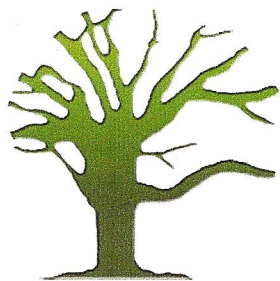


THE FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Washington Oaks Gardens State Park and Faver-Dykes State Park

The Washington Oaks Administration July/August/September 2010



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The View from My Branch

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On July 1st the Friends of Faver-Dykes merged their memberships with the Friends of Washington Oaks. Your Board voted unanimously in January to accept their memberships if and when they decided to dissolve their corporation. Within the Florida Park System, the two Parks are known as the "Washington Oaks Administration" and our CSO agreement is with the Washington Oaks Administration.

This newly merged organization will provide Friends admission to both Parks and everyone will be able to enjoy the benefits of both. Friends of Washington Oaks will now have access to camping, a boat launch, canoe and kayak rentals, new hiking trails, saltwater and fresh water fishing and new volunteer opportunities. The Friends generate income at Faver-Dykes from firewood, ice, merchandise and donations. Their income will be tracked and Park Improvements for Faver-Dykes will be paid for from those funds. We will also oversee the Faver-Dykes Endowment Fund for the benefit of Faver-Dykes State Park.

I am excited about the opportunities this merger provides for all members and I hope you will plan a visit in the near future to Faver-Dykes State Park off US 1 North, at the I 95 exit.

Included with this issue is the Summary of Accomplishments for 2009 - 2010. It is a testament to all the efforts, ideas, energies and labor that you willingly gave to the Friends. Additionally, we have provided the Summary of Goals and Priorities for 2010 - 2011. As you will see, we are committed to major FUND raising and construction for the next two years, as well as continuing with our successful programs from the past.



A Big Welcome to our Faver-Dykes Friends

2009 - 2010 Memberships Exceed Goal

The Friends surpassed the Membership Goal of 300 with a June 30th total of 320 for a 26% increase over the 254 June 2009 total. The majority of the new memberships came via the Gift Shop. We have 11 Patrons at the \$100 level, 31 Supporters at the \$50 level and 10 lifetime members. The Lifetime members are:

John & Elayne Byrd
Jane Culpepper
William & Maxine Ference
Peter & Sue Freytag
Richard & Jackie Hamilton

Richard & Lynette Jaffee
Robert & Elizabeth Kiffney
Alan & Delores Lastinger
Richard & Eugenie Louttit
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The Board of Directors has set a goal of 400 for the 2010 - 2011 Fiscal Year.



