

# The Winnie Gate

A Newsletter for Members of the Florida State Winnie Gators  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Thanks to our friends Carole & Ed Gies, Gayle Putman, Debbie Mosteter, Paula Geng, Tom Mosteter, Bud Geng and Pete Putman for visiting when they had many other things to do!

Greetings to all our Winnie Gators!

First let me say what a blessing it is to be able to write this message! As most of you know while helping to get the grounds set up at GNR I spent from July 5th to July 20th in Mercy Hospital undergoing tests and Triple Bypass Heart Surgery! With no previous history or symptoms this was a surprise, and Nancy and I are truly thankful for the expert care I received. As I am writing this now we are still in Iowa until my Cardiac Rehab and doctor visits are done. We are lucky to have found this city campground in Mason City with excellent facilities and also lucky we have the RV to recuperate! We are getting out now and doing tourist things and will begin our journey to Florida in September. We are looking forward to our October meeting and we hope to see you all there!

# Thanks

NANCY, The Winnie Gators Director Speaking:

THANKS does not seem to be enough to say to everyone who pitched in to help at GNR. With Jerry otherwise occupied, all the plans and tasks for Florida still had to be addressed.

I was so proud of our Florida TEAM of folks who just came together to get the jobs done.

Corinne Wightman took the list of things to do and ran with it! Chris Ross also pitched in with Corinne. David Nobert was in charge of the float and his crew including Bud Swift and Tom Zopff did an OUTSTANDING job! All the ladies who served food at our tent, and the bartenders, in 100 degrees plus heat—you were awesome! I was very stressed at our situation and thankful for so many of you who offered information, help, and those who helped move our coach—Tom, Mike Sofarelli, Bob & Kathy Olson, Randy & Rene Arrowsmith—you are the BEST! All the others who gathered every day—THANKS for being there for us and being our friends!

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### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Nominations for officers will take place at our October meeting!  
If you are interested in being added to the ballot for any position  
contact Nancy Miller, 239-565-3115 or  
nmiller1213@yahoo.com



**2013 Dues** are being accepted now and all dues should be paid by January 1, 2013. The membership application is on our web site [www.winniegators.org](http://www.winniegators.org). It's easy to use. Just fill in the blanks hit print and mail it along with your \$15.00 check to our Secretary Christine Ross.



TOM ZOPFF  
SUPERHERO

Thanks to Tom for being my go to person at GNR!

Signed,  
Nancy

### **RALLY PIN & T-SHIRT DESIGN!**

*Calling all artists!!!!*

If you are creative we need you to design our March Rally Pin.  
This years theme is "Kartoon Karavan"  
The criteria for the pin design is located on our Winnie Gators Website  
[www.winniegators.org](http://www.winniegators.org).

Bring your designs to the October meeting and we will vote on a winner!!!



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

October 19-21 2012 Alligator Park, Punta Gorda, Florida (NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE)  
January 18-20, 2013 Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Florida  
March 21-24, 2013 Florida State Rally Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, Florida  
May 10-12, 2013 Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, Florida  
October 18-20, 2013 Blueberry Hill Resort, Bushnell, Florida



TO  
CORINNE & CHRIS:

THREE CHEERS to you for taking over at GNR!  
Your leadership kept the Florida Row on track!



THANKS to everyone who played Beanbag Baseball on our team at GNR!! They won games and we are PROUD of our team! SPECIAL THANKS to Mike Sofarelli for volunteering to be the Team Captain! Our sideline cheerleaders were there for support—we appreciate you all!!!



### **SAVE YOUR CANS!!**

**We need some empty beer cans for the October meeting!**  
**Save some for us and bring them to the meeting! They will be used for a game then we will recycle them! THANKS for your help!!**



**Winnie Gators Website**  
Remember to visit our website often. There are great pictures of GNR posted and past campouts.

Find March Rally information and October meeting info!

Also you can find out how to restring your day night shades and other great information.  
Look at other members RV's for sale and other sale items.

**SO CHECK IT OUT AND DO SO OFTEN!**

**GNR 2013**  
**"WIT'S WILD WEST"**  
**JULY 21-26**

**Hey partners!!**  
**Dig out those cowboy shirts and boots!**  
**SAVE THESE DATES!**  
**MAKE YOUR PLANS!**

**You can't miss this!!**



To Susan Kiefer  
for all the pictures  
from GNR!

To everyone who shared pictures  
with us via email—THANKS!!

### VENDORS WANTED!

If you have a vendor you would like to suggest  
for our March Rally, tell the vendor to check out  
our website for all vendor information!

[www.winniegators.org](http://www.winniegators.org)

## MARCH RALLY NOTES

SAVE THE DATES!!

March 21—24, 2013  
CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Check out this scheduled rally entertainment::



**Friday night: Rob Vollmar, D.J. playing music for listening & dancing**

**Saturday night: Entertainment Revue—return engagement!**  
(These young ladies will sing and dance their way into your heart!)

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**



### A FEW CHANGES COMING UP!

You will notice our October meeting will have a few new things on the agenda! In order to keep the costs at our current prices, the officers made the decision to change our food serving when it's appropriate with the meeting facility. This meeting the officers will prepare and serve Walking Tacos (a GNR born delicacy!) and other

accompaniments. Saturday breakfast will be served by Alligator Park, included in your registration fee. Saturday dinner the officers will serve homemade Beef Barbecue and we are asking each coach family to bring a dish to make it Potluck meal. With catered food prices on the rise, we want to try different ideas. All the information is on the agenda included in this newsletter. If there are any questions or comments about the changes, you may email Jerry at [jerry.miller828@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.miller828@gmail.com). Our goal is to offer the best possible meetings for your enjoyment!



### COMICS WANTED!

Instead of throwing the comics  
section of your Sunday newspaper in  
the recycle bin we need to collect a **BUNCH** of  
comics! If you can save them for us, bring some  
to the October and January meetings! We would  
appreciate your help! They will be turned into  
table covers for the March Rally since our theme  
is "Kartoon Karavan"! **PRIZES** will be given to the  
chapter that brings the most comics to each  
meeting! (We believe incentives are important!)

GUYS!



GALS!

Are you interested to auditioning for our HULA  
TEAM?

WE NEED HULA DANCERS!

If you're interested in this challenge for FUN—  
contact Nancy Miller via email or at the Octo-  
ber meeting!



**We have Winnie Gators cookbooks for sale! \$10 each!**  
**If you didn't get your copy or want additional copies**  
**they will be available at the October and January**  
**meetings while the supply lasts!**

SUMMER WILL BE WINDING DOWN SOON AND THINGS WILL COOL OFF IN FLORIDA!! HOPEFULLY YOU ALL HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO USE YOUR RV AND TRAVEL THIS SUMMER. ALL THE WINNIE GATORS OFFICERS ARE ANXIOUS TO KICK OFF OUR CAMPING SEASON AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL! STAY SAFE AND **HEALTHY**—COME TO THE BASH AT ALLIGATOR PARK!