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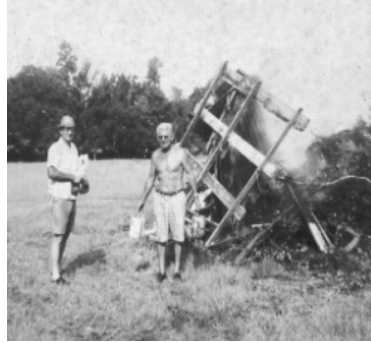
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If these walls could talk . . .

by Margaret Emmetts

To look at me now you would never suspect my humble beginnings. I was born in the mind of my father, Jacob Busch way back in 1969. His dream was to develop an Airstream Park where his friends could gather. My gestation period took three years until Dad could persuade his friends to contribute enough money to make his dream come true. However, in 1972 Dad talked 156 friends into each one of them putting up \$500 to make me a reality. That year \$80,000 was raised and a search began for land on which I could grow.

My growth was a long, slow process. Before I could really start to exist a lot of work had to be done. What was once farmland had to be cleared of trees, brush and some



File Photos

In August 1972 Ed Noes and Jacob Busch began to clear the land by burning brush and debris.

old buildings. Trenches were dug to allow my roots to take hold for electric and water. Then, too, it had to be decided just what shape I should take. Originally it was



Following the placement of the sewer lines, the first manhole is placed eleven feet underground.

thought that I would just be large enough to accommodate some Airstream trailers. Boy, were they wrong! I would grow to be much, much larger.

My circulation system started in 1972 with the installation of a sewer system and a new well and I began to grow roads. The largest part of my body began to develop in 1972 when I developed a skeleton that would define the shape of the largest part of my body which came to be called Busch Hall.

As I entered my teens I underwent a real growth spurt. I grew a Fire Station and the Citrus Center. It was time to add some decorations. I thought a pool would be nice and a golf course would attract friends to visit me.

Although I am now middle-aged I am still growing. I hope you will take the time to read more about me in the following weeks to learn how I'm doing now. You may read about me in the series: "If these walls could talk."

LAST CALL

by Pat Butler

This is the last call for candidates to run for the TR Board of Directors. Tomorrow, Nov. 30, is the deadline to submit your resume.

There are five (5) open positions for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors. Three (3) directors will serve a three-year term and two (2) will serve a one-year term. We are hopeful that the number of candidates will exceed the number of open positions.

Minimum qualifications for candidates to be considered for a position as director include:

- Stockholder of record.
- Available in person or electronically (by President's prior approval) for Board meetings during the 12 months of the year

Last call for candidates

with a lighter schedule in the summer.

• Present in the park between 11/1 and 4/1 (except for President's approved absences).

• Reasonable record of involvement with contributions to the activities of the park sufficient to demonstrate an interest in the quality and welfare of the resort.

• Electronic communicative competency including email, Microsoft Word and Excel.

• Ability and willingness to serve as liaison to park activities and a working member of assigned committees.

• Ability to maintain confidential information and willingness to agree to sign and uphold the Non-Disclosure Agreement once

the election has been completed, before attending the first BOD Meeting.

• Business experience and/or educational, career or organizational membership experience that enables the potential candidate to contribute and function effectively as a member of the Board.

The Board is looking for independent thinkers who can work well together in a team environment in the interest of our shareholders. It is our individual uniqueness and various skill sets that come together to create a Board of Directors that will continue to work to keep TR the special "home" that we share.

If you are willing to make the commitment to serve our commu-

VOLUNTEER

nity in this capacity, please email your resume to pat@trboard.onmicrosoft.com by tomorrow, Nov. 30. Please include the information requested in the "minimum qualifications for candidates to be considered for a position as a director."

If speaking with any current or past director concerning their experience on the Board would be helpful in making your decision, please do not hesitate to do so. Thank you in advance for giving this "call for candidates" your consideration. Volunteers are the key to keeping Travelers Rest running.



First Forum of the season is short and sweet

by Margaret Emmetts

The first Forum of the season was held on Nov. 4 in Busch Hall. All Directors were present with the exception of Barry Sellick. Ray Hill and Donna Sullivan were also present.

President May asked Chaplain Shipe to open the meeting with prayer in thanks for TR surviving the recent hurricanes with little damage.

Treasurer Halbrook stated that as of July 31 the current total balance in our various accounts was \$1,7334,56.

May addressed the group advising that over the summer capital improvements were completed including expanding the Busch Hall kitchen, the lobby floor, a new generator, pool repairs and the roof of Citrus among others.

The Village sustained the most damage during the hurricanes. She thanked all the volunteers who helped clean up the park after the storms. FEMA has confirmed that it will pick up the debris, but has not given a time frame.

The fence along Johnston Road sustained considerable

damage. The park does not have wind damage coverage due to the prohibitive cost. Fortunately TR has an emergency fund which will be used. The initial cost for tree removal along the fence and on the golf course is \$49,000. There was also some flood damage in the shed and storage area but the water quickly subsided.

The County was very slow to approve the up-grades to the Puppy Park, but the permits have finally been received.

Two items for consideration:

In order for President May to get information to all residents, she must currently first submit it to Ray Hill who then is able to email all leaseholders. A faster method is being researched.

It is also felt that residents should have some sort of disaster plan available. Suggestions for inclusions to this plan should be submitted to the Board in writing.

Residents were advised that the Board has created a wholly-owned subsidiary to handle activity finances. It will be a for-profit LLC with its own EIN number. Creation of this was suggested for liability reasons by the Board's

attorney and CPA. A 4-member board will be created to oversee this led by Guy Weik. Some activities which have had their own bank accounts in the past will continue to do so. Dues collected by activities will not be subject to sales tax. Activities will have their own debit cards. Treasurer Terry Halbrook will be in charge of the funds, NOT Guy Weik.

A new lunch program is to be instituted in Busch Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the first three weeks of November and December. Details to follow. Please support the program. This will not compete with Snack Shack which opens in January.

The Board requests names of applicants for new Board candidates for the spring election. There are 3 three-year and 2 one-year terms available. Interested parties should send their resumes to Pat Butler.

Ice cream socials will continue prior to Sunday night programs.

The Telephone and Activities Booklet will be circulated next week. It will contain a schedule of

building usage. Please consult this for room availability before contacting Weik to schedule new activities.

Weik is seeking a Chair for the Karaoke activity. Equipment is available. The Little Theatre may be reactivated if a director is found.

Q-Board is currently charging residents for weeding over the summer. Who decides this?

A-Policy has been in effect for years but only enforced recently. Weeds over 1 ft. in height and width are subject to charge, \$50 for first offense, \$100 after. May and Hill make the decision. Complaints about maintenance damaging skirting prompted enforcement of the policy.

Q-Are TR funds invested to secure initial investment?

A- CDs and government bonds, all FDIC insured..

Q-Is it possible to have the building where resident-use mowers are stored to be open on weekends?

A-Ray Hill advised the building is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. You just need your key card.



Busch Hall Sunday Night

Presents

ROSE 'N THORNE



THORNE AND ROSE

by Ken and Sandy Langell

Rose is a vocalist, songwriter and percussionist whose tone and clarity capture the imagination of any listener and whose groove keeps your insides dancing. Thorne is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist with a quick wit and an improvising character who has performed at colleges, clubs and opened shows for many celebrated and comedic artists.

With beautiful harmony, genuine honesty, clever soliloquy and gifted musical talents, ROSE 'N THORNE are in love with music, performance and... with each other! Busch Hall, Sunday, Dec. 1. Free admission. The ice cream social is from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. and the show follows at 7 p.m.

Tuesday Night Movies



by Carol and Jim Henrikson

Tuesday Night Movies (TNM) is opening on Jan. 7. This upcoming season we will be bringing you outstanding new movie releases. In addition, there will be some TNM audience-requested classics. Tell us which movies you have especially enjoyed. We will consider all these requests and suggestions. We have purchased a new projector for TNM. The projector used last season provided an excellent picture and will be used at many other venues in TR where a temporary portable set up is needed. The new projector uses a laser light source. The advantage is that we can avoid a lamp failure during our movies since this technology uses a life-time light source. In

addition, the images on the screen will be much improved. Although the sound in Citrus was quite good last season, this new projector is more compatible with the SONOS sound system and will further enhance the sound clarity. Carol and I are just getting ready for travel to Florida. We look forward to being with our many friends at TR and sharing a wonderful movie experience with you. We have many new movies and a large list of classics to choose from for 2025. You will see more on this in our upcoming newsletters. TNM messages in *The TR Times* and InTouchLink will provide much more detailed information and scheduling for our entire 2025 season. Hope to see all of you soon. Take care.

by Pam Watkins

SunKicks Holiday Spectacular
Various dates and times now through Sunday, Dec. 22, Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theatre, 16128 U.S. Hwy. 19, Hudson. Celebrate the excitement, humor and nostalgia of the Yuletide season with this all-new holiday spectacular. This dazzling new production features the best mix of today's holiday hits and timeless Christmas classics sung by Broadway's best voices and starring the precision kickline choreography of Florida's toe-tappin', dancin'-n-prancin' SunKicks. Dinner and show \$74 standard seating and \$84 for premium seating. See <https://suncoastbroadway.com> or call 727-863-7949 for more information.

Dade City Small Business Saturday
Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., 37916 Pasco Ave., Dade City.

Dade City merchants invite you to celebrate small businesses. Enjoy unique shops in this historic district and stay for the lighting of the Courthouse Christmas Tree at 7 p.m.



Brooksville Christmas on Main
Thursday, Dec. 5, 5 to 9 p.m., 20 N. Main St., Brooksville.

Tree lighting with a special performance by Live Oak Theatre, street carolers, shopping and food trucks.

The Nutcracker: Live on Stage
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m., Richey Suncoast Theatre, 6237 Grand Blvd, New Port Richey.

This holiday classic is performed by local dancers and will capture your heart. Adults \$20 and children \$10. See <https://www.richeysuncoasttheatre.com/event-calendar> for more information.



Dade City Christmas Parade
Hosted by the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village. Friday, Dec. 6, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Parade route is on 7th St. between MLK Blvd. and Church St.

Christmas Market at Dade City Farms
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7 and Dec. 13 and 14, 5 to 9 p.m., 17143 Lake Lola Rd., Dade City.

Join us for a magical evening under the Christmas lights at Dade City Farms for our annual Christmas Market. Get into the holiday spirit with festive fun for the whole family:

Local Holiday Events

Lighted hayride - Take a cozy ride through our dazzling Christmas Light Show.

Holiday Shopping - Browse local vendors and find special gifts for everyone on your list.

Meet Santa - Share your wish list with Santa and capture memorable family photos.

Farm fun - Enjoy all our favorite farm activities, including the petting zoo, giant slide, corn box, jump pad, tire playground and more. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children.

Visit <https://flsportscoast.com/event/christmas-market-at-dade-city-farms/> for more info.



Main Street Zephyr hills Festival of Lights
Saturday, Dec. 7, 4 to 9 p.m., Main Street in Zephyrhills.

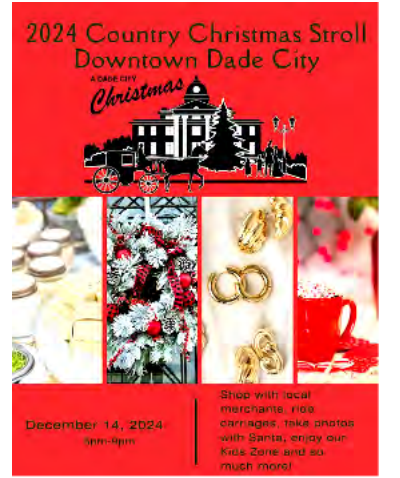
Celebrate the season with food trucks, live music, parade and holiday lights. Parade starts at 7 p.m.

Pioneer Christmas and Vintage Market
Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd., Dade City.

Discover a treasure trove of unique vendors, indulge in delicious treats from the food trucks while enjoying live entertainment and engage with the knowledgeable docents, dressed in charming time-period attire. Admission is \$10 for adults and children under age 5 are free.

Dade City Symphony
Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., the Pasco Middle School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss a beat, you will want to attend this free, donations accepted concert. Come early as seats fill up quickly. If you miss this event, see it for a repeat performance on Saturday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m., the Discover Fellowship Church in Dade City during the Historic Dade City Church Street Christmas event. See below in this article.



Downtown Dade City Christmas Stroll
Saturday, Dec. 14, 5 to 9 p.m., 37918 Meridian Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Come join us for the Downtown Dade City Christmas Stroll, a festive event filled with holiday cheer, shopping, food and fun.

Wesley Chapel Wind Ensemble Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m., the event center at Southern Charm RV Park, 37811 Chancey Rd., Zephyrhills. Come out and enjoy this amazing group of musicians who always raise the roof at their events. Concert is free, donations accepted. Seating is limited.

Dade City Church Street Christmas

Saturday through Monday, Dec. 21 to 23, 7 to 9 p.m., along historic Church Ave. in Dade City. Dade City's Church Street Christmas is an annual event along the historic Church Ave, where carolers, choirs, dancers, organizations and musicians perform for you along the luminary-lit sidewalks and decorated homes.



Saint Leo University celebrates Christmas

by Pam Watkins

Saint Leo University invites the local community to celebrate the Christmas season at its campus on Thursday, Dec. 5 beginning at 4 p.m. Saint Leo University is at 33701 County Road 52, St. Leo. Free parking is available in surfaced lots and in the campus garage. Events are free, donations welcome.

A Saint Leo Christmas Holiday Concert, Thursday, Dec. 4, 4 p.m., at Benedictine Sisters of Florida's Holy Name Monastery, 12138 Wichers Rd., St. Leo, (across County Road 52 from the University). Seating is first-come first-served.

Christmas Village, Thursday, Dec. 4, 5 to 7 p.m. at Saint Leo University Student Activities Building clock tower court-



yard. The holiday "village" is co-sponsored by the town of St. Leo and will feature local vendors, food, activities, special guests from the North Pole and Christmas decorations.

Christmas Carols, Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:45 p.m. Meet at Saint Leo University lion statue walkway. We will walk to the Saint Leo Abbey Church by candlelight and sing along to popular Christmas carols.

A Saint Leo Christmas Holiday Concert and sing-along, Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in Saint Leo Abbey Church. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information about the concerts, email chantelle.macphee@saintleo.edu.



Briefings from the Board

by Deborah May,
President/CEO
Board of Director

It is always a great feeling to be able to return to Travelers Rest Resort in the fall for a new season of activities. I love seeing old friends and making new ones. If someone asks me what it is that I like most about TR, my first response is always "the people."

We have been very blessed as a community to be able to fill our park in past years. Again, this year we are completely booked for the season. 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, (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.

This park was built on the backs of volunteers and still depends on volunteers to keep the activities going, to put the chairs up or take them down and put them away in Busch Hall on short notice, as well as many other jobs in the park. It was the volunteers (leaseholders) who jumped in and helped the maintenance crew clean up after Milton. Volunteers are what help to keep our expenses down and our lease fees low.



DEBORAH MAY

Our Board of Directors serves on a volunteer basis. The call for candidates for the next year's 2025-2026 Board of Directors went out several weeks ago. We have five openings available, three for 3-year terms and 2 for 1-year terms. As of last week the nominating committee has not received enough resumes to fill the open vacancies.

Our Articles of Incorporation, as filed April 17, 1997, states "the number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by By-Laws adopted by the stockholders, but shall never be less than three. Under Article II of the By-Laws of Travelers Rest Resort, Inc. Section 2 it states that "this corporation shall have nine directors initially but no less than seven at any time. Section 3 states "All the members of the Board of Directors shall be stockholders. At all times, at least five members of the Board of Directors shall be citizens of the U.S. It shall be

necessary for the Directors to have an annually leased lot in RV South, the Cabana Section or own a home in the Village Section.

Section 5. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board of Directors which would reduce the number to less than seven, shall be filled until the next Annual Meeting of the Stockholders by the Directors remaining in office. At the discretion of the Board, it may also fill any vacancies above seven and up to and including nine until the next Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.

If we fail to get enough resumes for election to the Board of Directors, we will have to evoke Section 5 of the By-Laws. I have been here since 2014 and during that time, we have never failed to have enough candidates running to fill the vacancies. I sincerely hope we will have some volunteers step up and submit their resumes for the Board of Directors. If you have any questions about serving on the Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to talk to one of the current board members.



Monday, Dec. 2
at 1 p.m.
Busch Hall

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Rich Kushman

A new season begins at Travelers Rest and as always Ray's bright cheerful smile and friendly greeting welcomed me for our sit-down newspaper chat. Ray looks chipper as always and is doing quite well battling his health challenge. Ray also extends a warm welcome to all TR residents and a very big thank you to the many volunteers who stepped forward and helped clear storm debris throughout the park and golf course. This type of neighborly pitching-in has been a trademark of TR making this truly our special community.

Ray recently celebrated his 30th anniversary with TR and Milton was the worst storm he has ever seen come through the park. The perimeter fence damage and all the piles of tree rubble sure support that claim. Collecting those organized piles took a lot of work by the TR crew, aided by Red's Tree Service, Queens Tree Service and TR Volunteers. The work of removing these piles has begun and will slowly continue until Pasco County and FEMA finish the job.

Milton was a rude guest to a few homeowners in the park leaving them scrambling to repair damage. Thankfully wide-spread

destruction, a real fear for a time, did not pay us a visit. The park buildings all weathered the storm with almost no damage. The new roof on Citrus had just been completed and it held tight. Perhaps fortunately building permits from Pasco County continue to take forever so the new South Paw Dog Park Shelter was not available for a blow down. I asked Ray about insurance for storm damage and apparently coverage for the park would cost over \$300K so we rely on our old trusted policy from "G.O.D. Mutual."

Village property tax bills now include a line item called County Road Tax. The main road coming into the park as well as the Village roads are maintained by the county. I mentioned a good size pothole on Maple Avenue and Ray said we call the county for any damage the size of a basketball or larger. That hole should by now be filled with stone to prevent tripping as it awaits repair. The county will repave the roads on their schedule. Ray of course has always had a good relationship with Pasco County. This includes the people who make up the Road Commission who Ray deals with and talks with directly. Ray assured me they are now very aware of the Village roads after being somewhat inundated with calls from park residents. Human nature being what it is, when people are approached by a "PIA" they often retreat and stop listening so perhaps quiet patience will prove a more fruitful tactic.

I must say it was good to see Ray again and our many times chatting about TR has given me a sense of all the moving parts that keep him busy. Clearly Ray's long tenure and his grasp of all the systems and mechanicals keep the park running smoothly - bravo Ray!

Letters to the Editor

Job well done

The management, employees and residents of Travelers Rest are commendable. Everyone pulled together to prepare for Hurricane Milton. On the day before Hurricane Milton was to make landfall, a few park employees went door to door with a handout that reminded residents that Pasco County had issued a mandatory evacuation for residents in mobile homes or campers. The handout also listed when the park would be closed as no employees would be working during the listed time-frame and the day and time that it might be safe to return to TR. Residents and employees were also continuing with storm preparations, such as putting away yard ornaments.

The morning after the storm had passed there was an amazing amount of standing water. Even more amazing was how quickly the water dissipated. The group that built TR did a fantastic job of planning to ensure that TR could withstand heavy storms.

Our park manager had crews working as soon as it was possible after giving employees time to

attend to their homes. Park residents pitched in to assist with the clean up, too. Overall, the park was back in shape in a minimal amount of time.

Thank you to all of TR's management, staff, employees and volunteers for a job well done.

Karen Waldo

New to TR

It feels like home and yet we've never been here before. We're new here. I found Travelers Rest on the internet after researching hundreds of Florida RV parks and staying at quite a few over the last four years, but none of them stuck. None of them had the IT factor.

What sold me to try Travelers Rest? The calendar. I could not believe the sheer variety of activities, especially so many of our favorite card games. It was heady to imagine ourselves immersing like little kids at Christmas in all that there is to do here. But what would it be like in reality?

On the last leg of the journey, palm trees along the interstate

waved to us in greeting, and the very last miles to TR were a nice country drive -- farms and horses and cows. So peaceful.

Since then we've played Euchre, and Five Crowns and look forward to Hand 'n' Foot and others. Everyone here is so nice and friendly and great fun! Spousal unit has been lounging in the pool and hot tub everyday. Four-foot is scoping out our new winter digs. Sandhill cranes stroll by every evening, serenading us with their unique trilling song. We're settling in.

We just celebrated our two week anniversary here with our first trip to the botanical garden and I couldn't believe how many of those plants are growing natively here. We had hundreds of potted plants in our sticks 'n' bricks that we sold to go full time and now here they all are in the botanical garden, even the Ponytail plant! We stood in awe. A little piece of our old home is right here, growing in the botanical garden. Like kismet. In our new winter home.

Shari Yingst

The TR Times adopts a QR code

by Karen Waldo

Quick Response or QR codes, are being used more often. The small square codes are replacing line barcodes. QR codes are more compact than barcodes and are able to hold more information. QR codes are commonly used in restaurants to access menus, theaters to access programs, and retail stores to access product prices.

QR codes usually direct users to scan it with a smartphone or tablet to obtain the information it contains. The camera is used to scan the code. A web address, contact information such as a business card or a short message service or SMS (text message) will appear on the screen. You select the item to access the information.

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Tradition...tradition

Welcome back snowbirds. We hope that everyone, snowbirds and full-timers, will have a wonderful winter season.

While you are enjoying TR, we hope you will remember to follow TR's long-standing traditions.

The first is that we wave and smile to everyone we chance to meet whether we know that person or not. The second tradition is how we park our golf carts. We do not park carts in car slots. There are just too few car slots available to accommodate all the vehicles that are here during the high season. Golf carts are parked in the designated slots alongside and behind Busch Hall. In the area of the Hobby House, carts are parked on the grass. If parking between Hobby House and the Fire Station, please pull in perpendicular to the buildings. This design will accommodate the most carts while still enabling anyone to leave at any time. Several years ago a number of people parked randomly with the result that some carts were trapped in the middle of the melee and unable to leave.

Our third tradition is that we volunteer. Our park was founded on volunteerism. Your participation in various activities reaps many benefits. You will have the opportunity to meet other interesting people and by not having to pay people to do certain work, we keep the costs down. Limiting our annual lease cost is a benefit to everyone. Please do not wait to be asked. Volunteer!

Please remember to follow TR tradition and everyone will have a most enjoyable season. *mre*



Welcome



by Margaret Emmetts

The Earth does indeed have two North Poles. One is the rotational pole. This is the spot that is considered to be the end of the axis on which the Earth rotates. The second North Pole is the Magnetic North.

The Earth has a huge magnetic field that is believed to be generated by movements in the iron within the Earth's core. In effect, the Earth is a huge bar magnet with north and south poles. However,

the location of the magnetic north does not correspond to the rotational north pole. In fact it is currently some 500 Km from the rotational pole.

If you use a compass to find north, the compass needle really points to the magnetic pole. Not only are the two poles in different locations, the magnetic pole wanders over time. For this reason anyone who relies on a magnetic orientation system has to obtain

Earth has two North Poles?

new charts every few months.

Something even stranger, the magnetic poles flip from time to time, meaning that the south pole of earth's magnetic field may actually be near the north rotational pole. Who knew? This flip occurs at irregular intervals. The average time is 7,000 years but may take much longer.

Just why the magnetic poles flip is something that is not understood.

The Servant's Plow

Raise an Anthem to Thee

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

I have loved music all my life like most of you have. My musical interests have changed over the years as I progressed from adolescent years to middle-aged years and I imagine they will continue to change as I inch closer to those golden years. I remember simple melodies that both my grandmothers sang with me in the bathtub and enjoying lap visits before bedtime. Then came the wild and crazy years of my childhood heroes Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. I have enjoyed everything from the cherished Lawrence Welk Show to the prestigious Severance Hall in Cleveland, Ohio. There were the bluegrass jam sessions as I followed my uncle who played a fiddle in various Grange Halls to the Men's Retreats of Marengo, Ohio. Our beloved pastor Winston Pike would lead the singing of 300 men in the old hymns that we all were taught; talk about inspiration. Presently, we have the gifted and talented Bernadine Gutridge, Debbie Watson and our wonderful Celebration Choir.

Throughout the ancient world music and hymnody played an important role in temple worship. Many temples and places of worship had musical guilds that composed and sang hymns and recited liturgical reading. Evidence of such records date as far back as the Sumerian period (5500-4000 B.C.), one of the earliest known civilizations in Mesopotamia or now modern day southern Iraq.

Asaph was from the Gershonite family heritage and was appointed as a Levitical choir leader and served in temple worship during King David's reign (1Chr 6:39 and Neh 7:44). He even served under King Solomon in



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

later years. He would add jubilant praise with his cymbal clanging in musical performances. Asaph is also accredited with founding a school of music. The Asaphic collection of Psalms contains deep and contemplative meaning.

In recent years, I gave a message about Psalm 73. This was one of Asaph's signature writings concerning sanctuary worship and maintaining a resolute mindset on the things above. Asaph makes an objective analysis of his feelings and emotions concerning envy and contentment. Having envy strains our trust in God. It challenges our zeal for the Lord. It also tests our humility and taxes our patience. Asaph was aware of evil doers in good circumstances and moral persons with faulty temperaments.

The gospel message of Christ was to invite sinners to come and share in the blessings of God. Jesus encouraged fellowship with others and for good reason. The presence of believers can exert such a hallowing influence on those seeking the faith. There are those who elevate us. They seem to help melt the sadness from our being giving us the ability to find music in our souls that was never discovered before.

The nexus between heaven and earth is our ability to commune

with God in a personal way. Once we establish that relationship it affords us with the opportunity to connect with fellow believers. Gathering for worship in a corporate setting is an act of voluntary action. One I believe that brings blessing upon its congregants. It is not the building or structure that is important but the declaration that we make together that the Sovereign Lord is our shelter (vs. 28).

Asaph found great adoration for the God he served through his devotion to the art of music in which he was so richly blessed. It only added value to discover the benefit of daily companionship with God.

Asaph had learned through checks and balances that his heart was bitter (vs. 21) towards those that seemed to prosper despite their wickedness and it had churned chaos in his inner being. He realized that keeping the strife within was such a heaviness that he could not bear. In verses 23-24 Asaph makes a declaration that he belongs to God and is guided by His counsel and thus leading to a glorious destiny. The Lord's counsel is wise and the strength of our heart (vs. 26). May we be aware of the wonderful things that He does and the difference it makes in our lives.

The late great Lawrence Welk would say, "keep a song in your heart." I try to keep one on my lips and I encourage you to find some happy music to lift your spirits within each day. Times are challenging for many, but there is always room to raise spiritual anthems and praises to our Heavenly Father above. God delights when His creation sings.

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The Siren



by Joe Colao

Hello all and welcome from your TR First Responders to another new season at Travelers Rest. As you may know Monday, Dec. 2 we will be visited by the OneBlood Mobile Unit. Ken Neer will again be coordinating. Some of our residents have experienced dizziness and other mild effects after their donation. We have found a common denominator and in most cases their symptoms are a result of not eating or hydrating before donating blood. First Responders will be standing by to provide you with a snack, drink, etc. and help with any rehab assistance that you may require. We encourage you to have some breakfast or lunch and hydrate before giving blood.

Some time, likely in February, we will again hold a class on CPR for those residents interested in learning the skills to help save the life of another in the event of a Cardiac Arrest. It is estimated that 1,000 people die each day from Cardiac Arrest. We will share with you the skills needed to do quality CPR and familiarize you with the use of an AED automatic external car defibrillator. These life-saving devices, provided and maintained by your First Responders, are deployed throughout our park.

First Responders resign

by Gloria Polzin

Pasco County Station 33 members were sad to accept the resignations of Lee Brenn and Joan McLean from our First Responder team.

Lee Brenn was loyal and dedicated to Station 33. He had prior experience and knowledge with handling medical situations. He was a team leader and did whatever duty was required. He also held the position of our medical supply purchasing agent for some time. He was willing to do whatever was needed. Brenn served TR during the off season as well. We wish him well.

Joan McLean was one of our longest-serving members. She was always willing to be a team leader, has helped with teaching new First Responders. Has always been willing to do community calls and help with our fund-raising. We will miss her.



TR blood drive this Monday



by Ken Neer

This coming Monday, Dec. 2, two OneBlood Mobile Units will be parked next to our TR Fire Station. They will be open for donations starting at 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Please consider going online to oneblood.org/donate-now or calling 888-936-6283 to reserve a time. You may need to enter the blood drive details: Dec. 2, Travelers Rest, 29129 Johnston Rd., Dade City, FL. 33523. This must be done 24 hours before the blood drive which is before Sunday, Dec. 1, although as always, walk-ups are welcome. If you are unsure of your eligibility to give, don't hesitate to get on the bus and ask a staff member.

OneBlood will be giving every donor a \$20 e-gift card as well as six OneBlood reusable cups. Additionally, everyone receives a "Wellness Checkup" which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Incentives to give are, of course, always welcomed, but the greatest incentive is knowing you have helped someone with "The Gift of Life" in their time of need.

Blood giving facts:

1. Only human blood can substitute for human blood loss.
2. Every 10 seconds someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion.

3. Your donation can help up to three patients (depending on their need for a particular separated blood component).

4. Only 3% of those eligible to donate do so, subsequently the need is always great.

5. Donating is relatively painless and normally takes less than 1 hour.

6. There is no age limit and Canadians are encouraged to give.

TR First Responder Gayle Sunde, will be coordinating the opening and manning of the TR Fire Station during the 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. blood drive time. You are encouraged to stop by after giving yourself a few minutes for rest, hydration and conversation with a First Responder or your fellow blood donating TR neighbors. Please remember, we are a 55+ community and although giving blood is safe for seniors, our body reacts differently to sudden blood loss than it did when we were younger. Take a few minutes at the Fire Station after giving. I personally found out the hard way that a few minutes of rest and plenty of hydration may be needed.

I hope to see you Monday on a OneBlood bus. Remember, a photo I.D. is required.



Photos by Gloria Polzin

Chief Larry Polzin presents Lee Brenn and Joan McLean with their retirement pillows.



Healthy Tips

Oh those achy feet...part one!



by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

Here it is, the start of another wonderful winter/snowbird season at Travelers Rest! Oh, it is so good to be back at our little bit of paradise and it is so good to be contributing to *The TR Times*.

Finding subjects to write on that can be not only informative but helpful is always challenging and fun. I will start off this year's HEALTHY TIPS column on the subject of "achy feet." If you are wondering why I chose this topic...it is because I have already seen folks walking, dancing and participating in various activities that involve our feet. There are several conditions that can cause foot pain but I will address HEEL SPURS and PLANTAR FASCIITIS in this article.

Plantar fasciitis and heel spurs are related foot conditions that can result in similar pain, but they have different causes and treatments. This article will discuss plantar fasciitis and "Part two" will discuss Heel Spurs.

Plantar fasciitis is the result of inflammation of the ligament (plantar fascia) that runs from the heel to the toes. This ligament supports the arch of your foot. What is a ligament? A ligament is a fibrous connective tissue that connects bones, joints and organs,

keeps them in place and helps you move properly. The plantar fascia is designed to absorb the high stresses and strains that we place on our feet when walking, running and performing other activities such as playing sports.

Plantar fasciitis is often caused by improper footwear or by overuse. Other risk factors are repetitive high impact activities, prolonged standing on hard surfaces, high arches, flat feet, obesity, etc. Interestingly, a patient diagnosed with plantar fasciitis often has tight calf muscles.

Symptoms include, but are not limited to, pain on the bottom of the foot near the heel, pain with the first few steps after getting out of bed in the morning and pain after exercise or activity. The pain may be an intense, stabbing pain that comes and goes.

Treatment for plantar fasciitis varies and can include rest, stretching, anti-inflammatory medications, ice or orthotics. For those patients whose pain did not respond to the above recommendations, your healthcare provider may recommend steroid injections, or in worse cases, surgical intervention.

References: Cleveland Clinic, Mayo Clinic, American Podiatry Association.



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Activity Affairs



GUY WEIK

by Guy Weik

Welcome back to yet another season of fun-filled activities at Travelers Rest!

The process of scheduling all these activities and their starting dates is like managing a gigantic jigsaw puzzle. It all begins with those important Activity Update Sheets that are returned to me in early March. It's difficult for many chairpersons to know at that time exactly when they'll return to TR and what to put for a startup date for the next season. I can adjust those dates as needed on InTouch and *The TR Times* Bulletin Board. When it comes to the TR Directory,

though, we are stuck with what was sent to the printer during the summer. If an activity is currently showing up on InTouch, it is because the chairperson is here, has started the activity and has requested that it be posted on InTouch. If your directory shows the activity is not starting until January, there has most likely been a change. Please watch for updates in *The TR Times* and record them in your directory accordingly.

If you are unfamiliar with how to find out where and when an activity takes place, you have the following options: InTouch (online), *The TR Times* Bulletin Board (newspaper) and your TR Directory (hard copy already distributed to residents). InTouch shows the time, activity and place in a daily schedule format. If you see a blue "i" in a circle, the coordinator has provided additional information about the activity. Touch the blue person in the top right corner of each activity and InTouch will read the activity, time, location and coordinator for you. When the activity is finished for the day, it disappears from view. This means that in the afternoon on any given day,

InTouch won't show what activities were completed in the morning.

When chairpersons make a change in their activity schedules, I also update those changes in *The TR Times* Bulletin Board. Please keep in mind that publication dates are a week after submission deadlines, so there's a delay between notifying me and when the change is published. In addition to where and when an activity is scheduled, *The TR Times* Bulletin Board publishes the chairpersons' contact information, should residents have any questions about an activity.

The TR Directory is also a great resource for residents. You can view Building Schedules (p. 5-11), activities that take place outdoors and off-campus (p. 12-14), the Monthly Special Events (p. 15-19), the Wednesday and Sunday Entertainment Schedules (p. 20-23) and an alphabetical listing of all 140 activities (p. 24-31). As I mentioned earlier, I send updates for these schedules to *The TR Times* so you can record them in your directories. You can record them on the schedules or under "Notes" on page 85.

TR Welcoming Committee

by Diana Hill and Susan Stahley

The resort is starting to fill with residents once again. As we look forward to a great 2024-2025 season in our winter homes we are eager to connect with our TR family. Each year we are blessed to have a new group of residents join in the fun. The TR Welcoming Committee strives to greet all new guests, make them feel at home and help them navigate the many aspects of TR life.

The TR Welcoming Committee will do something different this December. At our Red Dot Social on Thursday, Dec. 12 we will have a table set up from noon until 1

p.m. at Busch Hall during the TR Foodies lunch meal. We invite all new guests to grab a bite to eat, then come on over with your questions and concerns and meet some new friends! We hope to see many previous committee members there as well. Our new guests that stopped by at the Nov. 14 Foodies lunch meal, Beverly and Bob Bean from lot 21-20, got to receive their "red dot" which we give to new guests to spotlight them as "newbies that may need extra information" right there at lunch. Welcome Beverly and Bob!

If you are wondering what your volunteer job might be to continue to make TR a special

place, we could use you! If you are an "out front, social person," we have the spot for you. However, if you prefer to work "behind the scenes," (stuffing welcome bags and other tasks), then please come out to our committee meeting and join in the fun. The TR Welcoming Committee will have an organizational meeting at Citrus West on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's a great way to meet new people. For new guests, look for more information on Red Dot Socials in upcoming editions of *The TR Times* as well as on Facebook sites, the InTouchLink app and the TR website.

Activity updates

by Guy Weik

Please record the following changes to the Building Schedules in your 2024-2025 TR Directory.

Building Schedules

- Mondays (p.5): Forums start at 1 p.m. in Busch Hall.
- Mondays: TR Roadriders (7-8 p.m., Hobby House) Add an * (January-March).
- Mondays: Sew Special started Nov.11 (Busch Hall, 9:30 a.m.).
- Wednesday (p.7): Delete Penny Poker (7 p.m., Hobby House).
- Thursday (p.8): Quilting started Nov.7 (Busch Hall, 9:30 a.m.).
- Thursday: Remove Texas Hold 'Em (7 p.m.). Note: Keep Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Friday (p.9): Oil & Acrylic Painting starts Nov. 15 (9 a.m., Citrus West).
- Fridays: Eucher started Nov. 15 (7-9 p.m. Citrus East).
- Additional/Outdoor Activities
- Tuesday and Thursday (p.12 & 13): TR Roadriders: Add an * (January-March).

Monthly Special Events

- Dec.31(p.16):RemovePartyPlannersNYEDance.ActivityContacts
- TRChurchAssoc.(#27):SwitchHaroldHughes(nowChairman)andRoyFrench.

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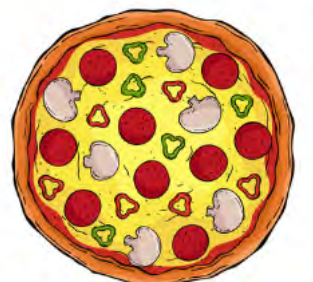
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January 10	January 3	February 28	February 21
January 17	January 10	March 7	February 28
January 24	January 17	March 14	March 7

SkyMed luncheon tomorrow

by Diana Hill

In case you missed it, JJ Johnjullo retired last year and encouraged me to become a SkyMed representative and I did. I am very proud to be a rep for such a fine Emergency Medical Transportation Company. We actually took four TR couples home last season and were able to give over \$500 to the TR Activities Committee.

I am having my first SkyMed Presentation and providing pizza on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m. in Citrus West. Please sign up on the clipboard in the TR Post Office or give me a call so I will know how much pizza to buy. See my ad here in *The TR Times*. SkyMed and TR have a great partnership and I appreciate your support.





TR offers many opportunities to help local families

by Pat Greene

TR residents have always been very generous when it comes to helping those in need. This Christmas is particularly difficult for many local families due to the recent hurricane. Many people in our Dade City/San Antonio area could use our help. TR Special Ministries has come up with a three-part plan to make this Christmas a little more special for them. Our hope is that one of the three ideas will touch your heart in a special way.

1. Most of our residents are familiar with our annual Daystar Foodbank Christmas Food and Money Drive. This is an extension of the Thanksgiving food program and we ask for donations of Christmas food items and/or money for meat for Christmas dinners. At the present time, Daystar is feeding over 200 families a week. The need is great. The food can be dropped off at the designated table in Busch Hall and/or the money should be sent or given to Bill Wise, Church Treasurer and earmarked "Daystar." Deadline for this is Dec. 16.

2. The Battered Women's Shelter in Dade City is the recipient of the next project. Walmart gift cards in increments of \$25 or less are collected and given to the women in order to have a more "normal" holiday by being able to prepare a dinner for their children and give them presents. Cards may be given to Pat Greene, Pat Butler, Beannie Wise, or if you find it easier, money donations may be given to Bill Wise and should be earmarked "Battered Women's Shelter." Deadline for this is Dec. 6. (Please note that this project has the earliest deadline.)

3. San Antonio Schools were damaged in Hurricane Milton. Some of the classrooms and offices have been temporarily moved due to flooding and subsequent mold



Photo by Bill Watkins

The TR Angel Tree - give a gift.

problems. In addition, many of the children have homes that were damaged. Ruth Bordner has placed an Angel Tree in Busch Hall near the stage. This Christmas Tree has very special ornaments. Take one and you will find the "wish list" of a child, teenager or family from the San Antonio area. The idea is to head out shopping and make the Christmas wish of a special person come true this season. The ornament will have a number on it, instead of a name. Once you have shopped and wrapped, be sure to put the number from your ornament on the gifts. Then, simply put

the packages under the Angel Tree. Again, if donating money to the Angel Tree project is easier for you, the monetary donation should be given to Bill Wise and should be earmarked "Angel Tree." Deadline for this is Dec. 16.

The Special Ministries of TR Church wants to thank you in advance for the endless generosity. Christmas is a special time for food, families and especially for children. Together, by helping in one of these small ways, we can help make local Christmas wishes come true.

TR Annual Holiday Food Drive



by Betty Kazymirczuk

Our annual holiday food drive is underway to benefit DayStar Food Pantry in Dade City. There are three ways you can help:

Cash donations - drop a check or cash donation in the Sunday collection basket or at the TR Post Office addressed to lot 11-01. Please make your check payable to TR Church Association and mark it "Food Pantry." We'll be happy to do the shopping for you.

Bring canned and non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry at the TR Church Cabana at lot 11-01 or the table in Busch Hall.

Pick up an empty Food Pantry box in Busch Hall or the TR Post Office and fill it with suggested items on the list. Return the filled box to the TR Church Cabana or the table in Busch Hall.

For help with delivery or to pick up filled boxes, you may call Dick Wheatley, Betty Kazymirczuk or Patti Hawkins. Their phone numbers are in the TR Directory.

Christmas boxes and donations are needed by Dec. 16.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Decorating TR for Christmas



by Guy Weik

Tradition dictates that the Tuesday after Thanksgiving is Christmas Decorating Day at TR. This year that activity falls on Tuesday, Dec. 3. If you are not already assigned a task with the Golf Course Decorating Committee and would be willing to help out, please contact Betty Teichert or Brenda Varty. A table will be set up during the Ice Cream Social prior to Sunday Entertainment, where Betty and Brenda will have a sign up sheet with tasks still needing volunteers to complete them.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. on Dec. 3 in Busch Hall. Donuts and coffee will be available to help everyone get started. Please grab a couple of friends to help make the task go quickly and make it more enjoyable at the same time! This is a HUGE job that becomes so much easier when many residents volunteer to help out.

The reverse, Decorations Takedown Day, happens the Tuesday after New Year's Day, which is Jan. 7, 2025.

Musicians needed



by Pat Daubemier

As I sat listening to the CMA awards the other night, I suddenly thought, where did the country music go? Much of it sounded like rock and roll, which to me, is fine. I am definitely a product of that era but I missed the story lines that you could actually understand. My next thought was of a song title, "Will you Miss Me When I'm Gone?" I have to admit that I had to look up where this came from, and yes, it was a country song by the Carter family. So will you miss me when I'm gone?

I'm now talking about our very own Travelers who are in danger of being gone. We are in desperate need of instrumentalists. Our plans for this year included adding some new music that would make toes refuse to stay still and carry you right out onto that dance floor. We can still do that if you dig out that instrument and join us! If you'd like to wave your arms and try to keep a bunch of seniors on the same measure, we could use that too. Our director, Phil St. John, would like to retire sometime soon, but we would prefer it not be a forced retirement, as in he has no one to direct. The dance floor is usually full at those Friday dances and everyone seems to enjoy them. We would hate to lose this part of TR history. The rehearsals will start the first Tuesday in January, so you have time to talk yourself into being a part of this wonderful group. I am sure glad that I talked myself into it.

Open House introduces residents to new Church Office

by Margaret Emmetts

For the past year the Church Association has been accepting donations to purchase a custom-designed trailer for use as the Church Office. Having obtained the necessary financing, the trailer was delivered and installed adjacent to the Church Cabana at lot 11-01, which is next to the Fire Station.



The new Church Office.

A recent Open House allowed residents to become acquainted with the trailer's interior. The front end of the facility contains the Chaplain's office. A built-in desk, bookcases and storage cabinets make the room compact but functional. A half-bath is situated adjacent to the office.

The central and largest portion of the building is an area to be used as a meeting room. It features comfortable couches on both walls with enough space for a table and chairs to fit between. Chaplain Shipe advises that several Church Association meetings have already taken place in the space. For this occasion a delicious selection of cookies were on the table.

The rear of the trailer holds a small but efficient kitchen, com-



Carole Young and Anthony Shipe smiling over delicious cookies.



Complete with handicap lift.

plete with a medium-sized refrigerator.

A major feature of the unit is the handicap lift which opens into the kitchen area. The lift is spa-

acious enough to accommodate a large wheelchair. The lift is capable of being operated by hand should a power failure occur. When the lift is on the ground there is a sizable opening in the side of the trailer. As a safety precaution there is a plate in the trailer floor that emits an audible signal if someone should step on it while the door is open.

The unit is still on wheels and will remain so as it is situated above some important buried water lines. Should there be a problem with the lines, the entire trailer can quickly be towed from its spot.

Shipe notes that the Fire Department has keys and the necessary codes to access the building in case of an emergency.

The old Church Cabana will remain in place and serve as a



Still on wheels and very nice.

storage area for food donations and similar activities. Two chillers have been installed behind the cabana to resolve the excessive heat problem that existed in the cabana. It is anticipated that a chest freezer will be located in the cabana in the near future. This will enable the Church to accept frozen-food donations.

Congratulations to the Church Association for envisioning the need for this new facility and for achieving their dream.



Photos by Bill Watkins

Anthony in his new official office.



Bulletin Board

Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION

PICKIN' & GRINNIN' - Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Hobby House. November thru March.
Rob Werner
Harold Keefer

BRIDGE: BEGINNERS

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

CRIBBAGE

Mondays, 6:30-9:00 pm, in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. January-March.
Bob Luther

GAMES NIGHT

Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-contact games. New game each week. January-March.
Linda Smith
Joan Colao

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2nd and 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. November-March Meetings open to all. Amateurs can check into the 8 a.m. Two Meter Net on 146.430 Mhz Monday thru Saturday.
Jim Johnson

BRIDGE: INTERMEDIATES

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West. January-March.
Connie Bradley

SATURDAY DANCE NIGHT

Various available Saturdays. 7-10:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. DJ, Band, or recorded music. Check InTouch schedule for updates.
Diane Hill

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret (Nov-April).
Stacy Grier

AQUATICS - (WATER AEROBICS)

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the pool. Year Round.
Linda Smith

BRIDGE: PARTY/PARTNERS

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

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Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Building. January 6-February 10 (6-week class).
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Fridays, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Nov. 15-April 18.
George Adamson

BALLROOM DANCING

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall, and Wednesdays (Review class) 10-11:00 am, Citrus East. January thru March.
Jeffrey Duquette

BULLETIN BOARD IN BUSCH HALL

For information or help with a notice or ad contact:
Betsy Behler
Guy Weik

DIGITAL PHOTO- POST PROCESS

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. January 7-March 18.
Carey Box

GEOCACHING

Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West. Outings 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. January thru March.
Jack Zanca

BEADAHOLICS

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

CALLIGRAPHY

Fridays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. December-March.
Richard Peebles

DINING WITH FRIENDS

2nd Saturdays, Busch Hall, 5 to 7:00 p.m., January thru March.
Harold and Marlene Hughes

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE

Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Starter Shack.
Kathy Reimann

BIBLE STUDY- EVERYONE

Mondays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the Busch Hall Stage. January 13-March 10.
Anthony Shipe

CAMPFIRES

Third Thursdays, January-March, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Fire Pit. Songs that you know!
Susan Stahley
Cindy Watson

DOMINOES

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

GOLF - MENS LEAGUE

Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Starter Shack.
Barry English

BIBLE STUDY, WOMEN'S

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January-March.
Christy Trotter

CHOIR PRACTICE

Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Sundays 8:45 a.m. in Busch Hall. Join us.
Bernie Gutridge

DULCIMER JAM

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 pm in Citrus East. December-April.
Lois Showers

GOLF - SCRAMBLES

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at 9:00 at Starter Shack.
Tom and Pat Butler

BICYCLING

Tuesdays and Fridays, meet at 845 a.m. at parking lot behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board in Busch Hall for rides.
Rick & Carol Yoder

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

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

DULCIMER LESSONS

Mondays in Citrus West. Beginners: 9:30 a.m. to noon. December-March.
Lois Showers

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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

BINGO

Nov.-Dec.: 1st and 3rd Saturdays; January-March: Weekly. 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.
Linda Smith
Jim Walsh

CHURCH COMMITTEE CHAIRS

3rd Fridays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. November-April.
Harold Hughes
Roy French

ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS

Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. with program following. Performances will be in Busch Hall.
Ken and Sandy Langell

GOLF LESSONS

Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11 a.m.
Lynn Meyers

BIRDING

Tuesdays, 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring binoculars and cameras. December-March.
Tom Butler

CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3rd Fridays, 1 to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Office.
Harold Hughes

EUCHRE

Fridays, 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Citrus East. November-March.
Mary De Weerd

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

BLOOD DRIVE AT TR

Blood drives are held the 1st Monday in December and March. The Blood Mobile will be parked next to the TR Fire Station from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. unless announced otherwise.
Ken Neer

CLOGGERS OF TR

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

FIRE/RESCUE 33

Firefighters-Tues, 9 to 11 am- Fire Station. First Responders-Tuesday, 11 to 1, JMAB. Thursdays, 8:30 am to 12:30 p.m., Paul Rife Room. Business Meeting - 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.
Larry Polzin

HAND AND FOOT

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. January-March.
Diane & Brian Krupicka

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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

COFFEE & DONUTS - RADIO CLUB

1st Saturday (during Flea Markets), and 3rd Saturdays during Yard Sales. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or until sold out. Donuts and coffee served in Busch Hall. Nov.-Mar.
Jim Johnson
Dee Manos

FIVE CROWNS

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

HAPPY HOURS

Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m. Backup venues (weather): Cabana: SSP (always); RV South: CW; Village: HH.
Shala Wilson (Cabana)
Ken Neer (RVS)

BOCCE

Scheduled games and competitions, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 7 p.m. November 15 thru March.
Jim Ridolfi

COFFEE SEMINARS

Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch The TR Times and online calendar for updates.
Rose-Ann Boucher

FIVE HUNDRED CARDS

Saturdays, 6:45 to 9 p.m. In Citrus West. November-March.
Deborah May
Connie Bradley

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundays, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. in Busch Hall.
Rosita Williams

BOOK BROWSERS

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3:00 p.m. in Citrus West. January-March. Book discussions.
Nan Feeney Lance

COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday thru Friday, 7:30 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. January-March.
Rose-Ann Boucher

FLEA MARKET

Flea Markets are held in Busch Hall the first Saturday of each month, November thru March, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Setup at 7 a.m. Coffee & donuts for sale.
Rick and Amy Peebles

IPHONE CLASS

Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Jeri Miller Activity Building. January 9-March 20.
Susan Stahley

BOWLING

Fridays at 2:00 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills. Dec. 6-March 28.
Leslie Price

CONCERT SERIES (WEDNESDAY)

Alternate Wednesdays starting January 8. Busch Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., shows start at 7:00 p.m. Check InTouch and TR Times for program details. Season tickets or pay at the door.
Kathy Shawver
Lacy Shawver

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!

Certain Fridays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at The Grove Stage. Check dates on the InTouch schedule and TR Booklet.
Donna Probes

JOKER

Mondays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West (Jan-Mar). Fridays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus West (Nov-Mar).
Bob & Deb Englert (Mon.)
Deborah May (Fri.)

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. All Brass players welcome! January-March.
Bill Watkins

CORNHOLE

Wednesdays, 7-9:00 pm, at the Shuffleboard Courts. January-March.
Dan Varner

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall, starting January 17. The dance schedule and themes are listed in the TR Booklet and on the InTouch app.
Sharon Fosnight

JUBELLATION

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. November-April.
Bernie Gutridge

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Travelers Rest Resort Activities

KARAOKE

Many non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 9: p.m. in Busch Hall. December-March. Check InTouch schedule.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB (ROADRIDERS)

1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House to plan rides. Tuesday Rides: Meet at 8 a.m., Thursday rides: Meet at 9:30 a.m. (Busch Hall parking lot). January-March.

Bruce Richmond

RUG HOOKING

Tuesdays, 9:30 to noon in the Green Room, Busch Hall. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful!

Tawnya Rowden

UKULELE CLUB

Tuesdays, 3 to 4:00 p.m. in the Hobby House. Players share tips and tunes without weekly instruction. January thru March.

Donna Probes

KNOTTY KNITTERS

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

Diane Fisher

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING

Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. November 15-March.

Mary Kubinieć

SEW SPECIAL

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas. Sewing starts Nov. 11.

Laura Lilawski

VETERANS MEETING

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

Vince Smith (Winter)
Marty Schencke

LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT GAME

Non-dance Fridays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Busch Hall (January-March)

Gary Dietz

OPEN ART STUDIO

Mondays, 2-5:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Bring your own project and supplies (Any medium, not a class). November-March.

Sandy Langell

SHUFFLEBOARD

Tuesdays, Thursdays: 1 to 3 p.m., Competition.

Richard Von Qualen

VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR

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

Marijo Noll

LIBRARY

Located in northwest corner of Busch Hall. Open 24/7. Honor system sign-out. Please reshelve your own books if you can. If not place in cart behind desk. Meetings: 1st Tues., 1:00 p.m. SSP.

Mary Kosbab
Kay Blunda

PET LOVERS CLUB

2nd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. January - March.

Kim Roberts

SNACK SHACK

Currently weekdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. January 6-March 21.

Jim Walsh

WAIST WATCHERS

Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the Hobby House porch. Nov.21-April 10.

Jackie Thackery

LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)

Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. January 8-March 23.

Alex Adair

PICKLEBALL

Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check Outdoor Activities in the TR Booklet and InTouch app for current schedule. Jan-March.

Delia and Carey Box

SPORTS CLUB

Meet in the Jeri Miller Activity Building, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. (January-March) All welcome.

Ray LoPresti

WINTER WALKING AEROBICS

Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East. November- April.

Gloria Polzin

LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. in Busch hall and Saturdays 3 to 4 p.m. in Citrus East. Jan. 2-March 23.

Alex Adair

PINOCHLE

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

John Delaney

STAINED GLASS

All times in Jeri Miller Activity Building, January-March: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., Fridays, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Instructor - Shari Harberts

Shari Harberts
Laura Appgar

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. November-March.

Amy Grier

LITURGICAL DANCE

Thursdays, 2-3:00 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Building (December-March)

Donna Neer

POKER TEXAS HOLD 'EM

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

Tom Thompson

TAI CHI

Mondays (except 2nd Mondays) and Thursdays, 10-11:00 am, Hobby House. (January 11-March 28).

Kathleen Sanders

WEIGHTS & STRETCHING

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 9:00 a.m. in Citrus East and West. Year-round.

Sheila Schencke

MAH JONG CHINESE

Mondays and Fridays, 12 to 2:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Dec 9-March.

Marcia Hatfield

POM POM DRILL TEAM

Tuesdays, 3-4:00 pm, in Citrus East.

Donna Neer

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG

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

Charles Mason

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Citrus West.

Diana Hill

MAH JONGG - NATIONAL PLAY

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays. Nov.18-March.

Bette Gorman

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

Marty Schencke

TENNIS

Open play, Mondays- Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. January-April.

Betty Teichert

WIZARD

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. January-March.

Imma Smith
Gary Smith

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

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

Lorraine Gould

QUILLING ON A BUDGET

Thursdays, 1:15-3:30 p.m. in Citrus West. January 9-March.

Pat Daubenmier

STONE & TIGHTEN

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

Bev Weissinger
Louise McRoberts

WOOD SHOP

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

Larry Kurkowski

MEN'S & WOMEN'S POP CHORUS

Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. January-March.

Mary Beth Coldren

QUILTING

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. Nov.7-March.

Cloie Morgan

TR SINGING MEN

Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Building. All men are invited to sing along.

Ron Reeve
Gene Gough

WOODCARVING

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. January-March.

Linda Murphy

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB

RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake.

Chris Farler, Commodore

RC AIRPLANE FLYING

Parlor - Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Outdoor - Tuesdays, 8-11:45 a.m. , at the Golf Course 9th hole.

James Morrow, Sr.

TR TRAVEL

Day trips by bus begin and end at TR. Watch for new trips in TR Times, BH Bulletin Board and InTouch.

Sharon Gilbert Zile

YOGA

Restorative Yoga (Improves flexibility): Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15 a.m. Yoga for Athletes: Thursdays, 7:15-8:15 a.m. Both in Citrus West, January 14-March.

Renee DeTar

YACHT CLUB SAILBOAT RACING

Sailboat Open Practice: Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. (December-March 15)

Jamie Hyde

RC MOTORSPORTS

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. at our track by the Snack Shack. Practice precedes race schedule. January-March.

John Toombs

TR TRAVELAIRES ORCHESTRA

Tuesdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.

Pat Daubenmier

ZUMBA

Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in Citrus West. Cardio dance. January-March.

Bev Weissinger

YACHT CLUB POWERBOAT RACING

Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake (January-March 15).

Howard Best
Don Meddles

SOCIAL FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Red Dot Social: 2nd Thursdays. Nov/Dec: 12:00-1:00 pm in Citrus West. Jan-Mar: Coffee Seminar (2nd Th., 8-9:00 am) in Busch Hall. New residents learn about all that TR has to offer!

Diana Hill

TRAVELOGUE

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

Bert Contractor

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activity Building (Dec-March).

Brian Krupicka

ROCK PAINTING

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. December-March.

Marcia Hatfield

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)

Movie shorts at 6:45 p.m., feature movies start at 7:00 p.m., in Citrus East. Movie Night runs January thru March.

Jim and Carol Henrikson



All changes, additions or corrections to any Activity.

Contact Guy Weik

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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
Volunteer Tour Director

Welcome back to TR for another year of the camaraderie that being part of this very special community brings! We each have our story of the off-season, much like the “what-I-did-on-summer-vacation” stories we, as children, were required to write. Dan and I have a story of prepping a house to be sold, several medical events, celebrating his grandson’s wedding and taking my 11-year old granddaughter camping in Acadia National Park. We’ll be eager to hear about your adventures and especially the mis-adventures!

TR offers more than 100 activities for you to experience the TR spirit, and TR Travel provides opportunity to travel beyond TR with new and returning friends! As Volunteer Tour Directors, Dan and I make arrangements with Small World Tours, a luxury motorcoach company, to take groups of 32-56 TR passengers to Central Florida attractions for day trips as well as nearby states for multi-day bus trips. Some years, TR Travel will book a cruise with an established travel agent. For each trip passengers pay their own fees – no TR funds are allocated for these trips.

Trip information and promotion is shared in multiple ways: Facebook Residents & Friends group, a bulletin board in the Post Office entrance, a Busch Hall bulletin board with paper flyers available, the TR InTouchLink Community app, and *The TR Times* travel articles. Buses pick-up and return all passengers to the Busch Hall parking lot. Your payment for day trips should be sent to me at #2540 before the reservation deadline with checks made payable to Small World Tours and including your name(s) and phone number. Each trip, not each person, requires a separate check. Multi-day trips often have unique payment procedures. When in doubt, call or text me at 740-360-3819.

This article will highlight two

upcoming trips. Reservations are needed by Jan. 9.

Biloxi & New Orleans:

March 10-14: Leaving TR on Monday morning, we will travel to the luxurious Beau Rivage Casino for a buffet dinner (included), then play the slots or have a drink before heading to bed. On Day 2 we head for New Orleans (NOLA) for lunch on your own followed by a great overview of NOLA on our 3-hour Super City Tour which includes The Mardi Gras World Museum where the parade floats are made and Café Du Monde for the yummy beignets. Our Drury Inn Hotel is a short distance from the French Quarter. Day 3 includes breakfast

at the hotel and a visit to an historic Houmas House Plantation and Gardens. You’ll have time for some fun at Harrah’s Casino before our dinner cruise on the Steamboat Natchez. On Day 4 after breakfast at the hotel and time to explore the nearby French Farmers Market, we’ll visit the #1 attraction in NOLA: the National WWII Museum with a buffet lunch and patriotic music featuring the Victory Belles. Then we load the bus and head toward the Margaritaville Resort in Biloxi where you may wish to rest, explore the resort or take the shuttle to multiple casinos within Biloxi. After an overnight and breakfast at the Margaritaville Resort, we depart

on our scenic drive back to TR. Cost is \$1,449 pp based on double occupancy. Driver gratuity included. Call me for payment details, 740-360-3819. Let the good times roll!

Note: I do have one female who would be happy to find a female roommate for this trip.

Starlite Majesty Luncheon Cruise: This Jan. 23 day trip departs at 9:30 a.m. for Clearwater where we will board the beautiful Starlite Majesty Dining Yacht. With large picture windows offering panoramic views of the coast, the ship cruises the smooth inland waters of Florida’s Gulf Coast. We’ll enjoy a 2-hour lunch as the Captain narrates a tour of the

surrounding areas. This trip is Activity Level 1, meaning anyone can go, regardless of mobility. Please let me know if you will be bringing a scooter. We will return to TR by 4 p.m. Cost is \$99 per person with checks payable to Small World Tours and mailed to me at #2540. Driver and lunch gratuity included. This trip is available for 56 persons. Reservation deadline is Jan. 9. Reservations may be cancelled by Jan. 9 without penalty and are transferable until the date of trip.

Travel thoughts: Life is better when you’re on a trip with friends!

It’s the friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey. Unknown

Don't miss any deadlines
for exciting travel with TR volunteer hosts
Sharon and Dan Zile



TRAVELER'S REST PRESENTS:

STARLITE MAJESTY

January 23rd, 2025

Come join us aboard as we travel to beautiful Clearwater to board the Starlite Majesty Dining Yacht. This sleek and modern 115 foot ship offers a lovely fine dining themed cruise. With large picture windows offering panoramic views of the coast, as the ship cruises the smooth scenic inland waters of Florida’s gulf coast. We will enjoy a 2 hour lunch cruise as the Captain narrates a tour of the surrounding areas. Sign up today! Activity Level 1

\$99.00PP

Tour Includes:
 * R/T transportation
 * Scenic cruise
 * Lunch, tax & gratuity
 * Driver Gratuity



Full payment due at time of reservation.
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Make checks payable to Small World Tours.

Motor coach departs from Busch Hall 9:30AM & returns at 4:00PM

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Biloxi & New Orleans

March 10th-14th, 2025







Day One, Monday, March 10th, 2025 D
 Today we have an early start and will make our way to the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast and the luxurious Beau Rivage Casino. Enjoy an unforgettable gaming experience in the over 85,000 square foot casino. You can dine at your leisure and enjoy the delicious buffet tonight (included), then play the slots or have a drink in the Black Clover Lounge before heading to bed to get ready for our great New Orleans tour! \$25.00 in free play, \$15.00 food voucher for breakfast included.
OVERNIGHT- Beau Rivage Casino, Biloxi, MS

Day Two, Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 B
 Wake up and enjoy breakfast at The Beau Rivage before our morning departure to New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon arrival, we will have lunch (on your own) before exploring this unique city with a 3 hour Super City Tour with a step on guide. We will make a stop at The Mardi Gras World Museum as well as a stop at Cafe Du Monde for some famous beignets! Then we will check into our beautiful historic hotel, located on Poydras Street near the French Quarter. Tonight, you will be free to explore this historic city on your own, and enjoy all it has to offer.
OVERNIGHT- Drury Inn, New Orleans, LA

Day Three, Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 B, L, D
 We will start our adventures today with a delicious breakfast at our hotel, then depart for a historic day of exploration! Our first stop is the incredible Houmas House Plantation & Gardens where you will learn about the rich history of this sugar cane plantation. We will have a docent led tour and New Orleans style lunch at this restored and unique property. Known as the "Sugar Palace", the plantation is said to have ghosts wandering it's 38 acres of lush gardens. This afternoon you will have some free time to enjoy Harrah's Casino! Tonight, we will enjoy a fantastic dinner cruise on the Steamboat Natchez!
OVERNIGHT- Drury Inn, New Orleans, LA

Day Four, Thursday, March 13th, 2025 B, L
 We will wake up early this morning, and have breakfast at our hotel, afterwards, you may want to explore the local flea market or the nearby French Farmers Market before heading for the National WWII Museum! Today you will learn why this war was fought, how it was won, and what it means for us today. A truly moving and informative museum, you won't forget this visit. Lunch will be a buffet at the museum with a performance by the Victory Belles! This afternoon, we will say good-bye to New Orleans and head back to Biloxi to the beautiful Margaritaville Resort. Enjoy the expansive resort, or take the shuttle to multiple casinos within Biloxi!
OVERNIGHT- Margaritaville Resort, Biloxi, MS

Day Five, Friday, March 14th, 2025 B
 Rise and Shine! Today we will have breakfast before checking out and departing for home! Enjoy the beautiful drive south with a stop for lunch (on your own) on the way.

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Library News

Volunteers work to keep the Library user-friendly

by Amy Peebles

Welcome back to another season at the TR Library! You will find several changes that volunteers implemented during our last meeting of the year in April to refresh, reorganize and make the library more user friendly.

Our biggest accomplishment was incorporating the Christian and Western books into the main fiction sections. The books are still easy to recognize by their genre stickers on the top spines. The move made more shelf space, so volunteers were able to expand the General Fiction section onto the former shelves of the Christian and Western sections.

The Classics section has also been relocated beside the DVDs section along with the puzzles which were moved back from the Hobby House, and part of the Biography and Large Print sections replaces the Classics on the tall shelf unit facing the door.

With those projects completed, a small group of year-round volunteers kept up with the daily tasks of running the library during the summer months.

The bulletin boards have been refreshed and will be frequently updated with pertinent information about TR Library news, general TR news and information about the Hugh Embry branch of the Dade City Library. Our library volunteers have a friendly relationship with the branch's staff and they will be happy to assist you when you visit. Throughout the year retired books in our Free Bins are taken to Hugh Embry Library for their book sales.

A note of thanks to all who have donated books and DVDs to the library. Due to popularity, we are working to increase our Large Print books this year and any donation to this section would be very much appreciated.

Also, thanks to the Party Planners for their generous donation to the library.

A few friendly reminders for the season: When you are finished with a book, please return it so someone else can enjoy it, especially new releases. If you suggest a Recommended Book, it should be a book that we have in our library.

Due to space, we can only accept donated books within a 5-year copyright of the current year. We also do not have room for large size books. Please reshelve the books you borrowed or leave them on the rolling cart for our volunteers to do so.

Our volunteers meet the first Tuesday of every month and we invite anyone interested to join us. Our first official meeting in January charts our course for the season. At the monthly meetings we discuss suggestions on how to improve current operations as well as develop new ideas on how to keep the library organized and running most efficiently so your visits will be a pleasant experience. Day to day responsibilities include processing new donations and reshelving borrowed books and DVDs. As a volunteer you may sign up to work a scheduled shift or drop in to work as your schedule permits. For more information about becoming a volunteer please contact Mary Kosbab, chairman, Kay Blunda, co-chair, or any other library volunteer member.

Books new to the TR Library

by Mary Kosbab

FIC - "Never" by Ken Follett - A shrinking oasis in the Sahara Desert; a stolen U.S. Army drone; an uninhabited Japanese island; one country's secret stash of deadly chemical poisons. All these play roles in a relentlessly escalating crisis.

FIC - "The Underground Library" by Jennifer Ryan - When the Blitz imperils the heart of a London neighborhood, three young women must use their fighting spirit to save the community's beloved library in this novel based on true events.

BIOG - "It's a Long Story, My Life" by Willie Nelson - Willie Nelson shares his life story in this heartfelt best-selling memoir of true love, wild times, best friends and bar rooms.

FIC - "The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency" series by Alexander McCall Smith - This first novel in Alexander McCall Smith's widely acclaimed "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" series tells the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives." We have more in this series.

FIC - "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr - Among the most celebrated and beloved novels of recent times, Cloud Cuckoo Land is a triumph of imagination and compassion, a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope and a book.

FIC - "Cross Roads" by William Paul Young - Anthony Spencer is egotistical, proud of being a self-made business success at the peak of his game, even though the cost of winning was painfully high. A cerebral hemorrhage leaves Tony comatose in a hospital ICU. He awakens to find himself in a surreal world, a living landscape that mirrors dimensions of his earthly life, from the beautiful to the corrupt.

FIC - "Fear Thy Neighbor" by Fern Michaels - At 29 years old, Alison Marshall is ready to find a place to call home. With no family and no ties, she's drifted from one

small Florida town to another since high school, working odd jobs, saving hard and building a nest egg. Once she finds the right place to settle down, she'll know. When she reaches beautiful Palmetto Island, she thinks she may have found it.

FIC - "Someone Else's Shoes" A Novel by Jojo Moyes - Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off. Nisha is determined to hang onto her glamorous life. But in the meantime, she must scramble to cope. She doesn't even have the shoes she was, until a moment ago, standing in.

FIC - "Storm Clouds Rolling In" (#1 in the Bregdan Chronicles Historical Fiction Series), by Ginny Dye - Carrie had always lived a charmed life, but restlessness gnawed at her soul. She dreamed of a different future, but dramatic changes are taking place in the South. Her heart and mind would soon be tested by fire - sweeping away dreams of freedom as chaos descends. Book one in a highly acclaimed historical fiction series of 20.

New Large Print Books in our library:

LP - "The Mystery Guest" a Maid Novel, (Molly the Maid Book Two), by Nita Prose - Molly Gray is not like anyone else. With her flair for cleaning and proper etiquette, she has risen through the ranks of the glorious five-star Regency Grand Hotel to become the esteemed Head Maid. But just as her life reaches a pinnacle state of perfection, her world is turned upside down when J. D. Grimthorpe, the world-renowned mystery author, drops dead—very dead—on the hotel's tearoom floor.

LP - "The Schoolhouse" A Hickory Grove Novel by Elizabeth Brooke -The Schoolhouse is a heartwarming, second-chance romance about a determined forty-something, her high school sweetheart and the abandoned schoolhouse that just might have a little life left.

LP - "Everything to Gain" by Barbara Taylor Bradford -

Heartbreaking and amazing recovery of a woman's spirit. Family struggles with lots of love in the healing process.

LP - "Hey, Good Looking" by Fern Michaels - Darby Lane and Russell Gunn had been inseparable friends from their early years in the Horseshoe, their wonderful Baton Rouge neighborhood of Southern comforts and childhood fancies, all the way through to graduate school dreams and beyond. Then the unthinkable happens: a tragic accident takes Russ's life and Darby's world is shattered. Returning to the Horseshoe in utter despair, Darby clings to the only family she's ever had, the three wily and colorful aunts who raised her.

LP - "Everlasting" by Katherine Woodwiss - Once Abrielle was a privileged daughter coveted for her bearing, her breeding, her wit and her beauty. But when her stepfather is denied his rightful title and the wealth that accompanies it, Abrielle finds herself suddenly disgraced.

LP and FIC - "Strawberries and Sprinkles" by Leena Clover - Number one in A Pelican Cove Mystery series. Dumped by her cheating husband, 44-year-old Jenny King is trying to build a new life in the small seaside town of Pelican Cove. Locals are lining up at the Boardwalk Cafe for her tasty cakes and muffins. But when her aunt, a local artist, is accused of killing a stranger, Jenny is forced to set her apron aside and put on her sleuthing cap. We have some of this series in the Large Print Section and some in the Fiction Section.

LP - "Neighbors" by Danielle Steel - a reclusive woman opens up her home to her neighbors in the wake of a devastating earthquake, setting off events that reveal secrets, break relationships apart and bring strangers together to forge powerful new bonds.

LP - "The Women of Crooked Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson - this is a novel following Cussy Mary, a packhorse librarian and her quest to bring books to the Appalachian community she loves.

Garden News



What I did over my summer staycation

by Nancy McDowell

Welcome back everyone, to another winter season at TR. If you are new to TR be advised that the Lake Margaret Garden Club welcomes all volunteers who do not mind a little dirt under their fingernails.

It is nice to see folks return, breathing more life back into the park. Soon more activities will be sprouting up and autumnal gardening work will be well underway.

As a full-timer at TR I find April bittersweet. By far one of the most pleasant months weather-wise with cool mornings, humid-free afternoons and sleeping with windows open at night. Spring's pastel colors abound and trees are covered with their violet and pink buds, but by month's end the park is pretty empty of friends and neighbors. Beyond the park it is harvest season for a variety of fruits and vegetables. At local U-Pick farms I gathered blueberries, peaches and blackberries and then held a jamboree in my kitchen!

May taunted us with humidity as temps crept upwards. Despite May's efforts, mornings were still pleasant enough to walk around Lake Margaret Garden. Bright impatiens and canna were in bloom. Milkweed was very much in color and attracting local monarchs. Magnolia and jacaranda trees were blossoming all around the park. Hibiscus and desert roses throughout the park began to show their true colors.

In June it was cooler here in Florida than other parts of North America, but it was still hot. The blistering temps brought rain later each day. Lawns and gardens took full advantage of the water. Crepe Myrtles were a lovely red color all month. Despite the conditions the wild boars did what they do best, evidenced by the damage on the golf course. Just as pesky, the weeds started their invasion in the

Garden. Regardless, Amy Grier hosted a nicely attended summer Garden Party.

Now for the heart of hurricane season... July, August, September; each month passed like a sultry blur. There were countless days with late afternoon storms rolling through. Lucky that no hurricane eyed us as a direct hit. Nice try, Helene.

Then, October. The weeds in the garden had their typical "field day" invading willy-nilly. Just began to plan the LMGCC Halloween Garden Party, then Milton. Now that hurricane put the weeds to shame as far as destruction goes. Nature did a good deal of pruning and clearing. It is amazing that the Garden is in as good shape as it is, due to the dedicated hard work of so many early returnees. Come stroll through.

In Memorium:

On a sadder note, we learned of the passing of two LMGCC volunteers.

Dick Burns, LMGCC Tool Man, passed away. Working in the garden was his favorite part of being at TR. (Credit: Dick Wheatley.)

Karel Beck was a long and faithful member of the Lake Margaret Garden Club. He put in the cobblestone sidewalk in front of the sink in our meeting area. He did it on his hands and knees in his 80s! He spent many hours working along the golf cart path to the sheds, revealing many lovely plants that were hidden in the overgrowth of ferns. Karel's history at TR was long enough that he knew the ferns had been purposefully planted by a dedicated gardener years before, when the garden was brand new and needed ground cover. (Credit: Linda Jackson.)

Upcoming Lake Margaret Garden Club event: Join us for the Christmas Stroll, Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m.



One local u-pick farm was overloaded with juicy peaches.



Lake Margaret Garden blooms with magnificent color. Photos by Nancy McDowell

Pets on Parade



QUICHE LORRAINE

by Judy Leister

When I hear the words Quiche Lorraine I automatically start craving yummy eggs, bacon and cheese served in a delicious homemade crust but here at TR we have another version. This one comes with four legs, has curly red poodle hair and is oh sooooo cute!

Back in the '60s the band called B52 performed a song where the singer had his invisible poodle, Quiche Lorraine, on a leash running around on the stage. Denise, a gal in Connecticut, always loved that song and vowed before she died she had to have a little poodle named Quiche Lorraine. Denise ran a dog rescue and

was renowned for finding homes for the hard-to-place dogs. She had connections to a shelter in NYC that called her whenever they had a dog that needed a special placement.

One of those calls was about a tiny six-month-old apricot toy poodle. She had spent almost all of her time in her crate and that crate was never cleaned. She lived in her own feces. She never went outside. She had never been on a leash. She was afraid of everyone and everything. Of course Denise brought her home. They couldn't get her out of her crate so they ended up pouring her out onto their bathroom floor. Her husband was an accomplished dog trainer and spent 30 hours working with her to gain her confidence.

At the same time all of this was happening Pam and Scott Fuller entered the scene. They had lost one of their older Min Pins earlier and had found themselves ready to bring a youngster into their lives. They had never given any thought to having a poodle but

as soon as they saw the story of Quiche they quickly made arrangements to see her.

The moment they saw her they knew they wanted her to be a part of their family. They had to wait two weeks to pick her up because she was being spayed. However once she joined their family, things started going in the right direction.

Quichee (new pronunciation) was amazing. She immediately bonded with their little white dog, Merci. Merci has played a huge part in helping Quichee adjust to her new life. They cuddle together at bedtime. They romp and play together. They are absolutely BEST friends.

The Fullers have not been at TR that long but they are really liking it. It has been absolutely amazing for Quichee. She loves going to the TR dog park. She has figured out those other dogs are not out to get her. She can zoom around with them and play. Their humans are even nice too. Quichee you can now enjoy the life you should have had from the very beginning.

Pet Lovers Club

by Kim Roberts

Here we go again. Another season is upon us.

I would like to start by saying how grateful I am for the fact that we did not get the direct hit from Milton that they were predicting. However, South Paw Dog Park did get very flooded and we lost a few things in the shed from flooding.

We need to thank Joyce Ritzer (Cooter's gramma) and Jeff Green (Snoopy's dad) for the cleanup that they did. It took a lot of raking and fence repair, etc. Thank you very much for volunteering and

helping. You are great examples of what makes our dog parks beautiful.

We are looking forward to a fun season this year. Our first meeting will be Friday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. in the JMAB.

Please remember if you use our dog parks, \$10 dues is appreciated. These funds help with the expenses incurred.

The Pup Crawl is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. More information to come soon, mark your calendar.



Photos by Kim Roberts

The dog park fences suffered some damage from debris.

Birding Activity



Travelers Rest: A birding smorgasbord

by Tom Butler

It would seem obvious that we have a birding smorgasbord when you consider there are about 50 feeders spread through the Bird Trail and countless others maintained by residents scattered throughout the park. The feeders only make the birds easier to enjoy for the average bird lover. What really brings them in is the vast diversity of habitat found in our lovely park. Everyone knows that water will attract many species – we have that. Old growth Live Oak trees attract a different set of birds – check! New growth trees and vegetation appeal to many groups of feathered friends – got it! Some birds prefer a golf course for the open spaces – bingo!

These observations are recorded on an app called E-bird and are shared with the Cornell University ornithologists and millions of enthusiasts worldwide. Want to see a specific bird – log onto E-bird, find where it is being seen, go to that location and enjoy. So, are birders coming to Travelers Rest? You bet! We have conducted tours for four different Audubon groups. They have spotted the number and diversity of species being observed on E-bird and scheduled a tour. They are always impressed with our park and our people as much as they are with the birds. (But you already know that!)

Water – we have seven small bodies of water that attract Egrets, Herons, Kingfishers, Ospreys, Eagles, Sandpipers and Snipe - just to name a few. These bodies of water provide an abundance of food and nesting sites close to their food source. These birds dive, hover, swoop and wade for the goodies they crave.

Old-growth trees such as our Southern Live Oaks are bird magnets. These trees attract a different set of birds that are looking for food, shelter and nesting sites. Who is on this guest list? Owls, Woodpeckers, Hawks, Nuthatches and Sapsuckers, as well as a host of others. You might also spot the Black and White Warblers that cling to the bark upside down looking for insects.

New-growth trees and vegetation – these younger trees and plants provide food, shelter and nesting opportunities for additional species. What kind of friend might you find here? Buntings, Warblers, Vireos, Hummingbirds and many others. Insects, seeds and berries are on the menu in these locations. Flowers in these areas will also attract the butterflies and hummingbirds.

Open areas such as our golf course will bring in other species that many forget about. Kestrels, Bluebirds, Barn Swallows and Kites (both feathered and tethered kites prefer these locations). These birds prefer to hunt their prey in open fields by soaring and searching for something scrumptious to eat.

Turns out that Travelers Rest has everything needed to be a "Birding Hotspot." There are 174 species that have been identified in our small park. This rivals larger wildlife and state parks. The food is so abundant, buffet restaurants have nothing on us. Get out there and witness the beauty of nature.



by Margaret Emmetts

We all like to be sure our pets are safe and healthy and we often consider them members of the family. As such, we usually include them in the family Christmas gift list.

Although I do not personally have a pet I do have a grand dog that visits me frequently at my home in the north. Because I have a dog in the family, a recent television presentation caught my attention. It concerned Christmas gifts for pets.

Many people now use the Internet for Christmas shopping both for convenience and to avoid the crowds at the mall. You might do this to shop for Christmas gifts

for your dog or cat. The television program I saw issued an alert regarding purchasing pet treats and/or toys from unknown sources.

Reputable dog or cat food and treat producers are subject to regulations that assure that the products they develop are both healthy and safe. Unfortunately that may not be true with independent producers of treats and toys. Homemade pet toys sold over the Internet may look appealing, but do they present a hazard to your pet? Have these producers taken into consideration possible health threats? Small detachable parts on a toy may induce choking. If it is

a stuffed toy, is the stuffing safe to be ingested? Most pets are quite capable of quickly removing stuffing from a toy.

As far as treats are concerned, do the ingredients contain any substances that might be harmful to your specific pet?

The fact that television has made an issue of making pet owners aware of the potential dangers indicates to me that problems in this area do exist.

The bottom line is to be sure that what you purchase is really safe. We all want to have a happy Christmas with no emergency trips to the vet.

Wildlife news of TR back in 1980

by Margaret Emmetts

While perusing a history of TR published in 1980 I found some of the following information:

It was reported that bird life is abundant at Travelers Rest. Flocks of egrets fly over the park morning and evening and great horned owls are nesting near the pond.

In the spring, flocks of blue birds are seen perched on TV antennas and at night, the chuck-williwidow sends out its plaintive cry. This is cousin of the whip-poor-will.

Kildeer have been known to lay their eggs by the side of the road in grass, pebbles and stones.

Parakeets were apparently introduced to the park in the fall of 1978. They were set loose and some 50 of the birds lived in the trees by the home of Olivia and Jake Busch.

It was reported that red shouldered hawks had taken a fancy to the antennas on the mobile homes and sometimes had to actually be "shooed off" during the night.

Some 66 different species of birds were identified by bird-watchers. (The list is much longer today.)

One resident set out a trap hoping to snare an armadillo. When a friend came to help free the cat that had been caught he informed the resident that what he

caught was no "pussy cat." It was a wild bob cat!

Armadillos were the biggest pest in the park even back in 1980. One was reported to have worked its way through someone's door mat to get at something appealing underneath.

The park had a few alligators back in the '80s but it was reported that most were only around in the summer when there were fewer people present.

Black snakes are found occasionally. These are beneficial and should be protected.

Overall it looks as though not much has changed in the wildlife found at TR in the past 40+ years.

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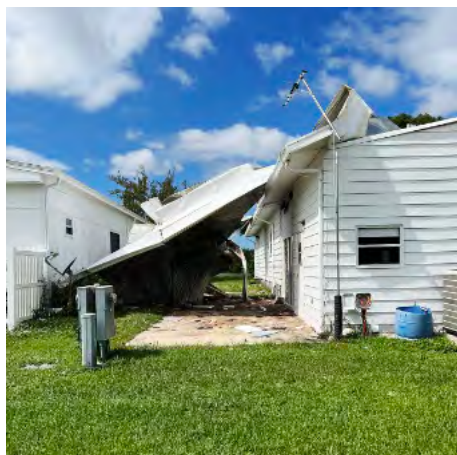


Hurricane Milton hits TR

TR was extremely fortunate. Although the park sustained damage in many areas no injuries occurred. Compared to other areas in the state, our damage was minimal. The photos reflect some of the damage around the park. We have not identified the specific locations, although some may become immediately identifiable.



Many locations experienced twisted aluminum.



Our trees took a real beating. FEMA will clean up the piles along TR Blvd. but we don't have a date for the work to be done.

Water, water everywhere.



Our fence on Johnston Rd. has some new twists and turns.

Photos by:
Linda Smith, Nancy McDowell,
Phyllis Zitzer, Carol Luther,
Marijo Noll, Bill Watkins,
Margaret Emmetts,
Laura Maragnano, Bill Cordsen,
Prudence Powell, Ken Langell
and Michelle Napoletano



TR Sports



Ladies' Golf League results

by Kathy Reimann

Sixteen eager lady golfers started off the new season with some very impressive results. Congratulations to Marijo Noll with six 1-putts.

Wednesday Nov. 6

Low Gross

Marijo Noll.....	34
Shirley-Ann Appleby,	
Maureen Peet	38
Hazel English.....	39

Low Net

Shirley-Ann Appleby,	
Maureen Peet	30
Marijo Noll.....	34
Barb Swartz.....	35

Fewest Putts:

Marijo Noll.....	12
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Birdies:

Hazel English,	
Maureen Peet	1
Shirley-Ann Appleby	2

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Low Gross

Hazel English.....	35
Sylvia Cole.....	40
Pat Gallagher.....	41

Low Net

Barb Larose.....	31
Kelly Person, Dee Branch,	
Barb Swartz.....	34

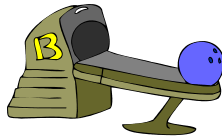
Fewest Putts:

Hazel English.....	13
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Chip-Ins:

Hazel English	
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TR Bowling League begins in December



by Leslie Price

TR Bowling League begins Friday, Dec. 5 and runs through March 21 every Friday. Please arrive by 2 p.m. and bowling start starts at 2:15 p.m. A fee of \$9 includes shoes and a ball, if needed. Join us at Pin Chaser Lanes, 6816 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills. All skill levels are welcome. Just come have fun.

Men's Golf League results for Nov. 21



by Barry English

Excellent golf day today for our Nov. 21 Men's League. Thanks to John Peet for collecting our annual fee of \$10 and as always to Ralph Smith for getting us all organized and on the course.

Low Handicap (0-8)

Low Gross

Phil Simmers.....	35
Ralph Smith	35
Barry English	36

Low Net

Don Buchser.....	30
Rob Prophet	30

Closest to # 5

Gary Wintle.....	3'9"
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High Handicap (9+)

Low Gross

Dick Myles.....	41
Doug Waymouth	42

Low Net

John DeWeerd.....	36
Dennis Ledbetter.....	41

Birdies: Phil Simmers (2), Bruce Cole, Don Buchser, Gary Wintle, John Peet



Short game tips for golfers

by Jane Harrold

Since the Ladies' and Men's Golf Leagues are having their tournaments next week I think this is perfect timing for an article about golf.

Many regular readers know that I am not a serious golfer. Even complete strangers quickly figure this out when they see my pink clubs, pink balls and my golf glove with cute pink flowers. I have contemplated buying pink tees but I think that might be overdoing it.

For years I have been trying to improve my driving – the golf ball not the car kind. I have changed my grip and stance to get the ball to go straighter and farther. Luckily something worked because recently my drive is the best part of my game. Amazing. Now it is time to focus on my short game. As I write this I hear my friend Dick Kosbab muttering something about my height making all of my games short. However the short game in golf is all about putting and chipping.

My dad and I are sure many golfers have said that, "you drive for show and you putt for dough." Extremely true. Having a terrific drive and then three putts really hurts your score. I have not heard a cute quote about chipping but I have a few personal comments, most of which are variations of not over there, too bad I have no sense of direction or whoa ball.

Here are my short game golf tips.

1. Visualize your putt going in. This seems too obvious to be a tip but mentally seeing the ball drop into the hole does help the

ball get the message. If this seems too far-fetched you can try saying aloud, "Go in." Personally I am going with the visualizing since I don't want the other golfers to know that I talk to golf balls.

2. Use your eyes when you putt. Sounds like visualizing again but this tip has to do with the way in which our eyes actually work. It seems that if your putts always go right you need to move the ball forward in your stance or if they go left you need to move it back. I would like to know how some golfer/mathematician genius first figured this out. I'm thinking just plain luck.

3. Do not leave your putt short. Again with the short word. Try to visualize the ball going past the hole. I think the writer of this tip should read tip #1. However a putt that is not long enough has no chance of going in or past. When putting downhill you have to adjust this visualization or you may wind up with a longer putt coming back than you had in the first place. Oops.

4. Chip like you putt. I really read this tip in a magazine. Since my putting is often in trouble it seems like this is not the best piece of advice. Apparently the expert's point was that most golfers need to loosen their grip pressure in order to putt or chip better. Soft hands make for a smooth stroke and this will improve your game. I wonder if professional golfers recommend any particular brand of hand lotion.

5. When chipping do not try to help the ball up. Of course I am

trying to help the ball go up. If I don't help it get into the air how will it ever stop just scooting across the ground, over the green and off the backside. Up ball, go up!

6. Stand closer to your ball when chipping. This sounds like intimidation to me but it is supposed to improve my swing so that I will be hitting more down on the ball and not helping it go up. See tip #5.

A good short game will save more strokes than a huge drive. This is good news. All I have to do is keep my drive on the fairway, make a decent second shot and then let the short game take over. If only Jane's real world of golf was that simple.

Incidentally, while doing my research I saw a Q&A column which I thought dealt really well with one of the most important golf questions. A male golfer asked an expert, "What is the best thing to say to a wife when she hits a poor shot." The answer: "Nothing." This is excellent advice. As a matter of fact it is so good that I am cutting out this column and underlining that part for Bill. After playing golf with me over the years he has learned this valuable lesson and I want him to know that he and the golf expert agree. Bill has even taken this one step further by sometimes saying that he did not even see my shot. See no bad shots. Speak no advice. Bill is a perfect golf partner. I think I will have to keep him.

Have a great tournament and remember this definition for golf – Game On Let's have Fun.

TR Golf Course Christmas decorations going up Tuesday



by Laurie Zentmyer

Volunteers are needed to come help decorate our beautiful TR Golf Course on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Please plan to meet at the Starter Shack at 9 a.m. where decorations will be given out.

Come help spread some Christmas cheer!

TR Scrambles resume in December

by Pat Butler

Dawn and Dave Pulleyn are heading up the TR Scrambles this season. They will have a season opener on Saturday, Dec. 14, with a Best Ball, Stand Alone on the Drive Scramble. Come on out and join in the fun!

Scrambles will be held on the second, third and fourth Saturdays of January, February and March. Watch for the clipboard hanging up at the Starter Shack to register for each. Cost is \$3 per golfer with proceeds donated to the TR Golf Course Beautification Fund. Gather at Hole # 1 at 8:45 a.m. and plan to tee off at 9 a.m.

Contact Dave or Dawn for any questions you may have.



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Obituaries

RICHARD G. BARTRAM

Richard Bartram, 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 15, 2024 at the Waterman Enhanced Living in Bloomfield, Conn.

Born Oct. 12, 1935 in New Haven, he was the son of the late Gerald and Margaret (Gaines) Bartram. He was the loving husband of the late Eileen (Richardson) Bartram who passed away in January 2019.

Richard was an Engineering Graduate of General Motors Institute of Technology. He worked a few years for GM then at a few other manufacturing companies and eventually ended up at Stanley Steel Strapping as a Field Service Engineer. He rose to the position of Marketing Manager and continued at Stanley for 25 years. From there he opened a successful sales and service company of his own which he ran until retirement. Post retirement as a business consultant he created several other similar companies on a contract basis.

In his relaxation time he was the Airstream Club International Treasurer, Region Corresponding Secretary, President of the Airstream Charter Oak Club and Life Member of the Airstream Club WBCCI.

Over the course of Dick and Eileen's retirement they spent time as active members of St. John Episcopal Church in New Hartford, Conn. and quite a bit of time camping amongst their Airstream friends. In this regard they enjoyed their time in their home at Travelers Rest where they resided in The Village on Lot 2621.

Richard is survived by four children from his first marriage to Melvalyn Hinds: John (Grace) Bartram, Suzanne Walton, Laura (Tom) Maragnano and Sally (Giles) Potter. He is also survived by Eileen's three children: David (Jackie) Buyak, Nancy Hoyt and Susan (Fred) Newman. So far there are 19 grandchildren and literally dozens of great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's research.

WILMA HARDLEY

Wilma Hardley, 84, died peacefully on May 27, 2024 after a short illness. She was born Aug. 8, 1939 to William Seymour and Martha Ida (Wilde) Culpepper in Chicago, Ill.

She and first husband Gary Hardley came to TR many years ago as Work Campers. They got involved in the workings of the park, thoroughly enjoyed the lifestyle, made many friends and even after she tragically lost Gary to a brain tumor, she remained here as a resident until her death.

She was predeceased by Gary and second husband Joe Double-day. She is survived by partner Gordon "Gunny" Gundrum. Wilma had 5 children, Kay (Wade) Gibson, William (Angie) Hardley, Brenda Hardley, David (Susan) Hardley, Gary (Tracy) Hardley and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

ROBERT "GLENN" PRATTEN

Robert "Glenn" Pratten, 80, passed away on May 21, 2024. He was born March 6, 1944 in Charleston, S.C. to Robert and Jenelle Pratten. He is predeceased by his loving wife Rose.

Together Glenn and Rose owned and operated several health food stores in the St. Petersburg and Pasadena area for well over 20 years. Their hard work and success enabled them to afford an early retirement, settling in Pasco County at TR in RV South on lot 18-24.

Glenn was an avid golfer and for years played with a zero handicap. He taught many people the mechanics of the golf swing, giving lessons to anyone that was interested. Locally he played in and won many tournaments. If he wasn't busy working, he could often be found at a driving range or golfing with his friends.

Glenn was a true believer in the Lord and followed Christ's teaching throughout his life. Blessed with a beautiful tenor voice, there is no doubt he has a special place singing with the Heavenly Choir.

Glenn is survived by sisters Cheryl (Bill) Brett and Laurie (Scott) Vieth and brothers Michael (Betty) Pratten and Stephen (Donna) Pratten.

Donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or a favorite charity of your choice.

MARY LOUISE ROBBINS

Mary Louise Robbins, 96 of Warsaw, N.Y., passed away at Cedar Creek Assisted Living on March 2, 2024. She was born in Warsaw on Dec. 19, 1927 and spent the majority of her life there before retiring to Florida where for many years she and husband Gla resided at TR in the Village on lot 2541.

Mary was the daughter of Everett and Mary (Adams) Vanator. She was married to Floyd Glasier "Gla" Robbins on Jan. 4, 1947 in Warsaw. The pair shared more than 63 years together before his passing.

Professionally Mary and Gla both worked at the water company in Warsaw for more than 34 year. They drove to work together every day. She worked in the office while Gla worked in the water treatment facility.

The couple were essentially inseparable. They traveled to almost every state together, pulling their travel trailer. Mary enjoyed crafting, especially crocheting, ceramics and sewing. She also loved games of every kind, especially card games.

She is survived by daughter Susan Creamer, son Tom (Barbie) Robbins and five grandchildren.

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. If you have questions or need assistance she may also be reached via phone at 813-956-7977.

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Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 years ago - 1994

- Southwest Scenes Sunday. For the Camera Club, Bill Jeffrey will present "Southwest Beauties" at Busch Hall Sunday Night.
- Breakfast at the Snack Shack. Dave Smith, chairman, said breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. The menu includes hot oatmeal or cold cereal, orange juice, coffee and a donut. All for only \$1.60.
- Village numbers remain unhyphenated. The Travelers Rest Action Committee suggested it but *The TR Times* and TR Post Office feel the action is unwarranted and would result in more confusion, not less.
- A total of 470 food items were delivered to needy people in this area.
- There were 400 people served Thanksgiving dinner, 24 turkeys cooked and 14 gallons of gravy put together. More than 50 pies were cut and placed on plates. Seven urns of coffee and two urns of tea were brewed.

20 years ago - 2004

- TR Residents decked the halls with holly. Gladys Taylor, Phyllis Cooley and Maureen Nettleton helped decorate Busch Hall. Our decorating co-chairmen are Sandy Dinkeldine and Phyllis Simmers.
- Revitalized Lube Station ready Monday. Through the efforts of the park management and the Board of Directors, the Lube Station (formerly known as the Oil Pit) will reopen Dec. 6 with some new restrictions.
- Red Hat Society to plan 2005 programs.
- T'ai Chi is a form of ancient Asian discipline consisting of 108 moves.

10 years ago - 2014

- "In my short time at TR, I've heard rumblings of a deteriorating volunteer base," said manager Rick Lindquist.
- Remember to sign up for "Wreaths Across America." There will be a program at Bushnell National Cemetery followed by the laying of over 10,000 wreaths.
- Reminders from Fireman and First Responders:
 1. Put fresh batteries in smoke and CO detectors.
 2. Refresh your Vial of Life info.
 3. Make sure your lot numbers are visible from the street day and night.



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