



TRAILER TRACKS

Chapter 9 Members Enjoyed The Holidays In Sutherlin

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MONTHLY MEETING

Chapter 9 members meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m., during breakfast, at Abby's Legendary Pizza, 1011 W. Central Avenue in Sutherlin, Oregon.

A signup sheet is located in the Timber Valley SKP clubhouse, as we need to know by Tuesday how many are planning to be there.

**All Escapees
are welcome!**

Other Chapter 9 events will be announced in Trailer Tracks or on the Chapter 9 page of our website, www.timbervalleyskp.com

Our Chapter 9 members who are not spending this winter in Arizona or other warm locations have rediscovered a good place to enjoy themselves: Timber Valley.

Our sixth Day Trip - to see Roseburg's Festival of Lights on December 14 - was very successful, as 24 Timber Valley residents signed up and more than twenty of us took the bus through the Rotary Club's wonderful display, at River Forks Park. A couple of our members found the school bus seating too cramped, but paid the \$10 per car entry fee and enjoyed the trip in their own vehicles. Chapter 9 thanks Zada Wright and the Sutherlin Resource Center for making this wonderful experience available to us and we look forward to supporting the Resource Center's activities in the future.

Chapter 9 invited all local Escapees to participate in its Festival of Lights day trip and several SKPs who are not currently members of Chapter 9 did attend it. By the same token, Chapter 9 members have been actively promoting and participating in activities sponsored by Jacks & Jills, Timber Valley's social club. Jacks & Jills president Julianne Crane (a Chapter 9 member) has regularly asked to coordinate our two groups' activities and we have enjoyed publicity for our event in the Timber Valley Log, thanks to its editor (who is also the Jacks & Jills Secretary this year), Helaine Hepworth.

Many of our members participated in Jacks & Jills' annual Christmas party

and gift exchange, on Friday, December 22. There was also a large turnout of Chapter 9 members for the Jacks & Jills Timber Valley Cooking Group's wonderful Christmas day supper. Terry and Mike Hilty (who is this year's Jacks & Jills Vice-President) have been doing a wonderful job preparing and supervising big, wonderful meals for Timber Valley residents. Of course, we all know how much we Chapter 9 members enjoy getting together for a meal!

Our next chance to eat together will be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, when Timber Valley residents have their monthly potluck dinner, coordinated by long-time Chapter 9 member, George Reel. We also encourage all to attend the Jacks & Jills Cooking Group's chicken supper on Thursday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m. and the Jacks & Jills National Pie Day event on Thursday, January 25.

Our next Chapter 9 monthly get-together will be on Wednesday morning, January 10, 2018 at Abby's Legendary Pizza. During our meal there, we will discuss Day Trip # 7, which will be to discover (or rediscover) one of Douglas County's most favorite Italian restaurants, Pedotti's Italian Restaurant, which happens to be right here in Sutherlin. We will go there at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, for a social hour with owner Dave Pedotti, followed by dinners of your choice. Sign-up sheets for the dinner at Pedotti's will be available on and after January 10.

HISTORY of CHAPTER 9

By Jackie Deal

The **June-July 1986 newsletter** reported, "Oregon co-op is off and rolling forward to a park on the beautiful Oregon Coast. We now have 120 members and are growing daily." The land intended was "20 acres near Bandon, 1/2 mile from Hwy 101 and 1-1/4 miles from ocean with a deep creek across one end." This apparently marks the earliest stages of the Oregon Co-Op which became Timber Valley Park.

New Chapter officers were: Grace Olson, Penny Schreiner, Veldon Boge and Verne Hansen.

Rally July 11-13 1987 at Mc Kenzie Bridge, Or.

July 16, 1986, Chapter meeting at Lincoln City Wapiti Park. The Treasurer reported \$737.89 in savings, and \$171.54 in checking. A report was given that "The State Commerce Dept. is in the process of writing new laws and we will have to wait until they are written before we can go ahead."

"Verne Hansen gave a report on the Bandon properties. He has leaned that to go any farther we would have to put up \$200 in fees to see if the county depts. would approve our kind of park and change the zoning". Vel Boge explained an interesting idea about "having the co-op designed to utilize the beautiful Oregon land and trees" and create what he calls the Oregon Park Concept. It would require more land and possible higher cost of utilities but some of the building materials could be taken from the land. Land cost seems to be the same for a 20 acre piece as for 40 acre piece with timber. It is also easier to get an RV park on lands zoned Forest."

From Kay Peterson's book "History of the Escapees Club" Kay tells us: "Some concerned members contacted Joe and me (Kay Peterson) and asked us to attend the meeting at Lincoln City because they were anticipating conflict over the location of the SKP co-op... an angry discussion ... made it apparent the group could not agree on the selection of any of the properties... Before the meeting ended, Grace Olson resigned, and Jo Southwick was elected to replace her. Then one board member suggested the entire board should resign." A vote of confidence "made it obvious that the majority of those present at the Lincoln City meeting supported the board. Grace refused to turn over her secretarial records, so no one knew exactly who the members were and who had

paid the \$20 registration fee. National sent out a letter to those who were thought to be on the Oregon list. Eventually the Olson's returned \$7 directly to each person who had paid. (They subtracted their expenses, including legal fees for their attorney). This resulted in a list of 175 families and a new search committee."

New committees formed were: Feasibility: Ed Strieger, By-Laws: Bill Field, Membership survey: Doris Field. A questionnaire was sent out "to find where people on the list stand and to direct the board to follow the desires of all members".

Chapter Nine's labor pains were only beginning.

Becky's CORNER

So, it seems I cannot be in charge of a newsletter without putting my mark on it. That it's taken me this long is a testament to my restraint... but alas, there is space to fill and no one has given my photos.

So, what should we discuss? Hmm? Should I tell a joke? Should we open it up to services and items for sale? You should tell me what y'all want to see in this spot (when we have space).

I have been enjoying the Saturday morning Coffee & Donuts in the clubhouse at 9am, SKP time... meaning we start gathering around 8:30. Also, remember the 2nd Wednesday breakfasts at Abby's. It's for all Escapees, specifically for Chapter 9 folks. Breakfast is at 9am... SKP time... (meet at 8:30 for a seat)!

**NOT EVERY
DAY IS GOOD.
BUT THERE IS
SOMETHING
GOOD IN
EVERYDAY.**