

# RAMBLING ROOSTER NEWSLETTER

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# ROVER'S ROOST



# 2020

## Thoughts From the Editor

Jeri Williams



This park has been one busy place during the month of December. Actually, it started the end of November with Thanksgiving festivities and carried into all of the Christmas activities.

What you see going on is just what you see. There's actually so much more that goes into making things happen in the park than just attending functions. The volunteers are so appreciated.

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners plus the parties are all free. They are there for you to enjoy. Without volunteers these functions would not be available ... think about it and consider volunteering in some way around the park. We need you and for those who help ... thank you for what you do.

We have quite a few new leaseholders in the park. Remember they are out there *fluttering* with a new park, new neighbors and new ideas. Be friendly and help them to get to know us and feel comfortable. Try to remember what it was like when you were new to the park. Believe me ... it can be difficult.

Just around the corner is January and with many folks heading out that month we may have a breather in activities. However, right after that comes February and you all know what comes in the month of February. It's the February Follies and now is definitely the time to start thinking about them. This year the theme is **ROOST-ER Holler Jamboree**. We need donations, we need helpers and we definitely need you to get involved. Now is the time to start thinking about your "new" or "new-to-you" duds to wear during the events. Soon we'll be making lists of "characters" needed. Check out the lists and sign up to help.

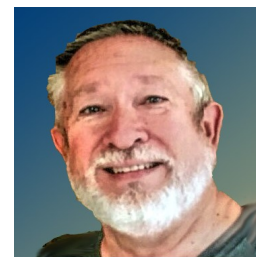
To start it off you may notice at the bottom of each page in this newsletter there is an old southern saying. That's just to get you thinking about our **HOLLER**.

Let us know if you're willing to participate in the town hall parade or any of the other functions. Come on out, enjoy the festivities and don't forget to open your pockets to donate to our brown bag raffle and auction. You'll enjoy the time here at RoVers Roost more if you get involved with the activities ... that we can guarantee.

Let's have fun and make 2020 a year none of us will forget .. in a good way, of course!

## From the President

Forrest Clark



**The Prez Sez...**

Sharing and Caring." The whole idea behind the SKP Co-Op RV Retreat, Inc., is based on the core Escapee concept of "Sharing and Caring." In that spirit, we need to apply the "Golden Rule" in ALL our dealings with each other.

Further, we need to share our knowledge, expertise, labor, and time for the mutual benefit of all.

That means we need YOU! We need YOU to invest your time and energy in Co-Op projects. We need YOU to share the many skills you have developed in the course of your life and work. We need YOU to serve on our committees or in one of the positions created to maintain the smooth operation of the park. We need YOU to maintain your rig and your lot and to help maintain the park as a whole so that we can be proud of our appearance. Thanks to all of you for what you do in the spirit of "Sharing and Caring."



## Town Hall Summary

An extensive report summarizing all that was said (or at least all that was reported as being said) at the Town Hall Meeting of December 16 has been posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. It is a LONG summary (5 pages) of many excellent comments. Please go to the clubhouse to read the report. You may make your own copy of it if you wish, but please don't take the copy that is on the bulletin board. This is a public document.

# Roof Raisers Meeting Highlights

December 2, 2019

The last board meeting of 2019 was called to order by President Williams on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

After the minutes of the previous board meeting were read and accepted, the financial report was read. The Committee Reports were given next. Jeri W. reported the February Carnival got a great beginning with the "Roost-er Holler" skit at Meet and Greet.

Diane L. reported on the Food and Animal Banks. Our donations are greatly appreciated and asked that we keep them coming. There is currently a need for sweaters for small dogs. If you have any, get them to her.

Linda M. discussed line dancing. It is currently scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and there is room for plenty more dancers.

There is a new Pet Committee and the first meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2019.

Carole F. shared with us the importance of the quilts made and donated. They are given to abused children to provide warmth and comfort. Susan N. also spoke on this committee and indicated that all volunteers are welcome. After all, sewing machines are a power tool.

Jeri W. reported the newsletter was sent to over 100 email addresses. You were asked to let her know if it hadn't been received and it would be resent. Renters are welcome to print a copy from the Clubhouse copies.

Carole F. reported a road cleanup was scheduled for December 14, 2019 and again in January.

Tom A. reported that \$205.00 worth of shirts were sold last month. The shirt inventory is very low and new ones were being ordered.

It was noted we had declined the offer from our neighboring park, Desert Springs RV. They had asked for \$7800 for usage of their facilities by our residents.

There was discussion regarding the \$400 fee paid for the phone in the Clubhouse. A motion was made and seconded to remove the phone and use the funds for projects around the park. The motion passed.

Stop signs had been purchased, paid for by RR and installed by the PCM Committee. Diane L. asked when a sign reserving the spot for laundry would be installed.

It was moved and seconded to allocate \$350.00 for the February carnival. Motion passed.

President Williams asked Committee Chairs to write up guidelines and procedures for their committees.

Herb B. requested totes be purchased and used to replace broken boxes used to store decorations. Thus, it was moved and seconded that up to \$100 be authorized for these totes.

Reminders were given to sign up for Flapjack Friday and be ready for the Christmas decoration contest. It was moved and seconded that \$50 be allocated for prize winners of that contest.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next Roof Raisers meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020.

***The Follies Are Coming ... The Follies Are Coming ...***

*He's so skinny, if he stood sideways and stuck out his tongue, he'd look like a zipper.*



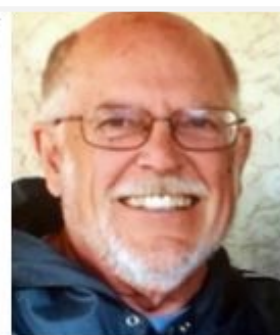
# CANDIDATES



**SUSAN E.A.** I have been on the Board as Treasurer of RoVer's Roost since 2017. I have a BA and worked as a Director of Health Information. I'm a certified Coding Consultant. There is a lot to do and learn as a Treasurer and I would like to continue for two more years in this position if elected.



**STEVE N.** - Leaseholder at RoVer's Roost since 11 / 2018. I have experience in being a board member having served on Parker, Colorado Artist Guild and our HOA. I spent 6 1/2 years in the military and was a registered radiologic technologist.



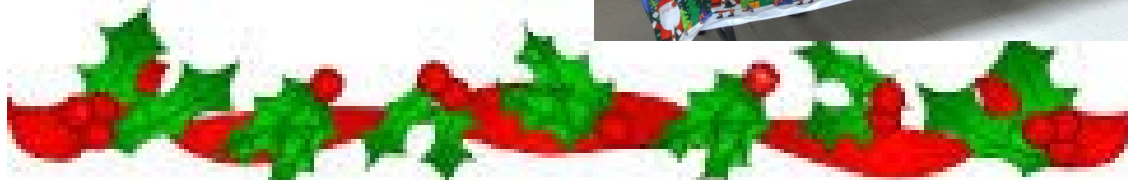
**TOM C.** - Resident of RoVer's Roost since 11/2016. Leaseholder since 03/18. My experience has been as a school administrator and educator. I have been involved in activities here and would make RoVer's Roost the best place to be.



Christmas Music and Pizza — What a combination !!



There are always great helpers and they are so appreciated! There were many more that aren't in this picture. Thank you for helping! →



*She's so stuck up, she'd drown in a rainstorm.*





**Craft of the Month !** - December's craft was making snowmen and reindeer out of water bottles.



John W. presented Angela K. with the Helping Hand Award. He felt with all the work she volunteers to do around the park, she should be awarded this.



Our all star bowlers one fine day in December !  
Come join in the fun.



*Grinnin' like a possum eatin' a sweet tater.*





*Travel Photos by Leaseholders taken now and then*



# Flapjack Friday



*FLAPjack*  
*FRIDAY*

*She's as lost as last year's Easter egg .*



# Birthdays & Anniversaries



If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables. What is baby oil made from?

Why is an electrical outlet called an outlet when you plug things into it? Shouldn't it be called an inlet?

Why is an alarm clock going "off" when it actually turns on?

Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?

How come you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

If an orange is orange, why isn't a lime called a green or a lemon called a yellow?

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Why does it take 15 minutes to cook minute rice?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

*Won't hit a lick at a snake. (Translation: So lazy he wouldn't chase a snake away.)*



# In and Around the ROOST

*A campfire gathering*



Even a park-wide yard sale



Carole F. had a big group of volunteers ready to clean up Montgomery Rd.



**The Follies Are Coming!**

*He's so rich he buys a new boat when he gets the other one wet.*





12/10/2018



**ROOT BEER**  
Floats



12/ 1/2018

### New Leaseholder — Mark & Kathy Coupens Lot #74



We began our full time adventure in December 2018 after Kathy's last day of work in transportation. From Washington we traveled to Oregon and added solar to our 5th wheel and then onto northern California to do some mooch-docking with family-- then onto the San Diego area and into Quartzite and Phoenix where we visited with friends.

We made our first visit to RoVer's Roost and made several new friends. Mark still enjoys talking to customers in the motorcycle business from time to time and Kathy is very much enjoying full retirement. We will plan to return to Washington State for the summers. This summer we will be camp hosting at Camano State Park and Birch Bay State Park where we will catch up with friends and family. We are very excited to be new leaseholders on Lot 74 and have enjoyed a warm welcome here. We hope you come by and visit us on our new lot

## What if ??



- What if everything we will do has been predetermined?
- What if aliens from another Galaxy are just about ready to reveal themselves to us?
- What if World War I never happened?
- What if we could upload our consciousness into a machine?
- What if we have dreaming & awake backward?
- What if everyone stopped working for 48 hours?
- What if the universe is a giant simulation?
- What if ghosts are real & generate their own power? Would you use a ghost powered battery on your phone?
- What if the phone would stay alive forever with no charging needed?
- What if everyone grew up having a safe, healthy, happy childhood?
- What if you could go back in time?
- What if you choose one thing you could have forever, but you didn't get anything else?



*If you can't run with the big dogs, stay under the porch.*

# Buck's Corner



Hi ! I'm Buck! Remember me from last season? Because "Gamma" puts so much time into this newsletter I get to have my own page.

I have lots of Snowdog and Snowcat friends here at RoVer's Roost. I've been introducing them to you each month. This month I've met a few new ones around the Roost and have also reconnected with friends from last season. However, I wanted to take time out from all my picture taking to mention that the newly formed Pet Committee had it's first meeting in December.



Our First Pet Committee meeting attendees set up a **Code of Conduct for Pet Owners**. This will soon be distributed to owners of pets coming into the park. New handouts are in the process of being put together. Pet owners at the meeting agreed to set up a text chain to be responsible for any sanitary issues around the park.

More good things will be coming from this committee. Attend our next meeting on January 7th.

**CAUTION**

Coyotes are active in the area. Be very careful when walking outside the perimeter of the park.



## Are We Pet Friendly ?

Just about the most frequent complaint heard at the "Roost" is about people not cleaning up after their dogs. There really is no excuse for this whether you are in the park or on the walking trails around the nearby perimeter. If your dog drops, pick it up.

Pet owners and non-pet owners alike share a common goal and that's to keep people coming in, wanting to stay and then, coming back again. In order to keep our waitlist growing and renters coming back, we really need to be pet friendly. Just because we welcome pets doesn't necessarily mean that we are PET FRIENDLY. Let's all work on that together.

*And, remember if you have a complaint, talk to the person **FIRST** before going to the managers! It's the courteous thing to do! .*

The Casa Grande Humane Society is a no-kill facility. Your donations are certainly needed and appreciated. You can select this organization as your charity when purchasing from Amazon. If you have questions about what to donate, contact Diane L.

*He was as nervous as a long-tailed cat in a roomful of rocking chairs.*



*Volunteerism is so appreciated . Because we are a Co-Op, it is not only needed but expected.*



**January 2, 12:00**

**UNdecorate Party** - We need helpers to UNdecorate the clubhouse and clean it up. Snacks will be served *to the helpers*.



**January 4, 9:00**

**Road Clean-up Crew**— This is an annual event as we pick up debris north on Montgomery Road.

**January 14th—Craft of the Month - Rock Painting**  
Dozens of easy ideas and no painting experience necessary.  
**Please sign up so we have enough supplies.**



**January 25th - Potluck**

Bring your favorite dish and your own utensils.



**GIRLFRIENDS' CAMPFIRE** - Last week of January outside the clubhouse in boondock area ... Hopefully, we'll have enough propane firepits and warm weather. **(Need a Chairperson & Helpers)**

Bring your best stories or a show and tell item. Bring your chair, a snack and your drink. Campfire will be on South Street just east of the clubhouse.



**Coming in February ....**

- Roost-er Holler Jamboree (Our February Follies)
- Arizona Wildflowers Band
- Back to the 50's - Sock Hop
- (It's Leap Year! Remember Sadie Hopkins?)



**CHILI COOK-OFF** — February or March



**Coming in March ....**

- Paint'n Sip with Rosemarie
- St. Pat's Party with The Temptations Duet
- Corned Beef & Cabbage!
- Ladies Tea

*Check the calendar and the white board for updated information.*



*Remember: It is important to sign up whether it be for meals or events especially when food or supplies are needed.*

*Also, if you sign up, please show up. We had quite a few sign up for Flapjack Friday who didn't show up. Needless to say, we had a lot of extra pancakes. \$\$\$\$*

Here's hoping these crosswalks will slow down traffic. Good job, Boys!



*That sticks in your throat like a hair in a biscuit.*

**DON'T MISS IT!**  
**FEBRUARY FOLLIES**  
 Things may be a bit  
 confusing in  
**ROOST-ER HOLLER**  
 February 10 - 15, 2020

**COUNT ME IN!**  
**Volunteer**  
 Lists will go up in January.

You never can tell who might  
 show up ...



Get out there and get new duds ... you'll need  
 them for the Roost-er Holler TOWN PARADE  
 or is it for their FASHION SHOW?

**Volunteers Needed**

*Southerners know that fried catfish is the other white meat!*

Join in the games !



Volunteers & donations are needed for the  
 Brown Bag Raffle and for the Auction !



Don't forget that this is our annual  
 fundraising event!



Delicious meals are  
 being planned !







We had a couple donations for drawings. One such drawing was for John B.'s hand carved Santa Claus. The winner of the drawing for this prize was Mike Ohlsen. Proceeds were donated to Roof Raisers. Then, he felt the Santa ornament belonged on the Roof Raisers' tree so he donated it back too.

The next drawing we had was for a beautiful hand-made quilt by our own Roof Raiser Quilters.



Just a reminder for Roof Raiser Committee Chairs — Please write up **Procedures & Guidelines** for your committee so we will have it on file in case someone new needs to fill in for you.



**THE FOLLIES  
ARE  
COMING**

### **New Leaseholder - Jamie Marshall Lot #91**

I can say I've lived in several places. I've lived in New Jersey and then in California. From there I moved on to Washington and into Oregon. My son lives in California and I claim a cat and a dog as my grandchildren.

I've been retired for about one and half years and retired as an accountant/bookkeeper from Clackamas Housing Authority outside of Portland, OR. I bought an RV just before I retired because I knew I'd want to hit the road. My house is now rented and I'm free to "wander" when and where I want.

One of the first places I enjoyed was Bouse, AZ. From there I visited the SKP park in Yuma and eventually wandered into the SKP park here at RoVer's Roost. Other than a poor roof on my shed, I do feel like I'm at home and glad to be a part of this park and the people who come here.



### **New Leaseholder - Carole & Mike Hoskins Lot #73**

We are from Jamestown, Indiana and live in the middle of corn and bean fields. Mike is retired as a union industrial electrician and Carole worked outside our home for 11 years. We also had a video store during that time which I ran for those years. We continue to be involved in the home rental market and currently the storage unit business.

We have two children, a son and a daughter, plus two grandsons and 3 granddaughters. With the help of our families, we are able to travel when the urge strikes and still keep our businesses running smoothly. We are thankful for them every day and hopefully inspiring them to some day pick up their keys and travel backroads.

We don't have a lot of hobbies other than being avid readers. We enjoy meeting others during our travels and learning of new places that we might visit. We aren't planners and are partial to two lane travel whenever possible.



*Happy as a dead pig in the sunshine .*



**Twas the Night Before Christmas**

Thank you Herb & Kathy

**PARTY!**

**AND**

**Christmas Dinner**



Thank you Mark & Lynda



*Why so sad? Did Chevrolet stop makin' trucks?*



Bring on the NEW YEAR! let's party  
 Thank you Katy & Gary



Our Music Man



Food Table

The **Auction** is coming with our very own auctioneer .... **Howard Krakower!** It's time to start thinking about getting your items ready for the **AUCTION!**

**WAITLIST AS OF DECEMBER 27, 2019**

There are 33 names on our waitlist. Here are the top 20!

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Van Horn, Linda            | 11 McFadden,, Robin           |
| 2 Blunt, Larry and Connie    | 12 Frederick, Bradley & Elesa |
| 3 Morrison, Ron & Donna      | 13 Stapleton, Jack and Nina   |
| 4 Nilsen, Anders and Cheryle | 14 Welch, Daniel              |
| 5 Mitchell, Wendy            | 15 Legendre, John and Darlene |
| 6 Brown, David and Laurie    | 16 Goodman, Willard and Maria |
| 7 Huber, John and Nadyne     | 17 Johnson, Jeanette          |
| 8 Unks, Walter               | 18 Holt, Mack and Nancy       |
| 9 Wilson, M. L.              | 19 Bright, Kathryn E.         |
| 10 Gallaty, Tom and Judy     | 20 Henry, Bill and Cheryl     |



Just Wanderin'



Terry, Jeri and Buck !

Smiles are contagious so keep that smile on your face.. Who knows someone you share that smile with may just become a lifelong friend.