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Sunday Night

Schedule change

Busch Hall Sunday Night

Sunday, Dec. 18, Christmas Cantata.
Sunday, Dec. 25, no program.
Wednesday, Dec. 28, Bing Futch, note day of week.
Sunday, Jan. 1, no program.
Sunday, Jan 8, Jim Cruise.
See page 2.

Sunday Night Busch Hall

Christmas Cantata, Sunday, Dec. 18, 6:45 p.m., ice cream at 6:15 p.m. See page 1.

Veranda Chat

Monday, Dec. 19 in front of Busch Hall 3 p.m.



Christmas Feast

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Busch Hall Wednesday Special

Bing Futch appearing on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 6:45 p.m., ice cream at 6:15 p.m. See page 2.

Share your recipe

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Dance the year away

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by Pastor Anthony Shipe

Who are The Keepers of Christmas? Most obviously, you and I are the ones who celebrate the birth of Christ every year. We carry on our Christmas traditions and attend services to commemorate the wonderful story of Luke 2. You could say that we along with many other Christians around the world are The Keepers of Christmas.

We keep the special message close to our hearts and recite its details over again every year. This is a story about the anticipation of hope, a new beginning and a reason for mankind to celebrate. We can now move forward in life and give all of our worries and cares to the One who has come to save us and redeem us. The Messiah is born! Light has come into the world...JESUS...The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. This light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it. That is good news for you and me!

Who are the original characters and The Keepers of Christmas?

1. King Herod- The Great of Judea

Herod's story is told in Matthew 2. King Herod's position was granted by Rome. He never really cared for the Jewish people. His royal title was not genuine. He was constantly worried about losing his position. In verse 3 of Matthew 2, the Bible states that Herod was troubled about the news from the visiting Magi. He was disturbed about the possibility of a rival king that was supposedly born in his jurisdiction.

Herod was a ruthless tyrant. He ordered the massacre of innocent children just to protect his position. The news this week of a shooting at an elementary school by a man has some similarities. This is a tragic lesson of what can happen when actions are motivated by selfishness. Herod's life was self-destructive.

You see, King Herod was convicted by God and that conviction led to treating others around him with fear, suspicion and jealousy. He was angry about something he did not understand. He had no peace and security. Herod was afraid that this newborn king would one day take his throne. He completely misunderstood the reason for Christ's coming.

Jesus the Messiah didn't want Herod's throne. He wanted to be king of Herod's life. Jesus wanted to give eternal life to those who would accept Him. He still offers that today! People are often afraid that being a Christian means that God wants to take things away that are fun. When in reality He wants to give us freedom, peace and joy!

How about you? Have you put God first in your life? Have you given Him the throne of your life? If you are convicted about



Photo by Pam Watkins

Christ is born. Nowell! Nowell!

something in your life, I hope you get it resolved. Herod refused to let God take control of his life.

2. Joseph- the carpenter, Mary's husband

Joseph was given a responsibility and he was not sure how to proceed. Joseph was faced with a difficult choice after discovering that Mary was pregnant. Although he knew that taking Mary as his wife could be difficult and humiliating in Jewish culture, he was prepared to do what was right despite the pain he knew it would cause. Joseph intended to act with justice and love.

God often shows us that there are more options available than we think. We must always seek God's wisdom. Joseph chose to obey God through the angel's command. He was a man of integrity and God honors integrity. We must trust God to move forward.

3. Mary-blessed of all women

Mary gives a personal testimony about the love and mercy of God. Her story of admiration is told in Luke 1:46-55. It is called *The Magnificat* or *Mary's Song of Praise*. Her song of joy shows us how well she knew God. It is vocally a stunningly beautiful musical piece in the world of classical music.

When Mary said, "From now on all generations will call me blessed." Was she being proud? No, she was recognizing and accepting the gift God had given her. If she had denied her incredible position, she would have been throwing God's blessing back at Him. Pride is refusing to accept God's gifts or taking credit for what God has done. Humility is accepting the gifts and using them to serve God. Are you like Mary? Are you available to be used by God?

4. Simeon- a man with a promise

5. Anna- a woman with a purpose

When Joseph and Mary took the eight-day-old baby Jesus into the temple for blessing and birth rights, they were greeted by two lovely people who were named

Simeon and Anna. Joseph and Mary were amazed when the old man took their son into his arms and spoke such stunning words. Simeon said that Jesus was a gift from God and he recognized Jesus as the Messiah who would be a light to the entire world. This was the second time Mary had been greeted with a prophecy about her son.

Simeon prophesied that Jesus would have lasting impacts on Israel and the rest of the world, and he was right. Some would fall because of Him while others would rise. You see with Jesus there is no neutral ground. People would both recognize Him as Savior and change their lives, or they would totally reject Him and miss out on the greatest blessing of all.

Anna was also called a prophetess. She played a major role in proclaiming God's truth by her witness. She, just like Simeon, recognized the child right away and announced to everybody in the Temple that the

long-awaited Messiah had finally arrived. God's promise was fulfilled. Anna is often called the first missionary because of her efforts in spreading the news about Jesus' birth. She was very devoted to living her life for God and spent much time in prayer and worship. Anna knew how to exercise patience and lived in anticipation of God's grace.

At Christmas time you see a lot of empty boxes that are wrapped to look like gifts and placed as decorations around colorfully-lit trees. You see them at department stores or maybe around a downtown display. Tampa has big boxes wrapped and sitting by the Christmas tree downtown on the parkway. The packages look beautiful. They have shiny paper and are topped with bows, but they are empty inside. Many people you see in Coastal Florida are well-wrapped. They are dressed in the nicest clothes and drive fancy cars. Some of them are very wealthy, too. They hang around some fabulous establishments in our area. But one thing is sad about so many lives you encounter, they are simply empty inside.

They have nothing to keep inside that will give them peace and joy. Those of us who truly know Jesus as our Savior are The Keepers of Christmas. True, authentic Christian living starts on the inside and the evidence of spiritual fruit is seen on the outside. I hope that you will share a little bit of the true meaning of Christmas with someone this season. Show them what you have is worth keeping and holding on to!

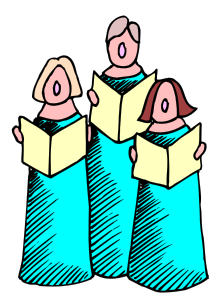
Merry Christmas to you on behalf of the TR Church Association.

Busch Hall Sunday Night features the Celebration Choir

by Bernadine Gutridge

Busch Hall Sunday Night Entertainment for Dec. 18 will open with the Handbell Choir directed by Jean Cobb ringing *Jingle Bells* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. This will be followed by the Christmas Cloggers under the direction of Donna Neer clogging to Mannheim Steamroller's *Hallelujah*. Next will be *The Little Christmas Tree* narrated by Red Skelton and directed by Gloria Polzin.

The Celebration Choir under the direction of Bernadine Gutridge will then present the lovely cantata *Night of the Father's Love* written by Pepper Choplin. All the mystery, awe and excitement of that night are captured in a mosaic that combines fragments of the familiar carols with Choplin's unique words and music. From the rhythmic pulse of *The Coming of the Lord* to the joyful strains of



Christ is Born, Nowell! and *Night of the Father's Love* guide the listener through the Christmas story as though hearing it again for the first time.

Adding to the music of the Celebration Choir will be the beautifully costumed cast created by Gloria Polzin that adds drama to the production.

The ultimate result will be a seasonal worship experience that will both captivate and reassure all of us that indeed Christ is born. Nowell! Nowell!

BUSCH HALL

Wednesday Special

Bing Futch Wednesday, Dec. 28 in Busch Hall



BING FUTCH

by Ken and Sandy Langell
Please note that this program is Wednesday, not Sunday night. Both Christmas and New Year's fall on Sunday and there will be no program those days. As a special treat we are bringing in Bing for a show on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

There is so much we can say about Bing Futch, but for us the most meaningful endorsement comes from TR residents. His previous performances here have endeared him to us. Not only is he an undisputed master musician and performer, but he is also a gentle spirit that always leaves his audiences feeling better than when they came in.

Some other endorsements:
* 2016 International Blues Challenge Finalist Winner - Best Guitarist (Solo/Duo) Award. This was in spite of the fact that his entire performance was on a dulcimer, not a guitar.
* "A master of the mountain dulcimer" - *Connections Magazine*.

* "He plays the dulcimer like Jimi Hendrix. He has this ability to communicate a sensual energy when he's onstage." - Tom Shed, Florida Folk Festival organizer.

* "...a high-energy solo performer and frontman..." - *Music Connection*.

* "Musical Tabasco!" - *The Orlando Weekly*.

Using an Appalachian Mountain dulcimer, Native American flute, ukelele and a looper, Bing Futch celebrates traditional and modern music with passion, humor and boundless energy. As a nationally, touring solo performer, he's headlined at The Walnut Valley Festival, The Florida Folk Festival, Old Songs Festival, Indiana Fiddlers Gathering, The Big Muddy and Common Ground On The Hill.

Bing has enjoyed a career as both a folkie and rocker, first with post-punk act Crazyed Bunzys in 1986 and later in 1999 as co-founder of Americana Rock Band, Mohave. In 2006, Bing began performing solo at festivals and music venues across the country and, since then, he has recorded a number of albums and published several music-education books including the best-selling Blues Method for Mountain Dulcimer 101.

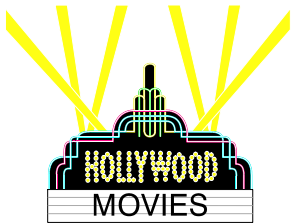
In 2014, Bing entered the Central Florida Blues Challenge competition, winning the Solo/Duo Artist Award and earning a coveted entry into the 2015 International Blues Challenge in

Memphis, Tenn., where he advanced to the semifinals. Several months later, Bing competed in the 2015 Central Florida Blues Challenge and won his category for the second year in a row. This led him back to Memphis to compete in the 2016 International Blues Challenge. There, he advanced all the way to the finals and was given the award for Best Solo/Duo Guitar, despite competing solely on the Appalachian Mountain dulcimer.

Bing's music has been featured in film, video, theatrical productions and in exhibits at the Orlando Museum of Art. He was composer and musical director for *The Jungle Book: A Musical Adaptation* at Stage Left Theater in Orlando and he also contributed music to the soundtrack of The Castle of Miracles attraction at Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee.

Typically traveling over 35,000 miles a year in a 32' Jayco Greyhawk named Marahute, Bing keeps a busy schedule of performances, workshops and production that includes shooting episodes of Dulcimerica, a video series on YouTube that's been viewed by millions of people worldwide and is currently in its 15th year. He lives in Orlando with his wife, Jae, and a menagerie of rescued critters.

The doors to Busch Hall open at 6:15 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28. Come early to get a good seat and enjoy the ice cream social! Announcements are at 6:45 p.m. and Bing takes the stage immediately following.



TNM

by Carol and Jim Henrikson
Tuesday Night Movies (TNM) is opening on Tuesday, Jan. 3 with *West Side Story* [2021] – one of the top ten films of 2021. At the 94th Academy Awards, it received seven nominations. One reviewer described it as "Heartfelt & Heartbreaking." This film adaptation was faithful to its roots but alive to the modern world.

Acclaimed film director Steven Spielberg brings his vision of this timeless musical to the screen. Screenwriter Tony Kushner and the late Stephen Sondheim, the legendary lyricist for the Broadway production, with actress Rita Moreno, lend their talents to both the 1961 film and to this, Spielberg's enthralling new version.

Work on the new TR theatre-large screen and projector is near completion. The Sonos audio equipment offering theatre-quality sound capable of using the latest Dolby Atmos technology will be installed before the end of December.

Our second movie planned for Tuesday, Jan. 10 will be *Belfast*.

by Katherine Shawver
President/CEO
TR Board of Directors

A soft reminder to everyone at Travelers Rest to please wear your name badges. We want to make everyone feel welcome and one of the ways we can do that is to greet them by their name.

We want to remind residents how they can request help for things they see that need the attention of Park Management. The first step is to talk with Ray Hill, General Manager. As a result of that conversation, he may ask you to open a work order so the request can be reviewed and prioritized with the larger list of tasks.

We are in need of additional volunteers to help us round up the feral kittens in the park so they can be taken for their health check, vaccinations and have their ear notched before being ready to find them permanent homes. Please contact Linda Smith at lot 14-15.

While the board and park management appreciate residents being willing to hold fundraising events to offset the cost of rebuild-

Sunday Nights Busch Hall holiday entertainment schedule

by Ken and Sandy Langell

With the holidays approaching, we have a few irregularities in all our schedules. We want to be sure everyone is aware of the Busch Hall Sunday Night schedule!

Sunday, Dec. 18 - Travelers Rest Church Choir.

Sunday, Dec. 25 - Christmas - NO PROGRAM.

Wednesday, Dec. 28 - Bing Futch (This is a free "Sunday program on Wednesday.")

Sunday, Jan. 1 - New Year's - NO PROGRAM.

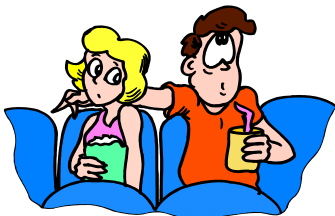
On Jan. 8 we return to our regular every-Sunday-night schedule with a performance by Jim Cruise - Spoon Man!

On Jan. 17 the movie will be *The Eyes of Tammy Faye*, followed on Jan. 24 by *Greyhound* and finally on Jan. 31 *Top Gun: Maverick*.

Our best seasons are when you actively participate in our TNM movie choices. We hope you enjoy our opening month of our 2023 season.

Specific details of each movie will be posted on the Movie Bulletin Board in Busch Hall with preview program timing and movie start/play times. We post as well on the TR Facebook page each Tuesday morning the movie details for that day.

We will be putting subsequent articles in *The TR Times* with full details and scheduling information for our entire 2023 TMN season as these arrangements are made.



Communications from the Board



KATHERINE SHAWVER

ing the tennis/pickleball courts, those funds will come from monies designated for capital projects. Resident fundraising events are a great way to add the "nice to have" accessories like the wind screen at the new pickleball courts.

The board will hold a Veranda Chat Monday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. in front of Busch Hall. The next Resident Forum is Monday, Jan. 9 at 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

The board and park management presented a Crime Prevention Education Seminar Monday, Dec. 5 that included two representatives from the Pasco

County Fire Department sharing fire safety suggestions for residents. Recommendations included checking smoke detectors for their expiration date and replacing any smoke detector that is 10 years from the date of manufacture or older. A lithium battery is designed to last 10 years. They also recommended putting fresh batteries in smoke detectors when the time changes every six months. Putting baking soda or salt on a fire is ineffective, smother the fire so air cannot continue to fuel it.

Please remember to adhere to policy C3005 – CROSSING SITES: Do not cross another resident's site on foot or with any vehicle including RV's, bicycles, golf carts.

At every meeting, the board reviews the progress towards completing the TR Strategic Plan.

Presently, all objectives are on time and on track.

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

It's ice cream time again

by Rosita Williams

Ice cream and entertainment have gone together for years. We are thrilled to continue our partnership for another season. We have made the decision to continue serving pre-packaged frozen treats rather than returning to the traditional method of cutting ice cream and serving it in bowls. The method chosen is more cost-effective for us – far less loss of products (once the ice cream is cut, if not sold, it cannot be refrozen, so we've had to toss it) — and safer for us (no possibility of anyone injuring themselves with the very sharp knives required) and less handling of the product.

Every Sunday evening from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., you can enjoy some tasty frozen treats in Busch Hall. Each item on the menu is \$1 (US). Your first stop will be at the payment station where you will submit your payment and receive a ticket. Then you can proceed to the window and let us know what item(s) you have chosen.

Now we've noticed that, although there are two locations where the ice cream offerings for the evening are posted for your information, there has been a bottleneck at the window because not everyone comes prepared with what they might want to have. So, for your convenience, here's what we'll have, **subject to availability**. Perhaps you might consider reviewing the list and deciding on your first and second choices.

Klondike Bars: Vanilla, Mint Chocolate Chip, Krunch, Heath, Dark Chocolate, Double Chocolate, Oreo, Reese's, Vanilla – No Sugar Added, Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich.

Drumstick Cones: Vanilla, Vanilla Caramel, Chocolate, Vanilla Crunch Dipped, Vanilla



Caramel Crunch Dipped, Vanilla Fudge Crunch Dipped, Kit Kat Wafer with Fudge, Kit Kat Chocolate Wafer.

Haagen-Dazs: Vanilla Milk Chocolate Almond Ice Cream Bar – Gluten Free.

Yasso Greek Yogurt Bars: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Mint Chocolate Chip, Butter Pecan, Fudge Brownie, Sea Salt Caramel, Coffee Chocolate Chip.

Outshine Fruit Bars: Strawberry – No Sugar Added, Tangerine – No Sugar Added, Raspberry – No Sugar Added, Cherry – Gluten Free, Tangerine – Gluten Free, Grape – Gluten Free.

As with everything else, these items will be available for your choosing as long as we are able to get them, so please don't be too disappointed if we run out from time to time. We will do our best to find the best replacements, if necessary.

We sincerely thank you for your weekly support in the past and hope to see you again each Sunday evening this season.



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The Siren



by Jean Cobb

This article is a departure from my usual articles about what potentially triggers a 911 call at TR ... it is about staying healthy!

Many of us are either traveling to visit relatives and friends or we have relatives or friends coming to visit us. Most of us are planning to join one or more groups for a meal or a get-together during the holidays.

And of course, nearly everyone will visit public spaces like airports, airplanes, grocery stores and even church services and holiday performances. Every one of these brings potential exposure to illness – COVID, influenza A or B, or even RSV.

It is an established fact that older individuals, especially those with chronic diseases or impaired immunity, fare less-well with these infections.

Staying healthy through the holidays

The single most effective way to avoid illness or avoid spreading illness, is to STAY HOME if you feel under the weather and ask others to do the same. Consider asking visitors to COVID test before they come. You can have COVID test kits on hand in case someone in your residence feels under the weather and wants to be sure they are not contagious.

While it is not common to test for influenza at home, Urgent Care Centers and Emergency Rooms can do a rapid test for COVID, Influenza and even RSV. Also, Urgent Care and the Emergency Room can prescribe treatments for both COVID and influenza that can reduce symptoms and shorten the illness.

Another effective method is to WASH YOUR HANDS frequently, avoid touching your face and use DISTANCE to protect yourself. It is so hard not to hug those you have been missing or refrain from cuddling that cute little baby or putting that toddler on your knee. It may be impossible to avoid contact, but try to be sure they are healthy. Consider a well-fitting mask over your mouth and nose and wash your hands frequently.

If you or someone with whom you have visited becomes ill the next day or two after that visit, be sure you give each other a call so you can watch for early symptoms of an illness and perhaps change your schedule to stop the potential exposure to someone else.

If you are venturing into public spaces, strongly consider wearing a well-fitting N-95 or NK-95 mask.

The literature is mixed about the effectiveness of any mask, but it truly cannot hurt to put a filter between you and potential viral particles that may make you ill.

Finally, if you have not received the influenza vaccine or COVID booster this fall, strongly consider doing that right away. It takes about two weeks to get maximum effectiveness from these injections.

Travel safely, stay healthy, enjoy the holidays and let's look forward to a wonderful winter 2023 season.

See you in January!

•Mark your calendars for the Fire/Rescue Pulled Pork Dinner (take out) on Jan. 21.

•If you have thoughts of training to become a First Responder at TR, call Jean Cobb, 256-508-8661.

Healthy Tips

BPH is the acronym for benign prostatic hyperplasia

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

The prostate is a walnut-shaped male productive gland that is located right below the bladder. While not known exactly why, the prostate grows larger as a man grows older. This condition is called benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

The tube that carries urine from the bladder is called the urethra which literally runs right through the prostate as it connects to the bladder. As the prostate enlarges, it can pinch off the urethra thus making urination difficult. The bladder has to contract more forcibly to push the urine into the urethra. The bladder may not empty completely; hence the feeling of needing to urinate occurs more frequently.

What causes BPH? According to the Harvard Medical School Patient Education Center, "the causes of BPH is one of the great mysteries of modern medicine." Age, changing hormones, abdominal obesity, lack of exercise, increased alcohol consumption and poor diet are all felt to be factors contributing to BPH. WebMD reports that for most men, developing BPH is a natural by-product of aging.

The symptoms of BPH vary; however, the most commonly reported initial symptom is frequent nightly bathroom trips. Difficulty creating a stream, a weak slow stream of urine, frequent urination in small amounts and even dribbling are symptoms of BPH as well.

How does your healthcare provider diagnose BPH? After completing a medical history your doctor will perform a digital exam to evaluate the shape and size of the prostate gland. Additionally he/she may order several laboratory tests.

Tests may include urine flow rate, post-void residual urine test (to see how much urine is left in your bladder after urination); urinalysis, urine culture (to check for infection), PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test which screens for prostate cancer, and/or cystoscopy (visual exam of the prostate via scope).

Treatment options vary depending on the severity of your symptoms, the extent to which your daily life is affected, the results of the laboratory tests if ordered and the presence of any other medical conditions .

Mild symptoms of BPH are treated by changing lifestyle to reduce or avoid the nightly trek to the bathroom. These changes can include avoiding alcohol and caffeine especially after dinner. Also avoiding fluid intake within two hours of bedtime, reducing stress, increasing physical exercise, maintaining body warmth (especially in cold weather) and learning pelvic strengthening exercises (Kegels).

Medications may be ordered by your physician. Alpha 1-blockers, a class of medications that are normally used to treat hypertension, have been used to treat BPH to help relax the muscles of the bladder neck and prostate. Patients who have taken Alpha 1-blockers have reported easier urination and reduced symptoms as a result.

Other medications can be used which can decrease the levels of hormones produced by the prostate, decrease its size and increase urine flow rate. Adverse side effects from these medications are decreased sex drive and may cause impotence.

Saw Palmetto is a popular over-the-counter herb that has been used by millions of men to ease BPH symptoms. This may be ordered by your healthcare provider as an alternative medication. As with any over-the-counter medication, your healthcare provider should be made aware that you are taking Saw Palmetto (dose and frequency).

Surgery may be recommended if you have more severe symptoms, such as recurrent blood in the urine, incontinence, urinary retention, chronic urinary tract infections, kidney failure and/or kidney stones. The specific type of surgical procedure will depend on the severity of symptoms, laboratory results and the size and shape of the prostate gland.

Be sure to discuss all treatment options in full detail with your healthcare provider so that you understand the side effects of medications that may be ordered.

If surgery is considered, gain a full understanding of what the procedure will involve as well as any post-operative lifestyle changes that could result from the surgery.

(Reference material used: WebMD, Medline Plus, Everyday Heath, Harvard Medical School Patient Education Center.)

“... was one AWESOME blood drive”



Russell Thackery shares a smile after giving blood.

by Ken Neer

The above was a quote from Brian Olson our local OneBlood representative (my OneBlood contact). Despite starting the blood drive at 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. and only having enough staff for one Big Red Bus, our TR residents were able to bust the previous

record of 29 donors for a December blood drive. With five deferrals, our 42 potential donors made 37 donations, which after separating the blood into components has the potential to help 111 patients.



Bill Wise looks comfortable donating blood.



Photos by John Goodger

This is what the interior of that Big Red Bus looks like.

On behalf of OneBlood and the numerous patients helped, thank you to all 42 donors who boarded the Big Red Bus to give the Gift of Life.

You are heroes to those patients needing your blood and truly show the giving spirit at TR.

Also, a special thanks to Jean Cobb, organizer of the blood donor recuperation area at the TR Fire Station, as well as all the First Responders who manned the area. It was an overwhelming success.

Mark your calendars for the next TR blood drive which will be the Monday, March 6.



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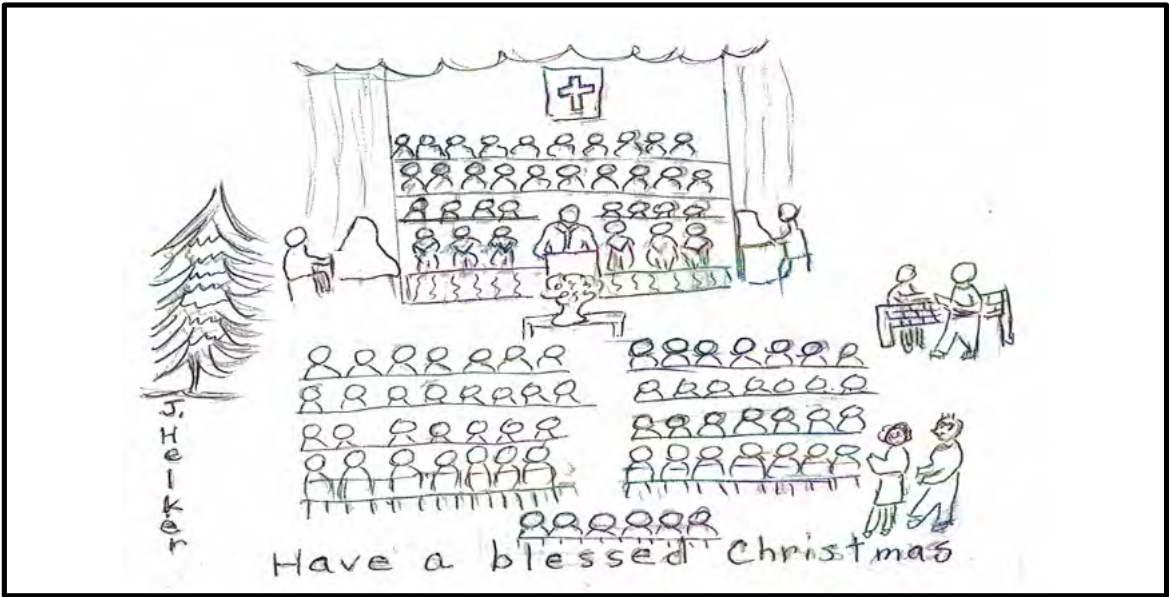
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Greetings from the Pikes



Ode to Lynda

by Winston E. Pike
April, 2020

She came to me one sunny day.
On the thirtieth of June;
A divine appointment in the wind,
‘Twas a Thursday afternoon.

On the road since early morn,
Now finally arrived;
She pulled her Honda to stop;
‘Bout three and forty-five.

Neither knew what to expect,
But what to my surprise;
I beheld a wondrous beauty,
Right before my eyes.

With open arms I welcomed her,
She quickly did the same;
A smile broke out across her face,
Sweet Lynda was her name.

The relationship begun that day,
Soon blossomed into love;
Late fall, we up and tied the knot,
With blessings from above.

She came to me, infusing life,
Enthusiastically!
Our souls entwined with laughter
And with gratitude and praise.

We traveled way out yonder,
To and fro and far and wide;
I always walked more resolute,
With Lynda by my side.

With my beautiful companion,
To the “midnight sun” we drove;
A navigator extraordinaire,
She kept us on the road.

She offered strength and courage,
Day by day and year by year;
Our strong love for one another,
Drove away all doubt and fear.

We squeezed abundant living
Into “never enough time,”
Together though, we’ve lived our lives
In joy and happiness sublime.



Winston and Lynda Pike were active in the park for many years and extend Christmas greetings to all at TR. Winston was our Chaplain before Anthony Shipe.

Now wintertime is setting in,
So much has changed it seems;
Circumstances entered in,
And jumbled up our dreams.

I sit alone and punch out words
Of crazy poetry;
With teary eyes I now reflect
About the days of her and me.

I go to see her every day,
Our words of love we share;
That love has prospered through the years,
“The very best,” I do declare.

Should I live to be a hundred,
I shall not forget that day;
When my sweet Lynda came to me.
And swept my heart away.



TR Church Association holiday service schedule

- Christmas Eve Service in Busch Hall, Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday Church Services on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 will be at 9:30 a.m. (No Bible Study).
- New Year’s Day service will be at the normal time.



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Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer



Snowcat Ridge Snow Park
Located in Dade City returns for its third year. You might feel too old for snowboarding but you are never too old to enjoy the ambiance of winter. Attractions include The Snowy Slopes, Arctic Igloo, Crystal Ribbon Eskimo Outpost and the Alpine Village filled with custom food and beverages as well as seasonal shopping events. Snowcat Ridge is less than five miles from TR. For additional information please visit snowcatridge.com.



LINDA SPENCER



Christmas Festival
Join us at Brooksville's Herando Park to see Santa Claus, Christmas Crafts, live entertainment, games and food/drink vendors. For more information contact Natalie at (352)-540-6409 or at natalie@welovebvl.org, Monday through Friday, now thru Dec. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Candlelight Concert
Thursday, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. - Centro Asturiano de Tampa at 1913 N. Nebraska Ave., Tampa presents Candlelight Concert. They bring the magic of a multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Tampa. Get your tickets now to discover Christmas-inspired music at Centro Asturiano de Tampa under the gentle glow of candlelight. Too many acts to review, please go to candlelightconcertsinTampa.com for more info. Tickets are \$36 for the 65 minute performances. Doors open 45 minutes early. Dec. 22, 6 to 10 p.m.

TR Welcoming Committee is back in full force

by Diana Hill

The TR Welcoming Committee (TRWC) is back in full force. We have many activities planned for this season. Please mark your calendars for: TRWC Meetings: Thursdays, Dec. 29, Jan. 26 and March 1, 10 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Building; Red Dot Socials, Thursday, Jan. 5 and Wednesdays, Feb. 1 and March 1, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Building.
Please confirm all dates, times and locations on the online Activity Calendar for the latest information.

TR Welcoming Committee members will be available with helpful information each week at their table in Busch Hall at Sunday Evening Entertainment, December through March as well as Wednesday Evening Entertainment, January through March. You will also find them at the TR Flea Markets, the Activity Fair (to be announced) and monthly Forums. Please look for our red TR Welcoming Committee shirts and big smiles. We will be happy to share the many, many features of our TR home.



Photo by John Goodger

A pileated woodpecker looks for his next meal.

Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile,
TR Tour Director

Travelers are people who live with a sense of anticipation, much like children who are filled with the anticipation of Christmas and the gifts under the tree. As we travel, the gifts are wrapped in the beauty of a sunset over the ocean, a rock formation on a seaside hike, or the smile of a friend we're just now meeting for the very first time. While the journey may be to a faraway continent or a nearby attraction, the anticipation of the "next place" adds energy to our years and smiles to our miles.

TR Travelers are folks who make our "little piece of paradise" their home for a few days, a few months or year-round. And yet, several times a year these same folks travel to new venues with other TR friends for a fun getaway or learning adventure. Typically, reservations are made with Sharon Zile, volunteer TR Travel Director, and a bus picks up the TR Travelers at Busch Hall.

Just yesterday, a group of 47 TR Travelers went to Bucca di Beppo's Italian Restaurant and to the very beautiful Gaylord Palms Resort ICE! Show in Orlando. The Gaylord show had been on a two-year hiatus, and last night's show was definitely worth the wait!

What is the next destination? Just like gifts under a Christmas tree, we must wait for the announcement of the next day trip. The Jan. 26 trip will be revealed in the Jan. 6 edition of *The TR Times* and also announced on Facebook



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

Residents and Friends. We will have a 56-passenger Small World Tours bus and you may sign up for the trip with your paid reservation during the weeks of Dec. 30 to Jan. 15. There will be no refunds for cancellations made after Jan. 19, however reservations are transferable. But where ARE we going? My lips are sealed until Jan. 6!

What about day trips in February and March? Holly Griggs of Small World Tours and Sharon Zile will host the **Coffee Seminar in Busch Hall on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8:30 a.m.** Three additional day trips will be announced and reservations will begin, so bring your calendar and checkbook.

Also planned is a conversation about a Big Deal trip in 2024. Overnight trips and cruises from TR have been on hold during the Covid pandemic and it is certainly time to get a major trip on the calendar for 2024. Where will we go? Your input will be welcome!

"I think I'm quite ready for another Adventure." Bilbo Baggins. The World awaits!

Who are you?

by Sherry Wright

As the popular lyrics of a song from the late 1970s goes: "Who are you? Who? Who? Who? I really want to know." It could be considered the theme song for the Genealogy Class this year as we search for our ancestors of long ago.

It is with great pleasure that we can resume our class after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. The first meeting will be Friday, Jan. 6 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

It will be a time of meeting one another and getting acquainted. Each person will have a few minutes to introduce themselves and tell where they are in their journey of discovery.

Denise Anderson has graciously consented to stay on as co-chair. While I have been doing genealogy since 1961, I am not computer-literate. Denise on the other hand is quite comfortable in this realm and will be a great asset concerning online matters. In fact, if you have any questions regarding this class, please feel free to contact her via email at deniserutha@yahoo.com.

It will be exciting to see how many of us have Civil War veterans, Revolutionary War patriots, or maybe even a Mayflower ancestor or two. But prepare yourself. There may also be a skeleton or two rattling around in your lineage or perhaps a swash-buckling pirate.

Mark your calendars now for Jan. 6. See you there.

Friday Afternoon Live

by Donna Probes

Filling The Grove Stage again this year will be the music of Friday Afternoon Live. Doc and I are looking forward to sharing some new songs with you.

We had a great performing season back in Michigan with lots of shows at festivals, community concert series, wineries, restaurants and brew pubs. It is always such an honor to share our music with the TR community in the pristine setting of The Grove Stage.

Outdoor concerts became more prevalent during the pandemic and people noticed how delightful it is to mingle with nature while listening to music. So we are very grateful to TR for keeping The Grove Stage in place

so we can continue the tradition that was started two years ago.

This year we will put together an eclectic mix each week and sometimes focus around a particular theme. Our *Age of Aquarius* show was a great way to kick off the season in November with some of the best hits from the 60s and 70s.

The next concert will be on Friday, Jan. 13. We will move the start time to 3:30 p.m. as the daylight hours grow fewer.

In spring as the warmer weather returns, we'll shift to a slightly later start time. Watch for posters in the Post Office.

Mark these dates on your calendar and join us for the 2023 season: Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10 and 24, March 24.

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Activity Affairs

by Guy Weik,
Activities Director
InTouchLink

I appreciate your patience as TR transitions to its new scheduling program, InTouchLink. I have been entering into the new system every activity for which an Activity Update Sheet was returned in the spring. While an InTouchLink app will be available soon, several residents have noticed that the new Activities Schedule is accessible via *Things to Do* on the TR website. I have received a few texts from residents thinking I neglected to include certain activities. Don't worry. As of today, Dec. 9, I'm not quite finished. You can see that we have over 100 activities, and each one gets entered into *The TR Times Bulletin Board* and the InTouchLink schedule.

Each activity gets listed with a start date and ending date, so it's important for activity chairpersons to include this information when those Activity Update Sheets are returned to me in the spring. This avoids an activity showing up on the schedule in December when it doesn't actually start until January.

When everything is finished, you should get the same scheduling information whether you are referencing *The TR Times*, your phone, tablet, computer or the monitor outside the Post Office.

I will be finished with entering the activities data by the time you are reading this article, so you can email or text me at that point if something doesn't look correct.



GUY WEIK

I spoke with Ray Hill today, and he said that the updated copy of *Activities at Travelers Rest*, which lists our activities and their contact information, can be found in your new *TR Directory*. Some residents have noticed that last year's copy is still on the TR website but the new version will replace it soon. He also said that residents will be receiving written directions on accessing the new online information. Also, Busch Hall Coffee Seminars are being planned to demonstrate how to use this. You can bring your phones or tablets and actually practice accessing names, numbers and schedules for activities and entertainment.

Coffee Socials and Seminars

Coffee Socials are returning to Busch Hall the week of Jan. 9. This was always a popular time for friends to gather and share a few laughs over coffee and snacks. Coffee Socials run Monday thru Friday 7:30 to 9 a.m. Coffee Seminars have been scheduled for

three Thursdays in January. These Seminars run from 8 to 9 a.m.

The first Seminar on Jan. 5 is scheduled the week before the Coffee Socials begin. Its focus is on residents new to TR. We are calling it the Red Dot Welcome Seminar. It is being presented by Diana Hill and her newly formed TR Welcoming Committee. If you know residents who are spending their first season at TR, please encourage them to attend this informative gathering.

Sharon Gilbert Zile and travel agent Holly Griggs are hosting the Jan. 12 Seminar. You'll want to come and hear about trips being planned for the 2023 season at TR.

We have made tentative arrangements for physical therapist Robert Dragan to present at the Jan. 19 Seminar. Mr. Dragan is the Physical Therapy Director of Rehab Point, Inc. in Zephyrhills.

Christmas decorations

It has been a tradition at TR that Christmas decorations get taken down the first Tuesday after New Year's Day, which is Jan. 3 this year. If you helped put decorations up in Busch Hall, or would like to help put them away, please plan to meet at 9 a.m. in Busch Hall to start the process. If your activity decorated trees in one of the buildings, please pack up the decorations so they can be picked up and brought back to Busch Hall for storage. The trees get put away first, so please try to complete this task on Tuesday morning.

Activities Showcase

Many people love TR for the great variety of activities available to our residents. If you need help deciding which activities you want to try, mark your calendars for the **Activities Showcase on Wednesday, Jan. 18**. Activities will be 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 details will be posted but activities should begin planning how they want to participate.

Sew Special plans pillowcase sew-a-thon

by Rosita Williams

As our new season begins at TR, Sew Special is excited to return with our sewing machines ready to start humming away. Our sewists will be busy working on various projects, sharing ideas, expertise and the wonderful camaraderie that sharing crafting skills and knowledge always brings.

We invite anyone who has an interest in machine sewing to join us on Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

This year, one of our projects will be making beautiful pillowcases with kid-friendly fabric for Ryan's Cases for Smiles.

Ryan's Cases for Smiles is one of the few volunteer organizations solely dedicated to helping kids feel better in order to heal better. While other great organizations focus on research and finding a cure, we work to improve the quality of life of children and their families as they undergo treatment. With every stitch, every yard of fabric and every pillowcase we get one step closer to our goal of helping kids with cancer and life-changing illnesses feel better in order to heal better.

We participated in this program during the summer and early fall of 2019 and were able to

sew and donate almost 300 pillowcases to local hospitals in the Tampa Bay area. Unfortunately, we had to suspend the project when Covid reared its ugly head.

Happily, we are now able to resume our participation and will host a Pillowcase Sew-A-Thon on Monday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

To make this effort a success we will need the following:

- Donations of 100% cotton fabric, with kid-friendly designs, one yard per pillowcase. Fabric cannot contain any glitter, cannot be flannel, should not be red as the dye tends to bleed and cannot be holiday-themed.

- Quart or gallon-size Ziplock Bags
- White vinegar for washing the pillowcases
- Color-catcher sheets
- Straight pins
- Volunteers who can pin, wash, iron, fold and pack the cases.
- Volunteer sewists with sewing machines.

Please consider joining us for this incredibly special effort to assist in changing the lives of these very precious children. Contact Rosita Williams with questions at Rosita.retired@gmail.com or by calling (352) 206-1664.

Welcoming Committee schedules Red Dot Social

by Susan Stahley

We are so glad you are here. If you are new or arrived during the pandemic years, please come to The Red Dot Social at the TR Coffee Seminar at Busch Hall on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 8 a.m. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet some members of the Welcoming Committee. You can find out about all our amazing activities and have your many questions answered.

Meanwhile start looking for Welcoming Committee members out and about TR. You can identify them by their red shirts which say Welcoming Committee.



These members can also be found at Sunday and Wednesday Entertainment in addition to Monday and Thursday morning Coffee Socials. They will also be at the Activity Fair in January and monthly Saturday Flea Markets.

Most activities will be up and running in January. Come by so we can welcome you and please enjoy your little piece of paradise which is TR.

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Travelaires Dance Band presents their new season

by Phil St. John

A dance band was formed at the very beginning of this resort with members here who just happened to play musical instruments. Traveler's Rest has to be one of the very few places in the country that has had its own dance band all of these years.

We will begin weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 3 in Busch Hall at 1 p.m. and perform

for bi-weekly dances beginning on Jan. 20. Each dance has a theme and the first dance will have music from the 50s to the 60s. We always welcome new members so even if you are here for just a part of our season, we encourage you to join in the fun. For the rest of you, grab your own drinks and snacks, then come dance to live music every other Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

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.

What's new at the Model Railroad Club



Photos by Brian Krupicka

The Burlington diesel engine is new.

by Brian Krupicka

Come and see what our team members are displaying. Some of the new equipment recently purchased spans years of development and changes. If you have interest in this hobby, please call Brian Krupicka at 630-961-1243. We meet on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Building.

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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. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in Busch Hall to the left of the stage. Please sign up by Friday, Dec. 23.

If you are new to TR, we 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 On Sunday, Dec. 25 at 2 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Butler at 863-651-1164 or Beannie Wise at 770-540-4383.

TR Dulcimer group begins in the new year



by Lois Showers

The TR Dulcimer Group will begin Monday, Jan. 2 in Citrus East. Beginner players will meet at 9:30 a.m. while those who have been playing a while will meet at 10 a.m.

We look forward to getting together. If you are interested in learning to play, we invite you to come and learn a new hobby.

TR Amateur Radio Club announces upcoming events

by Brian Krupicka

KD9PWM the TR Amateur Radio Club has been working hard to provide our members and guests with high quality programming for the 2022-2023 season.

Antenna Analyzer, Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m., Jeri Miller Activity Building.

As we install equipment in our homes, cars or portable field equipment, we need to maximize our power output by optimizing our equipment.

This presentation will provide techniques on how to achieve maximum power output and showcase some of the latest equipment currently on the market.

Ground Plane, Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m., Jeri Miller Activity Building.

Do you want to make a ground plane VHF or UHF antenna for home or field operation?

Come and see how this can easily be accomplished.

WebSDR, Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m., Jeri Miller Activity Building.

As the Internet becomes more and more a common part of the ham radio experience, we will present different ways to monitor

the ham radio bands from your computer or cell phone.

POTA, Thursday, Feb. 2 to 23, 6:30 p.m., Jeri Miller Activity Building.

A presentation on Parks on the Air®(POTA) for international portable amateur radio operations that promote emergency awareness and communications from national and federal as well as state and provincial parks.

D&B The Company, Thursday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., Jeri Miller Activity Building.

Brian Krupicka will present how his company helped design and build communications technologies into sports stadiums and larger American companies.

The TR Amateur Radio Club (TRARC) conducts a net daily at 8 a.m. except Sundays. The net meets on 146.43MHz (100HZ CTCSS) and on EchoLink at K4TRR-L.

Club meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building and normally include an optional program after the main meeting. Visitors are always welcome at TRARC event

Submit your recipe for the 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.

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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.

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Activity Director Guy Weik and Chief Larry Polzin pose with golf cart winners Janet and Jean Robertson. The ladies won tickets to the Fire Department's Pulled Pork dinner supplied by Chief Larry Polzin.



A huge inflated dog rides atop the Spencers' cart. Phyllis Simmers, Kathleen Kushman and Gunny Gundrum watch from the sidelines.



Photos by
Bill and Pam
Watkins



Tamara and Bill Howell's cart sports a decorated tree and presents. The couple wear matching shirts.

Was it the cookies
that brought out so
many golf carts for
the annual parade?



Ralph and Val Smith decorated themselves as well as their cart.



No parade is complete without spectators. Diana Grossman brought Jackson and Miranda along to keep her company.



Marilyn and Darold Long wouldn't miss an event like a Christmas parade.



Linda Spencer, Michelle Wilkins and Philip Spencer's cart features colorful garland.



Cecile Lemaire and Marge Cantu wear their Christmas hats.



Neighbors Ken Hankinson and Stacy Grier, front, Sue Brackin, Pam Forsythe and Amy Grier, rear, brought their chairs to watch the parade in comfort.



Gloria and Chief Larry Polzin pose with our decorated fire truck.



Is that Frosty riding atop Jim and Marie Ball's cart?



Teresa Helms prepares cookies for the event.



Joy seemed to be the theme for the day.



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Linda Spencer and Pat McCallum display some of the hundreds of cookies baked by volunteers.



So many choices, which will Val Smith select?



Pat and John Daubenmeir join in the singing.



Ken Langell performs in his inimitable style.



Pat Long, Bill Davis and Judy Leister fill up their plates.



Roy and Donna French and Sue and Hugh Chasteen attend the event.



Rick Yoder and Alan Kenney man the sound booth. While seldom recognized, the sound is an essential part of every program.



Joan Ledbetter, winner of the Golden Spatula for her Italian wedding cookies, is shown with Linda Spencer, Laurie Zentmyer and Diana Dean.



Donna Probes, Phil St. John, Cindy Watson, Marty Schenke, Chuck Lemke and Barb Swartz blended their voices as carolers for the afternoon.

Pets on Parade



Get to know Becca and Callie

by Judy Leister

We've all heard about the many wonderful things service dogs do to assist their humans. Well TR happens to have a service dog living right here among us but the recipient of her services is her very own dog sister. Yes, a dog helping another dog. Becca is blind and her sister Callie not only gives her emotional support but she even helps her up steps by tugging on Becca's ear to guide her.

Seven years ago Debbie May went to a Havanese breeder and got a cute white puppy and named her Becca. She had an unusual blue color to one of her eyes but the breeder's vet provided Debbie with a health certificate stating everything was fine. Unfortunately that good health didn't last long and problems developed in Becca's blue eye.

Debbie took her to a Virginia Tech specialist who did extensive diagnostic testing and found Becca had an unusual case of distemper. Most of us are familiar with the type of distemper that affects a dog's organs but this kind settled in Becca's eyes resulting in blindness. He suggested Debbie get a second dog that could help Becca get around better.



Photo by Judy Leister
BECCA AND CALLIE

Debbie approached the breeder and they agreed to give her another puppy but she had to surrender Becca back to them first. They were going to put her down. No way was Debbie going to allow Becca to be put to sleep.

It took a year of arguing with the breeder but they finally gave in to the idea of allowing Debbie to keep Becca and get another puppy too. During all of this, a new piece of information happened to surface. Puppies are heavily protected from the outside world to keep them healthy until they are old enough to receive all of their puppy shots. Little did this

breeder know her six-year-old daughter was sneaking puppy Becca out into the backyard to play with her. That was where she picked up the germs that led to her eventual blindness.

The second puppy is Callie. She and Becca share the same father but a different mother. Callie was the runt of that litter so she would grow into a much smaller dog. In fact she was so small that when Debbie brought her home and laid her next to sleeping Becca she had to smile when Becca woke up. Becca must have thought she had given birth to a puppy because she nuzzled little Callie and licked her from one end to the other like a mama dog would do with a newborn puppy.

They are great travelers and always wear their safety harnesses hooked to the seat belts in the truck. They especially love rides in the golf cart where they are tied in place too. If their golf cart ride isn't long enough to their satisfaction they refuse to get off. Mom better take them for a longer ride.

Callie and Becca love to be together. They do not like to be separated. Becca is timid with strangers and big dogs but Callie loves everyone so she's always right there to offer Becca support.

Pet Lover's Club

The dangers of retractable leashes

by Kim Roberts

There are multiple dangers to using a retractable leash. The top dangers are:

1. The length of retractable leashes some of which can extend up to 26 feet, allow dogs to get far enough away from their humans that a situation can quickly turn dangerous.

2. If a dog should run in the middle of the street or your pet is approached by an aggressive dog, it is nearly impossible to get control of the situation. It is very difficult to control or get your dog to safety at this distance in lieu of a six-foot standard flat leash.

3. The thin cord of a retractable leash can break especially when a powerful dog is on the other end of it. If a strong, good-sized dog takes off at full speed, the cord can snap. Not only can that put the dog and whatever he may be chasing in danger but also the cord can snap back and injure the human at the other end.

4. If a dog walker gets tangled up in the cord of a retractable leash or grabs it in an attempt to reel in their dog, it can result in severe



Photo by Kim Roberts

Injuries that were caused by a retractable leash.

burns and cuts, often with unsightly scarring, to arms and legs and even amputation or fracturing of fingers.

5. Dogs receive terrible injuries as a result of the sudden jerk on their neck that occurs when they fully run out the leash including neck wounds, lacerated tracheae and injuries to the spine.

6. Retractable leashes allow dogs more freedom to pull at the end of them which can look like aggression to another dog who may decide to fight back.

All these dangers can be avoided by using a standard six-foot flat leash.

Dog? No Dog? Yes Dog!

by Judy Leister

I've had pets all my life. Dogs, cats, horses, fish, gerbils, you name it and I wanted it. I feel they have enriched my life. As a small child I was bedridden for a period of time but was so lucky that our family dog provided the constant companionship I was lacking when I could not run and play with the other neighborhood kids. Of course there are pros and cons of pet ownership like any other fun thing in our lives. They have to eat so that means lots of trips into the pet food aisle at the store. They periodically will need veterinary care. You will have to devote some time to training them so your favorite pair of shoes do not end up with chew holes in them. Some breeds might require professional grooming. I got around that expense by purchasing some clippers and doggy scissors and grooming the dogs myself.

Probably the one thing many of us dog owners are very aware of is the "call of nature." We spend all that time teaching our dog to let us know when they have to go out to potty but there will be those times when it's necessary to remind them to cross their legs and hold it because it's pouring rain outside. Yep, for those of you who were here at TR when the hurricane went through I'm sure you remember that problem all too well. A friend of ours shared a story with us about an RV trip they made into the wilds of Alaska. The bears are out at night so there were no potty walks after dark for their dogs. That's when they quickly implemented the use of piddle pads in the shower stall.

There is always the other side of the coin. Just think of all the wonderful things our dogs do for our lives. The first thing that pops into my head is the happiness we get from our dog. All those wiggles and wags we receive at the door when we return home from an outing are absolutely wonderful. Hmmmm.....sometimes I think the dog displays the welcome home greeting better than some humans. I'm grinning.

My dog always puts a smile on my face. She makes me happy even when everything around me seems to be going downhill. It's a proven fact that a dog can make us



Photo by Judy Leister

Tia Paquette getting a kiss from her poodle Bailey.

more relaxed, smile more and even recover from an illness or injury more quickly. Having had several therapy dogs, I am always so proud when I see how happy a hospital patient or nursing home resident is when they get a visit from a dog.

Dogs need walks and exercise. They can't do it on their own so we get out and take them on walks which is great for our own health too. I remember when a friend's dad who was getting up there in years got a dog after his wife passed away. He knew he would just sit around and do nothing but if he had a dog, he would have the responsibility of taking care of it which would keep him active and healthier too.

When our son was a teenager he told me there was another benefit of having a dog. He said our black lab was a chick magnet. Oh gee, just what a parent wants to hear. Actually when I think about it, our dogs do aid us in our social life. They really improve our social interaction. Proof of that is our own TR Puppy Park. Yes we take our dogs there to play, potty and race around with their pooch pals but admit it, we also really enjoy the social times with the other humans too.

This article has centered mostly around dogs but all pets give us their loyalty. Nothing starts our day out better than a slurp from our dog, a purr from our kitty or a loving glance from whatever pet we have. I have to admit I even grin when one of the neighborhood squirrels looks me right in the face on his way up a tree. Okay, maybe I'm not so fond of the armadillos. They seem to think it's their duty to relandscape our yard.

Birding Activity



The last few birds—possibly!

by Tom Butler

Relax! We are not down to our last few birds, but we do need to pay attention to the loss of species we continue to have as the years go by. I am talking about the growing number of birds that are recorded at Travelers Rest. Cornell Labs of Ornithology lists 157 different species of birds recorded over the years by many different TR birders...possibly even you. But as that number continues to grow, the new additions to make our list generally include rare and uncommon species that seldom visit our area. Let's meet some of the more rare visitors that make up the *last few birds* that appear on our list.



YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD

How about the yellow-headed blackbird that was spotted on a feeder in Anthony and Jodi Shipe's front yard? The name alone will give all the descriptive information that you need for identification. It is a large bird usually found west of the Mississippi River, but for some unknown reason it decided to visit with the Shipes in Florida.

A Rock Pigeon has also visited Florida at the Shipe feeders. Even though this bird appears throughout the U.S., it is usually found amidst the hustle and bustle of the big cities looking for handouts, not the quiet village of TR.

The next three candidates for our occasional visitor list might include the Glossy Ibis, Louisiana Waterthrush and the Hooded

Meganser. All three of these visitors will be found in or near the many bodies of water in our park.

We see many of the White Ibis birds around our shores, but the Glossy Ibis is only an occasional visitor. When you see this bird, think of the White Ibis wearing a shiny greenish-brown overcoat. The downward curving beak will be the final clue you need. This bird is usually wading in the shallow water foraging for food.

The Louisiana Waterthrush can be seen walking in a bubbling brook or on a muddy flat searching for something tasty to eat. Look for this visitor between Vanishing Lake and Lake Margaret digging in the mud. This bird actually is in the New World Warbler family and may only make a brief stop in Florida on its way to Central America for the winter. It is plain brown above and white below with black streaks on the breast.

Our other water-loving bird is the Hooded Meganser. This spectacular duck is a no wader. He swims and dives in the deeper water chasing fish. The male's elaborate crest is white with a black border along with a bright yellow eye. The female, like many birds, is more plain in coloration exhibiting dull browns and blacks with a brown crest. These birds are cavity nesters seeking large trees near water, much like the Wood Ducks that nest in trees.

Let's move on to lunch. How about grape jelly on your sandwich? You would not be the only



Photos by Tom Butler
ORCHARD ORIOLE

one in the park craving this delicacy. Baltimore Orioles love grape jelly and orange slices for a snack. While the Baltimore Oriole is a regular visitor, the Orchard Oriole is the more rare or uncommon species. This oriole has a more chestnut brown coloration in the male and more yellow coloration in the female. The Orchard Oriole is the smaller of the two and the first-year males have a distinctive black bib under their chin.

The list of seldom seen birds would also include such beauties as the Blue-headed Vireo, Summer Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and even the Shiny Cowbird. There is no telling what rare or uncommon bird will show up or what lucky birder will identify the species and add it to our list.

So, wing it out to the woods, perch yourself on a bench and use your eagle eyes to spot those uncommon birds. You might see the new *last few birds*!

Good luck.

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Library News



by Mary Kosbab

Christmas is a time of giving. TR residents show their generosity at this time of the year by donating to the annual Christmas Food Drive and gift card donations to help others in the Dade City community have a merrier Christmas.

This Christmas and all year long, you can give yourself a gift by visiting the TR Library.

Our Library has a whole roomful of gifts just waiting for you, thanks to the many donations of our residents and friends. This summer Kay Blunda sent me the following poem which shows just what a gift opening a book can be.

Every year I see people here at TR giving themselves the gift of reading, sometimes relaxing in a chair at their site, sometimes at the pool or on a bench overlooking the Golf Course or sitting in



TR's beautiful garden which offers such a peaceful and quiet place to read.

We are so lucky to have such a well-stocked collection of up-to-date books and DVDs. This does not just happen. It occurs because we have many people who generously make donations to fill our shelves and because there is a dedicated group of volunteers who work to keep the Library up to date and looking good.

From all of the TR Library volunteers to all our friends both in and out of the park – our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

I Opened a Book

I opened a book and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road.
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
to the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me.
~ Julia Donaldson

TR residents never fail to give



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Dick and Kit Wheatley and Kate Bacon (front row), along with Joe Shipe and Mark and Patty Hawkins thank all of you for your generosity during the recent food drive.

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Garden News

by Leslie Ewing

TR residents will notice that Lake Margaret Garden has more banana plants than before but they aren't as tall as usual by this time of the year. This past January the banana plants got blasted with frost. During the summer the plants usually come back except for this summer due to damaging storms.

The Live Oak tree with a huge branch down in the Garden has been a hot topic of conversation. Garden Club members as well as many other residents do not want to lose that tree. It will take some time before tree experts can come to remove the tree. Club members are hopeful the tree will have time to heal such that it will be possible to keep a portion of it.

January is when the Garden Club members return to TR and the Garden. We gather in the Garden Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. with the exception of when the temperature drops much below 60 degrees. On Thursday mornings we stop what we are doing at 10:30 a.m. to have cookies and a planning session.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of TR and The Garden Club. We invite new volunteers to join us, even if just for a day or two at a time that is convenient for them. Once the season starts for us in



Photo by Leslie Ewing

BANANA TREE

January someone can always be found working in the Garden. We pair new volunteers with club members to work in Lake Margaret Garden, the plantings around Snack Shack and the azaleas in the Grove.

Some residents think we also are involved with the Golf Course. The Golf Course has their own volunteer crew that work very hard to keep it one of the most beautiful in the area.

Dick Wheatley came to the Garden Club to consult on ideas for the outside of Busch Hall. Dick led a group of volunteers to clean up around the air conditioners, but

the Garden Club will not be maintaining that area.

In past years the Garden Club has been grateful to residents who generously donated plants. Then we had a problem with so many plants and not enough volunteers to take care of them all. This year residents who wish to donate plants are asked to talk to one of the officers listed below or to me to make sure that we have enough volunteers and space for the plants.

Officers for this season are: President Stacy Grier, Vice President Linda Jackson, Secretary Pam Forsyth and Treasurer Linda Lilawski.

Memories of Christmas past



by Margaret Emmetts

As I sat in church this past Sunday listening to the congregation singing *O Holy Night* my mind went back to a Christmas season in the early 50s.

I was born and raised in Paterson, the third largest city in New Jersey. I belonged to the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church that had a very active Young People's group. Most members of the group taught Sunday School, we put out the church's newsletter (a harbinger of things to come?) and we comprised the Chapel Choir.

Our church had two services on Sunday, one in the morning and one in the evening. The Chapel Choir provided the music for the evening service. We had no professional leader. One of my girlfriends led the group and I was the accompanist.

Paterson had an annual Christmas parade that marched through the downtown section of the city. For whatever reason, one of the church elders decided our



church should take part in the parade and the Chapel Choir was nominated to be the parade entry.

Keep in mind that at the time there were no iPods or electronic music etc. So, how was the choir to perform?

Someone arranged for the church to borrow a flat-bed truck. The floor would be covered with straw and the chairs would be set up for the choir members. The

question then was how to provide the music for the choir to sing all the verses of *O Holy Night* when we reached the reviewing section.

Someone in the church owned a "pump organ." This is a relatively small organ that probably weighs several hundred pounds, requires no electricity and could be wrestled onto the truck bed. It is called a pump organ because it is necessary to pump it with your feet. There are two pedals which you push alternately with your feet to operate a bellows which generates the sound. The organ has a few stops which allow you to change the type of sound generated just as modern-day organs do.

The idea was that I would sit on a piano stool, play the organ while the truck was moving and the choir would perform.

To regulate the volume of the music there were two paddles that hang down below the keyboard. To increase the volume you would push these apart with your knees.

Unlike Florida, Paterson in December is quite cold. One of my problems was to keep my hands warm enough to be able to play since you cannot play a keyboard wearing gloves. So I had to keep my hands warm until we reached the point where we were to perform. I also had to hope that my fingers would not get cold enough to stiffen up until we got through all the song's verses.

Miraculously the whole thing worked out despite the fact that we really had no rehearsal. So while listening to *O Holy Night* in our church this past Sunday, my mind went back to balancing on a piano stool, riding on a swaying truck bed, pumping away with my feet to keep the music flowing, operating the volume paddles with my knees and praying that my fingers would not stiffen up from the cold until the song was finished.

What memories come to your mind when you hear *O Holy Night*?

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

Bulletin Board				Travelers Rest Resort Activities			
ICE CREAM SOCIAL		OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING		SHUFFLEBOARD		VETERANS MEETING	
Sundays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. in Busch Hall. Rosita Williams		Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Mary Kubinieć		Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day. Richard Von Qualen		2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House. Darold Long, Commander	
IPHONE CLASS		PET LOVERS CLUB		SNACK SHACK		VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR	
Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Susan Stahley		3rd Thursdays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. Kim Roberts		Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional volunteers needed to add a Saturday crew. Lee Brenn Mickey Cobb		Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at host residence. Meet in Hobby House if temperature is <60 or if it's raining. November thru April. Sandy Post	
JOKER		PICKLEBALL		SPORTS CLUB		WAIST WATCHERS	
Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Deborah May		Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check the TR website under Activities > Pickleball for current schedule. Delia and Carey Box		Meet at Snack Shack Pavilion 2nd Tuesdays 7 to 8 p.m. (January thru March) All welcome. Ray LoPresti		Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House. Jackie Thackery	
JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR		PINOCHE		STAINED GLASS		WINTER WALKING AEROBICS	
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Jean Cobb		Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. John Delaney		All times in Jeri Miller Activity Center, beginning in January: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Instructor - Shari Herberts Laura Apgar		Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. (Nov. 8 thru April 10) Gloria Polzin	
KARAOKE		POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM		TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG		WATERCOLOR PAINTING	
Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 9: p.m. in Busch Hall. Starts in January. Glenn and Gabriella Young Alan West		Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House. Jack Davis		Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available. Ron Hicks		Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. Amy Grier	
KNOTTY KNITTERS		POM-POM DRILL TEAM		TENNIS		WEIGHTS & STRETCHING	
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. Diane Fisher		Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. Donna Neer Deb Niles		Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. Betty Teichert		Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 8:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Year-round. Sheila Schencke	
LIBRARY		POWERBOAT RACING		TONE & TIGHTEN		WELCOMING & RED DOT SPOT	
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. Mary Kosbab Kay Blunda		Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake. Dean Peters		Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights. Betty Clark		Welcoming Committee: LAST Thursdays, 10 to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Red Dot Spot: First Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. Diana Hill	
LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)		PRAISE & WORSHIP		TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE)		WIZARD	
Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East and Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Alex Adair		Contemporary Church Services - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. January thru March. Marty Schencke		1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House to plan rides. Gene Cribbs		Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Debra May	
LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)		QUILTING		TR SINGING MEN		WOOD SHOP	
Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m. in Citrus West. Alex Adair		Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. Ethel Polsdofer Cloie Morgan		Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Center. All men are invited to sing along. Stephen Gorden Dennis Ledbetter		Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Larry Kurkowski	
MAH JONG CHINESE		RC AIRPLANE FLYING		TR TRAVEL		WOODCARVING	
Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. Marcia Hatfield		Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Golf Course 9th hole. James Morrow, Sr.		Planned events advertised on Travel Board in Busch Hall. Watch for articles in TR Times. Sharon Gilbert Zile		Wednesdays in Citrus West. Beginners - 8 to 9 a.m. Advanced - 9 a.m. to noon Linda Murphy	
MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY		RC MOTORSPORTS		TR TRAVELAIRES OCHESTRA		YOGA	
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. Bette Gorman		Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack. Scott Tartaglia		Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome. Gene Cribbs		Thursdays, 11 a.m., Location TBD, January thru March. Jean Renee DeTar	
MATS FOR THE HOMELESS		ROCK PAINTING		TRAVELETTES/WOMEN'S CHORUS		ZUMBA	
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall Pat Dellamuth		All Thursdays except the last Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Diana Hill		Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. Mary Beth Coldren		Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jeri Miller Activity Center. Bev Weissinger	
MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB		RUG HOOKING		TRAVELOGUE		<div></div> <div>All changes, additions or corrections to any Activity.</div> <div>Contact Guy Weik</div> <div>activities@travelersrestresort.com</div> <div>352-584-6377</div> <div></div> <div>“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.”</div> <div>~ Sherry Anderson</div>	
RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake. Powerboat Races: Mondays and Fridays 8 a.m. to noon. Jerry McRoberts, Commodore		Tuesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Green Room, Busch Hall. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful! Tawnya Rowden		2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January thru March. Bert Contractor			
YACHT CLUB SAILBOATS		SCRABBLE		TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)			
Sailboat Practice: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Barry Sellick		Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, depending on interest. Jeffrey Duquette		Tuesdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., movie will start at 7:15 p.m., in Citrus East. Movie Night runs January thru March. Jim and Carol Henrikson			
MODEL RAILROAD		SEW SPECIAL AND EMBROIDERY		UKULELE CLUB			
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Brian Krupicka		Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas. 3rd Mondays - Show and Tell. Rosita Williams		Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. in Citrus West. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January thru March. No chairperson			

TR Sports



Ladies’ Golf League results for Dec. 7

by Laurie Gardner

The Ladies’ League had a beautiful day for golf! There were 30 players this morning, which was twice as many as weeks one and two. Below are the results of this week.

Low Handicap 0-12

Low Gross

1. Shirley-Ann Appleby,	
Sylvia Cole.....	40
2. Betty Colborne.....	43
3. Del Duplessis,	
Pat Gallagher.....	46

Low Net

1. Sandy Pemberton	35
2. Jean Bjorgen, Lorraine Gould,	
Dawn Pulleyn, Chris Marsh.....	37
Fewest Putts at 15: Sylvia Cole,	
Betty Colborne, Pat Gallagher,	
Shirley-Ann Appleby	

High Handicap +13

Low Gross

1. Leslie Price.....	45
2. Phyllis Simmers,	
Laurie Zentmyer.....	46
3. Joan McLean, Marijo Noll..	47

Low Net

1. Judy Carter	32
2. Sara Schafer	34
3. Pat Butler	35

Closest to # 3:

Phyllis Simmers	51’7”
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Birdies:

Sylvia Cole	
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Happy Holidays



Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek

Friday, Dec. 9

Men’s Scratch High Game

Steve Niles	239
Bill Buczek.....	168
Dave Couture	157

Men’s Scratch High Series

Steve Niles	587
Dave Couture	465
Bill Buczek.....	453

Men’s Handicap High Game

Dave Couture	262
Steve Niles	251
Rob Prophet	227

Men’s Handicap High Series

Dave Couture	780
Rob Prophet	672
Steve Niles	623

Men’s High Average

Steve Niles	204
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Women’s Scratch High Game

Lin Buczek	216
Deb Niles	150
Linda Smith.....	148

Women’s Scratch High Series

Lin Buczek	544
Deb Niles	406
Linda Smith.....	382

Women’s Handicap High Game

Lin Buczek	283
Peggy Prophet.....	234
Deb Niles	222

Women’s Handicap High Series

Lin Buczek	745
Peggy Prophet.....	658
Carol Schell.....	637

Women’s High Average

Lin Buczek	169
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Yes, they really said that! (final installment)



submitted by Pat Butler
Former NFL Running Back George Rogers:

“I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards. Whichever comes first.”

MLB Icon Casey Stengel:

“I was such a dangerous hitter, I even got intentional walks in batting practice.”

Former NFL Safety Doug Plank:

“Most football players are tempermental. That’s 90 percent temper and 10 percent mental.”

Football Manager Ruud Gullit:

“We must have had 99 per cent of the match. It was the other three per cent that cost us.”

Former NBA Center Charles Shackleford:

“I can dribble with my right hand and I can dribble with my left hand. I’m amphibious.”

John Madden:

“Hey, the offensive linemen are the biggest guys on the field. They’re bigger than everybody else, and that’s what makes them the biggest guys on the field.”

Former MLB Manager Lou Piniella:

“Statistics are like bikinis—they show a lot, but not everything.”

NBA Coach Doug Collins:

“Any time Detroit scores more than 100 points and holds the other team below 100 points, they almost always win.”

Former MLB Pitcher Tug McGraw (when asked if he preferred grass or Astro turf):

“I dunno. I never smoked any Astro turf.”

Muhammad Ali:

“I’ve seen George Foreman shadowboxing and the shadow won.”

Hall of Fame NBA Forward Dennis Rodman:

“Chemistry is a class you take in high school or college where you figure out two plus two is 10 or something.”

Legendary College Basketball Coach Bob Knight:

“If the NBA were on Channel 5 and a bunch of frogs mating was on Channel 4, I’d watch the frogs even if they were coming in fuzzy.”

Former NFL Coach Bill Cowher:

“We’re not attempting to circumcise rules.”

Former NBA Center Chuck Nevitt:

“My sister’s expecting a baby, and I don’t know if I’m going to be an uncle or an aunt.”

NFL Legend Gordie Howe:

“All hockey players are bilingual. They know English and profanity.”

(and how could we not end with) Hall of Fame MLB Catcher Yogi Berra:

“Ninety percent of this game is half mental.”

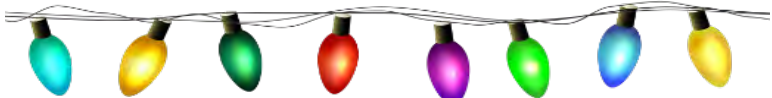


Photo by Pam Watkins

Diana Hill enjoys a fine Howdy Doodle. Support your in-park vendors.

National Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman

Monday, Dec. 5

Janet Stevens	200
Pat McCallum	150
Diane Phillips.....	130
Pat Anderson, Lin Buczek.....	50
Linda Gower	25

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Diane Phillips.....	160
Pat Anderson	125
Lou Smith	100
Janet Stevens, Bette Gorman ...	75
Linda Gower, Pat McCallum ..	25

Friday, Dec. 9

Linda Gower	100
Pat Anderson	50
Pat McCallum	25



Mah Jongg-The Chinese Way

by Marcia Hatfield

Monday, Dec. 5

Lou Smith	3
Linda Gavin, Deb May,	
Marcia Hatfield	1

Friday, Dec. 9

Linda Gavin	5
Lou Smith	4

Wizard

by Deborah May

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Table 1

Game 1

1. Imma Smith
2. John Goodger

Game 2

1. John Goodger
2. Imma Smith

Game 3

1. Gary Smith
2. Deborah May

Table 2

Game 1

1. Pat McCallum
2. Barb Overly, Joyce Ritzler

Game 2

1. Pat McCallum
2. Jackie Thackery





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Obituaries

CAROL JOANNE
HLADCHUK-BIGELOW

Carol Bigelow, age 91, peacefully slept to Heaven on Aug. 19, 2022 in Sheboygan, Wis. She loved God, her family, her friends and music and was still blessing others with her musical gifts until God called her Home.

She was born on May 21, 1931 to Wesley and Edna (Duff) Walters in Rineland, Wis. Following graduation she moved to Milwaukee, Wis. where she developed her life long love of antiques and where she met and married James Robert Brackob, the father of her four children, Celeste Sue Brackob, Kurt Brackob, Reid Brackob (deceased) and Elise (Jack) McKinch. Carol enjoyed being a wife and homemaker and spent much of her time driving her children from one Michigan ice rink to another for hockey games.

After having raised her family Carol began working as an Administrative Assistant, first at Marygrove College and then at Providence Hospital. She retired in 1979 when she married her second love John Hladchuk and gained another daughter Donna LeClaire (Greg) Enz.

Carol and John retired to their Torch River cottage in 1985 where Carol became active in a broad range of musical endeavors along with volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity. She and “Gypsy” John enjoyed many travel adventures together as part of the Michigan Airstream Club and spent winters at TR.

When Carol lost John in 1991 she remained at the cottage and continued to invest in others with her musical gifts. She loved feeding the wildlife near her home and, weather permitting, her daily Torch River swim. Her Florida winters were full of Keyboard Club activities, musicals and orchestra concerts as being a cellist with the Treasure Coast of Hernando Symphonies.

In 2003 Carol married fellow music lover Wilbur (Dean) Bigelow. They spent 17 loving years together traveling and worshipping God through song.

Carol was the always-ready accompanist, prepared to perform at a moment’s notice.

She spent her final two years back in the state where she was born near her daughter Elise and family. Carol’s love for music that was observed and enjoyed by all who knew her was second only to her love for God and family. She leaves behind many dear, faithful friends who made her life rich and full, her beloved grandchildren great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Carol loved everyone deeply, always had just the right thing to

say to encourage others, was generous with her gifts and lived bravely through many difficult circumstances throughout the 91 years God gave her in this physical world. Carol adds to the orchestra in Heaven as she dwells forever in the presence of her Father God and Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forever more.” Psalm 16:11.

PAUL KENNETH HARPER

Paul Kenneth Harper, age 77, of East Fultonham/Zanesville, Ohio, passed away in the comfort of his son’s home with both sons present on Aug. 26, 2022. He was born on March 21, 1945 in Zanesville, the son of the late Kenneth and Alice (Crawford) Harper.

Paul was a member of Central Trinity United Methodist Church, a longtime Mason and worked at Rockwell International before retiring and enjoyed spending winters at TR on lot 3-43. He loved woodcarving and spending time with his brother and sister-in-law David and Laura Harper and the many wonderful friends he made there.

He will be lovingly remembered by his children Brian (Sheri) Harper and Aaron (Larisa) Harper and 3 grandchildren.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years Carol Sue (Desarro) Harper and two sisters Betty (Harper) Ehrenberg and Patty (Harper) Lee.

THOMAS PENDER

Word was received that Tom Pender peacefully passed away following a short illness at his son’s home in Michigan in August.

He was very involved in the TR Computer Club. For many years he made summer address labels for all who requested them and made the popular TR Notebooks from *The TR Times* dummy pages and provided them free.

Tom and wife Marilyn, who predeceased him, were longtime winter residents at TR on Lot 3-9.



Holiday Greetings

From all of the TR Library volunteers to all of our friends, both in and out of the park, we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Mary Kosbab

Peace, Love and Joy to all our TR family, near and far.

Ken and Sandy Langell

Merry Christmas to all of you who have given money, food, gift cards and household goods to help those people who are less fortunate and abused in the Dade City area. TR, you are such wonderful, giving people.

God Bless,
Darold and Marilyn

We wish a very Merry Christmas to all of our friends and neighbors at Travelers Rest - those who are here and those who are not yet able to come and those who have left but are still here in their hearts.

All the best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year.

Stan & Sharron Motycka

Merry Christmas to the TR Times staff. You do so much for us. We are so blessed to have you.

God Bless,
Darold and Marilyn Long

We wish all of our TR Times volunteers and contributors a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2023.

Thank you for all that you do for our weekly miracle!

Margaret, Pam, Karen, Rich and Jane
The TR Times

Wishing all of our TR neighbors a very merry Christmas season, and a blessing-filled 2023!

Selene & Hank Montgomery

To all of my TR Pickle Dolls, I wish you a blessed Christmas and a fun-filled, safe 2023.

See you on the court!

Pam Watkins

Merry Christmas to all our friends at TR and beyond. Have a blessed and safe Holiday.

Carole Young
Ted Towl

Share your thoughts on Christmas

by Mary Kosbab

When visiting with your friends here at TR this holiday season here are some questions which you might like to pose to each other to initiate the sharing of holiday thoughts and traditions:

1. What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

2. What is your favorite Christmas song?

3. Tinsel or garland?

4. Do you own an ugly sweater?

5. What is your favorite Christmas food?

6. What was your most memorable Christmas?
7. When do you put up your Christmas decorations?

8. Do you have a Christmas Eve tradition?

9. When do you take your decorations down after Christmas?

10. What is one of your most favorite Christmas memories?

Country Folk and City Folk really can learn from each other

submitted by Jim Conant

City folk walk on sidewalks, when they’re available, because it’s safer.

Country folk walk on the road (it’s not called a street) facing traffic because it’s safer.

Let’s learn from each other and stay safe while walking in the park.

Caution

Classifieds

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Carole Young
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