



# WINNIE-GATE

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The October rally was held at the Sun N Fun Resort located in Sarasota Florida. Fortunately there were no hurricanes this year to hamper our fun. Members began arriving early on Wednesday and Thursday. Many members gathered for happy hour and dinner on Wednesday evening and again for breakfast on Thursday morning. The rally officially started on Friday with a total of 44 coaches. Happy hour began at 3:00 followed by a catered dinner. After dinner members were on their own and many played cards and games in the clubhouse. Saturday started out with a full breakfast followed by the General Membership meeting. Jeannie Beckner and Barbara Trent each won \$30 in the "50/50" drawing. After the meeting many members attended the Flea Market/Yard Sale sponsored by Sun N Fun, others spent time at the pool and several people headed over to the Tervis Tumbler factory store in Osprey. In addition RV World of Nokomis had several coaches on display for members to look at. They also sponsored a wine and cheese party in the afternoon that was well attended. Saturday evening activities included Bingo and other games at the clubhouse. Several different members won Big Bucks. Sunday morning concluded activities with a continental breakfast, after which everyone packed up and headed home.

For Winnie-Gators By-Law Article XI.B.5 the amount (\$300) should be deleted and the following inserted "An expense allowance, amount to be determined and voted on by a majority of the members will be given to the Club President . . ." This motion was passed by the membership and will be sent to Forest City, Iowa for approval.

The following is the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee for 2007:

|                                |                              |
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| President                      | Linda and Dan Tuzzolo        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Marcel and Barbara Drapeau   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Gene and Nancy Vanaman       |
| Treasurer                      | Barbara and Peter Schmittzeh |
| Secretary                      | Charlene and Terry Busch     |

**Voting will be held during our January outing.**

Bud Geng congratulated Gene Vanaman on receiving the Best of Show award at GNR held in Forest City, Iowa in July. The clock is a Stately European style that chimes on the quarter hour. It is 36 ½ wide and 8 ½ inches deep with many compound cuts. Gene says it took about 450 hours and about 5 ½ months to complete. It is truly a work of fine craftsmanship.



At the General Meeting Bud Geng indicated that we need to make a by-law change to allow more money for the club president to attend GNR. In past years the dollar amount was \$300 and is not enough to offset travel expenses. The following language was suggested to make this change:

Save those pull-tabs and give them to Phil Halstead at the January outing. In October Phil collected 96,800 pull-tabs weighing in at 60.5 pounds. The average rate paid for the pull-tabs is \$1.00 per pound. The pull-tabs will be given to Dogs for the Deaf.

Notes from the First Southeast Regional WIT Rally in Perry, Georgia. There were a total of 201 coaches representing 23 states, including 60 coaches from Florida.

