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TR is alive with the sound of music

by Margaret Emmetts

Anyone who has spent any time at TR must realize the role of music in the park. I am constantly amazed at the number of really talented musicians who spend their winters here. Undoubtedly the best known musical group is the **Celebration Choir** that sings at the Church Service every Sunday.

The original TR church choir was organized in the fall of 1973 by Paul Ruth, one of the founders of TR. This first choir had a mere ten members. How the choir has grown over the years. Its current membership ranges from 25 to 50 depending on the season. A few years ago the choir changed its name to the Celebration Choir.



Photos by Pam Watkins

The TR Celebration Choir marks 50 years this year.



The Travelaires, our very own talented orchestra, has 21 members.



Our ladies singing group known as the Travelettes is led by Bernie Gutridge, pictured second from the right in the front row.

Bernadine Gutridge was recruited to be the church pianist in 2000 and in the fall of 2006 was asked to also direct the choir. She is a retired music teacher and brings years of experience to the job. Debbie Watson has been the church organist and choir accompanist since January 2018.

The Celebration Choir presents anthems every Sunday from November through Easter, a Christmas program for Sunday Night Busch Hall and several anthems for Music Sunday all for the glory and honor of God. New members are always welcome.

The second largest group of musicians is the **Travelaires**, TR's own orchestra. Comprised of over 20 musicians the orchestra, under the direction of Phil St. John, plays for the Friday Night Dances. As well as playing several instruments, St. John is also a vocalist. What other park do you know that has its own talented orchestra?

A woman's chorus known as the **Travelettes** was first formed in 1984. The chorus directed by

Bernadine Gutridge since 2003 is accompanied by Debbie Watson. Although the group primarily sings secular music it does sing an Introit for Music Sunday at the TR Church Service.

Before COVID the group entertained at nursing homes and Baldomero Lopez Veterans Home as well as sharing a performance with the TR Singing Men in a Sunday Night Busch Hall program. Starting in 2022 the Travelettes stayed in the park and sang to sick and shut-ins. This year a program will be presented again for Sunday Night Busch Hall on March 19. The Singing Men will join the Travelettes in singing four numbers. As a fundraiser to purchase new music, commencing in 2003, root beer floats are sold at the Hobby and Art Show. Mary Beth Coldren, President, is also chairman of the event. The group is open to any lady strictly for the enjoyment of singing. A male counterpart to the Travelettes is the **Singing Men**. This group who sing close harmony also used to travel



The Singing Men are shown with their accompanist Ann Chalk, center, row 2.

to various nursing and veterans homes prior to the COVID epidemic.



UKELELE PLAYERS

A **Praise and Worship Group** performs on the 1st and 3rd Saturday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Busch Hall, January thru March.

Did you know that there is a group of musicians, up to 15 in number, who get together for **jam sessions**? While some sessions are private, performing at the home of a particular resident, others are public and occur at various locations around the park. You may contact Andrea Patterson for locations of the public sessions if you are interested in attending.

Did the **Ukulele Club** perhaps form after a group of TR residents took a cruise to Hawaii? Uke lessons were given on the cruise and many TR residents attended.

We have a group that not only plays **dulcimer**, but also teaches the instrument. **The Brass Ensemble** often performs during the Sunday Church Service. An **Acoustic Group** known as Pickin' and Grinnin' may be found in the Hobby House Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., December through March. If you just like to grab a mike and wing it you might like to join **Karaoke** on Wednesdays in Busch Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

Last but not least is the **Harmonaires**, a group that plays harmonicas. Gus Sbrogna, a key player in the group, can often be found with a harmonica in his pocket. I recall one occasion when Busch Hall Sunday Night featured a professional harmonica group. Somehow Gus ended up on stage and played along with the group.

Over the years we have had residents who were professional musicians in their former lives. Some were retired music teachers, professional performers and at least one individual who had trained as an opera singer.

Truly, TR is alive with the sound of music.

BUSCH HALL

Sunday Night



RORY GARDINER

MUSICIAN COMEDIAN TEDxSPEAKER

RORY GARDINER
“Great voice and fabulous songwriter...” ~ his Mom
by Sandy and Ken Langell
Rory Gardiner comes back to TR as a top resident pick from our 2022 Entertainment Showcase. He is a unique performer, fusing his music background with standup comedy. A 2018 CCMA-nominated artist, Rory has appeared on multiple Country Music television shows and shared the stage with a number of great country acts like Keith Urban. You’ve heard his music on television, airing daily throughout

Friday

Afternoon Live



Kick up your heels at the Irish Coffee House



Photo by Ken Langell

THE IRISH COFFEE HOUSE SINGERS
by Donna Probes
Take a trip to Dublin, Ireland with us on Friday, March 10 as the second TR Irish Coffee House takes place in Busch Hall. Ken Langell and Brode Morgan will join Doc and Donna for a real Irish session.
The Irish Coffee House will feature Ken on guitar and octave mandolin which became a common instrument in Irish music in the 1960s. Brode will play fiddle and guitar and I’ll have my mandolin. As a special treat, Doc brought his Anglo Concertina, a traditional squeeze box used in Irish traditional music.
Ken will treat us to rousing sea chanties and other songs from his repertoire of Irish music. He brings a wealth of tunes and songs from his decades of performing with Hogeys Navy, a Celtic/American folk music band that performed all over the Midwest and as far away as the Leith Folk Club in Scotland

as well as the Tall Ship Festival in Waterford, Ireland. His all-time favorite sessions have been in backrooms in small Irish neighborhood pubs.
This year’s show will include jigs, reels, Irish ditties, sea chanties and of course Danny Boy.
The fun starts at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be a minimum donation of \$5 at the door. Since all proceeds will benefit the restoration efforts of the Garden Club, everyone is invited to be extra generous. As a bonus, the TR Board has pledged matching funds up to \$2,000.
Tables will be available and you are invited to bring your own beverages and snacks. There will be no food service at the event.
Bring your dancing shoes and your happiest spirit because this evening is meant for pure fun and delight. Irish traditional music lifts any mood and fills the heart with gladness and good cheer.



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Richey Concert Band plays final concert for the season

Making Music for over 50 years

by Pam Watkins
Five TR residents: Jeriel Beard, Cindy Conant, Gene Cribbs, Gene Gough and Bill Watkins will be joining the Richey Concert Band for their final concert of the season on Sunday, March 5, at 3 p.m. at River Ridge Complex, 11646 Town Center Rd., New Port Richey.
The Richey Concert Band, under the direction of Henry Fletcher, has brought music to the New Port Richey area and surrounding communities for more than 50 years. Their concerts always include toe-tapping tunes; and Sunday’s performance will include many such as *America the Beautiful*, *Rockin’ Robin*, *God Bless the USA*, and *In the Good Old Summer Time*.
A suggested \$2 donation is accepted at the door.

Attend the next Friday Night Dance



by Jackie Thackery
For those who find joy wearing green, gold and purple the next TR Friday Night Dance with the Travelaires will celebrate the Mardi Gras season in Busch Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 3. Participants enjoy presenting, listening and dancing to “home-grown” talent and sharing an evening of music, snacks and drinks with friends and neighbors at the TR Dances.
All with knowledge and past experience with an instrument are encouraged to begin practicing and speak with Phil or another band member regarding renewing participation in the Travelaires or just come to rehearsals on Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Low Brass are welcome anytime and a Pianist will be needed next season. However all who want to expand their participation and re-grow their talent are welcome and will have a fun time.
While “Free” is a commercially overused word of late, it is applicable as the Dances are without a “Fee” this season. Just bring your own refreshments and enjoy!

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Wednesday Evening

Concert Series



The Neil Diamond Story on stage Wednesday

by Doug Pedersen
Neil Diamond was born in 1941 in Brooklyn, N.Y. and his performing and songwriting career has spanned seven decades with major music, film and television achievements.
Florian, former singer of the famous 60s group The New Christy Minstrels will present *The Neil Diamond Story*, Wednesday, March 8, as a Concert Series program on our Busch Hall Stage.
Focusing on the early acoustic years, Florian will weave stories, songs and humor into his performance honoring the life and achievements of the legendary minstrel. You will find yourself singing along as Florian performs Diamond’s most celebrated songs - *Song Sung Blue*, *Sweet Caroline*, *Play Me, Holly Holy*, *Solitary Man* and many more.
Plan now to be in on the fun with this nostalgic musical performance. Admission is with



WILLIAM FLORIAN

a season reserved-seat ticket or \$10 payable at the door in cash or check written to Travelers Rest Resort. Busch Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Please note that Concert Series programs are not live-streamed on TR TV and unlike Busch Hall Sunday Night general admission seats cannot be reserved in advance by placing cushions on seats prior to the doors opening.

Tuesday Night Movie



Doors open 6:45 p.m. - Movie at 7:15 pm.

by Carol and Jim Henrikson
All Quiet on the Western Front was presented on Feb. 28. The Internet failure that interrupted our Valentine’s Day show in Citrus East resulted in a scramble to show our feature. The power supply interruption corrupted the Internet equipment. Arriving on Feb. 21 to set up for *The Fabelmans* there was no Internet service. It looked like we were going to call off the evening’s program but with Spectrum telephone support we were able to carry on.
On March 7 we will be showing *A Man called Otto* followed by *Hamilton* on March 14.
Thanks to the efforts of volunteers, free popcorn has

returned to TNM. Your donations are going well and much appreciated. Thanks also for your assistance in keeping the floors free of spilled popcorn when we leave. Great team effort.
No other movies are currently in the queue for March 2023. We are open for your recommendations. More specific details of each movie will be posted on the Movie Bulletin Board in Busch Hall and in the Post Office.
TNM is only viable with your ongoing participation and financial support. We thank you for supporting our efforts to screen outstanding film productions in our cinematic Citrus East venue.

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Ever wonder why?



For many years of my working career I had to be at work by 7:30 a.m. When I lived near the location I could leave home at 7 a.m. and easily be at work on time. However, when I moved about one hour away, I found that if I left at 6:30 a.m. I would be late. I had to leave by 6 a.m. to beat the traffic. As you can imagine, this meant that I had to be up by 5 a.m. in order to get ready.

Now I am retired and would really like to be able to get up whenever I chose. I would imagine that other retirees in the park feel the same way and ask why are some of our activities scheduled for so early in the day?

A prime example is the Flea Market. Why does it start at 8:30 a.m.? Some exercise programs start at 7 a.m. Why?

I am reminded of a conversation I had with my school principal many years ago. He bemoaned the fact that it took so long to get our large student body into the auditorium for programs. I reminded him that the auditorium had 12 doors on three sides of the room, however, only 4 doors would be open for each event. When I asked why he didn't have all 12 doors open to speed up the flow his answer was "That's the way it always has been done." I believe I had the audacity to tell him how stupid that was.

Now to get back to TR, why is everything scheduled so early? Anyone have an answer? *mre*

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The Servant's Plow

Jesus uses our failures

by Anthony Shipe

There is a great story of how someone's life can be changed or restored in John 21:15-19. Jesus says to Peter, "Simon, do you love me?" Peter was grieving. Sitting on the beach after breakfast, Jesus had just asked him for the third time if he loved Him. Peter had already wholeheartedly answered yes twice. What else was he supposed to say? With these questions, the Lord was putting His finger on a very sensitive area in Peter's heart. Peter vividly remembers the night of Jesus' trial. Peter had denied even knowing Him three times. The denial shook Peter to his core and wounded his heart. Jesus predicted that he would. (John 13:38)

In the Upper Room during the Passover meal, dining with his fellow disciples, Peter did not believe he would ever do such a thing. He could still hear himself telling Jesus "I will lay down my life for You." (John 13:37) Peter had no idea how weak he really was. He had imagined himself boldly standing before the religious leaders side by side with Jesus to defend Him. But later that night, as Jesus was arrested, human nature took over. Peter couldn't even stand before a servant girl who asked him, "Are you not one of this man's disciples?" He had replied "I am not." (John 18:17) Those words had haunted Peter. He was supposed to be the rock on which the church would be built. (Matt. 16:18)

That night had crushed Peter with guilt. He was not who he thought he was. When Jesus questioned Peter's love for a third time that morning during breakfast, Peter grieved that he might have lost the Savior's trust. Although he had failed, he did love his Savior and friend. "Lord, you know that I love You." Of course, Jesus knew Peter's heart. In fact, he realized



ANTHONY SHIPE

later what Jesus meant during their conversation together at breakfast. Jesus had not doubted Peter's love at all. Rather, He had allowed Peter to confess his wrongdoing made on that dreadful night. Jesus' grace was overwhelming. Then Jesus forgave Peter and said, "Follow me."

James, one of Peter's good friends later wrote, "For we all make mistakes." (James 3:2) How true. The guilt of past failures and sins can haunt us. Satan loves to lock us up with the chains of condemnation. But Jesus aims to set us completely free. He holds the keys of life and death. When Jesus chose us to be followers, He overlooked our future mistakes just like Peter's. We may be ashamed by our sinful nature, but Jesus isn't.

We may not want to believe that we could deny Jesus by engaging in a sin that contradicts everything we believe in. But Jesus knows human failures. (John 2:25) That's why He encourages us along with Peter to "Watch and pray that you may not sin. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt. 26:41) Jesus also prays for us. When we fail, we must remember what Jesus said to Peter before his failure: "I have prayed for you that your faith may

not fail. And when you have repented, strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:32) Peter was going to sin—miserably, but Jesus had prayed for him and His love was stronger than Peter's sin, and it's stronger than our sin too.

"Jesus is able to save us and draw us near to God, since He makes intercession for us." (Heb. 7:25) The Bible also says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Jesus restores our failures. On the beach that morning, He gave Peter the greatest invitation that any of us can receive: "Follow me." Then the past was left behind. Peter's failure did not define him and ours will not define us either. The church of Jesus Christ is a fellowship of forgiven sinners. Jesus shows us how He can love us and transform our failures. Peter became empowered by the Holy Spirit and we can do the same during our journey through Lent. Blessings.

Food for Daystar

by Marilyn Long
Special Ministries

We will have a table in Busch Hall during the month of March for you to put food.

When you leave TR for the season you may have food left so put it there. If you have unopened frozen foods bring it to lot 01-15. We have freezers to keep it in until we take the food to Daystar. If you have a large quantity we will take it to Daystar right away.

TR Church Association

Sunday
Choir Rehearsal.....8:30 a.m.
Bible Study.....9 a.m.
Why wasn't this sold? (John 12:1-11)
Hymn Sing.....9:45 a.m.
Barb Swartz
Worship Service.....10 a.m.
Anthony Shipe

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The Siren



by Jean Cobb,
RN and First Responder

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TR Vial of Life: All of your critical, immediate need-to-know information is on this form, including emergency contact names and numbers. Each new season and whenever information changes, you need to update your TR Vial of Life information. For example, new telephone numbers, new diagnoses or medication changes need to be included.

Everyone who lives in your household should have their own and they should be stored in the door of your refrigerator so a First Responder can quickly locate them. Make a copy of the sheet because if and when you need emergency responders, your original sheet will go with you to the hospital and may not come back. If you choose, you can put a photocopy of your insurance card(s) and picture ID in your Vial of Life too.

When you travel, you can put your Vial of Life in the glove compartment in your car, but while you are at TR, please keep it in your refrigerator door. If you need a Vial of Life or the forms for it, they are available on Sunday evenings in Busch Hall before the entertainment.

Living Will and Medical Power-of-Attorney (Advance Directives): Every one of us should have a Living Will and Medical Power-of-Attorney. Living Wills are written, legal

Medical Documents - important things to consider

instructions regarding your preferences for medical care if you are unable to make decisions for yourself. A medical/healthcare Power of Attorney is a type of advance directive in which you name a person to make decisions for you if you are unable to do so.

Both documents, or copies of these documents, should travel with you whenever you go on a trip and should accompany you whenever you go to the emergency room or are admitted to the hospital. If you are unable to express your wishes and make decisions, it is important that your preferences about such things as resuscitation, feeding tubes, pain management, or dialysis are communicated to the health professionals taking care of you. Put these documents in a single well-identified envelope in a prominent place so you or other caregivers can find them. One online source for more information on this topic is: <http://estate.findlaw.com/living-will.html>.

Do Not Resuscitate Order: A Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNRO) addresses the specific situation when a patient experiences cardiac or pulmonary arrest meaning they stop breathing or their heart stops before First Responders or other emergency providers arrive. Do Not Resuscitate decisions are highly personal choices that are most frequently used for end-of-life situations when there is little or no hope of recovery. This could be because of advanced cancer, heart or lung disease, overwhelming trauma or infection, or the terminal stages of a disease or illness. Some older adults who have chronic diseases are also choosing to create a DNRO with their healthcare provider.

Please note – a DNRO from another state or country will not be honored in Florida. The Florida DNRO Form 1896 is available online at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/about-the-department-of-health/about-us/patient-rights-and-safety/do-not-resuscitate-documents/dnro-updated-form-bw.pdf>. In accordance with Florida law, the DNRO must be printed on YELLOW paper and signed by a Florida licensed physician as well as the patient or their representative.

A DNRO should be displayed in an obvious place where the patient resides, such as over the bed or on the refrigerator and family members/caregivers should be informed about it. It should



accompany the patient from home to hospital or from one treatment facility to another. The DNRO does not expire, although it can be revoked at any time by the patient or his/her representative. It can be also photocopied once it is completed by physician and patient or patient representative as long as it is on yellow paper and is legible.

You might ask: Should 911 still be called if the patient has a do-not-resuscitate order? This is a family/caregiver decision. The 911 number can be called at any time to provide family/caregivers with back up and support for the patient. If the DNRO is presented to emergency responders, they will not begin resuscitation efforts but can still offer comfort care measures, such as oxygen administration and hemorrhage control, as well as family support. Family members may want the patient to be transported to the hospital so the attending physician will be present. A DNRO only means that in the event of cardiac or pulmonary arrest, resuscitation will not be initiated.

One more thing to consider. There are online subscription services that will accept and safeguard electronic copies of your emergency information, Living Will and Medical Power of Attorney. When requested (via an 800 number) by an authorized facility, the service can transmit that information to the facility. I personally use Docubank docubank.com which allows me to travel without taking my documents along.

The best time, of course, to locate and assemble all of these documents is before you need them, so do that now – just in case.

Have fun but be safe.

TR's First Responders are ready for any emergency

by Margaret Emmetts

I am certain that everyone who has spent any time at TR realizes that we have a team of First Responders as well as our own Fire Station. But, how much do you know about the First Responders and what they are able to do for us? First Responder Lise Minnick graciously gave us a tour and a detailed description of the unit's capabilities.

We have approximately 30 fully trained First Responders who serve the park 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Several First Responders are present, in uniform, at every major gathering that happens. They are at Busch Hall Sunday Nights, Church Services, Wednesday Night Concerts, events in The Grove, etc. and have emergency equipment with them at all times.

We recently were fortunate enough to have a tour of their Med33 which is supplied to TR at no charge by the Pasco County Fire Service. Although the cart is small in size, it contains an amazing amount of equipment. On the front seat of the cart is an AED or Automated External Defibrillator. This unit is kept constantly charged so that it is ready for use at a moment's notice. Along with the AED the cart carries a carbon monoxide sensor which gives the First Responders an instant heads up should the emergency be as the result of carbon monoxide poisoning.



The rear of the cart contains a stretcher and the chair used to negotiate stairs among other items.

Among the cart's contents are pillows and blankets as well as the orange emergency vests that are worn by the First Responders to alert the public of their presence. An auto-pulse device may be used when a heart has stopped beating and provides automated compressions. This allows the First Responders to not have to undertake this physically arduous task. The batteries for this unit are charged daily. Oxygen and spare tanks are always present as is a medical bag that contains a blood pressure cuff, pulse oximeter and glucometer. Gloves, masks and garbage bags are necessities as are compression bandages and bandages to treat cuts.

You may not be aware that our Golf Practice Range is a designated helicopter landing area that is used for emergency evacuations of accident victims not only from the park but from nearby areas. Our team responds to these events with equipment to service the helicopter. They have cones, spotlights and equipment for water rescue. A unique stretcher can be split in two then snapped back together to get it under a severely injured individual for transport. A stair chair has often been used to get patients off the floor and down stairs. The cart also contains a traditional backboard.

The top of the cart has strobe lights to notify passersby of the cart's presence.



A little used item, actually never used in the park to date, is a complete maternity kit for delivering babies. The fact that it has never been used does not mean that the team does not know how to use it. Neck collars and a variety of splints, both rigid and pliable are frequently used. A portable stretcher mat is available for use should it be necessary to carry someone off the golf course. A surprising piece of equipment was an oxygen unit for pet use should your animal be in distress.



Lise Minnick displays the kit which contains oxygen masks for pets.

Hazmat equipment is available for the use of the First Responders. This is used during treatment of infectious diseases. A very large-scene light is available that is capable of illuminating the scene for events such as a helicopter landing at night.

A piece of equipment that came in handy during the COVID epidemic was a specialized oxygen unit. The tank had a very long hose between tank and mask. This enabled First Responders to administer oxygen to patients in their unit without the need for the Responder to enter the residence. During an epidemic First Responders are not required to enter a residence but do so by choice.

The entire Fire Rescue/First Responder unit is financed by two sources. Pasco County provides funding for much of the equipment. However, the Annual Pulled-Pork Driveby provides the funding for items not covered by the County. One such item which is currently on order is a binder device. This is a harness that can be placed around a severely injured individual in order to extract them from the accident scene.

Currently a class of six individuals is receiving training for both First Responder and Fire Fighter. While Lieutenant Jean Cobb provides the First Responder training, the Fire Fighter training is provided online by Pasco County at no cost.

The Fire Fighters/First Responders maintain a supply of wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, etc. that they have received as donations from residents. Should you have need of any of these items, just contact the unit. They will be happy to let you borrow what you need.

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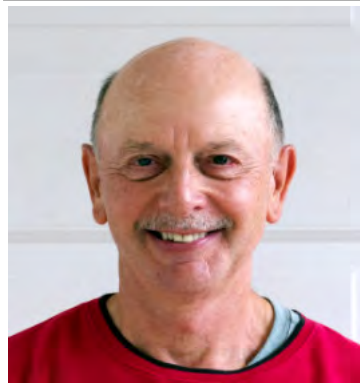
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Activity Affairs



GUY WEIK

by Guy Weik

Believe it or not, we are now into March Madness season! In my Activities Coordinator world, March Madness has taken on new associations that include scheduling end-of-season gatherings and rounding up Activity Update Forms for next season. These important update forms for chairpersons are being placed in your mailboxes.

Update forms should be completed for all Activities, Special Events and Continuing Approved Fundraisers. In addition to chairperson contact information, don't forget to include target dates for starting and ending your activity. We have many activities that start in November and December, and I would like to show that

March Madness

on the Activities Calendar that is on the website and the monitor outside the Post Office. I can also show the starting and ending months in *The TR Times* Bulletin Board. I appreciate that it's difficult to predict arrival times for next season this far in advance, but I can always update information if your plans change. Please return these forms to Guy Weik (lot 10-37) by March 15, so they don't get forgotten in all we have going on at the end of the season.

Activity Financial Statement: Please remember to return your Activity Financial Statement to Renee Bigelow in the TR Office before you leave for the season. If you did not receive a statement from Renee earlier in the season because your activity is new or you are a new chairperson, please contact Renee or Guy Weik.

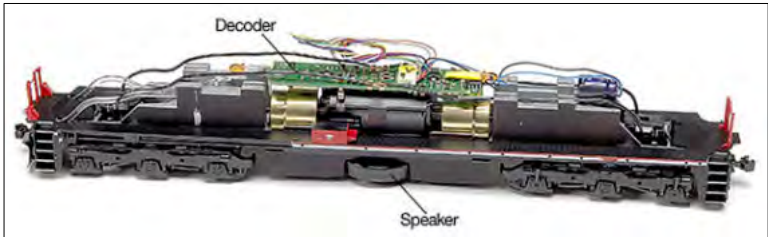
Hobby and Art Show: Anyone wishing to exhibit at the Hobby and Art Show on Wednesday, March 15, should email the following information to Guy Weik (activities@travelersrestresort.com): Name of Activity or Hobby, Exhibitor Name (for a sign), phone and email. There is also a sign up sheet on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall.



File photo

John Hice is shown at last year's Hobby and Art Show with his colorful gourds.

Model Railroad Club News



Photos by Brian Krupicka

Inside a model railroad engine.

by Brian Krupicka

Want to understand how model railroad engines can operate, produce sound, control lights and much more in a very small space? Come to the next model train meeting to see how. Technology has taken over the railroads in real life and in this hobby as well. Microprocessors are used extensively and programming options are endless. If you have any interest in this hobby, call Brian Krupicka at 630-961-1243.



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We meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Fridays in the Jeri Miller Activities Building. All are welcome.

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Root beer floats are back

Do you like ice cream? Do you like it mixed with root beer or ginger ale? Of course you do!



The Travelettes are selling delicious root beer floats from 1 to 3 p.m. at Busch Hall on Wednesday, March 15 during the Hobby and Art Show. We hope you will stop by and enjoy one.

Michigan luncheon is planned



by Tawnya Rowden


The annual Michigan Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 4 in Citrus East. The Social begins at noon and an organized potluck will follow at 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in Busch Hall. We ask that you bring your dish to share, your table service, beverage, alcohol is approved and a big smile. Donna Probes and Company will entertain after the lunch. Please contact Tawnya Rowden if you have any questions, lot 2534 or 231-271-3325. See you there.

Dining with Friends



by Marlene Hughes

Dining with Friends will meet Saturday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. for the third time this season. Harold and Marlene Hughes have taken the event over from the previous hosts. They were excited to see such a great turnout in January and February. The group met with old friends and made new ones as they shared food, fellowship and some great music. A Mexican theme is planned for the March gathering. If you can do a Mexican dish great, if not come anyway and just bring a dish and your beverage of choice. Everything else is furnished. There is a sign-up sheet on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall. We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Last issue of the paper.
Friday, March 17

Deadline for articles.
Friday, March 10

This is the last opportunity to announce events for the remainder of the season.

Quilt-A-Rama is next Tuesday



File photo

by Joan Ledbetter

Calling all sewers and helpers to come to Busch Hall on Tuesday, March 7.

This year will be TR's 20th Quilt-A-Rama. On this day we will complete quilts to be donated to the Dade City Women's Shelter. Many hands are needed for this one-day event.

If you sew and have a machine, please come and help. We will be working from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please come when you can and work as your schedule permits.

There are also many other areas needing help like pinning, pressing and tying quilts.

No experience necessary!

The Snack Shack will be there taking lunch orders for workers.

Please mark your calendars. Come and be a part of Quilt-A-Rama.

Rockstars will teach image transfer



BETTIE TEICHERT FAMILY

by Marcia Hatfield

Are you an artist or just crafty? You can create a rabbit, a tree of life, a gnome, a VW or some other simple design and you will look like an artist. Join the TR Rockstars, the Rock Painting group, on Thursday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activities Center as we learn to transfer an image to a rock for painting.

You are welcome to bring your own simple image or choose one of ours. The image should not be more than a couple of square inches. If you have a larger rock, a larger image can be used. The largest image shown here is the 2.5 by 1.25" VW.

You will learn the step-by-step order to make it easy. We will have tracing paper, carbon paper, rocks, paints and brushes to share but



Photos by Marcia Hatfield

Samples of rock art created by the family.

donations for supplies are welcome. Wear your painting togs, not your Sunday best. Contact Diana Hill 352-760-1420 or Marcia Hatfield 614-946-4411.

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Veterans Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held next Saturday

by Ken Hankinson

The March 11 date for this year's Flag Retirement Ceremony is rapidly approaching and plans are being finalized for this special event.

Previous *TR Times* articles have reviewed our thinking and the advantages of this attractive and accessible new venue. The site is conveniently located just 2.6 miles from TR on Bellamy Brothers Road, approximately a 5 minute drive from TR.

The remainder of this article will provide some additional information to assist you if you plan on attending this year's ceremony.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., but it would be advisable to arrive early in order to park and get seated. There is ample parking and volunteers will be available to assist you. Handicapped parking will also be available.

If you need or would like to sit for the 20 to 25 minute ceremony, we recommend that you bring a comfortable folding chair. Should it be a sunny warm day there is some shade available but water, a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses are probably a good idea.



THE SMALL FIRE PIT

There are handicap restrooms available in the general area of the ceremony. A select group of TR First Responders will be in attendance should an emergency arise.

Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the ceremony while the remainder of the flags are burned in a larger nearby fire pit.

We recommend that you allow some additional time after the ceremony to enjoy the site, refreshments and further explore this beautiful property.

Unfortunately there is no rain date for the event due to other popular events previously scheduled at TR, i.e. Garden Walk and End of Season Celebration. There were no other dates available. The event will be held regardless of weather. However Reverend Anthony has put in a request for a perfect day.

We are expecting a larger than usual attendance at this year's ceremony, so to help us plan accordingly, please sign up on the list available in Busch Hall located near the Veterans Bulletin Board.

Should you have an American flag that you plan to retire this year, please place it in the "Retired Flag" box outside the Post Office by March 8.

If you plan to drive to the event, maps will be posted and available in the flag box the morning of March 11.

We look forward to seeing many TR residents, friends and family at this year's event.

Please direct any questions concerning the event to Ken Hankinson, lot 2609 or call 860-377-5299.

Photos by
Pam Watkins



THE SCENIC SITE

On Food and Cooking discussion planned for March 7

by Jeffrey Duquette

If home cooks can learn the secrets of professional chefs, food of very high quality becomes easier to make. Jeff Duquette will present a round-table discussion on various techniques, secrets and insights provided by Magee's landmark book, *On Food and Cooking*, King Arthur's School of Baking and Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, N. Y.

Topics will jump around and be on various subjects. No, Jeff doesn't have all the answers, but there may be things of interest. Your participation is encouraged so we can learn from each other.

This presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 7 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

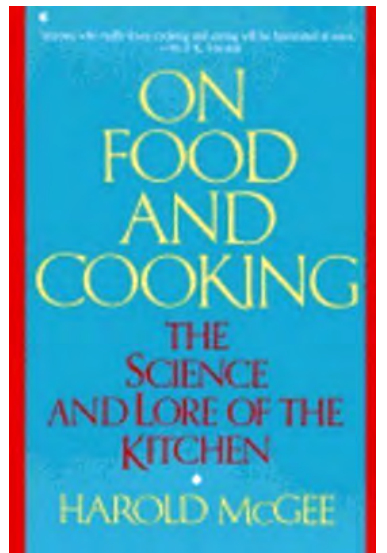


Photo by Jeffrey Duquette

SkyMed luncheon attracts crowd

by Diana Hill

About 40 people attended the recent SkyMed pizza luncheon. Bill (JJ) Johnjullo is retiring soon, and Diana Hill has joined his SkyMed team.

At her first TR presentation she explained how SkyMed covers you at home, away from home and worldwide for emergency transportation services that include getting you to your home or hospital, your spouse home, your vehicle home, your grand-

children to their parents and your pets home too ... anywhere in the world.

A SkyMed advertisement is on page 11 in this newspaper and a flyer on the Out of Park Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall.

Diana Hill can be reached at 352-535-8569 for further information. April 1 is the final SkyMed presentation of the season. Watch for details. A signup sheet will be posted in mid-March.

The Christmas Star will rise again



Photos by Dan Zile

The tower which held the Christmas Star was removed last week by a group of Amateur Radio Club volunteers.

by Dan Zile

For many years the TR residents who are in the park in December have enjoyed seeing the Christmas Star that shone so brightly in the dark sky north of Busch Hall. It emitted its bright light during the Christmas season and was a reminder of the star that guided the three wisemen to the stable.

Each year Frank and Helen Hickam raised the star to the top

of Frank's amateur radio antenna tower where it was a holiday symbol for all to see. With Frank's passing in 2022, the TR Amateur Radio Club raised the star this season in Frank's memory. However, the tower that held the star was removed last week.

The Amateur Radio Club plans to raise the star again, but in a new TR location where it will provide guiding light during future Christmas seasons.



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Bulletin Board				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. Sharon Fosnight	
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, 5:30 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	
Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East. Linda Smith Jim Walsh		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, Sandra Yeager, Lynn Meyers, Charlie Bouchard. 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. Billie Doell		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	

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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. 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			
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			
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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			



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~ Sherry Anderson

Beyond the Resort



LINDA SPENCER
by Linda Spencer

If you have a certain interest, e.g., opera, ballet or maybe its jazz, please let me know. I can use my contacts to find out where, when and how much. Just call me at 352-424-9604 or email at lispencer377@msn.com.

This week I have a list of places to visit near TR that might interest you:

- Giraffe Ranch in Dade City is a wildlife preserve that allows you to feed the animals, but unlike a zoo, the animals roam freely in an environment close to the one they are native to in Africa. For additional information visit girafferanch.com.
- Dade City Heritage Museum is for visitors who have interest in central Florida and the people that settled it. Artifacts are on display and the knowledgeable staff share information and personal stories about living in the area. For additional information visit <https://www.dadecityheritagemuseum.org>.
- Treehoppers Aerial Adventure Park is the largest aerial park in central Florida and offers a unique and exciting way to enjoy this activity. There are several dozen zip lines with rope bridges, various courses and climbing challenges. For additional information visit www.treehoppers.com. The facility is only 2.4 miles from TR.
- Sweet Blossom Alpaca Farm in Dade City has workers that take pride in raising and working with these docile animals, who roam freely on 15 acres of farmland.

Fun outings close to TR

During your visit, take a tour of the farm and learn about the animals, how they are raised and take part in the feeding. There is a small store where you can purchase yarn, throws, scarves and blankets. The yarn is marked with the name of the alpaca the fur came from originally. Enjoy lunch on the farm, too. For additional information visit sweetblossomalpacafarm.com or call 813-335-7387.

- Tampa Riverwalk is the perfect place to take an afternoon or evening stroll. At 2.6 miles long, this pedestrian walkway runs along the Hillsborough River, passes the downtown Arts District and Waterfront Areas of Tampa. Along the way you will see many parks, restaurants, museums and shops. For additional information contact them at tampariverwalk.com or call 813-221-1539.
- Busch Gardens is a large park with an African theme and a wide variety of things to see and do. Dozens of thrilling rides for all ages are on site. There are nine roller coasters, two water-based rides for all ages and a zoo area with more than 200 species of animals. Live entertainment and shows featuring top-notched performers take place throughout the day and everything is family friendly. For additional information please visit buschgardens.com or call 813-884-4386. Busch Gardens is approximately 26 miles from TR.
- Baseball Season is upon us. Training camps are open and pre-season games are being played. Goggle mlb.com for team information, regarding your favorite team as well as their pre-season game schedule. Here are some of the towns that host professional teams in Florida:
 - *Bradenton (64 miles) houses the facilities of the Pittsburgh Pirates.
 - *Clearwater (42 miles) is the winter home of the Philadelphia Phillies.
 - *Daytona (97 miles) is the winter home of the Cincinnati Reds.
 - *Dunedin (39 miles) is the winter home of the Toronto Blue Jays.
 - *Fort Meyers (125 miles) houses the facilities for the Minnesota Twins.
 - *Jupiter (171 miles) is the winter home to the Miami Marlins.
 - *Lakeland (34 miles) houses the facilities for the Detroit Tigers.
 - *Port Charlotte (97 miles) is the winter home to the Tampa Bay Rays.
 - *Port St. Lucie (145 miles) is the winter home to the New York Mets.
 - *Tampa (32 miles) is the pre-season home to the New York Yankees.

Don't miss Sacred Heart's fabulous Friday Lenten Fish Frys



by Pam Watkins

In case you missed the first Lenten Fish Fry on Feb. 24, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 32145 St. Joe Rd., in San Antonio is offering two more Lenten fish frys on Friday, March 10 and March 24. Dinners are served 5 to 7:15 p.m. and include their fabulous fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, your choice of cheese grits or mac and cheese and your beverage.

Meal tickets are only \$11.

Travel News

TR Hawaiian Island Hoppers Cruise

by Sharon Gilbert Zile,
TR Tour Director

It appears that our 2024 TR Hawaii Island Hoppers Cruise is a just-right-for-us trip, with 6 balcony cabins already booked as of this writing! Bucket List "some-day" wishes now have concrete reservations and the excitement is contagious! If you missed yesterday's Coffee Seminar trip presentation, I will be happy to share details of the cruise with you via email when you send your email address to me at sgilbert1081@gmail.com.

As you consider making a reservation, know that we are working with JJ Kuykendall of Cruise Planners. When you are ready to book the cruise, call JJ at 281-292-7022, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Identify yourself as part of the Travelers Rest Hawaiian Cruise group. You will need to know your name as printed on your driver's license or passport, whichever you will use for boarding identification. Also, please let her know if your citizenship is American, Canadian or another country. Veterans will want to identify themselves as such. April 6 is the final day to ensure all the benefits of our group booking, however we have just 25 balcony cabins blocked for the TR group. Deposit is \$125 per person with final payment due by Oct. 27. If you select another type of cabin, ask JJ to include it in our TR group to ensure that you qualify for our group's amenities.

In addition to the moderately-priced balcony cabins on the Pride of America, potential cruise guests will benefit from Norwegian Cruise Line's free airfare for the second passenger in the cabin. When booking our cruise cabin, Dan and I were excited to see that our round-trip flights to Honolulu from Tampa were just \$1,400 total for both of us! We will take advantage of the option to fly into Honolulu two days prior to beginning the cruise. You may decide to make your own flight arrangements or use the NCL 2 for 1 deal with the option of flying 1 or 2 days prior to sailing. Of course, 2 nights in a Honolulu hotel will be at our own additional expense and I am currently exploring hotel options.

Since our itinerary includes 3 islands and 5 ports in 7 days, we have the opportunity for a myriad of shore excursions. After your booking, JJ will send you a link with many shore excursion options including Pearl Harbor, Waimea Canyon, the Polynesian Culture Center and a luau as well as photo tours, Segway tours, cycling, sailing, snorkeling, whale watching, helicopter rides, surfing lessons and rainforest hiking options. For the adventurous, there is always the option of renting a car and exploring on your own, as long as you return to the ship before sailing time! So many choices, so little time! Be sure to give me a call with your questions regarding this cruise, 740-360-3819. I look forward to this 2024 adventure and hope you can join us.

As for the 2023 TR travel season, just one day trip remains. The Yacht Starship St. Patrick's Day Cruise departs Busch Hall at 10:15 a.m. on March 17. Currently, there are 38 reservations ensuring this Irish holiday luncheon cruise will happen as we join other communities also served by Small World Tours. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day so let's be wearin' the green! It is not too late for you to sign up, but please get your paid reservation to me by Sunday, March 6.

"Hawaii is the loveliest fleet of islands that lies anchored in any ocean." ~ Mark Twain



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Library News



Did you know?

by Amy Peebles

There is a rolling cart under the front window of the Library. Newly donated books go on the bottom shelf and books that need to be reshelfed are on the top. If possible visitors are asked to reshelve their returning books to the correct section of the Library. Books are shelved by the author's surname in alphabetical order.

The Bulletin Board just inside the door has handy information of all sorts. Information includes the current Books Browsers Reading List and a list of the local libraries and their hours. You will also see a list of local thrift stores. These stores welcome our retired books which are found in the plastic milk crates on the floor under the book shelves. Please take a bag of books to these stores if you can.

There is a shelf of French language books. The books are on a shelf in the bookcase facing the back wall of fiction books.

You may have noticed the different colored slips in the library books. Each color represents a year from 2017 to 2023. Volunteers determine the last year a book was borrowed by the color of its slip. This system was implemented in 2009 and it is how volunteers keep books current by retiring or "weeding" out the shelves. Please remove any colored slip from the books you return to the Library as that indicates the book has been read this year. When we see a book has an older color slip, it may be considered for retirement to make room for newer book donations.

The TR Times and Snack Shack have been very supportive of the Library. Both groups generously donated money to help purchase new shelves. These



Photo by Amy Peebles

Jigsaw puzzles and games have moved from the library to the west wing of the Hobby House.

shelves enabled volunteers to rearrange and make more room for certain sections of the Library. The TR Times also funded the printing of their collection of The TR Times newspapers from 2004-2012 which are housed in the Library. Copies prior to 2004 due to their size, can be found at the TR Times office.

Past friends of the early Library according to issues of The TR Times issues include Sally Fries who is noted for having the idea of opening a library and Don and Myrtle McMasters who headed the Library Club for 12 years, Gene Morgan made new shelves for the Library when it was housed in the Hobby House prior to its move to the current location. Randy and Billie Doell along with maintenance staff moved the contents of the Library from the Hobby House to the new location. Library volunteers are thankful for all these mentioned and to all the many others who played a part through the years in the Library's success. It is another of TR's gems.

TR Book Browsers

by Nan Lance

The TR Book Browsers discussed *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* at Wednesday's meeting. We were honored to have Jean Landry as a guest. Jean had lived in Northern Africa. She brought several examples of North African art and shared stories about her life there at the age of 15. It helped bring a new perspective to the book and the culture. Thank you Jean.



Our next book discussion will be on Wednesday, March 8 when we will talk about *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Please join us in Citrus West at 2 p.m.

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Garden News

The garden calendar

by Leslie Ewing

The Lake Margaret Garden Club has several great events planned for the rest of the season: **Irish Coffee House** Friday, March 10, 7 p.m. at Busch Hall, doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Garden Club was thrilled when some of our own TR musicians wanted to perform for a benefit for the Garden Club. It got even better when the TR Board of Directors offered to match the proceeds up to \$2,000. Thank you to Ken Langell, Doc Probes, Donna Probes and Brode Morgan who will be entertaining us with Irish music. The club will use this money to fix up the front lawn of Lake Margaret Garden. Thanks also to the TR Board of Directors for helping the Garden.

Garden Walk

Sunday, March 12, 2 to 4 p.m.

The club is very happy to be able to continue the tradition of the Garden Walk this season. Everybody in TR visits Lake Margaret Garden to enjoy the afternoon. Come hang out with old friends and meet some new ones. Wear your name tags/badges and please sign our guestbook. All of the Garden Club members will be there to welcome you.

There will be music throughout the Garden. Art displays will be scattered around the Garden. There will be refreshments. The club is excited to be able to host TR residents and friends and basically just show off the Garden! **Dade City Garden Club Tour** Friday, March 24, time to be determined.

The Lake Margaret Garden Club will be going as a group. TR residents are welcome to join us. Carpooling would be a good idea. More details will be announced in future columns.



Photos by Leslie Ewing

One of the beautiful new stained glass panels in the gazebo.

Meanwhile back in the Garden

New stained-glass panels are hanging in the arbors at the east and west entrances of the boardwalk. Gary Dietz donated the stained-glass panels. Bud Wuebker from the Woodshop framed the panels and Bud and Joe Politsky hung them in the arbor. These panels are beautiful. Thank you to Gary, Bud and Joe.

A lot of work has to be done on the front lawn of the Garden before the club can begin planting flowers and shrubs. New top soil is scheduled to come this summer. Grass seed needs to be scattered. While we are waiting for this to be completed, club members are researching what sort of flowers and plantings we can put into our new sunny spot. In the past we have mostly been working with plants that tolerate shade. With the massive tree gone, we have an opportunity for a greater variety of plants in the Garden. We are going to do something we all enjoy – go shopping.

The azaleas in The Grove are in full bloom. Mike Bly and Dave

Harder have done a great job of weeding, pruning, watering and fertilizing to bring the azaleas to such beautiful blossoms. The club really appreciates their hard work.

We thank everyone who has contributed to the Garden. Some people work in the Garden every day. Others who are here at TR for just a portion of the season help out as well. Donations are vital.

It is amazing when we consider what it takes to maintain a garden this size. Tools wear out and need repair or replacement. The boardwalk has to be sealed and repaired as needed. The benches wear out. We need electricity for several things: power tools, irrigation, Christmas lights. The electrical and irrigation systems require constant maintenance. Some work requires that we have a professional electrician. Planning and putting in new plants is the really fun part of gardening. The club could not do all of these things without the support of our TR community. Come on by anytime and especially be here for the Garden Walk.



The stained glass in these panels was created by Gary Dietz and framed by Bud Wuebker.

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Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Many pet lovers who have volunteered to foster a pet in need of some loving care are familiar with the term “foster failure.” It sounds nasty, like someone really goofed when trying to care for one of those needy animals but actually that’s a very loving term used to describe someone who fell in love with the pet they were fostering and ended up adopting it and giving it a “forever” home. Such is the case of Pat Beres.

In her 50s Pat found herself studying at the University of Mexico in Albuquerque which led to her teaching English as a Second Language to immigrants. While doing all of this she always had dogs in her life. They led long, healthy lives. Some of these pets came to her through the Animal Welfare Department of Albuquerque. At first she was just going to provide foster care until they were ready to be rehomed but those loving dogs weaseled their way right into her heart and she adopted them. She might have failed at the whole fostering idea but she ended up with a lot of love.

Pat’s previous dogs had been mid to larger sizes but then this adorable little one-year-old Chihuahua named Mya came into her

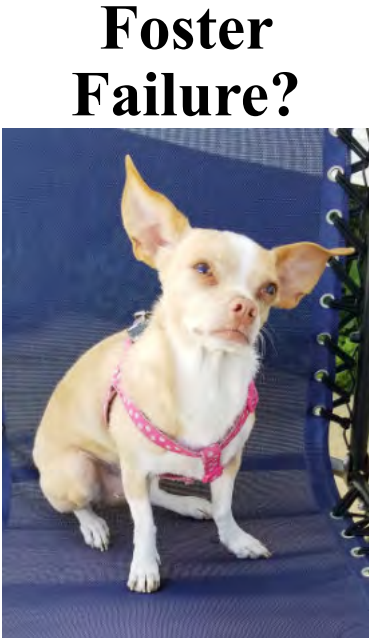


Photo by Judy Leister
MYA

life. Twenty-five Chihuahuas were confiscated from a hoarding/breeding situation and Mya was one of them. The shelter discovered Mya was carrying puppies. They chose to abort them and while doing that they accidentally removed one of Mya’s kidneys. Luckily Mya’s overall health was not affected too badly. Special food and periodic routine tests at the vet office and she’s good to go.

Little by little Mya is getting braver. Having spent most of her life in New Mexico she found grass very scary when she and Pat came to Florida. She didn’t want to even walk on it. Seeing her now doing zoomies around and around the TR Puppy Park shows that Mya is adjusting well to her new climate. She isn’t much into toys but oh how she loves to play and take walks around TR with her best doggie friend Ziva.

Although Mya has her own bed she much prefers to crawl under the covers and snuggle right up against Pat. This was great for both of them since Pat’s previous dogs had been a bit bigger than and not as cuddly of a size as Mya.

I learned two new terms when doing the interview for this article. Chihuahuas are often referred to as having either a “deer head” or an “apple head.” Deer Heads have a longer forehead and muzzle. Apple Heads have a rounder head and shorter muzzle. Mya is a Deer Head.

Mya has come a long way. She had been afraid of the weather, people, other dogs and noises but she has bloomed into a much braver dog because of TR and its people.

Birding Activity

We have some strange birds in our world

by Tom Butler

Many have used this phrase to describe the unique and quirky people that cross our paths daily. But we are not here to talk about our families. I am referring to the strange habits, behaviors, diets and lifestyles of the birds we are blessed to view throughout nature. With over 10,600 species of birds found worldwide, it should be fun exploring some of the strange and jaw-dropping facts of our feathered friends.

To begin, birds inhabit all seven continents of the world and make every climate, terrain and altitude their own personal Home Sweet Home. Burrowing Owls like the name suggests, burrow into the ground and create a nesting site perfect for their nocturnal needs. They can resemble prairie dogs sitting atop their burrows and may require a second look to verify identification. While this small owl lives underground, the Red-billed Chough has been seen at the summit of Mount Everest. This member of the Crow family reaches this height without using any climbing ropes - amazing. Birds can be found walking barefoot across the ice and then diving into freezing water to catch breakfast. Sorry but a Penguin’s life is not for me! The desert features a special bird made famous by Looney Tunes cartoons. We are now talking about the Greater Roadrunner. These long-legged birds are built for speed with a slender body that matches their legs. They have a limited ability to fly so speed is a necessary trait when trying to catch a variety of food such as insects, reptiles and just about anything that moves. Plant material such as the numerous cacti found in their arid habitat provides much of the fluid essential to surviving this dry climate.

Birds are well known for their ability to fly but few can rival the Artic Tern. As a result of their extreme endurance, this bird can be found on all seven continents. It is estimated that some Artic



Photo by Tom Butler

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY TYRANT

Terns travel nearly 1.5 million miles in a lifetime. Imagine the frequent flyer miles they would accumulate. Our entire TR family could go on a fabulous adventure with those miles. Will someone please check into that? Moving on.... While few can match those mileage numbers, one group of birds, Passerines, boast some equally impressive stats. This order of birds is described as the perching birds. They make up more than 50 percent of all birds worldwide and share a common trait – four toes. Three toes face forward and one faces to the rear. These toes lock into place creating a firm grasp on their perch even while sleeping. Who knew? With nearly 6,300 different species, the variations in size, diet and color are mind boggling. Take for example, the Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant. This is the smallest passerine checking in at a whopping 2.5 inches and a weight of 5 grams. Five of these miniature flycatchers together would weigh 1 ounce. What? Now we introduce the Common Raven which is the largest of the passerine group. At a weight of nearly 2 kilograms this highly intelligent bird is 400 times heavier than the diminutive Pygmy Tyrant. Incredible!

If you are looking for an abundance of birds you should try the Amazon. Not the one that offers free shipping but the one that has rain forests and river basins. This nature’s paradise extends across nine South Amer-

ican countries and is home to not just 10 percent of all animal species in the world but also 12 percent of all bird species found globally. Covering nearly 8.4 million square miles this habitat is massive. The Amazon rainforest contains some of the most brilliantly colored birds in the world including over 30 types of parrots. What an incredible trip that would be! Will someone please check on those air miles? Tell the travel agent your name is A. Tern from Florida.

Have you ever complained about having to get up in order to feed a baby? These bird facts should help to ease your stress. The Barn Swallow adults chase insects all day for the nearly 400 daily feedings necessary for their brood. A pair of Barn Owls will hunt, catch and devour nearly 2,000 rodents in a year and the Eurasian Jay will store in excess of 5,000 acorns for winter meals. Before reading these facts, I thought my grandkids were the ones eating everything in sight. I’m just relieved they aren’t barn swallows.

These incredible and odd facts in the lives of our bird friends could fill multiple books and still not cover everything. The few examples in this article are just a sampling of the many strange and interesting facts that describe the amazing creatures known as birds. I hope some of these strange truths will spark your curiosity about our feathered neighbors. Pick a bird and do some research. You just might be as amazed as I am.

Pet Lover’s Club



Photo by Kim Roberts

Club members participate in a training session.

by Kim Roberts

Our dog training is complete for this year and everyone and their dogs have done great. We have learned a lot and really appreciate our Volunteer Trainer Kathleen Clark.

We also had our Annual Blessing of the Pets on Feb. 27. Thank you to Pastor Shipe and his helpers.

As we all know volunteering at Traveler’s Rest is so important and everyone should try to find something they enjoy and are passionate about and get involved.

As I start to complete my first year as a volunteer as President of the Pet Lover’s Club, I am concerned about the future of volun-

teers. We should remember that volunteers are not professionals but freely give of their time and talents. We are grateful for the services they provide. If you have suggestions for improving what we do please come join us in our efforts. I appreciate all the great people that support the Pet Lover’s Club and the Puppy Park.

Animals are my passion and I will continue to give them their best home here at TR which is a pet-friendly resort.

The next Pet Lovers Club meeting is Monday, March 13 at 3 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Building. Hope to see you there to show your support.



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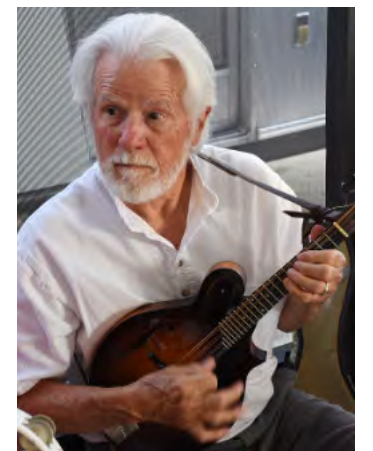
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TR Sports

Ladies’ Golf League

by Dee Branchaud
Wednesday, Feb. 22
We had 43 golfers and one guest.

Low Handicap 0-12	
Low Gross	
Trish Horney	36
Hazel English, Maureen Peet...	37
Sylvia Cole.....	39
Low Net	
Chris Marsh.....	29
Pat Gallagher, Mary DeWeerd..	31
Betty Colborne, Jean Bjorgen...	32
Fewest Putts:	
Betty Colborne, Sylvia Cole	13
Closest to #5: Linda Beausoleil	
Chip-Ins: Phyllis Simmers,	
Chris Marsh, Betty Colborne	

High Handicap +13	
Low Gross	
Phyllis Simmers	43
Martha Smith, Dawn Pulleyn...	44
Low Net	
Arlene Wykoff.....	30
Vicki Cloyd, Val Smith	31
Nance Lance, Susan Carr,	
Stella Loiselle, Joan McLean ...	32
Closest to #3: Martha Smith	
Birdies: Vicki Brooks,	
Eleanor Buchser, Diane Doggett,	
Maureen Peet, Joan McLean,	
Betty Colborne, Dawn Pulleyn	

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by Pat McCallum Saturday, Feb. 18	
Pat McCallum	1340
Mike Clark	1250
Connie Bradley	1230

Saturday, Feb. 25	
Connie Bradley	2480
Nan Lance	1900
Pat McCallum	1600

Recognizing a very dedicated volunteer



by George Paquette

If you have ever been to the Golf Practice Range there’s a good chance you have met John Schoonover. Why you ask? Well that’s because John is the chair for the Practice Range officially known as the Travelers Rest Golf Academy and Training Center. He is always there ensuring everything is in top shape. John is as dedicated as they come to providing a first-class facility that will help you hone your golfing skills. This is his way of introducing people to golfing and helping people learn and improve their golf game.

I have known John for 13 years. I met him at the Practice Range and throughout those years his dedication and commitment to this volunteer service that he provides for us is outstanding. I decided to sit down with John and share with you what drives him and perhaps in our talk get some insight and inspiration that might motivate us all to do a little more for this wonderful place we call home.

I worked for John at the Practice Range for a number of years. Once a week I went in at the end of the day and washed the golfballs and swept the tee pads and surrounding areas. That was once a week but John was there every day. If you forgot to go in he never complained he just closed up for you. One year at the end of the snowbird season John met me at the range and gave me a sleeve of golfballs as a thank you for helping out. I never expected anything and I told him so. I also apologized for missing one or two nights when we had been out of the park. Of course John with his calm and respectful demeanor just brushed it off saying, “That’s ok, it was a pleasure to work with you George.” Now that’s a gentleman.

John was born in Lakewood, Ohio right by Lake Erie. His dad was a banker and his mom a homemaker. While attending junior high school John and a fellow classmate would take the school bus to the local golf and country club where they were responsible for looking after the golf greens. This is where John learned to play and love golf and over time became quite skilled at the game. After graduating from high school John attended Ohio State University and graduated with a marketing degree. John then

followed in his father’s footsteps and worked at the bank for a time. However, John’s adventurous nature had other plans. He decided he wanted to be his own boss and went into the printing business and direct-mail advertising. In his spare time he took up skiing during the winter months. However, as skiing became more of a passion he realized he had to move somewhere where he would find bigger, higher ski slopes.

So John moved to Petoskey, Mich. where he became a ski instructor teaching young children. During that time he bought two laundromats. He knew nothing about the business but he was determined to make it work and was so successful he built a third laundromat. John spent ten years in Petoskey and at that point he decided he needed bigger ski slopes. So he sold his laundromats for a tidy profit and moved to Breckenridge, Colo.

In Breckenridge John followed his passion for skiing and opened up a ski sales and rentals shop. He also purchased buildings and got into property management. When it was time to retire John finally sold his businesses and was able to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He then moved to Colorado Springs where he continues to reside when he is not here at TR.

How did John discover TR you ask? Well it was in Petoskey that John met Andy Fedus who was already spending his winters at TR. Andy suggested that John come to the resort and check out all it had to offer including the great golf course. John and Roz did just that in those early years and kept coming back until they finally decided to retire and spend their winters here.

John explained that being a volunteer at TR has been an enriching experience that has given him purpose and a greater connection to the community. John agreed to this article only if I emphasized the importance of volunteer work and to encourage people to get involved because it worked for him. John has been coming to TR for 38 years and he’s never looked back. His hope is that we all can learn from his story and get the full benefit the TR community has to offer.

Thank you, John for all that you do. It is inspiring.

Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek Friday, Feb. 24	
Men’s Scratch High Game	
Bill Buczek.....	224
Steve Niles	209
Don Markle	154
Men’s Scratch High Series	
Bill Buczek.....	619
Mark Fedus	260
Ken Neer	418
Men’s Handicap High Game	
Bill Buczek.....	276
Mark Fedus	432
Bill Bunning.....	257
Men’s Handicap High Series	
Bill Buczek.....	775
Mark Fedus	753
Bill Bunning.....	707
Men’s High Average	
Steve Niles	204
Women’s Scratch High Game	
Deb Niles	171
Linda Smith.....	162
Lin Buczek	160
Women’s Scratch High Series	
Deb Niles	453
Leslie Price.....	451
Lin Buczek	447
Women’s Handicap High Game	
Sheila Fedus	287
Linda Smith.....	272
Kathy Capsolas	252
Women’s Handicap High Series	
Sheila Fedus	765
Pat Markle.....	719
Linda Smith.....	716
Women’s High Average	
Leslie Price.....	152

Dominoes

by Linda Gough Thursday, Feb. 23	
Judy Collins	203

Wizard

by Deb May Tuesday, Feb. 21	
Table 1, Game 1	
1 Sean Davis	
2 Kathy Zanca	
Game 2	
1 Kathy Zanca	
2 Lora Davis	
Game 3	
1 Elaine Schwartz, Lora Davis	
2 Kathy Zanca	
Table 2, Game 1	
1 Deborah May	
2 John Goodger	
Game 2	
1 Jackie Thackery	
2 John Goodger	

Table Tennis

by Ann Chalk Monday, Feb. 20	
Mike Clark, Ann Chalk	3
Carey Box, Tom Etchill	1
Thursday, Feb. 23	
Charlie Mason.....	6
Dave Bass, Carey Box,	
Mike Clark	4
Ann Chalk	3
Tom Etchill, Ruth Reeves,	
Sam Wykoff.....	2

Party Bridge

by Jen Furman Tuesday, Feb. 21	
Janet and Harold Baal	3840
Marcia and Doug Hatfield....	3260
Pat Dellamuth, John Cyr	2170
Connie Bradley, Ron Hicks..	1850
Thursday, Feb. 23	
Connie Bradley, Ron Hicks..	3940
John Cyr, Mike Clark.....	2200
Tawnya Rowden,	
Jim Weigand.....	2100
Janet and Harold Baal	1980
Pat Dellamuth, Barry Sellick	1170
Marcia and Doug Hatfield.....	780

Men’s Golf League



by Barry English Thursday, Feb. 23	
Our last week of golf before the tournament 64 players attended. It was the largest turnout of the year. Great weather and golf!	
Low Handicap (0-8)	
Low Gross	
Ron Duplessis	34
Don Buchser, Gary Carter, John Porter, Ralph Smith,	
Dan Varner	35
Low Net	
Ken Lasure	30
Jay Jager, Ken Person, John Peet, Jim Colborne, Mark Fedus,	
Rob Prophet	31
Closest to pin #5: Ron Duplessis	



Photo by Shirley-Ann Appleby
The TR Canada vs USA
Traveling Trophy

TR Cup Canada vs USA

by Shirley-Ann Appleby
We hope everyone enjoyed the tournament. We had a total of 81 golfers—52 Canadians and 29 Americans. The average score for the Canadians was 42.38 and for the Americans 44.24. The Canadians won by an average 1.86 strokes.
Thanks to all the participants for their patience, outfits and decorations. We want to give a special thank you to Ken and Kelly Person for helping out and organizing this fun event. Congratulations to all the golfers.

Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield Friday, Feb. 24	
At first no one could build a Chinese Mah Jong hand worth 1,000 points. Now it seems everyone is taking the chance and wins the game with All Pairs. Connie Bradley became our latest winner on Feb. 20. Gong Xi means congratulations!	
Monday, Feb. 20	
Betty Brown.....	5
Connie Bradley	3
Marcia Hatfield,	
Nancy Moschler	2
Dawn Pulleyn, Joan Ledbetter,	
Rachel Brooks.....	1
Friday, Feb. 24	
Connie Bradley	5
Anne Amico, Deb May	4
Lou Smith	3
Marcia Hatfield,	
Nancy Moschler.....	1



National Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman Friday, Feb. 24	
Bette Gorman	200
Sue Guffy	75
Linda Gower, Beannie Wise, Janet Stevens, Kathy Ellison.....	50
Diane Phillips.....	25

RC Motorsports

by Douglas Hatfield Wednesday, Feb. 22	
James Chambers, Russ Marlowe, Shawn Liaguno	36
Saturday, Feb. 25	
James Chambers,	
Russ Marlowe	36
Kevin Cahill	33

MLYC



by Bill Wise RC Power Boat Monday, Feb. 13	
Stealth Wake.....	Howard Best
Power Vee.....	Jerry McRoberts
Traxxas Blast.....	Bob Troyer
Friday, Feb. 17	
Stealth Wake.....	Doug Smith
Power Vee.....	Don Meddles
Traxxas Blast.....	Dean Peters
RC Sailing	
Wednesday, Feb. 15	
DF 95 Class	Barry Sellick
Soling 1M Class...	Chuck Lemke
Saturday, Feb. 18	
DF 95 Class.....	Jamie Hyde
Soling 1M Class.....	Barry Sellick



Photo by Laurie Gardner
PICKLEBALL JAM LAWN
TROPHY

Pickleball Jam

by Laurie Gardner
It was another beautiful Pickleball Jam day on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The spectators were able to watch under our new tent purchased by the Pickleball Club.
We have three Pickleball Jams left this season, Feb. 28, March 7 and March 15.
Look for the new Pickleball Jam lawn trophy. Each week the trophy will be proudly displayed in the yard of the first place winner. Thank you to Daryl McLeod for designing and building our lawn trophy and Delia Box for decorating the paddle.
1 Mike Clark
2 Randy Smith
3 Kathleen Clark.

Looking Back

by Nan Lance

10 Years Ago - 2013

- TR Residents are losing one of their best friends, Norm Hewer.
- Wear your jeans and patched shirts Friday night. Hobos are known to be workers who wander. The Hobo Dance is this Friday.
- Amateur Radio Net is 50. The RV Service Net is an amateur radio communications network involving people who travel in motorhomes and trailers all over the eastern half of the U.S. and Canada.
- The Library to sell reprints and CD's of the early history of TR books.

20 Years Ago - 2003

- Fire Department readies for expanded role as we prepare to come under the jurisdiction of Pasco County Fire Service in October, 2003.
- Mac Attack at Travelers Rest. TR residents share knowledge and techniques surrounding the MacIntosh computer.
- First annual Delmarva luncheon a success. Residents from Delaware, Maryland and Virginia joined for luncheon at the Golden Corral in Brooksville.
- Crooks abound at Travelers Rest - Shepherd Crooks for hanging plants that is!

30 Years Ago - 1993

- Brothers form a foursome at TR golf course. Gerry, Lloyd, Chauncy and Paul Berts were together for the first time in four years.
- Post Office issues summer mail instructions for forwarding.
- Bridge Club receives generous gift of ten new card tables and 40 new chairs with upholstered seats and backs.
- TR Cloggers announce their new executive officers for the 93-94 Season.

HISTORY



Classifieds

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Sandwiches

Ham & Cheese 4.00
Turkey 4.00
Salad Plate
Ham 5.75
Turkey 5.75
Veggie (no meat) 4.50

New

Grilled Chicken Breast
Salad 5.75

Extras - .50

Slaw, cheese, beans
Extra slice of cheese
Grilled onions
Sauerkraut

Beverages

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Ice Tea .75
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Fri-Tuna Sandwich 3.75
Fri-Grilled Cheese 2.25



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Join AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills for a variety of free health talks.

WHAT: AdventHealth Dade City and AdventHealth Zephyrhills are hosting free health talks on a variety of topics.

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MARCH HEALTH TALKS:

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Guest Speaker: Naga Thatimatla, MD, FACS, FASMBS

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30115 State Road 52
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Registration Information: Call 833-300-2371 or visit AHDadeCity.com/Events to register.

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Guest Speaker: Marilyn Fink, M.S. CCC-SLP, and Kalyani Meduri, MD, Gastroenterologist

Date and Time: Thursday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.

Location: The Genesis Community Center
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