

## Snowbirds Flock into Destin

Tuesday realized a whole flock of snowbirds registering during the Big Registration of the Destin Snowbird Club at the Roost in the Destin Community Center. Arriving snowbirds lined up in the sunshine (thank goodness the rain held off) outside the Community Center.



740 people were registered during the two hour period between 1 and 3:00 in the afternoon bringing the number to 1,081 paid and 19 Lifetime for a total of 1,100 snowbirds in the club to date. If you missed Tuesday's registration, the next opportunity for you to sign up in the Destin Snowbird Club will be prior to the first two meetings of the year on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be held beginning at 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. (the first meeting begins at 8:30) and again at 10:00 – 10:45 prior to the 11:00 meeting. Come register, fill out a prize ticket and find a seat to experience the entertainment by David Hall and to attend the membership meeting and prize give-away.

People who registered on Tuesday were from a variety of states and countries. Anders and Jan Hultin from Kristianstad, Sweden, pictured below, are far from home as they registered for the club today.



Registered snowbirds were treated to samples of food provided by vendors who support the club. Saltwater restaurants The Crab Trap, Surf Hut and Floyd's along with O'Quigley's Seafood Steamer and 790 on the Gulf served the newcomers tasty morsels off their menus as an enticement to visiting their restaurants. The food room also provided an opportunity for old friends to get re-acquainted and for new friends to get to know each other.



Food Room Line



O'Quigley's

Registering snowbirds had the opportunity to sign up for a wide variety of activities and to get information on how to keep busy and happy this season during their stay in Destin. Tickets for the Harbor Party Cruise will continue to be on sale (you may purchase as many as you want), Fashion Show tickets are available and tickets for the Soundsations Benefit Concert (Sunday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>) are also available. The Valentine's Dinner Dance, to be held Sunday, February 12 from 5-8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Okaloosa Island also has tickets available for purchase for \$17 per person (buffet) and Bobby D. is the entertainment. Casino trips are each Friday so sign up. Tickets for all these events and more will continue to be available before each meeting beginning next Tuesday, Jan. 10.

TGIT parties (Thank Goodness It's Tuesday) will begin Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and will also be held on Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 from 3-6 p.m. at the Seascape Conference Center. Entertainment and dancing is the main draw and special drink prices will make it a fun place to be. Contact Ray and Cindy Varnell (865-742-9348) if you have questions.



Tareva Henderson and Pat Boone play at the January 17 TGIT Party

Activity groups will begin meeting on a regular basis, so take a look at the activity sheet (or on the web site) and find out when and where they meet and come out to join the fun. The Singles Friendship Club will meet for the first time on Tuesday, Jan. 10 for lunch at Harbor Docks following the 11:00 meeting. Come and meet new people and join the group. Poker meets on Mondays from 6-9 pm at Seascape Conference Center and the quilting group is meeting this year on Wednesdays at 1:30 at the Community Center.

Storage lockers will be open Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> from 8-9 a.m. for item pick-up.

We welcome all of you who have arrived and we hope that you find your second home here to be one where new friendships are formed and an active lifestyle is encouraged. Check out the updates to all information in the Saturday Destin LOG, Sunday NWF Daily News and on our web site at [www.destinsnowbirds.org](http://www.destinsnowbirds.org).

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