



ESCAPEES – GOLD NUGGET CHAPTER 24

May – June 2019 NEWSLETTER

President's Report

It's so nice to be back in Rally season. Our 1st rally of the year, at Almond Tree in Chico, was a true success. Despite the many times that we've had rallies there our hosts, (Honigs and McCarthy's) were able to find new and different things to do. The trip to the Chico Air museum was a treat and dinner at Happy Garden Restaurant, the Chinese food was so good. Many thanks to the hosts and great to see everyone.

Our next rally will be at Vineyard in Vacaville. This rally's reservations are already closed, with a good number of members who will be attending. However, we will be celebrating our 30th year as an Escapee chapter at this rally. The celebration will be on Thursday, so if you can come for just the day, we hope you will join us to raise a glass in a toast and have a piece of cake.

If you are on the fence about May in Lodi, the agenda for that one is jam packed with activities. Most notably will be a BBQ at Catherine and Mike Johnston's Farm and Winery. We will be taking a tour of their farm along with sampling some of the wine they produce. The rest of the week's activities include a tour of the Japanese Tea Garden at Micke Grove; dinner out at a yummy home-style restaurant which has great comfort food and the last evening we will go to the Lodi Farmer's Market to enjoy the vendors, music and food trucks or downtown restaurants. Be sure to sign up by May 1st for this one. The registration form is attached, or you can download from our website: goldnugget24.org

June 17-21, we will have a "Casual Campout" at the Yuba City Fairgrounds. This means there will not be a host or organized registration. Each member is responsible for contacting the Fairgrounds and making their own reservations for as many days as they want to be there. Most of us are familiar with this location from the WARE rallies in years past. It is lovely with many lawn areas and big trees. It will be a great chance to just gather and relax with our Chapter 24 friends. Hope to see you there!!!

Already we are looking ahead to 2020. Some of the rallies are already scheduled. And in 2020 we will have some Board vacancies. A nominating committee has been formed to help fill these positions.

If you are interested in helping to keep this chapter happy, healthy and moving forward, please contact Bob Peters at: rbp0511@gmail.com or 916-212-8110.

Remember: we need everyone to take a turn by participating on the Board and Hosting Rallies.

Last item... thankfully so many of you are helping to house the many materials that we use at the rallies. It was suggested that we need a list of who has which item(s). An example would be the club's beanbag baseball set. So, if you are one of the great members who have something in your rig or garage, please drop me a line (fridaymj@att.net) so we can get this list going. This way when a host is planning to use an item, they will know who to contact, so that it will be at the rally. Thank You!!!!

**Safe travels,
Jackie Friday**



Sunshine Report

Marilyn Johnson reports that she sent cards to Tom Moulton and family for the loss of our dear friend Ginger. Get well wishes go out to Ilse Woods who had hip surgery on May 2nd, and Doreene Wood who had back surgery on May 8th.



Between the Lines

We're bringing back "Between the Lines". If your traveling.....send Vicky Mount updates on your travel so Chapter 24 members know where you've been, where you are, where you're heading. Find a great RV park???? Let's share.

George & Bev Boykin, Gerry & Marilyn Vroomman, and Gary & Vicky Mount celebrated Easter together at Timber Valley SKP in Sutherlin, OR.

Our April Rally in Vacaville this week is chalk full of fun activities, places to go, and things to see. The 24 lucky attendees include Bill/Barbara Trimmer, Phil/Charlie Messer, Ron/Sandy Andre, Mel/Jackie Friday, Bob & Gerry Peters (co-hosts), Phil/Kathy Honig, Steve/Cindy Blanchette, Tom/Linda McCarthy, Mike/Catherine Johnston, Alan/Mary Garges (guests), Vern/Kathy Warren (guests), and Dick/Joy Reed (hosts).

Are you signed up for next month's rally at the Flag City RV Park in Lodi? The dates are 5/27 – 5/31 and you registration is due by May 1st. If you have any questions please call Jackie Friday @ 209-304-2483.





ESCAPADE 2019 Report by Barbara Trimmer #100298

Escapade was held March 17 – 21 at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, AZ. At opening ceremonies Sunday afternoon we accepted on behalf of Chapter 24 a certificate for 30 years as a caring and sharing chapter of Escapees RV Club. We were the only ones in attendance from Chapter 24. We were treated to ice cream following the opening. Since it was St. Patrick's Day our evening entertainment was a Celtic band, The American Rogues. Monday the seminars, some new ones this year, The Row (42 chapters & BOF's represented) & Market Place began. Monday evening the Redhead Express family singers provided great music. Now for the stats:

Rigs – 830	Attendees – 1,338 plus 750 walk ins = 2,088
90 RV Country rigs for sale	200 Xscapers & 30 kids
Lowest SKP # in attendance – 107 (97 yrs old)	Highest # - 1510511
Boot Camp – 109 Graduates	
Door Prizes – Vendors provided \$13,075 in prizes	
Grand Prize – Adventure Caravans – Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta (value \$3,845)	
Escapees HOPS Rally – Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade (value \$2,000)	
Photo Contest – 62 entries	
Donuts & Coffee – 2,400 donuts eaten, 25 gallons of coffee consumed	
Care – raised \$2,927.86 (\$46 was most paid for one donut)	
Chili Cook Off – 17 entries	
1 st – raised \$753.00 (Solos)	
2 nd – raised \$383.00	
3 rd - raised \$330.00	
Total raised for CARE by all entries - \$2,300	
Total donated to CARE during the week \$6,422	
Blood Drive – 36 units of blood	

60th Escapade will be held in Rock Springs, WY June 21-26, 2020. They have 1,270 FHU with 50 AMPS. Hope to see you there!