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SPRING RALLY AND ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for Escapees Chapter 16, Georgia Azaleas, was held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Spring Rally at Willow Valley RV Resort in Rabun Gap, Georgia. Officers were elected and the camping group had a fantastic time being together in the north Georgia mountains.



L-R: Dave Porter, Wagon Master; Larry McClure, Vice President, Joe Maltese, President; Steve Masterson, Officer at Large; Julie Smith, Secretary; Joy Maltese, Historian Assistant. Not pictured are Dennis McCarley, Treasurer and Kaye Minchew, Historian.

JUNE GATHERING



These happy campers enjoyed fellowship and fun at the June gathering at 411 River Crest Campground near Chatsworth, Georgia from June 17-20, 2021. L-R Front Row: Bruce Partin, Janice Partin, Peggy Cochran. L-R Second Row: Larry McClure, Mimi McClure, Bonnie Wilkey, Greg Wilkey, Donna Loudermilk, Don Loudermilk, Charles Earhart.

CHAPTER 16 QUILT PROJECT

Donna Porter and Joy Maltese have been busy creating a beautiful quilt that will benefit CARE, in Livingston, Texas- which is the headquarters for Escapees and is a facility for folks who still live in an RV but no longer are able to travel. This quilt will either be auctioned as a fundraiser for CARE or sent there for use by a lucky person. This quilt will be displayed at the August gathering in Crossville, Tennessee. If you are interested in quilting or financially supporting these quilting efforts-please contact Joy Maltese at joym201@yahoo.com or call her at 706-302-0141.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS,
PEGGY COCHRAN AND CHARLES
EARHART
TO GEORGIA AZALEAS CHAPTER 16!**

A NOTE FROM JOE MALTESE, PRESIDENT

Hello fellow Azaleas! Momentum has begun to gather as the situation with COVID improves. We are all getting out and are getting active again. This has been evident in the energy and momentum we have seen in this Chapter. We have new members, we are beginning to meet and spend time together more, and one can sense more energy evolving in this young Chapter!

Thanks to all the officers for their work and to Dave Porter as our Wagon Master. A special thanks goes to our “Officer at Large” Steve Masterson who has brought so much guidance and service as we pick up after the COVID pause and move into the future! Make sure you visit the Georgia Azaleas website which is www.gaazaleas.weebly.com and our Facebook Page listed as the Georgia Azaleas to see the latest. We urge all members to not just monitor but to engage in using the Facebook page for sharing updates and activity on Chapter 16 and the RV Lifestyle.

There is a lot of activity underway and some exciting and enjoyable events coming up. Stay tuned and attend and participate when we meet up! Julie and Kendall Smith are representing us at the national Escapade in Wyoming in July and will display our new banner there and keep us updated via

Facebook. As always, I look forward to hearing from you about ideas and suggestions you may have. Contact me at 2jmaltese@att.net or 706-594-9374.

\$\$\$\$ Financial Report \$\$\$\$

Dennis McCarley, treasurer, reports the beginning balance for Chapter 16, Georgia Azaleas was \$882.39. The latest bank statement for the chapter shows a balance of \$601.36. A banner and stand were created and supplies purchased to be used at the Escapade in Rock Springs, Wyoming at the national gathering of Escapees that totaled \$221.03

FUTURE CAMPING DATES!

Our chapter made the decision to camp every other month together. Additional dates will be added in the near future. The following dates should be added to your camping calendar.

August 26-29, 2021 at Spring Lake RV Resort in Crossville, Tennessee

<https://www.springlakervtn.com/>

October 21-24, 2021 at Windmere Cove Resort in Langston, Alabama <https://www.windmerecove.com/>

April 15-17, 2022 SKP Boot Camp and April 18-24, 2022 SKP ACRE Rally at River Vista RV Resort in Dillard, Georgia <https://rvmountainvillage.com/>



About Georgia Azaleas - Escapes Chapter 16

The Georgia Azaleas is known also as Chapter 16 of the national RV association ESCAPEES. Chapter 16 is one of many Chapters and “Birds of a Feather” groups that spread across the country, gathering RVers with common and various interests that enjoy the RV lifestyle. To understand more about the national Escapes please visit their web site at www.escapes.com

As part of this vast national organization of RVers, the Georgia Escapes is established to bring the Escapes organization and experience to Georgia. We gather to provide social and recreational activities. The Chapter works to provide opportunities for members to be together through social and/or charitable activities. Activities may be of a wide variety of interests associated with RV’ing. Rallies, informal camping hangouts, luncheons, planned chapter outings and visits to area attractions and sporting events, and/or holiday get-togethers with other members are just some of the experiences we offer. The Chapter strives

to create opportunities for club members to interact with each other, which may include nationally organized “Birds of a Feather” groups for members who share special interests associated with RV’ing (such as computers on the road, biking and hiking, amateur radio, pets, quilters, and more).

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HAPPY SUMMER TO
THE GEORGIA
AZALEAS!