



The Winnie Gate

A Newsletter for Members of the Florida State Winnie Gators
Spring 2009



From the President's Corner

It's GREAT to be writing this column as the new Winnie Gators President! It's going to be a year of challenges and we have a team assembled to keep the Winnie Gators Club moving forward! Linda and Dan have done an outstanding job and I appreciate their support and sharing of information as Directors to help me meet the members expectations! THANKS to our team: Joe & Ann Loudenslager, Cliff & Ree Spiller, Kathryn Griffin, & Jerry Miller for volunteering your talents!



The March Rally was a HUGE success! 324 coaches in attendance, 55 Vendors filling Vendor Hall with goods and seminars, EXCELLENT entertainment, and GOOD food served by Rainbow Caterers! We are already planning the Rally, 2010 which will be another exciting event!

GNR is on the horizon; we hope to beat the Florida Row attendance from last year! The tent will be at the head of the row, the parties and dinners are scheduled, so plan to join us for an exciting 2 weeks! WITSTOCK is the theme so bring your tie dye shirts, beads, and groovy signs!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting! Come and



test your talent and skills at the Toilet Paper Olympics! Travel safe!

Nancy

Highlights of the 2009 Florida State WIT Rally

One word describes it! **SENSATIONAL!**

- * 324 Coaches . . . * 55 Vendors . . . * 2 RV Dealers
- * Seminars – THANKS Vendors and Speakers
- * Greeters – THANKS Seaside Winnies
- * Parkers – THANKS Suncoast Winnies
- * Registration & Goody Bags – THANKS Caloosa Winnies
- * Friendship Walk – THANKS Buccaneer Winnies
- * Bingo – THANKS Buccaneer Winnies
- * Chapter Row Party – THANKS, Chapter Presidents
- * Door Prizes – THANKS to all donors! Hosts Jane O'Neill & Lois Hogan
- * Arts & Crafts – THANKS Florida Sunshine Winnies
- * Pet Parade – THANKS Caloosa Winnies
- * Ice Cream Social – THANKS Spacecoast Winnies
- * Wine & Cheese Party – THANKS Funtime Travelers
- * Charity Raffle - \$1835 donated to Prater-Willi Syndrome
- * Book Fair – THANKS Panhandle Winnies



- * Beautiful Decorations – THANKS Du-Bol Winnies
- * Food Service – THANKS Mid- Florida Winnies
- * OUTSTANDING entertainment!
- * Good Food – THANKS Rainbow Catering

It takes a TEAM working together to accomplish GREAT things! The Florida State Winnie Gators appreciate all the time and expertise from everyone that made this event a **SENSATIONAL** success!





WIT is celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year! The festival in Woodstock NY was held in 1969 . . .also the fortieth anniversary. So, we are celebrating WITSTOCK in Forest City IA in July! Make your plans now. Check the WIT Magazine or the web site for all the information and get your reservation into the WIT office!



Chapter of Excellence forms are due by May 15th! Bring to May meeting or send to Nancy; be sure to include the form and a chapter member roster!

A new charity will be voted on at the May meeting. Bring your suggestions and information for consideration.



The May meeting will include an evaluation of the State Rally; if you have suggestions/comments, please send to Nancy (email or snail mail). We will also be making final plans for GNR, so come prepared to share your thoughts and ideas.

Future Campouts—Mark Your Calendars

October 16-18, 2009	Sun-N-Fun, Sarasota FL
January 15-17, 2010	Lee Civic Center, North Fort Myers FL
March 11-14, 2010	"Welcome to Bago Bago Island", Orlando FL

May Meeting
Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc.
Rally Park, Seffner FL
 6210 County Rd #579 (Exit 10) and I-4
 May 15 – 17, 2009

All activities will be in the clubhouse

Thursday, May 14th – early arrivals

4:00p Happy Hour – BYOB and snacks
 5:00p Dinner on your own
 7:00p Games of your choice at the clubhouse

Friday, May 15th

8:00a Breakfast on your own or at Lazy Days Café
 10:00a Executive Committee Meeting
 11:00a Flea Market – bring your donations of things you no longer use – sell or swap! Put your name and phone number on items so you can be contacted by buyers! Items can stay on display for the rest of the day.
 12:00p Lunch on your own or at Lazy Days Café
 2:00p Board of Directors Meeting – State Officers and Chapter Presidents (or representative)
 4:00p Happy Hour, beer & wine will be provided. A – M bring snacks. 50/50 Raffle
 6:00p Catered Dinner
 7:00p Games of your choice at the clubhouse

Saturday, May 16th

8:30a Catered Breakfast
 10:00a General Membership Meeting
 11:00a TOILET PAPER OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONIES. The remainder of the afternoon come and participate in the games! Prizes will awarded based on skill – and luck! You don't want to miss this!
 3:30p TOILET PAPER OLYMPICS CLOSING CEREMONIES. Happy Hour begins – beer & wine will be provided – N – Z bring snacks. "Caloosa Winnies Raffle Chicks and Roosters" will make their debut – buy your tickets to claim exciting prizes!
 6:00p Catered Dinner
 7:00p Games of your choice in the clubhouse

Sunday, May 17th

8:30a Continental Breakfast – donuts and bagels, bring your coffee cups!

Registration due by May 1, 2009

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