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Golden Anniversary Dance

Celebrate your 50th Wedding Anniversary as honored guests at the dance on Friday, Feb. 17. See pages 3 and 7.

SkyMed Pizza Luncheon

Come and have a pizza lunch with Sandy and JJ on Saturday, Feb. 18 at noon in Citrus West and learn about the new benefits offered by SkyMed. See pg. 6.

Donna Moore presents Diva Legends

Busch Hall Sunday Night, Sunday, Feb. 19. See pg. 2.

Party Planners drive-thru steak dinner

Dinner is Wednesday, March 1. Tickets available starting on Sunday, Feb. 19. See pg. 6.

Wednesday Evening Concert Series

Featuring the Voice of Romance, Franco Corso on Wednesday, Feb. 22. See pg. 2.

TR Welcoming Committee Meeting

The final meeting of the TRWC is Thursday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to noon at the Jeri Miller Activities Building.

TR Talent Show

Deadline to sign up is Friday, Feb. 24. Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See pg. 2.

Activity Reminders

Calling Michiganders

March 4, noon, Citrus East. See pg. 6.

Garden Benefit

Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See pg. 2.

Annual Garden Walk

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Meet the Candidates program surpasses expectations

by Margaret Emmetts

The 2023 Meet the Candidates program was held in Busch Hall on Feb. 9. The hall was filled with residents making the program the best attended in my memory of the event. The purpose of the program is to give shareholders an opportunity to see and hear each candidate in person, evaluate how they respond to questions and how they express their ideas and opinions. The program is moderated by *The TR Times* as an unbiased party.

Each of the four candidates had the opportunity to make an opening and closing statement. They also responded to questions posed by the moderator and several that were submitted by residents. Topics which generated the most interest revolved around Board transparency and confidentiality agreements. It was suggested that when personnel matters, legal issues and contract negotiations are to be discussed, the Board should go into Executive Session. This practice is used by many organizations. The impression was that all other matters brought before the Board should be open to shareholders. The overwhelming sentiment seemed to be in favor of revising or eliminating the confidentiality agreement.

We sincerely hope that attending the program helped you to make an educated decision regarding how you will vote at this year's AGM.



PAT BUTLER

There are so many wonderful aspects about living in Traveler's Rest, but by far and away the best are the people who live here—both those who make TR their permanent home as well as the ones that we welcome back with open arms each season. This wonderfully diverse group of residents has become a family to

me, and I am eager to take a more active role in fine-tuning a strategic plan that will continue to provide for the safety, security, and growth of our community.

Former TR Directors have worked hard to ensure the success of this park. They are to be commended for their creative ideas and the planning carried out during their various terms. My desire is to add to this legacy and bring my eagerness, knowledge and skills to the Board to continue and expand on as well as tweak what has gone before. I acknowledge that I will be working for all of you and will welcome your perspectives and will strive to keep all lines of communication open.

I very much look forward to the challenge and thank you sincerely for your consideration.



TERRY HALBROOK

Hello, my name is Terry Halbrook. I am originally from St. Louis, Mo. and moved to Denver, Colo. in 2008 where I met Kristel and we got married in 2013. About a year and a half ago Kristel's youngest son graduated from high school and joined the Navy and we suddenly found ourselves empty nested. We were self-employed and working 7 days a week and when we were not at work, we were taking care of a now big empty house. So, we began to ask ourselves why and what should we do next. We decide to sell the business, sold the house, two cars, two motorcycles, a bunch of furniture. We then put the rest of our stuff in storage

and hooked up the Jeep to the RV and set out to find a new warmer place to be our home base.

We arrived at TR in February of last year and within a few weeks we both realized and agreed that TR was the place for us. TR checked all the boxes of what we were looking for. Since TR is now our permanent home I feel that we have a vested interest in the future of TR and we need to be involved in the community. I believe that we need strong leadership on the board. Leadership that will be Transparent and Accountable to the shareholders. Leadership that will listen to and communicate with the shareholders. We need to be a team. Shareholders and Directors need to work together. We cannot do that if we cannot communicate effectively.

Based on the Veranda Chats, Forums, Town Hall Meeting and the one-on-one conversation I have had with many of you over the last month it is obvious to me that we are not communicating. This must change for the benefit of TR. We all need to get back to doing the business of TR in order to ensure that TR survives another 50 years.

I told the nominating committee during my interview that I believed in working as a team. I also told them that if the board was looking for a yes man that would just go with the flow that I was not and would not be the guy. I meant it then and I still mean it today. I can tell you that if elected I will always do my best to keep what is best for TR as the focus of all discussions and decision.



MARC HOROWITZ

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this meeting organized by *The TR Times*.

I am here today to answer your questions; however, I am also here to make a commitment to each of you. I represent a change in the approach that we currently see with the Board. Let me explain.

If you ask a question or share a concern with me, you will never hear me say, "I will take that under advisement." Instead I will answer you or we will establish a definitive timeline to get a meaningful response. I will be working for you!

I will not support having closed door meetings with minutes that more closely resemble an agenda. Instead I will support open Board meetings because it's your Board. Confidential matters should be discussed in executive session and all other matters are

open for you to hear.

I will not support forcing people to sign highly inappropriate confidentiality agreements.

Instead, I support background checks for every candidate and Board member so we know if they are historically worthy of our trust.

We should know if someone's work experience is accurate, if they have a criminal record or have a history of financial problems.

I will not support a "Strategic Plan" that is a few bullet points without a timeline or budget associated. I believe this is the most important job of the Board. I will support having a Strategic Plan with S.M.A.R.T goals that are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Reasonable and Timely and that address our threats and take advantage of opportunities. Quite frankly, what we have now should never be called a plan.

If you are looking for someone with a track record of success with programs like Pickleball and the Spectrum implementation and many other activities here at TR and a business background leading and being part of an executive team, then you should vote for me and you most certainly should not give your vote to the Board via proxy. I look forward to answering your questions and I am more than willing to have that background check and call on all others to do the same!



CATHY LOCKE

Let me begin by saying that my husband and I have enjoyed our time here since 2017. We have made great friends and added them to our family. People from different places, different life experiences and histories. What we all have in common is that we love TR.

Although we agree that we like the atmosphere, the amenities and neighbors, there are many ideas as to what to improve: the golf course, pickleball courts, the garden, more space for boats, cars and dogs, types

of entertainment and how to eliminate the negatives.

I believe that I am smart enough to realize that there is no way to please everyone. I also believe that we can collaborate to analyze current bylaws and strategic plans, develop cost-effective opportunities for improvement, identify risk-adjusted priorities, develop common, measurable goals and communicate information related to operational plans with respect.

In addition, I believe that we need to create effective marketing tools for continued success and to meet the needs of the residents, stockholders and future generations.

I want to thank everyone who has been supportive and those who have wished me well, especially my wonderful husband.



Dates of the last four issues of The TR Times	
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February 24	February 17
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March 10	March 3
March 17	March 10

BUSCH HALL

Sunday Night

Donna Moore's

Diva Legends Show



by Sandy and Ken Langell

Your favorite divas are coming to our stage this Sunday and they are all a hoot! Nancy Sinatra, Janis Joplin, Lisa Minnelli, Dolly Parton and many more - like you have NEVER seen them before.

Donna Moore is a singer, impressionist and comedian. She began her career in the music industry upon receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts from Catawba College in North Carolina, her home state. A fan of rock music, she fronted several popular rock bands and toured the U.S. for several years.

A veteran of the theater, she performed her singing tributes of legends like Cher and Patsy Cline, which earned her rave reviews in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. She performs her one-woman show, impersonating 16 celebrities, each week at The Villages, Fla. Her voice is heard on TV and radio commercials for numerous well-known companies. Donna makes her home in Orlando with her husband and their two children.

Talent Show entertainers where are you?

by Donna Neer

The deadline is soon approaching for submitting your entry form for the 2023 TR Talent Show that will be presented on Sunday, March 12. The deadline for returning your entry form is Friday, Feb. 24. I am sure there are many of you who would like to share your gifted talents with your TR family.

It is not too late to send in your entry form! Just fill out the TR Talent Show Entry Form below and return to Donna Neer at lot 10-71 or call her at 419-366-0471.



Wednesday Evening

Concert Series

Franco Corso, the Voice of Romance

by Doug Pedersen

If you like the music of Andrea Bocelli, you will love Franco Corso. His inspirations are drawn from classics such as Caruso and Bocelli along with the allure of Josh Groban and Julio Iglesias.

Franco transforms past masterpieces into modern treasures. Appropriately dubbed "The Voice of Romance," Corso hypnotizes audiences with his powerful range as a baritone/tenor. His voice recalls the era when crooners ruled the music industry with love songs laden with raw emotion.

The Corso repertoire is vast, from Neapolitan Canticles dating back centuries to traditional Italian songs such as *O Solo Mio* and Torna a Surriento to timeless operatic arias as well as international favorites made famous by Dean Martin, Josh Groban and Michael Buble.

Inspired by Sergio Franki, Domenico Modugno, Luciano Pavarotti and Enrico Caruso, Franco never loses sight of his roots and the greatness of the music that he communicates to his audience as well as the realization of the dream that a talented six-year-



old boy had in Italy while singing in his church choir many years ago.

Corso's musical journey includes sellout audiences at Caesar's Atlantic City, Trump's Mar-a-largo and countless theaters and stages across the U.S. and Europe. His rendition of Bocelli's *Time to Say Goodbye* was featured on ABC during the 73rd Annual Columbus Day Red Carpet Event.

Franco returns to Italy every year where his fan base can join him for an exclusive Concert Tour.

You can enjoy this musical program which is coming to TR on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Admission is with a season reserved seat ticket or \$10 payable at the door in cash or personal check made out to Travelers Rest Resort. Doors open at Busch Hall at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. with an intermission.

It is important to note that Concert Series Programs are not live-streamed on TV nor may persons reserve seats by placing pillows on them prior to the doors opening.

Irish Coffee House to benefit Lake Margaret Garden Club

by Sandy Langell

Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall our very own Irish band, Brode Morgan, Ken Langell, Doc and Donna Probes, will present an evening of delightful Irish music. All proceeds from this concert will be donated to the Lake Margaret Garden Club to help cover the cost of repair from damage caused by the recent tree fall.

When the TR Board of Directors was asked to approve this event, they not only approved it, but offered to match, dollar-for-dollar, any funds that are raised, up to a limit of \$2,000!

2023 TR TALENT SHOW ENTRY FORM

Your Name _____

Lot # _____ Phone: _____

Name of Performing Act: _____

Title of Music: _____
(required so there are no duplicates)

Type of performance (please check):

VOCAL _____ How many performers? _____

INSTRUMENTAL _____ How many performers? _____

SKIT _____ DANCE _____ How many performers? _____

NOTE: EACH ACT LIMITED TO MAXIMUM OF 5 MINUTES.

Audio requirements:

Stage microphone (suspended ceiling) _____

Floor microphone(s) _____ (how many) _____

Stand microphone(s) _____ (how many) _____

Hand microphone(s) _____ (how many) _____

Headset microphone(s) _____ (how many) _____

CD _____ (you must provide 2 CDs)

Other _____

Other Assistance Needed:

Music stands _____ (how many) _____

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Communications from the Board

A name badge/key card solution

by Sheila Schencke
TR Board of Directors

At the Forum Feb. 6, Diana Hill made a request for more contrast for names on key cards, so they could be read more easily, like the black print on the original white name tags. The Board of Directors discussed the issue with Ray Hill and Donna Sullivan at the BOD meeting Feb. 7. It was suggested that the white tape with black lettering used on the original white name tags could be used on the plastic covering sleeve the key cards are in, and result in a more readable name tag. More white tape will be ordered to fit the label maker that was used for the name tags before Busch Hall Sunday Nights Show events. Diana Hill volunteered to have the wonderful Welcome Committee add the white tape labels to the plastic sleeves



SHEILA SCHENCKE

covering the key cards for those that would like the high contrast. They can also add red dots to the plastic sleeve coverings for newcomers.

The Welcome Committee already has a group of volunteers manning a table to share information about TR activities and they are pleased to offer this service. Activity Director, Guy

Weik transferred the label maker and tape he had been using to Diana Hill to get this project going.

Meanwhile, Donna Probes offered a solution on the TR Family and Friends Facebook page. She peeled the white tape off her old name tag and used that. Fantastic recycling idea. Just be sure to attach it to the outside plastic sleeve. You are also welcome to continue to wear your original white name tag. Don't you just love it when multiple solutions are offered? Please note that Donna Sullivan shared that Ray does not want white tape directly on the key cards for Golf View and Oak View as those are reusable by site numbers and expensive to replace.

If you have any good suggestions for those, please share them with Ray Hill as name tags are an operations matter and under his authority.

Reflections of the Nominating Committee Chairperson

by Jean Cobb

Wow! I sure did pick a banner year to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee for my "little piece of paradise." My First Responder role keeps me from even considering a run for the Board of Directors, so I figured that the Nominating Committee would be a nice short-term way to serve TR as a volunteer. The swirling accusations and rhetoric make me want to hide until after the Annual General Meeting or beyond but since that is not my nature, I won't. What I will do is try not to violate my Confidentiality Agreement-yes, I did sign it, as did the other members on the committee while I reflect on the experience.

If I have read TR Policy 2605 once, I have read it a hundred times. While it is likely that this policy needs revision relative to the procurement and processing of potential Board candidates for interviews, I assert without reservation that from the time the committee was convened until the

completion of its duties, this committee acted within the TR policy, without any pressure individually or collectively from the TR Board and with the utmost integrity.

Our first decision was to make the TR Board member on our committee a non-voting member of the committee, eliminating board-bias from our deliberations. We unanimously agreed on how we would conduct the interviews and assign the proxy votes and that we would evaluate each candidate interview independently without open discussion. My role on the committee was simply to begin and end interviews, tabulate input from committee members and generate written documents as required. It was a very clean and efficient process and I would repeat it without hesitation again.

There has been much criticism about the voting of proxies that have been given to the Board of Directors. TR policy dictates that the Board must accept the Nomi-

nating Committee's decision about how the proxies are to be distributed, which they did. It is apparent that according to the current policy, the Nominating Committee (not the Board) has a bit of power when assigning proxies. It makes sense that the shareholders (Nominating Committee members) who interviewed the candidates have the final say on how the Board's proxies should be voted. I don't have a better solution at this point for the group of proxies that are assigned by TR shareholders to the Board. Do you?

The nominating and voting processes are not unlike many other processes we use in this community. There is always room for improvement. Could we replace the criticism with volunteering and working toward making incremental improvements? We just need to ask the Board for the opportunity to contribute to improving the nominating and voting processes. I intend to.

One last reflection. In future seasons we need shareholders with integrity to step forward and volunteer for the Nominating Committee. Please consider stepping forward and making a positive effort for our "little piece of paradise."

Golden Anniversary Dance is tonight

by Pam Watkins

Have you asked your sweetheart to tonight's dance? The TR Travelers invite you to join them this evening, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall when they will honor three of our TR neighbors as they celebrate their golden anniversaries.

Our golden anniversary couples are Joe and Joan Colao, Robert and Antonette Jennings and Richard and Debbie Hentchel. The Hentchels are also first year residents. This is always the biggest dance of the year and you do not want to miss it. Admission is free, and you are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Rich Kushman

Recently the Meet the Candidates event in Busch Hall was recorded and posted on the Busch Hall YouTube channel. Then it was taken down which might have raised some concern. Ray explained why that happened and just what the proper procedure should be to post a video of this type.

First seek permission from Ray for a video to be recorded and also permission from the people being recorded to have that video placed on the web. Ray, with protection of the park his first consideration, had the video taken off line until he was able to obtain the consent of all the people recorded. The video was then put back and is available on the Residents Dashboard.

A brief history lesson

by Margaret Emmetts

History teaches us that nature is cyclical. Our earth circles the sun which produces our annual cycle of seasons. The moon circling the earth produces the lunar cycle which regulates our tides. Wherever we look we can see samples of cycles in nature. Humans also follow cycles. We have births, deaths, etc.

Several decades ago the residents of TR were unhappy. The Board of Directors at the time was busy conducting the business of the park. There were no issues with what the Board was doing with one exception. There were no clear lines of communication between the Board and shareholders. Shareholders wanted to know just what the Board was working on and why. The residents were restless.

A group of shareholders got together and formed the Travelers Rest Action Committee (TRAC). TRAC held meetings that shareholders were urged to attend. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the shareholders to present questions, problems or ideas to TRAC. TRAC in turn would meet with the Board to sit down and discuss the items presented to them by shareholders. A line of communication was opened.

Sometime later it was decided that the line of communication was to take a new form and the Residents Forum was developed. The idea behind the Forum was to establish a venue where shareholders could speak directly to Board members and create a dialogue.

Under the Presidency of Jo Jugel for instance, Jugel would explain what the Board was working on, the thinking behind the project and the project's current status. When suggestions were made from the floor Jugel might say the idea was a good one, it was something the Board would consider or in some instances would cite a specific reason why that suggestion could not be pursued. When she was Corporate Secretary she wrote a weekly column for *The TR Times* in which she would explain any changes in bylaws or policies. Often the original and

The opportunity to cast your vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is just around the corner so sign on to the park website and Meet the Candidates.

There was a pretty good-sized tree hanging into Lake Margaret which has now been removed and repairs made to the boardwalk in the garden area.



Picture by Mark Lupien

Lake Margaret tree removal.

The Snack Shack is humming along just fine and in complete compliance both with any sanitary or sales tax requirements. The volunteers who have operated the Snack Shack for many years have always run a clean, safe food service but now they also have the ServSafe stamp of approval. The sales tax, now being properly collected, is included with the cost of your meal which continues to be very reasonably priced.

revised policies would be printed so shareholders could see exactly what changes were made. The residents were happy.

In looking back through *The TR Times* archives, Board members have communicated with shareholders in weekly columns. In 1993, Board member Charles Trainor wrote about changes in bylaws in a column titled *From the Board*.

In years past columns included *Briefings from the Board* and *From the Manager's Desk*. Traditionally *The TR Times* has reserved page 3 for news from the Board and management.

Some people like to write and others do not. Some find it easy while to others it is an onerous chore. We have had managers of both ilk. During the time Randy Doell was Manager we received weekly columns in which Doell would describe operations of the park. This could be anything from Golf Course maintenance to the requirements we must meet to maintain the wells that supply our water. The column *From the Manager's desk* ran for many years.

The fact that the current Manager does not like to write is not a problem. Ray Hill willingly shares facets of his job with *TR Times* writer Rich Kushman who produces the article.

In the meantime, what was originally titled *Briefings from the Board* has become *Communications from the Board*. While a change of title is not significant, the change in content is. *Communications from the Board* no longer contains the depth of information that was previously contained in the *Briefings from the Board* column. No longer does the column include specific information about bylaw or policy changes together with explanations of those changes.

Once again our lines of communication are compromised. Will the new Board be able to reestablish open lines of communication?

History indicates that all things run in cycles. We can only hope that applies to us.



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*Beauty is in the eye
of the beholder ~ Plato*

Behold the beauty everywhere you look at TR. Do you know who is responsible for much of this beauty? Without question it is the work of the TR Lake Margaret Garden Club.

I personally would love to have a beautiful garden and I really appreciate those who do. Unfortunately I was never motivated to put in all the work necessary to have an admirable garden.

Gardening is both dirty and physically taxing work. Weeding alone is enough to discourage one from being a gardener. It is a repetitious task that never seems to end. Yet we have a goodly number of TR residents who are not put off by the work involved. We should be really grateful for these individuals.

Everywhere you look at TR you see the results of their tireless efforts. When referring to the Lake Margaret Garden Club most people immediately think of the garden by Lake Margaret. They do not consider all the other locations that are touched by the club in the past.

The front entrance to the park is an area that is seen by anyone coming into the park, especially newcomers. It is the spot that surely generates a positive first impression to all who pass by.

Consider the Duffer’s Deck and all the plantings in the surrounding area. Then there is the area surrounding Busch Hall and the beautiful azalea plants that used to be maintained near the Snack Shack.

Gardeners are truly a dedicated lot. Not only do they maintain our park, but most have wonderful gardens at their own sites.

I cannot imagine what it would cost to have professional landscapers do all the work that we receive at no cost and often take for granted. Certainly our annual leases would see a substantial increase were we required to pay for these services.

If you see gardeners, remember to thank them for all their work and tell them how much you enjoy the results of their efforts. *mre*

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The Servant’s Plow

YET, I will rejoice

by **Anthony Shipe**

How do we handle bad news? What happens when the good times are over and we begin to enter the storms of life?

The doctor’s words landed into a patient’s heart with a thud. It was a cancer diagnosis. The patient’s world seemed to stop as he began to think of his family and children. He and his family had prayed diligently, hoping for a different outcome. What would they do now? With tears streaming down his face, he said softly, “God, this is beyond our control. Please be my strength.”

What do we do when the prognosis is devastating, when our circumstances are beyond our control? Where do we turn when the outlook seems hopeless?

In the book of Habakkuk 3:17-19 the prophet Habakkuk’s situation was out of his control and the fear that he felt terrified him. The prophecy of Habakkuk is unique.

Most prophets speak instructions to the people on behalf of God. Habakkuk speaks to God on behalf of the people. He is angry with both the people of Judah and God.

His argument was a legitimate concern.

“If God exists, why does evil prosper? Why does God allow the people of Judah to sin and how

**TR Praise
& Worship
will lift up your
spirit**

by **Donna Probes**

Meditations, devotional readings, scripture passages, communion and music will all be part of the TR Praise & Worship Service on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 4:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.

This service is part of the regular series of relaxed and informal worship opportunities that take place generally on the first and third Saturday of each month during January, February and March.

Tomorrow's service will be led by Doc & Donna Probes along with Barb Swartz. The three will blend their voices together for beautiful harmonies on a collection of seven uplifting traditional and contemporary Christian songs. The music will be blended with devotional and Scripture readings.

Everyone is welcome. Please join us for an uplifting Saturday afternoon.



ANTHONY SHIPE

could God use a sinful nation like Babylon to punish the nation of Judah?”

You see Habakkuk was frustrated with the people in his own nation who rebelled against God. God would soon punish the nation of Judah and He would use the Babylonians to do it. Judgment was pending and it would certainly be catastrophic.

Habakkuk’s name actually means “wrestling.” The book is a dialog between the frustrated prophet and God. He had a number of questions and complaints toward God.

The prophet argued with God that His ways were unfathomable and even unjust. Habakkuk was the Doubting Thomas of the Old Testament.

Habakkuk has three main arguments with God.

The first is his concern about the unrighteousness within his own community. The people led filthy, ungodly lives. Throughout a 700-year period the covenant that had been established between God and Moses had been violated many times over.

Unfortunately, ages of lawlessness had passed and now had incurred God’s severe punishment and judgment.

Secondly, it bothered Habakkuk that God would use the godless Babylonian nation to bring punishment to the people of Judah.

Thirdly, Habakkuk struggled with his own faith and doubt.

TR Church Association
Sunday
Choir Rehearsal.....8:30 a.m.
Bible Study.....9 a.m.
I know My Own (John 10:7-14)
Hymn Sing.....9:45 a.m.
Barb Swartz
Worship Service.....10 a.m.
Anthony Shipe

The prophet dealt with calamity, crisis, hopelessness, helplessness, chaos, confusion, despair and destruction.

Do you struggle with any of these?

Are you angry at God? Frustrated?

Do you think that we should expect God to grant us favorable conditions and that we should be immune from such situations? Unfortunately, some things are unfavorable.

Here are some statements to take into consideration:

God has not guaranteed things will work out our way.

True faith does not stomp on the devil’s head.

Tempting God means trying to get more assurance than God has given.

Faith walks a fine line between the unfairness of life and the goodness of God, with a patient hope that God will have the last word.

Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation.

Faith is not a guarantee. It is trust.

It is to trust in the dark what God has taught you in the light.

It is to live contingently on the character, promises and the faithfulness of God.

In Habakkuk 3:17-19 the verses talk about having a YET faith. When you begin verse 17... the words are *Even though or Although...* and then there are circumstances listed that outline difficulty or hard times. In Habakkuk’s case it was agricultural. In our situation it could be anything we are dealing with.

But the language in verse 18 changes dramatically to, “YET, I will rejoice in the Lord!”

Whatever the world may throw in your path, embrace God’s Word and hold onto your faith.


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The Siren



by Jean Cobb

Imagine you are playing pickle ball with several friends when you notice that one of your friends is sweating profusely and appears shaky and anxious. You ask if they are OK. They respond slowly, appear a bit confused and say they are feeling “pretty bad.”

Remembering that they are diabetic, you realize that diabetic hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is likely the problem and know that your quick action is critical. When they say they have glucose tablets in their athletic bag, you retrieve them and give them three (3) to chew.

Within 5 minutes, they are starting to feel better. You drive them home in their golf cart and help them prepare a peanut butter and jelly sandwich as a snack. They check their blood sugar and it is 90 mg/dL. Disaster averted! (By the way, for health food enthusiasts and per a dietician friend of mine, peanut butter and jelly is an excellent snack after hypoglycemia because the jelly reduces the likelihood of a recurrence of the low blood sugar and the peanut butter slows the utilization of the sugar in the jelly.)

Left untreated, diabetic hypoglycemia rapidly becomes a 911 medical emergency because it deprives brain cells of critical supplies of glucose and will lead to loss of consciousness, seizures and even death. Once the diabetic loses the ability to safely swallow, hypoglycemia becomes more difficult to treat, so early action is imperative

The diabetic who takes insulin is at greatest risk for

Diabetic Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is a medical emergency

experiencing hypoglycemia, but it can happen with oral diabetic medications as well. Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) occurs when there's too much insulin or diabetic medication and not enough sugar (glucose) in the blood.

Common causes of diabetic hypoglycemia include taking too much insulin or other diabetes medications, skipping a meal, or exercising harder than usual. Drinking alcoholic beverages on an empty stomach can also trigger episodes of diabetic hypoglycemia.

Hypoglycemia is defined as a blood sugar measurement below 70 mg/dL or (for our Canadian friends, 4 mmol/L). Early warning signs include: shakiness, headache, dizziness, sweating, extreme hunger, irritability or moodiness, confusion, anxiety or nervousness. If the diabetic experiences symptoms of low blood sugar but cannot check their blood sugar level right away, treat them as though they have (low blood sugar) hypoglycemia.

Attend to early warning signs, so low blood sugar can be treated promptly while the diabetic can cooperate to swallow glucose-containing food or drink. [Do not attempt to give food or drink to anyone who cannot safely swallow as it may cause choking or aspiration into the lungs.]

The fastest route to absorb the glucose is through the mucous membranes in the mouth, so ask them to hold the drink or sugar source in their mouth for as long as they can.

Early treatment is eating or drinking foods/liquids that will raise blood sugar level quickly: 5 or 6 pieces of hard candy; 4 oz. of fruit juice or regular (not diet) soda; 1 tablespoon of sugar, jelly or honey; or 3 glucose tablets. Blood sugar should rise and the diabetic should begin to feel better within 5-10 minutes.

If they do not recover within 15 minutes, repeat the sugar-containing treatment. When the diabetic does respond to the initial sugar and feels better, follow with a snack that contains more complex carbohydrate and protein such as peanut butter and jelly sandwich or cheese and crackers to prevent the blood sugar from dropping again once the initial sugar has been used by the body.

Dial 911 if the diabetic cannot safely swallow, does not respond to food/fluids that should raise blood sugar quickly, or if they show signs and symptoms of severe hypoglycemia, including difficulty speaking or slurred speech, clumsiness or jerky movements, blurry or double vision, confusion, muscle weakness, convulsions, seizures or unconsciousness. TR First Responders have glucose gel to treat hypoglycemia. As soon as the Pasco County Ambulance arrives, injectable or intravenous glucose can be administered to the patient who cannot safely swallow. So, stay calm and stay where you are - help is on the way!

A final note: It is wise for the diabetic to wear a Medical Alert bracelet/necklace. It is also very important for them to tell family and friends what symptoms to look for and what to do in case they are not able to recognize and/or treat hypoglycemia themselves when it happens.



TRash Talk



by Dean Peters

It's amazing how well everyone has caught on to our new recycling program. Well done TR residents. We would now like to introduce more ways to reduce our waste and help the environment.

For most of us recycling is usually number one on our list, but actually it should be last. According to the 5-Rs, four actions should be taken, if possible, prior to “Recycling.”

1. Refuse: Refuse simply means say NO. Refuse what you do not need. Examples: Remove yourself from junk mail. Refuse to purchase non-recyclable items like single use plastics, non-recyclable items, refuse chemical solvents and use alternatives that are water-based.

2. Reduce: Means to use less and not waste. Examples: Buy in bulk to reduce packaging. Take your own bags to carry your purchases home. Say no to plastic shopping bags. Replace any single use items with reusable ones like water bottles and mugs. Choose a “go paperless” option when possible. Print double-sided and in grey scale and you will save ink, paper and money.

3. Reuse: The reuse step refers to the diligent reuse of any material. Examples: Reuse plastic or glass containers for storage of food or other household items. Reuse

wrapping paper, gift bags and bows. Pass on magazines, catalogs and books to neighbors, libraries, schools and nursing homes. Use the trailer near Busch Hall for usable items.

4. Repurpose: To give new use to something for a different purpose than the one for which it was originally intended. Examples: Use old clothing as cleaning rags, make a blanket, donate to homeless shelters or give it to someone who would use it. Reuse plastic and glass containers for a different purpose like mason jars for growing herbs, jugs for mini-rain barrels. Paper towel and toilet paper rolls for organizing cords and storing sharp knives in.

5. Recycle: The final step in the process is Recycle. After you’ve made quality efforts to go through all the previous steps from the 5-Rs, recycling is a great final option.

One of the main ways we continue to make efforts to be more environmentally friendly is to recycle anything that has that option, saving energy and saving raw materials. Learning to become a community that values this is a significant part of the importance of the 5-Rs of waste management.

Thank you TR residents for doing your part in our recycling program.



Recycle Only

Aluminum Cans
Recycle or to the right of bins in wire basket.



Cleaned Metal Food Cans



Plastic Bottles and Containers
Cleaned, crushed and no caps.



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If In doubt - throw it out!

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Activity Affairs

by Guy Weik
Lights and Fans in Citrus

It has been brought to my attention that occasionally the doors to Citrus East are left open and the lights are left on. For security reasons and energy conservation, please make sure the doors are closed when you leave Citrus. The lights are on automatic timers and motion sensors, so they will shut off on their own unless the fans are left on. In Citrus East, the controls for the fans are located to the right of the door leading into the kitchen. There are two round knobs that can be turned to control fan speed and there is an on/off switch just below the knobs. If the fans are on, please turn them off so the lights can eventually turn off on their own. If you participate in an activity without much movement, such as Calligraphy, turning the fans on will keep the lights from suddenly leaving you in the dark.

The one lonely fan switch in Citrus West is on the wall to the right of the door leading into the kitchen and is labeled as a fan switch. The actual temperature in



GUY WEIK

Citrus is set by our Maintenance workers and cannot be adjusted by residents.

Coffee Machine Mystery

During the Ohio Day Luncheon, the Bunn coffee machine in Citrus never got hot and just dripped cold water. I found out later that there's a switch on the back side of the machine that turns the internal water heater on and off. If it is left on, any water in the machine will eventually evaporate, which is not good for that internal heater. This doesn't seem

like a very practical design, to hide such an important switch in the back, but that's why the Ohio luncheon organizers could only get cold and very weak coffee. Be aware if you turn the machine on in the front and the green light doesn't come on letting you know the water is hot enough to turn the brew switch on, then the heater switch on the back is turned off. Since the machine is not used each day, please turn the water heater switch off when you are finished.

Chair Risers

The chairs with risers attached are usually lined up against the wall and are used every Monday, Wednesday and Friday by the Weights and Stretching Class. If removed, it takes time from their 45-minute class to get them all reattached, so please get chairs from the chair cart and try not to change the risers. If you must remove them, please reattach them before you leave.

As always, your cooperation in keeping our facilities looking their best and our activities running smoothly is greatly appreciated.



TR Amateur Radio Club News



by Dave Baur

Gaining your first Technician Ham Radio License has many parallels with passing a written Driver's License and is not a great deal more complicated. You need to familiarize yourself with the equipment, how to operate the equipment and you need to know the rules of the road. As you grow with the hobby you may want to upgrade to a General or Amateur Extra License. These will require more study but just getting started requires a minimum of effort and you do not need to go beyond this level if you do not wish.

The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) designs every test. They are administered by area hams who have been trained to monitor the tests as Volunteer Examiners. Each test is multiple choice and consists of 35 questions. The questions are selected for each exam from a pool of 412 questions. All questions are worded exactly as in the pool so if you read all 412 questions, they will appear the same on your 35 question test. You must answer 26, 74%, of the 35 questions correctly to pass.

Many new hams achieve their license after a condensed one day schooling while others prefer to study at a slower pace and use the many tools on the Internet. Handy study guides are available through the ARRL, Amateur Radio Relay League, or private companies. The TR Amateur Radio Club has purchased an ARRL Technician Manual and it is available for your study, just contact any ham. MFJ, *MFJ.com*, is a private company and offers a study guide showing all 412 questions in the pool with only the correct answers. Additionally, they guarantee that you will pass the test on your first try.

Another issue of concern is cost. I have heard folks say, "I would become a ham but could not afford all the expensive equipment." To get on the air and participate in the TR 2 Meter Net all you need is a handheld transceiver which starts at \$30. When available, local hams have also

been happy to lend you a radio to get you started. Once you are licensed, you can also use the Ham Shack which is available to all TR Amateur Radio Club members.

If you believe you might want to give it a try, here are some easy steps:

1. Talk to any ham you may know and attend one of our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month during the season.
2. Go on *QRZ.com* online and take their practice test. This website provides a sample test and gives you your grade. Each time you take the test it contains new questions from the pool and will alert you when you are ready to take the test.
3. Purchase a Technician Study Guide from ARRL or MFJ. The combination of these study guides and the online testing will guarantee your success. The online tests will even tell you automatically when you are ready to take the test.

4. Ham Test Online, *hamtestonline.com*, offers a program that gives you tests. If you miss any question the program shows and explains the correct answer. It also spots any area of weakness and automatically keeps testing you on these until you master them. The introductory program is only \$19.95 and will help your study for 3 full months. They also offer programs for the General and Amateur Extra Licenses.

Good luck and once again contact any of the hams here in the park and we will be happy to help you and answer your questions.

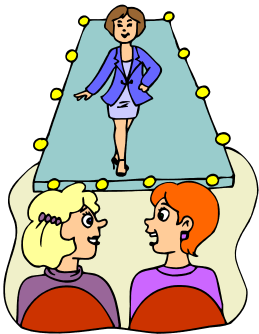
The Traveler's Rest Amateur Radio Club, TRARC, conducts a net daily at 8 a.m. except Sundays. The net meets on 146.43 Mhz, 100Hz CTCSS, and on EchoLink at K4TRR-L. Club meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Building and normally include an optional program after the main meeting. Visitors are always welcome at TRARC events.

Las Vegas Night in Busch Hall



by John Dennison

The Bocce group is sponsoring a Las Vegas Night at Busch Hall on Friday, Feb. 24. The evening begins at 7 p.m. and runs until all the chips are gone. The cost is \$5. You will get 9 chips to play three games of L-R-C, a dice game. It's an easy to learn, fun game and there are big payouts. All money will be paid out to the winners. Life is short, have some fun.



TR Fashion Show delayed

by LuAnn Gatewood and Cindy Tinkham

Many of you are wondering about the TR Fashion Show. Mid-February is the traditional time to have this fun-filled event. The event will not be held this year due to time constraints, scheduling issues and Covid concerns. The TR Fashion Show will return on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024.

For many years Patsy Gordon and Elaine Risher made the event elegant and fun for the participants and audience. Their departures from the park this past year left us with very big shoes to fill. We want to honor these ladies by continuing this event.

LuAnn Gatewood, lot 03-29 and Cindy Tinkham, lot 02-12 agreed to coordinate next year's fashion show. Much of the groundwork and planning for next year's show is being done now. Volunteers for this event are being recruited and are deeply appreciated.

Ohio Day Luncheon held on Sunday, Feb. 5

by Deb Englert and Deb Etchill

Total attendance count was 67. Twenty seven different cities of Ohio were represented. Chicken was purchased from Publix with many wonderful dishes prepared and shared by the residents, as well as many donated door prizes.

The luncheon was a fun time of fellowship, good food and door prizes! It finished up the "TR Way" with everyone chipping in to put Citrus East back in order the way it was found.

A big thank you to all who came, participated and helped



Photo submitted by Deb Englert
Buckeyes share lunch.

make this 2023 Ohio Day a success and a special thank you to our TR Activity Director, Guy Weik, for his assistance.

Tri-state Luncheon scheduled

by Linda Gough and Debbie May

Everyone is invited to join us for our potluck luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East. The states that will be represented include Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Bring your favorite dish or two to share with serving utensils for your dishes. Also bring your own plates, silverware and drinks.

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in Busch Hall.

Plan to attend the New England Luncheon

by Bard Fuller

Our annual potluck luncheon is schedule for Sunday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Bring your favorite casserole to share and come enjoy the fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to bring a friend or two!

A sign-up sheet is posted in Busch Hall. You will need to bring a place setting and a beverage.

For information contact Kathy Fuller at lot 2528 or 860-302-1367.

Calling all Michiganders

by Tawyna Rowden

A Michigan Luncheon/Pot Luck is planned for Saturday, March 4 at Citrus West. The social will begin at noon and the meal will be at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by Donna Probes and Company will then follow. There is a sign-up sheet posted in Busch Hall. If you have questions, please contact organizer Tawyna Rowden, lot 2534.

Party Planners schedule drive-thru steak dinner

by Linda Smith

The Party Planners are having a drive-thru steak dinner on Wednesday, March 1. Steak, baked potato, veggie, salad, roll and dessert will be served. The cost will be \$15 per ticket.

Purchase tickets at Busch Hall Sunday night, Feb. 19 and 26 prior to the program. Tickets will also be available Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Post Office from 3 to 4 p.m.

SkyMed pizza luncheon



by William (JJ) Johnjulio

Come and have a pizza lunch with Sandy and JJ on Saturday, Feb. 18 at noon in Citrus West and learn about the new benefits offered by SkyMed. Bring a guest and you will get an extra three months added to your membership when they become a member. Everyone at TR is invited including members and our friends on Golf View and Oak View.

Please be sure to sign up on the sheet hanging on the wall in the Post Office hall so JJ will know how many pizzas to order.

TR Quilt Guild news

by Joan Ledbetter

If you wander into Busch Hall on a Thursday morning you will see a star-shaped formation of tables with an array of sewing and embroidery machines and many women hard at work on sewing projects. This is the day our TR Quilt Guild meets to chat, sew, share and learn the art of sewing and quilting. You will be amazed at the workmanship and degree of expertise so many of our TR neighbors possess. On any Thursday you will see sewing projects by beginners to award-winning quilters here at our park. We welcome any interested to come see for yourself, bring your projects and claim a table of our own. The Guild meets Thursdays in Busch Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. All are welcomed to join.

The quilters will be going on a field trip to Quilted Twins fabric store in Dade City on Thursday,

Feb. 23. If you love fabrics, this is a must-see right here in our hometown. After shopping we will also go to lunch at A Matter of Taste cafe in downtown Dade City.

Next week we will write about Quilt-A-Rama here at TR. This will be our 20th year making quilts for the women's abuse shelter in Dade City. This event is scheduled for the first Tuesday in March, this year it is on March 7. Everyone is invited to help. We always need volunteers to help with a wide assortment of jobs this day from sewing to helping with ironing and tying quilts. No experience is necessary. Please save the date and be part of this wonderful yearly event. Watch for details in next week's *The TR Times*. The Snack Shack will be taking lunch orders and delivering this day to Busch Hall.



Congratulations to our Golden Anniversary couples



Debbie and Rick Hentchel

Rick and Debbie Hentchel were married on Oct. 6, 1973 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mo.

The couple first met by chance through a mutual friend and the meeting only lasted a few minutes. Again, by chance, the couple bumped into each other a few weeks later. Rich asked Debbie out on a date and the rest is history.

Superstition claims that the groom seeing the bride on the day of the wedding prior to the ceremony brings bad luck. Not so for the Hentchels. The entire bridal party went to breakfast together on the day of the ceremony.

The couple planned to honeymoon in Chicago. As they could not reach Chicago that night, they were given the exclusive use of Rick’s sister’s home to spend their wedding night. During the night a cat started crying loudly outside. Thinking the cat belonged to the sister, they brought the cat indoors, where it proceeded to tear up the house, knocking down a shelf and scattering its contents. When they met the sister the following morning they told her of the terrible behavior of her cat, to which she replied “I don’t have a cat.”

The Hentchels have a daughter, son and four granddaughters. To celebrate their anniversary, the couple plans a 35-night Viking ocean cruise from Bangkok to Athens, Greece.

When asked what makes for a successful marriage Rick replied, just two words, “Yes dear! Or,” he continued, “it could be embellished with, you are right again.” Debbie’s response to the question was “argue often.” She contends that if you don’t argue, you don’t speak to each other enough.



Antonette and Bob Jennings



“Times have changed over these 50 years,” shares Antonette, and Bob Jennings, “but, with enough love, everything falls into place.” Love and their faith in God seems to be a theme for the couple’s marriage and it has seen them through both good and difficult times.

Antonette and Bob Jennings met at the First Baptist Church in Holly Hill, S.C. where Antonette and her family had been long-time members. Bob was the newcomer, and although he noticed Antonette and wanted to get to know her better, in his reserved way, he took a bit of time getting there. He began by choosing to move one pew closer

to Antonette each Sunday. Too shy to talk to Antonette directly, he chose to speak first with her mother and then her sister-in-law. Antonette laughs and says that “they fell in love with him long before I did.”

Bob finally broke the ice on Valentine’s Day in 1973. He asked if he could visit and gift her with a box of chocolates. Antonette was still unmoved and suggested that he simply leave the chocolates in her car. Bob was not rebuffed. Living down the street from her, he knocked on her door anyway and gave her the chocolates, but his visit was brief as he had three young daughters at home. Bob continued the courtship the rest of the year finally winning the hearts of Antonette and her two young daughters. They married on Dec. 16, 1973 with all five girls in attendance. The newlyweds and their five daughters, Leigh age 4, Mary age 5, Georgia age 7, Paula age 8 and Tammy age 10, became one family that day. They knew that with enough love and faith in God everything would fall in place.

The couple enjoyed a brief honeymoon in Atlanta before returning home. “After all, we had five young daughters at home and it was Christmas!” Antonette says.

The Jennings remained in Holly Hill where they built their dream house and lived out their faith and love every day through the ups and downs. “There have been some very difficult times,” Antonette shares. Their daughters grew up and moved on. Bob retired and the Jennings enjoyed a few years together before he was called back to work in 2011 for a 12-month training position in Mississippi. He moved and Antonette stayed in Holly Hill. The temporary position continued well into 2012, and still Bob was not fully retired. In 2013, the Jennings decided to sell their beautiful South Carolina home and make their home in Mississippi. It was a difficult decision, but they knew their love and their faith in God would see them through. It did, their South Carolina home finally sold and they were together again.

In 2016 when Bob was almost ready to finally retire, again, Antonette and Bob leased a lot at TR. They had visited TR before when their friends Don and Patsy Gordon had invited them to attend their 50th anniversary celebration at TR’s Golden Anniversary Dance. They knew they would love the community. The Jennings arrived, Bob helped set up their household and he returned to Mississippi to complete his final few weeks at work. Antonette stayed here. Alone and without a car. They knew that love and God would see them through, along with their friends and TR’s wonderful community. Bob finally retired, really. In 2017, they bought their home in the Village which is “another God story,” Antonette interjects. They sold their Mississippi home and became fulltime TR residents. Their love and faith in God had seen them through.

The Jennings share that a successful marriage, one that will enjoy the good times and get through the difficult times, depends on many things, including faith in God, respect for one another and unfailing forgiveness. They have yet to make celebratory plans for their anniversary, but they can wait because as they keep saying, “With enough love, everything falls into place.”



TR residents Joe and Joan Colao are also celebrating their golden anniversary this year and will be featured in another issue of The TR Times.



Stories by Margaret Emmetts and Pam Watkins Photos by Pam Watkins

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Travelers Rest Resort Activities

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

Bulletin Board

Travelers Rest Resort Activities

IPHONE CLASS		PICKLEBALL		SNACK SHACK		VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR	
Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Susan Stahley		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		Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Additional volunteers needed to add a Saturday crew. Lee Brenn Mickey Cobb		Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. at host residence. Meet in Hobby House if temperature is <60 or if it's raining. November thru April. Sandy Post	
JOKER		PINOCHLE		SPORTS CLUB		WAIST WATCHERS	
Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. Fridays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West. Deborah May		Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. John Delaney		Meet at Snack Shack Pavilion 2nd Tuesdays 7 to 8 p.m. (January thru March) All welcome. Ray LoPresti		Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House. Jackie Thackery	
KARAOKE		POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM		STAINED GLASS		WINTER WALKING AEROBICS	
Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 9: p.m. in Busch Hall. Starts in January. Glenn and Gabriella Young Alan West		Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House. Jack Davis		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 Harberts Shari Harberts		Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. (Nov. 8 thru April 10) Gloria Polzin	
KNOTTY KNITTERS		POM-POM DRILL TEAM		TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG		WATERCOLOR PAINTING	
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West. Diane Fisher		Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East. Donna Neer Deb Niles		Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available. Ron Hicks		Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. Amy Grier	
LIBRARY		POWERBOAT RACING		TENNIS		WEIGHTS & STRETCHING	
Located in northwest corner of Busch Hall. Open 24/7. Honor system sign-out. Please reshelve your own books if you can. If not place in cart behind desk. Mary Kosbab Kay Blunda		Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake. Dean Peters		Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 to 11 a.m. <div>Delay for court maintenance.</div> Betty Teichert		Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 8:45 a.m. in Citrus East. Year-round. Sheila Schencke	
LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)		PRAISE & WORSHIP		TONE & TIGHTEN		WELCOMING & RED DOT SPOT	
Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Alex Adair		Contemporary Church Services - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. January thru March. Marty Schencke		Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights. Betty Clark		Welcoming Committee: LAST Thursdays, 10 to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Next Red Dot Spot: Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. Diana Hill	
LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)		QUILLING ON A BUDGET		TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE)		WIZARD	
Citrus West: Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. and Wednesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturdays 3 to 4 p.m. in Citrus East. Alex Adair		Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. in Citrus West. Pat Daubenmier		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. Deborah May	
MAH JONG CHINESE		QUILTING		TR SINGING MEN		WOOD SHOP	
Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. Marcia Hatfield		Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. Ethel Polsdofer Cloie Morgan		Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Center. All men are invited to sing along. Gene Gough Dennis Ledbetter		Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Larry Kurkowski	
MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY		RC AIRPLANE FLYING		TR TRAVEL		WOODCARVING	
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. Bette Gorman		Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Golf Course 9th hole. James Morrow, Sr.		Planned events advertised on Travel Board in Busch Hall. Watch for articles in TR Times. Sharon Gilbert Zile		Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Linda Murphy	
MATS FOR THE HOMELESS		RC MOTORSPORTS		TR TRAVELAIRES OCHESTRA		YOGA	
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall Pat Dellamuth		Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack. John Toombs		Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome. Gene Cribbs		Thursdays, 11 a.m., Location TBD, January thru March. Jean Renee DeTar	
MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB		ROCK PAINTING		TRAVELETTES/WOMEN'S CHORUS		ZUMBA	
RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake. Powerboat Races: Mondays and Fridays 8 a.m. to noon. Jerry McRoberts, Commodore		All Thursdays except the last Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Diana Hill		Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Center. Mary Beth Coldren		Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jeri Miller Activity Center. Starts Jan. 12. Bev Weissinger	
YACHT CLUB SAILBOATS		RUG HOOKING		TRAVELOGUE		<div></div> <div>All changes, additions or corrections to any Activity.</div> <div>Contact Guy Weik activities@travelersrestresort.com 352-584-6377</div> <div></div> <div>“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.” ~ Sherry Anderson</div>	
Sailboat Practice: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Barry Sellick		Tuesdays, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Green Room, Busch Hall. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful! Tawnya Rowden		2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January thru March. Bert Contractor			
MODEL RAILROAD		SCRABBLE		TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)			
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Center. Brian Krupicka		Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, depending on interest. Jeffrey Duquette		Tuesdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., movie will start at 7:15 p.m., in Citrus East. Movie Night runs January thru March. Jim and Carol Henrikson			
OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING		SEW SPECIAL AND EMBROIDERY		UKULELE CLUB			
Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Mary Kubinieć		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, 3 to 4:00 p.m. in the Hobby House. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January thru March. Donna Probes			
PET LOVERS CLUB		SHUFFLEBOARD		VETERANS MEETING			
Jan. 23, then 2nd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. Kim Roberts		Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day. Richard Von Qualen		2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in the Hobby House. Darold Long, Commander			

Presentation on Medjugorje planned for Tuesday



Photos submitted by Jeff Duquette

War-time photo of St. James Church in Medjugorje. The usual crowds of people are missing.

by Jeffrey Duquette

Beginning in 1987 the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared every day in Medjugorje, a small town in Bosnia. Messages to the world are given every month via six visionaries. Ten secrets have been received by most of them and then they no longer receive daily visits. Once the visionaries have the ten secrets, events begin quickly. We know the first two secrets are chastisements. The third secret will be a lasting sign in Medjugorje that God has done all of these things.

Jeff Duquette will give a talk on his two trips to Medjugorje on

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West and what he experienced. During the first trip in 1990 more than 50,000 people were there every day. The second trip was in 1992 during the terrible war. On that trip, his group was the only visitor. Jeff wrote a six-page article for a national magazine describing his trips. There are so many questions. What were the visionaries like? Did he see any miracles? What's this all about? Jeff has a VHS tape that he hopes to show.

For more information, visit the website Medjugorje.com/Mej.com.

Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile,
TR Tour Director

I've been doing some more listening to TR residents and to myself. Travel has always been one of my most interesting topics! In casual conversations about potential cruises for TR residents and friends, I've been hearing comments about the proposed American Cruise Line Florida Gulf Coast and Keys itinerary and cruise. "Too expensive" is a frequent comment, though I suspect that the comment supports a personal choice. Still, this cruise is costly. "I've been to all of those locations before" has been a common remark, though a revisit to wonderful locations often brings new discoveries. There have not been comments about all-inclusive, no airfare needed, the relaxation of a small ship, learning opportunities, no pool or children's activities. While my personal experience with American Cruise Line was an awesome experience and well worth the money spent for a nearly all-inclusive cruise, it appears that it does not match the travel desires and choices of the TR community for 2024.

Additional cruise requests have come my way. For every person who can't wait for their next Caribbean cruise, there is another person who says they prefer unique locations—specifically, NOT Caribbean. The Panama Canal was our February 2020 cruise, with Cuba a few years before that and I most certainly consider those to be Unique Bucket list locations. Many TR folks agreed, with as many as 40 persons traveling on each of those TR cruises.

In my own travels, the most rewarding journeys have been locations that were once on my Bucket List: Alaska, Newfoundland, the Canadian Maritime islands, New York City, Brazil, Bolivia, Germany, Austria...such memorable trips! I have visited numerous countries and all 48 of the continental U. S. An RV trip to



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

Alaska is a most precious memory. So, as I think about my own current Bucket List locations, there's just one state that I have not visited – Hawaii. But do I want to cruise to Hawaii, or do I want to experience the islands of Hawaii? On my personal list, it is the latter. Is there a ship that will take me to numerous islands with shore excursions guiding my explorations? I'm definitely looking into it. I'm wondering who else might be interested in Hawaii 2024?

I'm daydreaming of a possible cruise around the islands of Hawaii, but we still have two 2023 TR day trips remaining. The very popular Tampa by Land and Sea Tour on March 1 is totally booked with a maximum of 40 passengers. However, there are sometimes cancellations and I would be happy to take your name for a last-minute opportunity. The St. Patrick's Day sightseeing luncheon cruise on the Yacht Starship still has openings. The executive chef is preparing a menu that includes corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, salmon, a vegetarian option, as well as various side dishes and salads, iced tea, coffee and a cash bar. Cost is \$112. Departure at 10:15 a.m. with return at 3:15 p.m. Everyone is Irish on March 17 so let's be wearin' the green!

"You haven't been to paradise if you haven't been to Hawaii." Bruno Mars

"I think I need to experience Hawaii for myself to decide." Smiling Sharon Gilbert Zile.



Jeff Duquette poses with visionary Ivan.



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Library News



Have you read a good book lately?

by Amy Peebles

As you enter the TR Library there are two bookshelves to your right and on the top of each are featured books recommended by TR readers. Underneath each book is a card which summarizes the plot. These books have a yellow smiley face “Recommended” sticker on their top spine and like all books in the library, there is a small comments sticker inside for you to leave a review. One smiley sticker means it has been recommended by a reader and a double sticker means it has been recommended by a library volunteer.

There are Recommendation Slips available on the desk if you would like to share a book you’ve enjoyed. Once the reader has filled out a slip, the book is processed by a library volunteer who adds the yellow smiley face sticker to the top spine and then it may possibly be featured on the top Recommendation shelves. These featured books change frequently so it’s always a good idea to check them out when visiting the library and you may find your next favorite book there.

These featured books are a small sampling of the many recommended books that can be found sprinkled throughout the library shelves. Look for that Recommended sticker on top of the spine.

Here is a small sampling of the many recommended books available:

- *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. Set during the Great Depression’s Dust Bowl era in Texas, one woman must decide the fate of her family and whether to stay on her land and try to survive or head west for a better life.

TR READER BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Title of book

Author

Your name (optional)

Anything you would like to mention in the book review (optional)

Continue on the back if necessary

Thanks for sharing your enjoyment of reading.

- *The Agitators* by Dorothy Wickenden. A history of three friends, Harriet Tubman, Frances Seward and Martha Wright and their fight for abolition and women’s rights before, during and after the Civil War.

- *The Old Success* by Martha Grimes /Series #25, a Richard Jury Mystery. Three detectives team up to solve three murders that span three counties across England.

- *Thank You For Your Service* by David Finkel. The author follows a group of soldiers upon their return from Baghdad and studies what life is like for them and their families as they return back into society. The book was also made into a 2017 film.

- *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. WWII causes a small English church choir to be disbanded as the men of the choir go off to war. However, the ladies of the choir have other ideas. When a new choir master comes to town, the ladies form an all female choir

to lift their spirits in song and friendship as they work together to keep the village running while their loved ones are away at war.

Food for thought: We all may have our reading routines and favorite books and authors so here are some fun questions to think about. Stay tuned to a future issue to find out some of our friends’ and neighbors’ answers.

- Do you prefer a physical book or eBook?
- Do you have a favorite place to read like on the porch or easy chair?
- Who is your favorite author?
- What was your favorite book as a child?
- What books did you read to your children or grandchildren?
- What book would you recommend to a friend?
- Have you ever read a book more than once?
- Have you ever belonged to a Book Club?



Garden News

Lake Margaret Garden update and upcoming events

by Cindy Watson

If you are like me, anytime family or friends visit us here at TR, we are sure to take our visitors on a walk through the Lake Margaret Garden. This beautiful and peaceful green space offers a wide variety of flowers, shrubs and trees. It is home to various species of wildlife including butterflies and birds. It awakens our senses and gives us peace.

This space would not be possible without the many volunteers who spend hours in the garden area every week. Last week I counted 18 volunteers – some new, some seasoned – at our weekly meeting, and there were more who worked but could not attend. What a dedicated group.

We also appreciate everyone’s contributions at the last Flea Market plant sale. Proceeds will help keep our garden beautiful.

Here is what has been happening in the Lake Margaret Nature Garden recently. The boardwalk has been repaired and we are now able to walk the entire wooden pathway. Lake Margaret is very visible from many vantage points. Dangerous hanging branches and the fallen tree resting in Lake Margaret have been removed. Volunteers have worked tirelessly to make the damaged main area beautiful again. Some plants, like ginger have been relocated to other areas so the lake view is even better. Gardens to the side of the boardwalk have been redesigned with colorful bromeliads and flowering plants. The destroyed irrigation system also has been redesigned so the pipe system is less visible but more practical and efficient. Sod is being delivered and will be spread throughout the whole destroyed area. The boardwalk will be stained with a preservative. Plants



Photo by Cindy Watson

Mike Lilawski works on the new irrigation system while Randy Melville observes.

around Lake Margaret and around the Snack Shack are being cared for and fertilized and also the bird watching shed is being spruced up. The future of the big stump is being discussed but no definite news is shared at this time.

What’s coming up. The Annual Garden Walk is back on for Sunday, March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy a bounty of flowers, shrubs and trees while musicians play music at various sites right in the garden. There will be refreshments, various mediums of artwork on display and also live plein air painting going on. If you want to be a plein air painter, contact Amy Grier. Come to the garden and experience nature and beauty at its best.

The Irish Coffee House and Garden Benefit will be held on Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. Proceeds will be matched by TR and will go to the continuous beautification and restoration of the main damaged area as well as throughout the garden.

You don’t have to wait for the Garden Walk to visit the garden. Stroll the grounds anytime. Your senses will thank you.

TR Book Browsers



by Nan Lance

The TR Book Browsers met last week to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O’Farrell. It began with a YouTube interview of the author with technical assistance by Jim Henrikson. Thank you Jim! The

author spoke of how Shakespeare’s wife and family are often overlooked by historians and researchers. In point of fact, the character of young tutor, husband, father and playwright is never mentioned by name throughout the book.

Our next Book Browsers meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. in Citrus West. It promises to be an interesting one. The book is *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer. It will be a good discussion because some people hated it and some loved it. That’s always good for great discourse!

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Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

Jackie and John Crone have had dogs for many years. As pet lovers we all know the day will come when our beloved four-legged family members leave us and pass over that Rainbow Bridge. When Croness lost their last dog, a GoldenDoodle, Jackie was very sad. Thinking realistically John said, “no more dogs.” He was aware of the time, energy and money that adds up with puppies and we all know how retirement can affect our budget. But Jackie was so sad. Tears ran down her face every time she saw a dog. She knew she had to have one in her life again.

They went on an Airstream camping trip to Maine. The two ladies who owned the campground had three dogs and of course Jackie fell in love with them. The ladies saw how sad Jackie was and kept encouraging John over and over to give in and say yes to getting a dog. It happened. He did it. He said yes!

Jackie had been researching GoldenDoodle breeders and she already knew exactly who she wanted to go to for a puppy. Arrangements were made and it wasn't long until Raphael joined



Photo by Judy Leister
RAPHAEL

their family. He was the smallest in a litter of eight puppies. The breeder's kids had helped give him goat's milk with an eye dropper as a supplement. That really helped Raphael get used to kids and bonding. Jackie and John got him at eight weeks and he was already potty and crate trained. He never had an accident.

Raphael will be two years old in May. He is doing much better with walking on a leash. A year ago things got a bit hectic on their walks. He did zoomies circling Jackie, wrapping the leash around

and around her legs. Yikes! That's scary. Without any formal training classes Jackie has him now walking very mannerly on a leash.

He loves to take rides in the golf cart. They are easy to spot as they go around TR. John drives, Jackie rides along and Raphael is on her lap loving every minute of the tour.

Raphael is such a cutie to look at and his actions are just as cute. He always takes a toy with him into his crate and when he comes out he always brings a toy with him. One leap straight up in the air and he can land on the dining room table. It didn't take him long to learn that is a big no, no. At night he won't go to bed until he gets his teeth brushed and then gets to lick a small amount of coconut oil out of a bowl as a reward. Hmmm, I think he does better than a lot of kids when it's time for bed. Then it's one hour with his humans on the bed, then into his crate. Before it's time to get up in the morning he spends another hour on the bed.

Generally, Raphael is a brave boy but there is one critter here at TR that really has him spooked. If he happens to hear the owl hooting, he's ready to hurry to safety.

Birding Activity



by Tom Butler

Opera singers are known for a beautiful voice and the ability to project their song to the entire audience, even if those seats are in the balcony. The singer in our park meets the requirements and qualifications for performing in the most prestigious opera houses found worldwide. But, relax! You don't need to rush out and reserve tickets. There's no need to have your tuxedo or other formal wear dry cleaned in preparation for this grand performance. Let me introduce the Carolina Wren. With a giant voice reverberating from a 5.5-inch body, this beauty sings every day for free right here in our backyards. What a set of vocal cords. Opera singers everywhere would be envious of the sound produced by this tiny wren.

First described by John Latham in 1790, this little brown and white bird would have to wait nearly 150 years before gaining some level of recognition. The South Carolina Confederate Women's Club fought to have the wren named as the state bird in South Carolina. They lost that battle in 1939 when the Northern Mockingbird was chosen for the honor. However, in 1948 that decision was reversed and the Carolina Wren emerged as the new State Bird. In another 52 years, the image of this spectacular bird was placed on the back of the South Carolina quarter found in a 50-State commemorative set of coins. Congrats!

With a rich brown coloration on the head, shoulders and back, this bird is ready for some contrasting colors and markings to set it apart from others. A white eyebrow, chin and spots on the wings are a good start. Add in a pale brown breast that extends to the tail and what you end up with is a stunningly beautiful songbird. Weighing in at a whopping .8 oz., this little guy rarely sits still. When you have a voracious appetite for insects, prey that never stops moving itself, you need to go – go – go. Many people will be happy to discover that the favorite type of creepy crawlies for the wren is a big scrumptious – SPIDER.

There is an opera singer in our park



Photo by Tom Butler

CAROLINA WREN

This would seem like a good thing for those that fear the aforementioned critter. However, because the spider has a higher trophic level, the Carolina Wren can suffer from Mercury poisoning. The trophic level of a living organism has to do with where they fall in the food chain. Small levels of mercury are found in plants and a process called bio magnification increases the level in whatever eats the plant. This event repeats when something eats the critter that ate the plant. Spiders eat those critters that ate plants and then the Carolina Wren eats the spider. Nearly 94 percent of the Wren's diet consists of various types of invertebrates (mostly spiders). Yikes! Yum? You decide.

These birds build their nests close to the ground, usually within 1 to 3 meters. Unfortunately, this

close proximity to the ground can leave them vulnerable to domestic cats and snakes. Undeterred, they use string, horsehair, dried plant material and maybe even the occasional shed snakeskin to construct nests in just about any location. They will use tree cavities, man-made structures, mailboxes, tin cans, flowerpots or even a golf cart that sits idle through the summer months. Three to six creamy white eggs with brown spots will incubate for 12 to 16 days, hatch, be fed invertebrates, then fledge in an additional 12 to 14 days. Less than a month from an egg to the air. Amazing! So next time you wake to the sound of a beautiful song that penetrates the shrubs, walls, windows, blinds and maybe even your pillow, still be thankful for the Carolina Wren and the beautiful sound of nature.

Pet Lovers Club is fortunate to have a professional dog trainer



Photo submitted by Kathleen Clark
KATHLEEN CLARK

by Judy Leister

Take a look at the centerfold of *The TR Times*. There are two full pages of activities offered at our wonderful Travelers Rest. Most of those activities are coordinated by volunteers. They give of their time and talents so we can have fun and learn at the same time.

The Pet Lovers Club is one of those activities. We are so fortunate to have a talented dog trainer residing right here at TR. She is one of those caring volunteers who is sharing her talents by offering dog obedience classes. Kathleen Clark has the well-established and popular Family Dog K9 Training and Boarding Business in Blacklick, Ohio.

Many times when we hear the

words “obedience class” we think of the strict rules needed at dog shows but it is also important for our dogs to have practical skills like walking on a loose leash and coming when called. These are oh so helpful in everyday life with our pets.

Confidence builds in both the handler and the dog as they progress through the training program. Of course some practice at home really helps, too.

This year has been a pilot program for obedience classes at TR. Kathleen is getting lots of ideas for next season. We can look forward to the Pet Lovers Club offering Kathleen's classes starting in January of next season. Come join in the fun while learning practical obedience with your dog.

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Mirror Lake Yacht Club dedicates new dock and memorial



The new floating dock that was dedicated on Feb. 9. The photo on the right shows the Barnes Landing sign that is attached to the dock honoring Stan Barnes a founding member of the Mirror Lake Yacht Club.



Commodore Jerry McRoberts starts a race.

by Gerald McRoberts

The new dock at Mirror Lake Yacht was dedicated on Thursday morning, Feb. 9, under beautiful skies and fair winds. TR Park Manager, Ray Hill and TR board liaison Barry Sellick were in attendance as well as many members of the MLYC, plus several park residents. Club members are very appreciative of this new dock. Being fabricated from aluminum it should last for a very long time with a minimum of maintenance required.

Stan Barnes was one of the first persons to join the MLYC in 1984 and was acknowledged as a founding member or in nautical terms was a “plank owner.” Stan became the Commodore in 1987 and served in that capacity until 2001. As a competitor he won the MLYC championship races 10 years straight. Stan was one of the best sailors to sail on our pond. He was a gentleman and a sportsman. When racing against him placing second was good! In March of 2000 MLYC members voted to name the wooden dock “Barnes Landing” in honor of long-time Commodore Stan Barnes. In January of this year club members decided to continue this honor. Using the original nameplate, the new dock will also be known as “Barnes Landing.”



Wes Frye and Bill “Shorty” Shortway share the honors of cutting the ribbon.



Commodore Jerry McRoberts and GM Ray Hill at the new dock ribbon cutting.



Barry Sellick, Jerry McRoberts and Dean Peters celebrate the new Mirror Lake Yacht Club Memorial.



Commodore Jerry McRoberts and Marilyn Olan view the history of the club.



Jamie Hyde launches his sailboat from the end of the new dock.



Bill Wise, Denise and Jay Matthews hang the new memorial plaque.



Jim Trescott at the controls of his remote-controlled sailboat.

TR Sports

Ladies' Golf League

by Dee Branchaud
Wednesday, Feb. 8

Thirty-eight golfers in two groups came out to play on this beautiful morning. Congratulations to all winners this week.

Low Handicap 0-12

Low Gross

Hazel English, Sylvia Cole 36
Del Duplessis 38

Low Net

Mary DeWeerd..... 31
Pat Gallagher, Chris Marsh,
Shirley-Ann Appleby, 32

Closest to pin #5: Sylvia Cole

Birdies: Shirley-Ann Appleby,
Hazel English, Nancy Scime,
Del Duplessis, Val Smith,
Jean Bjorgen, Susan Carr,
Sylvia Cole, Vicki Brooks,
Maureen Peet, Jen Furman

Eagle: Hazel English

High Handicap +13

Low Gross

Marijo Noll..... 44
Betty Gilson 45

Janet Beisel, Phyllis Simmers,
Joan McLean..... 46

Low Net

Susan Stahley 32
Arlene Wykoff, Cheryl Porter,
Nancy Scime 34

Closest to pin #3: Phyllis Simmers

Fewest Putts:

Del Duplessis 12

Chip-Ins:

Del Duplessis, Maureen Peet



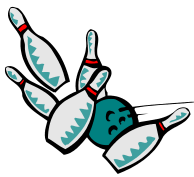
Quota Golf

by Pat Butler
Saturday, Feb. 11

Thanks to all golfers who came out and participated in this Scramble. We played Quota Golf and the winners, each with an individual score of 33, were Jim Doggett and Clair Smith.

Special thanks to Sylvia Cole who donated Valentine goodies for the participants.

Come out tomorrow and join us in our next Scramble adventure.



Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek
Friday, Feb. 10

Men's Scratch High Game

Steve Niles 236
Don Markle 188

Fred Endres 187

Men's Scratch High Series

Steve Niles 604
Don Markle 523

Bill Buczek..... 517

Men's Handicap High Game

Don Markle 262
Dave Couture 259

Steve Niles 257

Men's Handicap High Series

Don Markle 745
Peter Capsolas..... 724

Dave Couture 717

Men's High Average

Steve Niles 203

Women's Scratch High Game

Leslie Price..... 194
Lin Buczek 158

Deb Niles 156

Women's Scratch High Series

Leslie Price..... 502
Deb Niles 426

Pat Markle..... 423

Women's Handicap High Game

Leslie Price..... 269
Pat Markle..... 246

Kathy Capsolas,
Kathy Jager 243

Women's Handicap High Series

Leslie Price..... 727
Kathy Capsolas 715

Kathy Jager 706

Women's High Average

Leslie Price..... 152



RC Motorsports

by Douglas Hatfield
Wednesday, Feb. 8

Shawn Liaguno 36
Jim Morrow..... 34

John Cristiano, Kevin Cahill.... 32

Saturday, Feb. 11

Shawn Liaguna..... 36
Ed Fosnight 34

Chris Farler 33

Men's Golf League



by Barry English

Another exciting week of Men's League has been completed. We had 51 golfers and lots of great shots. If you would like to play in the tournament, the sign-up sheet is in the Starter Shack.

Low Handicap (0-8)

Low Gross

Gary Carter, Ron Duplessis 33
Bill Harkins, Lloyd Marsh,

Ken Lasure 34

Low Net

Al Horney..... 28
John Dennison, Paul Carr 29

Closest to pin #3: Bob Carter

Closest to pin #5:

John DeWeerd

High Handicap (9+)

Low Gross

Stan Motycka 39
Norbert Jansen, Ken Neer 40

Low Net

John Goodger, Wolf Reimann.. 31
Bob Carter, Frank Bovenberg,

Dick Myles, Jim Doggett..... 32

Birdies: Ron Duplessis,

Gary Carter, Bill Harkins, John

Wedell, Lloyd Marsh, Al Horney,

Bill Holley, Gary Wintle,

Wayne Branchaud, Jay Jager,

Richard Beisel, Norbert Jansen



Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

Monday, Feb. 6

Betty Brown, Jen Furman 4

Connie Bradley, Deb May,
Lynne Lapin, Rachel Brooks..... 3

Nancy Moschler..... 2

Friday, Feb. 10

Deb May, Kathy Bocchino..... 5

Anne Amico 3

Connie Bradley, Joan Ledbetter,
Lynne Lapin, Marcia Hatfield 2

Jen Furman, Lou Smith,

Nancy Moschler 1

Chinese Mah Jong reigning winners



Photo submitted by Marcia Hatfield

Marcia Hatfield is January's Lady-in-Waiting and Deb May is January's Empress.

by Marcia Hatfield

Deb May was our empress with an amazing 28 wins in January. Barb Aubrey was the princess winning 18 times. Marcia Hatfield as lady-in-waiting won 17 times.

Dominoes

by Linda Gough

Thursday, Feb. 9

Table 1

Linda Murphy 112

Table 2

Pat Long 113



Pickleball Jam

by Laurie Gardner

Tuesday, Feb. 7

If you are interested in getting to know a little more about Pickleball, we encourage you to come watch one of our weekly Pickleball Jam events. They take place every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. Join the TR Pickleball group on Facebook for the latest pickleball news.

Pickleball Jam winners:

1 Rich Pagliaro, Betty Teichert

2 George Varty

3 Rich Kuharick

Party Bridge

by Jen Furman

Tuesday, Feb. 7

1 Connie Bradley,
Ron Hicks 2630

2 Pat Dellamuth,
Barry Sellick 2010

3 Janet Baal, Harold Baal.... 1660

4 Jen Furman, Jon Cyr 1560

Thursday, Feb. 9

1 Jen Furman, John Cyr 2240

2 Tawnya Rowden,
Jim Weigand..... 2010

3 Pat Dellamuth,
Barry Sellick 1930

4 Janet Baal, Harold Baal.... 1410

5 Connie Bradley,
Ron Hicks 1080

6 Marcia and Doug Hatfield... 520

Bingo

by Linda Smith

Saturday, Feb. 11

Louise McRoberts

Randy Smith

Pat Long (2)

Deb Englert

Pat Daboll (2)

Edna Dietz (2)

Sandy Dinkledine

Jean Morrow

Sandi Walsh

Bob Englert (2)

Marie Lupien

Jim Walsh

Nancy Polito

Diane Stillinger

Charles Mason

Betsy Behler



Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise

RC Power Boat Race

Monday, Feb. 6

Stealth Wake

Howard Best

Power Vee

Don Meddles

Traxxas Blast

Dean Peters

Friday, Feb. 10

Stealth Wake

Howard Best

Power Vee

Don Meddles

Traxxas Blast

Bob Troyer, Jerry McRoberts

RC Sailing

Wednesday, Feb. 8

DF 95 Class

Jay Matthews

Soling 1M Class

Bill Holley

Saturday, Feb. 11

DF95 Class-A Fleet

Barry Sellick

DF95Class-B Fleet

Jerry McRoberts

Soling 1M Class

Chuck Lemke



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Obituaries

DOROTHY BRENN

Dorothy Brenn, 77, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 in Dade City. She was born in Morristown, N.J.

Along with husband, Lee, they owned and operated the historic Lakeside Bed and Breakfast called The Inn at the Bridge in Northville, N.Y. In 2009 they moved to T R and in recent years resided in The Village on lot 2556.

Dot enjoyed knitting, crocheting, making beaded jewelry and shared her talent by running different knitting and beading

groups at TR. Dorothy was a member of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Dade City and loved to sing in their choir.

She is survived by her beloved husband Lee, two daughters Cheryl and Dianna Brenn and two grandchildren Evelyn (Warren) Sacca and Anastasia Rivera.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Music Program at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 37623 Magnolia Ave., Dade City, FL 33523.



STEVE GORDEN
Military Service
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Mo ‘Rock’ In Mediterranean

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 4:30 to 7 p.m.
Happy Camper Snack Shack

Thursday, Feb. 23, 1 to 3 p.m.
Glavich Produce

Friday, Feb. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.
Glavich Produce

Friday, Feb. 24, 1 to 6 p.m.
That One Jerk Spot

Saturday, Feb. 25, noon to 6 p.m.
Steve D’s Philly Cheesesteak

Located at Oak View Pavilion

Looking Back

by Nan Lance

Ten Years Ago - 2013

- Travelers Rest Handbells are 50 years old. Paul and Dorothy Freed purchased the bells back in 1962 when they were living in New Jersey.
- If you are making an Emergency 911 Call, please identify yourself and always use the full four digit lot address and not a three digit address.
- Your photo is needed for the Locator Board. Your visitors and new neighbors may need help to find you or not know what you look like.
- Once a Girl Scout - always a Girl Scout. 36 former Girl Scouts and Girl Guides gathered at TR to celebrate the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary.
- Donna Sims, Phil Gordon and Chris Marsh are the latest golfers to achieve a hole-in-one. Congratulations!

20 Years Ago - 2003

- Cahal Dunne - Ireland's entertainer extraordinaire - on stage here Sunday night.
- Old Time Fiddlers' Convention and Rally attended by Bud and Mary Patenge.
- TR continues its love affair with the Sandhill Cranes.
- Kumquats are "the little gold gems of the citrus family".

30 Years Ago - 1993

- TR Talent Show one of the greatest. The talent at TR never ceases to amaze and delight us.
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