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Recent job posting and work orders are topics of concern at January Forum

by Margaret Emmetts

The meeting was led by Linda Smith, Board Second Vice President in the absence of Kathy Shawver who is confined to her home with COVID. Second Vice President Russell Marlowe and Sheila Schencke were also absent. All other Board members were present as was Ray Hill, Donna Sullivan and Guy Weik. It was announced that the meeting would be recorded so that the Board President would be able to give written responses to any questions that other Board members were unable to answer.

Treasurer Jim Weigand reported that the park was in good financial shape. He anticipates that we will be at capacity in a few days. We have a healthy cash reserve but he reminded residents that the Board had planned a \$150,000 budget loss for this year to allocate some cash on hand.

Smith reported that the Board is advertising for an Assistant Manager for the park. She stressed that this is no reflection on the work of Ray Hill, but rather for someone who will take on the additional technology tasks with respect to enhancing the park website. implementing the new InTouchLink system as well as the new key cards.

New key cards will be placed in mailboxes soon. The card will contain your name as well as electronic keys to open the pool, Paul Ruth Exercise Facility and the Woodshop.

A new InTouch system is being implemented and information from the current website is being transferred to the new medium. The system will be expanded as needed. Orientation seminars will be held to inform residents how to use the system when it is up and running. They will be taught by John Hannah.

The Waste Management Team has made a number of suggestions to the Board. It is expected that a bin will be in place to handle plastics and steel cans. Another will handle household batteries. It is hoped that large household items, such as furniture, will be picked up by a team for transfer to the Pasco County Transfer Station.

A question and answer period followed:

Q - Are there plans to eliminate the facility containing the 911 Call Station from the golf course?

A - There are no plans to do Regarding it not always operating, the residents were advised that the box contains a ground fault receptacle which is often triggered by dampness. Unfortunately this cannot be reset until the unit is dry. If a work order is turned in Ray will have the unit checked on a daily basis.

Q - Why is the Board reticent to expand the trash collection sites when there seems to be room available near the Puppy Park?

A - As the new waste management plan is implemented

adjustments will be made depending on the situation. It is expected that as recycling increases the amount of trash will decrease. Initially one dumpster will have to be added to accommodate the plastic and steel cans.

Statement - Marilyn Long reminded residents that the donation trailer is accessible 24/7 for good, usable items that can be donated to the Dade City charity. She requested that no large items, such as mattresses or large pieces of furniture be put in the trailer. Please contact her and she will arrange to have these items picked

O - A resident questioned the pet policy, stating that his pet had been attacked by another park animal and nothing has been done to muzzle the offending pet.

A - The park has policy regarding such incidents. There must be two reports of offenses and two witnesses to the events. Ray Hill is not authorized to interrogate neighbors about incidents but must follow Board

- The Golf Course Beautification Committee has concerns about bricks being scattered by course mowing as well as the dead fish in the pond.

A - Ray reported that the person using the mower that was hitting the bricks no longer is mowing. As for the fish, the grass carp were placed in the pond to manage the water quality. The fish are sterile and cannot reproduce. They have surpassed the extent of their life span so they will add programs to replace the fish.

O - With regard to work orders is there any way the resident can be notified as to the status of the order: was it approved, denied, or on hold because of material shortage or the need for technical persons to do the work.

A - Ray replied that there are so many work orders received that it would be impossible to schedule replies as to the status of the work.

O - Can the bathroom on the golf course be cleaned more often?

A - Ray responded that it will be cleaned every Thursday. However, he would appreciate people cleaning up after themselves and noted that an excess use of bath tissue makes the job harder.

Q - Can some sort of filtration system be placed at the park water source to eliminate the strong sulfur smell in the water?

A - Ray stated that a certain level of chlorine is needed to meet health standards. The chlorine and the sulfur interact making it difficult to maintain proper chemical levels, especially when the park experiences a large increase in population. However the situation is constantly monitored and adjusted.



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The TR Snack Shack opens and plans another great season







Ken Hankinson and Gene Gough discuss last minute details.



The Monday Snack Shack Crew welcomes you. by Margaret Emmetts

The good news is that the Snack Shack is open and we will be able to order and eat inside again. The Shelter is still an option when the weather is nice. The Snack Shack crew has undergone a food handler safety program that places the crew in compliance with food handler training regulations. This is all good news for an enjoyable season.

The Snack Shack is open 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. See you at the Shack!

Photos by Pam Watkins



Gene Gough welcomes Marta and Barry Sellick, the first customers of the season.



Roger Landry is ready to flip some beef burgers.



Alan West opens the season.

BUSCH



Jason Ensor and Sonali Olivia

by Sandy and Ken Langell

If Sonny and Cher blended with The Phantom of the Opera and Christine, you'd have Jason and Sonali! Broadwayworld.com has reviewed Jason as a "powerhouse vocalist" and Sonali as "mesmerizing." Jason and Sonali will have you singing along to songs from the 50s, through the 80s and have you tapping your toes to all of your Broadway favorites.

Come to the Busch Hall early and join us for the Ice Cream Social. Ice cream sales are from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.



Announcements at **Busch Hall Sunday Night**

by Ken and Sandy Langell

Our season at TR is now in full swing and we have a lot of Sunday night announcements. We want to do our best to accommodate all of the activities in the park but we also must start our show on time.

Please make use of The TR Times as much as possible. The paper is the best place for most announcements because we can

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refer back to it whenever we require a reminder. If a Sunday get it to Ken Langell by Saturday

Ken's contact information

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announcement is needed please to help him better allocate time. A last minute request could be turned down. Thank you for your help with this.

may be found in the TR Directory.



by Doug Pedersen

Wednesday, Jan. 25, Dave and Daphne return with their Grand Ole Opry classic country show. They are terrific nationally touring performers based in Nashville, Tenn.





Wednesday, Feb. 8 is Shades of Buble, our annual Spectacular featuring a trio of male voices with a live band direct from New York City.

Wednesday, 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.





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

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

Remember our Concert Series brings you artists and groups that cannot be afforded within the budget for

our Busch Hall Sunday Night programs. Your support for these quality offerings is very much appreciated so that they may continue to be

Tuesday Night Movie presents Elvis

by Jim and Carol Henrikson

West Side Story was attended by about two dozen folks. As of last Tuesday our second movie Belfast was featured on Jan. 10.

The new projection equipment for our first movie operated very well. We had some issues with the theater sound mainly caused by the power failure that occurred in the week ahead of the West Side Story show. It is hoped that our second movie will be ready with a full sound experience for all of

Your comments on the first movie experience with the large screen were very enthusiastic and generous. Thank you for your support. We are confident that when the sound is fully operational it will be much enjoyed.

There are many wishing that English subtitles might be used, especially when strong accents or non-English language is a part of the movie production. We will turn the subtitle feature on for Belfast to determine if this helps and is not found to be too distracting.

We recently received recommendations for a movie to enjoy. It is the brand new *Elvis* just released for theaters and will be presented at TNM on Jan. 17.

Tammy Faye is moved to the February schedule. Specific details of each movie will be posted on the Movie Bulletin Board in Busch Hall and Golfview Pavilion.

Carol and I thank you for your support in our continuing effort to screen outstanding film productions. Keep your movie suggestions coming as we will try to present as many of the movies you might wish to see for your enjoyment.

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Q-A resident noted that often when questions are posed at the Forum, the response is to contact the Board's attorney for an answer. Isn't this increasing the fees we pay the attorney each year?

A – Weigand responded that our attorney fees have increased, however there are some questions that the Board is not qualified to

Q – One resident asked Ray if he felt he needed or wanted an Assistant Manager.

A – He responded that he did not want an assistant and that he did not want to be involved in any interviewing or training.

Statement - Many, many residents spoke with respect to hiring an assistant to Ray. It was asked if the Board wanted an assistant to handle increased responisbilities related to the new technology platforms, why did it not advertise for that position rather than an assistant general manager. Other expressed concerns were the costs for this additional position. It was noted that several years ago when the park needed a new general manager someone from outside the park was hired with disastrous results. It was strongly suggested that if additional help was needed we should look to train current employees who were familiar with the park. Finally, it was questioned whether the opinions expressed today by Ray and the residents would slow down or change the Board's decision. Smith responded that this would probably be a topic at the next Board meeting.

Guy Weik, Activity Director updated residents on three new activities added this year and reminded residents of the Activity Showcase scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. in Busch Hall.



by Donna Probes

The moss on the oak trees in The Grove will be swaying again this year as Friday Afternoon LIVE! kicks off the 2023 season today at 3:30 p.m.

Doc Probes will take the stage with his solo show for the Friday, Jan. 13 date while Donna is in California visiting four-and-ahalf-month-old granddaughter, Aurora.

Doc and Donna have been residents of TR for three years. Headquartered in their home in Michigan, they have performed professionally all over Michigan, the eastern states and have toured in Florida. They play festivals, wineries, restaurants and community concert series that draw audiences of over 3,000 fans.

The TR family is invited to enjoy the many styles and genres they bring to the stage - '60s and '70s, classic country, beach and Buffett and more! Doc and Donna offer their professional talent as a gift to the TR community.

This season's dates will be Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10 and 24 plus March 24. Ride your golf cart or bring your comfortable chairs to the beautiful setting of The Grove Stage to enjoy the best popular music of our era. Performances will start at 3:30 p.m. during the colder months. The shows will last for 90 minutes.







Introducing TR's key card system

by Karen Waldo

Expanding on resort security, while still providing residents easy access to park amenities, TR recently installed a key card door access system. The system is being tested and will be implemented

Key card door access systems are versatile and easily expanded. The first locations at TR to have key card access installed are Paul Ruth Fitness Center, the Wood Shop and the pool. Over time TR will continue to add more key card access doors to the system. Doors with these locks can only be opened by a key card with the correct credentials.

Key cards, special plastic cards that are approximately the same size and shape as a credit card, are a security token that grants access to doors with electric locks via a door card reader. The access each cardholder has is set in the system software and not the actual card.

Card readers for electric door locks are available in several different formats. The card reader could be an insert reader where a card is inserted into the reader, a swipe reader where the key card is swiped through the card swipe on the reader or a proximity reader where the card is tapped or waved over the reader. TR has elected to use proximity readers. Providing the key card has the correct credentials assigned to the matching door lock, the door will unlock permitting easy access for residents.

To unlock a door the key card is either waved or tapped over the card reader on the door. The key

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card uses a radio frequency interface to send a signal to the card reader. The signal is sent from the key card via an internal antenna located in the key card. The door reader has an indicator light that will flash when it recognizes that the card has the correct access credentials, and the door will unlock.

If the key card does not have the proper credentials or is presented outside the time schedule TR has programmed into the system, the door will remain locked. The process takes about a second to be completed. That is less time than it takes to blink your

Residents will be assigned door access per the time schedule that is programmed in the system. Buildings at the key card locations will be set to the locked state 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The proposed key card access times for residents will remain the same as currently set for these locations. The Paul Ruth Fitness Center will be accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The pool will be available every day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Wood Shop will be open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for residents who are members and have currently paid the associated

In the case of an emergency where the building doors will need to be quickly locked, the key card locations can be immediately locked down from a remote location. The action will prevent key card access even if the card has the correct credentials. The doors will

not have to be physically locked with a metal key. The action can be done quickly and safely by one

Coupled with the current video surveillance system, the key card system offers the ability to monitor incidents more closely. Like the video surveillance system, the key card system records the day and time of each key card usage. A report can be generated to determine which card was used to access a location.

The key cards will be distributed via residents' mailboxes after installation and system testing is completed. The key card will also serve as the official TR name badge. The key cards will be issued in a plastic case that can be put on a lanyard or have a snap clip that can be clipped to your clothing.

Cards should be treated carefully to protect them from loss or damage. Excessive heat, water, bending or punching holes in the cards can disable them. If lost or damaged, a new card will have to be programmed and issued. The card may seem like an inexpensive piece of plastic but it is not.

Electronics are embedded in the card to store access information and signal the electric door lock. The card already has an oval hole punched in it. Only a plastic snap clip should be used in this hole. If a metal key ring, for example, is inserted in this hole the card will break, stop working and need to be

The replacement fee for a card is \$25 and will be the cardholders responsibility.



RED LIGHT IF DENIED

Photos by R. Kushman **GREEN LIGHT UNLOCKS**

Accessing the Wood Shop with a key card

To enter a building, in the photos above the Wood Shop, you just wave or tap your card over the card reader. The reader will light with a white circle.

If you are not a member of the Wood Shop then you will get a red light and the door will not unlock. A green light will show if you are up to date with your dues and you will hear the door lock unlock. Your access has been granted. Open the door and enter the building.

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The TR Times still has some 50th Anniversary issues available. Feel free to stop by the newspaper office and pick up a copy.

Interested in a referral credit on your lease?

Excerpts from The TR Times Jan. 22, 1999.

by Pam Watkins

Did you know that you can get a \$200 credit on your lease by referring friends to TR who become shareholders and sign a lease? The friends you refer also receive the credit on their lease.

This practice first began in 1999 when the TR Board of Directors needed to make difficult financial decisions to keep TR's future looking bright.

According to an article written by Margie Carter of the 1999 Board of Directors, TR had entered a dry period of reservations. They had "gone from having a waiting list of over a hundred to empty lots throughout the park." The Board determined that "aggressive action" was needed.

Their first decision was to open the park to other brands of trailers, thereby losing their Airstream Park designation. This decision reduced the number of empty lots over a couple of years, but according to Carter, the Board still had a long way to go toward their goal of a full park.

Many new avenues to reach their goal were explored. The Board's mission was to "make our park known as the place you want to call home." Their next step was to strengthen their marketing cam-

TR brochures began appearing at Florida Welcome Centers,

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as well as RV trade shows around the state. Advertisements were purchased in RV publications. Residents were asked to keep brochures in their RVs so as they traveled they could share them with people they met. Airstreamers were asked to spread the word with their organization and promote TR

To increase their promotional efforts even further, the Board enlisted the help of every resident by making making them an offer they couldn't refuse.

"We will give you a \$250 credit on your 1999-2000 lease for each new resident you bring into the park. These new residents must buy a share of stock and lease a lot within a year."

Although our park numbers are now healthy and the future looks bright, the lease credit program is still available and it is still an offer you can't refuse. If you refer someone to TR and they settle in our little piece of paradise by becoming shareholders and lessees, both you and your friend receive a \$200 credit on your next annual lease. Contact the front office and ask for instructions. They will be happy to assist you in completing the process.

As Carter said when the practice began in 1999, "a full park will go a long way toward keeping our park healthy and happy.'



Safety first should be everyone's concern

I have often written about what I consider to be safety issues in the park, usually involving cars. But, a new concern has come to my attention regarding bicyclists.

Have you noticed that many bicyclists ride on sidewalks? This can be more dangerous in some areas than others. The area that concerns me most is the sidewalk along the Fire Station.

There are three doorways that border this sidewalk. Two of the doors open outward, that of the Paul Rife Room and The TR Times office. The Woodshop is behind the paper's office. I can visualize at least two dangerous scenarios. Should someone come around the corner from the Woodshop on a bike as someone was opening the newspaper's door the bicyclist could sustain major injuries. On the other hand should someone be exiting the building, having cleared the doorway and someone comes around the corner, both the pedestrian and the bicyclist could be hurt. The same holds true for the door to the Paul Rife Room.

Should the Board perhaps consider a Policy banning riding bikes on sidewalks?

To our knowledge, the only place where bike riding on sidewalks is addressed is in the area surrounding Busch Hall. Basically bicyclists are supposed to follow the general rules of the road. That is, they follow the same rules as cars. They should be riding in the roadway in the same direction as traffic. They should also be following the same rules regarding speed.

Perhaps it might also be a good idea not to park bikes on sidewalks as they often block pedestrian traffic.



Safety should be the concern of everyone. Let's all strive to use safe practices in all we do. mre

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The Servant's Plow



by Anthony Shipe

As we journey through a new year, many of us try to refresh our spiritual commitments and realign the principles of our faith. There are important passages that reveal who Jesus is and lead us into deeper discipleship with Him. The text John 1:29-42 makes some striking claims about who Jesus is and how His disciples then and now, can relate to Him.

Jesus' identity

The Gospel has already made clear that Jesus is preexistent and one with God in the prologue. It becomes clear there is more to Jesus' identity. In 13 short verses we are told that the Spirit of God descended and remained upon Jesus and we are provided four titles for understanding Jesus' identity: Lamb of God, Son of God, Rabbi and Messiah.

John the Baptist makes the first two declarations of Jesus' identity. The Gospel tells us that John the Baptist was questioned by the priests and Levites from Jerusalem regarding his identity; was he the Messiah or Elijah or "the prophet?" John tells them he is not but instead that he is the one preparing the way for "one who is coming after me" (1:26). When John sees Jesus the next day, he proclaims that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29) and the Son of God (1:34).

Lamb of God

"Lamb of God" evokes the Passover Lamb from Exodus 12:1-13. There the Hebrew people living in Egypt are instructed to slaughter a lamb, put some of its blood on their doorposts and eat the lamb. Those who do this will be spared the final plague of the death of the first born that God brings down on the Egyptian people. To be clear this is not a sacrificial lamb at least not in the same way that lambs sacrificed as sin offerings were.

Another reference point is Isaiah 53:1-12 in its description of the Suffering Servant who was "like a lamb that is led to slaughter" (53:7) and whose life was made "an offering for sin" (53:10). The gospel seems to be evoking both Exodus and Isaiah in its depiction of Jesus. Thus Jesus is understood to protect God's people, mark one as chosen by God, provide sustenance and provide some sort of atonement for sin. Jesus then is an avenue for God's intervention in the world on behalf of God's people.

Son of God

John the Baptist witnesses that Jesus is the Son of God because he "saw the Spirit descending from

Come and see



ANTHONY SHIPE

heaven like a dove and it remained on Jesus" (1:32). For the evangelist this is incarnational language. It recalls the closing line of the prologue: "It is God the only Son who is close to the Father's heart, who has made Him known" (1:18b). To describe Jesus as the Son of God is to highlight His special relationship with God.

While others have also been said to have been sons of God (for example Israel in Exodus 4:22-23 and Deuteronomy 14:1 among other texts), the prologue adds nuance: The Son of God is God. The evangelist further implies this equality with God at 5:19, 10:30 and 14:7 as well as through Jesus' various uses of the formulaic statement of divine revelation "I am." The Gospel seems to be saying then that Jesus is not only an agent through whom God is acting in the world but is literally God acting in the world.

That these confessions come from John the Baptist is important as the first two followers of Jesus (1:35-37) are initially disciples of John. When John again refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God (1:36), the two disciples, one of whom is Andrew the brother of Peter, both begin following Jesus. These disciples call Jesus Rabbi and the Messiah.

Rabbi

Jesus' first words in the Gospel are a question asked of John's disciples: "What do you want?" The two disciples, unnamed at this point, reply with a question of their own, "Rabbi, where are You staying?" On the surface this might appear to be a disjointed conversation. Jesus asks a question that could be taken a myriad of ways and the disciples' response is a question that is on the surface, not in any way related to Jesus' question. However, when one understands that Rabbi means teacher, which the evangelist kindly spells out, then it becomes a bit more obvious what the disciples mean. They want to learn from Jesus. Jesus invites them to "come and see," as an invitation that He will make in various ways to many people throughout the Gospel. As a rabbi or teacher, Jesus invites disciples into participation. Messiah

The fourth title for Jesus in this passage is Messiah. This revelation by a disciple occurs early in John, compare to Peter in Matthew 16:16, Mark 8:29 and Luke 9:20. Further it is not Peter who makes the confession but Andrew, his brother. Andrew tells Peter "We have found the Messiah" (1:41) which seems to be enough for Peter to come to Jesus. As the evangelist helpfully reminds us, "messiah" is a Hebrew word meaning anointed by God. In the Hebrew Bible and Jewish tradition, kings, high priests and possibly some prophets, were anointed. Over time especially during and after the Babylonian captivity, some Jewish folk began anticipating a future messiah that would be an heir to King David and fulfill God's promises to Israel. The evangelist picks up on these hopes in their depiction of Jesus.

What is particularly striking to me about this passage is that these markers of Jesus' identity are not simply used to elevate Him above everyone else, making Him unapproachable. Instead, Jesus invites new disciples into participation with Him. He invites them to follow Him further to discover what they seek to know. The rest of the gospel provides us with deeper insights into Jesus' identity if only we will "come and see."

Blessings on the path forward through the New Year.





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The Siren



by Jean Cobb

NOTE: This is an annual article which I update and publish every year, but the information is just as important as it has ever been. Many of our residents live alone or spend periods of time alone. A medical emergency without a ready resource to summon help is a very difficult situation indeed. In fact we have had at least two events at TR in the last 12 months when an alert device would have saved pain and suffering. In each occurrence the resident spent hours in a dangerous position and was unable to call for

Many of us have wondered whether we or someone we care about should have an emergency alert device. Typical comments include: "I live alone." "She drives alone sometimes after dark." "I'm afraid I'll fall and won't be able to get up." "What if I am ill or injured and cannot reach my phone." "I like to walk in the morning, what if I need help while I am away from mv house?" Of course it is a personal decision, but people who live alone, have physical disabilities, or chronic medical conditions should carefully consider whether their telephone, or even cellphone, will be readily available to summon help.

I believe that it is most important that you take the time to evaluate different systems rather than rush to a decision based on an advertisement or even the helpful advice of a friend or family member. The comparison tool included with this article can help you to carefully consider your choices before you purchase a device and activate its monitoring service.

All emergency alert devices have three components – a button to push for help, a transmitter and

Choosing the right emergency alert device

a Call Center with operators that handle your request for assistance. Some devices have the transmitter built into the same device with the emergency button and communicate directly with the Call Center through cellphone towers; others have a separate transmitter box that sits by the home telephone. Some devices are waterproof and can be worn in the shower or pool. Some have a GPS chip and many are even equipped to sense a fall and summon help when you cannot do

When you are considering which device you are going to use, be sure to match your lifestyle with the device you choose. For example, if you travel frequently, or you often spend time outside or away from your home, you will want to consider a device that uses cellphone towers and is mobile. If falls are a big concern, a waterproof device that senses falls and can be worn in the shower or around the pool may be a good choice. If you choose a device that uses a transmitter box near your phone, it probably requires a standard landline phone for it to work. Nearly all systems allow you to specify who you want called if 911 is not required and, of course, all Call Centers can summon 911 or the police when you need emergency assistance.

I am most familiar with the Lively Mobile (formerly Great Call) device. This device has an integrated emergency button/ transmitter with two way communication. It is about 1.6 x 2.6 inches, weighs about 1.5 ounces and can hang on a lanyard around your neck or clip on your pocket. It has a charging cradle, is waterproof and senses falls. Equipped with a GPS chip, it communicates through Verizon cellphone towers and is mobile. The Call Center is in California and has operators on duty that can handle a wide variety of medical and other urgent calls. At present the device costs about \$50, and has a monthly monitoring fee from \$25 to \$45 depending on services (basic 911 or preferred monitoring and falls detection) desired. The device is available at local Walgreens, Amazon or by

calling Lively Mobile at 800-650-5921. Newer offerings include using Alexa or using an application for your Smartphone or Apple Watch (www.Lively.com/medicalalerts).

Several residents in TR have shared that they have Philips Lifeline devices (www.lifeline. philips.com). Philips has a homebased system that uses a landline, as well as a mobile system that uses AT&T cellphone towers. The mobile device - a pendant or wristband - offered by Philips is waterproof and can include fall detection with auto-alert, GPS location service and two-way communication with a Call Center. According to the website, the mobile device currently costs about \$100 and monitoring fees are about \$50 per month. For more information call 855-681-5351.

Other emergency alert devices reviewed recently by Consumer Affairs can be found at this website: https:///www.consumer. Please, before you accept the device chosen by a family member, friend, telephone provider, or health plan, use the checklist with this article and really understand what you are getting and be sure it meets your needs. Please don't wait until you have a fall or some other disaster to seriously consider an alert device. The decision you make now could make the difference between life and death.

SUGGESTION: If you read this article and know of someone who really needs to consider getting a medical alert device, cut the article out and give it to them! Have fun, BE SAFE!

Remember: Vials of Life, as well as new information sheets to fill out and insert are available before entertainment every Sunday evening. If you have not updated your personal information do it today!

Last chance for Pulled Pork Dinner tickets is before Sunday entertainment on Jan. 15! Please support our fundraiser to be held on Jan. 21!



Emergency Alert System



Comparison Criteria What is the cost of the system? What is included in the cost? Is it leased or will you own the system? Does the monitoring function require a contract? Or is it a month-to-month service? If it requires a contract, are there cancellation fees? Is there an installation or activation fee to begin the service? 4. How much is the monthly charge for the monitoring Does the system have a 'money back' trial period in case it just does not work out? Will the company replace the unit if it becomes damaged or non-functional at no charge? Or is there insurance available? Can you install the system yourself? Or must it be professionally installed? What is the size, weight, shape of the emergency button? Can it be worn around the neck? on the belt? as a bracelet? Does the emergency button device have a GPS locator chip 10. What is the power source for the button (battery, plug in to charge, rests on a cradle to charge)? 11. What is required for the system to communicate with the call center? (landline, phone over internet, wireless over internet, wireless over cellphone towers) 12. Does the alert button itself have 2-way communication with the call center (or is it through a base station)? 13. Will the emergency button work in the yard or in the vicinity of the house? Will the button work in the car, in town, or on 14. Are the operators US based? Understandable? Trained? Able to respond to multiple types of request for assistance (lost, out of gas, can't find car, accident, police emergency, health 15. What is the operator's procedure when the emergency button is pushed? Do the operators respond in using a customer-specific priority for assistance? 16. Is alert response available 24 hours/7 days/365 days per 17. Does the call center test the system periodically? How? How 18. Is the alert button waterproof so it can be used in the shower or the pool? 19. Does the alert button sense a fall and call for help even if 20. How will emergency responders get into your home? Lockbox outside door? Will the operator give emergency



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Activity Affairs

TR has many fitness-related activities

by Guy Weik

January is the month when we typically think about New Year's resolutions, two of which might be watching less TV and becoming more active. Well, we have many fitness-related activities here at TR that can help residents get started toward achieving those resolutions. You don't have to get in the car and travel out of the park. Everything is happening just a short walk or golf cart ride from your doorstep.

One of the best ways to avoid falls is to improve your stretching and balance. Don't feel as if starting a class might be embarrassing because you envision everyone else being more advanced than you are. TR is very fortunate to have instructors who want to help you improve no matter what your starting level.

Some examples of classes to get you started are Aquatics or Water Aerobics, which meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the pool. The water helps with lifting your arms and legs as you work to improve your resistance and stretching.

Chair Yoga, Tone and Tighten, Weights and Stretching are also wonderful classes to safely and gradually help you become more active and improve balance.

Certainly residents who have been taking classes for a while will be able to stretch better and lift more weight, but you can complete exercises and lift weights that feel comfortable for your level. As you



GUY WEIK

become more confident in your movement and balance, TR offers classes in Clogging, Beginning Line Dancing and Walking Aerobics. We have a Pom Pom Drill Team and classes in Ballroom Dancing and Zumba. All the times and locations for these activities can be found on the Activities Bulletin Board in *The TR Times*.

Achieving your goals always works best when you have the support of a friend. In addition to the camaraderie you'll develop in these classes, TR offers support groups for such topics as Waist Watchers and Gluten-free Diets. Just meeting a friend or neighbor for a daily walk is going to help you feel and move better.

As your confidence improves, you can set your sights on Bicycling, Improvers Line Dancing,

Rock polishing a new activity to discover



Photo by Vynette Willbur SHINY POLISHED ROCKS

by Vynette Willbur

Interested in rocks? Rock hounding and polishing beautiful self-found rocks? We can help! If you're interested please attend our meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Jeri Miller Activity Building. We can answer questions and help you learn to polish beautiful stones.

Duffer's Deck gets new sign



Photos by Bill Watkins

DARYL MCLEOD AND **BELINDA KEATING MCLEOD**

by Bill Watkins

The Duffer's Deck is a long-standing respite for TR golfers seeking a comfortable spot to rest and discuss golf matters. Past contributors who helped design and maintain the facility are named on a plaque inside the deck.

Belinda Keating-McLeod is the daughter of past residents Blair and Edith Keating. Belinda is married to Daryl McLeod and both are from Canada. They are established residents in the park and enjoy golfing. They noticed that the sign on Duffer's Deck was rotten and needed to be replaced. Through much collaboration they had a new sign made which promotes the sport for both male and female enthusiasts.

Belinda's parents, Blair and Edith Keating, also were responsible for contributing a bench on the shuffleboard court and a palm tree between the 7th and 8th tee on the golf course.

Thank you Belinda and Daryl for continuing the family tradition of contributing to TR.





our Friday Night Dances, maybe even a round of Golf, a game of Bocce, Shuffleboard or out on the **Club News** court to play Pickleball!

Dining with Friends starts tomorrow



AARP Driver Safety

Course to be offered

necessary.

by Marlene Hughes

by Richard Gest

1 p.m in Citrus West.

Dining with Friends will meet tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. This is the first get together this season. Harold and Marlene Hughes are your new hosts this year. We are so excited to see old friends and make new ones as we share food and fellowship.

Make plans to join us. Sign up today on the sheet posted on the

An AARP Driver Safety

This six hour course is being

Course is being offered on Friday, Jan. 20 from 3 to 6 p.m. and

Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to

given to improve driver safety and skills. It may provide a reduction

in auto insurance premium.

bulletin board in Busch Hall. Table settings are provided; all you need to bring are a dish to share and your drinks. I guarantee you will have great food, fellowship, fun and an opportunity to make new friends.

We hope to discuss plans for our future meetings which are always the second Saturday of each month. So put the dates on your calendar through April. See you tomorrow.

The cost is \$20 for AARP

members, \$25 for non-members,

payable by cash or check. Please

bring your driver's license, your

AARP card if you have one, a pen

and pencil. No pre-registration is

Model Railroad



Photo by Brian Krupicka RAILROAD MODULE

by Brian Krupicka

With the construction of a new module we are now able to change from oval operations to much more complicated designs. Our members have been working hard and added six new dioramas. All are welcome to attend. We have all experience levels. If you have an interest in this hobby, please call Brian Krupicka at 630-961-1243. We meet on Fridays from 10 a.m. until noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Building.



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

Rehab Point scheduled for next Coffee Seminar



Robert J. Dragan, MPT, C/NDT will be the speaker at the Coffee Seminar scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 19 at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall. Mr. Dragan is the Rehabilitation Services Director at Rehab Point, Inc. in Zephyrhills. Rehab Point believes in hands-on physical therapy, taking an integrated approach toward rehabilitation, wellness and fitness.

Annual Canadian Luncheon returns



by Ralph Smith

The Annual Canada Day Luncheon is returning and will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28 in Busch Hall. This will be an organized potluck with social at 12:30 p.m. and lunch at 1 p.m. Please bring your table setting along with choice of beverage. The committee will serve dessert and coffee.

No tickets will be sold this year because of new TR regulations. There is a sign-up sheet at Busch Hall on the Activity Table. Please sign-up under the food

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category for which you can bring a dish to share. This will ensure a wide variety of food choice as well as attendance numbers for dessert planning.

Spread the word and let's get everyone out to keep this tradition going. Our American friends are also welcome. For more information, contact Ralph or Val Smith at 352-760-0383, lot 05-10. Please let us know if you are available to volunteer to help with setting up

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TR Airstream luncheon is tomorrow

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TR Creative Arts Group

by Linda Spencer

This year the TR Creative Arts Group will meet in Citrus East on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. We made the change to ensure there would be no conflict with the Board Forums or Veranda Chats.

We have had several request for Pour Painting Techniques, of which there are hundreds, and developing a Container Fairy Garden. We will also have transferring pictures to cloth, Photo Graphic Design, instructed by the Professor of the same at USF (my niece), Glass Painting, New Antiquing Methods, Irish Broomstick Lace Crochet and of course more Developmental Art.

This year, we are requesting you register in advance for classes to enable the instructors to be prepared. You can register by sending me a text at 352-424-9604 and in return I will send you a list of required materials for the class you desire. If you don't text or have questions you can phone me at the same number.

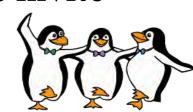
We plan to start our season on Jan. 18 with Container Fairy Gardens. Please register soon so we can assure we/you are prepared.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of the TR Family a wonderful, healthy and peaceful 2023.

Travelaires invite residents to dance

by Jackie Thackery

TR is a special RV park for many reasons. Having its own Travelaires orchestra is a unique activity begun early in our history. We thank all who come to appreciate our performances and especially those who enjoy the dancing available on these upcoming dates: Jan. 20, Fifties/Sixties; Feb. 3, Western; Feb. 17, Golden Anniversary, March 3, Mardi Gras;, March 17, St. Patrick's Day. All performances will be held Fridays at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.



We are beginning this season with no set admission, however, a donation container will be available as contributions will hopefully cover expenses and new music. Also, as there is no external Dance Committee this season, you are asked to bring your own snacks and refreshments. This is a change from past years.

Please see the accompanying article about the Golden Anniversary Dance on this page.

Activities Showcase reminder

by Guy Weik

If you need help deciding which new activities you might want to try this season, you do not want to miss the Activities Showcase on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 9 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Activity chairpersons will have tables where you can see what they do, ask questions and find out how to join. This is a great opportunity for residents to share and demonstrate why their activities are so much fun!

If you want to share your activity, sign-up sheets are on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall. The weather may be a bit cool, but tables can still 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.

You can also email Guy Weik at activities@travelersrestresort. com. Please include the name of your activity, your name, site, phone, email and if you prefer to have your table located inside or outside Busch Hall. Masks will not be mandated, but strongly encouraged, so everyone can enjoy the Showcase and stay as safe as possible. All Activities, no matter how big or how small, are welcome to participate in the Showcase!



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Special recognition is being planned during the Golden Anniversary Dance

by Jackie Thackery

This year's Golden Anniversary Dance is scheduled on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. This annual dance is an opportunity to recognize those couples who celebrate their 50th year of marriage during 2023. If you were married in 1973 we hope you will plan on joining us. The Travelaires Orchestra invites the community as a whole to participate in this event to especially honor the anniversary celebrants.

If you wish to be recognized please complete the form below and send it to The TR Times by Friday, Jan. 27. You may use in-park mail, The TR Times box located by the Post Office door in Busch Hall or send the information contained in the form to us via email at thetrtimes@gmail.com. We will contact you to schedule an interview and photograph for our newspaper article about our 2023 golden anniversary couples. Remember The TR Times is viewable in color online if you wish family or friends elsewhere to enjoy seeing this special recognition.



Let's go geocaching

by Barbara Colson

The Geocaching Club will meet, Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 9 a.m. in Citrus East.

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

This is a fun evening to celebrate your special event at TR. Honorees are welcome to reserve and decorate a table to gather with their friends. The dance honors all who are celebrating their 50th

anniversary, but all residents are invited to attend.

Light refreshments will be provided for this special event. All who attend are also welcome to bring snacks and beverages.



Bemers are the topic of upcoming **Coffee Seminar**

by Ted Towl

Bemers, not BMWs, will be discussed at the Coffee Seminar on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall. A Bemer is a bio electro-magnetic energy regulation device designed to assist people with improving circulation. Please join us at this seminar to learn about Bemer benefits.

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BOOK BROWSERS

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.

Nan Feeney Lance

COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday thru Friday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Please bring your own mug.

Jim Matkovich

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!

Certain Fridays, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at The Grove Stage. Check dates online.

Donna Probes

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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.

BOWLING

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

Lin Buczek

Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Linda Spencer

CREATIVE ART GROUP (CAG)

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

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)

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the pool. November thru March **Linda Smith**

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. We can always use more brass players.

Bill Watkins Steve Bowman

DIGITAL PHOTO - CAMERA

Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Building.

Carev Box

GAMES NIGHT

Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-contact games. New game each week.

Linda Smith Joan Colao

BALLROOM DANCING

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall. January thru March.

Jeffrey Duquette

BRIDGE: BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Hobby House Jim Weigand

DIGITAL PHOTO - POST PROCESS GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

Carey Box

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret.

Stacy Grier

BEADAHOLICS

Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East. January thru March.

Kathy Kushman Kathy Lemke

BRIDGE: INTERMEDIATES

Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center.

Connie Bradley

DINING WITH FRIENDS

2nd Saturdays, Busch Hall, 5 to 7 p.m., January thru March.

Harold and Marlene Hughes

GENEALOGY

Open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Sherry Wright

BEADAHOLICS, TOO

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

BRIDGE: PARTY/PARTNERS

Party Bridge with partners - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. Partner not required. Singles will be teamed up.

DOMINOES

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Linda Gough

GEOCACHING

Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West. January thru March.

Barbara Colson

BIBLE STUDY- CO-ED

Mondays, 10 a.m. at Vanishing Lake and 6 p.m. in Busch Hall Green Room.

Anthony Shipe

BULLETIN BOARD IN BUSCH HALL DULCIMER JAM

For information or help with a notice or ad

Betsy Behler Guy Weik Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 pm in Citrus East Lois Shower **GLUTEN FREE SUPPORT GROUP** Tuesdays 11 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.

Linda Murphy

BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN'S

Tuesdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West. Rosita Williams

CALLIGRAPHY

Fridays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Citrus East. **Richard Peebles**

DULCIMER LESSONS

Mondays in Citrus West. Beginners: 9 to 10 am. Advanced: 10 am to noon.

Lois Showers

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE

Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Starter Shack. Dee Branchaud

BICYCLING

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

Susan Delaney

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Begins Jan. 4.

Donna Smith

ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS

Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. with program following. Performances will be in Busch Hall. Ken and Sandy Langell Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Starter Shack **Barry English**

BINGO

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East. Linda Smith

CHOIR PRACTICE

Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m. in Busch Hall. Join us.

Bernie Gutridge

EUCHRE

Fridays, 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Citrus West. Chairperson Needed

GOLF - SCRAMBLES

GOLF - MENS LEAGUE

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at Starter Shack.

Tom and Pat Butler

BIRDING

Tuesdays, 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring

Tom Butler

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Sunday Activities: All events in Busch Hall, 8:30 a.m.-Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.- Bible Study. 9:45 a.m.-Hymn Sing 10 a.m.-Worship service, Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month.

Anthony Shipe

EUCHRE/BID

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Chairperson Needed

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome.

Roy French

BLOOD DRIVE AT TR

binoculars and cameras.

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

FIRE/RESCUE 33

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

GOLF LESSONS

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

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room. Larry Polzin

CLOGGERS OF TR

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. Donna Neer

Donna Smith

FIVE CROWNS

Wednesdays (non-concert nights only), 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West.

Jackie Thackery

Pat McCallum

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Volunteer to help build homes in Pasco County. Projects January thru March TBA.

BOCCE (FALL)

Sundays thru Fridays, 1:30 p.m. November and December.

Bob Fisher

COFFEE & DONUTS - RADIO CLUB FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS

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.

FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE

Betty and Walt Gilson

HAND AND FOOT

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come learn this easy game.

Deborah May

BOCCE (WINTER)

Scheduled games and competitions, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. January thru March. Laverne Dennison

COFFEE SEMINARS

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..

HARMONAIRES

Bring your harmonica and play with us. Beginners welcome. Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Hobby House.

Don Sides

Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundays, 6 to 6:45 p.m. in Busch Hall. Rosita Williams

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING

Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Mary Kubiniec

SEW SPECIAL AND EMBROIDERY UKULELE CLUB

Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas. 3rd Mondays - Show and Tell. Rosita Williams

Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. in Citrus West. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January thru March.

No chairperson

IPHONE CLASS

Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center.

Susan Stahley

PET LOVERS CLUB

Jan. 23, then 2nd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building.

Kim Roberts

SHUFFLEBOARD

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day.

Richard Von Qualen

VETERANS MEETING

2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House.

Darold Long, Commander

JOKER

Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Deborah Mav

PICKLEBALL

Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check the TR website under Activities > Pickleball for current schedule.

Delia and Carey Box

SNACK SHACK

Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional volunteers needed to add a Saturday

> Lee Brenn Mickey Cobb

VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR

Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at host residence. Meet in Hobby House if temperature is <60 or if it's raining. November thru April.

Sandy Post

JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR PINOCHLE

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.

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

SPORTS CLUB

Meet at Snack Shack Pavilion 2nd Tuesdays 7 to 8 p.m. (January thru March) All welcome. Ray LoPresti

WAIST WATCHERS

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

KARAOKE

Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 9: p.m. in Busch Hall. Starts in January

> Glenn and Gabriella Young Alan West

POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House.

Jack Davis

STAINED GLASS

All times in Jeri Miller Activity Center, beginning in January: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Instructor - Shari Herberts

Laura Apgar

WINTER WALKING AEROBICS

Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. (Nov. 8 thru April 10)

Gloria Polzin

KNOTTY KNITTERS

Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West.

POM-POM DRILL TEAM

Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30a.m. in Citrus East.

Donna Neer Deb Niles

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG

Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available.

Ron Hicks

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

Amy Grier

LIBRARY

Located in northwest corner of Busch Hall. Open 24/7. Honor system sign-out. Please reshelve your own books if you can. If not place in cart behind desk.

Mary Kosbab Kay Blunda

POWERBOAT RACING

Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake.

Dean Peters

TENNIS

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridaysenancen.

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WEIGHTS & STRETCHING

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 8:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Year-round.

Sheila Schencke

LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)

Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East and Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., in Jeri Miller Activity Center.

Alex Adair

Marcia Hatfield

Bette Gorman

Pat Dellamuth

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Contemporary Church Services - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. January thru March.

Marty Schencke

TONE & TIGHTEN

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights.

Betty Clark

WELCOMING & RED DOT SPOT

Welcoming Committee: LAST Thursdays, 10 to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Red Dot Spot: First Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Center.

Diana Hill

LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)

Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m. in Citrus West and Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. in Citrus West. Alex Adair

QUILLING ON A BUDGET

Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. in Citrus West.

Pat Daubenmier

TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE) WIZARD

1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House to plan rides.

Gene Cribbs

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

MAH JONG CHINESE

Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.

QUILTING

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

TR SINGING MEN

Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Center. All men are invited to sing along.

Stenhen Gorden **Dennis Ledbetter**

WOOD SHOP

Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20.

Larry Kurkowski

MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays.

RC AIRPLANE FLYING

Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Golf Course 9th hole. James Morrow, Sr.

TR TRAVEL

Planned events advertised on Travel Board in Busch Hall. Watch for articles in TR Times. Sharon Gilbert Zile

WOODCARVING

Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.

MAIS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall

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

Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.

Thursdays, 11 a.m., Location TBD, January thru March.

Jean Renee DeTai

Linda Murphy

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB

RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake. Powerboat Races: Mondays and Fridays 8 a.m. to noon.

Jerry McRoberts, Commodore

ROCK PAINTING

All Thursdays except the last Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity

TRAVELETTES/WOMEN'S CHORUS ZUMBA

Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center.

Mary Beth Coldren

Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jeri Miller Activity Center. Starts Jan. 12.

Bev Weissinger

YACHT CLUB SAILBOATS

Sailboat Practice: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.

Barry Sellick

RUG HOOKING

Tuesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Green Room, Busch Hall. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful!

Tawnya Rowden

TRAVELOGUE

2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January thru March.

Bert Contractor

corrections to any Activity.

Contact Guy Weik activities@travelersrestresort.com 352-584-6377

All changes, additions or



MODEL RAILROAD

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Brian Krupicka

SCRABBLE

Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, depending on interest.

Jeffrey Duquette

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)

Tuesdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., movie will start at 7:15 p.m., in Citrus East. Movie Night runs January thru March.

Jim and Carol Henrikson

Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer

I often get requests for information regarding adventures in our area so here are a few:

Island Paradise Charters, 501 Hwy. 19, New Port Richey. Captain Bob is great. His catamaran took a small group to the sandbar by Anclote Island. They stayed there for hours. Soft drinks, water and music were provided free of charge. Call 727-807-6955 for additional information. A fantastic adventure for only \$20. A great value.



Manatee Paddle, 538 N. Citrus Avenue, Crystal River. Paddleboarding, Manatee and Dolphin Tours, Rafting and Kayaking. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call 352-564-0901 for more information.

Fun 2 Dive Manatee Tours, 135 NE 3rd Street, Crystal River. Phone 352-228-2279.

Snorkeling, Boat Tours, Parks. 2 Dive specializes in fivestar small, semi-private, private and VIP manatee snorkeling tours. They are open daily year-round. They conduct tours to swim with manatees in the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. Tours are conducted from a boat, where wild manatees are encountered in their natural habitat. Also offered are kayak and SUP rentals. There are guided tours as well as exciting airboat rides along the shores of the Gulf Coast and seasonal scalloping trips to harvest scallops while snorkeling.

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, 10165 McKinley Dr., Tampa. Saturday, Jan. 14 thru Monday, Jan. 16 Mardi Gras is celebrated 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Let the good times roll with limited-time



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food, cocktails, entertainment and live music. Rides and attractions, shows, safaris and animal tours. Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 17 the Real Music Series starts with memorable acts. For more information and ticket information go to https://www.bushgardens. com or phone 813-884-4386. Annual Passes as low as \$14 a



Skydive City, 4241 Sky Dive Lane, Zephyrhills. Tandem Sky Diving Jump or just jump. Your choice 10,500 ft. with 45 seconds of freefall time or 13,500 ft. with 60 seconds of freefall time or tandem program or get brave and ask for a max 18,000 ft. specialty jump. Their tandem program performs 4,000 skydives annually. The prices start at \$204 but Groupon has a coupon offering 15 percent off. For additional information go to https://www. skydivecity.com.

Tropical Breeze Casino, 7917 Bayview Street, Port Richey. Each cruise averages about six hours. If blackjack, three card poker, roulette, war 21, slots or craps is your game this cruise may be for you. Go to https://www.

portricheycasino.com or call 727-848-DICE or 844-FUN-CRUZ for additional information.



Snowcat Ridge, 27839 Saint Joe Road, Dade City. Snowcat Ridge is conveniently located at the Tree Hopper facility just around the corner from TR. Snowy Slopes, Arctic Igloo, Crystal Ribbon, Eskimo Outpost and Alpine Village. The park's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Check website for additional hours and events https://www.snowcatridge.



Nature Coast Botanical Gardens, 1489 Parker Ave., Spring Hill. Considered Florida's Adventure Coast's Best Kept Secret by those who frequent and volunteer at the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens and Nursery. This secret oasis provides the beauty and serenity that comes with a walk in the garden. Tucked away, yet easily accessible, this lush 3.5 acre property offers 22 themed garden areas including an Asian Tea Garden, Bromeliad Garden, Rose Garden, Memorial Garden and a Butterfly Garden. There is no charge to visit the gardens. There are flowers for sale daily and twice a year the facility has a large flower sale. Please visit https://www.naturecoastgardens.com or phone 352-683-

Travel News

Upcoming travel opportunities

by Sharon Gilbert Zile, **TR Tour Director**

Here it is January of 2023 and we are all busy wrapping up the holidays, putting away the last few ornaments, perhaps just arriving at TR and we are already into the full swing of another active season! There are so many wonderful opportunities right here at TR, yet many of us choose travel within Florida as part of our winter season.

The response to the Calypso Breeze Lunch Cruise has been phenomenal! In just six days, we have a totally full bus! I've now requested a second bus and await a response from both Small World Tours and the Calypso Breeze. Watch the Residents and Friends Facebook Page for an announcement. In the meantime, I am adding to a waiting list for the second bus.

Dan and I have made a scouting trip to the bustling harbor of the town of Madeira Beach where the Calypso Breeze is moored. Our bus drop-off point will require a short walk, however persons with scooters and walkers will find the ramps accessible. Our dining will be on the first floor of the brightly colored boat and have lots of windows for easy viewing. The best fresh-air sightseeing will be on the rooftop deck requiring more than a few steps. Our tropical buffet dining will include complimentary beer, wine and rum punch. More than one tour participant is "quivering with anticipation!"

Yesterday's Travel Coffee Seminar in Busch Hall revealed the dates and locations of three additional day trips. Holly Griggs from Small World Tours described each of the outings and registration has begun. On Friday, Feb. 1 a Small World Tour bus will arrive at Busch Hall to take us to Hollerbach's: A True German Experience. Hollerbach's Willow Tree Café serves the freshest expertly prepared German Food in Central Florida. While feasting on the traditional German favorites like Wiener Schnitzel, Nurnberger Bratwurst, Spatzle with Rahm Sauce and more, we will be listening to a live band playing German favorite polkas and drinking songs. Come to celebrate your German heritage or come to celebrate a good time! Activity Level 1. Cost \$78.

On Wednesday, March 1 we will repeat the very popular Tampa Land and Sea Tour. We begin our day with a docent-guided tour of Tampa on the motorcoach and then enjoy a delicious lunch at the Armature Works at the Heights,



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

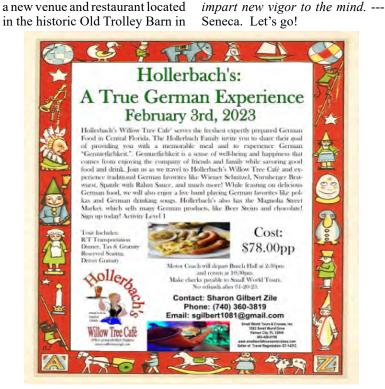
the heart of downtown. After lunch we will be whisked away on a private water taxi for a docentguided tour of the Tampa Bay Area by water. This tour is limited to 40 people. There is a fair amount of walking and scooters and walkers are welcome. Activity Level 2.

The final day trip of the 2022-23 season will be a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, on Friday, March 17. Join your friends for a St. Paddy's Day luncheon cruise on the Yacht Starlight. As the 131-foot vessel leaves the Ybor Channel and heads into Garrison Bay, we will have a narration of Tampa's rich seaport history as we view Bayshore Blvd., Harbour Island, Davis Island and the beautiful Downtown Tampa Skyline. The award-winning 4-star cuisine will feature a 3-course meal of Irish favorites: corned beef and cabbage, Irish potatoes and soda bread. Activity Level 1. Cost is

Small World Tours will be providing bus transportation for each day trip from Busch Hall. Reservations are made with checks payable to Small World Tours and given or mailed to Sharon Zile at lot 2540. If you find a need to cancel, your reservation is transferable. There are often folks on the waiting list who would love to go. In the case of transfer of reservation, please contact Sharon so that the bus manifest is always accurate. Masks are at your discretion. Our buses have a total air exchange every 4 minutes, however please stay home if you are not feeling well.

Finally, trip flyers will be available in three places: in the showcase in front of the Post Office and in Busch Hall on the travel bulletin board which is on the north wall near the water fountain. The trip flyers will also be posted on the Residents and Friends Facebook Page. Either take a picture or grab a flyer from the plastic box at the Busch Hall travel bulletin board. Trip flyers will include departure and return times and refund dates. All trips are subject to a reservation list minimum of people.

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Meet avid readers **Bill and Lorraine Gould**



Photo by Loretta Whit field

BILL AND LORRAINE GOULD

by Loretta Whitfield

Lot 01-01 is central to most people's travels around the park. Here you will often see Bill and/or Lorraine Gould of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia outside reading. Bill, originally from the east coast, and Lorraine, originally from the west coast, have 3 sons, each born in a different province in Canada. They have been part of TR for seven years and highly recommend the library and all its resources.

Since his retirement from engineering, Bill reads daily often completing 15 or more books a month. Two of his favorite authors are John Sandford who is an American New York Times

bestselling author, novelist, former journalist and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize. Bill enjoys these mystery /detective novels and those of Dave Baldacci who is also a New York Times bestselling mystery writer.

Lorraine retired from her job as a transcriptionist in radiology. She, too, enjoys John Sandford's mystery books but one of her favorite authors is Nora Roberts, an American writer who has written 225 romance novels, romance thrillers and romantic science-fiction novels. Lorraine has already read every book on the 2023 Book Browsers reading list.

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Garden News

Real trees vs palm trees

by Leslie Ewing

Did you know that palm trees are actually flowering plants? Botanically speaking palms are herbaceous plants that are related to grasses, as are banana plants, bamboo and sedges.

Real trees have bark on the outside of their trunks. The bark is formed by a layer of cambrium that grows each year forming the rings that are visible when a tree is cut down. Counting the rings can help determine the age of the tree.

Cut down a palm tree and there are no rings. Palm trees do not have bark on the outside of the trunks. Palm trees have the dried leftover stubs of the leaves, which we call fronds, on the outside of their

Technically the trunks of palm trees are stems that lack wood. This gives palms great flexibility. The flexibility plus the structure of the fronds allow palms to survive hurricanes that are frequent in the tropical and subtropical areas where palms grow.

Some regular trees retain leaves year round and are called evergreen. Palm trees are considered to be perennial flowering plants that produce flowers, fruits and seeds and retain leaves year round. If a tree loses all of its leaves it has a good chance of surviving and growing new leaves. If a palm tree loses all of its fronds, the palm will not grow new fronds and the palm will die.

In Florida it is popular to give palm trees a hurricane haircut. Palm trees have evolved to survive hurricanes. Trimming the fronds in preparation for a possible hurricane actually harms the palm tree.

There are many different species of palms. Some grow in the shape of a shrub. Others grow with a single stem with many leaves or fronds at the top. If it looks like a tree, we call it a tree. Hey.



Photo by Bill Bradford Can the Palm Tree be saved?

A palm has more than just a beautiful face. Palms have commercial and agricultural value as well. Coconuts come from coconut palms. Carnauba wax comes from Brazilian Palms. Acai berries, dates and hearts of palm come from various palms. Freshly cut fronds can be fed to livestock. These are just a few examples of the many uses of palms.

A palm tree has grown in the middle of the front lawn of Lake Margaret Garden for several years. When the Live Oak was cut down and hauled out, that poor palm tree was damaged and mowed down. Garden Club members were very unhappy about the loss of that palm

Club member Mike Lilawski decided to try to save the palm tree. With help from Maintenance, the palm tree is standing again with braces to hold it up. This is really an experiment because we do not know if the palm will survive. The Garden Club hopes it will survive and will keep watch.

Maintenance also sent over some equipment to the Garden to grade the front lawn. There were some 3 inch holes that had to be filled. The Garden Club thanks Maintenance for the work to repair some of the damage. The lawn looks better now.

The center portion of the boardwalk needs to be repaired, if not replaced. Maintenance will perform the work. Until repairs are complete, this portion of the boardwalk will be blocked off. Residents are asked to refrain from walking here. Residents are invited to enjoy the rest of the boardwalk. Bring a book or a lunch while sitting on one of the benches. Garden Club members are happy to answer questions while they work in the Garden on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Work sessions start at 9 a.m. weather permitting. See you in the Garden!





Talking to JJ is well worth your time.

Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

Having grown up in a boating family, I learned to depend on the buoys to help us safely navigate around the lake and through the channels. TR has its own buoy but instead of being something floating in the water, this Buoy is a four-legged pet. He's a happy, waggy yellow Lab belonging to Pat and Bill Long.

Buoy's original owners had a boat, thus the nautical name. Unfortunately, the husband passed away and the wife was unable to keep the dog so she turned him in to their local Humane Society. That shelter was very familiar with the Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida and they jumped in to help Buoy find a new home.

Buoy is not Pat and Bill's first lab. He's #7 and the second rescue that was older. Prior to Buoy they had adopted an older lab that had spent most of his life living on the streets of Wesley Chapel. They had him for about a year and sadly his health got so bad he had to be put to sleep.

The Longs were not planning to hurry out and get another dog right away but just a week later they got a call from the Labrador Retriever Rescue group inviting them to come "just to look" at an Buoy



Photo by Bill Long **BUOY**

available dog. Well, we know how situations like that can end up. Buoy came home with them and moved right in.

Early on, they never even thought about getting a rescue. Now that they have done it twice, they are so happy they did it and would do it all over again.

Buoy is around 6 or 7 years old and oh so friendly. He loves

humans and other dogs although his big booming bark might frighten a little dog. He's in great health other than the top of his tail and parts of his back are rather sparse of hair. When the rescue group first got him, he was infested with fleas. That was remedied but unfortunately, the hair loss is still there. Just because that tail is a bit bare doesn't slow down the wagging.

Lab Rescue started his training and when the Longs adopted him, they got to finish out his training classes themselves. What a great way to get to know their new dog and do some bonding.

Playing with his two favorite balls and going for rides in their truck are high on Buoy's list of fun things to do.

One day as I happened onto Bill and Buoy headed home from a walk, I noticed another cute trick of Buoy's. He was walking quietly along next to Bill while holding the end of his leash in his mouth. Buoy walks like any other well-mannered dog on the way out for a walk but the instant they are headed back home, Buoy takes the leash in his mouth and walks himself. He knows exactly where they are headed.

Pet Lover's Club

by Kim Roberts

Well, we had some fun with Santa at the Puppy Park on Dec. 14. Also, a big thank you to John Goodger, our photographer and Santa, aka Walt Gilson, for donating their time and making this event a success. Thanks to all that participated and helped.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our December meeting because of the tornado warnings and heavy rain. There were concerns expressed about Thursday meetings because of Happy Hour and TR Riders. Our next meeting is on Monday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building, a new location. Remember to check the community bulletin board at the Puppy Park for notices of any upcoming events or notices.

We will have a table at the Activities Showcase on Jan. 18.

This will be your last chance to purchase your pet's brick for the walk at the Puppy Park. Luella Wilson will be there with a sample and you can place your order with her there.



Photo by John Goodger

FENDI LEISTER AND SANTA

How about a pawdicure?

by Judy Leister

Do you hear click, click, clip, as your dog prances around on the kitchen floor? Does Fido sound like a tap dancer? Maybe it's time for a nail trim. We want to keep our four-legged family members comfortable. We may go to the nail salon for cosmetic reasons but long toenails on your dog can be painful and cause long-term problems. If the nail gets too long, it pushes up into the nail bed and causes pain with each step. It can also cause twisting of the toes and possibly arthritis.

The inside of the nail is called the quick and it brings blood into the nail. Those of you who have dogs with white nails are so lucky. You can see the pink area through the outer shell showing you where to stop trimming. Those dealing with black nails have to be more careful but you can do it. In addition to the blood, there is also a nerve in each nail. If you cut the nail too short, not only will your dog have your neighbors thinking you are killing him but the crime scene will also be pretty bloody. Don't let this scare you off. Styptic powder will help the bleeding and with some practice, you'll be able to do the nails without too much of a struggle. If your dog's nails are really long, you will need to shorten them a little at a time and eventually the quick will recede back to a normal, healthier range.

Your equipment is important. Some people prefer nail clippers. If you go that route, I prefer a higher quality scissor style as opposed to the guillotine style. You get a cleaner cut. My tool of choice is a dremel. The spinning



Photo by Judy Leister Diana Dean giving Kobe a pawdicure.

grinder does a little at a time giving you a better chance of stopping before hitting the quick and all that blood. A nail file helps smooth out

any leftover jagged edges.

Getting your dog used to all of this could take some time. You might find it easier to have a helper hold your dog. Start out by handling the paws frequently. Make sure to include treats and praise in a happy voice. Then move up to letting them sniff the tool (grinder not turned on), treats and praise. Once they are comfortable with that stage, turn the grinder on or operate the clippers from a distance. Eventually you can actually touch the nail but just for a few seconds. Take it away and give more treats. Next, trim one nail, remove the tool and give treats and praise. This might take some time but eventually you will be able to do all the nails and have a well-manicured pooch who will look forward to all those yummy treats after his Pawdicure.

Birding Activity

The loudest resident in TR!

by Tom Butler

No, I'm not talking about your neighbor or that person down the street, so stop the finger pointing and the sideways glances. The loudest resident that I want to discuss is the Sandhill Crane. Forget about asking them to use their "inside voices" because they don't have one. The volume knob on these birds is set to loud. Their distinctively loud calls can be heard for miles as they approach from just about any direction.

This magnificent long-legged creature is probably taller than some of our grandchildren and has an early growth spurt like no other. Emerging from the nest at somewhere between 8 and 10 inches tall, within a few months they could eat off your picnic table without the use of a step stool. Now that's an increase not easily recorded on your family growth chart. They eat just about anything including seeds, nuts, berries, reptiles and insects. Make sure your bird feeders are not close to the ground or you may see them helping themselves to your birdseed.

that starts at the beak and extends to the top of the head. This coloration is missing from the juveniles for most of the first year making it easy to differentiate them from the adults. An overall light gray color combined with a large "bustle" of feathers at the tail will leave no doubt about this identification. The "courtship dance" performed by these birds is a display of high leaping and loud squawking which just might be the most hilarious and entertaining ritual in nature. You won't forget this show anytime soon. The courtship may leave you with a smile on your face but their ferocious protection of their family is nothing to laugh about. They do not seem to fear anything and with a beak the size of a small sword, it might be prudent to give them plenty of space.

There are actually four sub-species of the crane in the U.S. and Canada which include varia-



Photos by Tom Butler Sandhill crane and its chick.

tions of size, habitat and migratory behaviors. The first Crane is found in Alaska and western Canada and is classified as the Lesser Sandhill Crane primarily because of its smaller size. The other three are collectively called Greater Sandhill Cranes and, as the name suggests, they are larger. Included in this group are the Canada, the Mississippi and the Florida Sandhill Cranes with the last two being non-migratory. This explains their permanent residency in our beautiful park while the other cranes make annual migrations from their summer homes in the north to the warm climates of the south.

The Lesser Sandhill Cranes Adult Cranes have a red crown have a population estimated at around 400,000 and generate a massive migration along three routes as they travel south to Mexico and Florida. The California coast and the central flyway traveling down to and through Texas make up the more western migration of primarily the Lesser and Greater Canada Sandhill Cranes. The more eastern flyway passes through Michigan and moves directly down to Florida. (We have many friends here at TR that make the same trek!)

> The combined group of Greater Sandhill Cranes had their numbers dwindle to only 1,000 birds in 1940 which prompted much effort to stem the decline. The Mississippi Sandhill Cranes, for example, shrank to a population of only 25 pairs until conservation strategies and breeding programs reversed the trend. The overall group of Greater Sandhill Cranes now stands at nearly

100,000 and the numbers are still climbing. This does not mean the Canada Crane is no longer under attack because every state in the central flyway, except Nebraska, allows hunting of the Sandhill Crane as a game bird which was new info for me. Stretching from the Dakotas and Wyoming south through Oklahoma and into Texas the Sandhill Crane is on the menu. I doubt this practice will change anytime soon because after doing some research I found that the red breast meat of the crane is referred to as the "ribeye in the sky." Seriously?! I suppose I have to accept the reality that many of the birds that we enjoy watching are hunted as game. Still, I was not aware that Sandhill Crane fell into the game bird category. This birder respectfully says, "No thank you." One look at the baby cranes running around our sanctuary in the spring is enough to convince me to make a different culinary choice. I pass no judgement on anyone that has sampled this legal fare but it just doesn't ring the dinner bell for me.

Thank goodness the Florida dhill Crane is protected and will, hopefully, always be a part of our community. We have at least two breeding pairs here in the park with one pair nesting on the golf course in front of the #2 tee box. The other pair resides on a strip of land separating two of our retention ponds. It is our hope that the spring will reveal new generations of the spectacular Florida Sandhill Cranes and that they will remain safe and appreciated here in our paradise. I believe that the Cranes are using their loud voices to plead for the continuation of all protective measures. Let's do our part!



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Bruce Cole and Paul Carr have more than a cart full of limbs with which to deal.



Paul Carr puts his rake to work to clean up downed branches



The road by the Lake Margaret Garden is cleared of debris.



Cindy Watson, Laura Lilawski and Pat Beres take down the garden's Christmas decorations.



Amy Grier is at work at her favorite occupation, working in the garden.



Kelly Person, Patrice Chandler and Ted Towl clean up after taking down decorations.



Jim Ball, Paul Carr and Bruce Cole pause in their work for the photographer.

CHOILE BARRIES BARRIES

As the sign indicates, a depression in the ground was filled to rectify a potential hazard.

Photos by Pam Watkins



Can't forget the

Golf Course

The Tuesday morning crew fills and seeds divots on the golf course.

Our Race Track gets some attention



Dick Bowman uses mechanical mean to rake the race track where up to 40 racers are expected this season.

A new concrete retaining wall is poured along the side of Busch Hall adjacent to the golf cart parking area.



John Toombs uses a leaf-blower to clean up the area surrounding the Snack Shack in preparation for its opening day.

Preparations are in the works to open the Snack Shack



The Snack Shack crew attends a training session to be in compliance with new food preparation standards.

TR Sports

TR Golf Academy is a first-class golf teaching academy

by George Paquette

Every Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m. golf lessons are available at our very own TR Golf Academy. If you would like to learn the sport or if you are simply looking to improve your game, you will never get a better deal. The cost is a nominal \$5 with several experienced golf instructors that are capable of teaching golf at all levels. If you have been at TR long enough you know that volunteerism is at the heart of our success. Our TR Golf Academy is resounding proof of just that.

The academy's success begins with our volunteer groundskeeper John Schoonover. John oversees the maintenance of the academy's practice range and building, supported by a team of volunteers, ensuring the practice range is in top condition. Golf has been a part of John's life starting in junior high school and continuing through college, playing and working on some of the finer golf courses in his area. In 2010 John was approached to head up the volunteer maintenance team for the Golf Academy and he jumped at the opportunity. Under John's guidance the TR Golf Academy has flourished with expanded and enhanced sod hitting areas and the addition of needed irrigation, not to mention all the little things he does to ensure the TR Golf Academy performs at its best.

When using the driving range it is important to keep safety in mind. Here are a few tips that will surely make your practice experience fun and safe:

- 1. If you're hitting balls in the stalls on the carpets, always remain on the carpet and make sure your swing is not endangering anyone around you.
- 2. When practicing on the grass make sure you keep a safe distance from your neighbor.

- 3. Never walk out to retrieve a missed shot as you may be in the line of fire of your neighbor.
- 4. Ball pickup is every half hour. Everyone stops practice and walks out to pick up the practice
- 5. For safety reasons make sure to pick up all the balls on the practice range. It has happened in the past that a missed ball got caught in the mower and shot out of the mower and across the street. Had that ball hit someone it could have been serious.

The TR Golf Academy is a first-rate organization. Many golf courses and golfers would pay serious money to have the facilities and first class instructors we have at our disposal. Our volunteers do it because they love the game and their only hope is that they can help you to love the game as they do.



Pickleball Club announces schedule

by Delia Box

Everyone is welcome to play. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and here at TR we have a fun group of players. Below is our schedule for January through March. We will offer additional clinics throughout the season. All play is on the lower courts. A white board is attached to the courts with our updated clinic dates and times. If time slots are blank, you may reserve a court for play by writing in your name and number of courts needed. Please erase your reserved spots when you've finished playing.

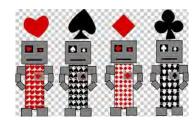
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7 a.m.							
8 a.m.							
9 a.m.	Open play	Open play	Open play	Open play	Open play	Open play	Ladies Com-
10 a.m.	Open play	Open play	Open play	Open play	Open play	Open play	Ladies Com- petitive Play
II a.m.				Yoga			
Noon				Yoga			
l p.m.			Introduction to Pickleball on 3 rd				
2 p.m.			Wednesdays Introduction to Pickleball on 3 rd Wednesdays				
3 p.m.	Ladies Friendly Play	Team Play	Competitive Open Play	Ladies Friendly Play	Competitive Open Play		Competitive Open Play
4 p.m.	Ladies Friendly Play	Team Play	Competitive Open Play	Ladies Friendly Play	Competitive Open Play		Competitive Open Play



Party Bridge

by Barb Aubrey

Tuesday, Jan. 3 John Cyr, Barb Aubrey......2030 Doug and Marcia Hatfield.... 1990 Thursday, Jan. 5 Doug and Marcia Hatfield.... 3100



Hole-in-one



photo by Val Mills-Smith

Congratulations to our own Ralph Smith. He scored a hole-in-one on hole #3 on Friday, Dec. 30.

Bowling Results



by Lin Buczek							
Friday, Jan. 6							
Men's Scratch High Game							
Steve Niles	.246						
Don Markle	.202						
Bill Buczek	.183						
Men's Scratch High Series							
Steve Niles	.651						
Bill Buczek	.524						
Don Markle	.508						
Men's Handicap High Game							
John Schell							
Steve Niles	.265						
Dave Couture	.251						
Men's Handicap High Series							
John Schell	.753						
Dave Couture	.727						
Bill Buczek	.716						
Men's High Average							
Steve Niles	.208						

Women's Scratch High Game						
Leslie Price	.175					
Lin Buczek	.170					
Deb Niles	.169					
Women's Scratch High Series						
Leslie Price	.473					
Lin Buczek	.448					
Deb Niles	.445					
Women's Handicap High Game						
Carol Schell	.273					
Leslie Price	.259					
Deb Niles	. 248					
Women's Handicap High Series						
Leslie Price	.725					
Carol Schell	. 695					
Deb Niles	.682					
Women's High Average						
Lin Buczek	.158					

Wizard

by Deborah May Tuesday, Jan. 3 Table 1

Game 1: 1. Kathy Prockett 2. Elaine Schwartz

Game 2: 1. Gary Smith

2. Elaine Schwartz Table 2

Game 1: 1. John Goodger 2. Deborah May

Game 2: 1. John Goodger 2. Nancy Polito

Game 3: 1. Joyce Ritzler

2. Deborah May

by Jackie Thackery

Wednesday, Jan. 4

total of 12 last time.

Table 1

Table 2

Five Crowns

Game 1 Betsy Behler

Game 2 Deborah May

Game 1 Rick Aubrey

Game 2 Kathy Prockett

We have 2-3 men each week and



National Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman Monday, Jan. 2 Linda Gower 150 Pat Anderson, Bette Gorman....75 Wednesday, Jan. 4 Pat Anderson, Bette Gorman.. 125 Arlene Wykoff......110 Linda Gower75 Anita Golfis.....50 Friday, Jan 6 Kathy Ellison 125 Pat McCallum 100 Arlene Wykoff......50 Pat Anderson, Linda Gower, Bette Gorman25



RC **Motorsports**

by Douglas Hatfield Wednesday, Jan. 4 Winners: James Chambers, Howard Best, Dick Bowman24

Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield Tuesday, Jan. 3 Barb Aubrey, Deb May, Marcia Hatfield3 Betty Brown, Doris Lewis2

Saturday, Jan. 7 Barb Aubrey4 Deb May, Marcia Hatfield.........3 Betty Brown, Connie Bradley....2 Pat Polisky, Rachel Brooks 1



Photo submitted by Marcia Hatfield

Lady in Waiting Lou Smith, Empress Deb May and Princess Marcia Hatfield were honored as December winners at Chinese Mah Jong.

by Marcia Hatfield

We honor those winners in December 2022 who came out to play Chinese Mah Jong. Apparently all got the memo to wear blue. Deb and Marcia each played five times winning 11 and 10 times, respectively. Lou only played two times and won seven games! This easy game involves both skill and luck.

January 2023 is going well with 8 players already here and joining in the fun. New players are always welcome and we teach and coach everyone. Often a brand new player wins on their first time. Although we play with Mahjong tiles it is very much like the care game of rummy. Come see how easy it is to have fun with this

Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise

The MLYC sailors used a double elimination format for their racing on New Year's eve, their last race day of 2022. The plan was to conduct "Match Races" for both classes of sailboats, but rain squalls limited racing to only the Dragon Flite 95's.

Jerry McRoberts was able to emerge from the loser's bracket and prevail as Match Race Champion. He defeated Bill Holley in the final two races of the day.

Regular racing will resume Wednesday, Jan 3.



Photo by Bill Wise

Jerry McRoberts and Bill Holley prepare to sail.

Obituaries

KATHLEEN ANNE (LALLY) GROSS

Kathleen Gross entered eternal rest on July 20, 2022. She was born July 26, 1945 to Michael and Margaret (McHale) Lally in South Orange, N.J. where she grew up on Hixon Place, known locally as Lally's Alley because of the many Lallys living there, including 33 of her 35 cousins.

Kathi attended Columbia High School and went on to Monmouth University, graduating with a degree in Literature. She was a frequent contributor to the university paper, *The Outlook*, and earned honors for her poetry and many published works. Her love for family stories and her incredible appetite for knowledge made her the natural family historian. She wrote several books exclusively for her family, including a cookbook of family recipes and secrets titled *But Mostly Sun*.

She met her true love Edward Gross on a blind date in 1975. Her Eddie fondly described Kathi as the brightest, most articulate, caring, understanding and kind person he had ever met. Together they served as Special Ministers at their church and in their spare time they traveled the world together when they weren't busy raising their prized horses.

Kathi's nephews and niece considered her a larger than life figure who charmed all with stories of her exploits and the famous people she met along life's path, like the time she took several high speed laps around the Daytona Speedway while test driving a Sunbeam Tiger Convertible that she purchased from the Andretti Brothers, or when Kathi and Ed became racehorse owners.

In 2012 Kathi moved full time to the Village lot 2533 in TR where she spent her time gardening and making new friends. She penned several unpublished books of poetry and loved to host her family when they came to visit.

The family would like to thank Kathi's good friends Chris Roerig and Tommy Vasquez along with the team at American House Zephyrhills and Gulfside Hospice for providing Kathi special comfort and care.

If you wish to honor her memory the family requests that you make a donation to your local food pantry or put a smile on Kathi's face by reading a fun book to a child.

RICHARD "DICK" HEINLEN

Richard "Dick" Heinlen, age 93, passed away peacefully at home on April 7, 2022 after a life full of adventure. He was born in Detroit, Mich. on Sept. 4, 1928 and graduated from the University of Detroit with a master's degree in biology and a degree in Dentistry.

Within a month of graduating from dental school in 1955 Dick married Catherine Louise Lauff. Their honeymoon was along the drive to San Antonio, Tex. where he completed basic training for the U.S. Army. Dick became a Captain in the Army providing dental services to troops station in Germany after WWII. During the three years Dick and Cathie lived in Germany their first two children were born and they traveled to many other European countries.

Upon returning to Michigan in 1958 Dick established his dental practice in Farmington Hills, Mich., working in this office until his retirement in 1990. He was grateful to be able to design and build a beautiful home on Upper Long Lake where he and Cathie raised their six children. Dick was known for his good sense of humor, storytelling and enjoyment of hosting family and friends on the lake with its many activities: swimming and boating in the summer as well as skating and sledding in the winter.

Dick had a lifelong interest in golfing, skiing, hunting, photography and travel. He planned many interesting family vacations across the U.S., often camping in National Parks along the way. After he retired he and Cathie purchased an Airstream trailer and explored more of North America as well as went on several international caravan trips. He appreciated craftsmanship and supported local and indigenous people along their journeys which filled their home with many unique items. Dick could tell you where they purchased each one and often a bit about the artist or craftsperson.

When traveling in the late winter months, after retirement, they typically stopped at ski areas in Colorado and Utah. During the golf season in Michigan Dick played for many years as part of a Thursday "international" golf league (named that because they played a round or two in Canada every year). He developed an interest in marksmanship in the Army and learned to hunt in Europe. He was in the woods of northern Michigan for the opening

day of deer hunting for over 45 years. After his beloved Cathie passed away in 2007 Dick started to spend the cold weather months in his Airstream trailer at TR on lot 16-27, where he golfed on its 9-hole golf course through April 2021.

Dick is survived by six children, Karen, Nancy, Mary Katherine, Suzanne, John and Margaret and 15 grandchildren.

WALTER WEBSTER "DOC" SARGENT

Walter Webster "Doc" Sargent, age 97, of Chardon, Ohio peacefully passed away at his home on July 17, 2022. He was born Aug. 8, 1924 to Edwin Taylor and Grace Sargent in Mantua, Ohio.

His family moved to Chardon in 1938 where he graduated from Chardon High School in 1942. He was proud to have been on the baseball team that made it to the State Finals that year. He served in the U.S. Navy in WWII as a "Sea Bee."

In 1946 he married Faye Park (she preceded him in death in 2000) and then attended Ohio State University, graduating with a degree in Optometry in 1954. Doc had his own practice in Willoughby, Ohio until he retired in 1997 at the age of 73.

He was a lifelong active member of the Chardon United Methodist Church where he had served on most every Board or Committee. He had also been a charter member of the Willoughby Rotary Club, a Chardon Village Councilman for 16 years and a lifelong fan of the Cleveland Indians Guardians. His passion for pitching horseshoes earned him a Gold Medal at the Senior Olympics. While he and Joyce resided on lot 10-37 at TR he laid out and helped build the horseshoe court.

Walter is survived by his wife Joyce (née: Bican) Hummel whom he married in 2006, a daughter Elizabeth (Robert) Emmons, stepchildren Thomas (Chris) Hummel, Jr. and Heidi (Paul) Marks.

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Looking Back

by Nan Feeney Lance 10 Years Ago - 2013

- Wear your Patriotic Colors to the Friday Night Dance. Americans, don your red, white, and blue, Canadians, wear your red and white. (\$.50 donation)
- The Tuesday night movie is *Music of the Heart*.
- The current contract with the supplier for cable TV ends in 2014. The current 15 year contract costs the park over \$100,000 per year.
- Get your reserved ticket for the ABBA tribute with Abracadabra, featuring 20 of the group's greatest hits. Tickets are \$15.

20 Years Ago - 2003.

- Rapid changes in the recreational vehicle market necessitate long range planning for TR.
- Kennel Club to host Police K9 Squad Jan. 13.
- Attention: Fido, here are pet regulations.
- Bible Land Tour March 24, 2003 \$998.

30 Years Ago - 1993.

- Bob Hume is named General Manager.
- Book reviews from the library included: Dances with Wolves, The Cat Who Went Underground, and Stepdaughter.
- Fire dancing coming to TR? There is a plan to construct a fire ring in the woods 100 feet south of the Snack Shack.





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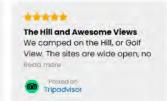




























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