd 769, Arcadia, FL 800-795-9733
(Hosted by Bill & Marcy Ryan, agenda will be posted on Facebook)**

**May 8 - 12 - Clearwater RV Resort, 2946 Gulf to Bay Blvd, Clearwater, FL 727-791-0550
\$41 / night (\$20.50 Passport America) Call park to make reservations
(Hosted by Bruce & Jody Bruce)**

Oct - TBD (Hosted by Tom & Eileen Mills)

**Nov 6 - 13 - Treasure Coast RV Resort, 2550 Crossroads Parkway, Fort Pierce, FL 34945
772-468-2099 or 866-468-2099 \$35 / Night full hook up Call resort for reservations
(hosted by Jim & Karin Dykes - More info posted on Facebook)**

**Dec 3 - 6th, 2015, Lazydays RV Resort - Call Lazydays for reservations (15 sites)
(part Lazydays rally, part Discovery and Midweek Flamingos rally)**

**Dec 30, 2015 - Jan 2, 2016 - New Years Eve Rally - Lazydays RV Resort (15 sites)
Call Lazydays for reservations before Oct 1, 2015. 1st come first serve**

January 2015 DOAI Southeast Regional Rally at Lazydays

Hosted by Florida Discovery Sunshiners

Lazydays RV Resort, Seffner, FL

We had a good turnout. There were 94 coaches attending the national event. We had 4 nights of entertainment and dancing, 3 catered meals, one covered dish dinner, free breakfasts and lunches, and lots of great seminars. Marshall Godwin and Gary Osburn put on the Camp Discovery seminars covering so much information about the Discoverys that it became brain overload. The notebook becomes a great reference manual for future problems.



Enjoying the dancing to the Marlinaires

The women had many classes on jewelry making by Jody Bruce and Donna Wacker. Jorie Salomon put on a class "Easy Meals for the Busy Traveler" showing how to make meals up ahead of time to freeze and later put in the slow cooker with little mess and fuss. Ron Wacker put on a seminar for phone and tablet apps that seemed to go over well. The apps were ones that everyone had sent in to Ron.

Carolyn Furniss was our photographer and she took many pictures. I think the favorite of most people were the photos she took of each couple as they came through registration. She had them printed and we pinned them on the wall so people could see them and take them home.

Wendy Williams put on another great pet parade showing off all the owners and their pets. Karin Dykes put on the flea market and Jim Dykes handled the vendors. Lots of good comments about both and people really enjoyed all of them.

The covered dish was handled by RuthAnn Cantelmo. Lots of good food and everything was labeled on the table so people knew where to put their dishes as they brought them in.

Plenty of great comments about the great decorations that Jorie spent so much time making. We even had our own sign post like in Alaska showing all the distances between Seffner and various Florida Cities, compliments of Tony Cantelmo.

All the committee heads did an excellent job starting with getting the goodies for the goody bags (Mark Salomon, Bruce Bruce and John Candler) to getting the goody bags stuffed by Eileen & Carolyn and programs put together and folded. Registration went very smooth with Lennie Williams and Ira Minor at the helm and everyone jumping in and helping.

We were able to donate \$1800 to our charity, Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home. All the proceeds came from the 50/50 drawings headed up by Ira and Lee Minor and Don and Bet Eldred assisted by Bill and Carol Foster. Bill and Marcy Ryan welcomed everyone with a fresh glass of Orange Juice, a nice little touch.

The men had a great time at the golf outing put on by Mark Salomon. Everyone walked away with golf balls and three groups won shirts and or hats.

The women's round table was hosted by MaryAnn Crowell and the men's round table was hosted by Marshall Godwin. Both round tables were very successful.

We even had a memorial remembrance for some of our former DOAI members that have passed. Very nice ceremony.

The last day of the rally had a talk by two nurses on traveling safely with children or grandchildren, arranged by Jody Bruce. They made some very good points that many of us may not think about.

The rally ended with the Koffee Klatch where everyone said their good byes till next time. The rally was a fantastic success due to the great team work from the whole Florida Discovery Sunshiner club. We also received help from other clubs. As the rally master I want to thank everyone for their hard work and job well done.

Thank you Ron Wacker



Selling the 50/50 tickets



Easy Meals for the Busy Traveler
Each lady took home a complete chicken dinner



Ice Cream Social



Opening ceremonies - Bruce Bruce had all the veterans come up front, face him, do an about face, then salute the flag while we said the pledge of allegiance

Ira, Bill and Carol Selling 50/50 Tickets



01.24.2015



01.23.2015

Wendy Williams & Marshall Godwin



Ira showing off his new Hat



Wendy getting ready for the Pet Parade

Ladies making shirt sleeve pins



01.26.2015



01.27.2015

Lennie & Otis in parade



Mark & Jorie in Pet Parade



Fridays Koffee Klatch

01.28.2015

One of Marshall's seminars 26.2015



The Marlinaires

Donna Splainin to Marshall



Ladies Round Table





01/27/2015



Jorie getting table decorations ready



1/29/2015



Mark serving cookies donated by Bob Evans



01/25/2015

Registration Tables and everyone helping



1/25/2015



Tony getting ready to take off

01/25/2015



Mark trying to Limbo under Bruce's legs



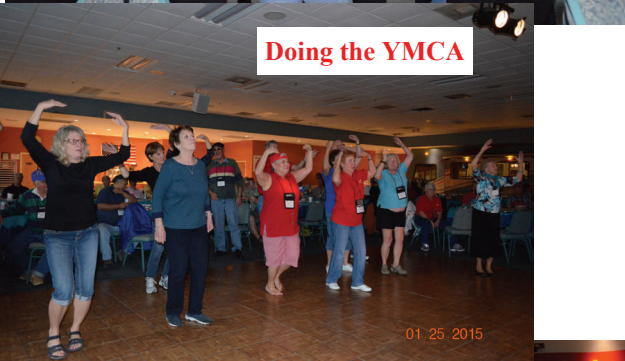
Doing the YMCA

01/25/2015



Carolyn can't contain herself at the site

01/25/2015



01/25/2015



Fred & Betty

01/25/2015



Eating again

01/28



Tom & Eileen Mills

01/25/2015

New Members Greg & Dotti Rogers

Enjoying Some Slow Dancing



01/27/2015



Kim & The Kadlacs



Covered Dish Dinner



Some of the Florida Group



**Donna & Little Trish
New Members Gary & Sandy
Kreiger**



**Ron & Donna being Presented Clock & Gift
Cards from Club**



Remembrance Ceremony



Dog Parade



Some of the Florida Group



New Members Gerald & Sheryl Crum



New Members Gary & Lenora Wallace



New Members Eric & Kim Amstutz



New Members Monte Marsh & Liz Hyde

**Also New Members but not pictured are
Gregg & Laurie Feagans**

December 2014 Florida Discovery Sunshiners Rally at Lazydays

Hosted by Mark & Jorie Salomon



Our trip to the University of Tampa's Plant Museum decorated for Christmas



Hair Messing Contest



Can't believe she did that to Tom and got away with it!



Another Family Feud Team



Our Winning Family Feud Team Captain

Merry Christmas to All



We had a Delicious Dinner and fantastic entertainment and in some cases we were the entertainment. I'm Just Saying



Dynomite



"White Elephant Gift Exchange"

Lennie is still crying about giving away his Donald Trump Doll



The New Discovery Officers



Fred Being Sworn in as New Discovery President



Doesn't look like much but we had a great lunch



The Bruce's at Danny's



Donna & Jorie at Danny's



Lennie & Wendy at Danny's



Ira & Lee at Danny's



The "Step Bandit"

We had the "Sewer Hose Bandit", now we have the "Step Bandit". It has just come to the attention of the authorities at Lazydays that there was a step bandit that struck in plain daylight while one un-identified couple was out to lunch. Now this was not just any old step, it was one very expensive step with adjustable legs and was also brand new.

The story behind this is that the wife was having difficulty making the first step into their coach because the front was so high for leveling. The wife suggested to her husband why don't you just get a box or order a step on line. Well a box wouldn't work and online would take several days. By then they would be back home.

So the husband and a friend went to Camping World to get a step. Well I want to tell you that friend talked the husband into buying the most expensive step in the store. Needless to say when the husband returned with the step in hand and told the wife about the price all she could say is "I JUST CAN'T TAKE IT, I JUST CAN'T TAKE IT!"

Well the husband said what does that mean you just can't take it. He never did get an answer..

Now they have this expensive step, A wife that just can't take it, and on top of all that the "Step Bandit" comes by in broad daylight and steals their expensive step. I mean of all the things someone could do, that just takes the cake. As fate would have it, the step mysteriously showed up. However it seems that there were several nights the couple heard a commotion outside their coach and over heard two guys with flashlights talking about taking their step and even their lawn chairs. They said the chairs were cheap chairs so they wouldn't bother with them. It was rumored that once the two guys were mooned by the husband, they left mumbling "I just can't take it, I just can't take it" and were never seen or heard from again.

I'm Just Saying.

February 2015 FMCA Rally at Sarasota, Florida

Hosted by Ron & Donna Wacker & Mark & Jorie Salomon

This was a joint rally with Midweek Flamingos and Florida Discovery Sunshiners. We had 10 coaches at the rally and had a great time. Actually we had a feeding fest and a rally broke out. We all met at a Kmart shopping center and caravanned into the rally sort of together. Due to traffic we were separated and of course some people enjoyed driving around the block so much they did it twice. Not going to mention any names like Ira or anything! Just Saying! Anyways we were all parked in line.

We had happy hour every night and two of the nights we went to Der Dutchman an Amish restaurant. Really great food. For lunch we found a great little café in town. One night Donna fixed Chilli and everyone brought something to go with it. Another night everyone brought a meat to grill and a dish to pass. Really good food. Another night we had pizza brought in. It was so cold and windy out that the pizza was real good but cooled off real quick.

We had 3 good nights of entertainment. One night we had the Marlinaires again., they are always good. They remembered us from the Discovery rally.

The vendors were fairly diverse and the seminars were good but not enough and not scheduled real well . I think most of the women lived at the one jewelry booth. Well Donna and Jody at least did.

Bill & Marcy Ryan stopped over to visit with us one night. They were there with there own FMCA club, I think the Pelicans. We met a lot of new and nice people at the rally, and as usual invited them to join us at happy hour. The Midweek Flamingos ended up getting several new members I think because of our hospitality.

Richard and Penny Smith bought a 2007 Discovery, trading in their Winnebago Adventurer. They will be joining our club at the March rally.



Midweek had a chapter fair where we try to recruit new members. Jorie made the sign in their window for the table. We had the best decorated table in the hall.



Happy hour with all the good snacks just waiting to be eaten.



Juliet luncheon. Juliet stands for "Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together"



Ira working on Bruce's coach. He had an electrical issue, but Ira fixed it.



Bring your own meat and a dish to pass

Lined up waiting for the parade to start. The parade consisted of 3 groups of Ringling Brothers Circus performers



A couple of things about the parade and the pictures. Carolyn was taking pictures during the rally, so you can imagine how many pictures she took. Well she gave me the card from her camera for the newsletter. It fell off my desk in the motorhome and Bailey got a hold of it and chewed it up real good. So Carolyn had to email me a few of her pictures. Carolyn kept taking pictures of the parade and finally she figured out it was the same 3 acts that kept circling around.

The Chapter Fair



Richard & Penny Smith

Mark just couldn't shake this feeling some bird was following him around at the fair. We told him the bird had his back



On behalf of the Midweek Flamingos, Mark presented Ron with a beautiful engraved beer mug and 4 twelve packs of A & W Root Beer. Ron says he has a drinking problem. He says he drinks 2 beers a day. That is Root Beer!

