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## Mark and Patti Hawkins are two gung-ho volunteers

by Margaret Emmetts

Mark and Patti Hawkins were neighbors of the Wheatleys in Minnesota. Both Airstreamers, they had spent their summers in a Minnesota Airstream park where they were very active in the volunteer program.

The Wheatleys had sung the praises of TR and the Hawkins decided to visit and see what TR was like. Impressed with the beauty of the Park and the many activities available here, they originally had signed a lease on an RV South location, but never got to use it. A house in The Village came up for sale which the Wheatleys advised they should purchase. So, purchase they did, sight unseen.

Mark and Patti like to keep busy and they quickly began to



MARK AND PATTI HAWKINS

volunteer at TR. Initially they joined the Garden Club where they thought they would get to meet people. Apparently the Garden Club did not fully satisfy their desire to keep busy. Both joined

the First Responder Class taught by Jean Cobb. After doing this Joe Colao pointed out that the Responders were losing people trained to teach CPR and suggested that Mark get this training. He is currently certified to teach CPR.

Mark is presently undergoing Fireman training to be able to work with our Fire Squad. He is also on the Friday crew at the Snack Shack.

Patti works at the Library in charge of the "T" section.

It is apparent the couple enjoy working together. For the past two years they have worked on the Food Drive, this year being the shoppers for the event. They have also worked on the Pulled Pork Dinner sponsored by the First Responders. As a "younger couple" in the Park they routinely

help in setting up chairs and tables for various events.

To say that the couple are enthusiastic volunteers would be an understatement. They were instrumental in bringing several other couples to TR who all enjoy volunteering.

Mark pointed out that most residents at TR are on fixed incomes. The amount of work done by volunteers helps keep the cost of living here within most people's budgets. He realizes that if we had to pay to have the work currently done by volunteers, many folks could not afford to live here.

Thanks to Mark and Patti for all they do for TR.

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Charlie McGee, Gayle Sunde and Patti Hawkins in a First Responder Class.



Kathy Fuller, Curt Barnes, Mark Hawkins, Mary Kubiniec and Patti Hawkins learn how to bandage a hand.



Joe Shipe, Dick and Kit Wheatley, Mark Hawkins, Kate Bacon and Patti Hawkins are shown during TR's annual Food Box Collection.

## Stuart and Margaret Natoff worked behind the scenes



STUART NATOFF

by Mary Kosbab

Stuart and Margaret Natoff lived at lot 13-08 in the Cabana section of TR.

Stuart was an engineer, innovator and a one-of-a-kind person. At TR he left his mark on the Model Airplane Club, the Parlor Flying Club in Busch Hall and the Model Railroad Club. The Natoffs' cabana was set up with many storage drawers for their crafts and interests. Stuart had a long counter which he called his "Ball Bearing Bar." This is where he fabricated and built the light-



Stuart Natoff and fellow thespians perform in one of TR's Talent Shows. They were reenacting a scene about the Parlor Flyers Club. The "Flyers" flew small remote-controlled airplanes in Busch Hall.

weight, slow-flying airplanes he flew in Busch Hall, and where he helped others also involved in this activity fix their planes. His planes could fly so slow he could walk alongside them. When he would help others, he would always maintain that "We're right on schedule," because he maintained there was no schedule.

Those who knew Stuart know he had an array of original sayings. If he couldn't answer your question right away, he would lean back in his chair, stroke his chin and say, "I'll get back to you on that one" or "Let me think about that for awhile." He always maintained that "One man's hobby is as good as another's," that "First marriages



MARGARET NATOFF

were practice marriages, then you get it right," and that "It's not a rational planet."

Margaret was very involved in Coffee Socials and quilting. She and her friends always sat in the front row at Sunday Night Entertainment or Wednesday Spectaculars and were the perfect reactive audience for the performers. They added much fun for both the performers and the audience.

Both were big "behind the scenes" contributors in their respective activities at TR.

# Busch HALL

## Sunday Night presents Good ole country music with Kenny Hess



KENNY HESS

by Ken Langell

Kenny Hess has been a part of the country music industry since the early 80s when he started a life of making music for a living. Born in Outlook, Saskatchewan, music was always a part of his life. At just 15 years old Kenny started

traveling the country singing the songs of such greats as Charlie Pride, Don Williams and Merle Haggard, and it wasn't long before he was singing his own songs and sharing the stage with those very same great artists.

Kenny has had more than 200 of his original songs recorded, and that success was honored in 2015 when he returned home to British Columbia to be inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame. He was described by "Music Row Magazine" in Nashville, Tenn., as "A natural-born entertainer with a huge voice and great songs that make for a very special show. Enjoy a little taste of good ole country music Kenny Hess style!"

The Kenny Hess will be here on Sunday, Feb. 25: the Ice Cream Social is at 6:15 p.m. announcements at 6:45 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

# Tuesday NIGHT MOVIE

by Carol and Jim Henrikson

"The Last Waltz" was shown on Feb. 20.

Next in the movie queue on Feb. 27 is "The Whale" and on March 5 the feature is "Killers of the Flower Moon."

On March 12 "Napoleon" will be shown followed by "The Boys in the Boat" on March 19.

Closing the 2024 TNM season will be the Oscar-nominated inspiring story of world-class swimmer, Nyad. The movie name "Nyad" is the surname of the swimmer.

In addition to InTouchLink we are using signs placed in strategic locations to remind you of all upcoming TNM showings. We will place the signs each Tuesday morning. They are taken down

after the movie is presented. We highly recommend InTouchLink as a daytime/weekly planner to stay current with many of the TR activities.

Chairs are set up before you arrive in a pattern for optimal viewing and to provide roughly 50 folding chairs in the front five rows of preferred seating. Many of you may wish to bring your own seating, like a favorite low-backed picnic chair. There is usually lots of floor space behind these front rows of chairs. When choosing a preferred chair, please keep in mind those behind you wishing a clear view of the projection screen.

You are reminded to silence your mobile devices ahead of the movie start to make our movie experience enjoyable for all. Those

of you members of the TR First Responders are encouraged to use the vibration feature on your phones. If the siren should sound, we will pause our feature underway and clear the way for your important duties to be fulfilled.

Please help yourself to the freshly prepared free popcorn as you arrive at TNM. It is available ahead of showtime. The show starts at 7 p.m. Carol has an introduction/commentary just ahead of movie time. Also ahead of movie time, we use the Sonos Audio System to listen to a variety of music to showcase this new SONOS equipment and perform sound checks. Hope to see you at TNM soon.

## Mardi Gras Dance



File photo

Mystery ladies of a past Mardi Gras Dance.

## Don't miss the Mexican Fiesta

The TR Board along with Ray Hill have paved the way for a new tradition. It's called "TR Celebration!" This season will feature two celebration events. The first will be a Mexican Fiesta on Friday, Feb. 23. This event will be an expansion of the Friday Afternoon LIVE offering. All residents are invited to bring a Mexican potluck snack item, such as salsa, chips, guacamole, bean dips, tortillas, sour cream, tamales, veggies, cornbread, etc. The highlight of the afternoon will be a live mariachi band. Many folks have heard this ensemble at Los Vallarta's Mexican Restaurant in Wesley Chapel.

Food trucks will be available so that you can purchase a full meal if you wish.

by Pat Daubenmier

Time to dance off those paczkis (Fat Tuesday Doughnuts). Yes, we know that Mardi Gras is actually Feb. 13, but we did not have a dance that day. You have to wait another week! The Travelaires will be sharing their music on Friday, March 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Line dancers and ballroom dancers can't wait to get on the dance floor and we hope that you will join them with a group of friends. Feel free to bring your own snacks and refreshments. There is no admission fee but we are happy to accept your donations to fund the band. To really get into the mood, deck yourselves out in Mardi Gras green, gold and purple or maybe a jester's mask. Most importantly, come and have some fun!

## MEXICAN FIESTA

Friday, February 23 2:30 – 5:15 pm

	<p>2:30 pm Mexican snack food potluck</p> <p>3:00 pm <b>LIVE MARIACHI BAND</b></p> <p>4:00 pm Concert of Spanish Music with Doc &amp; Donna Probes</p>
<p><b>Busch Hall</b></p>	



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# Communications from the Board



DEBORAH MAY

by Deborah May, President/CEO, TR Board of Director

We have been very blessed as a community to be able to fill our park in the last couple of years. Again this year we are completely booked for next year and have a waiting list to get in. This says a lot about the quality of our park and the people who live here. The amenities we offer for the price we pay is certainly a contributing factor to attracting new residents. Having a full park in advance gives us a reasonable assurance, though anything can happen economically and unexpectedly in the future, that we will be able to reach our revenue budget, be able to pay our expenses and make capital improvements as needed.

What we have seen in the last year or two is that people realize that one way to get off of that waiting list is to buy in. Which means they buy an existing unit on

a leased lot with the guarantee of being able to renew that lease next year. We have experienced a lot of turnovers already this year. Units are selling very soon after being listed for sale.

When the Travelers Rest Office receives notification that a lessee of an RV South or Non-Cabana site will not renew their lease, the site will be reassigned by the Office to a new stockholder or leaseholder. This takes place in one of three ways based on a priority order according to the policies D3110 through D3135. Only Travelers Rest stockholders can be a new lessee on any site.

Priority 1 – Mobile homeowners are permitted to swap sites with RV South or Cabana lessees without waiting to be processed on a waiting lease list.

Priority 2 – RV South lessees may move to another site without going on the waiting list provided they meet the following conditions:


1. They must be a stockholder.
2. They must have held a TR lease for one full year.
3. They must put in a request by filling out a Site Transfer Request Form and pay the applicable fee. Up to two site preferences may be listed on this request.

When a site becomes available, the office will notify the requestor in the order in which the original request was received. They have the first acceptance or refusal right.


Priority 3 – RV South Priority and Non-Cabana sites. An appli-

cant may be added to the waiting list by owning a share of TR Corporate Stock, owning an RV which meets the TR specifications and filling out a Lease Information Form at the Office.


Names are added to the waiting list in the order they are received, and assignment of available sites that their RV will fit are made in the same sequence. If an applicant for an RV South site lease refuses a site that accommodates their RV, then the applicant's name will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list. Before they refuse, the Office is required to notify them in writing of the Priority #2 option of Move Between Leased Sites.



**Resident Forum**  
Monday, March 4 at 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.



**Annual Meeting**  
AGM  
Tuesday, March 12 at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall.



**Veranda Chat**  
Monday, March 18 at 3 p.m. on Busch Hall Front Porch.

# From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Rich Kushman

This week started with a question from Ray for me. Why was my name missing from the byline in the last paper? Last week I just couldn't find all the words so the staff helped with some of theirs. The staff also reported there have been three complaints regarding Ray's idea of a bistro area near Busch Hall and also some doubt expressed that a license to sell beer and wine would even be possible. Ray does still believe if we applied for only a beer and wine license it would be granted and we both thought that three was a pretty low score for complaints. However, why not discuss a covered Tiki-like gathering area with snacks and soft drinks only. A comfortable area to enjoy friends and meet new people. Offering nearby restrooms, bathing beauties and hunks swimming in the pool and cornhole players to cheer on, please pass the chips. So for the moment we will not call it a bistro, we'll just call it "Ray's neat idea."

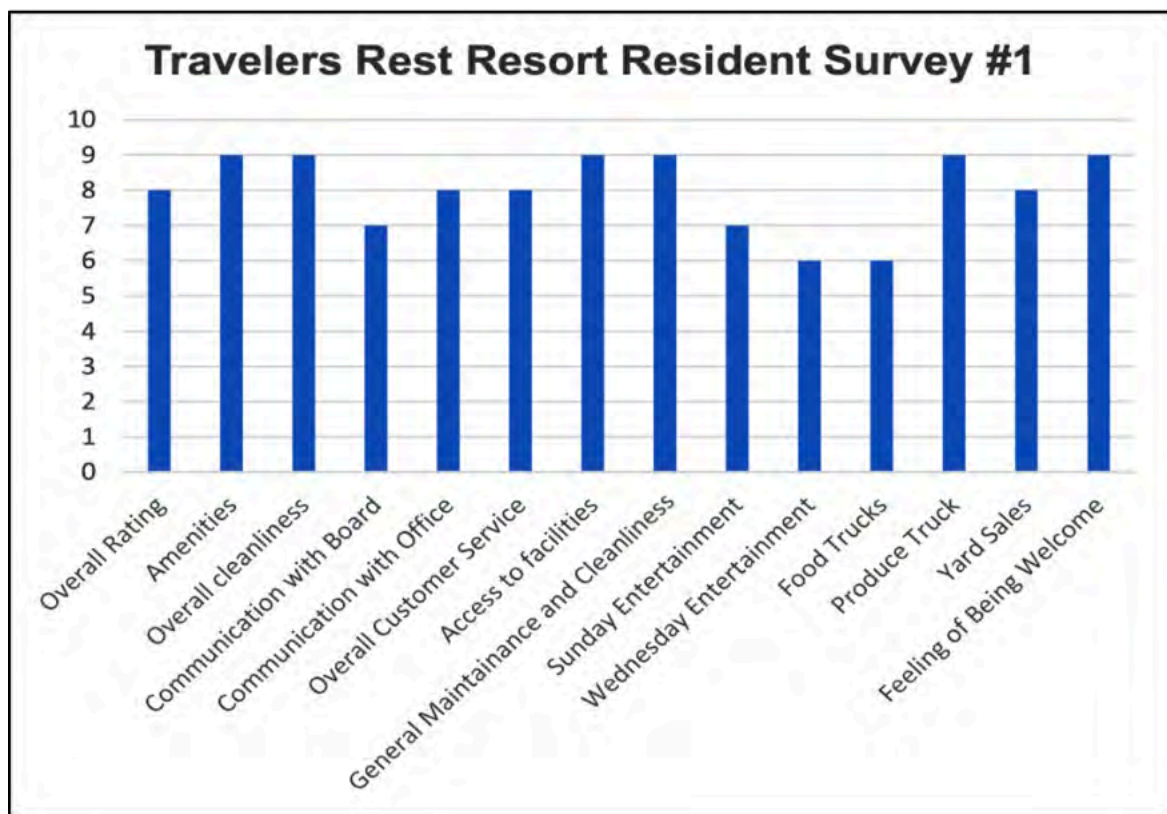
I gave Ray a "What if?" What if the only road in or out of the park was blocked. Maybe by storm damage or a big ole motorhome stalled trying to make a u-turn at the gate or possibly 6 Amazon trucks that collide and deliver mayhem. Fear not, there is an emergency gate located near hole #6 on the Golf Course. The Fire Department has the key or combination needed to open the gate and calling the after hours emergency maintenance number

352-588-2013 then pressing Option #2 will bring help at any hour. The golf cart path is designed to accommodate automobiles as well as the Glavich Produce truck, so get a basket and get in line.

Ray and I touched again on the golf course which has prompted me to learn more even though my golfing skills are dismal enough to evoke laughter or fear from nearby players. Right now a yearly membership for a player with cart is \$450 including the driving range and chipping area. Just for fun let's use a low estimate and say you play only 45 times during a season, drive a few balls and chip a little. This means your cost is \$10 for a day of golf and \$8.61 a day for a couples membership. This is for the day not just a round of golf so you can plunk a ball in the water at hole #2 again and again if you like. I spoke with one avid golfer who walks the course and plays over 100 times a season keeping his daily cost to under \$4. The cost of playing another course in the Dade City area is at least 4 to 10 times greater for 18 holes. The exciting Wesley Chapel Mini Golf for seniors is \$13.99 and you can't even bring your cart. Long ago Sister Mary Ballpean hammered basic math into my noggin so even I can tell golfing at TR is a very, very, very good deal.

Golf members it seems play often, enjoy the game and care about the condition of the course. Those that never play hopefully appreciate how the golf course enhances our community as any park or green space would. Clearly the TR Executive Course is an unequalled value. Next week I hope Ray and I can explore the cost and practice of maintaining the course now and into the future or perhaps we'll just talk about "Ray's neat idea."

## Resident Survey results



TR residents returned 224 surveys in response to the Board's first survey. The graph does not include all of the comments that residents included in their surveys, but the Board expects to share those in future issues of *The TR Times*.

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# Do you remember Emily Post?

In 1922 Emily Post wrote the definitive book on etiquette and manners. For many years her name was synonymous with good manners and parents might say "What would Emily Post say?" when you did something inappropriate.

As a recent Wednesday Night Concert performance Doug Pedersen made an announcement prior to the start of the program. The announcement began as usual to turn off cell phones and that recording of the performance was not allowed. But then the announcement continued. Please do not talk or hold conversations during the performance and please do not sing along with the performer. Remember that attendees came to hear the performer, not the singing of someone sitting nearby. Wow!

I applaud Doug for making the announcement but began to think of why it was necessary. Folks often complain about the lack of manners of the younger generation. But, we are not the younger generation; we are of the generation where our parents supposedly taught us manners. Have we forgotten all that we were taught?

Have we become so used to sitting at home watching television, where we can do anything we please, eat, drink, chat, etc. that we have forgotten what is expected when we attend a live performance?

I personally find it really annoying when conversations are held during a show. Since music is relatively loud, the talker seems to think that they have to talk even louder to be heard. Most annoying.

I realize that the younger generation probably has never heard of Emily Post, who died in 1960, but folks of our age should have.

It saddens me that an announcement of this sort had to be made. Shouldn't we be ashamed that it was necessary? *mre*



## The Servant's Plow

### Having the same attitude

by Anthony Shipe

Philippians 2 is a great chapter in the Bible to focus on during the Season of Lent. These passages speak of the humility of Jesus and His willingness to empty His life so that ours could be filled. He gave up everything so that we could gain everything. The emptiness of Jesus was not only good, it was necessary.

Emptiness is not usually seen as a good thing. In our lives, we have all kinds of technology to alert us when things get close to empty.

We have an alert that goes off on the dashboard of our vehicle to tell us when the gas tank gets close to empty. A bright glowing light and bell goes off alerting us that we'd better stop at "the filling station" and get some gas.

Our bank has an alert that sends both texts and emails alerting us when an account is getting low. It tells us to make a deposit to avoid an overdraft.

Our phones and devices have an alert when they run low on power. Every day they let us know when we need to plug them in; otherwise, we are going to lose power. Our phones are programed to help us avoid emptiness.

Yet, when it comes to Jesus, His emptiness was not only good; it was necessary so that we could be filled.

Why is the emptiness of Jesus so important? Put simply, for us to be like Jesus we have to know what Jesus is like. One of the primary things to know about Jesus is that He emptied Himself for you and me.

The key verse in Philippians 2 is verse 5 (NLT) which states, "You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."

Philippians chapter 2 can be divided into sections to help us understand how to empty ourselves as Christ did. These sections outline a life of humility and how



ANTHONY SHIPE

Sometimes our beliefs and convictions conflict with the world around us. Some of God's principles laid out through scripture have been deemed outdated and tossed aside by many. A few of them have also been infamously redefined. The Bible assures us that everyone who is born into this world has been designed by a loving Creator who desires a relationship with us. Not everyone makes that decision and as a result forfeits many blessings. Scripture also states that "one day every knee will bow" and be accountable to his or her Creator.

4. Our Legacy (vs.16-17)

All of us desire to finish well at the end of our life. Leaving a legacy behind is important to future generations that come after us. It takes effort and willingness to support a cause greater than ourselves for the edification of society as we know it. There is much proof that the ME age is winning out.

People often excuse selfishness, pride, or evil by claiming their rights. They think I can cheat on this test; after all, I deserve to pass this class. Or I can spend all this money on myself—I worked hard for it. Or My weekend belongs to me; I just don't have time to help others. But as believers, we should have a different attitude, one that enables us to lay aside our rights in order to serve others. If we say we follow Christ, we must also say we want to live as He lived. We should develop His attitude of humility as we serve, even when we are not likely to get recognition for our efforts. Are you selfishly clinging to your rights, or are you willing to serve?

In 2nd Corinthians 8:9 it says: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."

to reflect the image of our Lord.

1. Our Relationships (vs.1-4)

These verses talk about meaningful relationships with others and how to temper our selfish and often prideful mindsets. Accomplishing this attitude is a learned art. We need our brothers and sisters in the faith to come alongside of us and help keep us encouraged and accountable to our principles.

2. Jesus as our Example (vs.5-11)

These verses speak of our Leader who laid down His life for us and provided a mold to pattern our lives after. True humbleness can be a lifelong process called sanctification. If we are willing to become like Jesus, we must lift up His name above ours and His promise in the Bible is that He will lift us up to heights we never thought possible.

3. Our Lifestyle (vs.12-15)

As followers of Jesus, the lifestyle choices we maintain reflect our values which can differ from others in the world. This way of life can be challenging and often subject us to criticism and hostile reactions. The late, great Pastor Charles F. Stanley coined the phrase, "Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him."

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# The Siren

# 911 launched February 1968



by Jean Bjorgen,  
Retired EMT

February is a great month for many reasons, chief among them Valentines Day, a day for celebrating those we love. However, another event occurred 56 years ago in February that has become an integral part of our lives, that being the establishment of 911.

Here are a few fun facts about 911:

First 911 call was made in Haleyville, Ala. on Feb. 16, 1968.

Developed by AT&T in consultation with The Federal Communications Commission.

According to NENA (National Emergency Numbers

Assn.) in 2021 the 911 system received 240 million calls annually in the U. S. Sorry Canadians, I could not find Canadian statistics, but I did try.

A majority of the calls, 80%, come from wireless devices.

Federal law requires wireless carriers to provide emergency 911 services even if you have no service plan or prepaid minutes remaining on your card.

Which states have the most 911 calls and which the fewest?

Based on National Contact Data for 2021, Washington D.C., Michigan and New Mexico have the most 911 calls and Utah, North Dakota and New Hampshire have the fewest.

Here is a bit of anecdotal trivia regarding the 911 switchboard. While we know the data shows how busy it is, some may find it interesting that there is a curious few hours when the calls tend to drop off significantly according to many dispatchers. Yes, sports fans you've guessed correctly, it is the Super Bowl and no one has to tell

the dispatchers when the game is over because the board lights begin flashing much like Christmas tree lights just plugged in.

The 911 system has made our lives better in an emergency by just having to punch those 3 numbers on a phone. Those 3 numbers activate a system of First Responders. We are so accustomed to 911 that we take it for granted, yet it is not very old. The good news is it just gets better and better with age.



File Photo

TR's First Responders stand ready to assist residents in every 911 call.

# Healthy Tips

## Skin cancers

by Donna Neer, RN, Retired

Skin cancers include melanoma, basal cell and squamous cell. Basal and squamous cell cancers are common and treatment is very effective. Melanoma skin cancer can be difficult to treat and is, by far, the most dangerous of all skin cancers. I will discuss melanoma skin cancer in this week's article as it has affected not only my husband, but both of our children.

Melanoma is a cancer of the pigment-producing cells in the skin known as melanocytes. Normal melanocytes reside in the outer layer of the skin and produce a brown color, which is responsible for skin color. Melanoma occurs when these melanocytes become cancerous, grow and invade other tissues.

Melanoma cancer cells are akin to all other cancer cells wherein cancerous cells grow in a disorganized fashion and disrupt or replace normal tissues. Without detection and treatment by your healthcare provider, melanoma cancer cells can grow and eventually can spread with a result of possible life-threatening illness.

What causes melanoma? Although it is not certain how all cases of melanoma develop, it is clear that fair-skinned people, excessive sun exposure and overuse of indoor tanning equipment can predispose a person to this type of skin cancer. Additionally, heredity as well as people with many moles on their body are at an increased risk to develop melanoma. The average person may have approximately 30 moles, while those who have 50 or more moles are at a greater risk.

In our family, my husband Ken and both of our children are fair-skinned. All three have had melanoma skin cancerous lesions removed. Both Ken and our daughter had moles removed from their upper left arms; in almost the exact same spot that were diagnosed as melanoma skin cancers. They have nearly identical scars. Three years

ago, the dermatologist located a small and suspicious area on the back of Ken's neck. This small lesion was removed and sent for biopsy at the laboratory and was diagnosed as melanoma skin cancer. Today he has three inch scars both on his arm and the back of his neck. Interestingly, our son had a very large melanoma removed from the back of his neck and even one removed from in between his toes! All three see their dermatologist yearly for head-to-toe examinations.

Melanomas are most generally brown or black in color; however, they can be white or red and can have a variety of hues of color within the same lesion. Melanomas are usually asymmetric, one side is shaped differently from the other, and the area can be flat or raised. The borders are generally scalloped, blurred, ragged, notched and irregular. They generally can be larger than the size of a pencil eraser.

Early detection is the best treatment. Examine your body. Should you detect a mole that you feel is "different," i.e., irregular in size, discolored and/or appears larger in size, immediately see your healthcare provider. He/she will remove the suspicious skin tissue and send it to the laboratory for analysis. If the lesion is found to be melanoma skin cancer, the surrounding tissue at the site of the original lesion will be excised and will be sent to the laboratory for further analysis to assure that all cancer cells were removed.

Only you know your body so I urge you to never disregard any changes! See your healthcare provider when you have concerns of any type.

References: Everyday Health, WebMD, American College of Dermatologists, Medline Health.



# What does that siren mean?



## TR Fire Station Siren

**911 calls: A steady blast for one minute.**

The siren is activated by Pasco County Fire/Rescue as a result of a call to 911. Watch for emergency vehicles and First Responders that have been activated by the siren. Yield right-of-way so that they can pass.

**Emergencies within the park: Five warbling blasts of the siren.**

The siren is activated by pushing the RED BUTTON on the front of the Fire Station. The 911 system is NOT activated with this button.

**Weekly Siren Test: Two warbling blasts of the siren.**

Used as a siren test on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.

**Tornado or Hurricane Warning:**

Three long blasts, then a 15 second pause, then three more long blasts.

## Important notice

When you push the button on the Fire Station it is critical that you remain there until help comes.

Pushing the button does not call 911!

# Watering restriction reminder

Just a reminder that Pasco County is still under watering restrictions imposed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District due to drought conditions in the area. The main point is that watering is limited to ONE time per week before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Allowed days are determined by address. The washing of cars, trucks, trailers, mobile homes, campers, or any other type of motor vehicle or equipment is permitted using low volume washing ONE time per week. Low volume washing means washing with a bucket and sponge or a hose with self-canceling or automatic shut-off nozzle or both. See [https://www.pascocountyfl.net/services/utilities/water\\_resources/index.php](https://www.pascocountyfl.net/services/utilities/water_resources/index.php) for more information.

by Ken Neer

Is "Give the Gift of Life" an overstatement? Not really. If you are not a regular donor the following are some practical reasons for you to consider donating. Think of your family or friends that at one time or another needed a transfusion. It is estimated that one in three of us will need a blood component transfusion sometime in our lifetime. There are no synthetic substitutes for the human blood components of plasma, red blood cells and platelets. Your donation has the potential to help up to three patients, depending upon their blood component need. Blood is always in high demand and often when blood supplies run low an area, which may involve several hospitals, will be forced to limit or postpone non-emergency and elective surgeries.

With this in mind please mark your calendar for Monday, March 4 to take an hour of your "TR playtime" to give blood. Two Big Red OneBlood buses will be parked alongside the TR Fire Station to take blood donations from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There are no age restrictions and Canadians are eligible and encouraged to give. Also, many past restrictions that used to restrict an individual's ability to donate have been lifted. If you would like to donate, but

# Give the Gift of Life



File photo

Consider donating March 4.

have questions concerning your eligibility (ie. your personal restrictions, medications, etc.) please board a bus and ask one of the OneBlood representatives.

All donors will receive a wellness check consisting of pulse, blood pressure, iron count (hemoglobin) and total cholesterol screening as well as a Saint Patrick's Day t-shirt and a \$20. eGift card. However, the main "perk" is the feeling you get knowing you have given the "Gift of Life" to someone in need.

Although walk-ins are always welcome, preference is given to those with an appointment. To make an appointment: 1. On your iPhone, tablet or computer search for [www.oneblood.org](http://www.oneblood.org); 2. Scroll down and press donate; 3. press search by sponsor code or name and when that appears in the box below it enter the code 20438; 4. At the end of the box press the

magnifying glass (symbol for search), and that should bring up the Travelers Rest March 4 drive; 5. Press schedule and choose type of donation and an available time. I don't consider myself computer savvy, but I followed the above and booked my appointment. You can also call 888-936-6283 to make an appointment.

Looking forward to seeing you on one of the two OneBlood buses March 4. Be sure to bring a picture I.D. to your appointment, and after your appointment be sure to take a few extra minutes at the Fire Station which will be open and manned by a First Responder. Our bodies are unnoticeably changing as we age, and subsequently less tolerant of losing a pint of blood. Giving is safe, but taking a few minutes at the Fire Station afterwards to rest, relax, have a snack and a hydrating beverage is highly recommended.

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## Activity Affairs



**GUY WEIK**

by Guy Weik,  
Activities Director

### Hobby and Arts Show

This year's Hobby and Arts Show is coming up Wednesday, March 13, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. I am bringing this up now because I was reminded that the Hawaii Island Hoppers Cruise is fast approaching, and participating residents won't be back until just a few days prior to the Hobby and Arts Show. Several of these residents also plan on exhibiting at the show when they get back and I want to give them some advance notice.

The Hobby and Arts Show gives residents the opportunity to

display the crafts and artwork they've been working on all season. Resident vendors can display their handiwork individually or as part of one of our activities and many of them offer their crafts for sale. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheets on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall. You can also text Guy Weik at 352-584-6377 or email [activities@travelersrestresort.com](mailto:activities@travelersrestresort.com). Please include your name, activity or craft, phone number and the number of tables you will need.

Added treats at the Hobby and Arts Show are the root beer floats being sold by the Travelettes. These are always popular on a warm March afternoon at TR!

### Securing Buildings

Now that we have the building access key cards, there is no one inspecting the buildings each evening to make sure they are locked. Most of the doors lock themselves when they are closed, but we have a few access points in Busch Hall that need to be checked. The door leading into the Post Office lobby is one such access point that locks up manually. This door should stay locked during the day, but often gets

unlocked and left that way from residents passing through. Whenever there is a large group in Busch Hall, such as during Entertainment, a TR Forum, Karaoke or a Showcase, then this door is unlocked due to the need for additional fire exits. The same is true for the doors leading into the restrooms and the gate exit connecting Busch Hall and the laundry room. If your activity is the last group scheduled in Busch Hall for the day, please check to be sure these access points are secure before you leave. All residents need to be out of the buildings by 10 p.m.

A notice with this information is being added to the Welcome Packets for residents staying on Golf View. It also lets them know from whom they need to get building usage approved by the Activities Director, unless they are joining a previously scheduled activity.

### Directory updates

Building Schedules

1st and 3rd Saturdays: Praise and Worship canceled for the rest of the season.

Monthly Special Events:

March 23: Old Time Gospel Music canceled.



### by Billie and Randy Doell

The following Coffee Seminars will be presented at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall.

#### March

- Thursday, March 7 – Red Dot Social.
- Tuesday, March 12 – Florida Crime Prevention Task Force.
- Thursday, March 14 - SkyMed Presentation by Diane Hill.
- Thursday, March 21 – Red Dot Social.



## Become a volunteer and help at Quilt-A-Rama

by Joan Ledbetter

We need all those who sew and non-sewers to come to Busch Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year will be TR's 21st Quilt-A-Rama. On this day we will complete quilts to be donated to Sunrise Domestic Abuse Women's Shelter. Many hands are needed for this one-day event. Please come to help out for an hour or two or whatever your schedule permits. If you sew and have a machine your help is needed. There are also many other areas needing your help – pinning, pressing and tying quilts. Many hands make light work. No experience is necessary! The Snack Shack will be there taking lunch orders for workers.

Please mark your calendars and come be a part of this year's Quilt-A-Rama!

## SkyMed presentation and lunch

by Diana Hill

Our busy season at Travelers Rest means travel plans. Join me for a light lunch and seminar to show you how SkyMed fills the gap between Medicare or your health insurance and the expense of emergency medical transportation. We will get you, your spouse, your RV, car, pets and grandchildren home in the event of a medical emergency!

The Presentation and lunch is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Citrus West. There will be a sign-up sheet in the TR Post Office above the mail slots or contact me at 352-760-1420. You can also refer to the SkyMed ad in this

week's TR Times.

It is also our 35th Anniversary so many SkyMed members have heard about the "Top Up" special to add a year to their membership at a reduced price. I will be setting up a table to get current members signed up for that extra year. Also remember that if you refer someone, you get extra months added to your membership.

Travelers Rest is a partner with SkyMed so our TR activity fund also benefits from SkyMed sales. It's a win-win! Look for exciting news in March about this. Please join me; 30 minutes (and a free lunch) could save you \$30,000.

## Learn about Bright Line Eating program

by Jackie Thackery

Susan Peirce Thompson has overcome more than one addiction and maintained a healthy weight for more than 20 years by following the eating program called Bright Line Eating. Tawnya Rowden Weigand and Bernadine Gutridge have successfully followed Mrs. Thompson's program. They are excited by their results and continue to maintain their weight loss.

Tawnya and Bernie will share information about Bright Line Eating in the Hobby House during the Waist Watchers meeting on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 8:30 to

9:15 a.m. This program was developed by Dr. Thompson who has a PhD in Psychology, is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Rochester and is considered an expert in the psychology of eating. The plan works if you follow it as demonstrated and discussed by these three women.

If you haven't heard about this program, come and listen. See what you can derive to apply in your own eating plan and self-control.

## Connecticut Airstream Club enjoys souper-bowl



Photo by Denise Weik

These Airstreamers are always ready for good food and a good time. A variety of soups were served. Oh, and there was a football game, too.

## Welcoming Committee

by Susan Stahley

The Welcoming Committee hosted a Red Dot Coffee Seminar on Thursday, Feb. 15. The crowd was small but the coffee and donuts provided were free! Guy Weik, TR Program Coordinator, presented information about the many activities offered at Travelers Rest. Thank you to Guy for your early morning presentation.

The Red Dot Welcoming Committee strives to ensure that new arrivals to TR get the information they need to enjoy all the activities at the resort. They inform new guests of policies and information necessary in helping them

navigate around the Park.

The next Welcoming Committee Coffee Social is Thursday, March 7 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Free coffee and breakfast items will be provided. Please come and mingle with your new neighbors and friends!

The Welcoming Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Citrus West. We always appreciate new members willing to help welcome guests, staff and disseminate information at Red Dot tables at Park events as well as to staff and deliver goody bags to new guests.

## Michigan Luncheon

by Tawnya Rowden

Welcome Michiganders to the Michigan Luncheon on Saturday, March 2 at noon in Citrus East. Donna Probes and company will provide entertainment at this event.

Please sign up in Busch Hall by the orange-bordered Michigan map and indicate the dish you plan to bring. Bring your own table service, drink and a smile. See you there.

## Ahoy New Englanders

by Kathy Fuller

The New England Annual Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Bring your favorite casserole to share and enjoy the fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Park Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall. You will need to bring a serving utensil for your casserole along with personal place settings and beverages.

Questions? Please contact Kathy Fuller at 860-302-1367.

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# TR Woodcarver Joan Hyde

by Joan Hyde

When we first came to TR and stayed on the Hill we were given a copy of the TR newspaper and were shocked at all the incredible activities that are offered. The first year we were only here for a few weeks just as activities were winding down for the season but my husband and I did go and look at activities that interested each of us. I love wood - the look, the feel and the smell of wood! I sat in on a woodcarving class with Linda Murphy and about 30 students. It was a busy room with Linda instructing and fellow students



Photos by Linda Murphy

### Whimsical fun.

somewhat restricted. Walking stick blanks were available so I purchased a knife and walking stick and Linda helped me create my first woodcarving. I then created two more small walking sticks for our grandchildren to use when we take them camping, often working in the fresh air on Linda's back porch, a.k.a. "remedial" Woodcarving.

Thankfully by 2023 all activities were up and running and off to woodcarving I would go for Wednesday mornings. Four fun hours with new friends who all share the same passion. We were envious and in awe of Linda's incredible talent and so appreciative of her sharing her time and expertise. Last season we started

with whimsical houses which I knew very little about. In all honesty I wasn't exactly thrilled with the project but working with cottonwood bark is fun, easy to carve and very forgiving. After "not being thrilled" with the project I can now say I have worked on four whimsical houses. Never say never.

Linda helped me and another classmate work on goldfinch carvings which are absolutely beautiful. Linda helps with each step and bails you out when you get in a pickle. You never give up in Linda's class - she wouldn't allow it! A project I worked on myself last year was a wood burning project that Linda also teaches. I purchased a piece of basswood and cleaned it up for a walking stick. I did a bit of carving but did mostly wood burning and call it my "memory stick." I lost my wonderful Dad the year before and making this walking stick in his memory was part of my grieving journey. I burned a message to Dad, the message being wrapped around the stick, my "memory stick."

This year I'm Indian Face cottonwood bark carving which I am very much enjoying. It is a great way to learn how to use all of your carving tools. Don't ever say you don't have talent - if it interests you give it a try.

# Model Railroad Club News

by Brian Krupicka

The different modules the club members have made can provide some very interesting configurations. We can combine straight modules, outside corner modules, inside corner modules, T-intersection modules, tear drop modules, crossover module, etc. The TR Model Railroad Club has never assembled the same layout design twice This makes for some very interesting operation meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at [TRTrains@dbcomserv.com](mailto:TRTrains@dbcomserv.com) or call 630-961-1243.



Photos by Brian Krupicka

Club members make very creative modules.



# Thank you for your support

# TR Amateur Radio Club women handle the controls



Photo by John Walters

Ladies heard around the world.

by John Walters

Six days a week the TR Amateur Radio Club communicates on the radio with all the "hams" in the park, nearby and through a system called EchoLink on the Internet. During Valentines week the ladies of our Amateur Radio Club were the net controllers. They did a great job and everyone enjoyed them. Thank you ladies for a great job!

# Couples Pickleball Jam is costumed fun



Photo by Laurie Gardner

Jim and Vicki Prasch, Delia and Carey Box, Daryl and Belinda McLeod, Towney and Gayle Kennard and Ron and Ruth Reeve.

by Laurie Gardner

We had 14 couples competing in our Valentine's Eve Pickleball Jam on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The couples were split between two brackets. The winner of the first bracket was Jim and Vicki Prasch. The winner of the second bracket was Ruth and Ron Reeve. The spectators enjoyed a fantastic

championship game on center court where the Reeves brought home the victory.

We also awarded prizes for our best costumes for the event. First place was Daryl and Belinda McLeod. Honorable mentions were Delia and Carey Box and Gayle and Towney Kennard.

## Free mail forwarding labels available

Complete this form to receive 30 FREE labels. Send the completed form to Frank Meier, TR mailbox 1307, by Friday, March 8. Labels must be picked up on Saturday, March 23, after 10 a.m. at lot 13-07.

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# Fat Tuesday fun in the Lake Margaret Garden



Photos by Phyllis Zitzer

Clint Taylor releasing a monarch butterfly.



Sedum treasures to take home.



Amy Grier and her helpers share Sedum plants with those who strolled in the garden. Some strollers shown below.



by Joan Colao

The TR Party Planners want to thank everyone who attended their first pizza party. It was a great way to spend Valentine's Day having joined Karaoke for a night of love songs.

Photos by Marilyn Olan

Many hands help to prepare the pizzas at the TR Party Planners first pizza party.





# Girls Just Wana Have Fun lived up to its name



AMY PEEBLES



VICKI BROOKS



RUTH BORDNER



CLEMENCIA LIPKA



KATHY REIMANN



VICKI BROOKS



CO-CHAIRS AND SISTERS, LUANN GATEWOOD AND CINDY TINKHAM

**by LuAnn Gatewood and Cindy Tinkham**  
 The TR Fashion Show was held on Thursday, Feb. 15 in Busch Hall and was well-attended.  
 Many volunteers made the show a success. Sixteen models graced the runway and were assisted on the stairs by Bill Bigelow, Bill Bunning, John Gatewood, Charlie Steinbrunn, Chris Tinkham and Norm Tinkham. Backstage Model Assistants were Linda Beausoleil, Pauline Tinkham, and Nancy Waters. Mardelle St. John was a great consultant to our models. Phil St. John was an immense help with getting our music ready for the show. Alan Kenney, Jeri Miller, Dave Perell, Bob Waldo and Rick Yoder worked in the sound booth with lighting, videoing and audio for our show. Our delightful refreshments were made by Marlene Hughes. Door assistants and food servers were Jeannie Evans, Laura Harper, Christy Montgomery, Judy Pech, Cheryl Smith, Diane Stillinger, Sue Yoder and Bev Weissinger. Guy Weik was a great resource for us. Also, we send a shout out to The TR Times for covering our event. It took all these wonderful TR volunteers to make this fun afternoon a reality.  
 We invite you to join us at next year's Fashion Show on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 in Busch Hall.



Behind the scenes workers, Linda Beausoleil, Nancy Waters and Pauline Tinkham.



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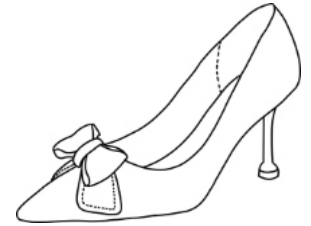


. . . display was arranged by Amy Grier.



Photo by Bert Contractor

The ladies who set up the refreshments were: Laura Harper, Cheryl Smith, Marlene Hughes who prepared the food, Judy Pech, Bev Weissinger and Sue Troyer.



SUSAN STAHLEY



LORETTA WHITFIELD



ALEX ADAIR



MARTHA BIGELOW



LORETTA WHITFIELD



ROSE MARIE ANDERSON

Photos by Bill Watkins



ROSE MARIE ANDERSON



AMY PEEBLES



VAL MILLS-SMITH



PAT GALLAGHER

# Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile

Anticipation! It matters not whether my next trip is to a local zoo, a day trip from TR, a five month journey in our Airstream or a cruise around Hawaii with 58 TR friends, I always anticipate a most wonderful journey. After selecting the destination for the next outing, the real planning begins. There are lodging reservations to be made, itineraries to create or select, area culture and history to read and packing to do. Our trip to Hawaii inspires us to learn a few words in the language of the new-to-us Hawaiian culture. Although plans for the TR Hawaii Island Hoppers have been created, flexibility and patience will most likely be required.

Fortunately, all the hotel and cruise line reservations have been made and the online check-in process has been fairly easy. Airline check-in must be done 24 hours prior to our flights. Transportation from TR to the Tampa Airport has been arranged by friends for our very early morning departure. Our ground transportation reservations have been made and will flex to accommodate our airline arrival time. Shore excursions and specialty dining on the ship have been reserved. Only the local bus schedule must be procured in order to take us to our independently scheduled Pearl Harbor and USS Arizona tours. As trip leaders, Dan and I have the flight schedule for all 58 on 3 different airlines and many different flights with 7 different connecting cities. It will be such a joy to reunite in Hawaii with all 58 TR travelers!

Packing for a journey prompts consideration of possible activities, weather, air conditioning and comfort. Will we need dress-up clothes, casual tourist style and/or adventure clothes? Will I need a jacket and raincoat and/or sweater for cool indoor venues? Which shoes are most comfortable for this journey? A few new garments might be nice—let's go shopping! Which clothes are easily packable and no iron needed? How many suitcases will we take? Personal care items require some thought. How many liquid bottles are permissible on airlines? Sunscreen, hairspray and all the things we "need" and where shall we pack them – carryon or checked luggage? We need to remember an extension cord for the CPAP, hats, waterproof phone case, binoculars, Clorox wipes and what else? Where are our plastic luggage tags purchased four years ago for our Panama Cruise? After a year of



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

planning, this cruise around Hawaii is getting REAL!

Our journey begins with a long day of flights to Honolulu, and for me any day spent in airports and on planes requires a reading plan. I have chosen a light read, "The Aloha Quilt" by Jennifer Chiaverini for my preparation read. In this paperback novel, a quilter travels to Hawaii to support a friend as she opens a Quilters' Retreat Center. I am learning about the symbolism used in the creation of native quilts in Hawaii and hope that I will see quilts while we explore the islands. In addition to island quilting styles this novel is a fascinating introduction to the traditions of Hawaiian culture. Another wonderful read might have been James Michener's epic novel, "Hawaii," but seriously, I am much too busy for even an historically correct but beastly long novel. My reading plan also includes a just released historical fiction by Kristin Hannah. "The

Women" which focuses on the experiences of American military nurses during the Vietnam War and I am eager to begin this long overdue tribute. My reading bag will also include a few Sudoku puzzle books for mindless entertainment during our air travel days or relaxation by the pool.

The months and the days of preparation have been time-consuming, full of details and ever-changing information and communication with the cruise line, the airlines, our wonderful travel agent and our fellow travelers, all in anticipation of a Big Deal Trip filled with islands, beaches, volcanoes, national parks, whale watching, snorkeling, pineapples, shopping and more. But right now, I see a visit to the spa in my future!

Mahalo, means "thank you" for anticipating and traveling along with us.

**TR Travel Update:**

There are still seats available for the March 13 Daytona Speedway trip. Please call immediately as this trip must have 30 participants by Feb. 27 in order to be a "GO."

All participants need to preselect lunch choices for this trip. Select one item from EACH group.

Salad or Soup: House salad, Bahamian seafood chowder or Cuban black bean soup.

Entrée selections: Tostada salad, Applewood bacon and cheddar burger or coconut shrimp.



## Daytona Speedway

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

Come and join us on a one of a kind tour! Today, we will head to Daytona Beach and have a delicious lunch at Bahama Breeze before we head to the Daytona International Speedway and experience a special V.I.P. tour! Climb aboard an open-air tram as you will be transported into a world unto itself: the "World Center of Racing." As you enter a flurry of action, color and grandeur will explode before your eyes and you'll know that you're on hallowed ground! You will find yourself walking in the footsteps of legends past and present as you climb atop the podium in Gatorade Victory Lane for a photo. The Vip Tour features an exclusive stop at the NASCAR Archives & Research Center and Press Box, in addition to visiting the Axalta Injector and the infield of Daytona International Speedway before ending at the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America. The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, showcasing spectacular displays honoring all forms of motorsports: Stock Cars, Sports Cars, Open-Wheel, Motorcycles, Drag Racing, Land Speed Records, Power boating and Aviation. You won't want to miss this unique tour! Sign up today!

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# Travelogue

## Would you like to go on an international cruise?

by Bert Contractor

Would you like to go on an international cruise? Not just any cruise, a cruise that takes you to 11 countries and 18 ports of call. Well, if you do wish to travel on this cruise, attend the next Travelogue scheduled on Feb. 28 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Rick Hentchel, along with his wife Debbie, will share an adventure they took last spring on a Viking Cruise Ship for 35 Days.

In Rick and Debbie's own words, "The trip was called The Voyage of Marco Polo. The cruise embarked at Bangkok, Thailand and ended in Athens, Greece. There were 18 ports of call in 11 different countries visiting places Marco Polo may have explored in his travels. The first part of the journey included a tour of the UNESCO Heritage site Ayutthaya, the Ancient Capital of Thailand. There were stops in Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and India with several days to explore Mumbai. There were a variety of cultures to experience including a visit to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. One of the highlights of the trip included a full day tour exploring the archeological site of Petra, one of the modern-day World Wonders in Jordan. In addition, the adventure went to Egypt, Israel and Palestine; areas that would be difficult to visit now due to recent events in the Middle East."

Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to travel with Rick and Debbie. You will see wonderful photos taken by Debbie and hear informative and interesting narration by Rick.



PETRA, JORDAN

See you all on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. in Citrus East. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to attend this very unique Travelogue.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bard and Kathy Fuller for an outstanding Travelogue presented on Feb.14 on their journey through Western Canada and Alaska. More than 40 TR residents attended that Travelogue.

The following is the remaining 2024 schedule:

March 13 Bert Contractor on his Africa Safari through Masai Mara and Amboseli National Reserves.

March 27 still looking for a presenter ...

I am still looking for one more presenter for the season. Please contact me via text or call 980-334-5050 if you are interested. If you need assistance with preparing your slideshow, I will be glad to assist.



RICK AND DEBBIE HENTCHEL



Photos submitted by Bert Contractor  
TR Residents enjoy the Travelogue presented by the Hentchels.



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# Library News

## Volunteers plan a field trip

by Amy Peebles

Next month our Library volunteers are looking forward to a tour of the Hugh Embry Branch Library at 14215 4th Street, Dade City, followed by lunch downtown.

The library, which was founded by Hugh Embry in 1904, is the oldest library in Pasco County. They have a rich and interesting history of growth throughout the years. According to their website, in 1952 Dade City gave property across from City Hall for a library facility, and a year later a building campaign began with the combined efforts of Friends of The Library and Dade City. The money was raised and 10 years later the library building was completed and opened in November 1963. The library was expanded and renovated in 1991 and doubled in size to 7,200 square feet.

A \$2 million renovation project was completed last year, the branch's first renovation since 1991. The library reopened on May 30, 2023, and upon entering the building you will find a bright, airy, spacious and modern place to visit and make use of their services.

According to their Facebook page, the library is committed to Community, Education and Culture. It would make a nice day trip for TR residents to visit and participate in many of the special events, classes and workshops offered throughout the year for children and adults. If you have young grandchildren visiting and

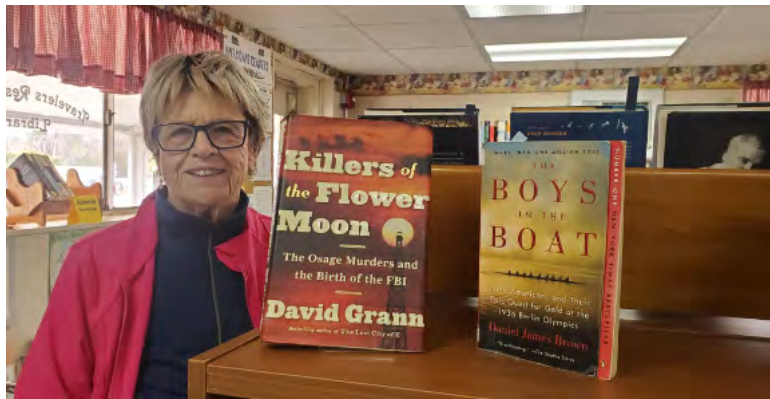


Photo by Amy Peebles

Mary Kosbab with two of our library books that have been made into movies.

want to introduce them to the library, check the monthly activities calendar and you will find fun events such as Toddler and Preschool Storytime and Reading to Rover. Also, you might explore obtaining a Digital Library Card or Full Access Library Card to enjoy all the materials the library has to offer. For more information on the Hugh Embry Branch Library visit their website at [pascalibraries.org](http://pascalibraries.org).

Back to our TR Library, there are two books on the shelves which have been made into movies and are scheduled to be shown at Citrus East during Tuesday Night Movies. The first book, "Killers of The Flower Moon" by David Grann, takes place in the 1920s when a series of murders occur on the Osage Reservation in Oklahoma. Their people were being murdered as part of a plot to deprive them of their oil wealth.

Starring in the movie are Leonardo DiCaprio, Martin Scorsese and Robert DeNiro. It will be shown on March 5. The second book is "The Boys in The Boat" by Daniel James Brown. The book is about nine students from the University of Washington Rowing Team and their journey from the 1930s Depression era to winning a Gold Medal at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. This movie will be shown on March 19 and was directed by George Clooney and stars Callum Turner, Joel Edgerton and Hadley Robinson.

There is a new book to the TR Library titled "Now I Lay Me Down to Fight" by Katy Bowser Hutson, a collection of poems describing her experience as a young mother fighting breast cancer. Katy is the daughter of Vic and Sally Bowser who live on TR lot 10-05.

## TR Notepads are located in the Library

by Mary Kosbab

Making TR Notepads from dummy pages of *The TR Times* was started by Tom Petrillo who did not want the dummy pages to go to waste. Tom Pender took over for him and now the TR Library is making them. They are located in the library on the Pet Shelf Bookcase. Notepads are free to anyone

who would like one. A donation box is there. Any donation is welcome to help with purchasing needed supplies and popular missing books for the library.

We are trying to make different size note pads. They are a nice reminder of TR when you are up north and handy to have on

the kitchen counter or in the car. Notepads will also be on the Library's table at the last Flea Market on Saturday, March 2. We hope you will stop by the tables for a notepad and also to look for weeded out DVDs, popular books on cassette tape and CDs that you can use.

# Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

To learn a person's name many foreigners literally ask - "what do they call you?" or "what are you called?" French (Canadian) - Comment vous appelez-vous? Italian - Come ti chiama?

In the botanical world plants have a common name, some have multiple names, and then there are scientific names, most of which are hard to pronounce. Strolling the garden you will notice markers displaying plant names.



YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMMOROW PLANT

The more uncommon names caught my eye recently in the TR Garden. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (*Brunfelsia pauciflora*): it is called this because as it matures, the flowers change color. Basically, yesterday it was purple, today it is lavender and tomorrow it will be white. Turk's Cap Mallow (*Malvaviscus arboreus*): this is a shrub native to Florida that is related to the hibiscus plant family. Turk's Cap Mallow has red flowers like the hibiscus. But unlike their cousins, their red flowers never fully open, just shy, I suppose.



Photos by Nancy McDowell  
TURKS CAP MALLOW

Although I did not see any plant with the common name of Nancy, which was a bit disappointing, I did spot others with women's

names. Camellia (*Camellia japonica*): if my name were Camille, I would certainly plant some of these. Flax Lily (*Dianella tasmanica*): unlike other lilies, this plant is used for bordering and ground cover. It may have small blue/yellow flowers that pop up from its center, but you will not find any Georgia O'Keefe paintings of their wee buds.

In the TR Garden, there are a variety of colorfully named plants. Orange Plume Justicia (*Justicia chrysostephana*): like its name suggests, orange flowers bloom in the center of its green leaves. The Red, White or Yellow Shrimp plants (*Justicia brandegeana*): these plants are scattered throughout the garden. Their astonishing resemblance to actual shrimp have me yearning for some cocktail sauce and a martini.



SHRIMP PLANT

Speaking of food there are also plants with culinary names. Pineapple Sage (*Salvia elegans* Vahl), Perennial Peanut (*Arachis glabrata*) and Wild Coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*) - what an apt scientific name. We do not endorse nibbling on any of these while you are strolling about.

However, you can get your mouthful on these plant names: Clerodendrum, Gloxinia, Codylone and Lorapetalum. Feel free to gargle before reading on.

A couple of weeks ago the LMGC held a successful and informative Garden Stroll. We were pleased to see so many residents and guests walking the boardwalk and throughout the Garden. We thank all who came out and encourage everyone to take advantage of this special place in our park. Come seek out more interesting plant names and find your own favorite.

Upcoming TR Garden event is open to all: Sunday, March 10 from 2 to 4 p.m., Garden Walk. Refreshments and music galore!

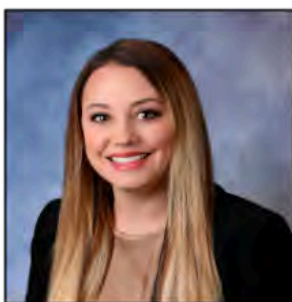
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## Pets on Parade



Photo by Judy Leister  
**MAX THE BIKER DOG**

by Judy Leister

One day I happened to look out the window and saw a lady go by on an electric trike with a little dog riding in a basket on the handlebars. Oh wow did that bring back fun memories of me riding my bike with our poodle Peabody in a basket. I really wanted to meet her but I had just taken a shower. Even though it's not that uncom-

mon around our TR neighborhood to take our dogs out for a quick potty break in a robe and slippers, I didn't want to scare the poor lady with me running after her yelling "stop."

Yesterday I got to thinking about that cute little dog in the bike basket and wondered if there might be an interesting story there so I went into detective mode and drove around RV South hoping I might see that trike sitting in someone's yard. I talked to a few other trike riders and got some great leads.

Sure enough I found Carol Duke and her electric trike complete with a yellow basket. Best of all I got to meet her cute little passenger Max. He's a 16 year old Shih Tzu. His eyesight and hearing aren't quite as good as they used to be and he has developed congestive heart failure that is controlled with meds but he gets around just fine. He still prances along on walks outside. Their Illinois home is in a wooded area with lots of trails and he enjoys "hiking" those dirt paths. He might

be 16 but oh what fun it is to pull his doggie toys out of the basket and scatter them all over the living room. Way to go Max; keep Mom and Dad busy.

He can still jump up on the furniture and their sofa is not a low profile style. He does need some help getting up on their tall bed at night but he doesn't have any trouble bouncing up the steps to the bedroom in their fifth wheel. An hour before their usual bedtime Max gives them a few reminder barks while sitting at the steps waiting, "Come on people. It's bedtime. Woof, woof."

Max loves all modes of travel. If he sees any signs of Carol and Will preparing to go somewhere, he's right there ready to go too. In the summer they keep their fifth wheel in an Illinois campground. They have a golf cart there and of course Max wants to hop aboard every chance he gets. It doesn't matter to Max if the transportation has six wheels like their dually truck, four wheels like the golf cart or just the three on the trike.... he's ready to roll.

## Pet Lovers Club



Photo submitted by Kim Roberts

Come to meet Ripley.

by Kim Roberts

Tia Paquette has arranged for a special presentation. Desiree Croteau will do a demonstration with Ripley, a now retired, dual purpose apprehensive/bomb detection K-9. Ripley is 11 years old and has had a very interesting and honorable career serving his country.

This is going to be a fun and informal presentation, on Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. in Citrus West.

Come out and learn what it takes to be a Police Service K-9 and you can meet Ripley!

## Birding Activity



by Tom Butler

Let me help you understand the title by asking a question. Have you ever learned that a celebrity was appearing somewhere near you and rushed to that location to get a glimpse or possibly snap a photo? You would be an independent photographer seeking photographs of famous individuals – a.k.a. – Paparazzi. Are there people that rush to various locations to snap pictures of birds – yes – Birding Paparazzi.

You may or may not be familiar with this phenomenon, but it is very real, and it happens right here in our beautiful park. Rare and uncommon species of our feathered friends will excite the "bird nerd" into a frantic trip for a peek and a pic. Many birders use an app called eBird. This app is run by Cornell Ornithology Labs to track migration patterns and changes in population of all species of birds worldwide. It can also be used to track the appearance of these rare and uncommon birds by all enthusiasts. Haven't seen the Baltimore Orioles? Open the app, find where they are being seen, drive to said location and snap your picture. Birding Paparazzi!

We are surrounded by Audubon groups in various counties and most members not only use the app but take advantage of the notification feature that alerts you to those rare and uncommon beauties. We have had visitors from Audubon groups in Tampa, Hernando and our own Pasco group. When they hear that "PING!" from the app they come running. Our reputation for attracting a wide selection of feathered visitors has been growing through the years. Many of these groups have requested guided tours of the TR Birding Trail which we gladly welcome. What rare species have brought the Birding Paparazzi to our doorstep? Let's peek at the list.

For starters we have 171 different species that have been documented in our park. This list will include birds that shouldn't be here – but – here they are! These are the birds that excite the nerds. Let's start with the Yellow-headed Blackbird. Normally found west of the Mississippi, he somehow made his

### Birding Paparazzi



Photo by Cindy Stahley Watson

Area bird watchers gather at TR and take pictures.

way to the Shipes' front yard. When I entered this sighting into the eBird app the phone started to ring. The "Paparazzi" appeared the very next day for a guided tour. The Orchard Oriole was another uncommon visitor that brought "bird nerds" with long-lensed cameras. Most avid birders will admit to some level of nerdiness when it comes to their feathered friends. Me included! Let's move on. Next would be the Spotted Sandpiper that has made several visits here. A plump bird with a bobbing tail and round dark spots on the breast – hence the name. In the duck family we include the Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser and the Pied-billed Grebe. Again – not usually here – but here they are.

Our last two uncommon



Photo by Tom Butler  
**LESSER SCAUP**

guests triggered special interest that was unexpected. A Crested Caracara visited Vanishing Lake this winter and when entered into eBird, it caught the attention of a birding guru by the name of Bill Pranty. He authored the book "A Birders Guide to Florida," and when he recently visited our park to see a Clay-colored Sparrow, he informed me that the Caracara had not been photographically documented in this county in nearly 50 years. He was very impressed with what we had to offer and commented on how far these last two birds have traveled from their regular habitat. The Caracara is generally found from Mexico all the way down to South America while the Clay-colored Sparrow is usually found west of the Mississippi. You never know what you might run into while enjoying nature.

These are not the only birds that attract the "Birding Paparazzi," but they are spectacular examples of nature that can be found when you take a walk through the woods. Get out there! You just might find the next celebrity.

## Blessing of the Pets

by Kim Roberts

The Blessing of the Animals will be on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. at the South Paw Dog Park. All pets are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash and all other pets must be in a crate. Blessings will be offered by Pastors Anthony Shipe and Rosita Williams.

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## Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled for 2025



by Ken Hankinson

Many TR residents who attended last year's Flag Retirement Ceremony graciously hosted at the nearby farm of Zenen Valdez, have been inquiring as to what our plans are for this year's event. If you recall, last year we had collected more than 500 flags from the three-year covid pandemic period. This number of flags required a site and a fire that would allow us to dispose of that volume of flags.

So far this season, we have collected approximately 100 flags

and have decided not to hold a flag ceremony this year. We do plan on holding the event next season, in 2025, at the Valdez farm if his schedule will accommodate the date of our event.

Please continue to place flags that need to be retired in the foot locker located outside the Post Office near the electronic bulletin board. Flags will be collected all season and stored for next year's ceremony. Dates for next year's flag event have not been firmly established at this time, but a March 2025 timetable is our present plan.

Any questions for additional information on the flag retirement ceremony, please contact Ken Hankinson at lot 2609 or 860-377-5299.

by Randy Doell

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine, "The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing."



Photos by Randy Doell

Bonnie Purcell unveiling the Quilt of Honor.

"The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. I saw the name for this special quilt: it was Quilt of Valor, a QOV."

On Monday, Feb. 12 the TR Veterans group honored our own Larry Kurkowski with a Quilt of

Honor ceremony. The introduction was given by Bonnie Purcell, area QOV leader. The actual Quilt of Valor was crafted and handmade by TR resident Darlene Livengood of the local chapter. For reference, if you know of a veteran that you feel would be honored to be the recipient of a QOV, the contact information is [govf.org/nominations-awards/](http://govf.org/nominations-awards/).



Bonnie Purcell wrapping the Quilt of Valor around Larry Kurkowski.

## Veterans Memorial Bricks are available

by Ken Hankinson

Since the recent article in *The TR Times* that provided a lot of history and background on the brick program, there have been requests for more information on this program.

The Memorial Brick Program has been in existence for about 12 years. To date there have been almost 500 engraved bricks installed in the memorial and approximately 350 blank bricks remain that can be engraved and installed in the future.

You do not need to be a resident, past or present, of TR to order a brick to be dedicated in the name of a friend or family member. The only requirement is that the individual on the brick is an American veteran and served in any of the service branches.

The cost of the bricks is \$100 for the first brick and \$50 for each additional brick if ordered at the same time. By combining an order with a friend for two bricks or more brings the cost of each down substantially. Bricks can be



Photo by Pam Forsyth

ordered at any time during the year. We generally try to group orders and place them with the engraver several times a year. We attempt to install bricks on a timely basis during the season and most recently five bricks were installed during the beginning of February. Bricks ordered during February, March and April will arrive over the summer and will be installed during the upcoming fall season. Brick order forms are available at the Veterans bulletin board in Busch Hall.

This is a great way to honor a veteran, no matter the relationship. Honor a Vet, order a brick. For additional information contact Bill Wise at lot14-09, 770-833-4807 or Ken Hankinson at lot 2609, 860-377-5299.

## Gary Gouchie honored during memorial service



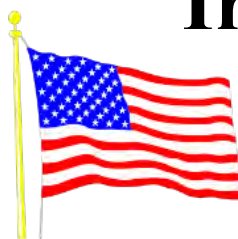
Photo by Randy Doell

Gary Gouchie honored.

by Randy Doell

Another veterans event took place on Monday, Feb. 12. The veterans honored TR resident Gary Gouchie who passed away earlier in the season. A short memorial included the lowering of the service flag to half mast and a wreath being placed on the flagpole with a service plaque.

## Travelers Rest Resort, Inc. Veterans Honor Roll



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The veterans listed above are currently living at Travelers Rest. If we have missed your name, we ask that you email us at [thetrimes@gmail.com](mailto:thetrimes@gmail.com) or call the newspaper office at 352-588-4993 so that we may include your name next season.

# TR Sports

## Ladies' Golf League

by Sandy Nelson  
Wednesday, Feb. 14  
Low Handicap 0-12

**Low Gross**  
Hazel English.....37  
Sylvia Cole.....39  
Mary DeWeerd, Trish Horney,  
Vicki Prasch.....41  
**Low Net**  
Lorraine Gould.....31  
Kathy Reimann.....32  
Shirley-Ann Appleby and  
Betty Colborne.....33  
**Fewest Putts:**  
Trish Horney.....13  
**Closest to #5:**  
Sylvia Cole.....20'10"

**High Handicap +13**  
**Low Gross**  
Barb Watson, Marijo Noll.....41  
Karen Waymouth.....43  
**Low Net**  
Val Smith.....29  
Laurie Zentmyer.....30  
Vicki Cloyd, Arlene Wykoff.....31  
**Closest to #3:**  
Barb Larose.....5'5"  
**Birdies:**  
Sylvia Cole.....2  
Trish Horney, Vicki Prasch.....1  
**Chip-ins:**  
Marijo Noll, Trish Horney,  
Vicki Prasch.....1

## Men's Golf League

by Barry English  
Thursday, Feb. 15

Another great week of golf with the season winding down. A reminder to bring \$45 to pay for your out-of-park on March 21 if you haven't already paid.

**Low Handicap (0-8)**  
**Low Gross**  
Gary Carter.....31  
Bill Harkins, Dan Varner.....33  
**Low Net**  
John Peet.....27  
John Porter.....29  
Ralph Smith, Terry Halbroom,  
Lloyd Marsh.....30  
**Eagles:**  
Gary Carter, John Peet  
**Closest to #5**  
Gary Wintle.....11"

**High Handicap (9+)**  
**Low Gross**  
Sam Wykoff.....36  
Bruce Cole.....38  
Richard Beisel.....39  
**Low Net**  
Jim Doggett.....29  
Doug Waymouth, Clair Smith.....30  
**Closest to #3:**  
Stan MacPhee.....7'10"  
**Birdies:**  
Gary Carter, Bill Harkins,  
Dan Varner, Sam Wykoff, Terry  
Halbrook.....2  
Richard Beisel, Don Buchser,  
Ron Duplessis, Roy French,  
Jim Prasch, Dave Kat,  
Ken Lasure, Ralph Smith.....1

## Bingo

by Linda Smith  
Saturday, Feb 17  
Christie Walker (2)

- Jack Summers
- Roberta Bradford
- Kristel Halbroom
- John Schell, Jr.
- Mary DeWeerd
- Sharon Cook
- Donna Conrad (2)
- Jan Lee
- Marie Lupien
- Fran Freed
- Marla Varner
- Linda Smith
- Gayle Sunde (2)
- Rob Sunde
- Diane Stillinger
- Bob King
- Judy Carter
- Pam Summers
- Merry Smith
- Frank Blunda
- Louise McRoberts



## Partners Party Bridge

by Jen Furman  
Tuesday, Feb. 13

Because there were only five players tonight, scores were not kept. We did, however, enjoy dealing, playing and discussing our hands.

Note: If you are a beginning Bridge player or interested in getting back into the game, consider joining us. You are welcome to observe or play. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West. Partner not required.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Tawnya Rowden, Jim Weigand. 3190  
Janet and Harold Baal.....2570  
Connie Bradley, Ron Hicks.. 1770  
Mike Clark, John Cyr..... 1410  
Kitty Fisher, Doug Hatfield.. 1360  
Jen Furman, Barry Sellick..... 1160

## Bowling

by Lin Buczek  
Friday, Feb. 16

**Men's Scratch High Game**  
Bill Buczek.....196  
Dave Couture.....190  
Ken Neer.....173  
**Men's Scratch High Series**  
Bill Buczek.....534  
Ken Neer.....501  
Dave Couture.....463  
**Men's Handicap High Game**  
Dave Couture.....278  
Tim Base.....254  
Bill Buczek.....233  
**Men's Handicap High Series**  
Dave Couture.....727  
Tim Base.....697  
Don Markle.....674  
**Men's High Average**  
Steve Niles.....193  
**Women's Scratch High Game**  
Leslie Price.....180  
Lin Buczek.....170  
Debi Niles.....155  
**Women's Scratch High Series**  
Leslie Price.....499  
Lin Buczek.....485  
Debi Niles.....452  
**Women's Handicap High Game**  
Pat Markle.....250  
Leslie Price.....249  
Lin Buczek.....248  
**Women's Handicap High Series**  
Lin Buczek.....719  
Pat Markle.....711  
Leslie Price.....706  
**Women's High Average**  
Leslie Price.....156



## Cribbage

by Bob Luther  
Monday, Feb. 12  
Randy Smith.....605  
Carol Jean Beard,  
Dave Adams.....569

## Zen Golf: mastering the mental game

by George Paquette

A friend of mine gave me a book several years ago entitled "Zen Golf: Mastering the Mental Game." The book is written by Dr. Joseph Parent. Dr. Parent has coached the mental game in golf, business and life for over three decades. The book cover promises the reader certain enlightenment and improved satisfaction in your game of golf. I read the book and thought I might give you a brief review of its content.

Golf is very much a head game. A new player in the foursome, a bad swing, a missed chip shot can negatively influence the rest of your game if you let it. Have you ever had a day when you finish No. 9 with the best score ever and you think "Hallelujah, I've seen the light? I've finally got this game." The next day you have your worst game and you're thinking what in blazes just happened? Well, that's where Zen Golf comes in.

Here are a few of the topics discussed in the book:

How to Get from the Practice Tee to the First Tee - which asks



## Scramble News

by Pat Butler

Make a plan now to participate in the Forget-Me-Not Scramble sponsored by the TRLGA to benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation.

This will be held on Saturday, March 9 with a meeting time of 8:30 a.m. and a tee off at 9 a.m.

Watch for informational signs at the Starter Shack giving further details. Dedication signs will be sold prior to the event to honor friends and loved ones affected by this disease. Beverages and snacks as well as mulligans will be available for purchase.

Cost to play will be \$6 with a membership or daily fee of \$15. See Sandy Nelson for questions.

## Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise  
Sailboats

Wednesday, Feb. 14  
Dragon Flite 95 Class

1. Jay Matthews
2. Jamie Hyde

Soling 1M Class

1. Jay Matthews
2. Jerry McRoberts

Power Boats

Monday, Feb 12

Spartan Class

1. Howard Best
2. Dean Peters

Power Vee Class

1. Jerry McRoberts
2. Howard Best

Traxis Blast Class

1. Doug Smith
2. Jay Starbody

Friday, Feb. 16

Spartan Class

1. Bud Weubker
2. Dean Peters

Power Vee Class

1. Jeff Best
2. Howard Best

Traxis Blast Class

1. Doug Smith
2. Jay Starbody



the age-old question "Why can't I hit on the course the way I was hitting on the range?" Dr. Parent analyses how added tension on the first tee when compared to the practice tee can significantly impact your swing and suggests mind games that can help to relieve tension and consequently improve your game.

You Produce What You Fear - reviews how the minute we start to think we'll hit a ball into a hazard that is exactly what happens. On a psychological level fear produces a tendency to overcontrol. We're overly cautious, hesitant and try to steer the shot. This results in an awkward swing and the ball heading for the hazard. Dr. Parent provides the steps toward acknowledging and harnessing this fear and he offers suggestions to do just that.

How to Enjoy a Bad Round of Golf - I think we could all benefit from this lesson. This segment suggests that if we start a round poorly how we immediately assume the rest of the round will be bad. Instead Dr. Parent suggests

looking at each hole individually. Just because you started off poorly doesn't mean the rest of the game will be the same. He offers suggestions on how to change your mind-set and how to keep your game in perspective.

I have highlighted only a few of the topics in the book. Other topics I found interesting were;

- Synchronizing Body and Mind.
- The thinking mind, the intuitive mind and the critic mind.
- Give up control to get control.
- Putt with imagination.
- You are not your thoughts.

To summarize this is not a book you sit down and read cover to cover in one afternoon. To fully appreciate its value you have to read several sections at a time and give yourself time to absorb the meaning of what is suggested. Is it the best book out there? Probably not, but it has helped to give me some perspective in improving my game. As an added benefit it was the best sleep aid I have ever had! Cheers!

## National Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman  
Monday, Feb. 12

Pat McCallum.....200  
Kathy Ellison.....150  
Arlene Wykoff.....100  
Diane Phillips.....60  
Judy Pech, Peggy Bisor.....50  
Melanie Low, Sue Guffy.....25

Wednesday, Feb. 14  
Pat McCallum.....150  
Bette Gorman.....110  
Sue Guffy, Mary Thole.....50  
Arlene Wykoff, Diane Phillips.25

Friday, Feb. 16  
Bette Gorman.....100  
Arlene Wykoff.....80  
Pat McCallum.....50



## RC Motorsports

by Douglas Hatfield  
Wednesday, Feb. 14

1. Don Rick.....35
2. Wayne Schacht,  
John Cristiano.....34



## Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield  
Monday, Feb 12

Kathy Bocchino, Debbie Oppel.6  
Betty Brown, Rachel Brooks.....5  
Deborah May.....4  
Connie Bradley, Barb Overly.....2  
Susan Doubleday.....1

Friday, Feb 16  
Betty Brown.....9  
Connie Bradley.....7  
Rachel Brooks, Janet Baal,  
Elaine Morgan, Barb Overly,  
Kathy Bocchino.....3  
Deborah May, Anne Amico.....1

## Wizard

by Imma Smith  
Tuesday, Feb. 6

Table 1  
Game 1  
Imma Smith.....240  
Kathy Prockett.....200

Game 2  
Deborah May.....260  
Kathy Prockett.....240

Game 3  
Imma Smith.....230  
Kathy Prockett.....190

Table 2  
Game 1  
Kevin Weik.....240  
Stan MacPhee.....170

Game 2  
Linda Beausoleil,  
Kevin Weik.....230

Game 3  
Stan MacPhee.....270  
Denise Weik.....260

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Table 1  
Game 1  
Jackie Thackery.....250  
Imma Smith.....210

Game 2  
Gary Smith, Elaine Schwartz.220

Game 3  
Linda Murphy.....220  
Jackie Thackery.....200

## Five Crowns

by Jackie Thackery  
Wednesday, Feb. 14

- Game 1  
1. Gary Smith  
2. Jackie Thackery
- Game 2  
1. Gary Smith  
2. Mary Carpenter

## Dominoes

by Linda Gough  
Thursday, Feb. 15

Table 1 Winner  
Pat Long.....201

Table 2 Winner  
Bob Luther.....190

Table 3 Winner  
Carol Luther.....158

## 500 Cards

by Pat McCallum  
Saturday, Feb. 17

Nan Lance.....800  
Carol Jean Beard.....680  
Jackie Thackery.....610



# Obituaries

## BARBARA PRIMM WORTHINGTON

Barbara Lucille Primm Worthington, 100, of Aurora, Ill. passed away Dec. 28, 2023 at Independence Village in Naperville, Ill. She was born Nov. 4, 1923 in LaBelle, Mo. the daughter of Thomas and Alice (Boltz) Primm. Throughout life her passions were family, friendship, education and Christian faith, which remained the driving force for all her days.

Barbara was salutatorian of her high school class, finishing second highest in her class and delivering the salutatory. She went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville, Mo. in 1945. During her college years she participated in debate, drama and was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Cardinal Key and Pi Kappa Delta. She was president of her senior class and graduated with honors.

She was a congregant of both the First Christian Church of Aurora and the Fox Valley

Christian Church of Batavia. Her memberships included the American Association of University Women, the GFWC Women's Club of Aurora and the Conimur Reading Circle. In the 1980s she was an archivist at the "Aurora Beacon News" and during that time she tutored many students from West Aurora High School and Wabonsee Community College.

She and husband, Francis, enjoyed traveling in their Airstream Travel Trailer and were active in the North American Unit of WBCCI. They used to winter at TR on lot 17-24 in RV South.

Survivors include sons Chris and Tom and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by Francis, her husband of 55 years.

Barbara was an intellectually engaged, deeply thoughtful, considerate, empathetic and intrinsically kind person and she will be truly missed by those who knew and loved her.



# Classifieds

**1999 Franklin**, new price of \$45,000. 38' 6" with two slideouts and two entry doors on premium concrete pad and patio. Roof-over on entire unit. 30' x 9' insulated roof, awning with gutter and two downspouts. New bedroom flooring. Flush toilet, refrigerator, gas stove, microwave and some furnishings. Washer and small appliances in shed. Price includes remainder of 2023-24 lease. This unit is well cared for and move-in ready. Share of stock not included. Contact Diane Phillips for a private showing.

lot 06-10  
419-506-0129

**2007 Breckenridge**, all electric with A/C, approximately six years old, roof-over, new flooring thru out. New large screen room & concrete added. New fans & curtains. Storage shed with washer & dryer. All furniture inside & out, TV & some kitchen supplies included. Share of Stock and remainder of yearly lease included.

New price of \$79,000. Call Jeanie 614-580-4191 for appointment to see.

Jeanie Evans  
lot 02-11

**2016 StarCraft Travel Galaxy Model 314**, 3 slides, island kitchen, electric fireplace, on-demand hot water, two TVs, radio/DVD, skylights in kitchen and bath, loveseat/bed, two massage recliners, king bed, good storage, gardens, nice shade. Price includes elec. EZ Go 4 person golf cart w/bag rack, curtains, new batteries Dec. 2023, share of TR stock and lot rent thru Aug. 2024. Asking \$45,000.

Pam  
207-341-0002  
Ron  
207-487-1025

**One metre soling sailboat with cradle.** Custom windjammer sails, carrying case with Spectrum DX6i radio controller, four rechargeable life batteries with charger and reader, one main sail servo, two rudder servos and many extras. Asking \$550. Can be seen at lot 03-34.

Bruce Pemberton  
lot 03-34, 226-526-8303

## Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 years ago - 1994

- There were 1,100 trailers at the Florida State Rally in Sarasota and 85 were from TR.
- The Keyboard Klub presented "Happy Memories." Keyboards filled the Busch Hall Stage as 30 musicians took their places to entertain the Sunday night audience.
- New members were elected to TRAC, Travelers Rest Action Committee. They are Audrey Payne and Marianne Chatten from Airstream South, Bob Miller from the Cabanas and Lou Atkins from the Village.

20 years ago - 2004

- The TR Times and Golf Association Invitational is set for Feb. 27 and 28. Two new cars are nifty prizes for lucky hole-in-one golfers. Spotters will be watching hole #5 sponsored by Jarrett Motors and hole #8 sponsored by Pasco Motors.
- Two resolutions are crucial to review before the Annual General Meeting. One resolution will officially rename Airstream South to RV South. The second resolution would change the requirements for being a Board of Directors member. Villagers no longer will need to own a "hard-sided, self-contained recreational vehicle."
- Thought of the week by Will Rogers: "If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went."
- Snakes are endangered and friendly. The threatened Indigo Snakes are harmless and feed on the very creatures that may hurt us.

10 years ago - 2014

- TR residents to perform in The New Port Richey Community Band. The residents who play in the band are: Karl Beck, drums; Anika Namink, alto sax; Jeriel Beard, baritone; Jim Cribbs, baritone; Lee Brenn, trumpet; Gene Cribbs, trumpet; Carol Meyers, baritone; Mary Ellen Cribbs, flute; and Norma Stuart, oboe.
- Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout. There are many former Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in residence or visiting in TR.
- Gardening: a Labor of Love. How satisfying is it to be a part of a team of like-minded people. Our folks in Lake Margaret Garden are of one mind at this juncture of the season, preparation for our Garden Walk.

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## Snack Shack

<p><b>Burgers/Dogs:</b></p> <p>Beefburger.....4.25 Cheeseburger.....4.50 Dbl. Beefburger .....5.75 Dbl. Cheeseburger .....6.50 Hot Dog .....2.25 Italian Sausage.....4.00 Chicken Breast.....4.50</p> <p><b>Sandwiches:</b></p> <p>Ham &amp; Cheese .....4.00 Turkey.....4.00</p> <p><b>Salad Plate:</b></p> <p>Ham .....5.75 Turkey.....5.75 Veggie (no meat) .....4.50</p> <p><b>New:</b></p> <p>Grilled Chicken Breast Salad .....5.75</p> <p><b>Extras:</b></p> <p>Slaw, cheese, beans ..... .50 Extra slice of cheese ..... .50 Grilled onions ..... .50 Sauerkraut..... .50</p>	<p><b>Beverages:</b></p> <p>Soda ..... .75 Iced Tea ..... .75 Bottled water ..... .75 Hot Tea ..... .75 Coffee - Reg. &amp; Decaf ... .75 Potato Chips ..... .75</p> <p><b>Daily Specials</b></p> <p>Mon. - Chili .....3.25 Tue. - Soup.....2.50 Wed. - Chili Dog .....2.50 Thu. - Chowder.....3.25 Fri. - Tuna Salad.....5.75 Fri. - Tuna Sandwich ....3.75 Fri. - Grilled Cheese .....2.25</p>
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### Obituary submission

*The TR Times* includes obituaries of former residents in its various issues. Sharon Cook is our Obituary Editor and is responsible for writing these obituaries.

Please submit your obituaries to Sharon Cook at lot 17-35 or via email at [shermie@juno.com](mailto:shermie@juno.com). If you have questions or need assistance she may also be reached via phone at 813-956-7977.

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