

## NO TWO SNOWBIRDS ARE ALIKE

Just like snowflakes, no two snowbirds are alike. However, they can be categorized in several ways. For instance, there are long-term snowbirds who arrive in October or early November and stay until March or later, and then there are short-term snowbirds who come just for the months of January and February. (Those who come for a shorter term are just called vacationers.) Both groups are dynamic and evolve annually.



Take Sigrid and Arnie Aeschleman for example. They have been long-termers and active snowbird volunteers for many years. However, now that Sigrid has retired from the board of directors, she and Arnie can spend more time enjoying their many grandchildren and the various Illinois functions that include Arnie's veteran activities.

Brenda Murphy, on the other hand, has just retired after 32 years as a director and manager at Camp Crystal in Frankfort, Michigan. Now, she and her husband Dick, (both also retired school teachers) can arrange their schedules to include more time involved with snowbird activities like golf and fishing. In fact, Brenda has volunteered to become the 2019 co-chair of the annual Ladies Golf Scrambles.



For those who are here now, the opportunity to rekindle past friendships and meet new potential friends will be a good reason to attend this Monday's Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at 1 p.m. Another great reason to attend will be to meet Destin's mayor, Gary Jarvis and other Destin dignitaries. After a few welcoming remarks, refreshments will be served and registrations will be accepted until 3 p.m. The fee remains just \$8 in United States currency.

The first general meeting of the season will be held Tuesday, November 27, at 10 a.m. (There will be only one 10 a.m. Tuesday morning meeting until the arrival of the short-term snowbirds when meetings will be split into two gatherings; 8:30 and an 11 a.m.) Registration opportunities will be available beforehand from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.



Kim Cannon will open the season's entertainment with his unique presentation of uplifting, toe tapping cheerful, and possibly some seasonal tunes. For those who don't know, Dr. Cannon has been the Minister of Music at Destin United Methodist Church since 2006. His expertise, however, reaches far beyond the confines of northwest Florida. In fact, he has provided musical programs for many congressional events and has even performed at the White House on multiple occasions. He is a snowbird favorite who gets invited back every year.

Tickets for the Sunday, December 9, Christmas Boat Parade will be for sale at Tuesday's meeting. They tend to sell-out quickly so you might want to arrive early. Also, mark your calendars for the Saturday, December 8, Christmas Street Parade. This annual parade is a community-wide event that the snowbirds have been invited to take part in for many years. We encourage all

snowbirds who enjoy a brisk morning walk to join us. There is nothing quite like passing out colorful beads to little open-handed, wide-eyed observers to put you in the holiday spirit. Snowbird president Jackie Roberson will address the details and parking situation for both events at the meeting.

For those of you who have items you need to retrieve from the storage lockers, the hours of operation are usually Saturday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. Exact dates and more details are posted on our website at [www.destinsnowbirds.org](http://www.destinsnowbirds.org). (Even though the volunteers' information is listed, they ask that you please not contact them for special openings.) The website is also the best place to learn about the various activities and events as well opportunities to become more involved. Please check it out.