

The Oregon chapter held it's April rally at Bandon by the Sea RV Park in Bandon, Oregon, on Hwy 101. Coastal weather can be quite changeable this time of year and Mother Nature didn't disappoint. She changed by the minute! But with an awesome clubhouse at our disposal for activities the weather had little chance of dampening our spirits.

Our lovely hosts were unable to attend the whole weekend, Deandra had a medical issue with her eye so Susan made the trip from Portland to the south coast to deliver the chapter supplies, prizes for games and the wonderful cookies, "Earth Day" cupcakes (chocolate, with chocolate frosting and chocolate crumbles and gummy worms!) that Deandra baked and the continental breakfast supplies for the weekend. Thank you, Susan and Deandra!

Although many arrived earlier in the week, the rally officially started with pot luck Friday at dinner. Introductions were made, old friends and new friends welcomed and everyone ate aplenty. After dinner and walking our furry kids, some chose to return to the clubhouse to play games. We had a few new recruits who wanted to learn what has become our official chapter card game – Square 9. \$3 buck buy-in, 2 bits a hand for great fun.



Saturday was a mix of business and fun. We started the morning with a continental breakfast, followed by a chapter business meeting. After lunch Michelle Pelkey held a zoom convention meeting that many chapter members attended along with others around the country (and I believe even from Baha) participating via zoom. Then we played "Earth Day" bingo, led by Dorothy Pasch with handmade gnomes made by Deandra for prizes. The hosts also filled a huge plastic bottle with plastic bottle caps for a "guess how many" competition. June Willoughby won a gnome by guessing 26 under the correct amount. Anne Mansavage also came close by guessing 27 over the correct amount! Dinner was pot luck and what an assortment of delectable dishes were presented, equal to any 5-star restaurant! While dinner was ebbing, we held our raffle of a quilt made by Joan Lease and Paulette Beliveau and 3 wall hangings made by Joan. Pamela Lee was the first name drawn and she was thrilled to win the quilt. Games followed and we opened two tables for Square 9 and another for Mexican Train.

Saturday also saw a low, low tide and the "Circles in the Sand" people were doing their thing down on the beach. Some of our members braved the morning drizzle and fog and went to view the sandy artwork. Others took advantage of the tide to visit some tide pools that are otherwise under water.



Members also visited "Old Town Bandon" to peruse the wonderful assortment of small businesses in that part of town.





Kelly Loykasek

Karen Rathbun



Sunday began with a continental breakfast and the christening of 4 new member and/or "new to you" rigs. With champagne poured on a tire, we wish the owners safe and happy travels. Some members had to leave on Sunday; goodbyes and promises to see each other soon were said and those remaining retreated to their rigs to enjoy some quiet time. Members were left to do whatever they chose to do.



Ann Mansavage

Judi Purkiss & friend



Sunday dinner was at Billy Smoothboar's, a restaurant very close to the park. The food was good, the waitress was very good and the company of friends, old and new, was the best!