



## Hi Lites



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## An interesting but dangerous job

by Margaret Emmetts

Bill Howard, a full time TR resident, worked for CNN first as a studio engineer and later as a satellite engineer.

The latter position involved a great deal of travel to the extent that Howard kept a packed suitcase at hand at all times so he could leave at a moment's notice. He traveled all over the world for his job, often visiting locations that he said tourists not only did not visit, but also would not want to visit. His travels included places like Haiti, Somalia, Kuwait and Russia to name just a few.

Under normal circumstances satellite engineers traveled in pairs. However, on the occasion Howard discussed, he was traveling alone. His task was to deliver satellite equipment to Tehran. CNN thought Howard was on a non-stop flight from Atlanta to Tehran but in actuality he had to make an unannounced stop in a small seaport airport where he would have to change planes. It was Howard's practice to always wear a CNN t-shirt. He did this because CNN held an international cachet which afforded him some degree of personal protection. Political leaders worldwide depend on access to news service and in most cases CNN is that source. They know that harm to CNN personnel would disrupt this access, ergo the reason to wear a CNN t-shirt.



**Psst. Don't tell anyone but Bill actually got to fly this plane for 15 minutes.**

When he deplaned at the airport he was immediately surrounded by armed guards who did not speak English. He was both fearful and curious as to what they wanted. One of his first thoughts was to contact CNN to let them know where he was as they expected him to be in Tehran. Using sign language and repeating the word "taxi" which seems to be universally understood, he was finally able to get into a taxi. Fortunately the taxi driver spoke some English and Howard was able to communicate that he needed to get into town to a telephone office. They took off



BILL HOWARD

from the airport and after a brief time the driver announced that he had to make a stop at a friend's house. Whoa! Where were they going and for what purpose? To say Howard was fearful of what was going to happen is an understatement.

Howard confided that CNN always sent their crews off with a considerable amount of cash on their persons—\$10,000 to be exact, as that was the maximum amount of cash with which you could leave the country legally. So, Howard had his \$10,000 stashed all over his body, in his pockets, shoes, etc. Did the taxi driver and his "friend" plan to rob him or worse?

Luckily the taxi driver just wanted to show off his passenger to his friend and they ultimately reached the telephone office without further incident. However, at the office there was a long line waiting to make international calls, a line that would take about three hours to negotiate. After about one hour a gentleman, seeing the CNN shirt, asked what Howard was trying to do. Howard explained he was waiting to make an international call. The gentleman happened to be a doctor and suggested he take Howard to his home where he could facilitate the call. Howard reached CNN, explained his whereabouts and requested that the office notify his wife of his situation. She had not heard from him for several days and would be concerned about where he was and whether or not he was safe.

When he reached the CNN office by phone he was asked if he was okay. Howard replied he was safe, but was again asked if he was really, really okay. Ted Turner, head of CNN, was always concerned about the welfare of his employees. Howard stated that Turner would spare no expense to assure the safety of his crews. In the past he had gone to the extent of chartering private planes to retrieve his employees from locations worldwide when they were in trouble.

Not only did the doctor allow Howard to use his phone at no cost,

his wife also prepared a meal which was greatly appreciated. Howard had been without sleep or food for about 36 hours. The doctor also took Howard back to the airport where he encountered his next challenge.

Howard had to now arrange to obtain a flight to complete his trip to Tehran. He watched as plane after plane left the airport without allowing him permission to board. There were lines of passengers seeking seats on each plane. Again he watched as person after person was granted seats, but not him. Eventually, as the last seat was to be assigned, Howard was called forward and not only given a seat, but given a first-class seat in the first row of the plane behind the bulkhead. Exhausted, Howard remained awake long enough to be sure the plane took off and then, putting his feet up on the bulkhead, dozed off, only to be rudely awakened with a sharp slap. Apparently it is a moral offense to show ones heels and to put one's feet on the bulkhead. He did eventually reach Tehran without further incident. However, he related how frightening the trip had been.



The veranda of the hotel in Kuwait.

On one trip to Kuwait during the oil field fires, he, along with representatives of other news services, was staying at a hotel. In the photo taken at the hotel you can see the CNN satellite dish at the far end of the veranda. Next to it is a box. Howard was curious as to its contents and was about to open it when someone shouted STOP! Luckily he did stop, because the box was a booby trap and was set to explode if opened.

On a trip to Moscow, Howard went to a village market place where sellers sat on the ground on blankets which delineated their sales area. He encountered a woman who was selling a beautiful accordion. When asked the price, the cost was equivalent to \$3 U. S. When he tried to give the woman more for the instrument she adamantly refused. Was the woman selling a family heirloom for a mere \$3? Although obviously poor, she would not accept more for the instrument.

In yet another instance which illustrates world-wide poverty,

Howard encountered a vendor selling popcorn. Two young children, who were obviously hungry, looked at the machine with longing. Howard wished he were able to purchase the entire machine and give it to the children. However CNN crews were not permitted to interact in situations like this. As heartbreaking as it was, Howard could do nothing for the children.

In another instance, Howard was just yards away from a rocket launch from Florida which he was looking forward to viewing. Just 30 minutes before the rocket launch he was told to hop on a plane to San Francisco to cover a major earthquake that had just occurred.



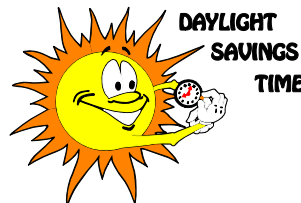
Photos by Bill Watkins

**The space shot that Howard could only view from the airport.**

Bill Howard has a basic message to everyone. In his travels he has found that the average person, no matter their nationality, is much like we are. They just want to live in peace and have enough food and clothing for their families. As Americans traveling internationally, we should not assume that the same rules apply worldwide as they do here. You might not be considered innocent until proved guilty if there is some incident.

Howard is grateful for being able to travel to so many different countries, to observe their cultures and learn more about the average citizen, regardless of the views of their political leaders. In any event, each time Bill Howard returns home he is happy to be back in the U.S. where he is safe and hopes that everyone else is as happy to live here, as well.

## Reminder



**Remember to change your clocks on Saturday night. Spring ahead one hour.**

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## Last issue of The TR Times is March 18

The last issue of *The TR Times* for this season will be published on **March 18**. The deadline for all submissions for the last issue is next Friday, **March 11**.

If you have an activity or event scheduled after March 18 and you wish to publicize it, please be sure to submit the information to us by 5 p.m. Friday, March 11.

As always, thank you for your continued contributions to "the weekly miracle."





# Down Home Darlings to visit TR

**by Sandy and Ken Langell**

This week's Sunday Showtime on March 13 at Busch Hall will feature song and dance, quotable comedy, audience participation and a love triangle...you've never seen a show like this! These two ladies bring your favorite country hits from vintage jewels to the latest sensations, and that's just the beginning. Be prepared for a rollicking adventure through every genre of music, including jazz, opera, rock, pop and more. You may even see some celebrities. Get those cameras ready...your fellow community members will be part of the fun on stage!

Join us for an afternoon of country classics, modern mashups, and dazzling duets. It's the Down Home Darlings!



**DOWN HOME DARLINGS**

This show will be in Busch Hall. Announcements will be at 3:45 p.m., and the show begins at 4 p.m. Ice cream will be available for purchase from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

# Wednesday Concert Series

## Cahal Dunne concludes our 2022 Concert Series

**by Doug Pedersen**

Cahal Dunne requires no introduction to TR residents. He has performed to standing ovations for all of his past appearances at TR. It will happen again when he entertains with another of his special programs on Wednesday, March 16 as the concluding program in the 2022 Concert Series.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, this famous singer, songwriter, masterful pianist and storyteller is one of Ireland's top performers. His face and talents are also familiar to American audiences because of his national PBS appearance in *Thank You America*. You'll thrill to the magic of Ireland's gift of charm and talent as he enthralls you with the style that has dazzled audiences at



**CAHAL DUNNE**

major concert halls and festivals throughout the U. S. and Europe. Cahal credits his winning of Ireland's National Song contest as his biggest break. With his winning song *Happy Man*, he

earned the right to represent Ireland at the International Eurovision Music Contest in Israel. The song became #1 in Europe and Ireland with record sales topping 250,000.

There are very few artists who return to our Concert Series again and again. Cahal Dunne is one of them and each time I'm asked to please bring him back again. A consummate entertainer always in demand, we are delighted to be able to include Cahal's return to our stage. Admission is with a season reserved-seat ticket or general admission seating at \$10 per person payable at the door. Show time is 7 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Concert Series programs are entirely self-sustaining. Your support is much appreciated.



# Meet a seamstress extraordinaire



**by Margaret Emmetts**

Over the years Little Theatre has presented a number of productions, many of which were musicals. If you have had the opportunity to attend one of these performances I am sure you have been struck by the beautiful costumes worn by the actors. The person behind these extraordinary costumes is Gloria Polzin. Polzin not only designs and makes costumes but she is also the writer of some of the plays.

panied the show which was directed by Gail Lawson. Lawson also made costumes but needed help and Gloria Polzin was enlisted. Thus began Polzin's career as Costume Designer for all future productions. Ultimately Shirley Buck and Gloria Polzin began writing the scripts for the productions.



**GLORIA POLZIN AND SHIRLEY BUCK**



**GLORIA POLZIN**

Photos by Pam Watkins

tion for a show takes two years and access to Busch Hall for a minimum of four consecutive days is required for the performance. These are needed for stage rehearsal, two nights for the show itself and an additional day to dismantle the set. Volunteers are also needed to direct the show and carry out the many other tasks required to put a show together. Remarkably tickets for the very first show back in the 80s cost \$3. Hard to believe, but the tickets for Little Theatre's last production were still \$3.

Health conditions preclude Polzin from continuing as writer, director and costumer, however she would still be willing to provide costumes should some other volunteers take over the other tasks.

Polzin confessed that she had never been involved with a play before coming to TR. Weren't we lucky to discover her hidden talent? Truly she is an extraordinary seamstress, creating many of her designs from scratch. From hats to gowns, dresses, suits or shoes it seems nothing is beyond her imaginative designs.



**Treadboards ad from 1985.**

Back around 1985 The Treadboards Little Theatre presented their first show entitled *Holiday Afloat*, which was a take-off on the TV show *The Love Boat*. Busch Hall was turned into a cruise ship and a catered dinner accom-

Originally Polzin began making costumes in her home. When escaped glitter from the costumes began overtaking the house, her husband decided it was time to find a new location to do her sewing. She approached the

Board and was given permission to use the storage area located above and to the right of the stage in Busch Hall. She moved in her sewing machine and has been there ever since.

When she first encountered the room it was filled with "stuff" that had been there for years. It was gradually cleaned out and shelves and racks were installed to accommodate her creations. Initially her machine was located in a small area around the corner from the stairs. It was decided that should a power failure occur, Gloria would never find her way to the stairs to escape. Provisions were made to move her actual sewing area to the head of the stairs for safety reasons.

The room is filled with racks of clothing, bins of wigs, hats and other accessories and bins of fabric waiting to be used. Besides Little Theatre, TR Cloggers, the Celebration Choir and other groups borrow costumes from the large collection.



**Polzin shares her scrapbook with Margaret Emmetts.**



**Polzin's vision of a "living Christmas tree."**

Polzin obtains the materials for her creations from a variety of sources. If absolutely necessary some items are purchased, but travels to thrift shops and donations provide most of the items or materials needed. To prepare for the last Christmas production, Polzin started sewing seven days a week from Nov. 8 to Dec. 17.

In the past she has created the beautiful Three Kings outfits which are worn each Christmas. She also made four beautiful angel costumes and dressed four shepherds and Isaiah the prophet all for the choir's *Christmas is Holy*, *Christmas is Holly* productions.

Unfortunately Little Theatre has not presented any shows for the last couple of years. Prepara-

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# Tuesday Night Movies



**by Carol Henrikson**

On Tuesday evening please join us for a good old-fashioned thriller, *The Ice Road*. After a remote diamond mine collapses in the northern regions of Canada, an ice driver leads an implausible rescue mission to save the lives of trapped miners despite thawing waters and a threat they never see coming. The movie stars Liam Neeson and Laurence Fishburne.

Please join us in Citrus East for the short feature at 6:45 p.m. followed by the movie at 7:15 p.m.



Message from the President



KATHERINE SHAWVER  
by Katherine Shawver  
TR President and CEO

It's hard to believe the end of the season is creeping up on us. What a great time it's been. The Spectrum installation is complete although we will expand the use of these services to enhance communications with residents, so please stand by.

Some of our favorite events are still to come, who doesn't enjoy the Talent Show? We know spring has arrived when the Garden Club

invites us to enjoy the beauty of the Garden this time of year. Having that peaceful and tranquil corner in the resort is such a blessing. Champions are crowned and activities are enjoying their group celebrations. Even our beautiful resort has a cycle of life that repeats itself annually.

What is evident in every season year after year is the community. We come together for so many events. We worship together, we play together, we work together, we celebrate together and we enjoy each other's company. Late Tuesday afternoon as we toured the park it looked like Happy Hour Thursday. There must have been 10-12 gatherings of friends and neighbors enjoying patios and porches in RV South, the Cabanas and The Village.

The first of our neighbors left for home yesterday and that signals another season beginning to end. Enjoy the warmth of the sun and celebrate with your friends.

A call for volunteers

This season many of our "legacy leaders" are stepping down. Legacy leaders refer to individuals who have chaired an activity committee for several years. If these key positions are not filled the activity may be discontinued.

The following articles list the many benefits of volunteering. Please consider what talents and interests you have to offer and volunteer here at TR.

Volunteering vs working

Reprinted from the March 15, 2015 TR Times.

by Marilyn Pender

Spending a few hours a week at The TR Times office has been a time for acquiring new skills and knowledge. Learning the routine means observing all the steps necessary to get the "weekly miracle" ready for the printer. The learning and doing is the "cake." The fun while enjoying the company of new friends and sharing the common goal is the "frosting."

Beginning with seeing the copy/paste routine managed by Ruth Howes to the age of computer programs with managers Margaret, Jane and Penny has been more than interesting. Every change brought new challenges. There have been times that brought scratch-the-head-what-do-we-do-next frustrations. This was usually when we were desperate to get the paper electronically sent to the printer. My good friend and co-worker, Mary Kosbab and I shared some of those moments. When the dust settled we laughed about it.

My experience in volunteering is limited. It could be that I am biased in my thinking but I believe this to be one of the best learning experiences available at TR.

The bottom line for me - this was never work.

Volunteers make TR a great place to live

Reprinted from the Jan. 22, 2016 TR Times.

by Marilyn Pender

Try to imagine TR with no volunteer program. If that exercise doesn't work, then consider how many people we would need to hire to maintain the Fire Station, Library, Post Office, Snack Shack and The TR Times. In addition to those things, look at the list of activities on the Bulletin Board.

A good number of us use some facility for comfort, entertainment or exercise. Whether or not we join any group the volunteer program is good for all of us.

The cost of our yearly lease is very reasonable compared to other

parks in Florida that have fewer amenities and more maintenance. We don't want that to change.

If you have three or four hours a week to spare, join the volunteer brigade. You will find more friends, new skills and great satisfaction.

Are you a volunteer

Reprinted from the Feb. 28, 2020 TR Times.

by Donna Kerrick

For the last 40 plus years, Travelers Rest Resort has been successfully run with a rather small staff because of the generous volunteerism over the years. Now the park is full which is wonderful; however, with that comes additional work for everyone and the need for volunteers is even greater than before. If you aren't volunteering, there are many places where your assistance would be valuable.

Volunteers are always needed in the Post Office. With the added population and the growth of Internet shopping, the number of packages has grown tremendously over the past few years.

There is only one employee working at the Post Office daily, so volunteer help is needed and appreciated. TR Golf Course is closed to play on Tuesday morning and volunteers are needed to help with multiple chores. Just show up on Tuesday mornings and someone will put you to work. There are times when Jeri Miller is looking for someone to give her a hand. TR Church Association looks for greeters and ushers and help setting up chairs for Sunday services. Doug Pedersen always needs help setting up chairs for Wednesday Concert Series. The Snack Shack is looking for men to assist one day a week. The Garden Club looks for volunteers to help keep the garden looking beautiful. These are only a few ideas. Look around and I am sure you can find other places where your help is needed and appreciated.

Over the years, volunteers have helped to keep the cost of doing business down and have allowed the park to run with a minimal staff. Every hour that someone volunteers saves you, a share-holder, money. Travelers Rest is your park, so help keep it beautiful.

Stage and building dedicated to long-time volunteers



Jeri Miller and Doug Pedersen are the honorees at the Dedication Ceremony.



The stage in Busch Hall is dedicated as The Doug Pedersen Entertainment Stage. Pedersen, center, is shown with Board members Leo Lejeune, Debbie May, Randy Doell, Kathy Shawver, Sheila Schenke and Jim Weigand.



Ray Hill attaches the new dedication plaque to the Busch Hall stage declaring it "The Doug Pedersen Entertainment Stage." Doug has scheduled and emceed Busch Hall programs for over 25 years.

TR Genealogy Leader wanted

by Denise Anderson

If you enjoy genealogy research and discovering your family history, please consider sharing your knowledge with others and become the new facilitator/leader of the TR Genealogy Class for the 2022-23 season. This year to stay within COVID distancing guidelines the TR Genealogy Class met for private individual genealogy research. The class time was reserved for Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus West. Members were welcome to use Citrus West during the listed time frame or schedule a different time according to availability of the facility.

To discuss this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Denise Anderson at 248-348-8363.



Photos by Jeri Miller

Jeri Miller and her husband Gene stand on the deck of the newly dedicated Jeri Miller Activities Building while Board members line up in front.

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## Be nice to your sewer system

The town I live in in New Jersey has no central sewer system. Instead each home has a septic system, which should be treated with TLC. Ideally it should be pumped out every three years and care should be taken as to what is put into the system. I have a mesh screen in my kitchen sink drain to prevent food particles from going down the drain and I never ever pour grease down.

You may have seen the report on local TV regarding three separate occasions where waste water was spilled due to sewer pipes being blocked. The culprit behind these blockages was household grease such as that generated when you fry bacon. If you pour the hot grease down the drain it readily disappears. But, when it hits the cool pipes underground it congeals along the inside of the pipes. Over time this grease build up will completely block the pipe resulting in back-up.

TR has a sewer system which is also subject to blockage when mismanaged. It is important that you do not pour grease down the drains. Another no-no is pouring large amounts of bleach or similar products down the drain. Bleach kills off the beneficial bacteria which is essential to the proper function of the system.

This brings me to wipes! While manufacturers say these are “flushable,” it does not mean they are biodegradable. Not being biodegradable means they will not disintegrate in the system. In fact wipes join together to form large impenetrable ropes. My civil engineer son-in-law has some rather graphic pictures which he has presented to towns to illustrate the problems wipes will create. Like grease, wipes should end up in the garbage not in the sewer system.

Sometimes fact is stranger than fiction. Do you know that in the last couple of years a pair of bib overalls and a pair of jeans have found their way into our sewer system? In my wildest dreams I cannot imagine how this came about. Our sewer pipe is just 3inches so you can imagine the impact bib overalls or jeans had on that pipe. Just like your home, when back-ups occur plumbers have to be called in to correct the problem. When this happens to our TR sewer system the cost can be considerable. Ultimately this affects each one of us by increasing the cost of our annual leases.

Please be nice to our sewer system. No grease, wipes, chemicals or heaven forbid clothing items down the drains. Everyone’s cooperation will keep things flowing nicely. *mre*



## The Servant’s Plow



### God’s transforming power

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

From time to time we all see areas in our lives that we struggle with – areas that we wish could be different. It might be moral failures or habits that have us discouraged. How does God want us to approach those areas? Is there a way to find freedom and real change? Yes. What I have come to understand about God’s grace has made a powerful difference in my life, and I believe it can make a powerful difference in yours.

When you hear the word grace, what comes to mind? I think the best definition I’ve found is by author Joseph Cooke who wrote, “Grace is nothing more nor less than the face that love wears when it meets imperfection, weakness, failure, sin.”

God’s grace pours out love, kindness, favor to all who will trust Him. You don’t have to earn it. You just have to be in relationship with Him to receive His grace.

We most need God’s grace when we become aware of aspects in our lives we know are wrong— things like: poor decisions, habits, behavior that we are ashamed of, areas we want God to change but where we may fear His condemnation. If we have received Christ into our hearts, we have been declared His own, forgiven, and are now under His grace. It is His grace that frees us and changes us.

Have you ever been in a situation where you are getting to know someone, and way down deep inside you say, “I hope they don’t find out this about me?” Or you may tell a good friend, “Please don’t tell anyone this about me.” When we enter our relationship with God, we may think that He is like we are. We think that we need to hide our bad part from Him. However, if we try to hide unacceptable portions of our personality we can lose touch with our real selves and we can lose touch with God.

Our heavenly Father is not like this. His ways are not our ways. He doesn’t accept our good part and reject our bad part. He sees us as a whole person. He doesn’t see us as a split personality. He says, “Don’t try to make your bad part better. It’s impossible on your own. No matter how much better you can make it, it will never be good enough, because I am perfect. Give Me your good part and your bad part and let Me make you whole.”

It’s difficult to understand grace without understanding the law. We see God’s perfect law, His commands, how He wants us to live...and frankly we often don’t



ANTHONY SHIPE

measure up. What do we do with the law, with God’s commands? The law is like a mirror for us. When you look into a mirror you may see a big smudge of dirt on your face that you didn’t know was there. The mirror can’t get rid of the dirt, but you’re really glad you looked at that mirror before you walked out the door. In the same way, God’s law reveals our shortcomings, our sins, and we are thankful to see them, so that we can bring them to God, and God can deal with them through His grace. Galatians 3:24 says, “The law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ that we may be justified by faith.” When we come to Christ, we know we need a Savior. The fact is, for the rest of our lives, we will always need a Savior.

Hebrews 4:13-16 says: “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are opened and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to give account. Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses but one who has been tempted in all things as we are yet without sin. Let us, therefore, draw near with confidence to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

If we refuse to humble ourselves and receive His grace, then there is no relationship. As we come to the Lord and tell Him how we are falling short in those areas then He will meet us in that need with His grace. God is not demanding that we change ourselves. Instead, He asks us to come to Him in honesty and faith and cast all our cares on Him. (1 Peter 5:5-7)

The healthiest people are the people who are aware of where they fall short and instead of being defensive, they are able to say, “Lord be merciful to me, a sinner.”

The Pharisees tried hard to be holy, to keep the law, but their motivation was to impress others.

Jesus called them “white-washed tombs.” They appeared fine on the outside, but inside they were dead, and their hearts were bitter toward Jesus. For example, they went to the extreme to enforce the law “to do no work on the Sabbath.” When Jesus, out of compassion, healed someone on the Sabbath they criticized Him for it.

Sometimes it’s easier for us to have a relationship with the law than it is to have a relationship with the Lord. Satan would much rather we focus on the law (God’s commands) than for us to focus on the Lord. If I can know that God is trustworthy, if I can know that His love is absolutely real, that His kindness is utterly sincere, that His concern for me really does mean an abundant life, then He will do what is His very nature to do. He will reach me way down deep where I really live. His grace can transform me. It can touch the very deepest motivating drives of my heart and He can make me a new person. This is the very thing that God is committed to doing for us. He says, “I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.” (Hebrews 8:10) God will do in our lives by His grace what the external law could never do.

During the season of Lent, let us focus on the cross where Jesus died for our sin. We were guilty and He paid for the guilt. When we confess our sins, we are taking care of what is wrong and what Christ dearly paid for. Being a man or woman of God is a matter of being humble and truthful about our sin, accepting His grace and growing.

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# The Siren



by Jean Cobb  
RN and First Responder

Imagine this scenario: It is 2 a.m. and someone in your household needs emergency services. You dial 911 and soon after you hear the TR Siren. First Responders arrive quickly and begin to help in preparation for the arrival of the Pasco Rescue Ambulance. While one or two of the responders care for the person in need of emergency help, another responder asks for medical information and wants to know if you have a Vial of Life, and if so, is it up-to-date. Unfortunately there is no Vial of Life, so the questions are first directed at current medications and medical conditions that the Paramedic will need to know as soon as they arrive. Wow! Lots going on, more information to gather and it is in the middle of the night! With a current Vial of Life, this whole scenario is so much easier. That's why I'm writing about the TR Vial of Life this week.

Many of you know about the usefulness of TR's Vial of Life, but perhaps you are new to TR or just need a refresher on why and how these medicine vials and the information they contain are so important. The practice of completing critical medical information for First Responders began many years ago at TR and it is as essential today as it ever was.

What is a Vial of Life? It is a single sheet of paper filled out with essential medical information by each person who resides at a TR address. Basic demographic information, medical conditions, current medications and more are

# All about TR's Vial of Life

included. After completion, it is folded and rolled neatly, slipped into a medicine pill bottle or vial, with a snap top and stored in the refrigerator door of the TR residence. That single sheet of paper, when it is complete and up-to-date, provides First Responders, EMTs, Paramedics and the Emergency Room personnel with critical information related to any emergency treatment you might need.

Note that I wrote "up-to-date".... That means you need to pull that info sheet out every year, generally when you return for the next season. Every year First Responders provide a clean, new sheet in a different color than the previous year for you to update information. Medications typically change a bit from year to year and that information is very important when you need emergency care.

Once you get the Vial of Life you just need to replace the info sheet with an updated one every

year. Take time to make a picture or xerox copy because the Pasco Ambulance crew will take yours away and you probably won't get it back.

It has been suggested that you travel with your Vial of Life in the glove box of your car. If you do that be sure to bring it back so you will have it here next season or even consider getting a second vial for each person who travels!

If you need a Vial of Life, look for a First Responder table for the next two weeks at Saturday Praise and Worship in The Grove, at Sunday Church in Busch Hall or at Sunday Night Entertainment. If you need a new information sheet for your Vial of Life we will have extra sheets. You can find one in the wall containers located outside the Post Office door to Busch Hall. Have fun, be safe, be prepared! Don't get caught without a current Vial of Life for each person in your residence!



# Flag Retirement Ceremony is March 19

by Pam Forsyth

This year's TR Flag Retirement Ceremony will be Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Fire Pit area next to the Snack Shack.

Due to COVID, this ceremony has not been held for the past 2 years resulting in a large quantity of flags for disposal. This year we will dispose of a larger quantity of flags and carry some over to next year.

Our program and ceremony differs from previous years but we will still symbolically burn one flag during the ceremony. The remaining flags will be burned at a later time.

The planning and coordination of the ceremony has recently had a change of command from Fred McGoldrick to Ken Hankinson. Many thanks go out to Fred

for his efforts and many years of service with the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

The participation of a local youth group and serving of light refreshments is another change to this year's program. Hot dogs, chips and water will be served after the ceremony concludes.

Flags requiring proper disposal may be dropped in the Flag Collection Box outside the entrance to the Post Office prior to Tuesday, March 15.

We look forward to having all TR Veterans, residents, visiting friends and family members attend this special event.

Please direct any questions concerning the Flag Ceremony to Ken Hankinson, lot 2609, 860-377-5299.

# Healthy tips: Celiac disease

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

Celiac disease is a digestive disorder that damages the lining of the small intestine and prevents the absorption of nutrients that are important for staying healthy. This damage is due to a reaction to eating gluten, which is found in wheat, barley, rye and possibly oats as well. It is estimated that one in every 100 people are affected by this disorder and children as well as adults.

Celiac disease can cause irreversible damage to the small intestine and can cause a multitude of problems due to the malabsorption of nutrients. Anemia, osteoporosis, infertility, frequent respiratory infections, as well as depression are just a few of the several conditions that could result from having celiac disease. Children may suffer with stunted growth, delayed onset of puberty and failure to thrive due to celiac disease.

Unfortunately many people who suffer from celiac disease have no symptoms. This is particularly dangerous, as intestinal damage can occur even when no symptoms are present. There are numerous symptoms that a patient can experience such as painful bloating which occurs when the stomach becomes distended and filled with gas after consuming gluten. Another symptom of celiac disease is chronic diarrhea that may be explosive and painful. While diarrhea is common in celiac sufferers, others may be afflicted with constipation caused by the sluggish movement of the contents of the bowels. Weight loss may result from missing the nutrients that are purged from the body during episodes of diarrhea. Some patients may gain weight because of poor eating habits as they eat in excess to achieve proper nutrition. Fatigue is also a common complaint with those affected by celiac disease. Other patients

diagnosed with celiac disease have reported experiencing brain fog, distorted sleep, numbness and/or tingling in their hands or feet after consuming food that contains gluten.

How is celiac disease diagnosed? In addition to obtaining a detailed medical history, your physician will order a blood test to measure for high levels of antibodies (substances produced by the immune system to fight harmful invaders). Additionally he/she may perform other tests to detect nutritional deficiencies such as anemia. A stool sample may be tested to detect fat in the stool since celiac disease prevents fat from being absorbed from food. An endoscopy could also be performed to obtain a biopsy of the small intestine tissue.

Being diagnosed with celiac disease will require a change in your dietary habits. Foods that contain gluten, wheat, barley, rye and in some cases, oats, must be eliminated. Eliminating gluten from the diet may improve the condition within a few days. A gluten-free diet will result in a big change in your lifestyle. Rethinking your eating habits will become a way of life. Reading food labels as you shop for groceries is essential. Many restaurants list gluten-free alternative menu items.

Because you have celiac disease does not mean that you cannot eat and enjoy a well-balanced diet. Fresh foods that have not been artificially processed such as fruits, vegetables, meats and fish are suggested to achieve optimal nutrition. A registered dietician/nutritionist can assist you with meal planning. Many hospitals offer support groups to aid patients with celiac disease.

(Ref: Dr. Peter Green *Celiac Disease, A Hidden Epidemic*, WebMD, Medline).

# Amateurs have a busy week

by Bill Howard, N4MU

The TR Amateur Radio Club has been very busy with at least two activities recently.

First the Club sponsored an afternoon Happy Hour on Friday, Feb. 25 to pay respects to Jim Zigrosser, N2MJC, and his wife Jean, W2JHM, on their recent visit to TR. Jim and Jean, residents of TR for many years, left about a year ago to return to their home on Long Island.

Jim was president of the Club for many years and Jean also held offices during that time. They were visiting Jim's sister in Hudson, Fla. Dave Baur, W0UXB, planned the Happy Hour at his Cabana location. Dave did a fantastic job as usual and I am sure everyone appreciated the effort. Attendance was great with as many as 30 members attending and having a good time chatting and eating the great buffet of food available. Jim and Jean obviously had a good time. It was nice to see them again and wish them well.

The Club has also been very busy completing a rather large project called *Echolink*. The equipment was installed in its permanent location in the Clubs's Radio Shack and allows members to keep in touch with other members from wherever they are.



*Echolink* uses ham radio and the Internet to do this and is expected to be very busy throughout the off season with folks who are at their homes and want to know what's going on with the Club or any information regarding TR itself. *Echolink* could prove to be of immense value if we have any bad weather here at TR in the coming months.

Certificates confirming contact with the special event station W5O operating at the recent 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration, were handed out to members who participated in the event.

Finally, nominations for Club officers for the 2022-2023 season were held at the March 10 meeting. Results will be covered next week in *The TR Times*.



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# Activity Affairs

by Guy Weik

**Christmas Decorations:** Betty Teichert has graciously offered to help me reorganize the large amount of Christmas decorations stored in Busch Hall. Starting in mid-March we will be repacking decorations in new see-through containers designated for each building. We are requesting activities that meet in specific buildings volunteer to decorate that building in late November and take down the decorations in early January. If your activity is willing to help, please contact Guy Weik.

**Activity Updates for 2022-2023:** Update forms should be completed for all Activities, Special Events and Continuing Approved Fundraisers. In addition to chairperson contact information, don't forget to include target dates for starting and ending your activity. If there is a scheduling conflict with a projected fundraising event, such as a dinner, I will contact the organizer soon to work things out. There is also a box at the bottom of the form for a description of your activity for the online Activities Calendar. Please return these forms to Guy Weik, lot 10-37, before leaving TR for the season.

**Activity Financial Statement:** Please remember to return your Activity Financial Statement to Renee Bigelow in the TR Office before you leave for the season. If you did not receive a statement from Renee earlier in the season because your activity is new or you are a new chairperson, please contact Renee or Guy Weik.

**Continuing Activities for all residents:**

Friday Night Dances: Final dance tonight! St. Patrick's Day theme, 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Bingo: Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East. The final day for Bingo is April 2.

Garden Scavenger Hunt: Hand in completed packets Sunday, March 13, 3 to 6 p.m., at the side of the Bocce Courts that faces The Grove.

Tuesday Night Movies: Doors open: 6:45 p.m. Movie starts: 7:15 p.m. Don't forget to bring your mask.

Harmonicas are back! Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. through March in the Hobby House.

Irish Dinner and Coffeehouse Concert: Thursday, March 17. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (pre-purchased



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tickets), Concert at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Retirement of Old and Tattered U.S. Flags: Saturday, March 19, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fire Pit.

**Canceled or Postponed Activities:**

Basketweaving: Canceled for this season.

Chair Yoga: Canceled for this season.

Coffee Socials: Canceled for this season.

Drawing Human Figures: Finished for the season.

Dulcimer Jam: Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East is postponed until further notice. Dulcimer classes on Monday are still on.

Garden Walk: Changing format to a week-long Garden Scavenger Hunt, March 6 to 13.

JuBELLation: Postponed until further notice.

Karaoke: Canceled for this season.

Learning your iPhone: Canceled for this season.

Poker Ladies Night Out: Canceled for this season.

Travelogue Slide Show: Canceled for this season.

Woodcarving: Canceled for this season or postponed until a temporary chairperson wants to take charge for the remainder of this season.

Zumba: Canceled for the remainder of this season.

**Continuing Activities update:**

American Civil War: Started Tuesday, March 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Citrus West. (Replaces Drawing Human Figures.)

Ballroom Dancing: Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Bridge: For beginning and intermediate players. Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Party Bridge: Now open to

anyone with or without a partner. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Dulcimer: Beginners on Mondays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West. Experienced on Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Dulcimer Jam postponed.

Genealogy: Not being taught, but open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Geocaching: Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Hobby House.

Joker: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West and Fridays, 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Line Dancing: Daytime classes Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East; Nighttime classes Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Mahjong Chinese: Citrus West, Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Model Railroad Club: Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon in the Activity Center.

**RC Motorsports:**

- Airplanes: Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Busch Hall. Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall (unless there is an event scheduled in Busch Hall. Check the online schedule).
- Powerboats: Race Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. on Mirror Lake.
- Sailboats: Race Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. on Mirror Lake.
- Truck Racing: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at their track near the Snack Shack.

Stained Glass: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. in the Activity Center. Beginners on Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. in the Activity Center. Experienced on Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Table Tennis: Starting up again! Mondays and Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East.

TR Road Riders: First Monday, 7 to 8 p.m., moved to Hobby House.

Watercolor Painting: Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

Wizard: Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Yoga: Pickleball Yoga only this season on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. at the Upper Courts.

# See you tonight at the Dance

by Pam Watkins

You won't want to miss the last dance of the season tonight as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and a wee bit of Irish luck. Grab some friends, put together some Irish snacks and beverages and join us in Busch Hall at 7 p.m. Let's enjoy some great music and good times. Tonight's admission is free!

Thanks to all of you who have attended and supported the Friday Night Dances this season. The Travelaires Orchestra and Friday Night Dance Committee hope to see all of you again next year.





Closing

## Going, going, soon-to-be gone

by Jack Carey

We hope you had the opportunity to enjoy one of the Snack Shack delicious burger or hot dog meals this season. It has been our pleasure to serve you. However, all good things must come to an end. The Snack Shack will close for the season on Thursday, March 17, so if you've missed out, come and get something while the grill is hot. As always, we thank all of you for your patronage and support this year.

# TR residents win blue ribbons at Pasco County Fair



Marcia Hatfield shares her On the Road Again design.

by Pam Watkins

Marcia Hatfield entered three items in the Pasco County Fair in February. All three items won ribbons, including two blue and one red. One of her blue ribbon winners is an original, custom design of RVs, *On the Road Again*. It includes a pieced-pillow wrap and is designed to fit her fifth wheel's king-size bed.

This is the first time Hatfield entered any of her work. She is a new quilter beginning her fascination with the craft in 2007 by making a full-sized *Turning Twenty* quilt. She usually creates her own designs inspired by her fabric and her needs. She is careful to arrange the blocks in a color-defined way often ripping her work apart to get it *just right*. Her husband, Doug, laughs at her every time she ripped a project apart again. Even when using a pattern she often puts her own geometric spin on it.

Laurie Zentmyer also entered items in the Pasco County Fair through Quilted Twins, a Dade City quilt shop. Similar to Hatfield, she says that this is the first time she has ever entered any of her designs in a competition. Although Zentmyer has sewn all of her life, she just began quilting a few years ago. She says that she learned at TR at the weekly gathering of sewists and quilters at the Quilt Guild that meets on Thursdays in Busch Hall. She shares that the Guild is a wealth of knowledge and its members are always happy to teach those new to the craft.

Zentmyer's Christmas tree wall hanging and multi-pocket pickleball bag each won a blue ribbon in the Christmas and Bags categories.



Photos by Pam Watkins

Laurie Zentmyer shares her blue ribbon winning quilted pieces.

# The Welcome Committee needs your help

by Diana Hill

Extra, extra read all about it - TR is restarting the Welcoming Committee. You can become part of the Welcoming Committee 2022 reboot and meet TR's guests and new residents. We need your help to reach out and let them know how to quickly get involved with our community and show them our little piece of paradise.

Not long ago I mentioned at a Veranda Chat that I'd be happy to see a new Welcoming Committee and I am now the Activity Chair. I posted on Facebook *Residents & Friends* and received a great response for volunteers. We had an organizational meeting in February but we're going to need lots of help.

Please consider joining us if you can help with any of the following: pick up Chamber of Commerce items, assemble goody bags, distribute goody bags to new residents and guests, drive guests to get a birds-eye view of TR, staff a table at events, assist in creating an orientation class PowerPoint presentation, write newspaper

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articles and decorate the display window at TR Post Office. We will also need typists and computer people who can help with graphic work and maintain a list of members. I am sure other duties will come up while we learn as we go.

Please join us. Contact us at [TRWelcoming@gmail.com](mailto:TRWelcoming@gmail.com), or the *TR Welcoming Committee* on Facebook/Metapage or through In-Park Mail addressed to us at TR Welcoming Committee, Diana Hill, lot 21-24.



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# TR Talent Show returns to Busch Hall Sunday Night



Linda Gough, Andrea Patterson, Leader Donna Neer, Louise McRoberts and Lois Allen performed a Celtic dance to *Dance Above the Rainbow*.

by Margaret Emmetts  
After a two year hiatus because of COVID residents were happy to welcome the TR Talent Show back to Busch Hall Sunday Night.  
Eleven acts played to a full house. Performances ran the gamut from dance, vocals, musical numbers to a comedy skit.



Heidi Stevens and Jeff Duquette demonstrated their fancy footwork with samples of a waltz, west coast swing and the cha-cha.



The TR Cloggers, Beverly Weissinger, Linda Gough, Andrea Patterson, Leader Donna Neer, Lois Allen, Donna Smith and Louise McRoberts danced to *I'll Fly Away*. Their beautiful costumes were designed by Louise McRoberts.



Laura Maragnano and Phil St. John join their voices in a beautiful rendition of *The Prayer* which earned them a standing ovation.



Bill Neimanis played his accordion and sang *The Any Direction Polka*.



Jeff Duquette, Linda Beausoleil, Louise McRoberts, Joanna Waltz, Instructor Alex Adair, Lois Allen, Ann Chalk and Tom Etchill showed off a variety of techniques taught in the Line Dance Class.



John Denver fan Chuck Lemke sang *My Sweet Lady*.



The TR Singing Men under the direction of Dennis Ledbetter harmonized on *An Irish Blessing*.

Photos by  
Bill Bradford



TR's own Andrew Sisters, Laurie Zentmyer, Barb Swartz and Laura Maragnano recreated *The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*.



Ken Langell, left, played and sang *The Wreck of the Nancy Lee* accompanied by Doc Probes playing the concertina. The song's lyrics were acted out by Delia and Carey Box, Tom Brown, Mickey Cobb, Jamie Hyde and Donna Probes in random order.



Bob Luther mimed *Its Hard To Be Humble* which evoked audience participation.



# Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board information appears as submitted to *The TRTimes*. Activity schedules are subject to change. Always refer to the Activities

**ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION**  
PICKIN’ & GRINNIN’ - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2nd Monday,11a.m. to 1p.m. in Hobby House.  
**Rob Werner**  
**Harold Keefer**

**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (HAM RADIO)**  
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. The club invites all amateurs to check in to the 8 a.m. Two Meter Net on 146.430 Mhz Monday thru Saturday.  
**Bill Howard**  
**Stan Patterson**

**AQUATICS - POOL (WATER AEROBICS)**  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the pool.  
**Linda Smith**

**BALLROOM DANCING**  
Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**Jeffrey Duquette**

**BASKET WEAVING**  
Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus   
**Nancy Polito**

**BEADAHOLICS**  
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**Kathy Lemke**  
**Kathy Kushman**

**BEADAHOLICS, TOO**  
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hobby House Porch.  
**Dot Brenn**

**BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**  
Tuesdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Rosita Williams**

**BICYCLING**  
Tuesdays and Fridays, meet at 8:45 a.m. at parking lot behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board in Busch Hall for rides.  
**Susan Delaney**

**BINGO**  
Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**Linda Smith**

**BIRDING**  
Tuesdays 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring binoculars and cameras.  
**Tom Butler**  
**Norm Eden**

**BLOOD DRIVE AT TR**  
Blood drives are held the 1st Monday in December and March. The Blood Mobile will be parked next to the TR Fire Station from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. unless announced otherwise.  
**Ken Neer**

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**  
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.

**BOCCE BALL**  
Scheduled games and competitions, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. All games are played at the Bocce Ball Courts located on Snack Shack Road.  
**Laverne Dennison**

**BONFIRE/MONTHLY**  
Dates and times will be posted in 5 days. Dates are scheduled.  
  
**Phyllis Zitzer**


**BOOK BROWSERS**  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Nan Lance**

**BOWLING**  
Fridays at 2:15 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go.  
**Lin Buczek**

**BRASS ENSEMBLE**  
Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Activity Center. We can always use more brass players.  
**Bill Watkins**  
**Steve Bowman**

**BRIDGE CLUB**  
**Intermediate lessons** - Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Activity Center.  
**Connie Bradley**  
**Party Bridge with partners** - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. In Citrus West. Partner required.  
**Doug Hatfield**

**BULLETIN BOARDS IN BUSCH HALL**  
For information or help with a notice or ad contact:  
**Betsy Behler**  
**Guy Weik**

**CHAIR YOGA**  
Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.  
  
**Donna Smith**

**CHRISTMAS FEAST**  
Saturday, December 25, TBD in Busch Hall. More information will be in *The TRTimes*.  
**Pat Butler**  
**Beannie Wise**


**CHURCH ASSOCIATION**  
**Sunday Activities:** All events in Busch Hall  
8:30 a.m. - Choir Practice  
9:15 a.m. - Bible Study  
9:45 a.m. - Hymn Sing  
10 a.m. - Worship service: Rev. Anthony Shipe  
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of month.**Rev. Anthony Shipe**  
**Choir Practice**  
Fridays, 9:30 to 11a.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m. in Busch Hall. Join us.  
**Bernie Gutridge**


**Praise & Worship**  
Contemporary Church Services - Saturdays, 4 p.m. in The Grove, weather permitting.  
To join a leadership team and to recommend songs or other ideas contact Barb Swartz or Marty Schencke.  
**Marty Schencke**  
**Barb Swartz**

**CHURCH COMMITTEE**  
3rd Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Activity Center.  
**Chairperson needed**

**CLOGGERS OF TR**  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m. for beginners and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for continuing students in Citrus East.  
**Donna Smith**  
**Donna Neer**

**COFFEE AND DONUTS - AMATEUR RADIO**  
1st Saturday (during yard sale), 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. Donuts and coffee will be in Busch Hall.  
**Bill Howard**

**COFFEE SEMINARS**  
Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch *The TRTimes* for updates.  
  
**Guy Weik**

**COFFEE SOCIAL**  
Monday thru Friday, 7:30 - 9 a.m. in Paul Rife Room. Please bring your own mug.  
  
**Jim Matkovich**

**CREATIVE ART GROUP (CAG)**  
Mondays, 3 to 5:15 p.m. in Hobby House.  
**Linda Spencer**

**CRIBBAGE**  
Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. in Activities Center.  
**Chairperson needed**

**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - CAMERA**  
Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon in Golf View Pavilion.  
**Carey Box**

**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - POST PROCESSING**  
Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**Carey Box**

**DINING WITH FRIENDS**  
2nd Saturday, 5 - 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**Chairperson needed**

**DISPLAY CASE IN POST OFFICE**  
**Diana Hill**

**DOMINOES**  
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**John Hough**

**DRAWING HUMAN FIGURE**  
Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.  
  
**John Hice**

**DULCIMER DUMDIDDIES**  
Beginners practice - Mondays 9 to 10:15 a.m. in Citrus West.  
Advanced Practice - 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in Citrus West.  
**Lois Showers**

**ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS**  
3:45 p.m. announcements with program following. Performances will be at The Grove Stage or Busch Hall per weather.  
**Ken and Sandy Langell**

**EUCHRE**  
Fridays, 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Jan Werner**

**EUCHRE/BID**  
Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.

**FIRE/RESCUE 33**  
**Firemen** -Tuesdays, 8 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.  
**First Responders** - Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Activity Center.  
Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room.  
**Business Meeting** - 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.  
**Larry Polzin**

**FIRE RING SCHEDULING**  
**Guy Weik**

**FIVE CROWNS**  
Wednesdays (non concert nights only), 6 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Jackie Thackery**

**FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS**  
Saturdays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., In Citrus West.  
**Pat McCallum**

**FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE**  
1st Saturday of each month, November thru March, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Due to COVID we are having a yard sales. Participants will present their items for sale at their own lots.  
**Betty and Walt Gilson**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!**  
Fridays, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at The Grove Stage.  
**Donna Probes**

**FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE**  
Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. The dance schedule and themes will be listed in *The TRTimes*.  
**Dot Brenn**

**GAMES NIGHT**  
Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-contact games.  
**Linda Smith**

**GARDEN CLUB**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret.  
**Richard Fischer**

**GENEALOGY**  
Open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**No chairperson**

**GEOCACHING**  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Hobby House.  
**Bill Bradford**

**GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**  
Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome.  
**Vicki Brooks**

**GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**  
**Contact Office**

**GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE**  
Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Starter Shack.  
**Laurie Gardner**

**GOLF LESSONS**  
Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11 a.m.  
**Hazel English, Bill Harkins, Joan McLean**  
**Lynn Meyers**

**GOLF - MENS LEAGUE**  
Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.at Starter Shack.  
**Bill Harkins**


**GOLF - SCRAMBLES**  
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at Starter Shack.  
**Tom and Pat Butler**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**  
Fund raiser only.  
**Vince Smith**

**HAND AND FOOT**  
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come learn this easy game.  
**Deborah May**

**HARMONAIRES**  
Bring your harmonica and play with us. Beginners welcome. Thursdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room. Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Hobby House.  
**Don Sides**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Sundays, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.Busch Hall.  
**Rosita Williams**

**IPHONE CLASS**  
Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Activity Center.  
  
**Susan Stahley**



# Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board information appears as submitted to *The TRTimes*. Activity schedules are subject to change. Always refer to the Activities

**JOKER**  
Mondays, 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Citrus West  
Fridays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Activity Center.  
**Deborah May (Fri.)**

**JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR**  
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**POSTPONED**  
**Jean Cobb**

**KARAOKE**  
Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**Glenn and Gabriella Young**

**KITCHEN USAGE**  
**Guy Weik**

**KNOTTY KNITTERS**  
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West.  
**Jackie Gage**

**LIBRARY**  
Southwest corner of Busch Hall. Place donations on bottom shelf of cart behind desk. Magazines to laundry.  
**Mary Kosbab**  
**Kay Blunda**

**LINE DANCING**  
Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. and Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Activity Center.  
**Alex Adair**

**LOCATOR BOARD**  
**Kit and Dick Wheatley**

**MAH JONG CHINESE**  
Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Marcia Hatfield**

**MAH JONGG - NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE PLAY**  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays.  
**Bette Gorman**

**MATS FOR THE HOMELESS**  
Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West.  
**Pat Dellamuth**

**MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB**  
**Radio Controlled Sailboat Racing -**  
Practice, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake. Racing, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Mirror Lake.  
**Barry Sellick**  
**Powerboat Racing -** Mondays and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Mirror Lake.  
**Dean Peters**

**MODEL RAILROAD**  
Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon in Activity Center.  
**Brian Krupicka**

**OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING**  
Fridays , 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.  
**Pat Gallagher**  
**Nancy Rogers**

**PARTY PLANNERS FOR TR**  
**Mary Hunter**  
**Linda Smith**

**PET LOVERS OF TR**  
3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Judy Leister**

**PICKLEBALL CLUB**  
Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check the TR website under Activities > Pickleball for current schedule.  
**Delia and Carey Box**

**PINOCHLE**  
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**John Delaney**

**POKER LADIES NIGHT OUT**  
Mondays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. , Hobby House.  
**CANCELED**  
**Gina DiPinto**

**POKER TEXAS HOLD’EM MEN AND WOMEN**  
Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House.  
**Jack Davis**

**POM-POM DRILL TEAM**  
Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East.  
**Donna Neer**

**PRODUCE STAND**  
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays,11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oak View Pavilion near Busch Hall. Everyday at their Dade City location in Walmart parking lot.  
**Rosita Williams**

**QUILTING**  
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell.  
**Ethel Polsdofer**

**RC AIRPLANE FLYING**  
**Parlor -** Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Fly indoor-rated, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.  
**Outdoor -** Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Golf Course 9th hole. Fly electric only, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.  
**James Morrow**

**RC MOTORSPORTS**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack.  
**Scott Tartaglia**

**RESIDENT FORUM**  
First Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m. in Busch Hall. Open to everyone to ask questions and discuss issues with the Board.

**ROCK PAINTING**  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Activity Center.  
**Diana Hill**

**RUG HOOKING**  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Hobby House Porch. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful.  
**Tawnya Rowden**

**SCRABBLE**  
Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**Jeffrey Duquette**

**SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING**  
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall stage area.  
**Denise Matthews**

**SEW SPECIAL AND MACHINE EMBROIDERY**  
Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas. 3rd Mondays - Show and Tell.  
**Rosita Williams**

**SHUFFLEBOARD**  
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day.  
**Richard Von Qualen**

**SNACK SHACK**  
Monday thru Friday, 11:30 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.  
**Jack Carey**

**SNACK SHACK PAVILION USAGE**  
Requests to use after hours contact:  
**Guy Weik**

**SPORTS CLUB**  
**Charter Boat Fishing, Indoor Target, Outdoor Sporting Clay, Skeet and Trap, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.**  
Wednesdays, 12 to 1 p.m. in Citrus West. All are welcome. Competitions and classes.  
**Ray LoPresti**

**STAINED GLASS**  
Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. in Activity Center. Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. in Activity Center. Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Activity Center.  
**Laura Apgar**  
**Laverne Dennison**  
**Instructor - Sherry Harbert**

**TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG**  
Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available.  
**Chairperson needed**

**TALENT DISPLAY CASE**  
The works of talented TR residents are featured in the Post Office Display Case.  
**Contact Office**

**TENNIS**  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11:00 a.m.  
**Guy Weik**

**TONE & TIGHTEN**  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights.  
**Betty Clark**

**TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE CLUB)**  
1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House.  
**Gene Cribbs**

**TR SINGING MEN**  
Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Snack Shack Pavilion. All men are invited to sing along.  
**Steve Gorden**

**TR TRAVEL**  
**Sharon Gilbert Zile**

**TR TRAVELAIRES OCHESTRA**  
Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.  
**Gene Cribbs**

**TRAVELETTES/WOMEN’S CHORUS**  
Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Activity Center.  
**Mary Beth Coldren**

**TRAVELOGUE SLIDE SHOW**  
2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**CANCELED**  
**Bert Contractor**

**TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)**  
Tuesdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., movie will start at 7:15 p.m., in Citrus East. Masks required.  
**Jim and Carol Henrikson**

**UKULELE STRUMMING**  
Small groups will be held on select Tuesdays. Contact Donna by email only.  
**Donna Probes**

**VETERANS MEETING**  
2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in Hobby House.  
**Vince Smith**  
**Darold Long**

**VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR**  
Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather in Hobby House.  
**Chairperson unknown**

**WAIST WATCHERS**  
Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House.  
**Jackie Thackery**

**WALKING AEROBICS**  
Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East.  
**Gloria Polzin**

**WATERCOLOR PAINTING**  
Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**Pat Miller**

**WEIGHTS & STRETCHING**  
Mondays,Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:50 to 8:30 a.m. in Citrus East.  
**Sheila Schencke**

**WIZARD**  
Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**Debra May**

**WOOD SHOP**  
Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Volunteers needed for small projects in the park.  
**Larry Kurkowski**

**WOODCARVING**  
Wednesdays in Citrus West. Beginners - 8:45 to 10 a.m. Advanced - 10 a.m. to noon  
**POSTPONED**  
**Linda Murphy**

**YOGA**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 -9 a.m., Upper Pickleball Courts.  
**Jean Renee DeTar**

**ZUMBA**  
Thursdays 8 to 9 a.m., upper Pickleball courts.  
**Bev Weissinger**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Activity Chairs - corrections to the Bulletin Board cannot be made unless first submitted to *The TRTimes*. Deadline for submissions is always the Friday one week prior to publication. Example: For the October 2022 Bulletin Board, the deadline for submissions is Friday, September 23, 2022.**





# Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer

Friday, March 11 thru Sunday, March 13, at the Dade City Raceway, the premier Florida motocross racetrack will host the Red Bull Day in the Dirt South Motorcross. The venue is located at 36722 State Route 52. For \$25 you will receive a sticker that will get your bike on the track for Friday's open practice. The racetrack is open Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 1 p.m. there will be a 30 minute Reunion Race for anyone who has ever spent time on Cocoa Beach, Chicken Farm, Dade City Motocross or Gatorback. At 1:30 p.m. the Pro Red Bull Athlete Practice Session begins. The Pink Flamingo Dash for Glory Pit Bike Race will be held in the late afternoon. Saturday is race day; Parade Lap starts at 7:45 a.m. to be followed by nine races in several different classes. Sunday is a repeat of Saturday, with eight races followed by the Ironman. Please go to [www.dayinthedirt-downsouth.com](http://www.dayinthedirt-downsouth.com) for all details. The venue is only 11 minutes from TR

Friday, March 11 thru Sunday, March 13, Masaryk Winery at 19125 Phillips Road, Masaryk-town, will host their Strawberry and Wine Festival, from 3 p.m. on Friday to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Enjoy music by DJ Blue Bloods. Come out and support our local winery and vendors for the three-day event featuring strawberries, wine and music. Go to [www.masarykwines.com](http://www.masarykwines.com) or call 352-308-0110 for additional information. The Winery is approximately 16 minutes from TR.

Saturday, March 12 the Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa will be the location of this year's Tampa Bay Taco and Margarita Festival, from noon to 7 p.m. Featured will be Signature Tacos and Margaritas created by executive chefs Brent Lewis and Casey Ryan. This unique Taco Festival takes place in our NFL Stadium and VIP Ticket Holders are hosted in the air-conditioned exclusive Hall of Fame Club. Entertainment will be provided by Ryan Cabrera, William Michael Morgan and Hayden Coffman, plus appearances from pro wrestlers Adam Scherr, Flip Gordon and Rich Swann. For additional information or tickets, please go to <http://www.tampabayfest.com>. Tickets for the days events are General Admission



LINDA SPENCER

\$12 and VIP Admission \$59, this includes early admission, two free margaritas and a tee shirt. Ultimate VIP Admission is \$99, this includes early admission, three free margaritas, a tee shirt and access to the Hall of Fame. Raymond James Stadium is approximately 50 minutes from TR.

Epperson Lagoon Aquatic Center: Relax in the sun. Swim in the clear blue waters. Grab a drink at the swim up bar. Play a game of beach volleyball with the crew. There are Water Slides, Water Sports, an Inflatables Course, a Family Leisure Park with Cabanas and food Outlets. Epperson is located at 31885 Overpass Road, Wesley Chapel. Opening at 10 a.m. a daily pass is \$40 per adult and \$33 for a child. They offer a late day pass which begins at 3 p.m. Children three and under are free. Save \$5 on each ticket purchased in advance. You can upgrade your visit by renting Kayaks and/or Standup Paddle Board for \$12; tickets for the Water Obstacle Course are \$12; Tiki Rentals are between \$100 and \$300; Cabana Rentals range from \$179 to \$239; Aqua Bana Rentals are \$279; Premium Seating is \$20; Beach Umbrella Rentals are \$25. Visit [www.metrolagoons.com](http://www.metrolagoons.com). Epperson Lagoon is approximately 24 minutes from TR. Mirada Lagoon is coming soon to San Antonio only 17 minutes from TR.

Fun 2 Dive: Swim with Manatees, 135 NE 3rd St., Crystal River. Join tours on an exciting adventure to swim and snorkel with Manatees in the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. Tours are conducted daily year-round. Pricing varies: Stand Up Paddle Board Rentals \$40; All Day Kayak Rentals \$40; Swim With The Manatees \$58; Scaloping Trip on Crystal River \$75. Please visit <http://www.fun2dive.com> for additional information. The venue is approximately 58 minutes from TR.

# Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile,  
TR Tour Director

Delightfully overwhelmed! That's how I felt as we began the process of selecting next year's TR travel tours. Dan and I traveled to Haines City, near Orlando, to the *Small World and Tours & Cruises* office on Monday. We were pleasantly welcomed by Holly Griggs the Tour Director who has designed and frequently customizes the various day trips and multi-day trips for nearly 250 parks in Central Florida. We also were



HOLLY GRIGGS AND SHARON ZILE

warmly greeted by Tony Mottais bus driver-operator for two of TR's day trips and Starr Mackey who gave a presentation to TR residents in January. The office was no bigger than a TR Village home, more functional than fancy, and very much a low overhead business atmosphere. We saw an office staff of about six ladies and witnessed their cooperative working relationship. Nearly a dozen beautiful buses each one adorned with the beautiful Small World logo were parked outside. Facilities for washing and maintaining the buses are also on the property.

As we sat at the conference table with Holly we learned about the many tours that she has developed. A huge 3-ring binder held sheet protectors with flyers describing more than 300 tours. There were animal tours, nature tours, food tours, dinner-theater tours, museum tours and holiday tours. There were boat tours, city tours, history tours, horticulture tours, musical event tours and mystery tours. There were beach



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

tours, campus tours, performance tours, golf tours, gaming tours, winery tours and shopping tours. Also there were many tours that were a combination of several categories. There were tours that we've already experienced: the Lipizzaner Stallions training facility, the St. John River paddle-wheeler cruise, the Kennedy Space Center tour and a trip to St. Augustine. So many tours, so little time!

Decisions, decisions! How would we begin to make trip selections for TR travelers? We have diverse interests among our residents, so we've learned that not every trip needs to appeal to every resident. The person who might enjoy a dinner-theater tour may be totally disinterested in a golf tour. Dinner at a Turkish restaurant might not appeal to the individual



SMALL WORLD'S TOUR BOOK

who prefers garden tours. Desire or tolerance for freedom to explore a location on your own, like Kennedy Space Center or a zoo, versus guided tour experiences like Tampa By Land and By Sea, must be considered. There are a variety of activity levels among our residents, so trips must include universal access, if possible, to accommodate our friends with assistive devices. Finally, distance from TR is a consideration, as few of us want to spend hours riding a bus.

With so many tour offerings, we began our decision-making with timing. We decided to begin with a holiday tour in December and include a monthly day trip in January, February and March. Scheduling consideration has been given to other TR events so while this season we included day trips on a Tuesday or Friday we will vary our travel day schedule. Specific tours are not yet finalized; however, we hope to be able to announce them in the coming weeks. Watch for travel news in the season's final edition of *The TR Times* and the Residents and Friends Facebook group. We will share information along with reservation and payment procedures and timelines as soon as venues are under contract.

In addition to the four new-to-TR day trips, we will also have an encore date in March 2023 for the Tampa By Land and By Sea tour, enabling 40 more residents to experience this informative tour of our nearest metropolitan area. Decisions, decisions!

"Once a year, go someplace you've never been before." I love this anonymous quote that reminds us to step out of our routine to explore a new venue. Maybe a TR day trip will help you do just that.



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# Library News

by Mary Kosbab

Recently someone donated *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. This beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century is a PBS Great American Read top 100 pick. It is also one of my all-time favorite books.

The addition of this book to our collection brought to my mind that every season I like to devote one week's article to the Classics section of our library, which is located on the tall central bookcase that is facing you when you enter the room.

There are many excellent books in our Classic section. One of the big advantages of being retired is having more time to read. Perhaps it is time for you to look into some of the classics which you have always wanted to read. Henry David Thoreau wrote, "Read the



best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all." As retirees we now have another chance to read some of these time-honored books.

Some of my favorite classics on our TR library bookshelves are the *Anne of Green Gables* series, books by Pearl Buck, *Little Women*, *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Red Badge of Courage*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Treasure Island* just to name a few.

I hope you will take some time to browse the shelves of our Classics. I'm sure you will find some books which you would enjoy. We give a thank you to the person who

donated *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. It will be located in the Classic section of the library.

Thanks to all who stopped by our tables at the Yard Sale. Your donations will help us replace some of the recommended books we are missing. We ask that you please do not take recommended books home with you for the summer. These books have a smiley face sticker on the spine of the books that says Recommended. They are ones we really want to keep in our library for people to enjoy.

If you are having trouble finding books in the non-fiction section of our library, please look at the posters on the end of the bookcases which tell what books are in each side of the bookcases. We know it will take a while to get used to the new location of some books.

As always if you have any concerns or suggestions please contact any library volunteer or leave a note on the desk. We always welcome your input.



# TR Book Browsers

by Nan F. Lance

Book Browsers are winding up their season with an exciting science fiction novel *Artemis* by Andy Weir. It is a factually based, scientifically researched and really possible book about a city on the moon. All readers are invited to attend on Wednesday, March 23 at 2 p.m. in Citrus West. Space suits optional but please wear a mask.

Book Browsers are looking for book suggestions for next year's season. If you have a book that you just loved, please let me know and we will consider it for next year's list. Happy reading.

# Jane's World last lines

by Jane Harrold

March at TR means that many organizations are having end of the season events and residents are asking each other about when they will be heading north. March in Niagara means that the snow is melting one day and more snow is falling the next day. Residents here are asking if spring will ever arrive. Having experienced March first hand in both areas Bill and I prefer the Florida version. We have truly missed all of our TR friends and being part of the winter activities at TR. Next season we hope that we will be spending the winter at our southern home playing some golf and enjoying the sunshine.

This will be my last column this season. In organizing my writing files I came across the following story which generated the most comments I ever received from readers over the seven years that I was writing regularly. I hope you enjoy it.

The following story originally printed in February 2010 was entitled "The Bottom Line." I have been trying to figure out a really attention grabbing headline for this week's article and finally settled on the bottom line because this story is all about lines. Recently at a Sunday Night Program a couple of friends and I were chatting about how long the line was for ice cream and decided that lines would be a good topic for a *Jane's World* column. Here is the story.

Most Sunday nights at Busch Hall there are long lines for ice cream and you even have to get in line to buy a ticket to get into the line. Lines form for tickets for entertainment, the Fashion Show, the Pancake Breakfast, etc. The evening starts with Doug Pedersen calling on first-time visitors to line up in front of the stage to be recognized and the evening ends with long lines of golf carts, cars and pedestrians making their way back home. There are even lines on the road to keep everyone in line. Lines are everywhere. Standing in lines can be fun



because I always meet the most interesting people. Bill claims that I can talk to a post and keep up both sides of the conversation. That might be a slight exaggeration but I do enjoy chatting with people – in grocery store lines, waiting for a bank teller or in lines at TR.

Sometimes a line connects us. For instance a telephone line helps families stay in touch although it only works if you can dial the correct number. Perhaps this is a male problem but Bill cannot remember any of our three children's telephone numbers. If he wants to call our oldest daughter he uses Speed Dial #1, our second daughter is #2 and our son is #3. He can also turn on his cell phone and use its phone book to get their numbers to dial on the landline. Did I mention that none of the children have moved in the past five years? The bottom line here is that Bill is lucky to have me to line up the phone numbers for him.

Sometimes a line divides us. For instance, Bill and I have an imaginary line in our bed which separates his side from my side or more importantly my cold feet from his nice warm ones. This line is not defended like a borderline but there have been some serious skirmishes and major negotiations about its exact position. The bottom line here is that I am lucky that the line is imaginary so I can occasionally cross the line.

Readers who read between the lines might be wondering just where this storyline is going. Then again if you can read between the lines I won't need to write so many lines. Possibly some fans are reading this online which introduces another line of thought altogether. Sports have plenty of lines to

write about. When I watch my Buffalo Bills play football I watch the offensive line set up on the line of scrimmage opposite the other team's defensive line. The whole object is to get the football over the goal line. There are linebackers, linesmen, line judges and yard lines on the field. Hockey has a red line, two blue lines, linesmen and the players even make line changes. Baseball has line drives. Tennis courts are defined by lines. Bowling has a foul line. In curling in order to remain in play rocks must be thrown past the hog-line – no I am not making that up. The bottom line here is that I am starting to think that if we did not have lines we would not have sports.

There are punch lines, subway lines, cruise lines, fine lines, fishing lines, firing lines and line dances. You can open a line of credit, teach a child to color inside the lines or hang laundry on a clothesline. You can even design a clothing line with fashions sporting various necklines, waistlines or hemlines. Do you remember pick-up lines? I am pretty sure that standard ones were somewhat romantic. However, Bill's pick-up line for me was about my little green car. I'm still wondering how I fell for that.

I am sure readers can think of even more lines. Meanwhile Bill and I will be working on our lines of communication because in any good relationship that's really the bottom line.

P.S. These are the last lines. Bill and I want to thank all of *The TR Times* volunteers who put together such an excellent paper every week. The online paper is a real lifeline for residents who are not currently in the park. Being able to read about all the activities and see pictures of friends and neighbors makes us feel like we are still part of the TR community. We wish everyone a relaxing, healthy summer and safe travels. See you in the fall.

# Garden News

## Fun facts



Photo by Leslie Ewing

Several people came out to enjoy a jam session in the Garden.

by Leslie Ewing

The first ever Garden Scavenger Hunt now underway will last until Sunday, March 13, when Garden Club members will be at the Bocce Ball Courts from 3 to 6 p.m. For those who bring their packets, Club members will have prizes too numerous to mention, but only for as long as they last.

Participants can compare their results to a master sheet with the correct answers. The Garden Club just wants everyone to enjoy being in the Garden and to become more familiar with some of the plants we have.

Here are some fun facts about the plants on the Scavenger Hunt list:

**Amaryllis** is native to Africa. Here in Florida we can just plant them in the ground. They do best in partial shade.

**Angel Trumpet** is native to South America. It contains toxic alkaloids that are made into prescription medicines.

**Bamboo** originated in China and can grow anywhere except in extremely cold climates. Bamboo used in flooring is a more environmentally sustainable substitute for wood.

**Bismark Palm** is native to Madagascar. Palm tree trunks need to be carefully pruned as the trees grow. Rats have been known to nest in untrimmed palm trees.

**Bromeliad** is native to tropical America from Mexico to Venezuela. Bromeliads are related to Spanish Moss. They only bloom once, but the foliage is very colorful.

**Cypress Knees** are generally found in swampy areas. They are woody projections of the roots of cypress trees. The purpose of the knees is poorly understood, with differing theories about aerating the roots to reducing erosion to

assisting in anchoring the tree to the soil.

**Mondo "Grass"** is native to China, Japan, Vietnam and India. It is also called Monkey Grass or the Fountain Plant. It is used in Chinese medicine.

**Nun's Hood Orchid** is also called the Swamp Lily. It is native to Asia and the Pacific Islands. It can be easily propagated from cuttings laid on Sphagnum Moss.

**Peace Lily** is native to tropical America and Southeast Asia. It is not a true lily.

**Penta** is native to Madagascar. It attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

**Philodendron Split Leaf** is also called the Swiss Cheese Plant. It is native to Southern Mexico south to Panama. In Hawaii the Split Leaf is classified as an invasive plant.

**Philodendron Monstera** differs from the Split Leaf because it has rounded heart-shaped leaves.

**Shrimp Plant** is native to Mexico. It is actually an evergreen shrub with woody stems.

**Staghorn Fern** is native to South America, Africa, Australia and Southeast Asia. There are 18 different species of Staghorn Fern. The TR Garden has the large antler fern.

**Tropical Milkweed** is native to tropical areas in the Western Hemisphere. It is somewhat controversial to plant here in Florida because it can be invasive.

**Ti Plant** is called the Good Luck Plant in Hawaii. The roots are brewed for an alcoholic beverage.

**Yesterday Today and Tomorrow** is native to Brazil. It is related to potatoes and tomatoes. One plant will exhibit flowers in three different shades of white and blue, depending upon how long each blossom has bloomed.



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# Pets on Parade



## Cain

by Judy Leister

Cain is a four year old Springer Spaniel. Although the breed is best known for their talent of flushing out game for hunters and then retrieving their catch, Cain loves living up to the *springer* part of the breed’s name which is clearly evident in the picture of him springing through the air at the beach.

Phil and Linda Spencer are full-time residents at TR now but before moving here they lived in Pennsylvania. They had several other Springer Spaniels before getting Cain. When they were ready for another puppy they went to a family-owned Springer breeder in Pennsylvania. They got to meet both parents of a litter of puppies that was soon to be available. They loved both dogs and were very excited. Eight weeks later they picked up their new puppy.

Oh no.....the very next day after they brought the puppy home Linda suffered a terrible spinal issue that landed her in the hospital for two months followed by one more month of rehab. That left Phil at home alone with the new puppy! Baby Cain was quick to catch on to potty training plus he learned the basics of sit, stay and come. Through all of this Cain soon became a Daddy’s Dog. Finally Linda was able to return home but she was very unsteady on her feet following the major surgery she had on her back. Cain was then taught a “gentle” command and was very good around Linda.



Photos by Linda Spencer

Cain springs around the beach.

Phil and Linda used to go on some trips that were not really designed for a dog so their previous Springers stayed in boarding kennels while they traveled. That is until they came home from one of their trips and picked up their dog at the kennel. The poor thing was covered with fleas and had made himself raw by chewing much of his hair off. That was the last of the boarding kennels for them. They went out and bought their first RV, a 27’ fifthwheel. From that point on their dog would always travel with them. By the time Cain joined the family their journeys were limited to the back and forth trips from Pennsylvania to TR.

I don’t know about the rest of you but I really enjoy eating a meal in the company of friends. Cain is the same way. His food can be

placed in his dish on the floor and he won’t touch it until his humans sit down at the table next to him and start their own meal. Then chomp, chomp.....Cain gobbles all of his food. Linda makes healthy homemade meals for him.

Cain and Phil have very interesting conversations with each other. Cain does silly growls at Phil while wildly wagging his tail. Then Phil does the human version of the growl back at Cain. Of course Phil doesn’t happen to have a tail to wag. Maybe we need to get him one. This hilarious conversation can lead into rather long chats. Grrrrrr, “Open the door faster.” Grrrrrr. Whatever they are saying to each other they seem to understand. Too cute. Poor Linda. She’s not included in these Grrrrrr chats.



Cain and his crabby friend

# Birding Activity



## Warblers are special

by Norm Eden

As we approach the end of our winter season the number of warblers passing through TR increases. This is a group that always attracts particular attention offering significant identification challenges and rewards for beginners and experienced birders alike. As a result many folk become specialists for these attractive birds.

Warblers are a largish group of small birds that are mainly sparrow-sized with varied and distinctive plumage that is very colorfully based on many shades of green and yellow.

There are plenty of different warblers to get onto your lists. *Sibley’s Guide to Eastern U.S. Birds* lists 38 species. *Hernando Audubon* lists 34 for this area. My TR January to March total so far is just 13 seen over the past seven years or so. However I know for sure that there have been many missed. Identification is challenging for several reasons that frequently all apply at the same time.

Almost all warblers are migratory so many will stop off here for a very short time. They are well-camouflaged when not moving as they look for food mostly high in trees. They are seen in silhouette there and when their details are visible they don't stay still for more than a few seconds as you concentrate on the recognition features.

Easy to see if it’s sparrow-size, mostly slim and with a thin pointed beak. Then does it have wing bars, clear colors for head, throat, breast, back and tail, eye rings, streaks or eyebrows? That’s all you need to remember for



Photos by Tom Butler

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

consulting your guide book or App.

When you look at the guide it’s easy to see the warbler attraction. Here at TR we see wintering Palm Warblers, mostly ground feeding with constant tail flicking. We also have year-round resident Pine Warblers which are similar but with two diagnostic wing bars. Others less frequently seen and relatively easy to identify include the dramatic Yellow-throated Warbler, one of the very few year-round residents here and the Yellow-rumped and the Black-and-white Warbler which are also around but less common.

The vast majority of warblers migrate to breed in summer in Canada and across northern states. This is such an attraction that several thousand birders make annual trips to northwestern Ohio to see warblers. The warblers keep still there for once as they rest and feed to build their strength for the flight over Lake Erie to Canada.

The southern shoreline of Lake Erie eastwards from Toledo is a paradise for birdwatchers during April and May with a bird festival and birding lectures plus exhibits from the biggest optical

manufacturers at the peak time of mid-May.

Point Pelee in Ontario across Lake Erie is equally famous and there are frequent special ferry crossings over to the southernmost point of Canada which has a Provincial Park with campgrounds. I heard that some warblers are known to be passengers on these boat trips. The May festival in Ohio is organized by The Black Swamp Bird Observatory and is held at the Lodge in the Maumee Bay Ohio State Park. It is just 12 miles east of I-75 and Toledo and has a really nice adjacent campground that we’ve visited on two occasions.

For overall confirmation of warbler attraction, whether or not you may visit the Ohio area, I recommend browsing the following websites which have loads of great photographs and links to yet more information. Black Swamp is the festival organizer and is a year round organization, [www.bsbo.org](http://www.bsbo.org). The festival itself is [www.biggestweekinamerican-birding.com](http://www.biggestweekinamerican-birding.com) and [www.mageemarsh.org](http://www.mageemarsh.org). These have great content including a downloadable guide to warbler photography.

Warblers are special - enjoy good birding.



PINE WARBLER

# Pet Lovers Club



KIM ROBERTS WITH GEORGE

by Kim Roberts

At the last Pet Lovers Club meeting I was nominated and elected to President. I am an animal lover and have a great appreciation for Travelers Rest Resort. I can’t remember a time in my life when I did not have a pet. My mother used to tease, “Kim is the one who will bring home all the animals.” In my lifetime I have had 6 dogs. My childhood dog Butch lived until the age of 17.

Since then I have had Buck, Billy, Spooky and Molly, all but one were rescues and all have crossed the rainbow bridge. I loved them all even Molly who did not play with others. I now have George, and he will be 14 years old in April. He is such a special boy and I love him dearly.

In 2013, I became a Certified Dog Trainer through the Animal Behavior College.

I established *Kim’s K9 Training* and trained dogs and their owners. My goal was by helping with training, many dogs would be kept from being left at the shelter because they were bad dogs. I really enjoyed it and I know I saved more than a few.

I am looking forward to working hard to help keep the Puppy Park in great shape and providing fun for all. I have a lot of ideas and would love any suggestions you may have.

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## Pet Lovers Club activities

by Judy Leister

We will be having our annual picnic Monday, March 21 at 3 p.m. at the Golf View Pavilion. We will start out with posed photos being taken of our pets for a FREE 5x7. Then the pets can be taken home so you can return at 4 p.m. for a potluck dinner. The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring your own table service and beverage. You might also need a chair.

Thanks for the fun times. I am so honored to have been the Pet Lovers Club president all these years and have had lots of fun participating in the club’s many

activities. I felt it was time for the club to enjoy fresh ideas and inspiration from a new leader. Following the Blessing of the Pets we had in February I announced that I would be stepping down as club president and Kim Roberts graciously accepted the nomination to step in as the new leader.

You can’t get rid of me all together (grin). I will continue to be an active member and will still be handling the monthly club yard sales and writing pet articles for *The TR Times* plus will help in any other area the club might need. Thanks for the many, many years of fun.

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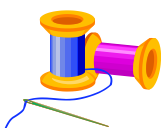
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# Another successful Quilt-A-Rama



Carol Luther operates one of the machines.

by Lynne Lewis  
Quilt-a-Rama was a great success. Considering COVID and the fact that lots of us are still isolating we had a great turn out. We had 50 seamstresses and helpers this year along with a dozen husbands who did yeoman duty in setting up tables and taking them down. A whopping 32 quilts were completed and will be dropped off at the Pasco abuse shelter next week along with a dozen teddy bears for the kids. We also had a generous donation check from one of our campers. Hopefully next year we will be back to "normal" and do even better. Our thanks to all who came out and participated.



Sue Wendt and Judy Smith fit the blocks together to complete a quilt.



Jackie Thackery has scissors at the ready to snip threads.



Kathy Carlig, Pat McCallum, Jen Furman are shown with Chairperson Lynne Lewis.



Rosemary Summers uses an older Singer machine to join quilt blocks.



Kathy Carlig is intent on her work.



Are Dwight Green and Floyd Bell checking up on Marcia Hatfield's work?



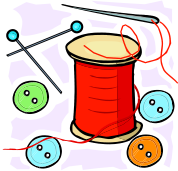
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Watkins



Oops! Looks like Gloria Polzin has an ouchie.



Jo Schipani presses on.



Guy Weik, Mickey Cobb and Dave Bass from the Snack Shack take lunch orders from the busy sewers.



Terry Sander shows off his ironing skills.



Joan Ledbetter presses a completed quilt top.



Tawnya Rowden and sister Roxi Bass both work on the project.





TR Sports



Party Bridge

by Douglas Hatfield  
Tuesday, March 1

1. Ron Hicks .....	4580
2. Janet Baal .....	3230
3. Jen Furman .....	3210

Thursday, March 3

1. Douglas and Marcia Hatfield .....	4580
2. Jen Furman and John Cyr .....	3050
3. Harold and Janet Baal .....	2360



Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek  
Friday, March 4

**Men's Scratch High Game**

Steve Niles .....	256
Don Markle .....	173
Tom Maragnano .....	166

**Men's Scratch High Series**

Steve Niles .....	683
Dave Couture .....	418
Mike Hardison .....	418
Don Markle .....	415

**Men's Handicap High Game**

Steve Niles .....	277
Tom Maragnano .....	264
Bill Bunning .....	259

**Men's Handicap High Series**

Steve Niles .....	746
Bill Bunning .....	733
Tom Maragnano .....	702

**Men's High Average**

Steve Niles .....	206
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**Women's Scratch High Game**

Pat Markle .....	209
Leslie Price .....	181
Debi Niles .....	164

**Women's Scratch High Series**

Pat Markle .....	507
Debi Niles .....	468
Leslie Price .....	451

**Women's Handicap High Game**

Pat Markle .....	292
Grace Couture .....	255
Leslie Price .....	252

**Women's Handicap High Series**

Pat Markle .....	756
Linda Smith .....	738
Debi Niles .....	705

**Women's High Average**

Lin Buczek .....	158
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Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield  
Monday, Feb. 28

**Winners:**

Betty Brown .....	5
Connie Bradley .....	4
Kathy Bocchino .....	3
Marcia Hatfield, Jen Furman, Jackie Gage .....	2
Nancy Moschler .....	1

Friday, March 4

**Winners:**

Jackie Gage, Doris Lewis .....	4
Mary Beth Coldren, Betty Brown .....	3
Kathy Bocchino, Barb Aubrey .....	2
Connie Bradley, Jen Furman, Anne Amico, Nancy Moschler .....	1

TRGA Annual Meeting

by Shirley-Ann Appleby  
The Travelers Rest Golf Association will meet on Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Snack Shack Pavilion. The election of officers for next year will be conducted. We need a quorum to elect two new directors. All members are welcome and urged to attend this important meeting.

Ladies Golf League championship results



by Laurie Gardner  
Lady golfers were treated to beautiful blue skies for both days of our tournament. Congratulations to **Sylvia Cole**, the TRLGA 2021-22 Champion!



*Photo by Carey Box*  
This year's champion is **Sylvia Cole**. She is shown with **Hazel English** and **Vicki Brooks**.

Low Gross Winners:

- 1. Sylvia Cole
- 2. Hazel English
- 3. Vicki Brooks

Low Net Winners:

- 1. Joan McLean
- 2. Shannon Harkins
- 3. Marijo Noll and Val Smith

Chinese Mah Jong's winners and new members



*Photo by Marcia Hatfield*  
**CONNIE BRADLEY, KATHY BOCCHINO AND BETTY BROWN**  
by Marcia Hatfield

The winners for February are: Kathy Bocchino, Empress with an amazing 23 wins, Betty Brown, Princess with 17 wins and Connie Bradley, Lady-in-Waiting with 15 wins.

Two new players joined our group this month. Welcome to Barb Aubrey and Connie Bradley who are both from Canada. Barb was a consistent winner. Connie reached Royalty status playing only 3 of the 4 weeks!

The Chinese version of Mah Jong is very similar to Gin Rummy but is played with tiles rather than

cards. Once you learn the basics of creating a hand you can play for years without having to learn new hands. If you want to play a more challenging game you can add special hands to your repertoire. Kathy created the all pairs special hand earning 1,000 points on that hand alone! A common hand usually reaches only 30 to 100 points.

Come see what all the fun is about on Mondays and Fridays at 1 p.m. in Citrus West. Contact Marcia Hatfield, 614-946-4411, lot 2-05.

Men's Golf League championship results

by Bill Harkins  
The Men's Golf League held their 2-day tournament on Wednesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 3. We had 44 players show up to play and enjoy the beautiful weather. Congratulations to all players and all of our winners.

Low Gross Winner

- Ron Duplessis (Playoff)
- |                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Ron Duplessis, Ralph Smith ..... | 68 |
| 2. Lynn Meyers .....                | 70 |
| 3. Steve Niles .....                | 71 |

Low Net Winners:

- |   |    |
|---|----|
| 1. Bruce Cole, Casey Fisher, Steve Niles .....              | 59 |
| 2. Bruce Pemberton, John Scime, Sam Wykoff, Ken Zoanetti .. | 60 |
| 3. Rich Beisel .....  | 61 |



RC Motorsports

by Douglas Hatfield  
Thursday, March 3

1. Charlie Gardner .....	35
2. Andy Beach .....	34
3. John Cristiano .....	32

Saturday, March 5

1. Andy Beach .....	36
2. Charlie Gardner .....	35
3. John Cristiano .....	32



Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise  
Saturday, Feb. 26

**Sailing Scores**

**DragonFlite 95 Class**

1. Chuck Lemke
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**Soling Class**

1. Rick Yoder
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Friday, March 4

**Stealth**

1. Dean Peters
2. Jerry McRoberts

**Power Vee A**

1. Don Meddles
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**Power Vee B**

1. Joe Politsky
2. Denny McMann

**Traaxxas Blast**

1. Dean Peters
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by Pat McCallum  
Saturday, March 5

1. Carol Jean Beard .....	1170
2. Pat McCallum .....	1060
3. Barb Aubrey .....	1020

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Obituaries

DOROTHY LEWIS

Dorothy Lewis, 90, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Erieville, N.Y., passed away peacefully on Jan. 7, 2022 with her family at her side.

She worked for Merchants Bank for 20 years. After she retired she enjoyed quilting and traveling with her late husband Bryant Lewis, Jr. They had 61 years together, making so many friends along the way. Their years as winter residents at TR were spent on lot 4-20 in RV South.

Her true joy was spending time with her family. She is survived by her three children Bryant (Elizabeth) Lewis, III of Merrimack, N.H., Jeffrey (Sara) Lewis of Sarasota, Fla. and Dorothy (Michael) Shute of Sherrill, N.Y. as well as five grandchildren who loved their “Gramma Dots” and her sister Beverly Burns.

Bulletin Bloopers!

submitted by Rich Kushman  
(Taken from The Angelical Digest)  
The sermon this morning:  
“Jesus Walks on the Water”  
The sermon tonight:  
“Searching for Jesus.”

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help.

The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



Thank you

Thank you to the Travelettes Women’s Chorus for the songs on Feb. 23. Made my day.  
Wonderful.  
Lucille Warfield

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Photos by Bill Watkins  
Randy Melville smiles as he is seated in his Cadillac Mod 30 Touring Car. Shown below are full and front views of the beautiful antique vehicle.



A call to worship

John Freed was the Worship Leader at a recent church service. He read the following which he had written. Hope you enjoy it as much as the congregation did.

by John Freed

The rapture is often described as flying through the air. This morning, let’s take a trip on Spirit Airlines. The line to board is long, but not everyone has a ticket so only some are allowed on. We have no suitcases, not even carry-ons.

The cockpit crew looks like they are from the *10 Commandments* movie and the attendants have wings! Soon after we take off, communion is served. The flight is much shorter than expected and soon we land at the entrance to Heaven.

As we leave the plane, we are greeted by silent monks holding up signs saying Hallelujah! We are seated in a great hall and hear a familiar voice saying, “We have a tradition here at the Pearly Gates...” We all go forward and say who we are and where we are from.

An archangel takes us on a tour. His name is Anthony. There is a pool where John the Baptist is hard at work. And a 72-hole golf course where the balls always fly straight and onto the green. We pass tables overflowing with fruits and vegetables . . .but, we stay away from the apples. We travel down a narrow path past the Garden of Eden to a shack in the woods flowing with milk and honey . . . and clam chowder. Curiously, one of the worker angels has an orange robe and wings!

When we reach the great cathedral, we are humbled in the presence of God and lift up our hands in worship as we sing praises and receive His blessing.

David says in Psalm 100, “Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.” We welcome all of you into the presence of the Lord this morning in this church of Christ.

As we enter into worship, we can do it in several ways.  
We worship God as children . . . with wonder and awe.  
We worship God as youth . . . with questions and eager hearts.  
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The gift

by Margaret Emmetts

Many years ago it was decided that my Grandmother was getting too old to live alone and that she should move in with her daughter who was my Mother. My task was to help sort out her belongings and pack her up for the move.

At the time Gram was living in the second story of a two family house owned by her son-in-law. She had access to the attic, something we came to regret. We had already moved her out of her own home several years prior so had already gotten rid of many of her things. Nevertheless, she still had a lot of things to go through. I might note that Gram was a great one for repurposing things. Her favorite adage was “Waste not, want not.” Gram could be something of a character.

I decided to start in the attic. In sorting through things I found an old candy box. It was really quite nice. It was a metal box with a plaid taffeta covering. Although it was pretty, I really didn’t think it was of much use so I put it with the disposal pile.

On the next trip I decided to tackle her main living floor. I was going through a coat closet by the entry when guess what I found? The candy box had reappeared. Apparently Gram had taken it out of the disposal pile and stashed it in the closet. Remember, “Waste not, want not.” Again I placed it in the disposal pile.

On the day of the move the whole family was busy carrying things from the second floor and placing them in Dad’s car. In the dining room was a stack of

cardboard boxes tied together with a string. I picked them up by the string which proceeded to break. The boxes tumbled to the floor and one popped opened. One guess what fell out of the box. It was the candy box again. While I groaned, Mom was laughing. For the fourth time I discarded the pretty candy box.

Fast forward to Christmas. We were at my parent’s house opening gifts. I had a nice pile before me and was slowly opening them one by one. As I unwrapped one I found a cardboard box. I will give you one guess what it contained. Right! Mom had saved the box, carefully wrapped it and gave it to me for Christmas. Did I mention that Mom could also be something of a character? I took the box home and it finally met its fate.

Gram also had an affinity for African violets. She had quite a collection. Whenever a leaf fell off a plant she quickly put it in a small glass of water to root and form yet another plant. On the day of the move Dad was carrying a tray of the plants down the stairs when one plant fell off the tray. On landing a leaf broke from the plant. Dad’s reaction was to shout “Quick, a glass of water to root this leaf.”

While relocating older members of the family may be a lot of work, if one has a sense of humor you can still have a few laughs during the process.





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