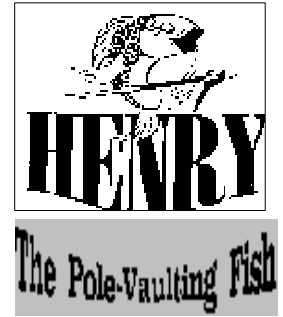




# Wakulla Riverfront

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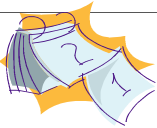
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee: Ron Piasecki, President; Julie Harrington, Vice President; Trudy Thompson, Treasurer; Ann Kennedy, Secretary  
Board of Directors: Lynn Artz, Cheryl Creel, Margaret Davis, John Epler, Cal Jamison, Lou Kellenberger, Jack Leppert, Sean McGlynn, Stacie Phillips, Crystal Wakoa



**Important Dates:** February 13, 2011: Annual Gathering  
April 1 & 2, 2011: Wildlife Festival  
May 21, 2011: Friends 5K Run—Grand Prix



## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year and I hope everyone is ready for Spring to come. However, before we have Spring we need to have the Friends Annual Gathering.

This year we will meet at the Lodge on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the Sunday after the Superbowl.

Again this year the Friends are paying for the “High Tea” food that also includes some “Guy Food” and even scones. The events start with a guided tour of the new “Tree Trail” which Eagle Scout Gil Damon has just finished as part of his Eagle Scout project. This tour starts at 12:30 PM. Registration will start at 1:00 PM. We will also have a cash bar available and we will be entertained by Ernest Toole who has a great way of singing songs about Old Florida.

Madeleine Carr will also make a presentation on her new book about the very beautiful ceiling at the Lodge and will have books available for purchase.

After our normal business meeting, where we will elect the Board of Directors for 2011, we will all have a chance for a boat ride.

We have also included all the bios for the current Board members seeking re-election and the five new candidates for Board positions.

I am sad to say we had three Board members resign this past year due to conflicting schedules. We already miss Della Parker Hanson, Stacey Phillips and Cheryl Creel.

The five new candidates for the Board bring some very

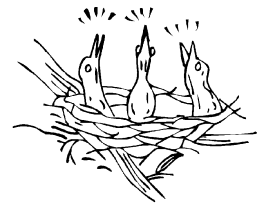
strong backgrounds that we feel will be of major help to the Friends. The new candidates are Dr. Andrea Carter, Cynthia Paulson, Ricardo Schneider, Richard Stafford and Cliff Thaeil. I feel once you read their bios you will also see what a great wealth of talent they bring to the Board.

I hope to see you all at our Annual Gathering on February 13<sup>th</sup>

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## SILENT ART AUCTION

One of the major events during our annual gathering will be our silent auction of original art works that have been donated to the Friends by Richard Stafford who is not only a Friends member but one of the proposed new candidates for the Board of Directors.



We have selected around 25 of Richard’s paintings to be sold during the day of our meeting. We will have a nominal starting price of between \$25-\$50 dollars for these paintings. Since they have been donated to the Friends, the purchase price of these paintings will be a donation to the Friends and should be tax deductible.

This has been a major gift from Richard to the Friends and we hope it will end up being one of our major fund raising events this year. For those paintings that do not sell, we will offer them and others at the Wildlife Festival and then post them online on our website for direct purchase.

Richard has also furnished us the following information about how he got started in painting.

*"I decided one day that I needed a hobby. I went to Pearl's Art Supply in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and spent \$100.00 on paints, brushes, canvas and 'How to' books (this was 40 years ago so the buck went further). I immediately fell in love with painting and have stayed with it since then.*

*I have had no formal training, but several good instructors. To this day, I really don't know what led me to art, but something sure has kept me interested.*

*I love to go out and paint Plein Aire and do so as often as possible, usually only on weekends as I was also working full time as a Purchasing Agent for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. I am currently into my third year as president of the Talleon Independent Artist group, and I am always looking out for a place for members to show their works, please contact me if you know of any place.*

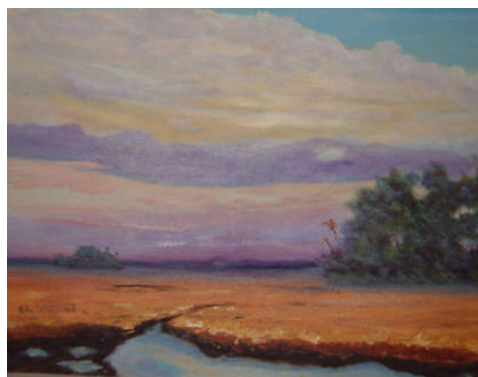
*I retired about two years ago, so that now I have the time to paint. I do it more for my love of painting than for money. I work mostly in oil now, but enjoy pen/ink and watercolor.*

*I enjoy Plein Aire, but do some work from photographs. I try to focus on nature scenes (you know the ones that are too quickly becoming parking lots); old building, rivers, seascapes, and will gladly do commission works.*

*I have had works on display at Capital City Country Club, Florida Art Center, Brush & Palette, Artopia, House of 10,000 Frames, 621 Gallery, Brush & Palette, Havana, Sea Oates Art Gallery, St. George Island, Mexico Beach, Apalachicola.*

*I am always looking for other things to paint with, so as a seasoned salty old painter venturing out for new subject matter to paint, give me a call, I might stop by to paint your favorite scene."*

Following are several of Richard's paintings so you can see the style and quality of this fine art work.



**Election of New Directors**

Andrea Carter  
Cynthia Paulson  
Ricardo Schneider  
Richard Stafford  
Cliff Thael

**Re Election of Directors**

John Epler  
Julie Harrington  
Jack Leppert  
Sean McGlynn  
Ron Piasecki  
Trudy Thompson



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**Andrea Carter**

1. Briefly describe your historical connection to Wakulla Springs and the Park.

Although I began teaching at Wakulla High School in 1972, I have enjoyed many professional and personal visits to the Springs since my college days at FSU, but the most significant of these was that my husband and I spent our honeymoon at the Springs in June, 1982. When our children were very young, our idea of a get-away was to find a baby-sitter for 24 hours, during which we would leave home about 3:00 in the afternoon on a Saturday, check into the lodge, enjoy a swim in the Springs, dinner at the lodge, a wonderful, quiet evening playing checkers, talking, or just quietly reading (without interruption!!), spend the night, enjoy a great breakfast, then return home by early afternoon on Sunday. It felt like a two week vacation!



2. Do you feel you have a good sense of the various goals and activities of the Friends or would you like to have more briefing time with current members?

I have attended annual meetings and read newsletters of the organization, but I would not pretend to have a complete understanding of the goals and activities of the Board. A brief orientation, or an opportunity to read the board's minutes from the past year would be helpful background, but not necessary.

After a few meetings, during which I would expect to mostly listen and ask questions, it will probably be apparent what are the primary needs of the Springs and priorities of the Board.

3. What, and to what extent, are your motivations for participation?

I have always believed that whatever time, talents and treasure I have should be used for the benefit of others. In my retirement, I have tried to serve the community in those areas where I have passionate interests: education and the environment. Service on the Friends Board is consistent with these values as well as the importance of the Springs to me as one of my very favorite places on earth.

4. Please provide us with a bit of your educational, professional and avocational interests and background.

I am a native Floridian, who was born and raised in Tampa, Florida, graduating from Chamberlain High School there. I hold a bachelor's and master's degree in home economics and a Ph.D. in educational administration, all from Florida State University. I have been a public school teacher and administrator in Leon, Wakulla and Liberty counties, serving on the board of trustees of Tallahassee Community College. In Wakulla County, I have been active at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, I serve on the extension office (IFAS) and 4-H advisory committees, the Republican Executive Committee, and volunteered with the Green Living Expo.

5. Can you identify some interest areas, both general or specific, in which you would want to contribute? Examples- administrative support, e.g. financial management and investing, legal, biological research, publicity and other communications, hydrological understandings, historical or biological understanding, facilities or boat maintenance, political advocacy, and the list goes on. Don't select from the above, but please help us define your interests.

*Administrative support, financial investing, legal issues, political advocacy and history of the Springs would be my areas of interest and, hopefully, contribution. I am especially interested in helping to ensure that the Springs continues to be available to the public in as pristine a state as possible.*

6. Recognizing fully that we all are engaged in competing time and distance responsibilities, please assess your ability to contribute time, energy, and skills to the ongoing work of the Board.

*I commit to attending meetings of the Board and working on at least one committee on a project or purpose adopted by the board. My typical summer schedule involves 2-3 months of travel, which would be my only barrier to service.*

7. Are you on other boards or do you engage in other civic activities that might conflict with, or complement, your ability to publicly advocate for the goals of our board?

*At this time, I do not believe any of my other activities would conflict with the board's goals or activities.*

8. Have you been sufficiently briefed on the purposes, goals and processes of the board to the extent that you could commit to partner with us or do you feel you would need a bit more time and information about our purposes?

*Trudy Thompson has answered all my questions, and I am prepared to serve, should I be elected.*

9. Do you have any business, family, or political obligations that you sense may, from time to time, impede your ability to be an independent advocate for Wakulla Springs State Park? Simply describe any . We all have limitations.

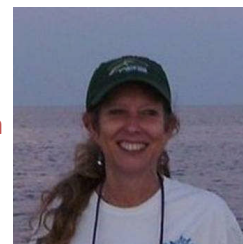
*I would offer the same answer as #6 above. I have no business interests that intersect with the Springs, nor do I have any family members who are or have ever been employed by the Springs.*

10. Would you like to further engage in a private or small group discussion about any of the above questions, or pose a few of your own to current members, so that you might better evaluate your interest and ability to contribute to our Board? How can we assist you in further evaluating this "opportunity"?

*Not necessary*

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Cynthia D. Paulson



1. Briefly describe your historical connection to Wakulla Springs and the Park.

*I am a native Floridian who moved as a child to this area from St. Petersburg in 1968. I remember coming to swim in Wakulla Springs with my high school friends in the 1970's. The best part of visiting the Springs was hanging out at the snack bar pavilion and bath-house where there was always lots of teenage presence. The social feature was even better than actually swimming in the Springs which was what we led our parents to believe we were doing. It was so authentically a natural Florida visitor and local attraction which we all loved then, but I know I appreciate even more as an adult.*

*I spent my wedding night in one of the big beautiful rooms of the lodge overlooking the Springs in the early 1980's. Shortly thereafter, we homesteaded on 5 acres located less than 3 miles away from Wakulla Springs where I raised my family and lived for the next 25 years. I took my own children to picnic and swim in the Springs, and later as teens, they met their friends there to do as I had done as a teenager myself (alas, no more thriving snack bar pavilion and bath-house). My eldest son's first employment was as a busboy in the dining room of the lodge. I chauffeured him back and forth from his shifts more times than I*

*can remember – but I can still see him sharply dressed in his uniform of black slacks and white shirt.*

*I no longer live “down the street” from the park, but remember well the good water that we pumped from our well – water from the same aquifer that directly feeds Wakulla Springs. It was living in this place that I became aware what goes onto the ground also goes into our aquifer directly affecting the water that we drink. It was during these years that I began to appreciate what a true treasure I was blessed to live nearby, how connected we all are to everything around us, and just how precarious this precious natural resource swings in the balance and needs protection.*

*I have countless other fond memories and many happy occasions spent at Wakulla Springs, but in the request for brevity, I will simply muse to myself and smile.*

**2. Do you feel you have a good sense of the various goals and activities of the Friends or would you like to have more briefing time with current members?**

*Only if the briefing requires eating ice cream at the soda fountain of the gift shop.*

**3. What, and to what extent, are your motivations for participation?**

*I was initially approached by Madeleine Carr who felt I would make a good candidate for a Board position which I had not before considered. When I thought it over, it just seemed a natural extension of my personal, civic, and professional interests, so I am submitting this application for your consideration.*

**4. Please provide us with a bit of your educational, professional, and avocational interests and background.**

*I have an undergraduate degree in Vocational Rehabilitation and Psychology from F.S.U. I began my career working with the developmentally disabled.*

*I later earned a certificate in medical transcription and began working with a private physician group in Tallahassee where I have worked and continue to be employed for the past 23 years. I have also taught medical transcription as an adjunct professor at T.C.C. In 2007, I graduated from the Ecotourism Institute of the TCC Wakulla Center as a Certified Green Guide. My creation of Palmetto Expeditions, LLC began as a direct extension of my participation in the program, and became a legal business entity in January 2008. The company serves to promote Wakulla County and the surrounding area as an ecotourism destination, and provides a commercial venue for independent Green Guides to book and market their tours and services. I love travel, entertaining, gardening, and spending time in the outdoors. My particular passion is writing and I surely wish to publish a book someday when I grow up.*

**5. Can you identify some interest areas, both general or specific, in which you would want to contribute? Examples- administrative support, e.g. financial management and investing, legal, biological research, publicity and other communications, hydrological understandings, historical or biological understanding, facilities or boat maintenance, political advocacy, and the list goes on. Don't select from the above, but please help us define your interests.**

*I have very strong organizational and communication skills, and am particularly good at administrative support. I enjoy promotion and marketing. I have a marvelous behind-the-scenes type of personality who loves to network and make things happen.*

**6. Recognizing fully that we all are engaged in competing time and distance responsibilities, please assess your ability to contribute time, energy, and skills to the ongoing work of the Board.**

*I do work a fulltime job which limits my participation in weekday working hour meetings/activities. Often I have the flexibility to juggle my schedule if necessary to accommodate important weekday appointments. I have much more flexibility in the evenings/weekends to contribute to the ongoing work of the Board.*

7. Are you on other boards or do you engage in other civic activities that might conflict with, or complement, your ability to publicly advocate for the goals of our board?

*I assist as a Director for Keep Wakulla County Beautiful, and serve as Media Director for the Florida Green Guide Association. I am an active member of the Wild About Wakulla Consortium. I serve as a member of the District BSA Eagle Scout Review Board. I am a regular contributing columnist for the Forgotten Coastline. I see each of these positions complementing the overall goals of the Board. I do, however, hold a position on the Wakulla County Industrial Development Authority which might impede my ability to publicly represent the direct goals of the Board (but not limit my individual advocacy) in that capacity.*

8. Have you been sufficiently briefed on the purposes, goals and processes of the board to the extent that you could commit to partner with us or do you feel you would need a bit more time and information about our purposes?

*It would be beneficial to review documents that further outline the purposes, goals and processes of the Board for a more thorough understanding, but not essential prior to my agreement and commitment to partner.*

9. Do you have any business, family, or political obligations that you sense may, from time to time, impede your ability to be an independent advocate for Wakulla Springs State Park? Simply describe any. We all have limitations.

*I do not foresee any limitations that prohibit me from always being an independent advocate for Wakulla Springs State Park.*

10. Would you like to further engage in a private or small group discussion about any of the above questions, or pose a few of your own to current members, so that you might better evaluate your interest and ability to contribute to our Board? How can we assist you in further evaluating this

“opportunity”?

*If I am chosen to serve on the Board, I agree to contribute my interests and strengths wherever they are needed the most.*

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Ricardo Schneider

1. Briefly describe your historical connection to Wakulla Springs and the Park.



*I have been in Tallahassee for two years after living in three different countries and traveling the world. I was very impressed when I first visited Wakulla Springs State Park for the diversity of the ecosystem and the need to protect this unique natural treasure. I have been taking visitors and business partners from many different countries to the Springs and all have been astonished by this beautiful place.*

2. Do you feel you have a good sense of the various goals and activities of the Friends or would you like to have more briefing time with current members?

*Ron Piasecki gave me a very good explanation about the goals and activities of the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park.*

3. What, and to what extent, are your motivations for participation?

*My main motivation is to help our local community preserve, promote and increase awareness about this unique natural treasure for future generations.*

4. Please provide us with a bit of your educational, professional and avocational interests and background.

*Hold a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and Executive education from Harvard Business School. I joined Danfoss Turbocor in January 2009 after a very successful tenure with Danfoss where I had been since 1993, leading Danfoss to succeed in the competitive*

global air conditioning market by executing innovative sustainable strategies to address global climate and energy challenges.

5. Can you identify some interest areas, both general or specific, in which you would want to contribute? Examples- administrative support, e.g. financial management and investing, legal, biological research, publicity and other communications, hydrological understandings, historical or biological understanding, facilities or boat maintenance, political advocacy, and the list goes on. Don't select from the above, but please help us define your interests.

Based on my business experience I could provide to the board strategic, administrative, finance management advice as well as finding potential donors to help with specific fund raising projects.

6. Recognizing fully that we all are engaged in competing time and distance responsibilities, please assess your ability to contribute time, energy, and skills to the ongoing work of the Board.

I can attend monthly Board Meetings and at least two hours per month in the evenings for general activities as required.

7. Are you on other boards or do you engaged in other civic activities that might conflict with, or complement, your ability to publicly advocate for the goals of our board?

I am a Trustee Board Member of the FSU Costal & Marine Laboratory.

8. Have you been sufficiently briefed on the purposes, goals and processes of the board to the extent that you could commit to partner with us or do you feel you would need a bit more time and information about our purposes?

I am committed to help and I will have further clarifications from Ron Piasecki to make sure that I will be able to fulfill the expectations if I become a Board Member, taking in consideration my time availability.

9. Do you have any business, family, or politi-

cal obligations that you sense may, from time to time, impede your ability to be an independent advocate for Wakulla Springs State Park? Simply describe any. We all have limitations.

I am running a high technology manufacturing company in Tallahassee that could be seen as potential conflict for someone that does not understand our business and manufacturing process. We are ISO 14001 certified (Environmental Certification) and focus on energy conservation applying state of art of oil free compressor technology.

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I have agreed to meet with Ron Piasecki to further discuss my contribution to the Board prior to the 2nd week of February.

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Richard Stafford

1. Briefly describe your historical connection to Wakulla Springs and the Park.



My wife and I have lived in Tallahassee for approx. 13 years and have visited the park on several occasions, frequently bringing guests and going on boat rides.

2. Do you feel you have a good sense of the various goals and activities of the Friends or would you like to have more briefing time with current members?

I assisted in last year's wild life shows, manning a tent in relief mode. We have taken several trips down the river on the boats. We participated in sorting and gathering items for the recent auction. We have

attended an annual member meeting and the annual picnic. I have made a proposal at a recent Board member meeting.

3. What, and to what extent, are your motivations for participation?

I have been impressed with the park and the people who keep it functioning; I enjoy working with other to achieve a common goal.

4. Please provide us with a bit of your educational, professional and avocational interests and background.

*I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, and grew up in Greencastle, Indiana, a rural community of approximately 9,000—located in west central Indiana.*

*After high school, I attended Indiana State University briefly then left and joined the U.S. navy for what turned out to be a 4-year enlistment. I served aboard a Salvage Ship and Destroyer (Harold J. Ellison DD864). I traveled from Cuba to Newfoundland; from Norfolk to Vietnam, across the equator, through the Mediterranean Sea, and return to the States in November 1966. I received an Honorable Discharge in January 1967 and returned to Indiana State University where I graduated June 1970 with a BS degree in Sociology with a minor in Business.*

*I have worked jobs from Insurance Salesman to Hospital Materials Manager for a Humana Hospital in Plantation, Florida. It was during this job that I decided one day that I needed a Hobby. I went to Pearl's Art Supply in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and spent \$100 on paints, brushes, canvas and "How to" books (this was 40 years ago so the buck went further). I immediately fell in love with painting and have stayed with it since then. I have had no formal training, but several good instructors.*

*To this day, I really don't know what led me to art, but something sure has kept me interested.*

*In 1995 I took a position with State Government in*

*Tallahassee and we (my wife Patty and I) have loved it here ever since.*

5. Can you identify some interest areas, both general or specific, in which you would want to contribute? Examples- administrative support, e.g. financial management and investing, legal, biological research, publicity and other communications, hydrological understandings, historical or biological understanding, facilities or boat maintenance, political advocacy, and the list goes on. Don't select from the above, but please help us define your interests.

*Educational, administrative, and publicity.*

6. Recognizing fully that we all are engaged in competing time and distance responsibilities, please assess your ability to contribute time, energy, and skills to the ongoing work of the Board.

*Anticipate serving to the best of my abilities the functions of board duties as expected.*

7. Are you on other boards or do you engage in other civic activities that might conflict with, or complement, your ability to publicly advocate for the goals of our board?

*Although I have served as President of The Talleon Independent Artists Assoc., I currently do not hold any other offices. I am, however, a current member of Elks lodge 937 in Tallahassee, American Legion #13 in Tallahassee, and VFW lodge 3033 in Tallahassee, FL.*

8. Have you been sufficiently briefed on the purposes, goals and processes of the board to the extent that you could commit to partner with us or do you feel you would need a bit more time and information about our purposes?

*Although I feel I could assist in the accomplishments of the Group. I would like to learn more about the functions, duties and responsibilities of each individual board member, as a Group.*

9. Do you have any business, family, or political obligations that you sense may, from time to time, impede your ability to be an independent advocate for Wakulla Springs State Park? Simply describe any. We all have limitations.

*Only to my family.*

10. Would you like to further engage in a private or small group discussion about any of the above questions, or pose a few of your own to current members, so that you might better evaluate your interest and ability to contribute to our Board? How can we assist you in further evaluating this "opportunity"?

*None at this time, but I will reserve the right to learn as we proceed and all work together to achieve a common stated goal.*

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Cliff Thael



1. Briefly describe your historical connection to Wakulla Springs and the Park.

*My family and I are regular visitors at the Springs. In fact, we've been enjoying the Springs since 1976 when we first arrived. Wakulla Springs is always one of the first places we take our out of town visitors when they are here. As a county commissioner for 16 years, I paid special attention to the health of the Springs. For a period (about 10 years ago), I fought for a policy shift within the City of Tallahassee to move to tertiary treatment of sewage effluent sprayed on the Southeast Farm. The City rejected that approach, at the time, but are now—as a result of the lawsuits that followed - committed to the higher treatment standards.*

2. Do you feel you have a good sense of the various goals and activities of the Friends or would you like to have more briefing time with current members?

*Having spoken at length with Julie Harrington about the post, I feel I have a good grasp of the mission of the Friends.*

3. What, and to what extent, are your motivations for participation?

*Wakulla Springs is a world class treasure and it's right in our own backyard. Thus we all have an obligation and an opportunity to do something really meaningful by working to protect this wonderful resource.*

4. Please provide us with a bit of your educational, professional and avocational interests and background.

*Bachelors Degree, US History and Education, 1970, USF. Business owner, Thael & Associates Marketing and Public Relations, 1986-2006, Leon County Commissioner at Large 1994-2010. Interests include writing, playing tennis, gardening, reading and travel.*

5. Can you identify some interest areas, both general or specific, in which you would want to contribute? Examples- administrative support, e.g. financial management and investing, legal, biological research, publicity and other communications, hydrological understandings, historical or biological understanding, facilities or boat maintenance, political advocacy, and the list goes on. Don't select from the above, but please help us define your interests.

*Probably the best way I can be helpful is through political advocacy. Although I may be also be useful in helping to create marketing strategies for the Friends.*

6. Recognizing fully that we all are engaged in competing time and distance responsibilities, please assess your ability to contribute time, energy, and skills to the ongoing work of the Board.

*I will be available as needed during the next 6 months. We will be traveling during the summer months and perhaps some into the fall. I am always available through phone or internet if I am not physically available.*

7. Are you on other boards or do you engaged in other civic activities that might conflict with, or complement, your ability to publicly advocate for the goals of our board?

*I am involved in other activities and serve on a couple of other boards but do not anticipate a conflict with the Friends.*

8. Have you been sufficiently briefed on the purposes, goals and processes of the board to the extent that you could commit to partner with us or do you feel you would need a bit more time and information about our purposes?

Yes

9. Do you have any business, family, or political obligations that you sense may, from time to time, impede your ability to be an independent advocate for Wakulla Springs State Park? Simply describe any. We all have limitations.

No

10. Would you like to further engage in a private or small group discussion about any of the above questions, or pose a few of your own to current members, so that you might better evaluate your interest and ability to contribute to our Board? How can we assist you in further evaluating this "opportunity"?

*I am comfortable with the information I've received and am available to serve if you choose. Thank you for the consideration.*



**RE-ELECTIONS:**

**John Epler**



John is an aquatic entomologist; he studies insects that are associated with water. He is a world renowned expert on chironomy (non-biting) midges and an expert on Florida's water beetles. He has produced numerous identification manuals for midges, water beetles and water bugs for Florida and the Southeast US, and has named over 35 new species of insects.

John first visited Wakulla Springs in 1961 and has lived near the river for the last 28 years. Needless to say, with a specialty in aquatic insects, he has a strong interest in protecting all bodies of water!

He hopes to continue to furnish the Board with a bit of scientific knowledge concerning important environmental issues.

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**Julie Harrington**



Julie holds a doctorate in Economics and an MS in Fisheries from Auburn University. Her Bachelor's degree was in Fish and Wildlife Management, from Montana State University.

She has been employed at FSU since 2001 as Director (and Asst. Director) of the Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis. Her primary research efforts are in the areas of environmental/natural resources, sustainable energy, aerospace, education and economic development. She is active in community activities ranging from the School of Arts and Sciences Board to grant writing and awards (lakes restoration, aquaculture, community projects, etc.). She has served and is serving on the Tallahassee/Leon County Watershed Policy Board, Florida Lakewatch, Wakulla Spring working group, and the Leon County Septic Advisory Committee (as the FOWS representative). She has served as the VP for FOWS for the last year. She is looking

forward to working with the many Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park, and supporting the primary goals of park preservation, water resources protection, grant writing and education/outreach.

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**Jack Leppert**

Jack has lived in Wakulla County since 1978, and has enjoyed and loved Wakulla Springs since 1954. He has been involved with the Friends as a Board Director since its inception, having served as founding President. Jack has been a very major asset on many issues and continues to monitor the Spray Field Agreement to ensure compliance.



His contributions are otherwise devoted to helping with our fundraising events. He is very devoted to the Park, and to the Friends' mission, and would be happy to serve another term.

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**Sean McGlynn**

It is a pleasure and an honor to be again considered for the Board of Directors of Wakulla Springs. When I was little, that was my favorite place in the world. It still is too, except that sometimes it hurts to see the hydrilla and the algae as well as darker water in the spring. I would like to continue to do all that I can to make it as it once was so that others can appreciate the wonder I felt as a child. I have been involved in the Wakulla Springs water quality monitoring for the past decade.



I am an environmental scientist with over 33 years of experience addressing a wide range of environmental issues. My technical expertise is ecosystem ecology and water quality, vegetative analysis and macroinvertebrate ecology. I am currently the President of McGlynn Laboratories Inc., a nationally accredited environmental laboratory and consulting firm founded

in 1997. Education: BS Biochemistry, LSU, 1977; MA History, FSU, 1989; PhD Biology, Area III, Ecology, FSU 1995.

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**Ron Piasecki**

Ron is a retired Senior Executive of the Federal Government. Prior to his government service Ron spent several years working in industry with AT&T, Southern Railway and the University of Maryland.



Since moving to Wakulla County in 2002 Ron has become very active in community activities. He is the past Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary at Shell Point; started the Wakulla County Citizen's Infrastructure Advisory Committee (past chairman); chairman of Wakulla County Code Enforcement Board; and a member of the FSU Marine Lab Board of Trustees.

For the past couple of years Ron has served as President of the Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park. Along with his wife Angret they publish the Friends quarterly newsletter the Wakulla Riverfront.

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**Trudy Thompson**

Trudy has lived in Wakulla County since 1978, and has enjoyed and loved Wakulla Springs since then. She has been involved with the Friends as a Board Director almost since its inception, having served as President, and currently as Treasurer (since 2006). Her contributions are otherwise devoted to helping with our fundraising events, and being part of the litter patrol of our Adopt-a-Road area. She is very devoted to the Park, and to the Friends' mission, and would be happy to serve another term.



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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

*(Please Print)*

First Name
Last Name
Street
City/Zip/State
Phones
E-mail
<i>How can you help the Friends next year? Your specific ideas are very helpful for projects—so don't be shy—tell us what your strength are:</i>
<input type="radio"/> Membership check enclosed
<input type="radio"/> Students - \$15
<input type="radio"/> Individuals - \$20
<input type="radio"/> Families - \$25
<input type="radio"/> Good Friend - \$50
<input type="radio"/> Best Friend - \$100
<input type="radio"/> Business Friend - \$250
<input type="radio"/> Lifetime Friend membership - \$1000 or more
<input type="radio"/> Please check box if you do not want your name displayed on either our website or printed material

*Please fill out form, enclose membership check, and mail to:*

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