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### TR Concert Series

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### The Spoon Man, Jim Cruise

Busch Hall Sunday Night, Sunday, Jan. 8, after ice cream and announcements. See pg. 2.



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### King's Brass

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# TR recycling expands

by Katherine Shawver  
President/CEO  
TR Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce the expansion of recycling with the help of Resident Waste Management Volunteers for the 2022-2023 season.

First, sincere thanks to residents for previous efforts to deliver waste to collection points on 14th Avenue and behind Busch Hall. These efforts to remove cardboard, paper and aluminum cans from the waste stream are

very much appreciated. What's next? The Board of Directors and Park Management will install additional bins for recycling clean steel food cans and plastic containers of all shapes and sizes (but no glass bottles).

Small propane tanks, batteries and other mixed metals continue to be disposed of in separate containers located in the Maintenance area.

Residents are responsible for the disposal of golf bags, furniture, garden hoses and other unusable

items. These items should be taken to the Pasco County Transfer Station on Handcart Road. A special volunteer service will be available during the season (November to April) to help residents move and dispose of large items such as mattresses.

The brochure shown below will be distributed to all resident mailboxes and included in the Welcome Packets. Information, updates and tips will be available on the Residents & Friends Facebook Page, *The TR Times* and

on InTouch, the newest communication tool at Travelers Rest.

We are very excited about expanding the Recycle and Waste Management Program at Travelers Rest. It can help preserve the resort and the environment. We know we can count on everyone to do their part.

Many thanks to the Resident Waste Management Committee, Board of Directors and Park Management for their work during the off season to put this program together.



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## Thank you for supporting our much-expanded Waste Management Program.

Garbage bins, container recycle bins and cardboard/paper recycle bins are located at the west end of 14th Ave. and behind Busch Hall.

This is the basic information which will help us all preserve our resort and reduce our environmental impact.

Please see the back panel to obtain more information or assistance.

### What is not Recyclable!



- All glass bottles and jars
- All Styrofoam cups, clamshells and packaging
- All kitchen waste such as food scraps
- Potato chip or other snack bags
- All plastic film
- Paint and stain cans
- Light bulbs - incandescent, fluorescent or LED

**IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

### What is Recycled?



- Steel food cans
- All sizes of plastic water bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Milk jugs and other plastic containers
- Plastic tubs
- Cardboard boxes, box-board, newspaper, magazines
- Please wash or rinse all containers

**IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**

### What do I do with Large Household Items such as an old golf bag, garden hose, plastic chair, small appliances, shelving, curtains/blinds and other "stuff"?

There is a large roll-off bin across from the Maintenance Shops where this material can be deposited. In addition, all scrap metal can be left there in a designated area and it will be recycled by TR Staff.

Electronics such as TV's, computers, printers and radios should be taken to Pasco County 9626 Handcart Rd., Dade City for environmentally responsible disposal and recycling of precious metals.

Cell phones can be dropped off at any Pasco County Library for re-conditioning and re-use.

### Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

All liquid hazardous waste such as herbicides, pesticides, paints, stains, automotive fluids, and other poisonous products must be taken to the Pasco County Transfer Station at 9626 Handcart Rd., Dade City for Environmentally responsible disposal.

Small batteries and small green propane tanks can be left at the Large Household Item location across from the Maintenance Shops in the specially marked containers.



### Who do I call for help?

Furniture and appliance pick-up (still usable)

Salvation Army 352.521.3126  
The Helping Rock 352.521.0535  
Habitat for Humanity 352.567.1444 or access website for pick-up form.

Volunteer Special Services for help disposing of a large item such as a mattress as well as hazardous waste.

Jim Ashbaugh 810.334.3241  
(available from December 1st to April 1st)

Program Questions  
Dean Peters 813.317.3269  
(available from December 1st to April 1st)

Additional brochures are available at the TR Office.

Thank you from the Residents Waste Management Committee, the Management and the Board.



The next forum is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9, at 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come out and let your voice be heard.



# BUSCH HALL

## Sunday Night



### Jim Cruise

### “The Spoon Man”



JIM CRUISE

by Ken Langell  
Sunday, Jan. 8  
Ice cream 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.  
Announcements 6:45 p.m.  
Showtime 7 p.m.

Jim Cruise, “The Spoon Man,” has been playing the spoons for over 35 years and professionally for over 25 years. He is married with five kids, a mortgage and supports his family by playing the spoons!

Jim gives a real stirring performance. Everyone will really eat him up! No bibs required. The “spoon man” has a totally clean act, he never uses dirty silverware. He will leave a

lasting impression after playing on you (literally)! It’s a spoonful of fun!

This is a musical, interactive comedy show, presenting the old musical traditional art form of spoon playing. When we say interactive, we mean it! Bring a pair of matching spoons and let Jim teach you how to play! Everyone gets spooned!

Public service announcement: this is a dangerous show, not only does the spoon man use spoons, but also knives, forks and pie servers!

Let’s get spooned!

## MOVIE NIGHT Tuesday Night

by Carol and Jim Henrikson

The next movie to be featured on Jan. 10 will be *Belfast*. The installation of new projection equipment and theatre sound is well under way. Hopefully, we will be all set and all the startup bugs resolved by the *Belfast* presentation.

Other movies to follow in January are *Eyes of Tammy Faye*, *Greyhound* and the widely acclaimed *Top Gun Maverick*.

Specific details of each movie

will be posted on the Movie Bulletin Board in Busch Hall. We post as well on Facebook’s Residents and Friends each Tuesday morning.

Carol and I thank you for your support in our continuing effort to screen outstanding film productions. We encourage you to tell us what movies you have enjoyed. We will try to present the movies you might wish to see again and that you recommend for our TNM audience to enjoy.



## Wednesday Night Special

### The King’s Brass appearing here Wednesday



KING’S BRASS

by Doug Pedersen

When the King’s Brass last appeared here in 2019 residents overwhelmingly asked that they be brought back once again. This very popular nationally touring brass ensemble is on their 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tour. They will perform for us as part of the TR Concert Series this Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Tim Zimmerman and The King’s Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair along with secular and patriotic music. The group performs at churches, on cruises and at adult communities like

TR. The group features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards. These instruments blend together to create an innovative program that promises to be enjoyed by all.

Secular and sacred music critics alike applaud their concerts as “superb in every way,” “innovative and well played,” and “truly, an unforgettable experience.” Formed over three decades ago and based in Fort Wayne, Ind., the group is comprised of professional musi-

cians from across the country. Their common desire is to use the instruments they love to perform and to share their faith. The King’s Brass has more than a dozen CDs which will be available for purchase at the program.

Plan now to attend this very special Concert Series program. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 and the program begins at 7 p.m. sharp. Admission is \$10 per person payable at the door or with a Season Reserved Seat Ticket.

## TR Concert Series features bargain priced quality programs



DAVE AND DAPHNE

by Doug Pedersen

As food, travel and lodging costs increase, the cost of touring entertainment that we enjoy as part of our Concert Series is increasingly costly. Our first program on Wednesday, Jan. 11 is Tim Zimmerman and The Kings Brass, an awesome touring group of nine musicians. They charge a performance fee of approximately \$3,000 and then add a transportation charge which approaches \$1,000. If that were it, the program would be a bargain but they require lodging for six motel rooms at approximately \$2,000 as well as a catered dinner on performance night adding another \$100-200 and breakfast the next morning which is included in the motel charge. Then add Chris Diroma’s sound charge and the now-required Pasco sales tax and the total costs for the program can easily exceed \$6,000. Our ticket price for the performance is \$10 per person which requires an audience of 600 people to breakeven. Our post pandemic average attendance is 200 admissions instead of the former approximately 400. That will require dipping into reserves to pay the

bills. To continue to feature entertainment of this quality we need your support. Season reserved seat tickets will be available for sale at \$65 at the TR Flea Market on Jan. 7 or you can pay \$10 per person at the door for general admission seating.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, Dave and Daphne return with their Grand Ole Opry classic country show. Dave was Barbara Mandrell’s lead guitarist for many years and Daphne toured with Bill Gaither gospel groups. They are terrific national touring performers based in Nashville, Tenn. Don’t miss another \$10 bargain.

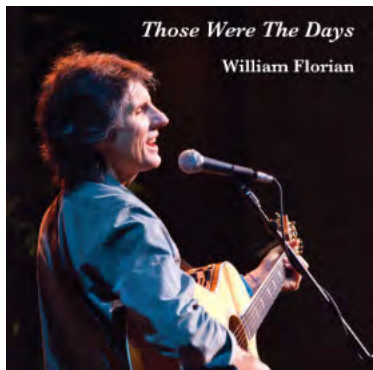
Our annual Spectacular on Wednesday, Feb. 8 is Shades of Buble a \$9,300 show featuring a trio of male voices with a live band direct from New York City. They perform incredible Michael Buble songs like *Feeling Good*, *Moon-dance*, *Home*, *That’s Life* and many more. A one of a kind concert event at \$15 and a very real bargain!

On Feb. 22 international vocalist Franco Corso is our special guest featuring popular and classic romantic vocals. If you like Andrea Bocelli, you’ll love Corso.



FRANCO CORSO

March 8 features The Music of Neil Diamond with William Florian former lead singer with The New Christy Minstrels.



WILLIAM FLORIAN

March 22 brings Jeff Gordon’s Top Hits Variety Show, an amazing collection of popular and country music.



JEFF GORDON

Remember our Concert Series brings you artists and groups that cannot be afforded within the budget for our Sunday Night programs. Your support for these quality offerings is very much appreciated so that they may continue to be offered.



# Communications from the Board

**Katherine Shawver**  
**President/CEO Travelers Rest**  
**Board of Directors**

A soft reminder to everyone at TR that leased site maintenance is provided by the park May 1 to Nov. 1 when sites are mowed but not trimmed nor weeded. Nov. 1 to May 1 the leased site is to be mowed, trimmed3 and weeded by the resident.

Volunteers are needed throughout the park. Remember, the more volunteers help in the park the more money is saved and that results in lower increases on annual lease and maintenance fees.

If you're not sure how you can help by volunteering please see, call or send a message to Guy Weik, Activity Coordinator.

A reminder that policy prohibits walking dogs and riding bicycles around and near buildings such as the south side of Busch Hall beside the pool. Dogs are not permitted in any building.

InTouch communications can be seen on the video screen outside the Post Office. This is a beta test with more content to be added soon.

Key card access to buildings is moving along. The cards will be distributed to residents via their mailboxes.

The board will hold a Resident Forum Monday, Jan. 9 at 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

The tent is covering the stage in the Grove. To schedule events please see Guy Weik.

COVID Testing and Treatment Assistance:

While we are all glad to put the major COVID pandemic behind us and begin to socialize once again, Travelers Rest wants to remind residents that COVID infections with subvariants will likely be a problem for the foreseeable future. These infections tend to be easily managed by all except those who are unvaccinated, immunocompromised, or have other chronic illnesses. Therefore, TR requests that residents do the following:



**KATHERINE SHAWVER**

If you're not feeling well, please stay home in case you are COVID positive. Stopping COVID before it spreads is very important for our residents at TR.

Be prepared to test for COVID at home if you have symptoms. At home COVID tests are available at pharmacy locations, Walmart, Amazon (online), and many other sources.

If you test positive for COVID, please follow CDC guidelines to avoid spreading it to others who may become quite ill from the infection. Current guidelines recommend isolating for 5 days, and then resuming activities with a KN95 or N95 mask for another 5 days.

If you test positive, please notify Jean Cobb as well as anyone you have been around for 24 hours prior to the onset of your symptoms, as COVID is typically communicable for 24 hours BEFORE symptoms are apparent.

You can call Jean Cobb (CELL: 256-508-8661) any time to discuss COVID symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, or any questions you may have.

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.

Watch for to the next update from the Board of Directors!

# Yes, it really is 2023

by Margaret Emmetts

During the holidays I went home to spend Christmas with my family in New Jersey. While staying with my son we had occasion to have dinner with his friend Jay and his wife. During the course of the evening the subject of the new year arose. Jay commented that the year 2023 sounded like something from a futuristic science fiction story. Remember when you read that futuristic science fiction book 1984 when you were in school? Just think, the actual year 1984 occurred 39 years ago.

The subject triggered a schoolboy memory to Jay who is currently in his fifties. When he was a child in grammar school his teacher gave the class a writing assignment. The topic for everyone was to be "Where do you think you will be in the year 2000?"

Jay thought for awhile then wrote a very short essay. Essentially he said that in the year 2000 he expected to be dead. The teacher was upset by Jay's writing and called for a conference with Jay, his parents and the school principal.

When asked why Jay would write such a thing his answer was quite simple. He did the math and reasoned that by the year 2000 he would be really, really old. After all by the year 2000 he would probably be 30 or 40 years old.

To a child a 30 or 40-year-old can seem to be really ancient. Do you remember when you thought 40 was really, really old? Our perception of age and time certainly changes as we ourselves age.

A number of years ago we had an entertainer for Busch Hall Sunday Night who had obviously never been to the park before and had no concept of the age group with which he was dealing. To warm up the audience before his act he asked if anyone in the audience had been married for 25 years. As you can imagine almost every hand in the audience went up and the audience laughed. The entertainer was surprised, so he proceeded to ask, "How about 30 years?" Lots of hands were still raised. He went on, how about 35, 40, 45 or 50 years. He just did not understand the age of his audience. At the time we had one couple who were celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! They thought they were still young. They played golf, rode bikes and joked about getting matching skateboards for their next anniversary.

It really is amazing how our concept of age and time changes as we grow older.

Was it really 23 years ago that we celebrated the year 2000 with much trepidation? The world was going to come to an end. Computers would not be able to deal with the number 2000. The banks would close. Chaos would reign. Well, none of that happened. 2000 came and went and computers did just fine. It was the people who had difficulty not writing a date in the 1900s on their checks.

1984 is long past as is the year 2000. Yes, it really is 2023 so try to remember to put the 2023 on your checks.

# Can paradise be lost?

by Richard Kushman

TR's vision statement - *Your piece of paradise* and mission statement - *Foster a feeling of community and belonging for our 55+ resident-owned resort through diverse activities and engagement* as published by the Board of Directors on the TR website are quite honorable. The values stated by the Board of *cooperation, friendship, safety and volunteerism* have been the primary influencers for a majority of our residents in making TR a full or part-time home.

Volunteers lead over a hundred activities and also participate in many of the day-to-day operations of our park. This has, more than anything, fulfilled the stated mission to foster a sense of community and build friendships. This must be kept alive year after year.

However, the confidentiality agreements currently being required by the Board, although most likely with the best of intentions, have created an aura of secrecy which does not foster that feeling of community, cooperation and trust. There are some very capable people right now who will not join a team that does not truly embrace its own stated vision and mission. This does not bode well for the future of stockholder participation and volunteerism that have always been the cornerstone of TR.

I believe that our fellow stockholder Board members are trustworthy and do want what is best for TR. But realistically, all stockholders will rarely agree on every issue creating a real challenge that requires patience, courage and a daily glance at our mission statement to overcome. Building relationships can be more difficult, but much more rewarding than building fences. Secrecy can breed suspicion. When that happens, stockholders feel helpless and either get angry or give up, neither of which is good for the smooth operation and future of any organization.

We need leadership with the courage to make adjustments and to be more open and communicative with stockholders. There is a time for executive session and privacy, but too much control such as a confidentiality agreement that is viewed as intimidating leads to unintended consequences and may cultivate mistrust to the point of endangering TR's stated mission.

## VISION STATEMENT

Your piece of paradise

## MISSION STATEMENT

Foster a feeling of community and belonging for our 55+ resident-owned resort through diverse activities and engagement.

## VALUES

Cooperation  
 Friendship  
 Safety  
 Volunteerism

## GOALS

Strengthen the Team  
 Maintain Financial Stability  
 Enhance our Safety  
 Enhance our Paradise

- Travelers Rest Board of Directors

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# Hello there . . . do I know you?

by Jean Helker

Have you ever been in the unfortunate position of knowing that person you are greeting but somehow you just cannot seem to place the name? It is especially embarrassing when they seem to know you well. Of course, you are wearing your name tag. Where is theirs?

It is easy to forget the name tag. As we grow older it seems easier to forget the name as well. After a few months out of the park, those name tags are welcome reminders.

Some of us misplace our badge. Try putting it next to your toothbrush and put it on as soon as you dress for the day. Some of us inadvertently run it through the washing machine but I can testify that it holds up very well and is easily retrieved.

Some of us seem to think that after having been in the park for

many years everyone should know who we are. How about those newcomers? They don't know you. They seem to be very good about wearing their tags with the red circle. We could learn from them.

Our advertisers also notice our name tags and seem to offer a more exuberant greeting when they see that we are TR residents who are responding to their advertisement in our *TR Times*. Many even offer us discounts if we are wearing them. By knowing that we are TR residents, they will be more likely to renew their advertisements in future years.

So get with the program. Wear your name tag proudly. If you are convinced and still can't find your badge, see the persons at the back of Busch Hall on Sunday night and they will happily make a new one for you.



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# How do you park?

We have a lot of people with cars and golf carts at TR. We also have a lot of parking spaces, so theoretically there should be no problem. But wait a minute! Have you ever had a problem finding a space? I know I have.

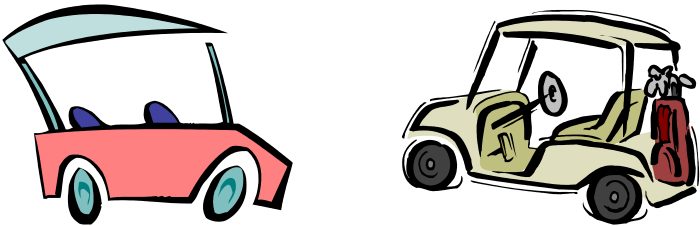
Most TR parking areas have two different demarcations. There are spots for cars and smaller spaces designated for golf carts. Wouldn't it be nice if the golf carts parked in those smaller spaces? There really is no way a car can squeeze into a golf cart spot. As you have already figured out, I drive a car. It is quite aggravating to find a row of golf carts in the car slots while an entire adjacent grassy area is empty. It is quite customary for golf carts to park on lawns, especially in the area of Citrus, Hobby House and the Fire Station.

The area that causes me the most concern is the grassy one between Hobby House and the Fire Station. This area can become very congested, especially on Tuesday mornings. Why Tuesday? Because that is the day that Fire and First Responder volunteers have their weekly meeting.

I recall one occasion several years ago when another activity was going on in one of the adjacent buildings. Many golf carts were parked willy-nilly in this grassy area. The problem arose when some residents wished to leave and could not find a path out for their cart.

Suggestion: Would you consider parking facing the buildings in this area? If carts parked facing the side of Hobby House and the Fire Station/Paul Rife Room instead of parallel to the buildings, you could actually accommodate more carts. In addition, there would be a clear path down the middle so everyone would have a way to leave.

Let's think of each other and try to park responsibly. *mre*



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## The Servant's Plow

# O Star of wonder, royal beauty bright

by Pastor Anthony Shipe

Last week's message at church about King Herod's reign and this week's message on the visit from the Wise Men, displays a miracle orchestrated by God's providential hand. Herod's means of securing his power was dark and murderous, necessitating the Holy Family's flight to Egypt. Joseph's three dreams bore witness to God's protective hand and sovereignty over each twist and turn as He brought the Child and His mother first from Bethlehem to Egypt and finally to Nazareth of Galilee.

Even the locations were intriguing and ironic. Egypt was historically a place of oppression for God's people, yet it provided a place of refuge for the world's Messiah. Surely Herod's evil scheme could not thwart the coming of God's Messiah. More than that, the narrative evokes clear memories of the exodus. Like Moses, whom God sent to save the Israelites, Jesus was God's eschatological agent of salvation and was delivered before fulfilling his mission to save God's people as well. Even as a baby, Jesus faced rejection and was rescued.

The narrative contains many parallels between Moses and Jesus. Just as Moses could have been killed because of Pharaoh's edict to destroy all male Hebrew infants, Jesus could have met the same fate under Herod's order to kill all the boys under the age of two in the vicinity of Bethlehem. Thanks to divine rescue through the obedience first of the Hebrew midwives and now of Joseph, both Moses and Jesus were kept alive and tasked to save humanity, one from slavery in Egypt and the other from their sins.

The three quotations from the prophets of the Old Testament provide this passage with an interpretive framework. Each is presented as fulfillment of prophecy, emphasizing that all the unfolding events have long been a part of God's overarching plan. First, Matthew views Jesus' escape to and return from Egypt as a fulfillment of Hosea 11:1, "Out of Egypt I called my son." This reference hearkens back to the first exodus, with Israel being identified as God's son. In the ensuing verses, Hosea describes Israel's persistent disobedience and subsequent oppression by the Assyrians. Yet God's compassion remained with Ephraim and He promised to return them to their homes in Hosea 11:1-11. Here, not only was Jesus, Son of God, called out of Egypt when Herod died and was no



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longer a threat, He would also reverse the pattern of Israel's failure by being obedient to God His Father.

In one person, Jesus thus took on the roles of both a second Moses and a faithful leader of Israel at the same time. Second, verse 18 of Matthew cites Jeremiah 31:15 to express the horror of Herod's slaughter of the innocents. Imagine the blood-curdling screams and inconsolable sobbing throughout the region as little boys were mercilessly killed. Yet the use of this text signals a glimpse of hope.

In Jeremiah's day, as the Israelites were taken into captivity, on leaving Jerusalem they would have passed by Ramah, a town six miles to the north, on the way to Babylon. Rachel, the beloved wife of Jacob and mother of Israel, wept over this national tragedy. If we look into Jeremiah 31, however, we will hear God's words of comfort, His new covenant with Israel, and His commitment to His people's salvation. Thirdly, Jesus will be called a Nazarene and it is claimed that Joseph's decision to settle his family in Nazareth was also prophetically anticipated. Oddly, though, these exact words cannot be found in the Hebrew Scriptures. Could this be why Matthew uses the Prophets in the plural instead of the singular to explain a more general idea? Since Nazareth was such an insignificant town, Jesus of Nazareth became, ironically, a distinctive identifier for Jesus. A deeper meaning might further be extracted from a possible play on words here. In Hebrew, Nasrat, Nazareth and Naser Branch share the middle consonant sphonetically. Isaiah 11:1 reads: "a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch Naser shall grow out of his roots."

Elsewhere in the Old Testament, Jeremiah speaks of God raising up a righteous Branch for David (Jeremiah 23:5, 33-15) and Zechariah calls God's servant the

Branch (Zechariah 3:8;6:12). Although a different Hebrew noun is used in Jeremiah and Zechariah, the idea is similar to that of Isaiah, that Branch is a Messianic title. Thus, the designation of Jesus as a Nazarene, indicates both His being from Nazareth and His identity as the Branch, that is, the Davidic Messiah.

Common to all three prophetic fulfillments is the theme of salvation. God promised to save Israel through the prophets and this salvation was set in motion with the coming of the Messiah, who was God's second and final Moses. In order to be saved, God's people must follow Joseph's example in being absolutely obedient. The repetitiveness in the instructions given by the Angel of the Lord to Joseph and Matthew's description of Joseph's response is intentional. In other words, when told to take the Child and his mother, flee to Egypt and remain there until further instructions, Joseph did exactly that (Matthew: 2:13-14). When told again to take the Child and his mother and return to the land of Israel, his action again matched the instructions word for word (Matthew 2:20-21). There were no ifs, ands or buts. As a result, Joseph and his family steered clear of the threats of Herod's destruction. Joseph's faith and obedience were commendable and instructive.

When we receive the Lord's salvation, are we humble enough to obey our Savior in total trust? Let's focus this week on the gifts that we can bring to the Newborn King.



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# The Siren 3rd Annual Fire Rescue Takeout Dinner



by Jean Cobb

The Travelers Rest Volunteer Fire Rescue Association will hold its 3rd Annual Takeout Pulled Pork Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 21 starting at 5 p.m. Only Advance Tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$12 and will be available at the Post Office on Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 10 and 12, 2 to 4 p.m. and before Sunday entertainment in Busch Hall on Jan. 8 and 15.

We aim to please! We'll provide an amazing dinner with a tasty pulled pork sandwich, yummy slaw, baked beans and a dessert treat, delivered to your golf cart or car at the back of Busch Hall by an energetic Firefighter or First Responder. You provide your appetite, dinnerware, drink and transportation. We're even using biodegradable to-go containers this year.

Once again we will have exciting door prize drawings for those who write their name and TR lot number on the back of their tickets. So grab a pen and fill out the back of your ticket before you get there on Saturday and you'll get your dinner more quickly.

How does the TR Fire Rescue Association use the money it raises from the take-out dinner? Our purchases always have a direct connection to the health, welfare and safety of the residents of TR. The proceeds from the dinner support our TR fire and rescue programs as well as training, supplies and equipment to be used at TR. Training supplies support the First Responder Certification Class we teach at TR for our new First Responders, CPR/BCLS sessions for all Firefighters and

First Responders, the annual CPR Course for TR residents and the First Aid Course for TR employees. Other items that we purchase include medical supply/equipment packs for our First Responders, first aid supplies available in several locations throughout the Park, replacement battery packs for AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators), updated CPR training supplies and medical supplies that are necessary but not provided by Pasco County. Previous purchases have included four fire hydrants for the Park and the related installation costs, a new siren on top of the Fire Station, additional AEDs, a storage desk in the Fire Station, radios and files, renovation of supply cabinets at the Station and a life-size manikin for Fire Rescue training.

From the beginning of our association with Pasco County Fire Rescue (PCFR) in the early 1990s we have gotten a monthly stipend based on volunteer participation. However after a reorganization of volunteer programs for PCFR, our stipends which averaged about \$1,600 per year have stopped which has required us to dip into cash reserves. We have increased the number of tickets to our dinner this year in an effort to make up for some of the shortfall so please honor us with your business as you purchase tickets. We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation and welcome your tax-deductible donations if you choose to include us in your giving plans.

How important is our presence at TR? That is a bit difficult to answer but we know that we most often arrive at a 911 location within our Park in one to three minutes after the siren sounds. We work to stabilize the patient, manage the scene and escort the Pasco County Fire Rescue Units to the exact location of the emergency. In 2019 we responded to 60 calls for 911 services and to several dozen calls for advice and assistance within TR.

2021 was less busy with the reduced numbers of residents in the Park during the COVID epidemic but we still answered 58 in 2020, 47 in 2021 and 65 in 2022. We have responded to all calls including an RV fire, a double-wide fire with injury, bicycle and golf cart accidents and many medical emergencies including heart attacks, strokes, fractures, burns, falls, allergic reactions, eye injuries, infections, fire ant bites and requests for lift assistance. We also assist with a helicopter landing zone in the TR driving range area when medical air evacuations are critical for residents in our community and the surrounding area. Our volunteer First Responders work on teams that are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When the siren sounds, your Fire Fighters and First Responders are on the move!

Please support the TR Fire Rescue Association Takeout Pulled Pork Dinner Fundraiser at Busch Hall on Saturday, Jan. 21 starting at 5 p.m. We're here for you and we need your support.



## Do you need a check?

Your TR Fire Rescue volunteers offer blood pressure and blood sugar checks every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station.

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# Habitat Build for 2023

by Barbara Colson

This year's Habitat Build will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. There is a new system for signing up to volunteer. You will also need to complete your Volunteer and Waiver of Liability Forms and watch a Safety Build Video on YouTube. It's easy: Here's the link just for us:

**For Jan. 31**

<https://habitatpasco.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/?groupcode=Barbara3101>

**For Feb. 1**

<https://habitatpasco.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/?groupcode=Barbara0102>.

We can have 10 volunteers each day. If those days don't work for you and you want to work, go to their calendar and pick any Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Just go to this online link: <https://habitatpasco.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Index/3076>.

If you are not able to work, you could volunteer like Jackie Thackery and her crew did last year and make us a lunch. It was delicious, especially the cake.

Make a donation: February is TR's fund-raiser month for



Photo by Barbara Colson

**Claire Northway brushing on the finishing touches.**

Habitat. Start saving so you can give a generous gift. Vince Smith will let you know the details.

Come join us, we have lots of fun doing whatever needs doing. See you there!



File photos

**Volunteers at a recent Habitat Build enjoying the fellowship that comes from working together for a purpose.**



# Looking Back

by Nan Feeney Lance

10 Years Ago - 2013

- While some ring in the New Year, Bernie Gutridge, Elaine McCall, and Carolyn Place sang in the New Year at the Annual New Years Eve Dance in Busch Hall.
- Jeri Miller and Doug Pedersen display "The Story of Travelers Rest" DVD now on sale.
- The first recorded hole-in-one at TR was February of 1982 by Earl Rowe.
- Learn to clog with the TR Cloggers.

20 Years Ago - 2003

- Travelers Rest Volunteer Fire/Rescue to merge with Pasco County Emergency Services.
- Travelers Rest residents, Sophie and Tom Mulligan have a grandchild at Eton College in England. Laurence is an Oppidan Scholar and will graduate in May.
- Were you dreaming of a White Christmas? If you had been at Travelers Rest in December 1976 your dream would have come true. It actually snowed!

30 Years Ago - 1993

- TRs emergency procedure outlined. Dade City Rescue Squad and ambulance are approximately 10 miles away.
- Sugar Creek Restaurant burns. The "Swiss Hut" was destroyed but fortunately no one was injured in the blaze.
- Fly your flags this month. January was designated as Patriotic and Park Beautification Month for TRs 20th Anniversary.
- New Years Eve Party was a Gala Affair.
- Lake Margaret Sanctuary needs helpers.



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# Activity Affairs

## Activities Showcase is scheduled

by Guy Weik

If you need help deciding which new activities you might want to try this season, mark your calendars for the grand Activities Showcase scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18, starting at 9 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Setup starts at 8 a.m. and the Activities Showcase runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Activities will have tables set up where you can see what they do, ask questions of current participants and find out how to sign up. As much as possible, you'll find activities grouped by Arts and Crafts, Music and Dancing, Church Activities, Health and Exercise, Remote Control Activities, Outdoor Activities and Games and Out of Park Activities.



GUY WEIK

This is a great opportunity for residents to share and demonstrate why their activities are so much fun! January weather can be a bit

cool, but tables can be set up outside Busch Hall under the overhang for participants who prefer to share their activities outside. Masks will not be mandated, but strongly encouraged, so everyone can enjoy the Showcase and stay as safe as possible.

Sign-up sheets for participating Activities are on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall. You can also email Guy Weik at [activities@travelersrestresort.com](mailto:activities@travelersrestresort.com). Please include the name of your activity, your name, lot, phone, email and if you prefer to have your table located inside or outside Busch Hall. All Activities, no matter how big or how small, are welcome to participate in the Showcase!

## Model Railroad Club News



Photo by Brian Krupicka

### RAILROAD MODULE

by Brian Krupicka

Our group is big on education and endeavors to have educational and hands-on experiences at all meetings. This year we will hold seminars on construction and fabrication of modules, how to clean trains for better operations, learning the do's and don'ts of operating trains and much more. All are invited. All levels of knowledge are welcome. If you have an interest in this hobby, please call Brian Krupicka at 630-961-1243. We meet on Friday's from 10 a.m. to noon in the Activities Center.

## Beading begins on Monday



by Kathy Kushman

Beadaholics begins meeting Monday, Jan. 9. We meet every Monday from 10:15 a.m. to noon in Citrus East. All are welcome, absolutely no experience necessary. We give instructions, help each other, have loads of fun and even make a beautiful piece of jewelry. Please join us and bring a friend.

## Quilting at TR



Photo by Pam Watkins

Kathy Carlig works on piecing this beautiful quilt at last year's Quilt-A-Rama.

by Ethel Polsdoffer

When we first came to TR a friend, Loretta Moss, said "Next season bring down your sewing machine and we'll teach you how to quilt." At that point I had never quilted a stitch in my life and the terms were a mystery to me. What were rotary cutters, half square triangles and stitch in the ditch? I soon found out the quilters at TR were a warm, welcoming group who were happy to help new quilters and that is what you will find today. We are a group of quilters at all skill levels who enjoy

the camaraderie and friendship as we work on our individual projects. Our annual project is Quilt-A-Rama in March. More information on Quilt-a-Rama will be coming later.

You are welcome to join us on Thursdays in Busch Hall starting on, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. We have cutting mats and rulers. Just bring your sewing machine and your basic sewing supplies.

Please stop by and meet us at the Activity Fair on Jan. 18. There you can sign up if you would like email updates on our activities.



## TR Airstream Luncheon

by Cindy and Jim Conant

Come one, come all. Former and current TR Airstream Owners are invited to Busch Hall, Saturday, Jan. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch and good company provided. \$18 per person. RSVP by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13 to Jim and Cindy Conant with payment in cash or check, lot 05-14 or call 517-414-9285.

## Oil and Acrylic Painting needs a teacher

by Mary Kubiniec and Patricia Gallagher

We are looking for a teacher for the Oil and Acrylic Class. In the meantime, there will be a gathering of painters on Fridays at Citrus West from 9 a.m. to noon starting Jan. 6. Please join us for painting fun. Bring your own supplies. Experienced painters can help you with getting the correct supplies if you are new. Also, the most experienced painters will help with your painting if you have questions.

All levels are welcome. Bring a friend and meet new friends while learning this exciting and rewarding art. If you know anyone who would like to teach this class, please let us know.



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# Learn about Amateur Radio Club

by Russ Thackery, W9RUS

The TR Amateur Radio Club (TRARC) call sign K4TRR operates as a club within the Travelers Rest Resort for fun and hobby. But there is more. We reside in an area known as West Central Florida (WCF) which includes ten counties. This designates our map location but is only a starting point as radio communication is unlimited.

There are several local clubs that we are able to engage with on radio and share information in good times and emergencies. Some of the other clubs in our area are: East Pasco Amateur Radio Society (EPARS), Zephyrhills Amateur Radio Club (ZARC), Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club (SHARC), Hernando County Amateur Radio Association (HCARA), and Tampa Amateur Radio Club (TARC).

All of these clubs have radio repeaters and most hold meetings and events such as monthly test sessions, hamfests or swapmeets. EPARS, our closest one, has an FCC license testing session monthly in San Antonio, a hamfest in the spring, winter field day in January and talk to Santa via radio for kids during the Dade City Church Street Christmas. They also support events with communication during bike rides, running and walking fundraisers.

Their club repeaters are located at Saint Leo University and operate on 146.880 and 446.600 both with Internet and digital capability. Their website is [EPARSONline.ORG](http://EPARSONline.ORG) which is well-maintained and with links to other local club websites.

Another way that radio amateurs (Hams) get experience is to participate in the emergency services, mostly weather, but any emergency will create traffic on the radios. There are national hurricane frequencies designated on 14.325 and 7.268 when needed to clear these frequencies for only hurricane-related traffic. Florida also has a linked repeater system so that anyone on one of the *SAR.net* repeaters can be heard throughout the state. This is a group of repeaters on 70 centimeters that are linked via microwave towers throughout the state. Brooksville 442.825MHz is our closest tower.

Another linked system is NI4CE WSF regional connection known as the Big Stick which covers some 12 counties with seamless coverage areas of I-75 and I-4. Due to overlapping analog RF signals one can connect through these linked repeaters. The closest

ones to us are Holiday, Fla. 443.850MHz or Bartow, Fla. 442.825MHz all using 100Hz CTCSS tone. Pasco County's Emergency Radio Service Network uses local repeaters to communicate during inclement weather with the use of the K4EX repeater in Saint Leo 146.880MHz and others to transfer information to the west side of the county to the New Port Richey 146.670MHz repeater. There are other repeaters and Ham radio stations in the county participating in this system. More information online at [EPARSONline.ORG](http://EPARSONline.ORG).

One of our biggest events of the season is HamCation in Orlando. Several of TR's Hams gather every February at the Orlando Fairgrounds for a few days of seminars, shopping with national vendors of radios/antennas and related equipment. There is also a field full of hams with their own wares to sell fleamarket-style. This is a big winter event for hams in the southeast and TR has several who caravan over and camp at the fairgrounds for the duration. Many things are discussed, bought or sold. There are learning seminars, full days with friends old and new and relaxing evening happy hours top off most days.

For those who don't know, the founders of TR were Airstreamers of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) organization. Many were hams, so when building TR they made provisions for the radio communication which we enjoy today. WBCCI sponsors the RV Service Net (RVSN) which has several nets on the air which we participate in, with the newest one being on the EchoLink system. The TRARC also enjoys using EchoLink to keep up with our TR friends near and far.

The Traveler's Rest 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 Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Activities Center and normally include an optional program after the main meeting. Visitors are always welcome at TRARC events.



# Woodcarving Club is starting to meet again



Woodcarving safety first.

by Linda Murphy

The Woodcarving Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Everyone from observers to the most experi-

enced carvers are welcome. The members of the club with carving experience will carve whatever they desire.

We will provide several classes where we systematically go through a project step-by-step. Our first project this year will be a cottonwood bark whimsical house. It is a great beginners project and you can make it as simple or complex as you want.

During the first few meetings we will discuss types of cuts, working safely and how to sharpen your tools. We will also do some carving at each meeting. We will have a required glove and knife available at cost or you can bring your own if they are correct.

Required things you will need: knife, glove, wound seal if you are on blood thinners, band aids, pencil and white eraser.

Suggested to bring if you have: Compass for making circles, not finding your way out of the woods.

For more information see Linda Murphy at lot 13-28 or call her at 717-968-9306.

# Come join us in the great outdoors

by Barbara Colson

The Geocaching Club will meet every Tuesday starting on Jan. 10 thru March 28 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Then we will head outdoors to find Adventure Labs and Caches in the area around TR. Sometimes we go up to an hour away but it is always fun. Around noon we find a lovely place, usually some delicious hole in the wall, for lunch. We return to the park around 3 p.m.

Want more information? You can call Barbara Colson at 352-206-3210 or stop in at lot 10-10 in RV South, just south of the Puppy Park.



Photo by Barbara Colson  
Jack Zanca and Phyllis Zitzer on the search.

# Gluten-Free Support Group to begin

by Linda Murphy

The Gluten-Free Support Group will begin meeting Tuesday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.

We will discuss associated illnesses, hidden gluten, favorite general products, favorite entrees, eating out, favorite desserts and eating on a diet. The main goal is to support and help one another.

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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		Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. 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, 8:30 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Building. 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. <b>Rosita Williams</b>	Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. <b>Mary Kubinieć</b>	Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day. <b>Richard Von Qualen</b>	2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House. <b>Darold Long, Commander</b>
IPHONE CLASS	PET LOVERS CLUB	SNACK SHACK	VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR
Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. <b>Susan Stahley</b>	Jan. 23, then 2nd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. <b>Kim Roberts</b>	Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional volunteers needed to add a Saturday crew. <b>Lee Brenn Mickey Cobb</b>	Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at host residence. Meet in Hobby House if temperature is <60 or if it's raining. November thru April. <b>Sandy Post</b>
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. <b>Deborah May</b>	Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check the TR website under Activities > Pickleball for current schedule. <b>Delia and Carey Box</b>	Meet at Snack Shack Pavilion 2nd Tuesdays 7 to 8 p.m. (January thru March) All welcome. <b>Ray LoPresti</b>	Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House. <b>Jackie Thackery</b>
JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR	PINOCHLE	STAINED GLASS	WINTER WALKING AEROBICS
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. <b>Jean Cobb</b>	Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. <b>John Delaney</b>	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 <b>Laura Appgar</b>	Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. (Nov. 8 thru April 10) <b>Gloria Polzin</b>
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. <b>Glenn and Gabriella Young Alan West</b>	Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House. <b>Jack Davis</b>	Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available. <b>Ron Hicks</b>	Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. <b>Amy Grier</b>
KNOTTY KNITTERS	POM-POM DRILL TEAM	TENNIS	WEIGHTS & STRETCHING
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. <b>Diane Fisher</b>	Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. <b>Donna Neer Deb Niles</b>	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. <b>Betty Teichert</b>	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 8:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Year-round. <b>Sheila Schencke</b>
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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. <b>Alex Adair</b>	Contemporary Church Services - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. January thru March. <b>Marty Schencke</b>	1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House to plan rides. <b>Gene Cribbs</b>	Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. <b>Debra May</b>
LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)	QUILTING	TR SINGING MEN	WOOD SHOP
Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Citrus East and Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m. in Citrus West. <b>Alex Adair</b>	Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. <b>Ethel Polsdofer Cloie Morgan</b>	Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Center. All men are invited to sing along. <b>Stephen Gorden Dennis Ledbetter</b>	Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. <b>Larry Kurkowski</b>
MAH JONG CHINESE	RC AIRPLANE FLYING	TR TRAVEL	WOODCARVING
Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. <b>Marcia Hatfield</b>	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. <b>James Morrow, Sr.</b>	Planned events advertised on Travel Board in Busch Hall. Watch for articles in TR Times. <b>Sharon Gilbert Zile</b>	Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. <b>Linda Murphy</b>
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. <b>Bette Gorman</b>	Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack. <b>Scott Tartaglia</b>	Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome. <b>Gene Cribbs</b>	Thursdays, 11 a.m., Location TBD, January thru March. <b>Jean Renee DeTar</b>
MATS FOR THE HOMELESS	ROCK PAINTING	TRAVELETTES/WOMEN'S CHORUS	ZUMBA
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall <b>Pat Dellamuth</b>	All Thursdays except the last Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. <b>Diana Hill</b>	Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. <b>Mary Beth Coldren</b>	Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jeri Miller Activity Center. Starts Jan. 12. <b>Bev Weissinger</b>
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." ~ Sherry Anderson</div>
RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake. Powerboat Races: Mondays and Fridays 8 a.m. to noon. <b>Jerry McRoberts, Commodore</b>	Tuesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Green Room, Busch Hall. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful! <b>Tawnya Rowden</b>	2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January thru March. <b>Bert Contractor</b>	
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. <b>Barry Sellick</b>	Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, depending on interest. <b>Jeffrey Duquette</b>	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. <b>Jim and Carol Henrikson</b>	
MODEL RAILROAD	SEW SPECIAL AND EMBROIDERY	UKULELE CLUB	
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. <b>Brian Krupicka</b>	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. <b>Rosita Williams</b>	Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. in Citrus West. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January thru March. <b>No chairperson</b>	



Upcoming travel opportunities

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2023 TR day trips to be announced at Busch Hall Coffee Seminar

Join Holly Griggs of Small World Tours and TR Tour Director Sharon Zile on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall for the second Coffee Seminar of the season. You can be among the first to register at this presentation of five scheduled Day Trips for 2023. Additionally, we will be unveiling a Big Deal trip for TR Travelers for 2024 and your input is welcome.  
Don't forget to bring your calendar and checkbook.

Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile, TR Tour Director  
Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were warmed by family and friends and that your travels allowed you to safely return to TR. TR travelers enjoyed a bus trip with an Italian dinner followed by the beautiful *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* ice sculptures at the Gaylord Palms Resort on Dec. 15. The walk-through experience included larger-than-life colorful ice sculptures carved from more than 2 million pounds of ice. Artisan carvers from Harbin China used special food coloring and LED lights to create the colorful sparkling spectacle. The traditionally trained carvers also produced a crystal-clear Nativity complete with hand-carved animals and a 9 foot tall angel. While walking through the 20,000 square foot chilly ice arena, one of your TR tour directors enjoyed a thrill of childhood as she zipped down a chute of frozen ice on the 6 lane ice slide with no injuries reported. Finally a stroll through the festive tropical atrium was a beautiful way to end our evening before a sleepy bus ride back to TR.

So what are the plans for future 2023 TR day trips you ask? Come to the Busch Hall Coffee Seminar on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. when Sharon Zile and Holly Griggs from Small World Tours will announce and take registrations for four different day trips. Bring your calendars and checkbooks as trips sometimes fill up quickly. At the Seminar Sharon will also begin a discussion with TR travelers about a potential Big Deal trip in 2024. COVID has limited many cruises and other group travel options for several years and it seems that it is time to consider where we would like to go in 2024 and in which month. Let's discuss some possibilities together.  
Today marks the first TR Times announcement of the

**DAN AND SHARON ZILE**  
upcoming Calypso Breeze Lunch Cruise on Thursday, Jan. 26. This 2-hour cruise on the smooth inland waters of Madeira Beach and St. John's Pass will begin after some shopping time in the community of Madeira Beach. During the cruise the captain of the colorful Calypso Breeze will provide live sightseeing narration as the ship cruises through the mangroves of a protected bird sanctuary where pelicans, Great Blue Herons and snowy egrets are a common sight. Our indoor lunch will be a tropical buffet with complimentary beer, wine, rum punch and soft drinks. The open-air third floor offers an excellent area for viewing nature's creatures and harbor happenings.  
Informational flyers are available on the Busch Hall Travel Bulletin Board. Our bus will depart from Busch Hall at 10:15 a.m. and return at 3:15 p.m.

This tour is an Activity Level 2. The double deck Calypso Breeze boat is wheelchair accessible and the indoor dining room, lined with windows to the ocean, is on the main level. The open-air viewing deck does require stairs however there is also a very small viewing deck on the main level. Walking is involved during the shopping time. Cost is \$89. Registration is made with checks payable to Small World Tours and mailed to Sharon Zile lot 2540. All gratuities are included but your shopping is not. Join this tour with your TR friends!  
"Better to see something once than to hear about it a thousand time." Asian proverb

Photo by Bert Contractor  
**DAN AND SHARON ZILE**

It is a very unique Airstream

Photos by Jerry McRoberts

There are not many Airstreams with this much wing span.

by Jerry McRoberts  
My wife and I passed through Munich this past summer and ran across this one-of-a-kind-Airstream travel trailer.  
Modified for flight it is yet to venture off the ground. Until it does it remains grounded at the airport doubling as a fast-food outlet known as Smokey Joe's.  
Here's the Internet description of this unique craft: "Known as the sausage plane, it serves up red or white curry sausages in various styles, along with soft drinks and beers. The base of the stand is an old aluminum caravan with airplane wings and an engine attached to it. Various tubes and even a fake cockpit make the cart look like a very strange airplane. What makes it especially popular with airplane aficionados is the Pratt & Whitney R-1340 (Wasp) radial propeller engine attached to the restaurant."

It looks really cool but will it fly?

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# Library News

by Amy Peebles

The TR Season is in full swing and the Library shelves are full of books, CDs and puzzles for enjoyment of all residents.

The Library is a repository for TR history which can be found in scrapbooks, photo albums, CDs, books and copies of *The TR Times*. Each photo album or scrapbook encompasses the friendship, companionship and many talents of those at TR through the years. Between the covers you will find photos, event programs, *TR Times* newspaper clippings, lists of teams and club members, paper souvenirs and the names of so many friends and neighbors and so much more.

The idea for this article began when I saw on the shelves a copy of *Sharing Our Best TR Cookbook*, published in 2006. I realized what a treasure trove of TR history we have at the Library and began to explore a bit further.

The spiral bound Cookbook features recipes submitted by TR residents whose names accompany each submission. No doubt some of these recipes may have been enjoyed at the Thursday Happy Hours throughout the years and have even become TR favorites. Something can be found for everyone's taste buds from *Cloggers Salad to Grandchildren's Favorite Cookie Delight*.

Two very comprehensive scrapbooks were compiled by June Slater, TR Historian, covering the years from 1972 to 1987 and 1988 to 1992. Another scrapbook compiled by Historian Paul Eisenzimmer, covers the Travelers Rest Silver Jubilee, 1997-1998.

Xerox copies of *The TR Times* can be found in 3-ring white notebooks. The newspapers span the years from 2007 to 2022.

Scrapbooks and photo albums of various clubs and activities include; The Garden Club 1992-

1996, Polar Bear Plunge, 1990s and mid-2000s, Golf News Albums 1990s, Red Hat Society, Little Theatre, *Holiday Floats* in 1985 to *Trouble Over The Rainbow* in 2016, Round Dance Square Dancing, Travelairs and Anniversary Balls 1982-1997 and 2011-2013.

Also found on the shelves are several copies of the book titled *The Story of Travelers Rest, Volume II* by June C. Slater. Included in the book are maps, photographs and sections that recall the Early Days of TR, Growth and Development of TR and Activities and Services.

Another way to visit the early days of TR is the *Travelers Rest Resort 1972-2012, A Most Remarkable Story* with script and narration by Douglas Pedersen. This is an identical studio replication of *The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tribute to Travelers Rest Resort* as presented at Busch Hall on March 4, 2012.

On the Library shelves are so many choices and lots to learn and reminiscence about TR through the years. Enjoy the journey!

The Library Staff ask that if you are heading to a local thrift store and are able to take a bag of books the Library staff has put together for donation, it would be much appreciated. Bags of books will be located near the front door of the Library and a list of local thrift stores is posted on the Library Bulletin Board. At the thrift store please leave the books in the bag, no need to return the bag to the TR Library.

Books selected for donation come from the Free Books to Take milk crates under the shelves on the floor. These books are duplicates or are older copyrights and due to space there is no room for them on our shelves. If you take a free book please don't return it to the Library.

## The Book Browsers 2023 schedule

by Nan Feeney Lance

Jan. 11 - "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. Semi-autobiographical 1943 classic about an impoverished adolescent's life in New York City.

Jan. 25 - "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles. A 1954 novel of two brothers and their Odyssey-like adventures.

Feb. 8 - "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell. Fictional account of Shakespeare's son.

Feb. 22 - "The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu" by Joshua Hammer. Story of the race to save the world's most precious manuscripts.

March 3 - "The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell" by Robert Dugoni. A boy is born with ocular albinism (red eyes).

March 22 - "The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman. An Australian lighthouse keeper's wife is desperate for a baby. One washes ashore in a rowboat...Mmmm. All are welcome!

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# Garden News

## Storm damage makes quite a mess

by Leslie Ewing

Many Garden Club members have not yet returned to TR for the 2023 season. The season for the club officially begins in January, although a few members have been working in the Garden ahead of time. Club members are dismayed at the changes that have occurred during summer and fall.



Cut Live Oak next to gazebo.

The summer brought rain storms that caused the live oak tree on the front lawn of the Garden to drop a massive branch onto the ground alongside the boardwalk. The Garden lost some plants along with the little wishing well near the boardwalk when the branch landed on them.



Live Oak next to boardwalk.

Club members contacted park management to let them know that we wanted to keep the downed branch as a Garden feature. Members also hoped the standing tree could be saved. However an arborist who inspected the tree determined that it needed to be removed.



Downed branch next to stump and damaged palm tree still standing.



Aftermath of removal of Live Oak tree from the garden leaving many hours of difficult work.



Much work remains for the Garden Club.

Common sense tells us that some plants would be destroyed during tree removal, but the club was unprepared for the destruction that took place.



Trunk of Live Oak before being dragged out with tilted palm tree.

Garden Club members were working in the Garden when, without notice, the tree removal company arrived. Members were told to leave the area and Snack

*Photos by Pam Forsyth and Leslie Ewing*

Shack Road was closed. Members left with the understanding that the tree limb was to remain and that the Garden would be respected.

The live oak was a massive tree. The ground was soft and muddy. The tree was cut down and hauled out and the downed branch was dragged out in the process. The club does not know if the tree company knew about the irrigation system. A palm tree was destroyed and many valuable plants were lost. The lawn is now a muddy mess.

The damage amounts to thousands of dollars. Club members and volunteers have spent incredibly long hours of manual labor tending to these plantings. They nurtured plants that they purchased using donations from TR residents. It's gone now.

Garden Club members are passionate about the Garden. Work sessions start in January and will be held until the end of March. The work schedule is Tuesday mornings 9 to 11 a.m. On Thursday mornings we work 9 to 10:30 a.m., and then the club has a planning session with refreshments.

There are many different tasks to be done. We welcome residents who may only have an hour or so to join us. We also welcome input from residents at our planning sessions. We hope to see you in the Garden.



*Photo by Marge Cantu*  
A beautiful pink Azalea.

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# Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

When walking around TR you are likely to see a lot of dogs taking a stroll with their human. Some of the pooches are big. Some are bigger than big. Others are small and some are in between. Today I had so much fun getting to know 12 year old Abbey, a Yorkshire Terrier. My guess is she's one of the tiniest dogs at TR. She weighs all of 4 pounds! For her age she is in great shape and good health. That's proof of the wonderful care her family, Cindy and Jim Conant have provided for her all these years.

Before Abbey they had several other breeds of dogs. Jim's strong horseback ground led them to a breed that's popular with horse lovers..... Jack Russell Terriers.

In fact they raised several litters of puppies from that breed. Abbey wasn't their first Yorkie. In the past I have seen Jim walking two of this adorable little breed around TR but sadly the other one passed on so Abbey has taken on the role of the main family cuddler.

It's amazing to watch Abbey prance along behind Jim on their walks. He's a tall fellow and briskly moves right along. I asked how far their walks are each day and he said 1500 steps which, according to Google probably averages to a little over a mile. I'm not a mathematician but calculating the number of steps those four little 3" legs travel in one mile is a pretty good workout. You go Abbey!



Photo by Cindy Conant

If you happen by their lot here at TR you might see Abbey enjoying some nice Florida weather while she lounges in her pen in the front yard. She never barks at passers by, not even a woof at other dogs. BUT this all changes when she's in her own yard at their home in Michigan. The neighbor's big dogs venture over into her kingdom and she goes into action. She barks and quickly escorts them out of HER yard. They live out in the country so there might be some wildlife coming to visit too. Abbey is quick to remind that nosy pos-

sum that it is not allowed to be on HER deck.

Abbey is a great traveler. Cindy and Jim travel down to Florida from Michigan each fall with their Airstream and of course Abbey is the co-pilot sitting on Cindy's lap. In the summer the three of them continue with their travels while enjoying the fun of several Airstream rallies.

There's a lot of cuteness in that little four pounds of Yorkie. I can understand why it's a popular breed.

# Pet Lover's Club

## Indoor fun with fido



Photo by Judy Leister

Fendi having some indoor fun.

by Judi Leister

We love the TR Puppy Park. Our Fendi must have a built in timer. There is no way she is going to let me forget when it's time to go to the park to run and play with her friends. Even if your dog isn't big into social gatherings like the Puppy Park, playing in the yard or going on a walk is still fun. But...what if the weatherman is just not cooperating? By the time you are reading this I hope the temperature has risen to a more comfortable level than we had around Christmas. Brrrrrr! Not a fun time to be outside playing fetch. If you were here during the hurricanes, I'm sure you remember what it was like seeing to your dog's needs. If there was a break in the torrential rains, every dog owner in the neighborhood was outside pottying their dogs.

What can we do with our pets when it's yucky outside? They need the mental stimulation as much as the physical activity. Even the couch potatoes need to get up and move around once in a while.

How about some hide and seek. Where's mom? It's a great way to get some obedience "sit, stay, come" practice in. Or you could hide some treats around and have a scavenger hunt. Speaking of obedience, teaching a Silly Sit is always so helpful. Get your dog all excited and in play mode. Then while you have a bouncing, spinning pooch give the "sit"

command. Oh so helpful when company comes over.

Most park models and RVs have a hallway that's great for a game of fetch or even some practice heeling. Tug of war is also fun and a perfect way to have a real connection with your dog. The one-on-one eye contact is such a great way to bond plus it's an opportunity for physical exercise.

Our own dogs have always loved chasing bubbles. Yep it's more fun doing it out in the yard where the bubbles float through the air and our dogs leap up to get them but they can still have fun with them inside too. It's just like Lawrence Welk is in the house.

There are also games available at pet supply stores where you hide treats and the dog flips levers to find them. If you don't have one of those you can also do a makeshift treat game with a muffin pan and tennis balls. Hide treats under a few of the balls and watch the fun. But if you have work to catch up on during these bad weather days and you don't have extra one-on-one time, it's always handy to have a kong toy you can stuff. That will keep your fur buddy happy while you work.

Of course there's always cuddling too. Curl up on the couch together and watch a good movie. ..and if you don't make it all the way through that flick there's always zzzzzzzzz in unison.



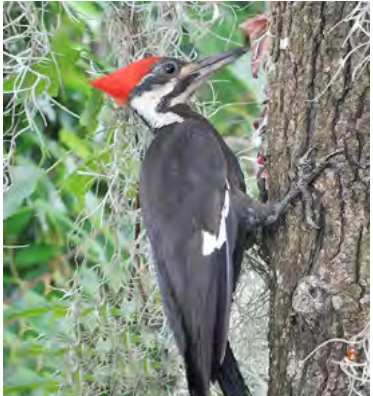
# Birding Activity



## How hard is your head?

by Tom Butler

You would never think of pounding your head repeatedly against a tree trunk in an effort to find a tasty meal for breakfast. That is unless you were a woodpecker. You would likely suffer a concussion while the woodpeckers consider this everyday behavior. The physiological design of their skull seems to provide all the protection necessary yet allows maximum power for drilling wood. Laboratories have even studied the woodpecker skull in an effort to improve football helmet design. Who knew?



Photos by Tom Butler

PILEATED WOODPECKER

The Pileated Woodpecker, seen frequently in our Park, is a large bird surpassed only by two woodpeckers that may be extinct. The Imperial Woodpecker of Mexico is listed as critically endangered (possibly extinct) and the Ivory-billed Woodpecker that lived in the southern States, was last seen in 1944. All three are nearly identical in coloration but with very different sizes. The Imperial can be as large as 24 inches, the Ivory-bill, 19 to

20 inches and the Pileated topping out at a mere 16 - 17 inches. All three have the distinct flaming red crown of feathers and similar black and white markings. Only a trained eye could quickly tell the difference. Too bad we can't witness them side by side in the real world. Let's advocate for changes that will keep other species available for future generations.



DOWNEY WOODPECKER

The next two hard heads are also nearly identical in appearance with overall size and bill length being the most obvious differences. Welcome the Downy and the Hairy Woodpeckers to our list. Both have white breast with black and white markings. The Downy is the smaller of these birds and in fact is the smallest woodpecker in the United States. The bill of the Downy is about half the length of its skull while the Hairy Woodpecker has a bill equal in length to its skull. These differences may be difficult to spot unless side by side. Fortunately for us, both of these wood-drilling birds are still



RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER

abundant and a close comparison could actually happen.

The next head pounding candidate is the Red-bellied Woodpecker seen throughout Travelers Rest. This beauty is a medium-sized woodpecker with a distinctive red stripe on the crown of his head extending down to the base of the nape. The broken stripe of the female is an easy clue to her identification. These woodpeckers are omnivores with a taste for both plant-based foods and a variety of small wriggling critters. Yum!

Florida is home to other woodpeckers that can be found in most of the parks and wildlife areas throughout the State. The Red-cockaded, Red-headed, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and the Northern Flicker are easily spotted with a pair of binoculars and some effort. Don't be hard headed when it comes to viewing these amazing creatures. Get out there and look - you just might spot something special.



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# It was a busy holiday season at TR beginning with a trip to Gaylord Palms Resort



Dawn and David Pulley smile in anticipation of viewing the Gaylord Resort's ice display.



A beautifully decorated tree dominates the foyer. . .



. . . while an impressive Christmas tree ice sculpture is featured inside the exhibit.



Is this an icy version of the Grinch?



GUNNY GUNDRUM AND WILMA HARDLEY



This appears to be a rather large ice angel.



PAT GALLAGHER AND SARA SCHAFER

A few of our residents who enjoyed dinner at the resort during the day trip on Dec. 15. The resort's ice sculpture display is an annual event.



DEBORAH AND RICHARD HENTCHEL

Photos by  
Bert Contractor and  
Bill Bradford



## Holiday festivities continue with the Christmas Feast



A panoramic view of four tables of hungry TR residents about to enjoy their annual Christmas Feast.



No Christmas dinner is complete without gaily decorated tables. Tom Butler, Bill and Beannie Wise decorate their table.

## The holiday season ends with our annual New Year's Eve Dance



Laura and Dave Harper trip the light fantastic.



Donna Neer, Gina DiPinto, Marla and Dan Varner, Joan Colao and Linda Smith pose in the kitchen.



Betty and Tom Brown prepare the dinner plates as Laura Weik looks on.



TR Sports

Welcome Back!



by George Paquette

If you're a snowbird like we are, the warmer weather here at TR is a welcome change from the weather up north. As I write this article the golf course is closed for re-seeding although the driving range remains open during the two week closure. That gives us plenty of time to practice up for our first game on the course. When you arrive remember there is a grace period of one week to purchase your season pass for golf. The pass can be purchased at the TR Office daily.

Volunteers that have arrived at the park have already been out on Tuesday mornings working on the golf course. They are fewer in numbers right now but those numbers are sure to increase once everyone is back. Still we never seem to have enough volunteers from one year to the next for numerous reasons. If you are looking for a worthwhile cause and would like to meet some like-minded friends in the process, why not join the group on Tuesday mornings and see what it's all about. For more details please consult the *TR Information Directory*. There is a section entitled TRGA Committee Chairpersons. Under this heading the main volunteer groups are

horticulture and fairway improvements. The responsible Chairs are listed and can be contacted for more information.

Before you start your golf season one of the first and most important things to do is to prepare physically. Rotational flexibility, hip flexibility, lower back muscles and shoulder strength all play a role in each golfer's swing. You can perform a number of exercises right at home during the day or in the evening in front of the television and it doesn't have to be strenuous. Try the following exercises: abdominal crunches, gentle trunk rotations with legs bent, gentle torso twists, lower back stretches such as cat arches and hunches, hamstring stretches and side rotations.

It's important to begin exercising gently. You don't want to overdo it at the beginning and injure yourself causing you to push back that first tee-off date. Begin each session by some type of warm-up exercise, like walking for a short while and then move on to the suggested exercises. Of course make sure you check with your doctor before trying anything too difficult. If you're not sure how best to perform a specific exercise I have found *YouTube* helpful in describing the proper method.



Golf etiquette

by George Paquette

In this week's article I thought I would review TRGA's policy on golf etiquette as outlined in our rules and regulations. The rules are simple and easy to follow and will help to make everyone's golf experience more pleasurable.

**Etiquette on the golf course:**

- Be courteous to other players. If you see them they can hear you.
- Leave the golf course in better condition than you found it.
- Play in a timely fashion. Nine holes equal 1 hour and 30 minutes approximately.
- Keep pace with the group in front.
- When using a motorized cart, check cart path signs and use paths accordingly.
- Arrive at the Starter Shack 15 minutes before your assigned tee time.
- Players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly with practice swings on the tees. They should repair divots and ball marks on the greens.

**On the #1 Tee :**

- On the 1st tee announce the type of ball you will use and put an identifying mark on your ball.
- To speed up play, "ready golf" should be used everywhere with the exception of tournaments.
- When taking your shot on the tee or elsewhere, others should stand back, stand still, avoid talking and stay out of peripheral vision.
- No player should strike a ball until the players ahead are out of range.

**On the green:**

- Don't drop golf bags or flag on the green.

- Walk golf carts to the next tee side of the green before putting.
- Always walk around the other person's line of a putt.
- Don't lean on the putter; it makes a dent.
- Never step on anyone's line of putt.
- Place your ball marker behind your ball, not to the side or front.
- Read the green while others putt. Be ready when it's your turn.
- No "scooping" the ball out of the cup with the putter head, it causes damage to the edge.
- Fix all ball marks and cup edges.
- The first one to finish putting should pick up the flag and be ready to place it back in the cup.
- Check to see that no clubs have been left behind.
- When hole is finished, immediately leave the green and proceed to the next tee.

Fill out score card once you are at the next tee.

**As you play:**

- Help your group search for lost balls.
- Take only one practice swing.
- Play a provisional ball if you think that the original one may be out of bounds.
- Plan your shot and select your club while walking to your ball or while others are playing.
- Converse while walking or when it does not delay play and not when others are making a shot.

Remember to always play by the rules of golf. Play quickly and observe golf etiquette and you will be an integral part of the greatest game of all.

Five Crowns reminder

by Jackie Thackery

This is a reminder that when there is a Busch Hall Event such as the Wednesday Night Concert Series program Jan.11, the Five Crowns card games are canceled in Citrus West. We will resume as scheduled the following Wednesday night, Jan. 18. I'm sure you card sharks have found the pattern which will be repeated throughout the season. Good job, great fun and all are welcome.

String game is scheduled for next scramble

by Pat Butler

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

We had 31 golfers to scramble with their friends! We played best ball and stand aside to the green. The weather was great and the winning team of Dawn Pulley, Rob Prophet, Jay Jager, and Casey Fisher shot an outstanding score of 31, 3 under par, to defeat the other six foursomes.

We hope to see you at our next scramble on Saturday, Jan. 14 for the string game! Sign up on the clipboard at the Starter Shack the week prior. Cost is \$3 per player. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. and tee off is at 9 a.m.

Men's golf results

by Barry English

**Thursday, Dec. 29**

Nice turnout of 30 guys for this week. We did not have closest to the pin this week, it will return next week. Guys, my phone number is wrong in the book. I can be reached at 519-732-2349. Looking forward to seeing everyone next week. Happy New Year to all!

**Low Handicap Gross**

Gary Carter.....	33
Nick VanSwol .....	37

**Net**

Dick Wheatley .....	30
Bill Holley.....	31

**High Handicap Gross**

John Goodger.....	41
Jake Marrissen.....	42

**Net**

Neil Jillson .....	35
Stan Motycka .....	36

**Birdies:** John Dennison, Gary Carter, Tom Thompson, Neil Jillson, Wayne Branchaud

Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek

**Friday, Dec. 16**

**Men's Scratch High Game**

Steve Niles .....	236
Bill Buczek .....	160
Dave Couture .....	134

**Men's Scratch High Series**

Steve Niles .....	623
Bill Buczek .....	441
Dave Couture .....	374

**Men's Handicap High Game**

Steve Niles .....	257
Dave Couture .....	221
Bill Buczek .....	217

**Men's Handicap High Series**

Steve Niles .....	686
Dave Couture .....	635
Bill Buczek .....	612

**Men's High Average**

Steve Niles .....	205
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Ladies' golf results



by Laurie Gardner

**Wednesday, Dec. 28**

It was a brisk 47 degrees this morning at 9 a.m. when 10 players teed off for our weekly Ladies League golf. We look forward to warmer temperatures next week as well as the return of league members who have been away for the holidays.

**Low Handicap 0-12**

**Low Gross**

1 Shirley-Ann Appleby,	
Sylvia Cole.....	42
2 Lorraine Gould.....	48

**Low Net**

1 Eleanor Buchser .....	39
2 Sandy Pemberton .....	44

**Fewest Putts:** Sylvia Cole

**High Handicap +13**

**High Gross**

1 Marijo Noll, Nancy Scime ....	52
2 Maggie Crawford .....	56

**High Net**

1 Cathey Holley .....	42
2 Joan McLean .....	44

**Birdies:** Shirley-Ann Appleby

**Chip-Ins:** Shirley-Ann Appleby



Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

**Friday, Dec. 30**

Betty Brown .....	6
Deb May.....	1
Barb Aubrey .....	1
Rachel Brown.....	1

Chinese Mah Jong History 2

by Marcia Hatfield

If you have card sense or can play Rummy 500 or Gin Rummy, the Chinese style of playing will be easy for you. What it takes to win has not changed for hundreds of years. You don't need a card and we don't play for money. You play your own hand without any partner. We are happy to teach new players. Newbies often win on their first try.

There are only three suits in Mah Jong plus some special tiles. The suits represent movements of the three extremes. The wheels or dots represent the Wheel of Heaven, the bamboos or bams signify Axis of the Earth and the characters or craks depict the changes of the Life of Man.

The goal of Mah Jong is to collect a harmonious combination of elements. The Chinese do not actually say Mah Jong when they have a complete hand, but "ho" meaning harmony or peace or "fu" meaning happiness, blessing or luck.

Though knowledge of the underlying symbolism helps to understand some of the rules and particularly the scoring of the game and deepens a player's enjoyment of the beauty and spirit

of the game, its meaning should not be exaggerated. Ordinary western playing cards bear similar cosmological meanings, significations affected by number-mysticism, etc., but the average player using cards for poker or bridge is as unlikely to give any significance to these symbolic aspects just as a Chinese player using tiles to play Mah Jong is unlikely to be concerned about any symbolism of the tiles. It can be said that the symbolism is most likely to fascinate the minds of Western players, who might sense something of the presence of the ancient oriental wisdom while handling the mysterious tiles of Mah Jong.

A.D. Millington lays out the spirit and purpose of the game as follows: "The materials of the tiles serve to remind the player of the Confucian virtues which he should possess. They also remind him of the spirit of the game, which no player should ignore, and of its purpose, which is to develop the mind to search after Truth and to conform and reconcile itself serenely, yet not in an attitude of indifference, resignation or fatalism, to the decree of Heaven." --excerpted from *Symbolism of Mah Jong*.

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Obituaries

MARY THERESA ADAMS

Mary T. Adams, age 72, of Middleborough, Mass. died peacefully July 25, 2022. She was born in Middleborough the daughter of the late Robert and Lillian Gross.

Mary grew up there and after graduation from high school in 1967 she married, started her family and was a devoted homemaker. Because of her love of animals, especially dogs, she had many different breeds of dogs as household pets. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening and her true passion was photography, capturing many photographs, particularly those involving nature scenes. She would sit for hours taking pictures of the splendors of nature.

She was the beloved wife of David Adams for 42 years and worked with him at their business, the Rock Village Country Store in Middleborough. They had six children Matthew Adams, Paula (David) Pavao, Paul Bonneau, Cindy Pierce, Robin (John) Kuketz and David Adams.

Contributions in Mary’s memory may be made to the National Audubon Society.

EDITH LOUISA KEATING

Edith Louisa Keating, age 91, passed away May 1, 2022. Her first marriage lasting 55 years to Blair Louis Keating was full of many blessings and noteworthy accomplishments. They were truly each other’s best friend. Family, faith, love, hope, charity and hard work exemplified their time together. Edith’s strength, positive outlook and guidance were her greatest gifts to all who knew her.

After Blair passed away in 2005 she met her second husband Norman Watterton. He was such a gentleman and graced Edith’s life for 10 years.

They resided in RV South and were very active in the park’s many activities. It is rumored that Edith named the Duffers Deck. Their love of TR prompted many enjoyable visits by family. Currently daughter Brenda Zadorsky and husband Bill have a place on lot 05-12 and Wally and Carol Keating as well as Daryl and Belinda McLeod have leased in the past and still frequently visit.

Survivors include her six children Brenda (Bill) Zadorsky, Blair “Wally” (Carol) Keating, Belinda (Daryl) McLeod, Bevan (Kira) Keating, Brent (Emily) Keating, Beth Keating and honorary daughter Doreen (Mark) McDonald, 25 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

A large family was not foreign to Edith as she was one of 11 children. She leaves behind her beloved sister Doris (Jack) Black.

ROBERT J. GALLAGHER

Robert John Gallagher, age 93, passed peacefully May 6, 2022 at his home in TR with his loving wife Patricia by his side.

He was predeceased by his parents Edward and Lucie (Shay) Gallagher and two brothers Edward and Richard. Bob was born in Boston, Mass. and raised in Quincy, Mass. where he attended North Quincy High School. He went on to graduate from Boston College with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Accounting.

Bob’s parents did not have the \$300 that was needed for him to start Boston College. His dad suggested that he join the U.S. Army and calculated all the benefits for him. On Monday morning Bob was at the recruiting office. In March of 1948 Robert J. Gallagher was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Medical Detachment and the 772 Military Police Battalion.

Bob grew up in a sailing family in Walliston, Mass. Following in his grandfather’s footsteps he joined the Squantum Yacht Club at the age of 18 and became a lifelong member. He was 14 when he bought his first boat with money he saved from his magazine and paper route. He and his father rebuilt it so he could join the racing fleet with his brothers, Ed and Dick. The Gallagher brothers were well-known to the Yacht Club racing circuit. Bob was an avid skier, joining the Old Colony Ski Club in North Woodstock, N.H. where he and his family had lifetime passes. Gig, as he was affectionately called, skied until he was 86.

After retirement as Financial Administrative Assistant for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Boston, he and wife Patricia enjoyed many years sailing and living aboard their sailboat and then switching to Motor Coaching seeing a great deal of the U.S. golfing all the way. They finally settled in Florida at TR in the Village on lot 2529 to enjoy community living and golfing.

We found TR in 1998. We started on lot 02-14 in our coach, moving to 01-13 in our new park model before settling in the Village. Bob enjoyed the golf course, golfing nearly every day with friends or *the mafia group*.

Bob leaves behind his wife of 43 years Patricia (Straw) Jones Gallagher and a large blended family which includes daughters Kathryn (Stephen) Crook, Linda (Richard) Smith, Sandra (Robert) Hussey and Lauren Bunker, three step-children that he helped bring up as his own, Laurie (Thomas) Doody, Oakley (Kelly Jo) Jones, Kyle Jones and fiancée Darlene Smith, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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