



THE PETERSON SPIRIT AWARD

WINNERS FOR MAY 2020

As we celebrate four decades of serving RVers, we want to observe and uphold the spirit of our founders, Joe and Kay Peterson, and the feelings of community fostered through caring and sharing. To do this, we have created the Peterson Spirit Award, a prestigious honor to be granted to Escapees members who demonstrate our core values by going over and above the expectations of others in order to support a fellow RVer in need.



Jeff Bohrer #141435

Event Date: November 2019

Description:

Two ladies got stuck in the gravel in the desert by Stewards Point in Nevada. They weren't Xscapers; they were simply boondockers driving on the wrong road. Jeff was the first one who offered to pull them out. The van was deep in the gravel, unable to move. Along with Malachi, it took them an hour of digging in the dirt, but they kept trying until they finally got them free. The ladies were grateful; without their help it would have been costly to hire a wrecker to pull them out of there.

Worthiness:

What is great about Jeff is that people don't even have to ask his help; he offers right away when he finds out that you are having an issue with your rig. He is knowledgeable and is not afraid to get dirty. He helped me multiple times and I know if I have a problem, I can count on him. I believe he deserves this award and many would agree; I believe he should be recognized.



Jay and Tamara North #138663

Event Date: January 2020

Description:

Jay and Tamara are always willing to go above and beyond to help others. Recently, they organized a "Houseless for the Homeless" event, which brought several families together to stuff bags with snacks and toiletries for distribution to homeless people. In addition to this good deed, they recently traveled several hours away from where they were staying to help out a fellow RVer in need during an emergency, stayed with her overnight and then helped out further by accompanying her to another city several hours away.

Worthiness:

Jay and Tamara are always willing to help out other RVers, often without being asked to do so. It is in the spirit of Escapees to lend a hand if you can, and pay it forward.





Diana and George Ruelens #77390

Event Date: December 2019



Description:

We nominate Diana and George Ruelens #77390, who always go out of their way to help someone or to lead Boomer BoF events. We and hundreds of other Boomers have enjoyed Quartzsite's Boomerville, where they were hosts for many years as well as the Boomer Crabfest, which they also hosted for many years. In addition, we have been the recipients of individual "caring and sharing" when we have stayed in the dry-camp area of Jojoba Hills Escapees RV Park in our truck camper. When George or Diana knew ahead that we were coming, they called and told us about events that we may want to attend or asked if we wanted event tickets. Since we don't have a tow vehicle, it's often a nuisance to pack up and drive the camper to events up the hill if the weather is bad or to take the propane tank to be filled. George continually offered to pick us up and return us to the camper if we needed or wanted a ride. He took our propane to be filled and brought it back. George even drove us to the store in Aguanga, California, when we needed milk. When we were leaving for a cruise for five weeks and had to turn off our refrigerator, Diana refrigerated some of our food for us. We used their address for our mail forwarding and passports with visas for China when we needed an address for the passport return. We and many Boomers feel loved and cared for when Diana and George are around.

Worthiness:

We have always felt welcome at almost every SKP park, but Diana and George went "above and beyond" what anyone else has ever done to make us feel welcome and cared for. As hosts of Boomerville and the Crabfest, they also went beyond what most hosts do at such events to be sure everyone felt welcome and was included in the events.

Nominator Information

Lawrence and Joyce Space #61818

Thank you all for your contributions to the community!

Kelly Beasley #120701

Event Date: November 2019

Description:

Kelly is a great example of the Xscapers' spirit and directly demonstrates Escapees values through her efforts to protect and preserve our beautiful public lands. While boondocking on BLM land with a group of club members, Kelly organized and initiated a trash clean-up that resulted in filling an entire truck bed of garbage to be disposed of properly. I wish we could nominate the entire group, but according to the award guidelines it is too many people. The least we can do is nominate Kelly for her leadership and initiative to take action.



Worthiness:

Kelly's efforts set examples for others to follow and help continue the values and philosophies Escapees is founded upon.

NOMINATE SOMEONE!

You will need their name and member number (also referred to as SKP #), plus your name, your contact information, a description of the action or behavior for which you are nominating them and an explanation of why you feel this action is worthy of the award. Recipients will be selected from the submitted nominations on a rolling basis by the Escapees RV Club's Board of Directors.

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