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Flea Market

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Busch Hall Sunday

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First Forum of the season is well attended

by Margaret Emmetts

The first Forum of the season was held on Nov. 7 in Busch Hall with about 100 residents in attendance. All members of the Board were present as was Ray Hill, Donna Sullivan and Activity Director Guy Weik.

Jim Weigand reported on park finances. He anticipated that income would be down compared to last year. This is a result of inflation and the fact that we were the recipients of monies from a pandemic grant for small businesses last year.

Nevertheless the park is in good financial shape with an adequate surplus on hand.

Kathy Shawver was pleased to report that TR received the food license needed to serve food both at the Snack Shack and the Busch Hall kitchen. A review of the facilities at both locations indicated that the Snack Shack was in need of an outside mop sink. This has been installed along with new wire rack shelving for storage and new lighting.

A Resident Waste Management Committee has been formed with 80 volunteers. They have recommended obtaining a combination plastic/steel can receptacle, a 20 yard roll-off for recyclables, a unit for battery disposal and a means to transport large heavy items to the Pasco County Transfer Station.

Our Activities Director announced that Coffee Socials will begin in January but a new chairperson is needed. New chairpersons are also needed for the Fashion Show and Friday Night Dances.

An Activity Schedule will be posted in Busch Hall, the Post Office, the bulletin board in the



Photos by Bill Watkins

The refurbished Snack Shack above, with the new outdoor mop sink required for our food license shown below. All our food facilities passed inspection with flying colors.



THE NEW MOP SINK



Sheriff's office presents a Crime Prevention Seminar

by Margaret Emmetts

Deputy Ron Buzzetto of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office presented a Crime Prevention and Education Seminar to TR residents on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Unfortunately there were less than 20 residents present. There will be more presentations in the future and it is hoped they will be better attended as Buzzetto has a lot of useful information to share with our residents.

Several years ago we had a TR Crime Watch formed which patrolled the park during the evening hours. Buzzetto stated in retrospect this was not the best idea. He did not want any resident to confront anyone who was acting suspiciously as this could lead to a dangerous situation.

Buzzetto's primary recommendation was the oft quoted "if you see something, say something." The Sheriff's Office would much rather come out to investigate something that proved to be nothing than to miss something that might be important. The Office will also perform "welfare checks" which are appropriate if for instance it is suspected that a

neighbor might be ill or in need of help. If you feel something is not right, do not call Donna in the park office. Call the Sheriff's Office directly. Calling the TR office will only delay any action that is needed. You can always call the park office the next day to let them know what happened.

If you suspect a burglary in progress or something of the sort, do not go out with a gun. You will be the one to get into trouble and above all, never try to confront someone. That is the job of the Sheriff's Office whose officers are trained to handle these situations.

One resident related an instance that occurred while walking her dog. She saw a van that did not seem to belong in the park. She called the Sheriff's Office and they responded. Buzzetto said if you see something like this try to get as much information as you can. Get a description of the people involved, a description of the vehicle and he noted that even a partial license plate number is useful. You might not realize that someone else also observed the problem and just may have gotten a different partial plate number. It is also useful if

you can manage to stay in the area. He suggested that the dog walker might walk her dog around the same tree 20 times. This may enable you to see in which direction the perpetrators went when they left the scene. Buzzetto said that it is not unusual for his officers to be able to stop a vehicle which is leaving the scene as they are approaching it. This is when having even partial information regarding a vehicle and even a partial plate number can be quite useful.

Buzzetto advised residents of a current scam. If someone knocks on your door at 2 a.m., do not answer the door unless you know who it is. The scam is to knock in the middle of the night. If the door is answered, the criminals force their way into the house and burglarize it.

Many residents think TR is a safe place and do not lock their doors. This invites criminals in. Always lock both your house and your car. A majority of car thefts occur when people leave their key fobs in the car's cup holder. Do not leave money, even small change, in plain view in the car.

pavilion on Golf View and of course *The TR Times*.

It is anticipated that activities will be online by Dec. 1. If anyone has suggestions for new activities they can contact the Activity Director.

Currently blood drives are scheduled for the first Mondays in December and March.

The program concluded with a question and answer period:

Q - What is being done to resolve the water problem behind the dumpster? Can either gravel or planks be put down until a remedy is found?

A - Work is expected to be done tomorrow on the pump which is causing the problem.

Q - When will the golf course be reseeded and the greens rebuilt?

A - Three greens and tees will be done in April 2023.

Comment: Thanks to the Veterans for their memorial service for Jack Carey. Jane Carey was touched by the service and called to express her thanks.

Q - What is the status of the key-card readers which will open buildings?

A - A staged delivery is being planned. Cards will be available for a few buildings soon and by next season they will be available for all buildings.

Q - Can the key-cards be designed to include our name tags?

A - That is what is planned.

Q - What provision is being made for a dumpster for household items?

A - That is still under consideration.

In closing Shawver reminded residents to attend Veranda Chats.

The next Forum will be held in Busch Hall on Monday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Your input is valued.



Entertainment Revue presents Christmas Medley



Entertainment Revue performers singing about reindeer fun.

by Ken and Sandy Langell

Entertainment Revue first appeared on our stage in January, 2022, and we are so happy to bring them back to begin the Christmas season at TR. Entertainment Revue is a song and dance ensemble based in Tampa, Fla. They have an all-female cast, ranging in age from 5 to 18 years old. Every single one of them is an extremely talented, professional performer.

The performers and directors of Entertainment Revue expend a lot of hard work to put together their shows, and the results speak for themselves. They have performed for U.S. Presidents, shared a stage with Elton John and appeared on national television and in Broadway shows. The organization takes great pride in setting their girls up for success on and off the stage. Academic excellence is a priority. Entertainment

Revue has awarded approximately \$500,000 in college scholarships to prior cast members.

Their Christmas show includes several holiday medleys, including high energy rock 'n roll and traditional classics we all love. One medley transports you to Christmas in New York City, where you will feel like you are walking down snow-covered city streets and passing by bustling shoppers in Rockefeller Center.

Another medley gives us a good old-fashioned, down-home Christmas. You can almost taste the pumpkin pie.

Busch Hall Sunday Night presents Entertainment Revue on Sunday, Dec. 4 in Busch Hall. The Ice Cream Social will be from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Announcements will start at 6:45 p.m. with the program immediately following. Please come and enjoy the show.



Talented members of Entertainment Revue display their dancing ability.

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Concert Series

History of Entertainment at TR and coming attractions

by Doug Pedersen

When TR first began in 1972, the earliest entertainment was provided by amateur volunteer residents but they were not as talented as current volunteers Doc and Donna. Busch Hall Sunday Nights sprang from this tradition in 1973 when the building was completed.

The modest budget initially featured a make-do variety including old time silent movies from a resident's personal collection, resident narrated travel slide shows, three nights of resident talent shows and an occasional special local volunteer or paid performer. Eventually some seasons included a special SPECTACULAR. My first such program in the late 80s featured Myron Floren, the noted Lawrence Welk orchestra accordion player. The ticket price was \$5 and the hall was packed.

We are blessed in Florida with wonderful touring entertainment options, especially during the snowbird season, including many Branson, Nashville, Canadian and other northern artists coming to enjoy our warmer weather.

Our six-program Concert Series began when some of these wonderful entertainment options exceeded the park-supplied budget for Sunday Night Programs and, just as with all TR activities, including them meant they had to be self-sustaining. In general, these programs each now cost from \$3,000 upward with the Annual Spectacular typically in the \$7,500 to \$10,000 range.

The programs selected always feature a broad range of musical tastes to help celebrate the variety available. Thus if you can't enjoy them all, you can come to those that you want to enjoy. All programs are in Busch Hall on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The individual program charge is \$10 per person payable at the door except for the Annual Spectacular which is \$15 per person.

The season reserved seat tickets now on sale include all six shows for the same total price of \$65 with the same reserved seat for all programs. You can arrive just before 7 p.m. and your seat is there. The financial goal of the series is to break even or add a small amount to reserves. These same programs at other communities are often treated as profit-makers charging admission fees of \$35 to \$50. At other venues, the cost of hall rental, the box office staff and janitorial services must be included in the ticket price. As a result some of our very same Annual Spectacular programs have been priced nearer \$100 per ticket at local performing arts centers. Plan now to take advantage of our bargain prices. You have already paid for the hall and paid for maintenance. Our box office staff and door attendants are volunteers and there is no added parking charge.

The 2023 Concert Series features the following programs.

Jan. 11: **Tim Zimmerman and The Kings Brass** is a distinguished nationally touring group of nine musicians that never disappoint with their selection of classical, contemporary, sacred and secular music. Be prepared for this amazing brass ensemble to surround you with their presence as they perform once again for our enjoyment. It is always extraordinary.

Jan. 25: **Dave and Daphne** have many fans here from their earlier appearances and they look forward to sharing their Grand Ole Opry Classic Country Show with us once again. Dave Salyer was the lead guitarist for Barbara Mandrell for many years and Daphne Anderson sang with Bill Gaither gospel groups. Together, they are awesome entertainers who once filled 600 seats in Busch Hall and received a standing ovation. They will be loved once again. Be there.

Feb. 22: **Franco Corso and Anna Maria Soprano** are international classic crossover vocalists who now make South Florida home and are among artists who appear frequently at events at Trump's Mar-a-Lago. They will sing both separately and as a duo during an evening full of classic romantic vocals in the styles of Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman.

March 8: **William Florian**, a former lead singer with the New Christy Minstrels, returns to our stage once again with the music of Neil Diamond. Florian's previous performances of New Christy era folk music and the music of John Denver were both much enjoyed. With his guitar and other backup musicians he will share stories and sing the music of Neil Diamond that we all remember.

March 22: **Kenny Hess** will take us on a memory-filled performance of classic country music. Touring since the age of 15, this



SHADES OF BUBLE

Feb. 8: **Shades of Buble** pays tribute to the music of Michael Buble by taking the experience to an all new level with three voices singing incredible songs, swinging standards, original chart-topping hits and thrilling Motown and rock and roll covers. It is Michael Buble's multi-platinum career elevated to new heights with three-part harmonies and a full live band. This is sure to be a one-of-a-kind concert event as our Annual Spectacular.

Saskatchewan-born guitarist/vocalist has been singing the songs of such greats as Charlie Pride, Merle Haggard and Don Williams for years.

Your attendance at these self sustaining programs is extremely vital for the series to be able to continue year after year. Come and enjoy one of the best quality entertainment bargains anywhere.

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Message from the President

by Katherine Shawver
President / CEO
TR Board of Directors

Welcome to the first issue of *The TR Times*. The Board of Directors welcomes everyone to TR. To residents who are returning we are so glad to see you again and to new residents we welcome you to our little piece of paradise!

I want to share with you a little secret about one of the many things that makes TR so special – it's our great volunteers. Volunteers make our community a great place to live. When we volunteer, we put our personal touch on this community and that results in pride in everything we do. We have several hundred resident volunteers who help in the park throughout the year. For an example, there are approximately 300 volunteers who help the Maintenance Staff at the Golf Course.

Volunteering can be seen everywhere. There are always opportunities to volunteer because there are many different talents needed to make this a great place to live. Do you admire the beautiful



KATHERINE SHAWVER

plantings and sculptures at the entrance to the park? That's a combined effort that includes Park Management, the Maintenance team and resident volunteers. At TR volunteers help reduce the cost of operating the park by performing tasks that do not require paid staff.

The Board looks forward to implementing a new resort wide communication tool called **InTouch**. Communications will be provided to residents by smart phones, tablets, computers, smart TVs and on a couple of screens similar to the video screen outside the Post Office. When **InTouch** is

ready for a soft launch in the next couple of weeks residents will be offered informational sessions to learn how the tool works.

In the next few weeks residents will receive in their mailboxes key cards to allow entrance to the pool, Paul Ruth Room and the Wood Shop. This is a soft launch of key-card security that is expected to expand to all resort buildings in 2023. Key-card access will improve safety and security at TR.

On Monday, Dec. 5 please come to Busch Hall at 1 p.m. for a Crime Prevention Education Seminar lead by Community Engagement Officer Ron Buzzetto from the Pasco County Sheriff's office. Residents can ask any question that is of concern. The officer will be joined by a member of Pasco County Fire Rescue to talk about fire safety.

On Monday, Dec. 5 please come to Busch Hall at 3 p.m. for the December Resident Forum.

Welcome back to TR and have an enjoyable 2022-23 season.

Bloodmobile coming to TR

by Ken Neer

This coming Monday Dec. 5 two OneBlood Buses will be parked at the TR Fire Station from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This is the first of two blood drives scheduled for this season, the 2nd will be March 6. Additional drives are held throughout the summer and are coordinated by Diana Hill (352-760-1420).

It is a TR tradition to volunteer and, when we can, to give back. It is what makes our park so unique. Twice a season we 'snowbirds' are offered the opportunity to give back by stepping up and donating a pint of our blood.

Only human blood can replace human blood, there is no alternative or substitute. After testing and component separation (plasma, red blood cells and platelets) your donation can be used to help three patients.

Putting to rest two common misconceptions to giving, there is no age restriction and Canadians are encouraged to participate. Also, many restrictions (various drugs and the donor's health) that may have previously affected an individual's ability to donate have been lifted. If you have questions regarding your individual ability to donate, you are encouraged to stop by the bus and ask a representative.



I am told each donor will receive a OneBlood plush blanket; a comfortable light covering for the upcoming chilly TV watching or reading evenings as well as a \$20 e-Gift card. Also, you receive a wellness check which includes pulse, blood pressure, hemoglobin (iron) count and a cholesterol screening (phone in for results). However, the main 'perk' is the feeling you have helped save someone's life.

Be a 'hero' and stop by the OneBlood Bus and give the 'Gift of Life' Monday, Dec. 5.

Please remember to bring a picture I.D., eat a hardy breakfast and drink plenty of fluids before and after giving. You are encouraged to stop by the TR Fire Station (side door) immediately after giving. It will be manned with First Responders and there will be water and snacks available.

Our special Thanksgiving family

by Laura Maragnano

We love our home here in Florida, but leaving Connecticut 3-1/2 years ago, leaving behind friends and family, was really hard to say the least. Never does that hit us more square in the face than during the holidays.

The first year, Christmas 2019, we drove north to spend the holiday with kids and grandkids. It was really important to be with family after losing my sister earlier in the year. Christmas 2020 and 2021 were the years of COVID and we pretty much stayed put.

As much as we miss our family, particularly at Christmas, it is hard to adequately articulate how crazy it is trying to make sure we make it around to see our 9 kids and their spouses and our 21 grandchildren during a time that is already super stressful for them while they prepare for the holiday with super-excited kids. Don't get me wrong, I think they are all happy to have us, but we are not so old that we have forgotten the stress of that hustle and bustle. So, we FaceTime. Thank God for that.

I was thinking a couple days ago about how different our lives would be if we had purchased a new home in the Ocala area, which was our initial plan back in 2018 when we started our search. We had scheduled viewings of homes very similar to what we had in Connecticut, which was a very beautiful home. If anyone had told me four years ago that I would be living in a double-wide manufactured home in a senior-living community in Florida and loving it, I would have said they were out of their mind, and yet here we are. If I am honest I struggled with this initially. Because our homes are an extension of who we are I was having a hard time wrapping my head around it. We bought one of the better homes in the park at the time, certainly the best one for our needs. We have made some changes to make it our own, but you can make a home anywhere. It is yours to make, for you, not for the standards of other people who are in different places in their lives.

Yesterday, friends of ours here in the park held a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for, I am

guessing, about 30 of us, many of whom are in the same boat. Everyone contributed something. They may not all be family by blood, although we are blessed to have my aunt and uncle right here in the park, but certainly they are family in every other sense of the word. The ability to be together after missing our families and after two years of COVID changing the way we did things, well, we don't take any of it for granted. Had we bought a house in Ocala, Tom would not have the daily community involvement you get in a park like this, which would make his days of retirement very long and lonely while I am working. The trade-off would be too great a sacrifice. And at this point? I feel nothing but grateful to be part of a community that cares for one another, and I cannot imagine living anywhere else.

We are rich, measured by the love of and for the people around us. We are blessed. Happy Thanksgiving to all.



Another successful year for the Thanksgiving Food Drive

by Darold and Marilyn Long
Special Ministries

TR you have done it again. We gave 57 boxes and a chicken for each box to Daystar Hope Center Food Pantry. They were delighted. Just think of all the people who had a meal this Thanksgiving because of TR. Thank you.



Photo submitted by Marilyn Long

This is what 57 of our boxes look like.

by Darold and Marilyn Long
Special Ministries

We are now asking you to buy gift cards for Sunrise. They will be given to the women who are living in their shelter and outreach program. The women, and some for the first time ever, will be able to buy presents for their children and buy food for Christmas. Sunrise helps the women budget and trains them on how to take care of their family. They do not leave the shelter until they have a safe place, job, etc. Please get cards of \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$25. Put the amount on each card. Walmart is the preferred location because they can get gifts and food there. If you prefer we will take money or checks. Put gift cards on the memo line. Bring them to TR Church,



Photo submitted by Marilyn Long
Darold and Marilyn Long are shown with Kaitline Worth from the Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center.

Sunday Entertainment, Flea Market or give to Darold or Marilyn Long at lot 01-15.

Thank you.



Photo by Bert Contractor

TR Family Thanksgiving.



File Photo

Kit and Dick Wheatley again handing out the boxes.

WELCOME HOME

Welcome back to a new season at TR. Isn't it great to have buildings open and activities in progress? Busch Hall is once again the setting for TR Church Service, Sunday Night Entertainment and, of course, the Ice Cream Social. Lots of new people have moved into TR during the COVID epidemic. With most activities cancelled or curtailed for the last two years, chances are we have not yet met many of these newcomers. This season is an opportunity to make new friendships.

While things appear to be in full swing here, we should remember that COVID has not gone away. There is still potential to contract the disease. To help ensure that you stay healthy you should be vaccinated and have all your booster shots. If you have a compromised immune system it might be wise to try to maintain social distancing and wear a mask when in crowds. If we all do our part we can have a healthy and enjoyable season.

There have been many changes to our activity schedule, so be sure to check out all the new activities available for your enjoyment.

All of us at *The TR Times* wish you a great season. *mre*



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Join us for Praise and Worship

by Laurie Zentmyer

Come join us on Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. as we kick off our time together. Praise and Worship will meet for the first time this year on Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. in Busch Hall with a new format. Future dates will be announced.

We are looking for members of our community (singers and instrumentalists) that would like to join the praise and worship team. Please contact Marty Schenk at 425-590-7905 for more information.

The Servant's Plow

Why are we so divided?

by Pastor Anthony Shipe

Does it feel like our world is more divided than ever?

You cannot scroll through Facebook or watch TV without hearing about division or conflict. Our culture is full of political conflict, racism, injustice and many other weighty things that divide us.

Unfortunately, amid all this conflict, people rarely show respect and common courtesy to those who are different from them.

In a world like this, with people from so many different backgrounds and with so many points of view, is unity possible? Is it possible to totally disagree with someone and still experience peace with them?

It's easy to get overwhelmed by the constant barrage of conflict and pain in the world, but how did we get here? Maybe you believe God created a good world, but if that's true, why are we experiencing all this division and pain?

If you start reading the Bible at the beginning, you would see that things start out hopeful. God creates an amazing world and fills it with life. He makes people and specifically designs them to be in relationships with Him and with each other. It seems like everything is heading toward a happy ending.

Only three chapters into the book of Genesis everything gets ruined. The first people Adam and Eve are tempted to gain power and knowledge on their own terms, and they choose to rebel against God. They break their relationship with God and introduce brokenness into the world.

Unfortunately, their children do not fare well either. Their eldest son Cain becomes jealous of his brother and commits the first murder. Pretty bleak stuff, and we're only halfway through chapter four.

The rest of the Bible is the story of our broken world and God's plan to heal it and reunite with His people. Over and over again, people find ways to create conflict or they experience pain because of other people's choices. Cultural division and racism are born. People continue to rebel against God, break their relationships with each other and generally make a mess of everything.

What's God's response to division?

Thankfully things are not as hopeless as they seem. Through all of this pain, brokenness and division God comes toward us. All along He has been putting into motion His long-term plan to rescue us from ourselves and our broken, divided world.



ANTHONY SHIPE

God has made a way for us to be at peace with others. It is to first be at peace with God.

In the Old Testament God's people performed rituals and sacrifices to keep themselves pure and find peace with God. While this system allowed God's people to approach Him blamelessly it was not perfect. The system could not take away their imperfections permanently, their hearts were not changed and people had to keep performing sacrifices year after year. When some people chose not to follow God's ways they lived in conflict with God and their community.

Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate permanent sacrifice on our behalf so we can have peace with God forever. His sacrifice not only broke down the wall between people and God, but it also broke down the walls between people. Jesus offers you peace with God and He wants to empower you to be at peace with others.

This is God's heart for you and it is possible to have peace with God and seek peace with others through Jesus. Even so, there is still much division between people and even sometimes it seems especially between people who follow God. So how do we find and experience unity?

What does the Bible say about unity?

Romans 12:16 (NIV): Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV): Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 Peter 3:8 (New Living Translation): Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tender-hearted and keep a humble attitude.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT): I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters ... to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

These are only a few of the many things the Bible says about the topic of unity. But the unity described here and in many other places in Scripture doesn't imply that everyone needs to dress alike, enjoy the same movies or vote for the same candidates.

Unity in the Bible often looks like people who are different from each other being intent on one purpose. They love one another, work together, and can be deep-spirited friends because their unity is rooted in God's unchanging and perfect character.

But if you are going to be rooted in God's character or forgive someone like Christ forgave you, you need to know God and experience Jesus' forgiveness for yourself. To live out that kind of unity is not about following a list of rules or trying harder; it is about being changed by and learning from Jesus so that you can love others well.

The radical forgiveness Jesus offers is a model of the grace those who follow Him must offer to others (Colossians 3:13-14). Even more than reflecting God's love to your friends, you can reflect that love to the rest of the world, even people you disagree with. This radical forgiveness even calls Jesus' followers to move toward those they consider enemies with love and forgiveness.

Ultimately unity, particularly among Christians, is about looking beyond everything that separates us and looking to the One who made peace with God and each other possible – Jesus.

Come embrace the Season of Advent and embark on the journey to Bethlehem. This story is worth repeating.



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The Siren



by Jean Cobb

The Firemen and First Responders of Station 33 welcome everyone back to TR for the 2022-23 season. To get off to a safe start, we ask that you do these three things if you have not already done them....



First put fresh batteries in your smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors if they require an annual battery change. Check all of your detectors to be sure they are functional, especially if you are moving into a living space for the winter season. The extra seconds that a detector gives you when fire erupts can help you survive even the most catastrophic fire. And before you fire up that furnace, be sure your CO detector is fully functional and outside vents are clear. Carbon monoxide is odorless and deadly.



Second pull your Vial(s) of Life out of the door of your fridge and verify that all of the information, including current medications, is accurate. When you go

Let's get off to a safe start

to Busch Hall on Sunday evening, pick up the new 2022-23 information sheet (blue) and replace your current one, correcting any necessary information including medications. If you need vials, see us at the Station 33 table on Sunday evenings at Busch Hall. The information you put in these vials is so important when Pasco Emergency Services responds to a 911 call – just ask anyone who has had 911 visit them.

Third go outside your RV site or Village lot and be sure Emergency Responders can FIND you in the middle of a moonless night. Seconds count when you need emergency help. TR has created a reflective address marker for every site in RV South, Cabanas and the Village – do you have yours? Is it displayed correctly – that is, in front of the tongue or windshield of your RV, between your park model and the street, at the corner of your driveway and the sidewalk in The Village.

Finally, a reminder about how to call for emergency help here at Traveler's Rest.



➤Dial 911 Use any phone – landline or cellphone. The cellphone towers will direct your call to Pasco County Dispatch. There is a cellphone at the Fire Station, one at the Starter Shack and one in the shelter on the TR Golf Course between #4 and #5, in a white mounted box inside the shelter. If you use them, unplug and take them with you as you return to the emergency location. Pasco County Dispatch will notify Station 33 Fire/Rescue here at TR.

➤Answer the questions the dispatcher asks you and tell them you are at **Travelers Rest RV Resort** (29129 Johnston Rd) and **the 4-digit site/lot number.** No need to know the Johnston Road address because they know where we are. If you live on 1st through 9th streets, add a "0" at the beginning of your lot number, for example, 01-12 or 05-15. If your lot number is 1 through 9, add a "0" before the lot number – for example 12-02 or 14-08. Just imagine how confusing it is when we get a 111 or a 215 lot number from Dispatch.



➤If you are able, be sure the door is unlocked and pets are secured behind a closed door. Watch for the arriving TR First Responders and/or ambulance so you can direct them where to go. If it is dark, please turn on lights to help direct rescuers to the scene. If you have a door with a code, or a hidden key, tell the dispatcher when you call 911. They will relay the info securely to the responding ambulance.

Have fun – be safe!



NOTE: We will be teaching a First Responder Course starting in mid-January. If you have thoughts of becoming a First Responder call Jean Cobb at 256-508-8661.

Healthy Tips

Basics of blood types


by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

Although all blood is made of the same basic elements, not all blood is alike. Basically there are four blood groups: Group A, Group B, Group AB and Group O. These are determined by the presence or absence of certain substances (A & B antigens) on the surface of red blood cells. A third antigen is called the Rh factor. The Rh factor can be present (+) or negative (-). Based on these groups and antigens, there are eight "blood types."

Since some antigens can trigger a patient's immune system to attack transfused blood, safe blood transfusions depend on accurate blood typing and cross matching. Donated blood is carefully processed and analyzed to determine the group, Rh factor, followed by testing for infectious diseases. Following testing, the suitable blood units are then properly labeled and stored for subsequent transfusions.

Blood has three components each of which has a specific use for the recipient. RED BLOOD CELLS are given to surgery and trauma patients and those with blood disorders (ex. Anemia). PLATELETS control clotting and can be used for cancer or surgical patients. PLASMA also carries clotting factors and is given to trauma patients, organ transplant recipients and patients with clogging disorders.

So what blood type can be donated and then be transfused to whom?

BLOOD TYPES 		
TYPE	YOU CAN GIVE BLOOD TO	YOU CAN RECEIVE BLOOD FROM
A+	A+, AB+	A+, A-, O+, O-
O+	O+, A+, B+, AB+	O+, O-
B+	B+, AB+	B+, B-, O+, O-
AB+	AB+	Everyone
A-	A+, A-, AB+, AB-	A-, O-
O-	Everyone	O-
B-	B+, B-, AB+, AB-	B-, O-
AB-	AB+, AB-	AB-, A-, B-, O-

Please consider participating in the Blood Drive on Monday, Dec. 5. Your gift of donated blood can save lives.

(References: American Red Cross, Florida Blood Services and StepIntoMyGreenWorld.com).



Fire Station Siren

911 calls: A steady blast for one minute.

The siren is activated by Pasco County Fire/Rescue as a result of a call to 911. Watch for emergency vehicles and First Responders that have been activated by the siren. Yield right away so that they can pass.

Emergencies within the park: Five warbling blasts of the siren.

The siren is activated by pushing the RED BUTTON on the front of the Fire Station. The 911 system is NOT activated with this button.

Weekly Siren Test: Two warbling blasts of the siren.

Used as a siren test on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.

Tornado or Hurricane Warning:

Three long blasts, then a 15 second pause, then three more long blasts.



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Activity Affairs

Welcome to a new season

by Guy Weik,
Activities Director

Welcome to the 2022-23 season here at Travelers Rest. Thanks to everyone's increased comfort in dealing with COVID, this year we have a nearly full slate of activities for your fulfillment and enjoyment.



GUY WEIK

on non-concert Wednesdays, and informative activities such as Learning Your iPhone and Travelogue are back as well.

Hopefully TR's new online scheduling program InTouchLink is up and running by the time you read this. InTouchLink will show all scheduled and updated activities on your devices and eventually on your televisions.



Flea Markets with coffee and donuts are back in Busch Hall the first Saturday of each month. Parkwide Yard Sales are also scheduled for the beginning and end of the season, on Dec. 17 and April 1.

Many State Luncheons are planned along with the popular Canada Day Luncheon. The weekday Busch Hall Coffee Socials will start again in January as will Coffee Seminars on several Thursday mornings.

Our dedicated Party Planners have scheduled their popular New Year's Eve Dance and a Square Dance.

A Health Fair is being planned for mid-February.



Glen and Gabriella Young and Alan West are excited to return to Busch Hall with Karaoke



Monthly special events and activity contacts are listed in this season's Phone Directory and building schedules are posted in the Post Office and Busch Hall.

I am also updating the TR Times Bulletin Board each week with any permanent schedule changes I receive. Changes for the TR Times Bulletin Board need to be sent to me at least eight days prior to the publication date so that I can meet my deadline of one week prior to publication.

Christmas Cookie Bake-off announced

by Laurie Zentmyer

You could win the coveted Golden Spatula!

Our first annual Christmas Cookie Bake-off will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in Busch Hall after the Christmas Golf Cart Parade. Residents will be enjoying the cookies along with hot chocolate, coffee or tea and singing Christmas carols.

Each participant is asked to contribute four dozen cookies or brownies, etc. You can bake your cookies at home or at Busch Hall. The Busch Hall kitchen can be used to bake cookies on Friday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To register for baking time in the kitchen, call Linda Spencer at 352-424-9604 Linda will be there to help with anything you need. Containers are available and cookies can be left there. Linda suggests you bring a hair cover, plastic gloves and oven mitts. If you bake your cookies at home please deliver them to Linda at lot 16-35 before Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Residents will vote on their favorite cookie, and the golden spatula will be awarded.

Please help make the first of our Christmas holiday events a success. For more info contact Linda Spencer 352-424-9604.

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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 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. We can be contacted at TRWelcoming@gmail.com, TR Welcoming Committee on Facebook/Meta-page or through In-Park Mail addressed to TR Welcoming Committee, Diana Hill lot 21-24.



Ballroom dance classes



JEFF AND HEIDI DUQUETTE

by Jeffrey J. Duquette

Ballroom dance classes will be offered here at TR on Monday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall. Instructor Jeff Duquette has over 20 years of experience, and danced with some of the country's top professionals. Lessons will cover rumba, waltz, swing, foxtrot, polka, and cha-cha. They will be geared to the beginner, but even accomplished dancers will improve on their technique. Requirements to participate are very stringent, you have to be able to count to four, and know which foot is the left one!

Classes will start sometime in January, start date to be announced. Romantic Rumba will be the first lesson, covering the basic steps and how to hold your partner. Practice to slow tempo songs first, then slightly faster songs.

Dance is a basic social skill! Ballroom dance is moving as one to the music with a partner across the floor. You'll learn much more than just that, including the little things that make it look easy, and how to work as a team. Everyone has social events with dancing offered, and you'll be able to move like a pro!

The lessons are structured to slowly build up your skill set. While you can join anytime, the people who are there week after week will get into their comfort zone quickly. Repetition is the key to learn any motor skill like dance! What makes dancing work will be covered the first three lessons. Four through six will be on foxtrot and waltz. Then cha-cha and other dances.

Do you have a favorite song? Need to dance at a wedding? Believe you have two left feet and can't possibly dance? I can help you with that! Just the lesson on how to take great photos will make you think you were on *Dancing With The Stars!*

A series of training videos have been added to the library, which you can borrow and practice in the privacy of your own home. The materials covered in class are on these DVDs. A more advanced training set is there, too. These will be there as a refresher course after the lessons are over.

For more information you can contact Jeff Duquette, lot 13-24 at 413-564-1386 or jjduqu@me.com.

Christmas Golf Cart Parade



File Photo

Mrs. Claus and Santa at last year's parade.

by Guy Weik

It's time to start planning for participation in our annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade. The prize for the overall best-decorated cart will be two tickets to Fire/Rescue 33's Pulled Pork Dinner scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 21. Their pulled pork tastes so good, it's almost as great as winning the billion dollar Powerball Lottery.

This year's event is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 7 and hopefully will help everyone get into that special spirit of the holiday

season. Not only will you get to parade your cart around the entire park for residents to see but we'll finish up at Busch Hall for homemade cookies, hot drinks and caroling. We can thank Linda Spencer and her cadre of Christmas cookie elves for baking the fresh cookies.

The parade will line up as we did last year, on Snack Shack Road facing Busch Hall and start promptly at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us in Busch Hall at the conclusion of the parade which should be around 5 p.m.

Rug Hookers have moved

by Tawnya Rowden

The Rug Hookers have moved. Please join us Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Green Room in Busch Hall. We welcome observers and have materials available to get you hooked on this great primitive art form.



File Photo

Kay Blunda and Mary Beth Baur admire rugs shown at a recent Art and Hobby Show.

CQ, CQ, CQ What do you like about TR?

by Dan Zile, President

This is the question that each TR Amateur (Ham) Radio member had to provide an answer to when it was our turn to check in. The TR Amateur Radio Club conducts a net, a gathering on the radio, daily, Mondays thru Saturdays at 8 a.m. on our radios. The club members enjoy the comradery of gathering and chatting on this informal radio discussion. We have had as many as 28 hams "check in" one day last season.

One person is in charge of keeping everyone from talking at once and that person (which changes daily) is called the "Net Control."

Some days the net control will ask a question for everyone to focus the conversation as the hams check into the net.

Recently one daily net control person, Brian Krupicka, wanted to take a survey, but since we are all inundated with so many surveys these days he asked a question instead. "What do you like best about being at Travelers Rest and everything is not an answer."

As you might suspect there were several answers, but the #1 answer mentioned by most was

"The Community" or the friendly people here at TR.

Other answers in no particular order were the varied activities, Busch Hall Sunday Night, Concert Series, volunteerism and the Communications Center (Ham Shack).

Of course, the overall beauty of TR and diversity of the community activities were in everyone's mind as we answered. However as directed everything couldn't be an answer even though we were thinking it.

As you can see, the consensus answer with this group begins with the people and the volunteerism that creates the activities and entertainment.

The people volunteering began with the founders of TR and it continues today. This community thrives on various volunteering opportunities.

So if you are new to the park and enjoy what you see here, remember that it's the people volunteering that create the atmosphere we all enjoy.

Find something you are interested in and volunteer a little time. You won't be sorry.

The TR Amateur Radio Club meets in the Jeri Miller Activity Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to come see what we do and enjoy a program with us. If you have questions about Ham Radio or maybe an interest, stop by and our volunteers will be glad to answer your questions about this fascinating hobby.



Photo by Rich Kushman

The TR Communications Center is located behind Hobby House and between Citrus Hall and Jeri Miller Activity Building.

by Stan Patterson

The ham radio operators who stay in touch on a weekly basis after they leave TR. Most people, if they choose, can stay in touch using Facebook, cell phones, emails, texting and, of course, "snail mail." However, the hams have an Internet-based system called Echolink that allows them to stay in touch. They chose to meet weekly using their cell phones/computers and talk to each other using equipment the club owns in the TR Communications Center.



Photo by Bill Watkins

This sign is on the cement block building which is home to ham radio at TR.

One such weekly gathering took place on June 7 and we had 13 participants who were in various locations. For example: Brian & Diane Krupicka were in a bus on the Autobahn near Budapest, Hungary; Dan & Sharon Zile were in a campground on the north shore of Prince Edward Island; Jerial & Carol Jean Beard and Hank & Selene Montgomery were in Michigan; Russ & Jackie Thackery were in Indiana; Lee & Dot Brenn and Dave and Mary Beth Baur were at TR; Eric Youngpeters was in Ohio; Jim & Janice Johnson were in Tennessee; Chuck and Dee Manos and Jim Doggett were in New Jersey; Patsy & Jerry Nagel were in Virginia; John & Alex Walters were in South Carolina.

This group spanned four different time zones and it took a little coordination to make this happen. The participation varies each week based on people's schedules. This same system can also be used by the TR hams in an emergency situation.

Chinese Mah Jong is underway

by Marcia Hatfield

We are ready to begin the 2022-23 season on Mondays and Fridays in Citrus West, 1 to 3 p.m.

Many Chinese games bear symbols which have a specific meaning in the context of Chinese classical philosophy and cosmology. Often the symbols have merely a decorative function, either the traditional meaning is not known to players or it is not relevant for playing and enjoying the game.

Mah Jong is an extremely versatile game and is well suited for all kinds of players. It is easy to learn and an excellent parlor game. It can be played as a sheer



game of luck without paying much attention to defense. To intellectually and philosophically oriented players it offers a puzzle requiring the ability to adapt quickly to changing conditions of luck. (excerpted from *Symbolism of Mah Jong*.)

Contact Marcia Hatfield, 614-946-4411, lot 2-05.

TR Cookbook

by Laurie Zentmyer

We would love to add one or more of your favorite recipes to the TR cookbook.

Submit your recipe at cookbookfundraiser.com.

Select the login button on the top right and use the following login.

Group Login:

LindaSeguiSpencer

Password:

kitchen10

Click on "Add Recipe" and follow the directions. Make sure you put your name in as contributor. If you would rather, you can forward a paper copy of your recipe to Linda Spencer, lot 16-35.

You can pre-order a copy of the cookbook at Sunday Nights in Busch Hall prior to the program. Look for our table.

Deadline for recipe submission is Friday, Dec. 30.



Model Railroad Club News



Photo by Brian Krupicka

MODEL TRAIN MODULE

by Brian Krupicka

We are so excited to see all of our Model Railroad team members back at TR. Several have built new modules and cannot wait to combine them together and operate engines and trains. Some different new modules will be shown this year. If you have interest in this hobby, please call Brian Krupicka at 630-961-1243. We meet on Fridays at 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the Activities Center.

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Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION	BOWLING	CREATIVE ART GROUP (CAG)	FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!
PICKIN' & GRINNIN' - Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Hobby House. December-March Rob Werner	Fridays at 2:15 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go. Lin Buczek	Mondays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Hobby House. Linda Spencer	Certain Fridays, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at The Grove Stage. Check dates online. Donna Probes
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	BRASS ENSEMBLE	CRIBBAGE	FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES
2nd and 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. November-March Meetings open to all. Amateurs can check into the 8 a.m. Two Meter Net on 146.430 Mhz Monday thru Saturday Dan Zile	Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. We can always use more brass players. Bill Watkins	Chairperson Needed Chairperson needed	Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, starting January 20. The dance schedule and themes will be listed in The TR Times and online. Need Chairperson
AQUATICS - (WATER AEROBICS)	BRIDGE: BEGINNERS	DIGITAL PHOTO - CAMERA	GAMES NIGHT
Monday, Wed., and Fri., 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the pool. November-March Linda Smith	Hobby House, Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. Jim Weigand	Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon in Golf View Pavilion. Carey Box	Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-contact games. New game each week. Linda Smith
BALLROOM DANCING	BRIDGE: INTERMEDIATES	DIGITAL PHOTO - POST PROCESS	GARDEN CLUB
Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall. January-March Jeffrey Duquette	Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. Connie Bradley	Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. Bill Bradford	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret. Stacy Grier
BEADAHOLICS	BRIDGE: PARTY/PARTNERS	DINING WITH FRIENDS	GENEALOGY
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East. January-March Kathy Kushman	Party Bridge with partners - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. In Citrus West. Partner not required. Singles will be teamed up. Barb Aubrey	2nd Saturdays, Busch Hall, 5 to 7 p.m., January - March. Harold and Marlene Hughes	Open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Sherry Wright
BEADAHOLICS, TOO	BULLETIN BOARDS/BUSCH HALL	DOMINOES	GEOCACHING
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hobby House Porch. Dot Brenn	For information or help with a notice or ad contact: Betsy Behler	Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Linda Gough	Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m. in Citrus West. January-March. Barbara Colson
BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN'S	CALLIGRAPHY	DULCIMER JAM	GLUTEN FREE SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West. Rosita Williams	Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Richard Peebles	6:30 to 9 pm in Citrus East Lois Showers	Tuesdays 11 am to noon in Citrus West. Linda Murphy
BICYCLING	CHAIR YOGA	DULCIMER LESSONS	GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE
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	Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Begins January 4. Donna Smith	Mondays in Citrus West. Beginners: 9-10 am. Advanced: 10 am to 12 pm. Lois Showers	Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Starter Shack. Dee Branchaud
BINGO	CHOIR PRACTICE	ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS	GOLF - MENS LEAGUE
Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East. Linda Smith	Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m. in Busch Hall. Join us. Bernie Gutridge	Announcements begin at 6:45 with program following. Performances will be in Busch Hall. Ken and Sandy Langell	Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Starter Shack. Barry English
BIRDING	CHURCH ASSOCIATION	EUCHRE	GOLF - SCRAMBLES
Tuesdays 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring binoculars and cameras. Tom Butler	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 Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month. Anthony Shipe	Fridays, 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Citrus West. Richard Von Qualen	2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at Starter Shack. Tom and Pat Butler
BLOOD DRIVE AT TR	CHURCH COMMITTEE	EUCHRE/BID	GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
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	3rd Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. John Daubenmier	Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Chairperson Needed	Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome. Roy French
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	CLOGGERS OF TR	FIRE/RESCUE 33	GOLF LESSONS
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room. Larry Polzin	Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. Donna Neer	Firemen-Tues, 8 to 11 am- Paul Rife Room. First Responders-Tuesday, 11 to 1, Activity Center. Thursdays, 8:30 am to 12:30 p.m., Paul Rife Room. Business Meeting - 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. in Paul Rife Room. Larry Polzin	Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11 a.m. Hazel English, Bill Harkins, Joan McLean Joan McLean
BOCCE (FALL)	COFFEE & DONUTS - RADIO CLUB	FIVE CROWNS	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Sundays-Fridays, 1:30 p.m. (November and December) Bob Fisher	1st Saturday (during Flea Markets), 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. Donuts and coffee will be in Busch Hall. Dan Zile	Wednesdays (non-concert nights only), 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. Jackie Thackery	Volunteer to help build homes in Pasco County. Projects January-March TBA. Barb Colson
BOCCE (WINTER)	COFFEE SEMINARS	FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS	HAND AND FOOT
Scheduled games and competitions, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. January-March. Laverne Dennison	Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch The TR Times and online calendar for updates. Guy Weik	Saturdays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., In Citrus West. Pat McCallum	Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come learn this easy game. Deborah May
BOOK BROWERS	COFFEE SOCIAL	FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE	HARMONAIRES
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. Nan Feeney Lance	Monday thru Friday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Please bring your own mug. Jim Matkovich	Flea Markets return to Busch Hall first Saturday of each month, November thru March, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Setup at 8 a.m.. Betty and Walt Gilson	Bring your harmonica and play with us. Beginners welcome. Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Hobby House. Don Sides

Bulletin Board

Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ICE CREAM SOCIAL Returns to Sundays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. in Busch Hall. Rosita Williams	OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING Fridays , 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Mary Kubinieć	SHUFFLEBOARD Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day. Richard Von Qualen	VETERANS MEETING 2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House. Darold Long, Commander
IPHONE CLASS Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Susan Stahley	PET LOVERS CLUB 3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. Kim Roberts	SNACK SHACK Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional volunteers needed to add a Saturday crew. Lee Brenn	VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at host residence. Meet in Hobby House if temperature is <60 or if it's raining. November-April. Sandy Post
JOKER Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Deborah May	PICKLEBALL 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	SPORTS CLUB Meet at Snack Shack Pavilion 2nd Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. (January-March) All welcome. Ray LoPresti	WAIST WATCHERS Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House. Jackie Thackery
JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Jean Cobb	PINOCHLE Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. John Delaney	STAINED GLASS All times in Jeri Miller Activity Center, beginning in January: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Instructor - Shari Herberts Laura Apgar	WINTER WALKING AEROBICS Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. (November 8-April 10) Gloria Polzin
KARAOKE Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 9: p.m. in Busch Hall. Starts in January. Glenn and Gabriella Young	POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House. Jack Davis	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. Ron Hicks	WATERCOLOR PAINTING Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. Amy Grier
KNOTTY KNITTERS Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. Diane Fisher	POM-POM DRILL TEAM Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. Donna Neer	TENNIS Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. Betty Teichert	WEIGHTS & STRETCHING Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 8:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Year-round. Sheila Schencke
LINE DANCING (EXPERIENCED) Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East and Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Alex Adair	POWERBOAT RACING Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake. Dean Peters	STONE & TIGHTEN Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights. Betty Clark	WELCOMING & RED DOT SPOT Welcoming Committee: First Thursdays, 10 to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Red Dot Spot: First Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Activity Center. Diana Hill
LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS) Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m. in Citrus West Alex Adair	PRAISE & WORSHIP Contemporary Church Services - Saturdays, 4-5 p.m. in Busch Hall. Marty Schencke	TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE) 1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House to plan rides. Gene Cribbs	WIZARD Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Debra May
LUMINAIRES Need volunteers to run this traditional holiday activity if it is to continue. Chairperson needed	QUILTING Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. Ethel Polsdofer	TR SINGING MEN Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Center. All men are invited to sing along. Stephen Gorden	WOOD SHOP Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Larry Kurkowski
MAH JONG CHINESE Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. Marcia Hatfield	RC AIRPLANE FLYING Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Golf Course 9th hole. James Morrow, Sr.	TR TRAVEL Planned events advertised on Travel Board in Busch Hall. Watch for articles in TR Times. Sharon Gilbert Zile	WOODCARVING Wednesdays in Citrus West. Beginners - 8 to 9 a.m. Advanced - 9 a.m. to noon Linda Murphy
MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. Bette Gorman	RC MOTORSPORTS Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack. Scott Tartaglia	TR TRAVELAIRES Ochestra Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome. Gene Cribbs	YOGA Thursdays, 11 a.m., Location TBD, January-March. Jean Renee DeTar
MATS FOR THE HOMELESS Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall Pat Dellamuth	ROCK PAINTING All Thursdays except first Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon in Activity Center. Diana Hill	TRAVELETTES/WOMEN'S CHORUS Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. Mary Beth Coldren	ZUMBA Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jeri Miller Activity Center. Bev Weissinger
MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake. Powerboat Races: Mondays and Fridays 8 a.m. to noon Jerry McRoberts, Commodore	RUG HOOKING Tuesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Green Room, Busch Hall. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful! Tawnya Rowden	TRAVELOGUE 2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January-March. Bert Contractor	
YACHT CLUB SAILBOATS Sailboat Practice: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. - noon. Barry Sellick	SCRABBLE Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, depending on interest. Jeffrey Duquette	TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM) Tuesdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., movie will start at 7:15 p.m., in Citrus East. Movie Night runs January - March. Jim and Carol Henrikson	
MODEL RAILROAD Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Brian Krupicka	SEW SPECIAL AND EMBROIDERY Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas. 3rd Mondays - Show and Tell. Rosita Williams	UKULELE CLUB Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. in Citrus West. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January-March. No chairperson	



All changes, additions or corrections to any Activity.

Contact Guy Weik

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"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."
~ Sherry Anderson

Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer

With the Holiday Season on top of us, there are things going on all around us. Below are a few examples.

Hudson



White Christmas

Friday, Nov. 25 thru Saturday, Dec. 24, The Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater will be presenting White Christmas. Lightly based on the classic film. It features 17 Irving Berlin songs including *Blue Skies* and the perennial title song *White Christmas*. This never fails to be a memorable evening. Call (727) 863-7949 or visit BoxOffice@ShowPalaceTheatre.com.

Pasco County



Winter Festival

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 2 thru Dec. 23. Raprager Family Farms at 16907 Boy Scout Road, Odessa will host the 12 Days of Christmas Winter Festival. The 12 Days of Christmas will offer special surprises for each day of the festival. For additional information please visit <https://rapragerfamilyfarms.com/christmas/>



Pioneer Village

Saturday, Dec. 3, the Pioneer Christmas and Vintage Market at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, Dade City. The museum will have unique vendors, a petting zoo,



LINDA SPENCER

children's activities, games, arts and crafts, live entertainment, traditional craft demonstrations (blacksmith, chair caning) and much more.

Also visit downtown Dade City for additional Christmas sales! Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 students, under 5 free, free parking. For additional information call (352) 567-0262 or visit pioneerfloridamuseum.org.

Car & Truck Show

Saturdays, starting on Dec. 3, noon to 4 p.m. check out Dade City Car & Truck Show in downtown Dade City. Cruise on in and check out the nice rides, eat some lunch and do some shopping. You can locate all area car cruises by visiting CarCruiseFinder.com.



Fancy Flea

Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Fancy Flea will host a Country Flea Market at 14139 Seventh Street, Dade City. This event will have over 75 vintage, antique, craft and food vendors. Admission for street shows is free. Enjoy great shopping and one of Florida's most picturesque downtowns. For additional information visit fancyflea.net.

Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile

Are you a cruiser? A day-tripper? A lover of tours? Do you like traveling with your TR friends or making new ones? Whether you are single or a couple, you are welcome to join us for one trip or many trips, short or long with TR Travel!

TR was founded by folks who owned Airstream travel trailers and they loved to travel together so much that the park even had its own bus in the early years of TR! Times are different now and the park no longer owns a bus, but we do have a volunteer Travel Director. TR residents Sharon and Dan Zile organize day trips, tours of several days and cruises for TR group travel. We collaborate with a licensed tour operator and each traveler pays his or her own costs. Driver and meal tips are included in the announced price unless otherwise noted. Trips are announced in several ways: a travel article in our newspaper (*The TR Times*—printed on Fridays during December through March), a Travel Bulletin Board in Busch Hall, a Facebook group called *Residents and Friends* and an annual travel presentation. Usually this is a Busch Hall Coffee Seminar in January with sign-up immediately following the presentation. Reservations for each trip include payment by check payable to the tour operator. Experience has taught us that trips sometimes fill up quickly because each bus is limited to a maximum capacity.



Hurry-only eight seats left on the next TR Travel Bus Trip

Thursday, Dec. 15

Gaylord Palms ICE & Italian dinner at Bucca di Beppo's

\$95

Departure 2:30 pm, return at 10:30 pm

Don't miss out on this holiday trip.

Call Sharon to make your reservation today!

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All trips begin and end at TR with a bus arriving to take us to our destination. Past trips have included a 5-day trip to Miami & Key West, a Panama Canal cruise, a 4-day trip to the Biltmore Estate, a 3-day trip to St. Augustine and day trips such as a St. John's River Cruise on a paddle wheeler, a guided tour of Tampa By Land and By Sea, the Kennedy Space Center and a Gadabout Trip that included a chocolate store, a German bakery and a winery. Because of proximity and the fact that few TR residents are lifelong Floridians, we include lots of Florida venues and points of interest.

This season's first trip has already been announced: a Dec. 15 trip to Gaylord Palms "ICE" with early dinner at the Bucca DiBeppo Italian Restaurant. The Gaylord Palms Resort is in Orlando, but we will have no traffic worries with our capable Small World Tours driver! We will enjoy a cirque-type show in the beautifully decorated resort atrium with acrobats, dancers and vocalists presenting the Dr. Seuss classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Next, we will walk to the Convention Center for an incredible ice sculpture display. Warm coats will be provided but please bring a winter hat and gloves and closed-toe shoes are a MUST as the ice sculpture venue will be a chilly


7 degrees! You will have time for shopping in the Christmas Shop before our warm luxury coach returns us to TR. This trip is Activity Level 2 with a considerable amount of walking. Cost for the trip, including transportation, tickets, meal and tips is \$95. Check should be payable to "Small World Tours" and given or sent to Sharon Zile, #2540. Call Sharon 740-360-3819 to check for availability as only a few seats remain for this tour but there are occasionally last minute cancellations. The bus departs TR at 2:30 p.m. beside the Post Office and returns at 10:30 p.m. Be sure to check the Busch Hall Travel Bulletin Board for a 2015 picture of TR ladies dressed in their Gaylord Palms ICE coats!



Day trips for January, February and March will be announced at a Busch Hall Coffee Seminar on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. Join us to hear Holly Griggs form Small World Tours describe our 2023 trips. Signups for each of the four day trips will begin at this seminar, so bring your checkbooks. Perhaps, there will be a surprise announcement!

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Library News



by Mary Kosbab

Although the TR Library remains open all year, things start revving up when the season. New materials come in, volunteers return and new volunteers bring us fresh ideas.

We have put our Christmas collection on top of the lower bookshelves in the alcove to the right as you enter the Library. Due to space restrictions we only put these books out before Christmas and we put them away after Jan. 1. We hope you will find some good holiday reads.

New materials are always very welcome. This is a good time to remind everyone that we do have **limits** on the books we keep.

We do not keep fiction books that were published more than three years from the present year unless they are books you think are especially good. In that case, please leave a note in the book indicating so or fill out one of the *Recommended Book* forms which are on the Library desk and leave it in the book. These books will get a Recommended Sticker on the spine and a printed review will be put on the book holder when on display. We very much appreciate your recommendations of good books.

Non-fiction books are evaluated by the Library staff regarding timeliness of the topic and room on our shelves.

Please note that all the books we do not keep are put in the crates on the floor for residents to take for free. When crates become full we take books to local thrift stores.

You are welcome to look through these crates for books you would like to take home.

DVDs that are weeded out to make room for newer ones are put out on Flea Market days. If you take one, please do not return.

Note pads made from dummy sheets of our *TR Times* are also put out for people to take. A donation jar is available. Any donations are used to purchase supplies for the Library and to replace popular books that do not make their way back to the Library by the end of the season.

We ask that you do not take a large number of books at one time. The Library is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so you can easily stop by and get a new book anytime you wish. That way popular books stay in circulation and are enjoyed by more residents.

We also ask that you do not leave large bags or boxes of books or DVDs.

Finally, a huge thanks to all the volunteers who kept the Library intact throughout the summer months. It is because of them, and the volunteers returning, that our Library is such a principal part of life at TR.

Garden News

A tree comes down

by Leslie Ewing

Due to summer storms a very large section of a tree came down in The Garden, causing damage. Yellow caution tape has been placed there, but it has been ignored.

Warning! Please do not step over the yellow caution tape. It is not safe to walk in that area.

An arborist has been consulted. Unfortunately, it seems likely that the whole tree will need to be removed, not just the downed section. Residents are welcome to enjoy the boardwalk and gazebo. The Garden Club is thankful to the Maintenance Department for replacing the section of boardwalk by the bird watching shed.

Dick Wheatley went to the TR Board with regard to the outside of Busch Hall facing the parking lot where the air conditioners are. The area was overgrown. Dick expressed his concerns and ideas for making it more attractive while improving airflow around the air conditioners. The board gave its approval.

Dick came to the Garden Club for help and ideas. For the first step Dick led a crew from the Garden Club who weeded and cleaned out that area. Now the air conditioners can work more efficiently. The next step is to get cost estimates for



Photo by Leslie Ewing

Garden tree gives in to the summer's high winds.

several suggestions from club members. Because coronavirus has affected park activities, the Garden Club has no money. This will be a top item on the agenda when the club's season officially gets started in January.

Residents can already see an improvement on the side of Busch

Hall. Keep an eye out for what the club will be doing and thank Dick for starting this project.

Officers for the 2023 season are: Stacy Grier, President; Linda Jackson, Vice President; Pam Forsyth, Secretary; Laura Lilawski, Treasurer. Phyllis Zitzer continues as Master Gardener.

Looking Back

by Nan Feeney Lance

10 Years Ago - 2012

- Meet Margaret Emmetts, the new *TR Times* editor
- Postmistress Donna Kerrick and assistant Carol Derby share a fun moment while sorting mail.
- Historic Masaryktown: Cafe Masaryktown bills itself as having the best Cuban restaurant north of Ybor City.
- Lumpy greens? Do you repair your ball marks? Do NOT insert the prongs into the depression itself but at the rim of the depression.
- Mirror Lake Yacht Club's longtime commodore, Stan Barnes sails to his final landing. He was responsible for the idea of the flagpole at the Memorial Gardens at Mirror Lake.

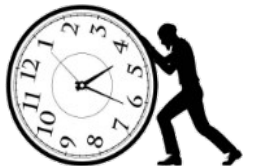
20 Years Ago - 2002

- "The Wilds of TR" include: sandhill cranes, squirrels, mockingbirds, alligators, dogs and cats. We live in a zoo!
- TR residents Ray and Barbara Landman celebrate Hanukkah at TR by lighting their Menorah.
- TR receives USGA golf course rating: 30.2-31.9.
- The Bingo Players Group expressed their appreciation for the 10 new tables they discovered in Busch Hall this week

30 Years Ago - 1992

- Address changes adopted to facilitate 911 calls. TR complies with use of hyphens or dashes to designate lot numbers in RV South and The Cabanas.
- Police caution residents about golf club thieves. They recommend that residents not leave anything of value exposed outside their homes or trailers as one RV Park is being hit on a daily basis.
- Male dancers square danced bare-chested as part of square-dancing nostalgia.

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Looking for something new to do?

by Margaret Emmetts

Looking for a new activity this season? Do you enjoy being outside? Do you have a love of plants and a secret desire to design? Well, we have the answer for you. Join the Garden Club.

The Garden Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret.

Did you know that maintaining the beautiful garden by Lake Margaret is not the club's only activity? The club is also responsible for most of the beautiful floral touches around the park and they are host to the Garden Walk held each spring.

Members have shown their creativity by incorporating the unique "rock village" within the garden. This is a series of rocks which have been hand painted to represent homes and buildings. Beautiful stained glass panels have been added to the small gazebo that



Photo by Phyllis Zitzer

TR GARDEN GAZEBO

is located along the boardwalk that traverses the garden. Perhaps you have a different unique project that will add to the area's beauty and diversity.

Many of the plants in the various locations around the park are the result of donations to the club. People often receive poinsettias at Christmas time. They keep the plant for the duration of the season, but then it is time to go home. What to do with this beautiful plant. Fortunately poinsettias thrive year round in Florida. By donating it to the club the plant will continue to thrive and be appreciated by everyone and you might be surprised at how large these plants may become.

Belonging to the Garden Club does not only involve work, I have heard that the members also have a really good time socializing and learning from each other.



Photo by Cecil

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Pets on Parade



Cooter

by Judy Leister

Six years ago a Virginia farmer happened upon a mama dog lying in a ditch with her litter of puppies. The Humane Society quickly came and rescued the new doggie family. That farmer got one of the puppies and so did Joyce Ritzler's daughter Jnel and her husband Corey. Joyce lives at TR nine months of the year but the three summer months, she stays with Jnel and Corey at their home in Virginia to help look after their kids. This gave Joyce lots of time to get to know the new puppy and do some dog training.

The puppy needed a name. If you ever watched the Dukes of Hazard you must recall some of those memorable characters. Corey had already had a Daisy and a Duke so even before the new puppy arrived on the scene he knew it was time for a Cooter.

Joyce had an Airstream motor home and soon learned there were Airstream RV parks in different parts of the country. Eventually those Airstream ties brought her to TR. Cooter stayed back in Virginia with Jnel, Corey and the kids. He was in good health and doing great but about a month after Joyce settled in at TR, she got a call that poor Cooter was ailing and having lots of accidents in the house. Jnel had just had major back surgery and was unable to care for Cooter or clean up the results of his accidents.



Photo by Joyce Ritzler

Cooter is waiting for his melon.

A quick trip back up to Virginia to get Cooter and bring him to TR was the answer to the problem. Joyce took him to a vet here and he was diagnosed with Colitis. Luckily a round of meds quickly got him back to good health. He did so well here meeting new friends and blending in with the other dogs that he is now a resident of TR.

Cooter is very laid back. Even though he wasn't walked on a leash much before coming to TR he quickly learned to love it. You never see him pull on his leash and since he's a big dog that's a good thing.

Whenever I happen by Joyce and Cooter's place I can't help but smile because most of the time he is looking out the patio door watching the world go by. He does get worried if Joyce goes off and leaves him home alone but his

world is happy again when he sees her return. A treat is usually a part of that reunion which includes lots of happy wags.

One of his favorite activities is a trip to the TR Puppy Park. There he gets to race around and romp with his buddies Duke, Snoopy, Molly and Jet. Like so many of the regulars at the Puppy Park, their humans start getting reminders about a half hour before it's time to go play.

Many of us with dogs find ourselves discussing our dog's diet and eating habits with each other. Joyce explained to me that Cooter is fine with his kibble but he much prefers human food and will gobble up anything offered to him. If a human is eating it he knows he will love it. His absolute favorite is watermelon. Yep you read that right....Cooter loves watermelon!

Birding Activity



The birds are coming – the birds are coming!

by Tom Butler

It is the time of year that we see many of our residents and friends returning to Travelers Rest Resort for the winter. We birders are excited to see our feathered friends as well as our human friends again. Everyone is happy to see both groups reunited for the season. Your picture may not appear on Facebook as often but we are still grateful for your safe return.

This "birding season" will feature the usual walks on Tuesday mornings starting at 8 a.m. near the Library and taking various routes. Bring those binoculars and your smartphone.

We will also have a few presentations in the Activity Building. The first will be Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m. immediately following the walk. Beginning Birding will focus on binocular use with an emphasis on FOCUS. We will also briefly discuss three phone apps that you will find incredibly useful in bird identification. They are free!

Merlin, eBird and Audubon all have incredible information essential to bird location, identification and recording your sightings as well as sounds. I use all three nearly every time I go birding. I believe you will too! We will also discuss basic identification strategies as well as where to find those birds. If you don't look up, down and all around you just might miss a rare sighting.

The second presentation will be on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Building immediately following the 8 a.m. walk. Blazing a Bird Trail will include information on setting your feeding stations for a variety of different birds. Advantages and disadvantages of different feeders



Photo by Tom Butler

ROSEATE SPOONBILL

will be discussed as well as different types of food sources. Have you considered the value of a stack of logs or a brush pile? These "insect hotels" attract many birds looking for the resident insects. There will also be discussion on native plants, the food and shelter they provide as well as the simple beauty of flowers. (Butterflies will agree.)

The Birding Group will also have the chance to attend several outings throughout the season. The wildlife areas we will visit

include Chinsegut Wildlife Trail in Brooksville, Circle B Ranch in Lakeland and Starkey Wilderness Park in New Port Richey. Dates and times will be forthcoming. Watch for information in *The TR Times* as well as announcements on Facebook.

Travelers Rest Resort is listed as a "Hotspot" by the Cornell Labs, ornithology experts with worldwide influence. They believe our slice of Heaven is special and I agree. So get out there and find some birds!

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Pet Lover's Club



Photo by Kim Roberts

NEW CONCRETE UNDER THE PAVILION

by Kim Roberts

Welcome back everyone. The Pet Lovers Club is excited for you to return and see all the upgrades that have happened at the Puppy Park.

You will notice the new concrete under the pavilion replacing the shell. The drainage issue was addressed by maintenance and new St. Augustine sod was laid.

The existing paver area was cleaned and sealed and the shed has been moved to a new location.

A big thank you to Ray and the maintenance team for helping

us with these improvements. We have 26 donors for the new engraved walkway which will go in soon. If you are interested in still purchasing your dog's brick, the cost is \$100 each.

We are excited for a fun-filled season. Please join us at our next meeting, Thursday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. at Citrus West. This is a new day due to conflicting with the Board of Director's Veranda Chat.

See the Community Bulletin Board for notice of things happening. It is located at the Puppy Park.



Photo by Kim Roberts

CLEAN PAVERS AT THE PUPPY PARK

Reminder: The next meeting of the Pet Lovers Club will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 3 p. m. in Citrus West. We hope you will be able to attend.



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Hungry TR residents gather for the annual Thanksgiving Feast



Pat Butler, co-chair of the event chats with Pat Long.



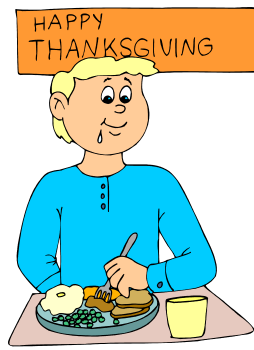
Each table is set with different decorations.



Val Smith and Beannie Wise, co-chair, pose beside their table.



Lois Showers, in rear, Joe Shipe and Bill Long start to set up their table.



Photos by Norm Showers



With their table all set, Val Smith, Lorraine Gould, Dave and Dawn Pulley just need the food.



Judy Leister, Cherie Richman and Linda Spencer pause to pose for the photographer.



The tables are organized by many with Phyllis Simmers arranging the salad table.



Opening remarks are made by Pat Butler and Beannie Wise while Pastor Anthony Shipe is ready to give the blessing.



Looks like there was plenty of food from which to choose.



Time to eat and enjoy both the food and visiting with friends.

TR Sports



Golf leagues and scrambles begin! Ladies Golf League results for Nov. 2

by Dee Branchaud

The league has gotten underway! On this overcast humid morning, 16 golfers came out to help the Ladies' League get started for the 2022-2023 season. We may have been a little rusty, but we were ready for fun and fellowship. We had one new member. Welcome to Vicki Cloyd. Here's hoping to add a few more players each week.

Low Handicap 0-12

Low Gross

1 Hazel English.....	35
2 Pat Gallagher.....	44
3 Lorraine Gould.....	46

Low Net

1 Kelly Person.....	38
2 Mary Kubiniec.....	39
3 Dee Branchaud.....	40

Fewest Putts:

Pat Gallagher.....	16
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Closest to #5: Marijo Noll

High Handicap +13

Low Gross

1 Marijo Noll.....	43
2 Laurie Zentmyer.....	45
3 Val Smith.....	50

Low Net

1 Betty Gilson.....	37
2 Vicki Cloyd.....	39
3 Phyllis Simmers.....	42

Birdies:

Hazel English.....	#3
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Closest to #3: Val Smith

Ladies Golf League results for Nov. 9



by Dee Branchaud

We had 15 golfers come out to play on this windy morning. We had 3 new members, welcome to Maureen, Belinda and Kristel. It was nice to see so many new and old faces today!

Low Handicap 0-12

Low Gross

1 Hazel English, Maureen Peet.....	38
2 Dawn Pulleyn, Mary Deweerd.....	45

Low Net

1 Lorraine Gould.....	36
2 Betty Colborne.....	37
3 Dee Branchaud, Trish Horney.....	40

Fewest Putts:

Dawn Pulleyn.....	12
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Closest to #5: Mary Deweerd

High Handicap +13

Low Gross

1 Joan McLean.....	47
Laurie Zentmyer.....	48
Val Smith.....	51

Low Net

1 Janet Stevens.....	37
2 Barb Swartz.....	40
3 Kristel Halbrook.....	41

Birdies:

Dawn Pulleyn.....	#3
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Chip-ins:

Dawn Pulleyn.....	1
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Closest to #3: Joan McLean

Saturday Scrambles to begin on Dec. 10



by Pat Butler

TR is preparing to kick off a new Saturday Scramble season! Join us as we play various games and make our Saturday sessions fun for all residents and guests.

Fee to play is \$3 per golfer and proceeds go toward the beautification of the TR Golf Course. A 50/50 Raffle will also be held each Saturday with tickets sold to benefit the same cause.

The schedule for this season is:

- Dec. 10 and 17;
- Jan. 14, 21 and 28;
- Feb. 11, 18 and 25;
- March 11, 18 and 25.

All scrambles begin promptly at 9 a.m. Please gather at 8:30 a.m. to pay, hear the instructions, and have the drawing.

Hope to see you there!



How far can we walk or bike in TR?

by Jean Helker

Have you decided to exercise more by walking or biking? These distances may help you create a route to meet your goal.

1. Dog Walk Loop: Beginning at the TR entrance, walk west along the perimeter grass path (the dog walk), down to the Puppy Park, over to the Snack Shack, past Lake Margaret to the Fire Station...1.35 miles.

2. RV South Loop: From the intersection at TR Blvd. and 14th Ave., head west to 10 St., south to 21 St., east to 2 St. and back to 14 St. ...0.93 mile.

3. Cabanas Loop: Go west from intersection at TR Blvd. and 11 St., down around to 13 St. and back east to TR Blvd....0.50 mile.

4. Village Loop: Go around the outside perimeter of the Village beginning at the intersection of Maple St. and Oak Hill St. near Oakview St. and ending at the intersection of Busch Lane and Oak Hill St. ...0.90 mile.

Combine the longer perimeter routes and you can walk/bike over 2.5 miles within the resort.



National Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman
Wednesday, Nov. 9

Janet Stevens.....	50
Friday, Nov. 11	
Janet Stevens.....	50
Monday, Nov. 14	
Bette Gorman.....	25
Lin Buczek.....	50
Janet Stevens.....	125
Wednesday, Nov. 16	
Bette Gorman.....	125
Janet Stevens.....	50
Friday, Nov. 18	
Janet Stevens.....	265
Linda Gower.....	125
Bette Gorman.....	50
Pat McCallum.....	50



500 Cards

by Pat McCallum
Saturday, Nov. 12

1 Deborah May.....	1300
2 Pat McCallum.....	1190



Try to solve this Pickleball Puzzle

Kenny, Abby and Ned got together for a round-robin pickleball tournament where, as usual, the winner stays on after each game to play the person who sat out that game. At the end of their pickleball afternoon, Abby is exhausted, having played the last seven straight games. Kenny, who is less winded, tallies up the games played:

Kenny played 8 games
Abby played 12 games
Ned played 14 games

Who won the fourth game against whom?
Possible Hint
How many total games were played?



Solution in The TR Times. Dec. 9

MLYC sailors ready to start the new season



by Bill Wise

Although there has been a group of TR sailors who have been sailing their RC (radio-controlled) sailboats at Mirror Lake all summer, it is time to start the 2022-2023 sailing season.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, at 9 a.m., the starting clock will sound and the first fleet of competitors will get underway. Twelve races (6 for each class of sailboats) take place every Wednesday and Saturday and the season will be capped off

with championship racing in March during our annual TR Regatta.

Come on down to Mirror Lake on race days. Take the golf cart path along hole #1, then look for the benches that are available next to the lake. The club is always seeking new sailors to join and absolutely no prior experience is needed.

Hope to see you down by the lake!



Yes, they really said this!

submitted by Pat Butler

Former career home run leader Hank Aaron:

It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.

NBA legend Michael Jordan:
I've never lost a game. I just ran out of time.

Former Rays General Manager Chuck LaMar:

The only thing that keeps this organization from being recognized as one of the finest in baseball is wins and losses at the major league level.

Former college receiver Torrin Polk (of his coach):

He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings.

NBA guard Tracy McGrady:

My career was sputtering until I did a 360 and got headed in the right direction.

Hall of Fame receiver Jerry Rice:

I feel like I'm the best, but you're not going to get me to say that.

Former MLB utility man Pedro Guerrero:

Sometimes they write what I say, not what I mean.

Hall of Fame NBA forward Charles Barkley:

These are my new shoes. They're good shoes. They won't make you rich...rebound...or handsome like me. They'll only make you have shoes like me. That's it.



TR Times 2022-23 Publication Calendar

Publication	Deadline	Publication	Deadline
December 2	November 25	February 3	January 27
December 9	December 2	February 10	February 3
December 16	December 9	February 17	February 10
January 6	December 30	February 24	February 17
January 13	January 6	March 3	February 24
January 20	January 13	March 10	March 3
January 27	January 20	March 17	March 10



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Obituaries

WILLIAM BENNETT

William "Fred" Bennett, age 82, of Columbia City, Ind. passed away on July 11, 2022. He was born April 23, 1940 in Akron, Ohio and was the son of the late Charles and Arvilla Bennett.

Fred graduated from Green High School in Akron in 1959. He then moved to Huntington, Ind. where he attended Huntington University. He met the love of his life Beverly the following year and they married on April 16, 1960. From this union three children were born and another was adopted.

Fred had a varied and interesting career as a railroader and over-the-road truck driver, retiring from USF Holland and currently driving part time for Penske Leasing.

He and Beverly resided on lot 05-23 at TR where he loved golfing with his buddies on Mondays and Men's League on Wednesdays. He was also passionate about fishing, camping with the Airstream Club WBCCI, NASCAR auto racing, watching his beloved Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Indians and Ohio State Buckeyes as well as attending his church, Tri Lakes Baptist Church.

Fred is survived by his devoted wife Beverly, children Blaine (Mary Lou) Bennett, Jim (Laura) Bennett, Ron (Jo) Bennett and Lee Hyun Goodwin as well as 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and his brother Tim (Lois) Bennett. He was preceded in death by his brother Chris Bennett.

AUDREY KAY HANNAH

Audrey Kay Hannah, age 87, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2022. She worked for and retired from The University of Michigan in the College of Engineering Admissions Office. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

With her beloved husband of 67 years, Robert Gene Hannah. She enjoyed traveling in their RV and spending winters on lot 04-24 in TR. Twice a week they could be found at the bingo games where Bob also sold ice cream to raise funds for the Wood Shop.

Survivors include husband Robert, children Cheri (Andrew) Kubek and Bradley (Kathryn) Hannah, grandchildren Lucas and August and sister Elaine (Gerald) Roberts.

Donations are welcome to The Alzheimer's Association or The Michigan Humane Society.



ROY I. SCIARAPPA, JR.

Petty Officer First Class Roy I. Sciarappa, Jr., United States Navy (Retired), age 73, passed away Aug. 20, 2022.

He is survived by his wife Machiko (Hayashi) Sciarappa, daughters Tanya Morris and Tara Sciarappa, grandson Chandler Morris and sister and best friend Patricia Sciarappa. He is preceded in death by his father Roy I. Sciarappa, Sr. and mother Jeanne F. Sciarappa as well as brother Donald R. Sciarappa. His parents and brother were longtime residents of TR.

Roy was born July 24, 1949 in Massachusetts but spent most of his life in Florida and moving around the world serving in the Navy. He joined the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1969 and went on active duty the following year. He served with the Naval Security Group from July 1971 through Sept. 1993 in a number of cryptologic assignments including two tours in Japan, two in Okinawa, two in California, two in the District of Columbia and two in Florida. He also served as Overseas Diplomacy Coordinator to introduce personnel to the cultures. Roy received a special commendation for Meritorious Service from Thomas A. Stevens, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy for his assistance to the Operations Officer during a period of heightened activity following the downing of a Korean Airliner.

At the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan he met his wife Machiko and continued traveling by ferry and train for over 10 years to visit her from his base in Mishawaka. They were married in 1973. Both loved traveling around the world, making numerous trips back to Japan to visit family and friends.

While in the Navy Roy continued his education, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Maryland and some additional masters-level courses at the University of West Florida. After retiring from the Navy he worked for the Department of Labor as well as the U.S. Navy College Center in Pensacola as an Employment Specialist.

When he really retired Roy and Machiko moved to lot 2701 in the Village at TR, the house formerly owned by his deceased brother Donald. They made new friends easily and were very active in TR events, especially table tennis and bocce ball.

Roy was a family man with a constant focus on the well-being of his immediate family as well as extended family of friends. He will always be remembered for his intelligence, his heart of gold, his love of sports and politics and his dedication to his country.

Holiday greetings across the miles



The TR Times invites you to submit your holiday greetings across the miles for publication in our Friday, Dec. 16 issue.

Your greeting may not exceed 50 words and cannot include photos or graphics. It should include your name(s) and lot number.

Submit your greetings via email to thetrimes@gmail.com by Friday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. We will make every attempt to publish all submissions.

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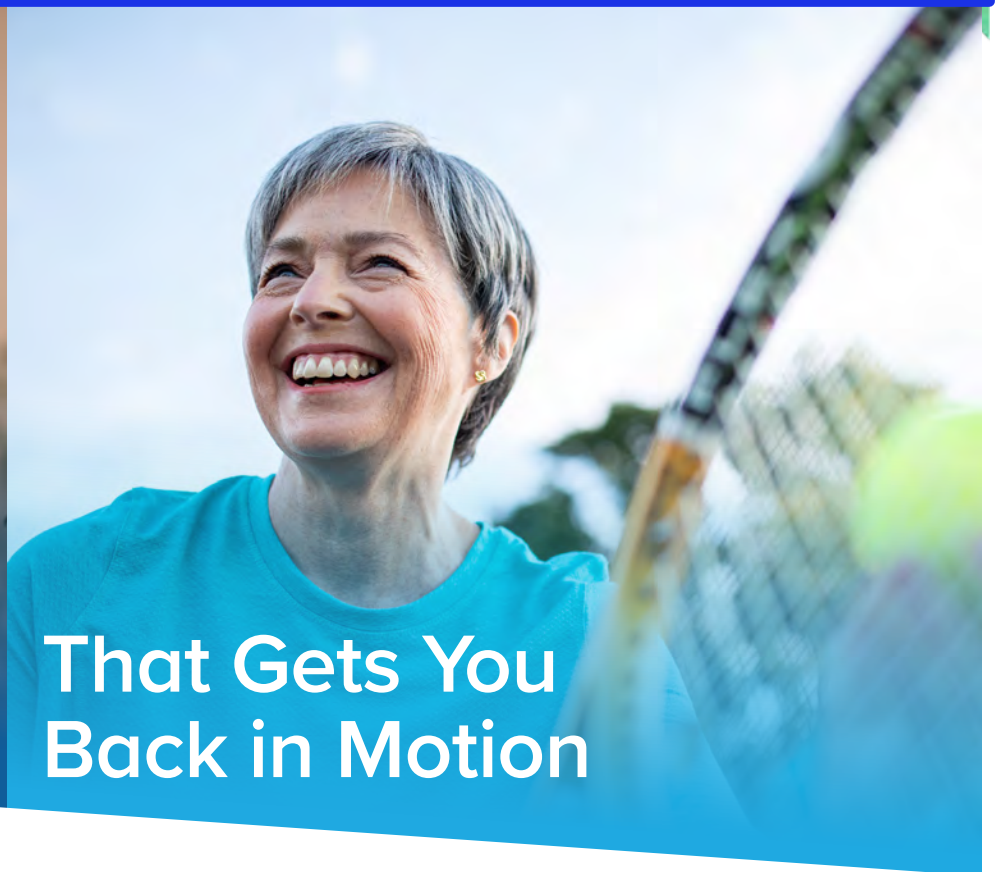
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