

Challenger's Newsletter

September 2017



September Rally

Seasons in the Sun RV Resort located in Mims. Rally dates September 12-17 and early arrival date starting on Tuesday, September 12.

Contact Sheree at 321-233-3119 at Seasons in the Sun RV Resort, then contact Lori Pierce with your arrival date at h201retired@yahoo.com or 321-863-1042 cell. **Deadline for reservation is September 1.**

UPCOMING RALLY DATES

October 10 -15, Wilderness RV Resort, Ocala

November 7-12, Camelot, Malabar

December 5-10, Stage Coach RV Park, St. Augustine

January - No Rally Dates

All early arrivals start on Tuesday.

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Seasons in the Sun

Host: Ragland,

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SEPTEMBER RALLY

Seasons in the Sun located in Mims.

Reservations need to be made directly Seasons in the Sun RV Resort then contact wagon master, Lori Pierce of your arrival date, she needs to let the hosts know how much food to cook for the rally, deadline is September 1.

Address - 2400 Seasons in the Sun Blvd., Mims, FL 32754, phone number 877-OUR-PARK.

Rate - \$29.70 per night

Thursday Grill Night at 5:30pm bring your item of choice to grill. Games in clubhouse in the evening or sitting outside. Location - Circle the wagons rally area.

Friday - Set your alarms early, we will be leaving for Port Canaveral for a guided tour of the Air Force side of Kennedy Space Center, where the Air Force Museum and Light House is located. We must be at the Exploration Tower at 8:15 am to meet the bus for the tour. 25 people is the minimum, if we do not have enough to signed up, there will be a change of plans. If you plan to attend email Diane Hoover at dhoover@gate.net or by phone at 352-684-4543 with the following information: full legal name including middle initial, dates of birth and driver's license number with state issued for each guest taking this tour. This is required by the Air Force for security clearances and would be needed at least 48 hours in advance of the tour. The cost is \$27 per person and a 50% deposit would be required by September 11th. The balance would be due the day of the tour. After the tour we will travel back to the Exploration Tower and tour there also, Charlie will lead our tour. After we finish the Exploration Tower tour we will go to Rusty's Seafood & Oyster Bar for a late lunch or an early supper off the menu. Then back to the campground. Please ride together because we always have more fun when we are together.

Saturday Morning Breakfast - 8:30 am - Location - Club house. Pancakes and Sausage with all the trimmings. Bring your plates, utensils and drink.

Business Meeting 10:00 am Location - club house.

Saturday Dinner 5:30 pm - Hobo Soup and Salad. Each RV will need to bring a can of broth soup, NO cream soups, and each RV bring a salad. Your host will bring crackers and corn bread and butter. Please bring your bowls, plates, your utensils and your drink.

Leisure evening - sitting outside, card games in club house.

Sunday gathering at 8:30 am - goodbye.

In Memory of Martha A. Barnes

9/20/1938- 8/6/2017



In 2008 Frank and I purchased our first class A motorhome and our friends Charlie and Nancy Ragland told us about a group they joined. Charlie invited us to join The Challengers at one of their rally campouts. He introduced us to a few of the members the Martin's, Donahue's, Decarlo's just a few names but one person stood out for me, Martha Barnes. Martha to me was someone that you can talk too, have fun with, Martha was a big part of The Challengers, actual I thought of Martha as my adopted grandmother. Martha joined FMCA in 1960s but took a break and rejoined in 1992. She was one of the founding members along with Roger Bentsen parents. Martha first chapter she joined was the Rollin' Rebels.

Martha was chief of the administrative office at the John F. Kennedy Space Center (NASA), she started with the government as a clerk-typist and was fortunate to climb the ladder to management. Martha retired in 1995 after 37 years. Did you know Martha was the first female umpire in Brevard County.

Martha was a solo driver, well not so solo as she would travel with her kids, her dogs. Her and Leroy started off camping in a tent, went to a mini-Toyota Class C, camped with a motorcycle with a sidecar that towed a camping trailer until her final motorhome which was a 35-foot Fleetwood Terra LX after owning an Open Road, two Coachmen and an Islander.

Martha worked part time at Cape Canaveral Hospital in Cocoa Beach, this is where she met Nancy Ragland. Martha would come into the office and inform Nancy of dates she would not be available for work, which made Nancy wonder how in the world does Martha know her vacation dates at the beginning of the year and had each month dates booked. Martha informed Nancy about The Challengers and how much fun she had each month camping and it didn't take long for Charlie and Nancy to become members.

Martha enjoyed traveling in her motorhome. As a matter of fact her favorite destination was Nova Scotia and the Grand Canyon. Martha traveled all over the US and has missed three states. Her most memorable trip was to California and spots in between, with her friends, Willie and Lillian Combes as they had never been west of the Mississippi River. Martha's motorhome dream was to go to every US Army Corps of Engineers RV park in the USA. Martha was able to check one off her list when her, Roger Bentsen and Charlie Ragland took a 4 month trip. They traveled to Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and other states.

Martha's favorite restaurant hands down was Cracker Barrel. If you traveled with Martha it was guarantee you were stopping at a Cracker Barrel to eat.

Many of us was surprise when we met Martha's husband, Leroy. It was like the commercial with the peanut m&m's, he does exists. Leroy and Martha were married over 55 years.

Martha was amazing, loyal friend and my inspiration to learn to drive our motorhome. I figured if she could do it, I could too.

I now everyone has a story about Martha either a funny one or a tearful one. It's hard to say goodbye to someone that we all loved and cared for. Martha was our leader and kept everyone informed on what was happening with each member. Martha was our historian and a lot of the Challengers history is gone but we will never forget Martha Barnes. Just the other night my family went to Cracker Barrel and I just sat there and thought about Martha and wished her the best and hopefully she is traveling in a motorhome up in heaven.

If you would like to donate funds, please get with Nancy Ragland. In Martha's memory Nancy is putting together a plaque with her name and her pet's name to be displayed at the SPCA of Brevard.



*In Loving Memory of Martha Barnes
Always In Our Thoughts, Forever In Our Hearts.*

9-20-1038 - 8-6-2017

Birthday & Anniversary

Birthday Celebrations: Scott Meyers 9/3, Nancy Ragland 9/3, Maureen Kelly 9/16, Russ Buck 9/19 and Eileen Nickisch 9/29

Anniversary Celebration: Willard & Eileen Nickisch 9/3, Paul & Lucy Levine 9/15, and Billy & Bobbi Barton 9/28

The Challenger's wish each and every one of you a Happy Birthday / Happy Anniversary!

Chaplain's Message

By Dick and Linda Schauland

You Can Open That Door

Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7

How long has it been since you were backed into a corner, hemmed in by a seemingly insurmountable problem? If you're anything like most folks, it hasn't been very long. Some of us spend years trying to work our way out of financial binds only to end up more bound by debt than ever. Others work frantically on marriages that despite their best efforts deteriorate from year to year. Still others fight losing battles against fear or depression, drug addiction or disease.

Deep within our hearts, each of us knows there must be an answer to the problem we face. But often it seems to be out of reach, hidden behind a door that's locked tightly against us.

What we want you to know today, however, is this: **WE CAN OPEN THAT DOOR!** Jesus Himself has given us the keys.

Right now you may be facing a situation that looks utterly hopeless, but God has a key ring full of keys that will unlock *any* situation. He has the keys that open doors for you spiritually and physically, financially and emotionally. No matter how hard the devil tries to trap you, if you'll get hold of that key, you can find your way out.

God's Word is full of keys of kingdom principles - keys to bind the devil's operations and keys to loose yourself from his snares. God has a key that will unravel any knot that the devil can tie. He also has a key that will lock up the devil's operation so tightly that he won't be able to move.

Remember this: there's no situation so dark or so cleverly designed by the forces of darkness that there is not a kingdom key that will unlock it with kingdom power.

There is an answer to your situation. So keep digging for it. If you've been digging in the Word of God in one spot and haven't found your answer, then look at another chapter, a different verse. Keep digging until you find the keys. Keep knocking at every door until you find the one that opens.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please keep the following members in your prayers and thoughts: Alan and Nancy Marsden and their family, Russ and Carol Buck and Leroy Barnes. If you know of someone who is need of prayers, please let our Challenger's newsletter editor, Lori Pierce know so they may be added to the list.

Recipe Page

If you have a recipe that you would like submit email newsletter editor, Lori Pierce.

Announcements