

The Challengers Newsletter

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May Rally Information – Hosted By Russ and Carol Buck

May 13-15, 2016 ** Camelot RV Park ** 1600 South US Hwy 1, Malabar, FL 32950

Early arrivals starting 5/9

Contact Lori Pierce at h2o1retired@yahoo.com or (321) 863-1042 if you are planning to attend or will not be able to attend by Sunday, May 1. Reservations will be made with Lori Pierce. Rally fees \$30 per night and collected by Charlie Ragland, treasurer.

Rally Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 12

5:30 PM for those who wish to grill out, please bring item of choice to grill, location of grilling will be announced at campground.

Friday, May 13

1:00 PM – Games outside (weather permitting)

3:00 PM – Social Hour Outside (weather permitting)

5:00 PM – Texas Roadhouse, caravan will leave Camelot at 4:30 PM.

7:00 PM – Games in clubhouse. Pool, bingo, or hand & foot.

Saturday, May 14

8:30 AM – Breakfast sandwiches with fruit and juice. Bring your plate, utensils, and coffee.

10:00 AM – Challengers Meeting, Club House

1:00 PM – Games outside (weather permitting)

3:00 PM – Social Hour Outside (weather permitting)

5:30 PM – Baked Creamy Spaghetti & bread. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert. Bring plate, utensils and drink.

7:00 PM – Movie Night with popcorn and drinks, in club house.

Sunday, May 15

8:30 AM – Continental Breakfast, bring your plate, utensils and drink.

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April Rally Review

Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell – 12 member coaches attended. We welcome Tom and Paula Moore, guests of Mike and Felicia Fitzgerald. On Saturday the Hoover and Levine drove in to attend the meeting and visited with everyone. It was wonderful to see Dick and Linda Schauland along with John and Linda McSweeney back camping with The Challengers. Everyone was busy with playing pool, shuffleboard, corn hole, bingo or hand & foot. The food was tasty for the pot luck dinners. Big thanks to Frank for the slow cooked apple bourbon pork on Thursday night. Let's not forget the waffles, sausage and all the trimmings for Saturday's breakfast. Last but not least, the weather was beautiful, we couldn't have asked for a better weekend.



Special Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lori Pierce 5/1
Roger Bentsen 5/4
Ron Nelson 5/7
Mike Fitzgerald 5/9
Steve Fitzgerald 5/15
Howard & Josie Robertson 5/15

Nominations for the 2017 Executive Board are now being accepted. If you wish to run for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, national director or alt. national director please contact Maury Hudson or Lori Pierce. We will be happy to forward a copy of the job duties. Deadline is September 2016. Nominations will be announced at the September rally and placed on the ballot for voting in October.

Lori's email = h2o1retired@yahoo.com
Maury's email = maury_hudson@mac.com

Ragland family wished to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards for Charlie's dad, Griff.

Chaplain's Message by Dick and Linda Schauland

April of this year is a sad month for the Challengers as we realize the passing of Josie Robertson. But the sorrow is for us who remain, and not Josie who has gone on to Heaven. The Apostle Paul wrote "But I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

We thought about this scripture after Josie passed away. When the Bible speaks of someone who has fallen asleep, it is referring to someone who has physically died. If the Bible uses the word dead or death, it is typically referring to spiritual death or a state of being separated from God. In this sense, a person could be physically alive and quite healthy, but dead – meaning they are separated from God.

Josie is a believer, and knows that Jesus Christ is her savior. She is in Heaven, physically well, pain free, happy and celebrating eternity. Josie has spiritual hope, the same as many of us do. But remember, embracing spiritual hope doesn't stop our tears or the pain of loss. We are simply comforted with the thought that our believing loved ones who have fallen asleep are with the Lord Jesus and that we too shall join them someday.

The best news of all may be that Josie is only a few minutes ahead of us. Because you see, we find another beautiful promise in the Word of God. "Beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8)

So as you remember Josie, hold on to your spiritual hope. And all the more – share your faith so others will have hope also. The Lord Jesus told us "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, he (or she) that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.*" (John 5:24)

Prayer Request: Howard Robertson & family, Martha & Leroy Banes, Linda Bounds, and Don Franklin