



WHITE SANDS PANHANDLERS

Chapter Meeting Minutes & Newsletter

December 2024 CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

INTRODUCTION

The December Chapter Meeting was held at Anchors Aweigh RV Resort in Foley AL on Thursday, December 5th.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Moniz, Margie Moniz gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The officers present were Paul Moniz, President; Joan Scheet, Vice-President; Chuck Kuzma, Secretary; Carol Kuzma Treasurer.

Members present were Lee Harris, Chuck & Carol Kuzma, Lisa Lyons, Paul & Margie Momiz, Michael & Tri Northrup, Gerri Pence, Susan Posey, Dan & Gale Sabatino, Joan Scheet and Bob Zeller.

New members and Long time Smart members, who joined the chapter at the muster were Louis (Lou) Finkle and Diane Thompson.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The reading of the minutes of the May 2024 Chapter Meeting were waived. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was provided by Carol Kuzma, Treasurer.

Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2024		\$1,224.92
<u>Expenses</u>		
Memoriam to SMART for Ray Posey	\$ 50.00	
Gift cards for 2024 Regional/National Musters	\$ 100.00	
May Muster Food Expense		
Paid from MS Magnolias 50/50	\$ 83.00	
May Muster MS Magnolias 50/50		
Reduced to reimburse food expense	<u>\$ 72.00</u>	
Total Expenses		-\$ 305.00
<u>Income</u>		
Dues	\$ 60.00	
May Muster MS Magnolias 50/50	\$ 155.00	
May Muster White Sands Panhandlers 50/50	<u>\$ 155.00</u>	
Total Income		<u>+\$ 360.00</u>
Ending Balance as of November 31, 2024		
\$1,279.92		

Carol reported that the annual Chapter dues for 2025 of \$10/family are now due. If you are uncertain if your 2025 dues have been paid, an email will be sent to all members who have not yet paid their dues. If you do not receive a notice, your 2025 dues have been paid.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chuck Passed around a Thank You card from Renee Miller, the daughter of long-time chapter member, Martha Averett, for the Sympathy card from the chapter remembering her mother at the time of her passing. Also passed around was a card from SMART HQ thanking the chapter for our \$50 donation in memory of Ray Posey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Committee: Carol Kuzma asked that anyone who knows of a member, family member or friend that needs to receive a sympathy, get well, thinking of you/missing you card or greeting, please contact Carol directly with the information. If the person is not listed on our chapter roster, please include a mailing address. Contact her at at ckuzma116@cox.net 850 217-2586. **HELP NEEDED** - The chapter is also looking for someone to step up and take on the job of Sunshine Committee Chair. The job requires minimal time, perhaps mailing 1 or 2 cards a month, and supplies such as stamps and cards are paid for by the chapter. **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS.** This is one of those chapter jobs that require minimal time and are so rewarding to those that receive cards.

Survivor Assistance Program Chair, Mike Schmitz. Information on the program is also available on the SMART website, www.smartrving.com. Mike can be contacted at amimjs@yahoo.com or 850 572-3370 If immediate assistance is needed.

Muster Committee. The Chapter Muster Master, Paul Moniz, stated that based on input from chapter members, new RV park locations are being researched with reasonable nightly rates in the range of \$50 after discounts, which include a club house. Although a club house is not always a necessity, it is desirable for preparation of meals and playing indoor games. If you know of a location or would like to recommend one, please contact Paul. It is becoming more difficult to find RV parks with rates of \$50/night. Most parks now charge more than \$50 and don't reserve sites for groups in advance of registrations. This results in clubhouses not being reserved for sole club use.

The chapter activities schedule has all musters and chow calls listed for 2025 and much of 2026. The schedule is available on the chapter website and emailed to all members as changes occur. The next activity on the schedule is the February 13th Chow Call at Sonny's BBQ on 9th Ave. in Pensacola. The next Muster is March 4-6 Outback Springs RV Resort in Bonifay FL. Check the schedule for details on these and other events. If you know of an RV park that you would like to have our chapter schedule for musters, please let Paul know, as we are always looking for new locations.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – The annual election of Chapter officers was started with nominations for the 4 elected officer positions. Bob Zeller was Nominated for Vice-President to replace the retiring Joan Scheet. Bob accepted the nomination and was elected (to the office he has previously held). With no other nominations, Paul Moniz, Chuck Kuzma and Carol Kuzma chose to remain in office for 2025. They were reelected by acclimatation.

CLOSING

Paul Moniz thanked everyone for coming to the Christmas Muster and welcomed new Chapter members Lou Finkle and Diane Thompson. Paul & Margie Moniz and Dan & Gale Sabatino, the all the wonderful members that assisted with the meals and activities.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved by:
Paul Moniz, President

Submitted By:
Chuck Kuzma, Secretary

On: December 16,2024

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December 2024 CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

1. The Dirty Santa Gift exchange was held on Thursday with numerous gifts being stolen and many exchanged following the exchange. This is always a fun filled event.
2. Chuck Kuzma hosted the Card bingo game with 7 lucky winners walking off with some extra cash. Paul hosted the game of Left, Right, Center and again some lucky winners walked off with some extra cash. Between jig-saw puzzles and Hand and Foot card games, a fun filled week was enjoyed. Additionally. Several chapter polo shirts, that were never claimed following the original purchase along with a new Skipbo card game.
3. The Christmas Dinner on Wednesday was truly a feast. Ham, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, coleslaw, corn on the cob and rolls followed by pecan pie with whipped cream. The hosts and everyone else that contributed to the meal made the dinner truly memorable.
4. No one left at the end of the week hungry. A chili-dog lunch, 2 breakfasts (one of sausage biscuits & eggs to order and pancakes, ham, sausage & eggs to order), two dinners in foley, extraordinary snacks during happy hours and sweet rolls on Friday rounded out the weeks eating experiences. Truly not a weight watchers' week.
2. There is a new registration process for Chapter Musters. No longer will registration forms be sent out by email. **Registration for Musters must be done online on the chapter website.** Each person registering is still required to send the Muster Fee of \$15/person to the Muster Host **no later than 2 weeks prior to a muster**. The online process provides the Muster Host, the Chapter Muster Master (Paul Moniz) and the Chapter Secretary with immediate feedback on who is registered to come to a muster. This allows the Host to know how many will be attending the muster, how much Muster Fee to expect so that meal planning and food purchasing can be done. This also allows the Chapter Muster Master to determine the number of RV sites to reserve at the muster location, and the Secretary to prepare the necessary paperwork and muster correspondence and details.
4. Online Muster Registration **MUST BE DONE NOT LATER THAN 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO A MUSTER**. This is because most RV parks now require a firm number of attendees 2 weeks prior to a muster to hold sites open and reserve the clubhouse. RV park site reservations must also be made with the RV park at the same time online muster registration is done. This is critical to reserve the correct number of sites. Less than 2 weeks prior, most RV parks will not hold sites open for group reservations.

registration is also required for all members that plan to attend a Chow Call. This is required to reserve tables and chairs in a separate location or private room in restaurants. Online registration for Chow Calls **MUST BE DONE AT LEAST 7 DAYS (1 week) PRIOR TO A CHOW CALL**.
6. Reservation procedures will be emailed to all chapter members, especially for those that are not familiar with how to do it.
7. The Chapter website and schedule is updated as soon as information is made available. Information on all Musters and Chow Calls can be found on the website and is emailed to all chapter members.

