



## Hi Lites



### Praise and Worship

Praise and Worship, Saturday, Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. See page 4.



### Busch Hall Sunday

Jacob Hunt on stage Dec. 11, 6:45 p.m., ice cream at 6:15 p.m. See page 2.



### Pet Lovers Club

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### Parkwide Tag Sale

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## Activity Reminders

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### Share your recipe

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### Dance the year away

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### Bible Study

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### Travelogues begin

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# Over 200 attend the December Forum

by Margaret Emmetts

All Board members were present with the exception of Russ Marlowe. Neither Ray Hill nor Donna Sullivan attended.

Jim Weigand advised that the park currently has cash on hand in excess of three million dollars. However, since we get all our income at the beginning of the season and then encounter our expenses, that amount is expected to decrease as bills are paid. A surplus is maintained for anticipated large projects.

Shawver spoke about the key card access program. Cards will have resident's name on one side and the other side will have the building access function. The pool, Woodshop and the Paul Ruth exercise center will be available this year. Other buildings will follow next season.

Shawver also briefly discussed the new InTouch Link system that will be activated shortly. It is designed to replace dependence on the website. Information will be available on tablets, smartphones, computers and smart TVs. Jack Hannah will be holding information seminars to teach residents how to use the system.

Shawver also reviewed the park's Strategic Plan. She described its Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Values and Goals.

The Resident Waste Management Committee has presented a series of requests to improve recycling in the park. We currently recycle aluminum, paper and cardboard. They would like to add a container which would handle plastic and steel, a 20 yard container for household items, a way to properly dispose of batteries that are not recyclable and a method to transport heavy items to the



Photos by Pam Watkins

The Forum was well attended as it opened at 3 p.m., but by the end of the session nearly 200 were in attendance.

transfer station on Hand Cart Rd.

A question and answer period followed:

A number of questions were put forth regarding the Board's Confidentiality Agreement and its Conflict of Interest documents, as well as the roles of the Nominating Committee and the Board in developing a slate of candidates for Director positions.

Q – Did the new owner of a Village home not know it could not be used as a rental?

A – The real estate broker was apparently unfamiliar with our deed restrictions.

Q – Is there a time limit for residents to skirt new units?

A – Ray Hill tries to work with residents to achieve compliance asap. However, due to COVID vendors were not available to do the required work.

Q – What is the status of the tennis court?

A – Unfortunately the resurfacing done last year did not hold up and cracks have appeared. The vendor tried

unsuccessfully to make repairs. For safety reasons the court will remain closed until it can be fixed.

Q – Does the tree that fell in the garden have to be removed?

A – An arborist was consulted and stated it could not be saved and must be removed.

Q – Can the lights be moved to the pickleball court?

A – No.

Statement – A resident thanked Maintenance for improving the road behind the dumpster.

Q – Can the brush by # 2 on the TR Golf Course be reduced to enable a sightline for safety reasons?

A – Work is already in progress.

Q – The door to Citrus West cannot be properly opened from outside. Can this be repaired?

A – Please put in a Work Order for same at the Main Office.

Q – Would it be possible to hold fundraisers to finance repair of the pickleball courts?

A – The amount of monies needed far exceed fundraisers.

Q – There are a number of package delivery problems in the park. Can the Board resolve this?

A – Unfortunately the Board has no control over this. It was suggested that residents add the hyphen in RV South and Cabana addresses and put street name in Village addresses.

Jean Cobb wanted residents to be aware of the amount of time and effort Kathy Shawver put forth this past summer to assist the Office after Ray Hill first had a cardiac incident and then was diagnosed with cancer. Shawver devoted most of her summer to supporting Ray and the park. Jean Cobb was also involved with providing emotional and nutritional support. The residents responded with a standing ovation.

The next Veranda Chat will be Monday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m.

Note: This is a summary and not intended to be a transcript of every question and answer discussed.

# Pasco County presents its third Safety Seminar

by Margaret Emmetts

Lisa Brekke and Dragana Peters from Pasco County Fire Rescue spoke to residents regarding fire safety. They advised that there are almost twice as many fires in mobile homes as occur elsewhere. This is due in part to the kind of materials now used in mobile homes. The new materials burn hotter and faster than wood or previously used materials. It is important to know that you may have no more than two minutes to escape your unit should it combust.

It is critical to have smoke alarms in your home as this may be the only method to alert you to a problem if you are sleeping. You should have an alarm in every bedroom and the living room. They are not suggested for kitchens.

Smoke detectors only function for 10 years. You may check the age of your detector by looking on the back where you will find their start date. If it is ten years

old it needs to be replaced, even if it still beeps when the test button is pressed.

It is also important to have more than one way to get out of your home. Your first inclination may be to leave via the way you usually enter the unit. However this way may be blocked, thus the need for an alternate escape route.

Most fires occur as the result of cooking. The optimal way to extinguish a cooking fire is to smother it by placing a non-flammable cover over the fire. Pouring baking soda, salt or flour is strongly discouraged because it might cause a dangerous flare-back.

The second leading cause of home fires is smoking. With the high flammability of mobile home materials it is suggested that if you must smoke, only do so outside.

Each unit should have a fire extinguisher and you should know how to use same. The acronym is PASS. P – pull the pin. A – aim.

S – Squeeze the trigger. S – Sweep the stream from side to side. It was also suggested that you gently shake the extinguisher from time to time to keep the chemicals inside it properly mixed.



Lisa Brekke, Squirt the Elf and Dragana Peters answer questions following their talk on fire and home safety.

Brekke and Peters also discussed home safety noting that the most common home accident involves a fall. Wearing sensible shoes with good soles help to prevent tripping as does removing scatter rugs. If you get up during the night get up slowly and light your path. Having grab bars in the bath is an excellent idea. It was suggested that dizziness upon rising is not a normal condition. It may result from medication interactions etc. If this occurs, consult your physician. Most important, if you do fall, call for help immediately. Do not wait until morning so as not to inconvenience the First Responders. Delaying a call for help may exacerbate the problem. Having your cell phone handy or wearing a medical alert device is helpful. A variety of devices are currently available.

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# BUSCH HALL

## Sunday Night



JACOB HUNT

by Ken and Sandy Langell

Jacob Hunt first appeared at TR as a young entertainer several years ago and we have watched him grow into a masterful performer that, with his powerful voice and charming personality, owns the stage.

At 31, Jacob has performed for over 100,000 people from Florida to Arizona. He is a winner of the *Hernando Sun's* 2022 Reader's Choice Award for top entertainer as a frequent performer at country clubs, large theaters and RV Resorts all across Florida. Performing everything from Elvis Presley to Barbara Streisand, Jacob is guaranteed to provide a delightful evening.

The show is Sunday, Dec. 11, in Busch Hall. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. There is an Ice Cream Social from 6:15 until 6:45 p.m. and you can purchase ice cream treats for \$1. Enjoy your ice cream while you socialize with friends. Please be sure to wear your name badge and watch for folks with red dots on their badges, indicating that they are newcomers.

At 6:45 p.m. announcements begin: This is your opportunity to learn what is happening in the park next week and get important updates on any schedule changes. Showtime is at 7 p.m. See you there!



## Tuesday Night Movies begin

by Carol and Jim Henrikson

Tuesday Night Movies (TNM) will open on Tuesday, Jan. 3 with the new *West Side Story*. Carol and I thank you for your support in our continuing effort to screen outstanding film productions. We encourage you to tell us what movies you have enjoyed. We will try to present as many of the movies you might wish to see again and recommend for our TNM audience to enjoy.

As promised, a large screen and projector has been installed since our last gathering.

Although the 83 inch, 4K UHD Smart Samsung TV in Citrus East remains in use by other

groups, we will now be viewing TNM movies from a new high-resolution projector. The Sonos Audio Equipment offers theatre quality sound capable of the latest Dolby Atmos technology. The TR Spectrum internet is compatible with our Sonos system to fully utilize all the video and audio equipment.

It is hoped that all of this will be fully installed and operating by our first Tuesday night movie.

Other movies planned for January 2023 and yet to be scheduled are: *The Greatest Beer Run Ever*, *Hamilton*, *Belfast*, *Eyes of*

*Tammy Faye*, *The Proposal*, *Elvis*, *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Selena: My Mind & Me*.

We encourage all of you to make movie recommendations for our upcoming 2023 season. Our best seasons are those when the audience actively participates in the movie choices. We hope to see all of you again for the highly successful and inspirational *West Side Story*.

We will be publishing a subsequent article in *The TRTimes* with full details and scheduling information for the entire 2023 season as soon as the arrangements are made.

## Local holiday events to visit

by Karen Waldo

With a quick internet search I was able to locate many events both free and with fees to visit. I have listed a few of them below.



**HOPE: a Gospel Christmas**  
Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 to 11 a.m. at St. James United Methodist Church, 16202 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa. St. James is a 30 minute drive south on I-75.

St. James Christmas Choir will present the Christmas Story through six choral sets, scripture readings and more.



**Tampa BIG BAND Community Orchestra**  
Saturday, Dec. 17, 7 to 8 p.m. at 12410 N. 22nd Street, Tampa. Take I-75 south to I-275 about 30 minutes.

The Tampa Community Band provides an opportunity for musicians to play with a group. They welcome musicians of all ages and levels.

The band was founded in 1988. For more than 30 years over 900 musicians have participated. They perform 10 to 12 concerts a year with this performance being one of them.



**Starkey Market's Third Annual Holiday Market**  
Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Starkey Market, 3460 Starkey Blvd., Trinity.

Starkey Market is a 45 minute drive south via I-75 to FL-54 and head west or you can take FL-589 south, which has tolls to FL-54 west.

The event boasts of "lots of shopping" at over 60 artisanal vendors, holiday music, food trucks and Mary Ann's School of Dance will perform. Drink specials at the coffee bar and barn will be available. There will be something for the whole family to enjoy.



**Christmas Carriage Tours**  
Dec. 14, 15, 21, 6 to 10 p.m., 20 N. Main St., Brooksville.

Christmas Carriage rides are arranged by carriage type and group size. The one hour ride is accompanied by historic stories of the houses you pass. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-carriage-rides-december-14-2022-tickets-461924587877?aff=ALL-EVENTS> for all the information.



**Dade City's Gingerbread World**  
The 6th Annual Gingerbread Contest & Exhibit will be Wednesday, Dec. 21 to Friday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Dade City. Enter the Fellowship Hall via the far right door on Church Ave. side. Free to view. Donations accepted and every dollar donated gets you one voting token towards People's Choice. Visit <http://www.dcgingerbread.com> for more information.



**May-Stringer House**  
Saturday, Dec. 10, 6 to 9 p.m. at 601 Museum Court, Brooksville.

Tour the May-Stringer House which is decorated for Christmas. Admission is \$8 for adults.

Day tours are also available, for more information visit [hernandohistoricalmuseumassoc.com](http://hernandohistoricalmuseumassoc.com).

**Partners With Style**  
Beauty Salon  
352-458-0122  
14241 7th St. - Dade City, FL

**Lisa Judy**  
Mon 9-5  
Tues-Fri 9-5  
Sat 9-3

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



Photo by Bill Watkins

GENE AND JANET LOCKHART

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all around the neighborhood. New residents Gene and Janet Lockhart decorated their Cabana door to create an inviting holiday welcome. Take an evening stroll or ride around the park and enjoy the holiday lights and sparkle.

**352-567-3719**  
**Tin Can Pam's**  
DISCOUNT GROCERY  
Where The Savings Just Make Cents

14444 7th St.  
Dade City, FL 33523

Mon-Fri 9 am - 6 pm  
Sat 9 am-5 pm - Sun closed



Message from the President

by Katherine Shawver  
President/CEO  
TR Board of Directors

It's beginning to look festive here at TR. We hope everyone will find an activity and/or event to enjoy during this joyous season. This is another opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone who volunteers their time and talent to make our community look shiny and bright. If you haven't done so please take a ride around the park after dark to see all the beautiful displays on park common grounds and at individual homes.

We thank everyone who volunteered and helped with the nominations process for the three open seats on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee and all candidates who submitted their resumes showed their strong commitment to supporting leadership here at TR. The important



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work of strategically guiding both the near- and long-term future of TR is necessary to continue the great life we share in this little piece of paradise. A hearty thanks to you all.

There are currently no sites available for lease at TR. What a great reflection on how welcoming this community is to new residents.

Today's price range for available shares of stock is between \$3,500 and \$6,275.

TR displays the Christmas spirit



Photo by Bill Watkins

Ed and Barbara Rauch, Norm Showers, Joe Shipe, Darold and Marilyn Long and Frank Gedert pose with our brand new creche scene and backdrop. See page 13 for more photos of Christmas decorating at TR.



Lacy Shawver shares a moment with therapy dog Miss Woodie and Deputy Art Madden, her handler.



Deputies Dragana Peters, Miss Woodie and her handler Art Madden and Lisa Brekke are shown with their Sheriff's vehicle.



Photos by Pam Watkins

Deputy Ron Buzzetto listened to residents questions and concerns and still went home with a smile.

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Should the Fire or Rescue team have to come to your aid they really do not want to have to break down your door to get in. They suggest a Knox Box be installed. The box will contain your key. When the box is installed a code is developed which is given to the County and is registered in their computer. When you call for assistance the code is given to the responding team to access your key.

Pasco County Sheriff's Officer Art Madden brought in his therapy dog Miss Woodie and discussed how the dog helps in crisis situations. The department has 5 therapy dogs and a total of

about 45 dogs that may be used for search and rescue, drug detection etc. The therapy dog, a Plott hound, is noted for its friendly temperament. Trivia note, the dog is a "silent tracker." While most dogs howl when they are tracking, a Plott hound makes no sound. Officer and dog happily work and live together. Pasco County has the largest dog team in the state and its new training facility is used by other departments.

Deputy Ron Buzzetto had some suggestions for the lady holiday shoppers. He strongly suggested that you do not take your purses with you. Instead simply take your driver's license and

credit cards and put them in a pocket. With no purse visible you become less of a target to criminals. Also, do not leave your purse or purchases within sight in your car.

Buzzetto also stated it is not a good idea to put your purse in your car trunk while in a parking lot. Someone may be watching you and you again set yourself up as a target. Finally, he said to be aware of your surroundings. Do not park in a remote or hidden area. Look around before you leave your car. Do not allow yourself to be distracted.

Your actions can help to protect yourself.



Looking Back

by Nan Feeney Lance  
10 Years Ago

- Nine rallies filled Golf View this fall.
- A new speed limit of 35 mph was recently posted near Sacred Heart Church.
- Table Tennis offers a Ladies' Day. Dec. 1 will be set aside for ladies to play table tennis.
- Direct Air, an air carrier providing charter and scheduled flights, now flies from Lakeland.
- Golf News and Notes: In Memoriam, John Hodge, Jan. 10, 1918 to April 13, 2011.

20 Years Ago - November 2001

- Country Store opens for business. Started in 1975, it sells ice cream, canned and frozen food and a myriad of other things.
- Paul and Katherine Feller on lot 08-17 spent a long, anxious day on Sept. 11. Their youngest son, Jim, was in Washington, D.C. (He was fine.)
- Busch Hall Bulletin Board rules are set. Use 3x5 cards and push pins.
- Canadians George and Rosemary Summer give thanks to America.

30 Years Ago - November 1991

- Maze of underground lines that carry water, sewage and electrical are being charted.
- TR Post Office is here to serve for a fee of \$17/year per box.
- First Street and all Village roads are Pasco County roads and will be getting house numbers.
- Snack Shack volunteers provided \$1,000 for a much-improved oil change pit.
- All mail is delivered to Travelers Rest at 1200 Johnston Rd. This number may change.
- The first recorded owner of TR property was Oliver Bronwell, who purchased it from the state in 1881.

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Message from Marilyn

Are you aware that people are placing perfectly good items in the dumpster? Why would people do this when others might put the items to good use?

Marilyn Long cited a perfect example at the Forum. A good tool box filled with quality usable tools was discovered in the dumpster.

Fortunately someone was there to help retrieve the box that was placed in the trailer for our Dade City charities.

On another occasion a table was placed in the dumpster. Again the item was retrieved and placed in the trailer.

Please, please do not put usable items in the dumpster. Even if they do not seem useful to



you, they may be to someone else.

The charities turn these donations into cash which helps needy people in the Dade City area.

A second reason for putting items in the trailer is that it reduce the amount of garbage. This saves the park money in the cost of waste disposal.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A look back at Xmas 2009



File photo

Santa had a very special team of TR reindeer in 2009. Do you recognize any of these "deer" folks?



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We thank you for your cooperation. *mre*



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## The Servant’s Plow



### Expectancy of a newborn savior

by Pastor Anthony Shipe

I can imagine as the rooftops of Bethlehem appeared, the worn out, dried and cracked feet of Joseph ached, and Mary was now breathing heavily with labor pains and contractions saying to Joseph, “We must hurry, the time is getting near!” The desperate couple began their descent down towards the tiny town of Bethlehem packed full of travelers waiting to be counted in the census.

Door after door was knocked upon only to find each room taken. Innkeepers and homeowners could offer no assistance in providing space, every bed was full. “What are we going to do Joseph?” said Mary. “It’s beginning to hurt!”

What about our lives as we near Christmas Day? Our lives are packed full of busyness and preparation.

A young mother and her three-year-old son were doing some last-minute Christmas shopping running from store to store. Suddenly the mother became frightfully aware that the hand of her son was no longer clutched in hers. In a panic she retraced her steps and found him standing with his nose pressed flatly against a frosty window gazing at a manger scene. (Have you ever lost sight of your children for a moment or two? It’s a gut-wrenching feeling.)

Hearing his mother calling his name hysterically, the young boy turned and shouted with innocent glee, “Look mommy! It’s the baby Jesus lying in the hay!” She impatiently jerked him away from the window saying, “We don’t have time for that!” Sadly, that’s the attitude of many people in the days leading up to Christmas. They don’t have time for God.

It’s easy to become overwhelmed with everything that needs to be done. We need to make room for the One who is coming. Do you have any room within? Our lives are crowded with stuff, the things that we have collected; things that we have held onto. If God’s Spirit is going to be born within us we must make room. He is a big God and He will need lots of room.



ANTHONY SHIPE

The innkeeper in the biblical account is not mentioned. Of course, we know that he did not have a vacancy for the young couple for the night. Think about that encounter. Many people have such fully occupied lives that when strangers knock at the door there is often no vacancy to let others in. If the innkeeper knew who that special family was would it have made a difference?

Some of us have so many layers of complex scheduling and business that we become irritated or inconvenienced if there is a knock or an interruption. The innkeeper was one example of someone who missed that special encounter with an entity that could have expanded his entire crowded life in ways unknown. He would never discover that divine intervention of peace and contentment. The innkeeper closed the door.

Do you ever wonder about when God set His plan into action? You and I were on His mind along with all of mankind. In our tiny little towns and dwellings, the God of Everlasting Peace has come knocking at our door and He is looking for room in the *center* of our lives.

Ever since the first family wandered into Bethlehem that cold, dark night, He has been searching to bring light and deliver peace into our homes. As all of the details of the nativity were put into place so long ago; a tiny star was placed into the night sky. Its light shone bright and angelic voices rang out and then centuries of followers would come to see and hear the chatter.

In Micah 5: 2-5, we read that this ruler will stand as a shepherd and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord. By saying this Micah was telling the people and us that by depending completely on God, He will ensure that the people will dwell securely.

Good news to the small and weak. Mary, Joseph and the baby dwelled in safety in a little spot just out of harm’s way.

At Christmas time we hear the words: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. What difference does it make who this Baby Jesus is and why should we care? What does it mean to us that a Savior was born in Bethlehem? The way we answer these questions and explain them to others will greatly impact the world around us. This Christmas season take time to walk down to the dilapidated old stable and take time to kneel beside the manger scene. Try to make sense of how much the Lord really cares about humanity and our salvation. God LOVES US more than we can ever imagine.

Isn’t that what Christmas is all about? Love. God is Love and He wants us to be just like Him. We are all created in His wonderful image, and yet no one here has ever seen the face of God.

I imagine that the closest we have ever come to seeing the face of God was revealed in the face of the baby Jesus that Mary looked upon.

How many of you have held a baby? You know the love that they give. We can bear his image with that same smile and when the world sees us, they get a good picture of what He looks like and the Love that He gives us. Be an image bearer.



**Sacred Heart  
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**Sunday Masses**  
8 am & 10:30 am  
**Daily Masses**  
7:30 am Monday - Friday

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## Join us for Praise and Worship

by Laurie Zentmyer

Praise and Worship will meet for the first time this year on Saturday, 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) who would like to join the Praise and Worship team. Please contact Marty Schenk at 425-590-7905 for more information.

Come join us as we kick off our time together.



# The Siren



by Jean Cobb

Well, we are not as young as we used to be but we are certainly not as old as we intend to become. We try to eat healthy and exercise to be fit – but do we take SAFETY precautions as seriously as we should?

COVID-19 continues to present challenges this season. Most of us are itching to get back to a social schedule that involves close contact with family, friends and neighbors. Please do not let your guard down. We continue to have COVID cases in the park and we are likely to have more, especially with travel to and from TR and the mingling associated with the holidays. Unless something huge happens, the TR Board has determined that buildings will be open and Activity Chairpersons will make decisions about when, where and how activities will be offered. All of us are responsible for deciding whether we choose to get a vaccine or a booster, wear a mask, socially distance or even attend activities. Choose your level of protection and research the specifics of the activities you care to attend. Please stay home if you are feeling ill, achy, or feverish and test for COVID. If you test positive, please quarantine, notify me, strongly consider notifying all of TR or at least those you might have infected and quarantine for 5 days after your first symptom or the day you tested positive. Wear a good well-fitting mask when you venture out anywhere for another 5 days. Symptoms of COVID can

## Safety first, last and always

include: cough, sore throat, congestion, headache, body aches, fever above 100.4 degrees, loss of taste and/or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

TR First Responders also continue to have a challenge this year. We have always responded to your emergencies and provided care until the ambulance arrives. We will continue to do that with some modifications. If the 911 call involves COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, we will likely remain outside of the residence unless we need to provide immediate care for the patient. Medical personnel on the ambulance have full personal protective equipment to treat and transport.

**Some safety pointers for TR:**

**Don't speed and observe stop signs.** As a bicycle rider or driver of a car or golf cart, it is important to observe the park speed limit of 10 mph. Be super attentive and expect the unexpected. Please come to a full stop at intersections, look carefully both ways before you proceed and be particularly careful when you back up. As active as our residents may be, some have vision or hearing loss; some may not move very quickly when crossing the street; some may wear clothing hard to see at night; some may step out in front of a moving vehicle without warning. In addition, some medications make driving risky and some of us just don't navigate as well after dark. Make good choices and be safe.

**Be visible.** As a bicyclist or golf cart operator, be sure your lights are shining brightly when you venture out in the evening. Wear a helmet when you bicycle. If you are bicycling or walking, choose bright, preferably reflective clothing so drivers can spot you easily. If the area where you are walking has a sidewalk, please

use it rather than the street because drivers will not expect to see pedestrians in the street after dark. Make good choices and be safe.

**Use caution when climbing.** If you need to go high, inside or outside, use a ladder rather than something intended for another purpose. Make sure it is tall enough and safely set up. Don't stretch or lean to reach a spot. Move the ladder to avoid toppling over. If you have dizziness or get light-headed, ask someone else to hang those Christmas lights or drapes, or change that battery in your smoke/carbon monoxide detector. Make good choices and be safe.

**Reminders:**

If you haven't already changed the batteries in your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, do it now. If you have the battery and need help with the change out, call Chief Larry Polzin at 810-247-2361 or Lt. Jean Cobb at 256-508-8661.

**Effective immediately, the TR Fire Station is no longer maintaining keys or door codes for any residence at TR.** All keys and codes have been destroyed. Further guidance about recommended options to arrange for entrance into your residence in case of emergency will be provided soon.

Please mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pulled Pork Dinner fundraiser for Station 33 on Saturday, Jan. 21.



# Healthy Tips

## Lou Gehrig Disease

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

Ken and I live in a small county in Northern Ohio, smack dab between Toledo and Cleveland. Over the past 10 years, we have known four men who have died from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig Disease, so named after the famous baseball player who died from this disease. Three of these four men lived in our little town of 7,000 inhabitants. I mention this because research has shown that only 1 or 2 persons in every 100,000 will become a victim of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS.

ALS is a disease in which certain nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord slowly die. These nerve cells are called motor neurons and they control the muscles that allow you to move your body. ALS is rare and men suffer from this disorder more frequently than women. Generally the symptoms start in middle-aged adults, which was so true of each of the four men mentioned above.

The first sign of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is often weakness in one leg, one hand, the face or tongue and progresses slowly as the motor neurons stop sending signals to the muscles in the body. As time progresses the muscles become weaker and smaller. Over time ALS also causes muscle twitching, trouble using the hands and fingers to do tasks, problems with speaking, swallowing, eating, walking and breathing. Needless to say, respiratory problems are the most common complication of ALS.

As the muscles of the throat and chest weaken, breathing problems increase and can lead to respiratory arrest.

What causes Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis? According to *WebMD* and other resources, doctors do not know what causes ALS. Diagnosis: this can be problematic for the physician whose patient complains of muscle weakness, fatigue, stiffness and muscle twitching. All of these symptoms can also be caused by other conditions.

Unfortunately, it may not be clear that the diagnosis is ALS until the symptoms become worse. The healthcare provider may order an EMG, electromyogram, which measures how well nerves and muscles work. Additionally, a nerve conduction study may be performed to test nerve function or a muscle biopsy may be ordered as well.

There is no cure for ALS. Treatments are available that can help the patient stay as strong and as independent for as long as possible. Physical and occupational therapies, speech therapy, supportive devices and equipment and breathing devices may be ordered. The course of treatment is individual and personal. Feeding tubes may be ordered as the patient becomes unable to swallow. Some patients may elect to sustain life by ventilator or breathing equipment. Basically, the patient eventually becomes a prisoner in his/her own body as the muscles waste away and fail to function.

Being diagnosed with ALS is devastating; not only for the patient, but for his/her immediate family and friends as well. Emotional support to the patient and family is so very important. (References: *WebMD*, *Medline Health*, *Everyday Health*)

## TR Fire/Rescue has unique trees



Photo by Pam Watkins

FIRST RESPONDER TREE

As you walk around the neighborhood, be sure to stop at Station 33.

Gloria Polzin creatively decorated two trees, one for our First Responders and one for our Firefighters (shown on page 13). Both are decked out with apparel and gear suitable to each position.



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# Activity Affairs

## Who are TR's decorating Elves?

by Guy Weik

It's always enjoyable this time of year to take a nighttime walk around TR and see the park adorned with greenery and lit up with Christmas displays. You'll see single lights in windows, colorful lights outlining buildings and trailers, and white lights wrapped around fences as well as the many golf course seasonal displays. When you step into Busch Hall you'll be dazzled by the beautiful trees and wall to ceiling greenery proudly showing off their hundreds of twinkling, colorful lights.



Betty Teichert, who will actually be arriving at TR after Christmas, heads up the decorations committee. She reorganized all our Busch Hall decorations last March, lined up tree decorators and fielded several texts from her home in Canada whenever there were questions.

Betty designated Linda Gavin as her tag team partner. Linda is in charge of putting decorations up and Betty takes over when it's time to take decorations down the Tuesday after New Year's Day. Judy Moore is responsible for that giant, glorious tree in Busch Hall, with help from Linda Gavin. It took them two days to accomplish all that decorating! The elf, Santa and snowman trees are the creative handiwork of Brenda Varty. Loretta Whitfield and Shirley Gavin took care of the stage and Ken Hankinson and Alan West, after decorating the Post Office, hung the outside lights with assistance from Stacy Grier.

Then there's the entrance to TR and the office, all dressed up



GUY WEIK

thanks to multiple days of effort by Antonette and Robert Jennings. Take a Tuesday morning walk or ride around the golf course to see how beautifully the TR Golf Association has it decorated. The Creative Arts Group took care of Citrus East and the Mah Jong Chinese players decorated Citrus West. The Stained Glass group set up the tree in the Jeri Miller Activity Building and Mah Jongg National players decorated the Hobby House tree.

If you pass by any of these residents, in addition to your friendly TR wave, please let them know how much their efforts are appreciated. Better yet, if you are willing to help put all these decorations away, join us on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Don't forget to treat yourself by taking a nighttime stroll or going for a ride around TR this holiday season to see what the elves have done.

## Join us for Christmas Dinner



This year's Christmas Dinner will be held on Christmas Day at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall. As with the Thanksgiving Dinner, Pat Butler and Beannie Wise will have sign-up sheets hung on the Bulletin Board in Busch Hall near the entrance closest to the Library. They will set up tables to match the number of guests signed up in your group. Dinner menu suggestions will also be posted on the Bulletin Board. More information is available on this page.

## Park-wide tag sales scheduled for Dec. 17



While our monthly Flea Markets have moved back into Busch Hall on the first Saturday of each month, many residents also appreciate having the opportunity to sell items at their sites without having to haul them up to Busch Hall. As in years prior to the pandemic, there will be at least two such tag sales this season, including one at the beginning and one at the end of the season. The first park-wide tag sale is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at residents' sites.

Items can also be posted for sale on 3"x 5" cards on the For Sale bulletin board in Busch Hall.

## Begin planning for Activities Showcase



One of the main reasons people love TR is the great variety of activities available to our residents and this year will be no exception. If you need help deciding which new activities you might want to try, mark your calendars for the grand Activities Showcase scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18. Activities will have tables set up in Busch Hall where you can see what they do, ask questions of current participants and find out how to sign up. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead but activities should begin planning for how they want to participate in the Activities Arts Showcase.

## The TR Singing Men need a director



by Dennis Ledbetter

The TR Singing Men are looking for a director to take over for Dennis Ledbetter. Dennis' hearing has worsened to the point where he cannot hear pitch and cannot benefit the group. The men have a piano accompanist.

If interested please contact Dennis at [giatt@aol.com](mailto:giatt@aol.com) or our current chairman Steve Gorden at 817-368-4993.

## Time to sign up for the Christmas Feast



by Beannie Wise

Come join us for our annual Christmas Feast to celebrate the joys of the holiday. All are welcome—residents, family members and guests in our park. Since Christmas is on Sunday, we will set up immediately following the church service. Tables should be decorated at that time. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Bulletin Board in Busch Hall to the left of the stage. Please fill out name, lot number, phone number and the dish you would like to bring to share. The hostess may pass an envelope to help defray the cost of the meat.

If you are new to TR, we usually celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with dinner at Busch Hall for those who choose. The hosts and hostesses usually provide the meat for their tables and each guest is asked to bring a dish to share with the rest of the table. Coffee, iced tea, lemonade and ice water will be provided. Alcohol is permitted. Please bring plates and cutlery.

Dinner will be served promptly at 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Butler at 863-651-1164 or Beannie Wise at 770-540-4383.

## Model Railroad Club News

by Brian Krupicka

The Model Railroad Club is active and growing. If you have an interest in any of the following please come and check us out. Some members like to model/build modules, some like to operate trains, some like to collect and show their collection and some want to learn more about the hobby. 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.



Photo by Brian Krupicka  
MODEL RAILROAD MODULE

## Women's Bible Study will focus on Psalm 23



by Rosita Williams

For the 2022-23 season we are pleased to present a video Bible study based on Psalm 23 entitled, *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table — Taking Control of Your Thoughts and Fears through Psalm 23*. Our sessions will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and will continue through Tuesday, Feb. 14. Session time will be 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

In this video Bible Study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance or situation.

God has prepared a table for you. It's set with a banquet of peace, clarity and purpose. But Satan is constantly looking for an invitation, seeking to fill your mind with distractions, fear, worry, insecurity, anxiety, temptation, doubt...

It's an ongoing battle. But you can learn how to protect your mind from unhealthy thoughts and experience rest and nourishment at God's table.

This study offers biblical insight on how to:

➤Cancel the lies that will wreck your life and take the empowering steps to live fully alive in Christ.

➤Restore peace and rest in your life by taking authority over your thoughts.

➤Break free from the endless cycle of destructive thinking and recapture your emotions.

➤Embrace the true purpose behind your journey through challenging circumstances".

Freedom from the battles in your mind can be achieved if you allow Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, to lead the battle. Learn how to find encouragement, hope and strength no matter what valleys you face.

If you would like to join us for this enlightening study of Psalm 23, please sign up on the Women's Bible Study clipboard on the Bulletin Board in Busch Hall as soon as possible, so that the proper number of participant guides can be ordered and shipped in time for the class. The link to the streaming video will also be made available. The cost to each participant is \$12.

Looking forward to seeing you as we walk through this Bible Study together.

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# Memories of Christmas past



by Margaret Emmetts

When my husband and I were first married and childless we would spend Christmas day visiting family. Half the day we would be at my in-laws and the other half at my parents. After our first child was born we thought to continue the process.

We loaded Christmas presents, high chair, playpen, car seat, diaper bag and an eight-month-old child in the car and took off for my in-laws' house. We exchanged gifts, probably had something to eat and then it was on to my parent's home. Once again we loaded Christmas gifts, now ones we received, high chair, play pen, car seat, diaper bag and the eight month old into the car and we were off to see my parents.

After dinner it was time to make the 30+ minute drive home. Again we loaded the car with presents, high chair, playpen, car seat, diaper bag and the eight month old.

If you have had children you can relate to all this.

Driving home my husband looked at me and said "This is the last time we are doing this! From now on they can all come to our house." So, for the many years that followed, all the family celebrated not only Christmas, but all the holidays at our home.

Fast forward a few years and two more children. By now my in-laws had moved to the other end of the state. The drive could take anywhere from three to seven hours depending on traffic on the parkway. The distance meant this was not a one-day trip. Fortunately, we had room and the in-laws would stay with us for the duration of the holidays.

Of the many years that followed there is one that I clearly recall.

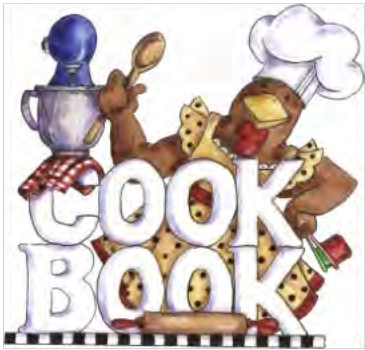
It was Christmas Eve. We had spent the day decorating the tree, wrapping gifts, baking and making dinner. We were all tired but still had to clean up from the meal and all the baking. As I was about to load the dishwasher the power went out! What timing. A large mess to still clean up but no lights or power.

What we did under the circumstances is what keeps this year in my memories.

We lit candles, gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols. For an hour or so we forgot about all the chores yet to be done, how tired we all were and simply enjoyed the spirit of the season.

Hope you can forget all the chores, etc. and simply enjoy the true Christmas spirit.

# TR Cookbook



by Laurie Zentmyer

We would love to add one or more of your favorite recipes to the TR cookbook. Please submit your recipes through the website [cookbookfundraiser.com](http://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.

# Travelogue presentations begin in January

by Bert Contractor

Travelogue presentations are scheduled in the months of January, February and March on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Due to a conflict in the scheduled time slot between Travelogue and the Forum on Monday, Jan. 9, we plan to start the Travelogue presentations on Monday, Jan. 23.

Please contact me to schedule your presentation for the coming season. You can reach me by phone at 980-334-5050.

If you need assistance with preparing your slideshow I will be glad to help.

**Travelogue Schedule**  
Time – 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
Location - Citrus West  
Jan. 23  
Feb. 13  
Feb. 27  
March 13  
March 27

# New Year's Eve Dinner Dance



by Linda Smith

The TR Party Planners announce that a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance is scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

This spirit-approved party begins with a sit-down steak dinner at 7 p.m. and our DJ will open dancing at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so get yours early.

Tickets will be on sale at Busch Hall Sunday Night on Dec. 11 and Dec. 18.

Tickets will also be available on Wednesdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Post Office Lobby.

If you are unable to purchase your tickets in person, contact Linda Smith or Joan Colao for assistance. Looking forward to ushering in 2023.



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Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION	BOOK BROWSERS	COFFEE SOCIAL	FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE
PICKINN & GRINNINN - Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30, Hobby House. Dec.-Mar. <div>Rob Werner Harold Keefer</div>	2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Nan Feeney Lance</div>	Monday thru Friday, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. in Busch Hall. Please bring your own mug. <div>Jim Matkovich</div>	Flea Markets return to Busch Hall first Saturday of each month, November thru March, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Setup at 8:00 a.m.. <div>Betty and Walt Gilson</div>
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	BOWLING	CREATIVE ART GROUP (CAG)	FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!
2nd and 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Nov.-Mar. Meetings open to all. Amateurs can check into the 8 a.m. Two Meter Net on 146.430 Mhz Mon. thru Sat. <div>Dan Zile</div>	Fridays at 2:15 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go. <div>Lin Buczek</div>	Mondays, 3 to 5:00 p.m. in Hobby House. <div>Linda Spencer</div>	Certain Fridays, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at The Grove Stage. Check dates online. <div>Donna Probes</div>
AQUATICS - (WATER AEROBICS)	BRASS ENSEMBLE	CRIBBAGE	FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES
Mon., Wed., and Fri., 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the pool. Nov.-Mar. <div>Linda Smith</div>	Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. We can always use more brass players. <div>Bill Watkins Steve Bowman</div>	<div>Chairperson needed</div>	Fridays from 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall, starting January 20. The dance schedule and themes will be listed in The TR Times and online. <div>Need Chairperson</div>
BALLROOM DANCING	BRIDGE: BEGINNERS	DIGITAL PHOTO - CAMERA	GAMES NIGHT
Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall. Jan.- Mar. <div>Jeffrey Duquette</div>	Hobby House, Tuesdays, 1 to 3:00 p.m. <div>Jim Weigand</div>	Mondays, 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Golf View Pavilion. <div>Carey Box</div>	Mondays, 7 to 9:00 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-contact games, New game each week. <div>Linda Smith Joan Colao</div>
BEADAHOLICS	BRIDGE: INTERMEDIATES	DIGITAL PHOTO - POST PROCESS	GARDEN CLUB
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Jan.-Mar. <div>Kathy Kushman Kathy Lemke</div>	Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. <div>Connie Bradley</div>	Tuesdays, 1 to 3:00 p.m. in Citrus East. <div>Bill Bradford</div>	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:00 a.m. at Lake Margaret. <div>Stacy Grier</div>
BEADAHOLICS, TOO	BRIDGE: PARTY/PARTNERS	DINING WITH FRIENDS	GENEALOGY
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hobby House Porch. <div>Dot Brenn</div>	Party Bridge with partners - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Citrus West. Partner not required. Singles will be teamed up. <div>Barb Aubrey</div>	2nd Saturdays, Busch Hall, 5 to 7:00 p.m., January - March. <div>Harold and Marlene Hughes</div>	Open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. <div>Sherry Wright</div>
BIBLE STUDY- CO-ED	BULLETIN BOARD IN BUSCH HALL	DOMINOES	GEOCACHING
Mondays: 10 a.m. at Vanishing Lake and 6 p.m. in Busch Hall Green Room. <div>Anthony Shipe</div>	For information or help with a notice or ad contact: <div>Betsy Behler Guy Weik</div>	Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. <div>Linda Gough</div>	Tuesdays, 9-10:00 a.m. in Citrus West. January-March. <div>Barbara Colson</div>
BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN'S	CALLIGRAPHY	DULCIMER JAM	GLUTEN FREE SUPPORT GROUP
Tuesdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Rosita Williams</div>	Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m. in Citrus East. <div>Richard Peebles</div>	6:30 to 9:00 pm in Citrus East <div>Lois Showers</div>	Tuesdays 11:00 am to 12:00 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Linda Murphy</div>
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. <div>Susan Delaney</div>	Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Begins Jan. 4. <div>Donna Smith</div>	Mondays in Citrus West. Beginners: 9-10:00 am. Advanced: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. <div>Lois Showers</div>	Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Starter Shack. <div>Dee Branchaud</div>
BINGO	CHOIR PRACTICE	ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS	GOLF - MENS LEAGUE
Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East. <div>Linda Smith</div>	Fridays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m. in Busch Hall. Join us. <div>Bernie Gutridge</div>	Announcements begin at 6:45 with program following. Performances will be in Busch Hall. <div>Ken and Sandy Langel</div>	Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Starter Shack. <div>Barry English</div>
BIRDING	CHURCH ASSOCIATION	EUCHRE	GOLF - SCRAMBLES
Tuesdays 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring binoculars and cameras. <div>Tom Butler</div>	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 10:00 a.m.-Worship service Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month. <div>Anthony Shipe</div>	Fridays, 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Richard Von Qualen</div>	2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at Starter Shack. <div>Tom and Pat Butler</div>
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. <div>Ken Neer</div>	3rd Fridays, 1 to 3:00 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. <div>John Daubenmier</div>	Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. <div>Chairperson Needed</div>	Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4:00 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome. <div>Roy French</div>
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	CLOGGERS OF TR	FIRE/RESCUE 33	GOLF LESSONS
Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room. <div>Larry Polzin</div>	Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. <div>Donna Neer Donna Smith</div>	Firemen-Tues, 8 to 11 am- Paul Rife Room. First Responders-Tuesday,11:00 to 1:00, 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. <div>Larry Polzin</div>	Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11:00 a.m. Hazel English, Bill Harkins, Joan McLean <div>Joan McLean</div>
BOCCE (FALL)	COFFEE & DONUTS - RADIO CLUB	FIVE CROWNS	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Sundays-Fridays, 1:30 p.m. (November and December) <div>Bob Fisher</div>	1st Saturday (during Flea Markets), 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. Donuts and coffee will be in Busch Hall. <div>Dan Zile</div>	Wednesdays (non concert nights only), 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Jackie Thackery</div>	Volunteer to help build homes in Pasco County. Projects January-March TBA. <div>Barb Colson</div>
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. <div>Laverne Dennison</div>	Thursdays, 8 to 9 :00 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch The TR Times and online calendar for updates. <div>Guy Weik</div>	Saturdays, 6:45 to 9:00 p.m., In Citrus West. <div>Pat McCallum</div>	Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come learn this easy game. <div>Deborah May</div>



# Bulletin Board

## Travelers Rest Resort Activities

<b>HARMONAIRES</b> Bring your harmonica and play with us. Beginners welcome. Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Hobby House. <div>Don Sides</div>	<b>YACHT CLUB SAILBOATS</b> Sailboat Practice: Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.. <div>Barry Sellick</div>	<b>SCRABBLE</b> Thursdays, 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall, depending on interest. <div>Jeffrey Duquette</div>	<b>TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)</b> Tuesdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., movie will start at 7:15 p.m., in Citrus East. Movie Night runs January - March. <div>Jim and Carol Henrikson</div>
<b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b> Returns to Sundays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. in Busch Hall. <div>Rosita Williams</div>	<b>MODEL RAILROAD</b> Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. <div>Brian Krupicka</div>	<b>SEW SPECIAL AND EMBROIDERY</b> Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas. 3rd Mondays - Show and Tell. <div>Rosita Williams</div>	<b>UKULELE CLUB</b> Tuesdays, 1 to 2:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January-March. <div>No chairperson</div>
<b>IPHONE CLASS</b> Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Jan.-March. <div>Susan Stahley</div>	<b>OIL &amp; ACRYLIC PAINTING</b> Fridays , 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Mary Kubinieć</div>	<b>SHUFFLEBOARD</b> Tuesdays, 1 to 3:00 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3:00 p.m., Dimes Day. <div>Richard Von Qualen</div>	<b>VETERANS MEETING</b> 2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House. <div>Darold Long, Commander</div>
<b>JOKER</b> Mondays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Fridays, 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. <div>Deborah May</div>	<b>PET LOVERS CLUB</b> 3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Kim Roberts</div>	<b>SNACK SHACK</b> Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional volunteers needed to add a Saturday crew. <div>Lee Brenn Mickey Cobb</div>	<b>VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR</b> 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. <div>Sandy Post</div>
<b>JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR</b> Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. <div>Jean Cobb</div>	<b>PICKLEBALL</b> Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check the TR website under Activities > Pickleball for current schedule. <div>Delia and Carey Box</div>	<b>SPORTS CLUB</b> Meet at Snack Shack Pavilion 2nd Tuesdays 7-8:00 p.m. (January-March) All welcome. <div>Ray LoPresti</div>	<b>WAIST WATCHERS</b> Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House. <div>Jackie Thackery</div>
<b>KARAOKE</b> Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. Starts in January. <div>Glenn and Gabriella Young Alan West</div>	<b>PINOCHLE</b> Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. <div>John Delaney</div>	<b>STAINED GLASS</b> All times in Jeri Miller Activity Center, beginning in January: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 to 7:00 p.m. Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Instructor - Shari Herberts <div>Laura Apgar</div>	<b>WINTER WALKING AEROBICS</b> Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. (November 8-April 10) <div>Gloria Polzin</div>
<b>KNOTTY KNITTERS</b> Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. <div>Diane Fisher</div>	<b>POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM</b> Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House. <div>Jack Davis</div>	<b>TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG</b> Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5:00 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available. <div>Ron Hicks</div>	<b>WATERCOLOR PAINTING</b> Wednesdays, 1 to 3:00 p.m. in Citrus East. <div>Amy Grier</div>
<b>LIBRARY</b> Located in northwest corner of Busch Hall. Open 24/7. Honor system sign out. Please reshelve your own books if you can. If not place in cart behind desk. <div>Mary Kosbab Kay Blunda</div>	<b>POM-POM DRILL TEAM</b> Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. <div>Donna Neer Deb Niles</div>	<b>TENNIS</b> Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11:00 a.m. <div>Betty Teichert</div>	<b>WEIGHTS &amp; STRETCHING</b> Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 8:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Year-round. <div>Sheila Schencke</div>
<b>LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)</b> Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East and Tuesdays, 7 to 9:00 p.m., in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Jan.-March. <div>Alex Adair</div>	<b>POWERBOAT RACING</b> Mondays and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Mirror Lake. <div>Dean Peters</div>	<b>TONE &amp; TIGHTEN</b> Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10:00 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights. Jan.-April. <div>Betty Clark</div>	<b>WELCOMING &amp; RED DOT SPOT</b> Welcoming Committee: First Thursdays, 10 to 12:00 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Red Dot Spot: First Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Activity Center. <div>Diana Hill</div>
<b>LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)</b> Mondays 7-8:00 p.m. in Citrus East and Tuesdays 10 to 11:00 a.m. in Citrus West. Jan.-March. <div>Alex Adair</div>	<b>PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b> Contemporary Church Services - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Dec. 10 and then Jan.-March. <div>Marty Schencke</div>	<b>TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE)</b> 1st Mondays, 7 to 8:00 p.m. in Hobby House to plan rides. <div>Gene Cribbs</div>	<b>WIZARD</b> Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. <div>Debra May</div>
<b>LUMINAIRES</b> Need volunteers to run this traditional holiday activity if it is to continue. <div>Chairperson needed</div>	<b>QUILTING</b> Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 :00 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. <div>Ethel Polsdoffer Cloie Morgan</div>	<b>TR SINGING MEN</b> Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Center. All men are invited to sing along. <div>Stephen Gorden Dennis Ledbetter</div>	<b>WOOD SHOP</b> Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. <div>Larry Kurkowski</div>
<b>MAH JONG CHINESE</b> Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3:00 p.m. in Citrus West. <div>Marcia Hatfield</div>	<b>RC AIRPLANE FLYING</b> Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Golf Course 9th hole. <div>James Morrow, Sr.</div>	<b>TR TRAVEL</b> Planned events advertised on Travel Board in Busch Hall. Watch for articles in TR Times. <div>Sharon Gilbert Zile</div>	<b>WOODCARVING</b> Wednesdays in Citrus West. Beginners - 8 to 9:00 a.m. Advanced - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. <div>Linda Murphy</div>
<b>MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY</b> Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3:00 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. <div>Bette Gorman</div>	<b>RC MOTORSPORTS</b> Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack. <div>Scott Tartaglia</div>	<b>TR TRAVELAIRES OCHESTRA</b> Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome. <div>Gene Cribbs</div>	<b>YOGA</b> Thursdays, 11:00 a.m., Location TBD, January-March. <div>Jean Renee DeTar</div>
<b>MATS FOR THE HOMELESS</b> Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall <div>Pat Dellamuth</div>	<b>ROCK PAINTING</b> All Thursdays except first Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Activity Center. <div>Diana Hill</div>	<b>TRAVELETTES/WOMEN'S CHORUS</b> Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. <div>Mary Beth Coldren</div>	<b>ZUMBA</b> Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jeri Miller Activity Center. <div>Bev Weissinger</div>
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# Have you visited the Eiffel Tower?

by Margaret Emmetts

Almost everyone is familiar with the image of the Eiffel Tower. But are you familiar with some facts about it?

The tower was designed by Gustave Eiffel. Eiffel was an engineer whose firm also built the tower. Did you know that it was built to be the centerpiece for the Esposition Universelle, or the World's Fair of 1889? It was to commemorate the centennial of the French Revolution and show France's mechanical prowess. Construction began on Jan. 28, 1887 and was completed for the World's Fair's opening in 1889.

Strange as it may seem the tower was planned to be disassembled 20 years after the fair. Fortunately for millions of tourists, that plan was scrapped and the Eiffel Tower still stands today.

The structure is built of a wrought iron lattice. The 300 meter pylon rests on four legs consisting of open joists. It contains three levels which are open to the public. These are accessed by either stairs or elevators. Something which I had not considered until I experienced it, the elevators do not rise straight up. If you will visualize the shape of the tower's legs you will realize that they both curve and rise at an angle. Therefore, the elevators must also follow this path. So, you will find yourself rising and simultaneously traveling sideways on your journey to one of the levels. About six million people visit the tower each year.

What saved the tower from demolition was the inception of wireless telegraphy.



Photo by Pam Watkins  
EIFFEL TOWER

The tower was viewed as an excellent location for this medium and remains as a radio and TV transmission site today.

Another little known fact about the Eiffel Tower is that the framework was constructed by Auguste Bartholdi. Although this name might not ring a bell, Bartholdi was the person who also designed the framework for the Statue of Liberty. You probably are aware the Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. What you may not know is that there are many copies of the statue scattered around the globe. In fact, if you are fortunate enough to take the evening dinner cruise up the River Seine in Paris you will pass a smaller version of the statue.

As a community of travelers, I hope we will all be able to "hit the road" again in the near future. Perhaps Paris and the Eiffel Tower will be added to your "bucket list."



## Land tour vs cruise

by Margaret Emmetts

When I first started traveling internationally, I took land tours with some friends. We would fly to our international destination, transfer to a hotel and meet our tour guide. Normally the tour would begin the following morning when we would board a motor coach with our luggage and personal effects. Most days during the tour would be spent driving from one location to another, often stopping to visit a particular attraction. Although occasionally we would spend two days in one city, in most instances we would be in a different hotel each night.

The result of this schedule was that we were essentially living out of our suitcases. We never had occasion to unpack and to make matters worse, we usually had to have our suitcases out pretty early each morning to enable the driver to load the bus. I found this an exhausting way to travel.

In later years I was introduced to my first cruise vacation. What a difference. While many folks think cruising may be boring, I would testify to the contrary.

What I like about cruising is that you get to your stateroom, unpack and you are done. No need to look at that suitcase until the cruise ends. You also get to sleep in the same bed each night, something I consider another plus.

While you might have some days spent totally at sea, in most instances the ship travels at night while you are asleep. You wake up docked in a new location. Cruise companies offer land tours

of the areas where they are docked. Itineraries for these tours are available when you initially book your cruise so you have lots of time to make your selections. Additionally these tours are rated based on your mobility. Some are considered strenuous for those who have no difficulty walking. Others require minimum effort, while still others are suitable even for people with walkers or who are handicapped.

If you are adventurous you might decide to bypass the cruise line land offerings and do your own thing. In most ports you will find many options available to you dockside. There are drivers with cars, vans and even limousines waiting to take you on a personal tour of the city. You can travel down the line of possibilities looking for the best deal. These tours are often less expensive than those offered by the cruise company, especially if there are three or four in your party to split the cost. I have not had any adverse experiences doing this. In fact, on one occasion the driver took our party for tea at a quaint location, at his expense. What more could you ask?

As far as the ship is concerned, there are many things to do aboard if you do not wish to go ashore. There is a library, game room, pool, spa, a casino, bingo, as well as a variety of special programs all planned by the ship's activity director.

When it comes to land tours vs cruises, my money is on the cruise.

# Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile,  
TR Tour Director

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss was a favorite read aloud story in my 2nd grade classroom many years ago, and yet, its message seems to be even more fitting in my senior adult world.



In the story the reclusive green Grinch decides to ruin Christmas for the cheery citizens of Whoville. Reluctantly joined by his hapless dog Max, the Grinch comes down from his mountaintop home and sneaks into town to swipe everything holiday-related from the Whos. However, the bitter grump finds a hitch in his plans when he encounters the endearing Cindy-Lou Who.

Our Dec. 15 TR Travel bus trip will include the Gaylord Palms ICE! presentation of this beloved children's tale. Using more than 2 million pounds of ice, the classic story will be brought to life by a team of 40 ice artisans who work approximately six weeks to create the nearly 20,000 square-foot frozen attraction.

Starting with more than 6,700 massive ice blocks, created by three different ice manufacturers because of the amount needed, carvers will tally more than 12,000 man-hours. The artisans, using skills passed down from generation to generation, follow a 300-page design book to create the spectacle.



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

This year ICE! will feature scenes from How the Grinch Stole Christmas with ice carvings ranging in size from as tiny as a coin, to soaring scenes measuring nearly 30 feet tall.

In addition to seeing characters from the classic Dr. Seuss tale, guests can also take rides down two-story-tall ice slides. Won't it be fun to watch! They will also be able to traverse through ice tunnels and arches and visit the Carver's Showcase to see live sculpting demonstrations. The ICE! experience concludes in a separate area dedicated to a Nativity Scene, meticulously carved and shaped in a dramatic display of crystal-clear ice.

As if this would not be sufficient for TR Travelers, "yule" be amazed by the original production of Cirque: Spirit of Christmas, featuring high-flying stunts, acrobatic feats, elaborate staging and a dramatic musical score. This

show centers on Noel, a child dismayed by the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Throughout the 30-minute atrium show, Noel is visited in dreamlike chapters by trapeze artists, aerial silk performers and others who help rekindle the Christmas spirit.

A few tickets remain for this Dec. 15 TR Travel trip, which also includes dinner at the Italian restaurant, Bucca DiBeppo's. Cost is \$95 pp. Call Sharon at 740-360-3819 to check for current availability. The bus will depart from Busch Hall at 2:30 p.m. returning at 10:30 p.m. Lots of walking, at your own pace. Bring walkers/scooters if you need them.

What to wear for this ICE! experience: Closed-toed shoes, hat and gloves/mittens are a must for this below-freezing environment. Layers work well. Gaylord Palms Resort will provide a big blue parka for each guest to give extra warmth as we step into an icy wonderland.

Next trip? Watch for the announcement in the Dec. 30 issue of The TR Times.

The trip date will be Jan. 26. A Coffee Seminar will be held in Busch Hall Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. to announce all other trips and accept paid reservations.

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

--- The Grinch

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# Library News



by Mary Kosbab

I should be at TR by this issue of *The TRTimes* again enjoying the amenities and camaraderie of TR's very active little corner Library. Every year I am so thankful for the Board of Directors who chose to put the Library in the vacated TR store many years ago. There is no doubt the store was a big loss; however the location is truly a perfect one for those who enjoy reading and/or DVDs. Being open 24 hours a day 7 days a week allows people to stop in at any time to find a book or DVD. Its accessible location also makes it easy to drop off items when finished. We are asking that people return their books and DVDs as soon as possible after finishing them. This way others get to enjoy them and you get the added bonus of having more room in your unit. At the end of the season we often get quantities of books being returned at one time, probably when cleaning out to go home. We ask that you try to return what you borrow as promptly as possible.

We also ask that you help us by recommending books you feel are particularly good. One of the biggest jobs in our Library is keeping the shelves from becoming too crowded. We are constantly receiving new donations. That is what keeps our Library dynamic with current books and DVDs. However we also realize that there are some really good older books which deserve a place on our shelf. If you leave a note in a book recommending a book, it will not be weeded out when we are making room for more books. There are also forms on the desk to use.



We use both the honor system and the return your own books/ DVDs system at our TR Library. We ask that you take some time when returning your items. Please make sure they are replaced where they belong. Books/DVDs in the wrong place are essentially lost for anyone looking for that particular book or DVD. Use the spines to help you return them to their rightful place. Fiction books are replaced alphabetically by the first three letters of the author's last name. Non-fiction books are classified by their subjects. Use the colored dots and the 3 letters on the spine to help you. DVDs are organized by genres. There are colored dots on the spine which you can match to those on the shelves. If there is a volunteer working in the Library just ask for help. If you cannot reshelve your own books, please put them in the top shelf of the book cart behind the Library desk.

By all working together we keep our Library a vital part of life at TR. Thanksgiving Day has passed, however, we can all be so very thankful for all we have at TR, the Library being just one of many amenities.

As always if you have any thoughts or suggestions for the Library please let us know. We always welcome your input.

# Garden News

## The Garden Club is off to a busy start

by Leslie Ewing

Many Garden Club members have not yet returned to TR. However, we have a few early birds who started work on several projects.

Some people were not aware that there is a fountain on the north side of Busch Hall by the air conditioners. Thanks to Dick Wheatley for coming to the Garden Club with suggestions. A small group led by Dick cleaned out the area and the fountain can be seen again!

We won't be able to disguise the air conditioners though. The question now is what can be planted that will be low maintenance yet not grow so large that airflow is compromised. For now, an assortment of potted plants at the fountain will provide some greenery while club members research our options.



Photo by Leslie Ewing

### The newly revealed fountain.

In the garden yellow caution tape has been removed from around the large branch that came down from the Live Oak. The area is being prepared for the removal of the tree. Residents should avoid that area as it is not safe to walk in the grass there.

Christmas lights are in place along the boardwalk again. Residents have complete access to the

boardwalk. Strolling along the lighted boardwalk after dark brings a different perspective to the garden.

January means getting rid of weeds and debris that accumulated over the summer. Members are getting an early start this year.

We would really appreciate volunteers who can use an air blower to remove leaves from the boardwalk. Spanish moss needs to be pulled off the plants. There are many simple tasks that need to be done to get the garden back into shape.

If you are unable to come to the garden on Tuesday or Thursday mornings when we have organized work groups, you can often find someone working in the garden just about any time. We pair volunteers with members who know the next thing to be done. The club has tools and supplies. All you need are sturdy shoes and a pair of garden gloves. See you in the garden!

## It was a simple question

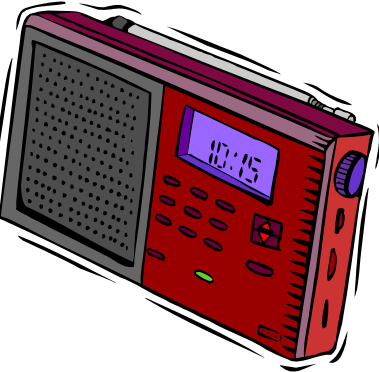
by Margaret Emmetts

One of my grandsons recently bought his first home with an attached garage. Trying to be a good grandmother, I casually asked him if he would like a spare radio I had that he could use in his garage. He looked at me like I was speaking Klingon!

Apparently the younger generation does not need radios. After all, they have smartphones which contain all the music they would like to hear. I was also informed that there is a device one may purchase that contains all the music ever produced. I find that hard to believe, but who knows.

Not only does the grandson have music readily available, he has a few other electronic devices in his home. I was informed he is able to dim lights remotely, not a surprise. But, he can also change the colors of the lights remotely. Wow! He can turn on and off heat and air conditioning and adjust same, turn on his oven while still at work and Lord only knows what else.

It is now possible to remotely see who is at your door and speak to that person and we all know you can remotely open and close your garage door. It seems like you do not have to be present at all, almost everything operates remotely. You just need the proper devices, and oh yes, the ability to operate them. Apparently the younger generation has an innate ability to do this. Based on personal experience it would seem our generation is lacking that gene.



## What do you know about poinsettias?



Photo by Pam Watkins

### FLORIDA POINSETTIA

by Margaret Emmetts

Poinsettia plants are usually associated with Christmas in the U.S. But do you know how this came about?

In 1825 Joel Roberts Poinsett was the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. While visiting Taxco, Mexico he became enamored of the plant and sent samples of it home to Greenville, N.C. The rest is history.

In Mexico the plants are referred to as *Flores de la Noche Buena* which translates to Flowers of the Holy Night.

The plant's real name is *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, but is commonly called poinsettia after Ambassador Poinsett who brought the plant to the U.S.

People generally refer to the red flowers of the plant. In actuality what people consider to be red petals are really bracts not the flower. The actual flowers are the

small yellow structures in the middle of the red bracts.

If you have ever tried to keep poinsettias from year to year and were unable to get them to bloom it is because they are what is called "long night" plants.

Beginning in mid-October the plants require complete darkness from approximately 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. to coax them to bloom. Some people achieve this by placing a black plastic bag over the plant for these hours. Others simply put the plant in a dark closet. However, the darkness must be absolute. Commercial growers have found that even a flash of lightning is enough to stop the plant from blooming.

Wouldn't Mr. Poinsett be amazed at the variety of colors in which his favorite plant is now available.

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# Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

Several years ago Sue and Harold Larsen found Travelers Rest in a campground directory. Like so many other TR residents, they started out on Golf View which led to several other sites in RV South. They soon discovered the many fun activities offered here especially Square Dancing.

For years Sue and Harold did a lot of traveling and thought it might be easier without a dog but that all changed when their daughter Kristy and her son made a trip to a local Humane Society. The cutest little dog caught their eye and they quickly convinced Sue and Harold that Smokey would be the perfect pet to join their family.

Smokey had been abandoned and found scavenging for food. His long hair was tangled and matted. Luckily the Humane Society took him in, got him cleaned up and his life became much happier. Not knowing anything about his past didn't stop Sue and Harold from adopting him. According to their vet Smokey is a Shih Tzu mix and is now about eight years old.

I'm always curious about the eating habits of dogs. When I asked about Smokey's appetite

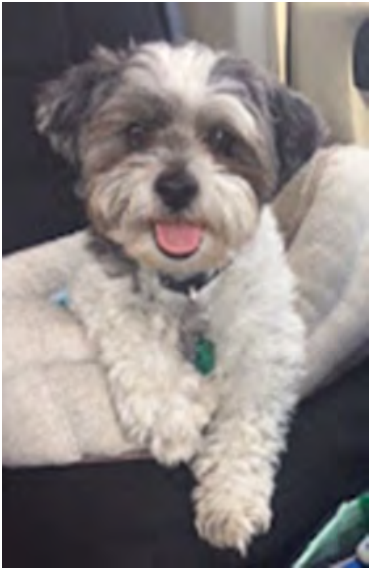


Photo by Sue Larsen

they said when he first joined them he snarfed down every morsel of food at record speed. I'm sure living in the wild he knew he had to eat whatever he could find and as quickly as possible before another critter got it. It's pretty evident how comfortable Smokey is now in his furever home because he is taking his time to finish his meals.

A few years after getting Smokey, Harold became ill and Kristy moved to her parents' Sturgeon Bay, Wis. home to help them.

Sadly Harold passed away and Kristy continues to live with Sue and Smokey. The three of them carry on as Snowbirds and come to TR to escape those cold northern winters.

Smokey isn't a cuddler or a lap dog but still very loving and affectionate. It is amazing how well he adapts to the environment and people around him. Whatever humans do, he happily joins right in. Smokey's motto is "Take me with you and I'll be good."

Whether they are at home up north or here at TR, Smokey knows when it is bedtime. Sue picks up his doggy bed and heads to the bedroom with Smokey hot on her heels.

He loves to travel. He seems to know when they are almost at their destination. He quietly sleeps in the back seat of the car but as soon as he senses they are about to arrive at their target location, he jumps into the front passenger seat and lands in Sue's lap. It's his way of announcing "We are here."

# Birding Activity



## A flash of color

by Tom Butler

Have you ever looked into the trees or the underbrush and spotted a flash of color dart past? There is a good chance you might have just seen a warbler. Warblers are among the most beautiful and brightly colored species of birds in North America and Canada. With 51 species and a dozen variations in color, it can get a bit confusing to identify this bird on the fly. (You, not them!)



Photo by Tom Butler

### YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

Some of the variations that help in the identification of warblers include color and locations of those colors. Some may have extensive yellow on the body like the Prairie Warbler and the Yellow Warbler. Others may have yellow only on the throat and upper breast like the Yellow-throated Warbler commonly seen here in our park. One warbler has a small patch of yellow like the Eastern Yellow-rumped Warbler. Guess where that patch of yellow appears!

We can move on to other warblers that are painted with orange, red or chestnut colorations. This group includes birds such as the Bay-breasted Warbler and then the Palm Warbler, seen everywhere in our park, usually on the ground with a non-stop bobbing tail.

We then move to the other groups of warblers that are void of any yellow, red, orange or chestnut coloring. These groups include birds that are black and white striped, blue or turquoise, brown

above with bold streaks below or drab with few markings. The Black and White Warbler is common here and can be seen clinging to tree bark upside down like a Nuthatch.

If this has not thoroughly confused you yet, let me add that sometimes males and females differ slightly in their appearances and other times they are drastically dissimilar in the way they look. Juveniles can be different and all colorations may vary from summer to winter. Wow! Is bird identification even possible within the warbler family? The answer is YES! Just start with some basic information when you spot a bird that you aren't familiar with.

For instance, just take note of how big it is. Is it the size of a sparrow, or larger like a cardinal? Do you see any colors? Where are those colors? This information alone would allow you to search the Audubon App and narrow the search to fewer birds. If you spot other markings on the birds such as wing bars, eye lines, spots or stripes, you may be able to narrow the search even further. The location of the bird can also narrow your search. Is the bird in the upper canopy of the tree or is it walking on the ground? Two members of the warbler family have very different areas for foraging. The Northern Parula spends most of its time hunting dinner in the tops of trees moving around very quickly. The Ovenbird, on the other hand builds its nest and hunts food on the ground. While you will see



Photo by Tom Butler

### PALM WARBLER

plenty of birds at eye level with the feeders, you might miss the Parula and Ovenbird if you don't search some of the less obvious locations. Look for those vine-covered shrubs, dead trees, brush piles, shorelines and tree tops. You will increase the number of birds you see and experience the wonderful enjoyment of nature.

As you use your reference books and phone apps, you will gradually acquire some of the more scientific terminology that makes us sound really smart. Just don't worry about too many details in the beginning as you progress through the bird identification quagmire, even though you may still have a lot of doubts and confusion in this process.

Travelers Rest Resort is listed by Cornell Labs of Ornithology as a global hotspot with nearly 160 different species identified. So get out there and find some birds! Look for warblers and while doing so, you will be able to enjoy the beautiful world (and park) that we all live in. It should be a real TWEET.

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# Pet Lover's Club

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### COMMUNITY NOTICE BOX

by Kim Roberts

The Pet Lovers Club will be having a fundraiser, Get your Pet's Photo with Santa. The date is Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Puppy Park 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is a requested donation of \$5 per pet photo. All dogs must be on a leash and all other pets in a crate until photo time.

Please note we have also moved the Community Notice Box to under the Pavilion. Check here for more information and upcoming events. You will also find a donation box under the Pavilion.

All donations to help maintain our beautiful Puppy Park will be much appreciated.

We are still looking for anyone who would like to purchase an engraved brick for their pet. Each brick is \$100. We will be creating a Dog Park walkway from the gate to the street. This will be done soon, giving time for everyone to return and purchase their brick.

The next Pet Lovers Club meeting is Thursday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. at Citrus West. Please join us and bring a fellow pet lover.



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Gloria Polzin decorates the figure outside our Fire Station.



Busch Hall sports the largest tree.



Gina Di Pinto and Dick Myles look over the plans for their area with Susan Stahley.



Cindy Watson places her décor in a window box.



Looks like Gina DiPinto and Dick Myles may need some help untangling those lights.



Alan West stops for a cup of coffee that Guy Weik made for all the workers.



Looks like Dave Pulleyn has become the reindeer specialist. Above he corrals a small herd while below he works on another reindeer.



Laurie Zentmyer places garland along a fence.



Linda Gavin, Judy Moore, Ken Hankinson and Loretta Whitfield are joined by a wooden soldier.



Amy Peebles and Loretta Whitfield spruce up TR's Library.



Dawn Pulleyn, Patrice Chandler, Barbara Myles, Phyllis Simmers and Pat Daubenmier are "wreathed" in smiles.



Photos by  
Bill and Pam Watkins



A large figure in Busch Hall waits patiently to see where he will end up.



TR Sports

Bowling results

by Lin Buczek  
Friday, Dec. 2

**Men's Scratch High Game**

Steve Niles .....	225
Bill Buczek .....	211
Ken Neer .....	162

**Men's Scratch High Series**

Steve Niles .....	640
Bill Buczek .....	558
Ken Neer .....	470

**Men's High Average**

Steve Niles .....	213
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**Women's Scratch High Game**

Lin Buczek .....	197
Deb Niles .....	173
Leslie Price .....	158

**Women's Scratch High Series**

Lin Buczek .....	474
Deb Niles .....	459
Leslie Price .....	445

**Women's High Average**

Lin Buczek .....	158
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Wizard results

by Deborah May  
Tuesday, Nov. 29

**Table 1; Game 1**

1 Deborah May (tie)
1 John Goodger
1 Gary Smith

**Table 1; Game 2**

1 Imma Smith
2 Elaine Schwartz
3 John Goodger

**Table 2; Game 1**

1 Pat McCallum
2 Barb Overly

**Table 2; Game 2**

1 Pat McCallum
2 Barb Overly



**5 Crowns results**

by Jackie and Russ Thackery  
Wednesday, Nov. 30

**Table 1**

Donna Polito .....	2 games
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**Table 2**

Kathy Prockett .....	1 game
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National Mah Jongg results

by Bette Gorman  
Monday, Nov. 21

Bette Gorman,	
Pat McCallum .....	125
Lin Buczek .....	100
Pat Anderson, Linda Gower .....	50

**Wednesday, Nov. 23**

Pat Anderson .....	175
Lin Buczek .....	155
Linda Gower .....	100
Janet Stevens .....	85
Pat McCallum .....	50
Bette Gorman .....	25

**Friday, Nov. 25**

Diana Phillips .....	110
Linda Gower, Pat Anderson .....	50
Cherie Richman .....	30

Monday, Nov. 28

Diane Phillips .....	85
Pat Anderson .....	80
Cherie Richman,	
Joan Ledbetter .....	50
Sandy Poast .....	25

**Wednesday, Nov. 30**

Pat McCallum .....	75
Pat Anderson, Bette Gorman .....	25

**Friday, Dec. 2**

Pat Anderson .....	100
Janet Stevens .....	75
Pat McCallum .....	50



Mah Jongg-the Chinese way-results

by Marcia Hatfield  
Friday, Nov. 25

Marcia Hatfield .....	3
Deb May, Linda Gavin .....	1

**Monday, Nov. 28**

Marcia Hatfield .....	4
Deb May .....	3
Doris Lewis .....	2

**Friday, Dec. 2**

Marcia Hatfield .....	4
Deb May .....	2
Doris Lewis .....	1



Yes, They really said that!

submitted by Pat Butler

**MLB infielder Jerry Coleman:**  
*A day without newspapers is like walking around without your pants on.*

**Author George Will:**  
*Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole...*

**Former footballer Terry Venables:**  
*If history is going to repeat itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again.*

**Former NFL coach Mike Ditka:**  
*What's the difference between a three-week-old puppy and a sportswriter? In six weeks, the puppy stops whining.*

**NBA executive Pat Williams:**  
*We can't win at home. We can't win on the road. As general manager, I just can't figure out where else to play.*

**MLB catcher Johnny Bench:**  
*I was thinking about making a comeback until I pulled a muscle vacuuming.*

**NBA center Wilt Chamberlain:**  
*They say that nobody is perfect. Then they tell you that practice makes perfect. I wish they'd make up their minds.*

**Golfer Greg Norman:**  
*I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father.*

**Journalist Steve Rushin:**  
*By the age of 18, the average American has witnesses 200,000 acts of violence on television, most of them occurring during Game 1 of the NHL playoff series.*

**Former Major League Baseball player Tito Fuentes:**  
*They shouldn't throw at me. I'm the father of five or six kids.*

**Shaquille O'Neal:**  
*I make a 1,600 minus 800 minus 200 on the SAT so I'm very intelligent when I speak.*

**Mirror Lake Scores:**

by Bill Wise  
Saturday, Dec. 3  
Dragon Flite 95 Class

1. Barry Sellick
2. Bill Wise
3. Chuck Lemke

Pickleball Puzzle solution

submitted by Rich Kushman

Now, with a brief insight, the solution quickly unravels. The insight is that in a three-person round-robin, every player plays at least every other game. Since 17 total games were played, every player must have played at least eight games. In fact, since Kenny played exactly eight games, we can infer which ones:

Now, had Kenny won any of his games, we would have seen him play two games in a row. Instead, it must be the case that he lost every game he played. Thus, we can conclude that Kenny lost the fourth game. But against whom?

Well, we know that Abby and Ned played against each other in every game that Kenny didn't play, which are all the unshaded squares above. In addition, we know Abby played the last seven straight games. This means we know for sure that Abby played games 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, which amounts to 12 games, accounting for all of her games. So Ned must have played all other games against Kenny, such that Ned beat Kenny in the fourth game.

June 19, 2020  
From Popular Mechanics

Get active at TR



by Pat Butler

Looking for a new way to become active here at our park? There are so many opportunities for you to get involved. Just think you might soon end up on *The TRTIMES Sports Page!*

The options range from healthy stretching and walking to showing your prowess on the beautiful golf course to racing radio-controlled cars or boats to honing your skills at playing cards and/or dice games to acing your serve on the tennis and/or pickleball courts. That doesn't even cover it all! Try your skill at the ping pong tables here in Citrus East at TR or with our residents on the bowling alley in Zephyrhills. When finished, you can end your exercise session with a refreshing swim in the pool.

Come on out and take advantage of all TR has to offer; become a TR athlete! See you soon on page 14!



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Obituaries

**JACK BUCKLEY CAREY**  
Jack Buckley Carey, age 84, passed away June 24, 2022 in Florence, S.C. He was born in Washington, D.C. the son of the late George and Ruth (Buckley) Carey.

He served as a Maryland State Police Officer for many years, retired and worked for several years for General Electric before retiring again and, with their Airstream “finding” TR. They resided in RV South on Lot 7-01 before purchasing their Village home on Lot 2504. Always willing to take on big jobs here, Jack took over running the Snack Shack and it flourished under his leadership. He and Jane ran the bingo games both nights for many years. Jane was in charge of pictures that went in *The TR Times*, a time-consuming job that she handled expertly. Before moving to South Carolina residents did a drive-by-farewell to let them know they would be missed.

Survivor include wife Jane (Watkins) Carey, children Jan (Bill) Kirven, Jackie (Rob) Hall, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**BONNY KERR HERMAN**  
On Oct. 24, 2022 Bonny Kerr Herman, wonderful wife of Robert for 62 years, devoted Mom and caring Nana, passed away at the age of 84. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Stephen (Melinda) Herman and David (Kristin) Herman, numerous grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Bonny’s love and enthusiasm touched all those around her, especially her family. She sang in her church choir, loved clogging, taught piano and tennis and she and Bob traveled for many years in their Airstream. They enjoyed wintering at TR for several years in RV South on lot 13-10.

**MARY HUNTER**  
Mary Hunter, age 77, passed away Nov. 17, 2022 at her home. She was born Dec. 27, 1944 in Ann Arbor, Mich. the daughter of Henry and Mary McPherson.

Mary enjoyed catering and baking, especially cakes. She loved to pontoon on Wixom Lake in Michigan with a glass of wine and friends. Winters were spent in TR on lot 21-30 in RV South. She and Linda Smith started the Party Planners group which was beloved by residents because they always produced delicious meals for special occasions as well as the awesome drive-thru-steak dinners.

She is survived by her children Garner (Jennifer) Hunter and Chuck (Andria) Hunter, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and brother John McPherson.

**BARBARA MCBRIDE**  
My name was Barbara Chambers. I was born and raised near Rushsylvania, Ohio. I recently suffered a stroke and passed away on Oct. 22, 2022 at the age of 83.

When I was very young I met a special boy in school named Mike McBride. We started chasing each other in the early 50s. We caught each other in 1958 when we drove to Indiana to be married.

We came home to parents who were disappointed. They felt that if we married at that young age we would have young ones who would interrupt Mike’s education and keep him from being able to support me as I deserved. Well, we did have young ones named Joe, Scott and Peggy but they did not interrupt our preparation for meaningful careers and they added immeasurably to life’s joys together.

Over the next few years the two of us worked together to forge careers in the insurance industry and in the rural electric industry. I became a partner at HGT Insurance Agency in New Concord, Ohio and Mike became general manager and CEO of Guernsey Muskingum Electric Cooperative there.

During our working years Mike became involved with a number of national organizations supporting rural electric cooperatives and their involvement in their local communities. I, on the other hand, became involved and energized by my involvement with barbershop singing with the Friendship Seven Chapter of Sweet Adelines.

Mike and I both retired in December 1994. We began a 25-year, Odyssey of Retirement Adventure, in Plain City, Ohio, Dade City, Fla. (where we resided in The Village on lot 2528) and the 50 states of the U.S. During the course of our retirement we enjoyed the hobbies of sailing, camping, traveling, golfing, oil and acrylic painting and woodworking.

Mike says, “It is with great sadness that I bid farewell to my lifelong partner. She has served as an inspiration to me and to many of our friends. I love you, Barb and I always will!”

If you are considering a memorial donation [peletonia.org](http://peletonia.org) would be very appropriate.



**WILLIAM “BILL” A. WOOD**  
Bill Wood, age 67, died July 9, 2022 in Dade City. Born May 28, 1955 in Beverly, Mass. he was the son of the late Robert and Elizabeth (Yates) Wood. He was raised in Topsfield, Mass. where he graduated from Masconomet Regional High School class of 1973 and went on to graduate from North Shore Community College in 1975 and North Eastern College in Boston in 1978.

Bill was the Water Superintendent for the Town of Topsfield for over 30 years. He also served the Town as a call firefighter and was promoted to Lieutenant.

His interests and hobbies were many. He was a licensed HAM radio operator, N1HSZ, and was a member of the W1PZ Pocahontas Radio Club and the K4TRR Travelers Rest Radio Club. He was an avid reader and also enjoyed square dancing with his wife at Fair Town Squares and boating on Sebago Lake and Round Pond in Maine.

After retirement he and wife Pamela moved to TR in the Village on lot 2809. He enjoyed serving at TR on the Maintenance Committee.

Bill is survived by his wife of 43 years Pamela (Walters) Wood, two children Robert (Deborah) Wood and Kirsten Wood and two granddaughters.



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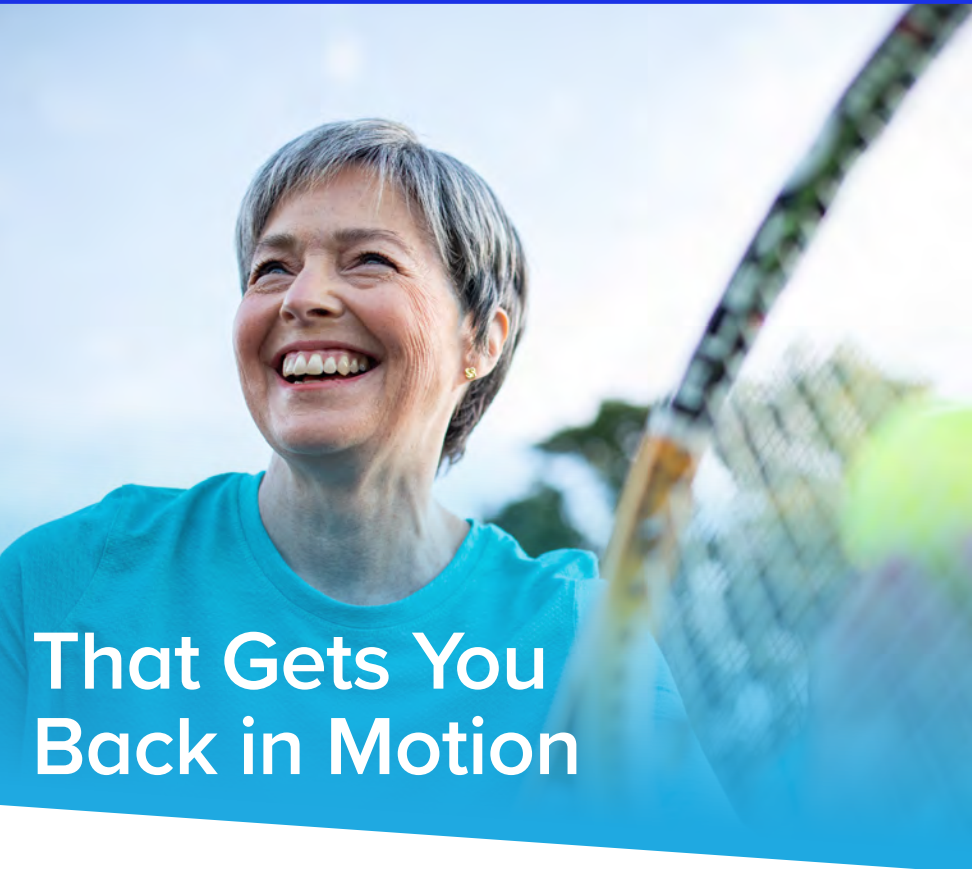
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