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YARD SALE

Park-wide Yard Sales
Saturday, Dec. 21, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at individual sites.



Busch Hall Sunday Night Holiday Shows

Tin Pan Alley Christmas Show, Sunday, Dec. 22.

A Tribute to the Righteous Brothers, Sunday, Dec. 29.

Krier! Comedy Rock on Sunday, Jan. 5. All shows are at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. Page 2.

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Coffee Socials

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Tuesday Night Movies

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Wednesday Concert Series

The Byrne Brothers on stage Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See Page 2.



Dining with Friends

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Notice

The TR Times office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 18 through Thursday, Jan. 2. Weekly publications will resume Friday, Jan. 10 with a deadline of Friday, Jan. 3 for all submissions for that issue. All written and photo submissions should be emailed to thetrimes@gmail.com.

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by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Christmas as we know it, is about a baby that was born in a manger long ago who was sent by God as a gift to a world that desperately needed a message of joy and hope.

We all get involved in the practice of gift giving. This is the art of thinking ahead, trying to determine what the person would appreciate, buying that something, wrapping it up and giving it to them to unwrap. The Christmas season offers a special opportunity to show love and concern by giving gifts to others. It is also a good time to help others in need.

What kind of gift giver are you? When a person understands what God has done for them, they are more motivated to freely give to others. Generosity is a learned art. The person who gives generously is at peace with what they have. They don't mind sharing with others. On the other hand, those who don't find joy in giving are those who can't seem to get enough for themselves.

As long as we're being theoretical, we will be generous, but when God asks what we're going to do with what we have, we run into a problem. The biggest blessings in the Bible occurred when people gave what they had left. God took care of the rest.

What about the characters of the Christmas story? How did they give to others?

1. Mary gave her body and her safety. She could have been stoned if found pregnant before marriage to Joseph.

2. Caesar Augustus gave orders for a census, divinely inspired by God for His purposes. God works in mysterious ways. If no census was taken...Mary and Joseph would not have gone to Bethlehem. There were no religious festivals going on.

3. The innkeeper gave a stable for a place to stay. We don't really know his name. But he suggested the stable down the road. He offered what he had.

4. The shepherds gave witness to what they had seen. The message of a Savior was not delivered by a king or dignitary or public official.

5. The Wise Men came from distant lands to give gifts. The gifts that they brought had great importance and meaning.

What about God? What did He give us? The answer is an unexpected Savior. Do I mean that the world didn't know that He was coming? No.

I mean that we meet an unexpected Savior in the times that we need Him the most. Literally, you and I don't know we need Him until we encounter a need that is greater than we can deal with. I find it very interesting that so many of us have insurmountable issues in our lives brewing these last couple of years. What in the world is going on? I will tell you exactly what is going on in the world...we have an...unexpected Savior.

This Christmas do not be surprised if you find yourself worshiping Jesus where you did not expect to find Him. Often, when we expect to find Him in the

Unexpected blessings



Photo by Pam Watkins

The characters in TR's Nativity tell the Christmas story.

inn of festive holiday celebration, we instead find Him in the stables of our suffering and sin. Jesus tends to show up where and when we least expect Him. Apparently, His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8). We see Jesus breaking expectations throughout Scripture.

Although the people expected the Messiah, the Son of David, to appear in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), they did not expect him to appear there as if by accident. Although they expected the birth of a king, they certainly didn't expect Him to be born without dignity in a cave outside the city of David (Luke 2:4). Although they expected Him to be hailed upon His arrival, they did not expect shepherds and pagan magicians to welcome Him while the religious leaders, who knew the prophecies by heart, completely missed Him.

The Jews did not expect Him to grow up in Galilee (John 7:52), especially not in Nazareth (John 1:46), nor did they expect Him to grow up the son of a simple tradesman. When He went missing for three days as a child, not even His parents expected to find him discussing theology in the temple with the rabbis (Luke 2:46-47).

Years later, no one expected Him to suddenly appear as an itinerant rabbi with a school of disciples comprised of fishermen, tax collectors and zealots. Nor did anyone expect Him to confront the self-righteousness of pious Jews far more than the oppressive Roman occupiers. They certainly didn't expect Him to find more faith in a centurion than in all the people of Israel (Luke 7:9).

The immoral Samaritan woman never expected Him to show up near her well at midday or be the first recorded person to whom He declared Himself as the Christ (John 4:25-26). The hopeless paralytic never expected Him to come to the pool and heal him (John 5:2-9). The man born blind never expected to see Him and discover that the Pharisees, for the life of them, could not (John 9:35-41). The widow of Nain never expected Him to show up during the funeral procession and raise her son (Luke 7:11-15). Mary and Martha never expected Him to not show up when Lazarus fell ill (John 11:1-3).

No one expected the Messiah, the Son of David, to be convicted of blasphemy by the council and

executed without dignity by the Romans outside the other city of David and no one expected him to actually rise from the dead three days later. All these things had been prophesied. Jesus was long expected. But when and how and where and why He came were all unexpected.

We tend to fill our Christmases with all sorts of expectations. But the biblical pattern teaches us that Jesus is not particularly concerned with our expectations and may ignore them altogether because He's mainly concerned with our most desperate needs. We typically do not choose our most desperate places, the places of our fears and sins, as places to encounter and worship Jesus, but He does. He knows that these are the places we most need the thrill of hope.

This is why I expect to find Jesus in the sober celebrations of

dear friends who, due to an aggressive cancer, may be sharing their last Christmas together.

This is why I expect to find Him at the hospital bedside of a precious little boy, where his parents have kept faithful vigil since the traumatic brain injury three months ago.

This is why I expect to find Him in heartbroken homes and in the heartbroken churches. Heartbroken people gather whose Christmas worship will be full of unexpected disappointment and tears.

This is why I expect to find Him in the places of my own groaning, my sinful stumbling, persistent weaknesses, perplexing questions and situations that I am not wise enough to think my way through.

Jesus came into the world at a desperate time in a desperate way. It wasn't the way people expected Him to come. It wasn't for the reasons they expected Him to come. He did not come to meet their expectations but to love them in the ways they most desperately needed.

This might be the way He comes to you this Christmas: to love you in the ways you most need. That may, in fact, be why some of your expectations are not met: they aren't what you really need.

So, look for Him in unexpected places. It could be the place you are most likely to really adore Him.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



We wish each and everyone the merriest of Christmases and a happy and healthy New Year. To all who are bound for home safe travels. Please hurry back for a season of fun and friendship.

The TR Times Family

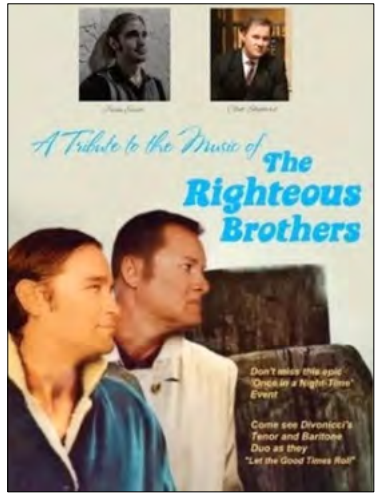
Busch Hall Sunday Night

Presents

by Ken and Sandy Langell

We have some exciting shows coming up in the next few weeks! Since this is the last issue of *The TR Times* for the year, I want to give you a short introduction to the artists that will be appearing here for Busch Hall Sunday Night.

Dec. 22 is the "Tin Pan Alley Christmas Show." John Timpanelli and the Tin Pan Alley Troupe will be singing some of your holiday favorites. John has long been popular with our audiences and he is also appearing here with his son in February as part of the Wednesday Concert Series.



Dec. 29 is not quite New Year's Eve, but close enough! We will be celebrating with Jason Ensor, Cliff Richards and their band, presenting "A Tribute to the Righteous Brothers."

During the hiatus of 2020, local Tampa talent Clint Shepherd decided to act on an idea he's had for years: He wanted to steer clear of boring, background style, run-of-the-mill cover band music constantly being played all over Florida, so he put together something uniquely special. A Righteous Brothers Tribute Concert was exactly what he'd dreamed of. He began searching for the best musicians and singing partner required to see his vision come true. What he found was a fabulous tenor, Jason Ensor, to fill the huge shoes of the legendary Bobby Hatfield and a group of musicians who understood the appreciation of paying homage to one of America's best singing duos in history.

Christmas then and now

From *The TR Times* archives by Jean Helker

Holidays have always been times of family gatherings. As a young couple, before we had children, my husband and I traveled to our parents' homes to spend time with them on holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Later, after our own children arrived, our parents and children all came to us for quality time during these holidays.

As time has gone on, most of us have grown children with families of their own. Now the roles are reversed again. Our own parents have either passed on into the Lord's presence, or can no longer travel to us or manage those large parties we used to have. Now we either go to our children's homes to spend the holidays or use the telephone and postman to hear their voices and send our gifts. Many of you will remember a

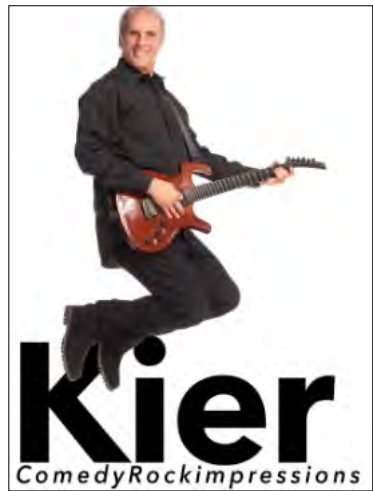


JOHN TIMPANELLI

Jan. 5 "Kier! Comedy Rock." You'll come for the rock impressions and leave laughing your head off. Great standup and spot-on musical impressions make this show rock.

Over 30 years Kier has done it all, and done it all over the world, including entertaining the troops in Europe, Asia and the Persian Gulf. He has worked with such greats as Reba McEntire, Oprah Winfrey, Ellen DeGeneres, Daniel Tosh, Darius Rucker, Ronnie Milsap and many others, including appearances on the Bob & Tom Show.

Kier's spot-on impressions include Sting, Springsteen, Dave Matthews, U2, Sinatra, Roy Orbison, Bob Dylan, Beatles, Waylon & Willie, Tom Petty, Prince, Barry White, Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Neil Young, Macklemore and many others. Plus his world-famous history of rock guitar riffs!



Busch Hall Sunday Night programs have no admission charge. You may purchase ice cream treats at the Ice Cream Social from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. and the show follows at 7 p.m.

time when we did not have computers, Facebook or cell phones in our homes. Our telephone was a line we shared with another family and it was limited to 40 calls a month. It is hard to imagine that we were able to keep up with family happenings with such limited resources. But we found a way.

As a child I remember that on Sunday afternoons our family would climb into the car and take a drive. We would stop at relatives' homes along the way, spending a half hour or an hour with each of the grandparents, then on to the homes of various uncles, aunts and cousins. At each home we were offered a meal, or a dessert, or a cool drink, depending on the time of day. We sat and talked, filling each other in on the family happenings. There were always promises of reunions and correspondence that in some cases never material-

by Kathy and Lacy Shawver

The Byrne Brothers, from Donegal, Ireland, are a multi-award-winning family band currently taking the Irish American scene by storm!

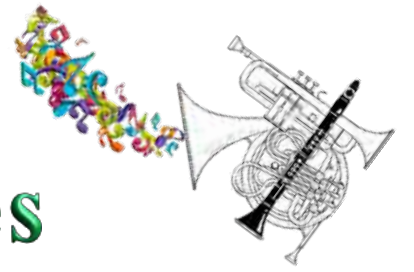
Their achievements include a massive social media presence, winning the Young Artist Academy© Award for Outstanding Music Ensemble and being named Rising Stars of the Year by American Celtic Radio Listeners for their album "Living the Dream."

They are also one of the biggest Irish Trad Supergroups on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and TikTok with over 70,000 followers and 32 million views on their music videos.

They moved to America in 2018 to perform at Walt Disney World where they became the youngest ever cast members in the history of Disney and have since toured extensively across 47 U.S. states.

They are all County champion musicians and Ulster champion Irish dancers. The band consists of: Luca on accordion; Finn on banjo, mandolin and guitar; Dempsey on bodhran and whistle and their father Tommy on uilleann pipes, fiddle, guitar and grade 1 bagpipe.

Wednesday Concert Series



The Byrne Brothers have established themselves as a significant presence in the traditional Irish music scene, attracting interest from Hollywood and receiving a reputation as a "Must See Band" at festivals.

They are well known for their electrifying and high-energy performances that showcase modern traditional Irish music and world-class Irish dancing. Their music features both traditional and original tunes and songs. Audiences around the globe are capti-

ated by their infectious humor, energy and talent.

The Byrne Brothers were the #1 favorite as determined by TR residents during their appearance at the Talent Showcase in November 2023.

We look forward to their entertainment Wednesday, Jan. 8. The show begins at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., admission is \$15 per person.

For questions please contact Lacy or Kathy Shawver at 419-610-7335.

Tuesday Night Movies

by Carol and Jim Henrikson

Carol and I are pleased to advise that "free popcorn" will be available for all to enjoy thanks to our volunteers, Mark and Joanna Waltz. They have committed to continue this important part of Tuesday Night Movies for the 2025 Season.

Many of the movies recommended by our audience have been scheduled. This continues to be an important part of the TNM success these past few years. Thank you for all these fine suggestions.

Tuesday Night Movies [TNM] is opening on Jan. 7, with the inspiring story "Bob Marley – One Love." In "One Love" we will discover Bob Marley's powerful story of overcoming adversity and

the personal journey behind his revolutionary music that changed the world.

The second TNM movie on Jan. 14, we will feature the much-acclaimed "Thelma," reported to be one of the best movie surprises in 2024.

The third TNM movie on Jan. 21 will show again the excellent movie "Golda." "Golda" focuses on the intensely dramatic and high-stakes responsibilities and decisions that Golda Meir, also known as the Iron Lady of Israel, faced during the Yom Kippur War.

This will be followed by the newly released "Conclave" which will be shown on Jan. 28. "Blitz" comes up on Feb. 4. More details on these and more TNM in the next year's *TR Times* articles.

The 2025 lineup continues with the following movies: 1. "Maestro," 2. "Napoleon," 3. "Wolfs," 4. "News of the World," 5. "Reagan," 6. "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" and 7. "Nutcrackers."

Carol and I encourage all of you to suggest memorable movies for us to show. We will do our best to consider them for our 2025 TNM Season.

The new projector purchased for TNM will be installed next week. The Sonos sound system equipment will be reinstalled and tested with the latest software.

TNM messages in *The TR Times* and InTouchLink provide more information and scheduling for our entire 2025 season. Hope to see you soon. Take Care!

The TR Times

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Briefings from the Board

by Deborah May,
President/CEO Board of Directors

Can you believe it is only a few more days until Christmas. All my life I have heard that the older you get the faster time goes. I must really be getting old; I'm not sure where this year went. At the beginning of the year, I had a long list of things I was going to accomplish. Guess I will use the same list for the New Year in 2025. Time just flies when you are having fun at Travelers Rest.



DEBORAH MAY

Unfortunately, the rental sheds and some vehicles in our storage lot suffered water damage from Milton when the water rose overnight. This unexpected damage forced a number of residents to dispose of many personal items, some that had been down there for a number of years.

We have three rental storage areas: 1. Back fence slot. 2. Vehicle (Car, RV, Trailer, Boat) storage slot and 3. Sheds. (Q0050) All storage in those three areas is at your own risk.

Under Policy Q0010 you must be a current leaseholder, sub-lessee or mobile homeowner to request a slot. A lessee can rent one (1) from each of the three (3) areas in storage. No storage of commercial vehicles is permitted without Board of Directors approval. Each vehicle must have a current license

plate and be registered at the office. Approved seasonal renters may request a slot based on availability and management approval. I believe we currently have a waiting list for the storage area and it is based on a first-come waiting list. You are not allowed to store anything outside of shed (Q0020). Storage fees for all rentals is payable by Sept. 30 or upon the signing of a new rental agreement. Management intends to remove all items from the storage area that are not properly stored at the end of this season and dispose of them.

Lessees are responsible for maintaining their storage slot in a neat, clean and safe condition. All vehicles should be kept clean and free from accumulated dirt, debris, foliage, algae stains and discoloration. Only custom-made fitted covers are permitted. Because they can be a high wind safety issue they

must be secured and properly fastened to the object covered (Q0030).

Renters may move their vehicle themselves but it is recommended that you have someone from maintenance assist in order to prevent damage to other vehicles. For a fee, Travelers Rest can move RVs, either storage to site or site to site or site to storage. Please contact the office for scheduling and the fee amount (Q0040).

Over the last several years we have heard about squatters moving into unoccupied homes and the problem the owners have in getting them out. Apparently squatting is moving into several other areas of our life. "Seat squatters" on planes is the latest travel trend. These seat squatters try to rob seats that are assigned to others, forcing the flight attendant to get involved in removing them from an assigned seat. Another popular squatting trick is to find a seat that is not assigned and just sit down in it and protest when asked to move. Buy an economy ticket and try to score by getting in a business or first-class seat or if you are in the back move several rows up. Living in this century is certainly proving to be very different than the one most of us grew up in. Wonder what the next new battle will be.

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Richard Kushman

Park security is on the menu this week. Ray explained the cameras that watch over our park 24/7 may very well prevent and possibly solve any transgression should one occur. The system can also provide an entertaining glimpse into occasional trash dumping in jammies.

There are 10 park-owned cameras and one is a special Plate Camera which has higher resolution allowing excellent detail when zooming to identify a vehicle license plate from any distance. Every vehicle entering or leaving the park is recorded for identification. The other nine cameras deliver exterior views of the park entrance, office, Busch Hall, Citrus, Golf View, Busch Hall parking and the Pickle Ball Courts. They operate 24 hours a day and are linked to a cloud service that stores one week of surveillance. Good to mention here, if you suspect a breach has occurred worthy of investigation do alert the office quickly. The system creates

a time graph indicating motion points allowing a quick search when trying to pinpoint an event. This means if you see something happen check the time or if your golf cart has disappeared have a good estimate as to when that might have occurred, but of course make sure your partner is not on the course playing jammy golf. Ray and assistants have the ability to access the camera views from their phones and any Internet-connected computer.

The Post Office has a separate interior system with three cameras maintained by the park. The post-box lobby, interior lobby and work area are under observation. A record of the past 36 hours is stored on a local drive keeping a continuous watch for mail pickup in jammies or any real bad stuff.

Another separate security system contracted with State Alarm Company will automatically send an alert in case of fire in Busch Hall and any break-in and fire at the office. The new ID-door-access system now in use is also providing another step increasing security for all residents. Ray did mention any thought of a gate system for the park is just not possible. Travelers Rest Blvd. is a county road which means it cannot be blocked.

Ray and I wish all residents and friends of Travelers Rest a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ray assured me that on Christmas Day after you have gathered up that pile of gift wrap, for recycling of course, and made your way to the dumpster in your flashy holiday jammies, he won't be watching.

Referenced policies

Policies printed by TR Times staff from the *Official Policy Manual* (updated 07/30/24) that is accessible via the Resident Dashboard on the TR website.

Q0010 STORAGE AREA REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must be a current leaseholder, sub-lessee or mobile homeowner.
2. Based on availability and management approval seasonal renters may request slot.
3. A lessee can rent one (1) from each of the three (3) areas in storage.
4. No storage of commercial vehicles is permitted unless BOD gives written approval.
5. Each vehicle must have a current license plate and be registered at the Office.
6. Annual storage fee for all rentals is payable by September 30th.
7. New rentals are payable at time of rental agreement. (Revised 02-20-07) (Revised 02-01-22)

Q0020 STORAGE SHEDS:

1. A limited number of storage sheds are available.
2. Generally, there is a first come waiting list for these sheds.
3. Do not store anything outside of shed. (Revised 02-01-22)

Q0030 VEHICLE STORAGE SLOT:

1. Lessees are responsible for maintaining their storage slot in a neat, clean, and safe condition.
2. All vehicles shall be kept clean and free from accumulated dirt, debris, foliage, algae stains, and discoloration.
3. As a high wind safety issue, only custom-made fitted covers are permitted and must be secured and properly fastened to the object being covered. (Revised 02-01-22)

Q0040 STORAGE MOVE:

1. Renters may move their vehicle themselves.
2. Recommended to have someone from Maintenance assist to prevent damage to other vehicles.
3. For a fee, TR Maintenance can move RV's, either storage to site, or site to site.
4. Contact office for scheduling and fee amount. (Revised 02-01-22)

Q0050 STORAGE AREA RENTALS:

- Consists of three (3) areas
1. Back fence slot
 2. Vehicle (Care, RV, Trailer, Boat) storage slot
 3. Sheds
- (Revised 02-01-22)



Camping courtesy

A common tenet of camping courtesy includes respecting your neighbor's campsite boundaries. More than camping courtesy, it is an official policy at TR.

C3005 CROSSING SITES: Do not cross another resident's site on foot or with any vehicle including RVs, bicycles, golf carts. (Revised 12-16-03)



To our TR Staff, many friends and entire TR community:
May your Christmas be Blessed with every good gift from above.
In Peace and Love,
Dan and Sharon Zile

Christmas greetings from Canada. We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We miss TR and all the special friends we made over the 20 winters we spent in Florida.
May God bless you and yours with hope, peace, joy and love.
Jane and Bill Harrold,
Niagara Falls, Canada

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A snowbird's lament

Like many of you, I split my year between my home in New Jersey and here at TR. My lament regards how I have to deal with mail delivery.

In the fall I have to change where my mail is delivered from New Jersey to Florida. I went to my local post office, explained what I needed to do and asked their advice. Their response was to fill out a "mail forwarding form." They advised that it would take a couple of weeks for this change to take effect. Apparently the postal computer system works at the speed of a galloping snail.

In the spring I again have to change the location for my mail delivery. I went to the Dade City Post Office where I was told to again fill out a "mail forwarding form."

While this process sounds simple the fact remains that it seldom works. I have had years where my mail bounced back and forth between the two states, never reaching my hands.

This year I filled out the "mail forwarding form" in New Jersey in mid-October allowing a couple of weeks for my arrival at TR. When no mail arrived for several weeks I was not alarmed as this was expected. However, when over a month passed and no mail arrived, including my tax bill and credit card bills, I became concerned.

I contacted my New Jersey Post Office to determine what the problem was, and I was amazed to learn that they have been carefully holding my mail for over a month. Why? Seems somewhere along the line the post office decided that New Jersey was my permanent

address. As such, no matter what forms I filed, my mail would go to New Jersey. Even mail that was addressed directly to TR.

I went to see a supervisor at the Dade City Post Office who informed me the advice I received from New Jersey was incorrect. I should fill out the forwarding form in the fall, but in the spring I should go to the Dade City office and cancel the forwarding process. Well, I thought I had finally solved the problem. I actually received a couple of pieces of mail.

But, alas, I received no more mail except mail that originated in park. Next I received notice from my mail prescription plan that my medication had been returned. Now what?

It is no wonder the post office is losing money. I have received two conflicting pieces of advice from two different supervisors that both work for the same company!

Finally I went online to affect the change. The web page is definitely not user friendly. After about six attempts to put in my information I gave up. Each time I tried, the site rejected my entry because my credit card information was incorrect. Did I mention there is a \$1.10 charge to make the change online. Now I do have a little experience in proof reading and the information I entered was definitely correct.

Imagine my surprise when about 15 minutes after giving up I received a text on my cell phone giving me a confirmation number for the change. The question now remains, will I finally receive my mail here? *mre*

Did you know...



the name of the longest mountain range on the planet?

by Margaret Emmetts

If asked to name the longest mountain range, you might respond with any of the five most logical answers: Rockies, Appalachians, Alps, Andes or Himalayas. Unfortunately, you would be wrong.

The longest mountain range on the planet is the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Although this range is about 10,000 miles long, most people have never heard of it. The reason for this is that the ridge is mostly under water and not visible.

The Mid-Atlantic Ridge extends from the southern tip of Africa to the Arctic Ocean. It is a spot where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. It is a divergent area meaning that the two plates are moving apart anywhere from 1 to 20 centimeters per year. This is the rate at which your fingernails grow. As the plates move apart, magma from underground pushes up to form mountains. These mountains, although mostly unseen, in some places rise some three kilometers from the ocean floor. The ridge does come to the surface in a few areas: Iceland, the Azores and a few islands such as Ascension, St. Helena and Tristan de Conha.

Geologists find this area most interesting. The Earth's magnetic poles flip over long periods of time. Since magma contains iron it contains magnetic properties. As the magma surfaces and hardens, its magnetic field reflects the direction of Earth's magnetic field at that time. By studying the direction of the magnetic field preserved in the magma deposited, geologists can determine at what time in history the Earth's magnetic fields flipped.

If you are planning a trip to Europe, remember that it is getting farther away each year.



The Servant's Plow



A gift you never have to return

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Christmas morning is nearly upon us. The incarnation. The birth of Jesus. The day God became a man. But have you ever noticed that "our view" of that amazing event is always vertical? We are focused, as we should be, on God coming down to us--or, perhaps more accurately, God appearing among us.

This is the scene we are allowed to see and it is amazing. So amazing that it will take forever to truly grasp it. Yet there is another scene, one we have not been able to see. A scene that we can only imagine. That is what I'd like for you to do with me. Imagine the incredible moment when Jesus left His proper place in Heaven. A place only known to Him, where His glory dwells in unapproachable light. Have you ever wondered about that moment?

Let's ponder for a moment during the start of the Christmas season. Our lives have been busy. It seems that some things never get done. We have overwhelming feelings. The holidays arrive and we have to somehow incorporate the grueling tasks of decorating, gift buying and visiting with relatives. We just celebrated Thanksgiving. We have shared with others how thankful we are for what God has done in our lives. The retailers have been wasting no time promoting the commercial sense of Christmas. Sometimes we just get worn out. The holidays can be stressful. Let me ask you, what is your attitude?



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

Having the attitude of Christ consider the words from Philippians 2: 1-11.

A decision was made in eternity past in the perfect mind of God. The Son left the side of the Father and became a man. We know what happened on earth after that, but what happened in Heaven? What was the reaction of the Father as His Son voluntarily undertook this so-called "suicide rescue mission" to earth? What emotions passed between them? What did Jesus feel as time drew near to leave Heaven and His Father's side and arrive on earth as a "lowly human being?" This is something that we have rarely been told about.

Verse 6 and 7 says "that He who being the very nature of God...made Himself nothing." Nothing? How could God make Himself nothing? Instead of

creating everything out of nothing, He who holds everything together would pour everything into nothing. With every inch He descended to earth, allowed His glory to leak away and His arrival on earth found him empty. Jesus' relationship with His Father would never be the same.

Was there silence in Heaven when the Son left? Did all of Heaven mourn His departure? Or was there confident praise and adoration among the hosts of Heaven while angels sang His praises on earth? What was the mood? Human wisdom cannot answer. Humanity would now be able to touch and see God in human flesh. What was the attitude of Jesus towards man?

What is your attitude? The real Christmas spirit is a deep-seated lingering joy in knowing that the story is true. Do you have the attitude of Christ? Are you as concerned about those around us that don't believe and want nothing to do with it? Remove the trees, the lights, the poinsettias, the candles, the decorations and the story is still there.

Have you accepted the Gift God sent to earth wrapped and placed in a manager? If you have not, I hope that you will consider taking a walk down to the manager and seeing what unconditional love looks like. Reach out and touch the fingers of the one that gave His life for yours. That Gift is especially for you. Something that you never have to return.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.



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Bernie Gutridge

Sunday Service

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Hymn Sing 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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The Siren



Submitted by Joe Colao and your TR First Responders

Calling 911 can be a frustrating experience especially when you are stressed, and the dispatcher on the other end of the line seems to be asking question after question while you are in a near panic.

There are three critical questions that the 911 dispatcher needs to have answered before your emergency can be handled efficiently.

1. What is the phone number that you are calling from? This question is obvious, so that your call can be returned if it becomes dropped.
2. What is the location of your emergency? Of course the necessary aid needs to know your location to help you.
3. What is the nature of your emergency? This information is necessary to determine the kind of

help that you may require. Is your emergency a law enforcement, fire or medical event?

When these three questions are answered, help is on the way. The dispatcher will likely ask additional questions as to the severity of the emergency. Lets say for example you have initiated a 911 call regarding a medical emergency. The dispatcher might ask questions about the patient's past pertinent medical history, age, perhaps the medications taken or prescribed or the condition of the patient – color, breathing, pain level, bleeding, location of pain, etc. You can see how frustrating these questions will sound to you as you might be in a state of panic or deeply stressed and not knowing that help is on the way.

These follow-up questions help the dispatcher and the incoming first responders better help you in your emergency.

As an example, if your friend, neighbor or loved one is experiencing chest pain, the dispatcher may ask if the person has been prescribed nitroglycerine or aspirin or has cardiac history, and the dispatcher may ask if the person is alert and conscience.

This information helps the first responders to be better prepared for what they might expect when they arrive on the scene.

We hope that you find this information useful in the event that you require 911 assistance.

Donna Neer, our Healthy Tips contributor, is taking a holiday and will be back in January.

Butter tarts anyone?



by Jane Harrold

This is a once-upon-a-time story about the pitfalls of promising someone a special treat. This could be a fairy tale except it happened to me this week.

A friend was going to celebrate her 95th birthday on Tuesday and since she really enjoys my butter tarts I said I would bring some to a coffee get-together at our condo.

Problem one was that I use frozen tart shells and my freezer had no space to store them, so I bought the shells on Monday morning and planned to make tarts at the noon hour while my husband Bill and I had our lunch. I had assembled all the necessary ingredients, measuring spoons, bowls, etc. the night before so I was convinced that in under half an hour I could produce 24 delicious butter tarts. Timing was important because we both had to leave by 1 p.m. I set out the two dozen frozen shells on a couple of cookie sheets to thaw and turned

on the oven. This was a good plan.

Problem two was that Bill was helping me make our lunch of leftover stew which was cooking on top of the stove. He put our lunch dinner rolls in the warm oven to heat. This was also a good plan.

Everything was on schedule. We had an early lunch and Bill left for his appointment. I had 45 minutes to do my baking. I popped the empty tart shells into the oven for 6 minutes to set the pastry. When the timer rang I took the shells from the oven and put them on top of the stove. They looked a little paler than usual but I was using a different brand of frozen pastry so I ignored this clue. Problems one and two were about to create a butter tart situation.

After carefully filling the shells – 6 tarts with no raisins and 18 with raisins – I put my oven mitts on and put the tarts back in to finish baking. As I was closing the oven door I glanced at the digital display to check the temperature and the screen was blank. Apparently when my helper served the stew he had turned off the stove element and the oven.

Somehow, he had not noticed the 24 frozen tart shells lined up waiting to be baked. Since the oven had been on, it was nice and warm so I did not notice that it had been turned off. My reputation as a butter tart maker was in serious jeopardy. I needed Plan B and time was running out.

Butter tarts out of oven. Oven cranked up an extra 50 degrees. Wait for oven to get to temperature. Put butter tarts back in and wait for the filling to boil. Keep muttering “cook faster, faster” to the tarts and “tick slower, slower” to the clock. Estimated time for getting tarts out of oven is five minutes before I have to leave.

When the tarts look ready, I quickly put the pans up on the stove top and rush out the door. They look a little different but I tell myself that all will be fine once they cool. Maybe that part was wishful thinking.

Fast forward a couple of hours. I am back and the tarts are

ready to be put into a container. Each tart is in a separate foil container so I decide to take the foil off the tarts that do not have raisins so that it will be easier for people to choose a plain tart or one with raisins. However, when I touch the pastry on the first tart, some filling runs out onto my hand and drips through my fingers. The tarts are very runny instead of perfectly gooey. These are going to be very messy to eat. I decide to leave the foil on all the tarts and lay a toothpick across the plain ones to identify them. I tell myself that the tarts with raisins will be firmer. I am very good at wishful thinking.

Day Two... Tuesday

Bill leaves early for a meeting and I am on my own to take the tarts to the party. For serving the butter tarts I organize paper plates, spoons and napkins. Since I have several other things to carry I load our grocery cart so that I can wheel everything safely to the elevator and down to the main floor lounge for the birthday party. I pack large items around the container of tarts to keep it level and protect it from falling. I gently roll the cart over our raised doorway while keeping my hip firmly planted against our heavy door to keep it open. I get on and off the elevator and make a couple of turns. I am congratulating myself on how smoothly everything is going when one of the front wheels stops rolling. The cart bumps to a halt and the whole container of my precious tarts slides onto its side. Little rivulets of syrup start leaking out of several tarts. Not only is the filling runny but also the foil holders are now a sticky mess. This is a butter tart disaster.

Luckily like all good fairy tales this one has a happy ending. The birthday partygoers eat the tarts with extreme care, spoons and plenty of napkins. They laugh at my butter tart story and share a few tales of their own baking mishaps. Sharing laughter with friends is definitely my idea of living happily ever after.

P.S. I have promised to make tarts again, but next time I will keep Bill away from the oven.

Have you seen the Cybertruck around TR?



Photo by Joe Colao

Cybertruck easily pulling a 34 ft. Airstream.

by Joe Colao

Hello friends and neighbors. There seems to be a lot of interest in our Cybertruck with so many strange looks on your faces as we pass you by. I know that many of you have questions about our odd-looking vehicle, so Joan and I would love to do our best to answer your questions and give you straight-forward information to clear the air and separate fact from fiction.

It is a pickup truck. It is made by Tesla in Austin, Tex. and is the vehicle most made in the U.S. It is 100 percent all electric. It has a 340-mile range. It weighs 6,800 pounds. It is extremely fast! It can tow 11,000 pounds and has a 2,500-pound payload capacity. The tonneau has a 350 pound capacity. It can wade through 36 inches of water. It can power your trailer or your home as it has several 120 volt 20 amp outlets, as

well as a 220 volt 50 amp outlet. It is made of stainless steel and is the same material that SpaceX uses in its Starship that will go to the Moon and Mars. It has Full Self-Driving (Supervised) and it parks itself. If we tell it to go to Costco it will take us there and park. It is truly an amazing vehicle.

If you would like to know more about our Tesla Cybertruck,

come armed with your questions and come take a look inside and out. We will have it available for you to see parked near the Fire Station on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. We look forward to seeing you and answering as many of your questions as possible and sharing our experiences of towing our 34 ft. tri-axle Airstream from New York to TR.

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My Mother's Butter Tarts

by Jane Harrold *Enjoy!*

Recipe for 12 tarts.

In a bowl mix together (I use a wooden spoon)

¼ cup butter softened

½ cup brown sugar

½ cup corn syrup

¼ tsp. salt

1 tsp. vanilla

1 egg slightly beaten

Optional ½ cup raisins

For frozen pastry shells, thaw for 5-10 minutes on counter.

Arrange empty shells on a baking sheet.

Bake empty shells at 375 degrees for 5-6 minutes.

Fill shells and return to oven for another 6-8 minutes.

Pastry edge should look browned and filling should have boiled hard.

Cool before storing.

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Activity Affairs



BRENDA VARTY

by **Brenda Varty**

What a wonderful, fun-filled afternoon we had on Dec. 11! The creativity of our TR family is remarkable! The annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade was a fabulous display of the Christmas spirit. Thank you to everyone who participated, and to our judges who had the tough job of picking a winner. Congratulations to Paula Snyder our 2024 Christmas Golf Cart Winner, of 2 tickets to the Fire/Rescue 33 Pulled Pork Dinner on Feb. 15. The second half of the afternoon was spent indulging in an array of splendid home-baked cookies donated by, once again, our TR family. A huge thank you to Linda Spencer, Laurie Zentmyer and all their busy elves who baked, set out the cookies and had to taste many to pick the winner of the Golden Spatula award! Congratulations to Amy Peebles, who baked

the winning cookies and now has a Golden Spatula among her baking supplies.

TR looks truly amazing with all the festive Christmas trees and sparkling lights gracing our park from the entrance to the storage area. Thanks to Betty Teichert and her multitude of elves for bringing Christmas to life. The day to undecorate is set for Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 9 a.m., meeting at Busch Hall. Many hands make for light work, so please mark this date on the calendar to come out and give a hand. Thank you, in advance.

With the ringing in of the new year, comes our TR activities swinging into full gear! Your TR Directory is a hands-on guide to browse for the activities you would like to join! We are truly blessed with incredibly talented residents, who kindly share their time and expertise with our TR family. Please thank your leaders for taking the time to make our park amazing. Every year we offer an Activity Showcase for the upcoming season. This year's event will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Busch Hall from 9 to 11 a.m. Please plan to attend to familiarize yourself with all the activities TR has to offer.

We want to wish everyone a safe, healthy Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year!

Activities updates

by **Guy Weik**

Please record the following changes in your 2024-2025 TR Handbooks:

Building Schedules

- Mondays, Page 5: Forums start at 1 p.m. in Busch Hall.
- Mondays: TR Roadriders, 7-8 p.m., Hobby House. Add an * Jan.-March.
- Mondays: Sew Special started Nov. 11, Busch Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Page 7: Add back Penny Poker, 7 p.m., Hobby House. Yes, it's back!
- Wednesday: Change Rock Painting from Wednesdays to Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon in JMAB.
- Thursday Page 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, Page 9: Oil & Acrylic Painting starts Nov. 15, 9 a.m., Citrus West.
- Fridays: Euchre started Nov. 15, 7-9 p.m., Citrus East.
- Fridays: Calligraphy no longer 7 p.m. Fridays; move to Tuesday, 3-4:30 p.m., JMAB.
- Saturday: Remove Beginning Line Dancing (3-4 p.m. in Citrus East)

Additional/Outdoor Activities

- Tuesday and Thursday (Pages 12 & 13): TR Roadriders: Add an * (Jan.-March).
- Monday, Wednesday, Saturday (Pages 12-14): Sailboats now starting at 9 a.m.
- Monday, Friday (Pages 12-13): Powerboats now start at 9 a.m.

Monthly Special Events

- Dec. 31 (Page 16): Party Planners NYE Dance now just NYE Dance. BYO food, drinks, decorations, etc. Check InTouch and TR Times for more information.

Activity Contacts

- TR Church Assoc. (#27): Switch Harold Hughes (now Chairman) and Roy French.
- Penny Poker (#93): Change Michele Wilkins to Bruce Anderson (248-767-8469), Lot14-37.

Quilling on a Budget resumes in January



by **Pat Daubenmier**

Quilling on a Budget will restart for the season on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 1:15 p.m. in Citrus West. Quilling is an ancient art of rolling thin strips of paper to create designs or pictures. We use the skill to create greeting cards that will surely impress your friends and family. Although no special equip-

ment is needed and what you do need is provided, many have chosen to purchase some tools that make the creations more easily fashioned. A project is presented and the rest of the time slot, approximately two hours, is for you to finish your work. Cost of card is usually \$1 to cover the cost of the materials used. Classes this year will be limited to 20 and sign-up prior to class is appreciated so that kits can be assembled for distribution. To sign up text Pat at 734-646-1296.

Waist Watchers

by **Jackie Thackery**

Thursday morning weigh-in begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Hobby House Porch and our meeting does not last more than 45 minutes, 9:15 a.m. If you are just interested in not gaining or losing weight, join us for a weekly power boost. No caloric or exercise during this time, only encouragement and support. This is a very supportive group and at least four of us are very faithful. Please join us.

New members are always welcome without judgment or fees. We share smiles and ideas. Come join us. All are welcome. This is the season.

Rock Painting has resumed



Photos submitted by *Marcia Hatfield*

by **Marcia Hatfield**

We are having some lovely December days to begin Rock Painting. You can choose your own design or try the Design of the Day. The first design will be an angel in honor of Christmas. You do not need to bring anything since we have all the supplies; just bring a happy heart and a willing spirit.

The concept is to share our talents and spread some love around the park. We do this by painting two rocks at a time because you need to let the paint dry between colors. You start one rock and set it aside to dry and begin on rock number two. When you finish, you will have one rock to take home if you like and one to leave around the park for someone to find. They will take a photo of it and then relocate it as your rock begins its journey around the park.

We paint in the Jeri Miller Activity Building between the Fire Station and the back door of the Hobby House. Our time is 10:30 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. Contact Marcia Hatfield at 614-946-4411, email at mahatfield@live.com or lot 02-05 in RV South.

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Learn to Ballroom Dance in January

by **Jeffrey J. Duquette**

Ballroom Dancing lessons will begin on Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. Taught by Jeff Duquette, an experienced ballroom dancer, you'll learn how to dance at weddings and social events. No prior dancing is necessary, since everything will be explained and you can quickly learn what to do. This is our fifth year and you can ask past students how they enjoyed the classes.

This season will feature an additional chance to go over what was taught on Monday evenings. On Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in Citrus East, Jeff will do drills and go over how to do the steps. This is a review class, not a repeat of Monday's lesson.

Dancing is a basic social skill. But everyone has to learn how to do it. You will be at ease and have fun in the class. Imagine the next wedding where you glide along to the music amazing all of your friends.

The format of the lessons is to teach the same dance for two weeks in a row – foxtrot, then the romantic rumba, swing and waltz. Other requested dances will be covered. Right now we have nightclub 2-step in the lineup, a



Photo submitted by *Jeff Duquette*
Heidi and Jeff Duquette

very easy club dance. Cha-cha, hustle, salsa and mambo are just a few other choices. Students will pick which ones to try next.

Stop by for a lesson or just come for the dance that interests you.

Join us for a fun night of music and dancing

by **Diana Hill**

Dec. 14 was a great night of dancing and fun. It was kind of bittersweet because it may be the last time our favorite DJ Mo is here rocking the house. We all wish Mo (Marilyn) and Gina happy travels and we hope they know they will sadly be missed.

Mark your calendars and keep this TR Times since it's the last issue for 2024!

Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Years Eve, 8 p.m. to midnight in Busch Hall. TR Dance Night is stepping in to have a NYE Dance since the dinner/dance was cancelled. No cover charge, however we do accept donations to cover costs for future events. Remember it is a casual BYO night. Bring your own beverages, snacks, table decor and NYE party favors if you like. We are a group of folks that just want to get out and dance, but not have to leave the park. No skill—trust me, I have none—or partner—um, again none here—are needed. Last time at our TR Dance Night we all had a blast. Single, married, guys, gals, short, tall, plump or thin, we were all just being silly and having a ball. All types of music is available so bring your requests. Come on out y'all and have some fun. Please drink responsibly and stick around to do the TR thing by putting away tables and setting up chairs for church. We can do this y'all and have a good time right here at our own lovely Busch Hall.

Saturday, Jan. 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. in Busch Hall will be our first 2025 TR Dance Night Event with an entertainer! We will be enter-



tained by Jesse Derringer. Suggested donation \$10 this time, but he is worth a bit extra. We plan to sell wristbands prior to the event so look for information and flyers later. A TR Rally had him here last spring and 50+ TR folks came to see him. It sparked the whole TR Dance Night idea. He plays a couple of instruments and can sing just about anything you ask for from gospel to rock to country, so bring your requests. He is amazing. This is going to be a great date night. Still BYO beverages, snacks and table decor if you like, so you can be fancy or not. Setup will start at 6:30 p.m. with cleanup afterwards.

Also, ask to join our Facebook page "TR Dance Night FL" or email me at TRDanceNight@gmail.com to keep up-to-date on future events. See y'all there and we'll rock on!





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Coffee Socials begin



Photo by Rose-Anne Boucher

Join the ladies for some delicious coffee.

by Rose-Anne Boucher

Please join the Coffee Social volunteers and TR residents in Busch Hall for another season of fellowship, treats and a good cup of coffee. Beginning Monday, Jan. 6 until the end of March, Socials will be held Monday through Friday between 7:30 and 9 a.m. There are a variety of breakfast muffins, bagels and

English muffins along with a choice of toppings (butter, cream cheese, jams and jellies, etc.) for \$1. Regular and decaf coffee, tea and hot chocolate are free if you bring your own cup. Cups are available for a small charge. Take-out is also available. Come start your day with a treat, a smile and probably some good conversation!

Flea Market news

by Amy Peebles

Due to the expansion of the kitchen, we have had to revise the Flea-Market map. You may find that your usual table from years past has been relocated. So to ensure that you are pleased with your location, refer to the current map when signing up for a table.

Just a reminder, table and chair set up is from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. To allow our volunteers to complete this job as quickly as possible, we kindly request that vendors not set up before 7:45 a.m. This will give the volunteers the time and space they need to get the job done for you. Once the setup is finished, we will be happy to assist you if you need help finding your table. The Flea Market hours are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Thank you for your support of the Flea Market and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Tea Party anyone?



by Cathy Stuart

Mark your calendars. We're having an old-fashioned-new-fashioned Tea Party to be held Saturday, Jan. 25, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

It will be festive, floral and fun. You may want to bring a favorite tea cup and saucer or wear a floppy hat and floral outfit when you attend. Guests may bring six treats to share. It's going to be so much fun. Donations will be accepted at the door to help defray costs.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in Busch Hall after Sunday, Jan. 5 and at the Activities Showcase on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

I'm looking forward to seeing you. It will be a beauTEAful day.

TR Welcoming Committee to host a table at Christmas Feast for newcomers



Your table awaits.

by Diana Hill and Susan Stahley

Silver and gold. Like the Girl Scouts sing, "Make new friends but keep the old, some are silver and the others gold." It's the season to reach out to our new neighbors to include them in the special Christmas events happening in the resort in the next two weeks.

Sign-up sheets are up in Busch Hall for our TR Christmas Feast. You are certainly encouraged to join any table, but also know that there will be a place for you to celebrate and make new friends! If you are a couple or single and new to the resort, please come and sign up for a spot at the "Meet and Greet" table sponsored by the TR Welcoming Committee (TRWC). Food and table settings will be provided for newcomers, just bring a beverage and a smile. You can also call Diana Hill at 352-535-8569 for a spot at the newcomers table. The Christmas Feast is Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Finally, look for information on the New Year's Eve Dance. The Party Planners canceled their dinner/dance so the TR Dance Night group is planning an impromptu evening Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight in Busch Hall with music provided, but everything else is BYO - snacks, beverages, table decor and

party favors. No reservation or cover charge, just come for the fun and ring in the new year!

The TR Welcoming Committee wishes all residents and staff a Merry Christmas. We hope you start your new year with good health and new friends. Remember "some are silver and the others gold!"

If you're looking for an easy volunteer experience, please join us. Whether you like to meet new people or do behind-the-scenes duties, we need your help. TR thrives because of volunteers, so get involved! Call Diana Hill at 352-535-8569 to help.

TRWC organizational meetings are the first Thursday, November to March from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Citrus West.

TRWC fills goody bags on the third Thursday, November to March from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Citrus West.

Newcomers Red Dot Table is at Busch Hall Coffee Seminars on the second Thursday, January to March, 8 to 9 a.m.

Newcomers Red Dot Table is at Golf View Happy Hours on the fourth Thursday, December to March. 4 to 5 p.m.

Look for our TRWC tables at Sunday-evening events, Flea Markets and other special events. Bring your questions to anyone in a TRWC red shirt, too!

Dining with Friends



by Marlene and Harold Hughes

Dining with Friends will start again on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. in Busch Hall. Your hosts for the season are Harold and Marlene Hughes at 865-617-7092. We were excited to see the great turnout that we had last year. We hope to have the same great turnout this year. We met old friends and made new ones as we shared food, fellowship and some great music. There is not much that I like to do more than cook and share food with folks.

The highlight of all the dinners has been the great music. We are so blessed to have such great musicians here at TR and they are so willing to share their God-given talents. We already have the music scheduled for January and are working on the others.



For our first dinner, we would like to request the dish you bring be good old American food. If this doesn't work for you, just bring a dish to share. Everything else is furnished except your beverage. This is the first dinner for the season, so we are really looking forward to seeing folks. There is a sign-up sheet on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall for Saturday night.

SkyMed

presentation to be held

by Diana Hill

It is a "VIP" very important pizza lunch. Last lunch before the SkyMed anniversary special ends. If you're a SkyMed member or interested in hearing about SkyMed's emergency transportation membership benefits, please join me for my last presentation of the year. I am very proud to be a rep for such a fine emergency medical transportation company. We actually took three TR couples home last season and were able to

give over \$500 to the TR Activities Committee last year and over \$264 this year. So I'm having my last 2024 SkyMed Pizza and Presentation on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. in Citrus West. It's the last chance to add one year to your current or new membership for the special anniversary price! Please sign up on the clipboard in the TR Post Office or give me a call. See my ad here in *The TR Times*. SkyMed and TR have a great partnership and I appreciate your support.



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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 in Busch Hall. 7-10:00 p.m. DJ 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

DIGITAL PHOTO- CAMERA

Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to noon in Jeri Miller Activity Building. January 6-February 10 (6-week class).
Carey Box

GENEALOGY

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

Tuesdays, 3-4:30 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

**Bulletin Board***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 9-March 20.

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, Wednesdays 1 to 2:00 p.m. in Citrus West. Jan. 14-March 19.

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

PENNY POKER

Wednesdays, 7-9:30 p.m., Hobby House. December-March.

Bruce Anderson

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

POKER TEXAS HOLD 'EM

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

Tom Thompson

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

POM POM DRILL TEAM

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

Donna Neer

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, 9 a.m. to noon. Sailboat Races: Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 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, 9 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

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.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.

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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile,
Volunteer TR Tour Director

Merry Christmas to all TR travelers! It has been exciting to see the Starlite Majesty Luncheon Cruise, scheduled for Jan. 23, fill so briskly with 56 paid reservations and a wait list of 7. Thanks for making those reservations so promptly and do call me if you find that you are unable to go. There is someone on the wait list who will be eager to reimburse you, take your seat on the bus, enjoy the views along the Gulf Coast and savor your lunch!

Securing your reservation for TR Travel trips is made by mailing your check, payable to Small World Tours, to Sharon Zile at #2540. Your name is placed on the GO List as I receive payment. If you need to cancel, I am usually able to return your check or ask the next person on the wait list to reimburse you for the reservation. It is likely that even if you need to cancel, you will not lose money. In some situations, the person cancelling has generously gifted the day trip to another TR resident.

Having guests staying with you for a few days just when a TR Travel trip is scheduled? You may make a reservation for your guests to accompany you on the day trip. What a very nice way for you to entertain your visiting family or friend!

Currently, I am accepting reservations for the Al Capone Dinner & Show scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 18. A new venue for this show is located in Kissimmee and is made more enjoyable by the new dramatic lighting and sound system. The show is a sequel to a very successful comedy run and the Chicago performance was a hoot! Al Capone, the famous Chicago mob boss of the Prohibition era and his gangster cronies, will engage the audience in some comedic banter and perhaps join you at your table. If you wish, get into a Speakeasy mood by dressing in flashy period costumes. This show will have you talking the talk, walking the walk and singing the songs of the 1920s. Bus transportation from Busch Hall departs at 3:30 p.m. and your reservation includes a dinner buffet, unlimited beverages (soda, juice, iced tea, hot tea and coffee as well as beer, wine, rum and vodka), and VIP theater admission. On each TR Travel trip, driver and meal gratuities are included in the ticket price. Cost is \$119 pp with refunds not guaranteed after Feb. 4. The bus returns to Busch Hall at 11 p.m. Promotion flyers are available on the TR Travel Bulletin Board on Busch Hall's north wall. Gather a fun group of TR friends - this show is a blast!

Our March 10-14 bus trip to Biloxi and New Orleans is sure to be a fascinating experience. While NOLA is famous for Mardi Gras festivities, our TR Travel visit will be a week after Mardi Gras. We'll see many of the Mardi Gras parade floats at Mardi Gras World where the floats are created, tour a sugar cane plantation house and gardens,



February 18, 2025

After a 15-year successful run, Capone's is proud to present a sequel where you will enjoy a comedy filled show with comedic banter between you, characters & our mobsters, but one thing is for sure, you are gonna have a blast! Don't be surprised if a gangster joins you for dinner. So get ready to step back in time to the prohibition era 1930 gangland Chicago, speakeasies, mobsters, dames and Al Capone. Flashy period costumes, new dramatic lighting & sound system make this show a hit! It will have you talking the talk, walking the walk and singing the songs. Activity Level 1

Tour Includes:

- * R/T transportation
- * Dinner buffet
- * Unlimited, beer, wine, rum, vodka, soda, juice, iced tea, hot tea & coffee
- * Theater admission with VIP reserved seating
- * Meal tax & gratuity
- * Driver gratuity

COST: \$119.00



No refunds after 02-04-25. Tickets are transferable. Motor coach departs Busch Hall at 3:30pm and returns at 11:00pm.

Contact: Sharon Gilbert Zile Phone: (740) 360-3819 Lot #2540
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take a dinner cruise on a Mississippi River steamboat, be entertained at the National WWII Museum, have a deluxe city tour, eat the famous beignets at Café du Monde and have daytime to explore the French Quarter on your own. I'll be looking for some Dixieland jazz groups in the street and my favorite muffaletta sandwiches. Our trip includes four breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and a NOLA hotel that has a yummy Happy Hour. Our stops at the Beau Rivage Casino and the Margarita Resort will give you an opportunity to gamble or bring your favorite games along. The always positive Holly Griggs of Small World Tours will be our guide, assisted by a local guide for our city tour. Cost is \$1,449 pp. This trip is a definite GO! Join us for a fun time! Call Sharon at 740-360-3819 for more information and reservation information.

Did you know? New Orleans is the birthplace of jazz funerals. The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway is the world's longest bridge to stretch continuously over water. One more fact, New Orleans was

established as the capital of the French colonial lands in the New World. Now you know!! Let the good times roll!



Take *The TR Times* on your next vacation and send us a photo.
thetrimes@gmail.com

Church Street Christmas

by Pam Watkins

Church Street Christmas in Dade City will be held Saturday through Monday, Dec. 21 to Dec. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. all along historic Church Ave. It is an event you do not want to miss.

Think of it as a Dickensian stroll on luminaria-lit, modern streets filled with festive lights, small bands, dancers and singers where people offer greetings of good cheer. Visit the Gingerbread World competition at the First United Methodist Church and look for our own Bard Fuller's gingerbread castle entry. Have a cup of cocoa and join in some of the caroling. If you go on Saturday, you can enjoy Dade City Symphony's Christmas concert at the Discover Fellowship Church, 37511 Church Ave., Dade City at 7 p.m. It will certainly fill you with the holiday spirit.

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 its 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

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Library News



by Amy Peebles

The TR Library is a labor of love for its volunteers all year long. Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As we wave goodbye to our snowbird friends and many of our library volunteers in the spring, a small group of yearlong residents settle in for a quieter summer season.

Consisting of Kay Blunda, Marilyn Long, Diane Phillips and Amy Peebles, the usual library duties get done such as processing new books, re-shelving returns, taking retired books to the Hugh Embry Library in Dade City for their book sales, keeping an eye on the shelves to ensure that every author is in the correct alphabetical order and that the shelves are neat and tidy, and ensuring that the Recommended Book Shelves are fully stocked with books and replacements are added if one has been borrowed.

At her northern home, Library Chair Mary Kosbab is only a phone call away and we frequently keep in touch bouncing new ideas off each other with plans to discuss when all volunteers are back together in January. With funds collected from library Flea Market sales and generosity of donated monies from the Party Planners and Marilyn and Darold Long, Mary is always on the lookout for books that she thinks our TR readers will enjoy. This summer she focused on large-print books that have proven to be very popular. A time or two a large box of books have arrived at Marilyn

Long's home for Marilyn to inspect and then pass on to the library for processing.

The slower season gives our smaller group of volunteers a chance to do things we may not have time for during the busy regular season like remaking the bulletin boards, adding the current year's colored slips to books that are missing them, assessing supplies which may need to be replenished, keeping the recommended card boxes updated and in alphabetical order by author so we can easily pull the card when we add the book to the shelf, and if we have multiple copies of a book, we pull it aside and keep one for backup. Another volunteer upon her return takes any extra copies to a book store in Dade City where they purchase them and the profit from those sales goes into our coffers for new books, supplies or any other needs the library may have.

As the summer wanes and we look forward to residents returning in the fall, you should find the library just as it was when you left TR.

We have our first official meeting in January. Each meeting is preceded by lunch at the Snack Shack, if volunteers so choose, and then we get down to business. Mary has an agenda for each meeting that we work through and after each meeting she sends out meeting minutes of our discussions. We work as a team at these meetings, but otherwise work independently, volunteers either dropping in to the library to work when convenient or signing up for a designated weekly shift.

We welcome all new members and look forward to having you join us. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 1 p.m. at the Snack Shack Pavilion. Please contact Chair Mary Kosbab or Co-Chair Kay Blunda or any library volunteer with any questions or for more information.

Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

Hoe! Hoe! Hoe! 'Tis the season for merry making and gift giving. Have a gardener in your life for whom you need a gift idea? How about a hoe as a gift or another tool for the garden shed? There are plenty of useful garden tools from which to choose. Even if you do not have a gardener to buy for, these yard tools work for just about anyone, green thumb or all thumbs.

There are trimmers, clippers, pruners, spades, shovels, scoops, rakes, forks, shears, barrels, buckets, pots, hoses, sprinklers, sprayers, gloves, hats and shoes. The list goes on.

A good garden tool can be an essential aid. The old adage, the right tool for the job, works for gardening, too. Also knowing when to use or not use a tool is helpful to keep gardens flourishing. Looking around the TR Garden, we should not take the pruning shears to the azaleas until after they bloom. We should not set the trimmers on the milkweed until our spring so they can provide an essential habitat for local and migrating butterflies.

Our volunteers use all the tools in our sheds to get the jobs done to keep the TR Garden so special. Lucky for us they know what to use when and how. My personal favorite is the spade. It digs, scrapes and cuts, almost an all around handy-tool. I wonder what Martha Stewart's favorite garden tool is. My guess is a garden kneeler and seat. Like us, she is older now, too.

Where do you get a good tool? Good question. When I lived



Photos by Nancy McDowell

Kathey Holley, Donna West and Laura Weik tools in hand.

outside of Philadelphia, one of my favorite garden shops was Waterloo Gardens (WG). It no longer exists, but it was a family-owned business that stocked plants, garden tools, accessories and gifts. For me, it was a one-stop shop for all things gardening. I have not found a replacement for WG here in Florida, but Canterbury Farms Wholesale Nursery in Hudson comes close. There are so many great plants for sale there. Here's a tip, try not to go in the middle of summer because most everything

is outdoors and it can be very hot walking around their lots. Shopping small businesses is very good for business so if you are in the market, maybe stop into a local garden shop or hardware store. Otherwise, a big-box store or on line might have something you are looking for.

Come take a stroll through the TR Garden to see how we have used the tools of our trade. Happy holidays to all. Look for us at the Activities Showcase on Wednesday, Jan. 15 in Busch Hall at 9 a.m.



Brenda and Bart Shultz on a coffee break, sort of.

Thank you Marilyn



by Mary Kosbab

Marilyn Long has been a long-time, silent volunteer at the TR Library. When we needed an overseer of the Christian Fiction collection, she stepped forward and has quietly monitored it for many years assisted by Beanie Wise. At the end of last season, we decided to combine the Christian Fiction and Western books with the general fiction collection. It turns out that this was a fortuitous decision because we are losing the person who has so faithfully and ardently watched over this collection since the beginning.

Besides monitoring the Christian Fiction section, Marilyn has been one of the summer volunteers who keeps the library going when the staff dwindles to five or six. These

people cover the work of a staff of over 20 during the season.

Last season and over the summer Marilyn has been my "go-to" person to read new large-print books and help me decide which series to purchase. She also read many of our older, large-print books to help us know which ones to weed out.

Marilyn and Darold have given their time and energy to so many facets of life here at TR. They have left a huge mark on every corner and everywhere in between.

We at the TR Library want to thank Marilyn for her invaluable help in the library, and to both Marilyn and Darold for all they have done for TR. We wish them the very best years ahead in their new venture.

Book Browsers

by Nan Lance

The vote is in! These are the books selected by the Book Browser group for the 2025 season:

Jan. 8 - "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

Jan. 22 - "The Girls of Atomic City" by Denise Kiernan

Feb. 12 - "The Women" by Kristin Hannah

Feb. 26 - "The Ship of Brides" by Jojo Moyes

March 12 - "The War Nurse" by Tracy Enerson

March 26 - "Grandma Gatewoods Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail" by Ben Montgomery

The Book Browsers meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month January through March in Citrus West 2 to 3 p.m. Please join us for some good reading and great conversation. All are welcome.

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Pets on Parade



Photo by Diana Dean
KOBE

by Judy Leister

I have often felt that many of our pets enter our lives for a reason, and in the case of little Kobe, I think that is very true. Diana and Dan Dean had been escaping the New York winters and coming to

TR for 15 seasons. Sadly Dan was diagnosed with cancer, and during that battle he talked to their daughter Pam about Diana's future when he was gone. He wanted to make sure there was a dog in Diana's life. After things had settled down following Dan's passing, Diana called the AKC headquarters in New York for some information on dogs. They suggested a Shih Tzu and recommended a breeder.

Kobe then entered the scene. Shih Tzus are non-shedding, friendly, fast learners and lots of fun. Of course puppyhood can always bring some challenges, first of which was whining. Kobe voiced his opinion a bit too much, but Diana introduced the word "quiet" and in 45 minutes he had that all figured out. His learning progressed. A trainer came to the house for private lessons. Kobe learned one of the most valuable commands – stay! Diana spends a lot of time working in her yard and can't watch Kobe's every move, so she puts him on the porch

and tells him to stay and he doesn't leave his perch. As a reward when Diana is done gardening, Kobe gets to go out in the yard and chase all those leaves blowing off the giant live oak trees.

Kobe is so sweet and raises the spirit of everyone he is around. He is even a certified Emotional Support Dog and he sure lives up to that title.

At some point I am certain Kobe has had a long conversation with a Labrador Retriever. He loves playing in the water, but his signature move is retrieving, especially one of his many balls. Toss the ball and in an instant he's giving it right back to you for another throw. At 8 years old, he still has the energy level and drive of a puppy. My husband and I have had several labs in the past and they loved having a ball thrown over and over. Kobe is as good at retrieving as any lab I've ever seen. Go get 'em Kobe!

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by Kim Roberts

What is a Pup Crawl? This is when you go as a group to four host-houses for food and drink sampling. Each host-house will have a theme and we spend approximately 30 minutes at each house. Ticket sales will be limited

to 50, plus hosts. The Pup Crawl will be held on Friday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m.

We had a great time last year, so be sure to get your tickets now as last year we sold out.

Contact Kim Roberts at lot 10-21.

Birding Activity



Reprinted from *The TR Times* archives.

by Tom Butler

If you ask me, birding could be an Olympic sport. It takes essential preparation, steady patience and a willingness to stay still in a world that is otherwise speeding ahead. The payoff is magnificent. Birds are interesting creatures, both beautiful and fascinating.

Take the other morning. Up at 7 a.m., I made my coffee and headed out to our back patio. I waited only a few moments before spotting the first bird at one of my feeders. Before taking too many sips, I had counted 21 different varieties having breakfast in my back yard.

Full disclosure, I have 13 bird feeders on my property with more next door belonging to my bird-watching neighbor Beannie Wise. Together we do everything possible to make the winter months a bird-watching wonderland. Trying to keep the squirrels from the feeders is a full-time sport in itself. Let me be clear. I do not dislike them, I simply frown on them stealing the seeds I meticulously select for my flying friends. When the need arises, I simply use a well-placed baffle or cut off a low-lying branch to prevent them from flying to the feeders and stealing their lunch.

TR is home to a host of bird types. Cardinals and blue jays are prevalent this time of year. Also dominant are a variety of warblers. With over 800 species of birds in North America alone, it is thrilling to try to determine the one you have spotted. The equipment list for birding is simple. A good pair of binoculars is essential and a field guide to help recognize the species rounds out the short list. The more you watch for them, the easier it becomes to identify. Once you have experience with visual clues, you can use bird songs to help with classification.

Scouring the area on a slow walk is a fun way to spot birds. During the season bird enthusiasts meet on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. at the Post Office porch for a stroll to spot and identify birds hanging out here at TR. I also greatly enjoy sitting on the swing behind my 5th wheel nearly anytime of the day to see who is visiting. My 21 friends from a few

Birding 101 – It's fun and you can do it, too.



MALE PAINTED BUNTING

File photos

days ago? Among them, I spotted a Baltimore oriole, pine warbler, yellow-throated warbler, bluebird, Carolina chickadee, tufted titmouse and a hairy woodpecker. The most strikingly beautiful bird I have seen here is the male painted bunting. Take a moment to Google a picture of one. You won't believe the beauty. A summer tanager is one of the birds typically harder to spot, and they have been arriving here from the cold north in their classic migration pattern along with many other of their feathered friends.

Bird watching doesn't require much and offers spectacular rewards. Research bird feeders and

types of bird seed, and set aside a few quiet minutes in your busy day to witness one of God's many miracles right here in our little piece of paradise.



FEMALE PAINTED BUNTING



You better watch out



Photo by Jackie Thackery

These turkeys were seen confidently playing along Maple Ave. in the Village thinking that Thanksgiving is over, but ham isn't the only traditional dish at Christmas!

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Linda Spencer is the "cookie lady." She is in charge of baking and collecting cookie donations.



Just like in the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, Santa, aka Walt Gilson, brings up the rear of our parade.



The Golden Spatula Award for best cookie recipe was presented to Amy Peebles shown second from left. Laurie Zentmyer is at the left, Linda Spencer center, Guy Weik and Brenda Varty on the right.



Judy Smith, Tom and Debbie Etchill and Jim Colborne show off their selections.

TR's Annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade



by Margaret Emmetts

TR's Annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade took place on Wednesday, Dec. 11 with 26 carts participating. The parade was led by our fire engine and Santa and our crash cart brought up the rear. As is customary, the parade circled through the Village, Cabana and RV South sections of the park. Spectators lined the parade route.

Following the parade, over 100 participants and spectators alike gathered in Busch Hall for cocoa and a huge selection of delicious homemade cookies.

Linda Spencer led the cookie making by personally baking five dozen cookies. Dozens more were donated by various TR residents.

TR musicians provided both background music and music for caroling. A rendition of "Frosty" was performed by our guest soloist, Starla, the Schencke's Boston terrier.

During the festivities the following awards were presented: Golden Spatula for best cookie went to Amy Peebles. The overall winner for the golf carts went to Paula Snyder. Barb Swartz, Laurie Zentmyer and Donna Probes received the award for best Spirit. Donna and Neil Moore's cart was deemed the most original while Terry and Molly Flores had the best winter theme. Chuck and Michelle Wart's cart presented the best Christmas theme.

Thanks to Kathy Kushman and Carole Young for serving as cart judges for the event.



A looong table of homemade cookies provided plenty of delicious choices for hungry celebrants.



Paula Snyder's Santa-face design took First Place as the overall winner.



Donna Probes, Barb Swartz and Laurie Zentmyer were deemed to have the best Spirit theme.



Terry and Molly Flores' cart was judged to have the best winter theme.



Donna and Neil Moore's cart was considered to be the most original.



Chuck and Michelle Wart had the best Christmas theme.



Photos by Pam Watkins

To view more color photos of parade participants, check out the paper on TR's website.



Christmas Golf Cart Parade photos



Our own veterans viewed the parade from the Veteran's Memorial area. Shown in front row are Darold Long, Ken Hankinson and Bill Wise. In the rear are Jan Rubino, Jim Gower and Kelly Newbury.



Our Veterans Memorial sports a wreath for the holidays.



Diane Fisher, Cherie and Bruce Richman and Wolf Reimann show off their Christmas outfits.



Marty Schencke led the musicians that provided music for caroling.



Steve Zentmyer shows that you don't necessarily have to be good to get your share of cookies.



Kathy and Wolf Reimann appear to use the same optician.



Tia Paquette, Judy Leister and Diane Dujuay make their cookie selections.



Photos by Pam Watkins



Phyllis and Phil Simmers, wrapped in blankets, were enthusiastic spectators.



Still more parade photos



Diane Dujuay, Tia Paquette, Mark and Judy Leister brought their dogs along for the ride.



Who is behind the wheel of this cart sporting an entire Christmas village?



DONNA AND KEN NEER



BEV AND BILL WEISSINGER



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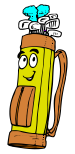


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TR Sports



Ladies' Golf League results for Dec. 11

by Kathy Reimann

It was another great day of golf! Congratulations to Trish Horney, the Blind Putter event winner!

Low Gross

Sylvia Cole.....	36
Pat Gallagher.....	41
Shirley-Ann Appleby,	
Nancy Scime.....	42
Jean Bjorgen.....	43
Low Net	
Barb Swartz.....	27
Eleanor Buchser.....	33
Dee Branchaud,	
Kathy Reimann.....	34

Birdies:
 Marijo Noll, Paula Currier #2
 Jean Bjorgen..... #5
Chip-Ins: Marijo Noll



Photo by Kathy Reimann

Sometimes the putts just don't drop in, but for Trish Horney it was a bonus for a new golf sweatshirt!

Men's Golf League results for Dec. 12



by Barry English

Low Handicap (0-8)
Low Gross
 Ralph Smith 36
 Gary Wintle..... 37
Low Net
 Al Horney, Rob Prophet,
 Steve Niles 31
Closest to #5:
 Don Buchser..... 9'1"

High Handicap (9+)
Low Gross
 Wolf Reimann 42
 Dennis Ledbetter..... 44
Low Net
 Bob Luther 37
Birdies:
 Al Horney, Gary Wintle,
 Ralph Smith, Rob Prophet,
 Steve Niles 1

TR plays Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

Chinese Mah Jong has begun for the 2024-25 season. On Monday, Dec. 9 we had only three players and we played 12 games. Deb May won three times, Rose Taggart had four wins and Marcia Hatfield scored five times. Marcia said she had to get her wins in quickly because she will be distracted beginning January when she will start teaching new people.

She is new to the park and we gave her a warm Chinese welcome.

Everyone is invited to give the Easy Style of Chinese Mah Jong a try. It's much like the card game, Rummy. You just collect three of a kind or three in sequence with a pair to round out your hand. New players usually win on their first day. We teach every Monday and Friday.

Three also played on Friday, Dec. 13. Rose won four times, Marcia won once and Bev McWilliams won once. This was the first time Bev ever played and she was thrilled to be a first-time

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Yacht Club

by Bill Wise
Wednesday, Dec. 11
DragonFlite 95 Class

1. Barry Sellick
2. Jamie Hyde
3. Jerry McRoberts

Soling Class

1. Jamie Hyde
2. Barry Sellick
3. Chuck Lemke

Saturday, Dec. 14
DragonFlite 95 Class

1. Barry Sellick
2. Jay Matthews
3. Jamie Hyde

Soling Class

1. Barry Sellick
2. Bill Wise
3. Jay Matthews

Wizard was planned for January, but...

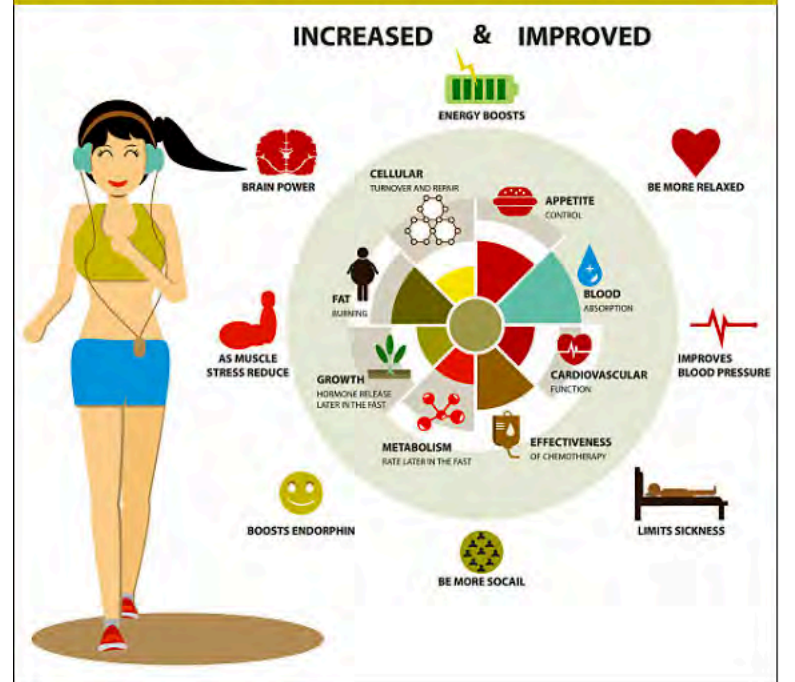


by Jackie Thacker

We are playing Wizard on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. This is a Canadian card game and your goal is to correctly bid how many tricks you will take in each hand. We record this as voiced before playing and success earns you 20 points and +10 more points for each trick bid; however, any trick over or under your bid costs -10 points for each, i.e. 3 too many or too few = -30 points. Tough challenge.

I always say you must be able to laugh at yourself as there is much laughing or cheerful frustration. Let everyone laugh with you. Come out and enjoy this game and the fellowship.

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Obituaries

VIOLA OLDHAM LEE

Viola Oldham Lee, 78, of Inverness, Fla. passed away on Nov. 17, 2024. She was born Dec. 31, 1945 to Robert and Gertrude Oldham in Baltimore, Md.

Viola was married to Tom Lee of Springfield, Mo. on April 19, 1974. She worked for the civil service while he served in the U.S. Navy on submarines. They traveled the world being stationed in Kansas City, Mo., San Diego, Calif., Groton, Conn., Alana, Guam and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Viola first became a Nationally Registered EMT in 1988. She volunteered in Gales Ferry, Conn. and with Ledyard Emergency Services Ambulance. She continued her EMT-A volunteering with the Headquarters Alana, Guam Fire Department. After returning to Missouri, she became an EMT-A for the Battlefield Fire Protection District, Republic City Fire and Brookline Fire Protection Districts. In 1998 she took the Missouri Law Enforcement Course and became certified as a Law Enforcement Officer for the Republic, Mo. Police Department. After moving to Florida, she became certified as a First Responder for the Pasco County Fire Department in association with Travelers Rest Resort Volunteer Fire Department Rescue 33.

Her EMT skills were excellent and she is credited with saving her husband twice, once when he had a heart attack and then a major stroke.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents, her brother John Oldham and sister Wanda Oldham. She intended to donate usable organs but due to sepsis was unable to donate.

She is survived by two wonderful daughters, Michele (Kevin) Norman and Stephanie (Derek) Evans, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She is remembered as a caring and loving individual who really did not dislike anyone. She will be remembered forever by her loving family and friends. No services are planned. The family requested prayers for them to continue.

(Shared by granddaughter Jaycee Lee Smith): Nobody likes sharing sad news, especially when the news is a loved one passing. My grandmother, Viola Lee, passed away Nov. 17. She has had such a huge impact in so many lives and I'm so grateful to have had her in mine. From anything from teaching me how to drive a horse-drawn wagon to her sought after opinion about wedding colors.

I will miss her every day. Not to be cliché, but Heaven sure did gain another angel that morning. Please keep my family in your prayers.

(Shared by daughter Stephanie Evans): Mom, thank you for teaching me so much about life and love. I will forever be thankful that I had you as my Mom. You taught me incredible things and encouraged me to be the best person I can be. We will keep an eye on Dad until it is his time to join you. Know Mom, that wherever this world takes me, a part of you will always travel with me.

FRANK L. "SWANEE" SWANSON

Frank L. "Swanee" Swanson, 96 of Bergen, N.Y. and Dade City, Fla. passed peacefully from this life on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 with his beloved wife, Connie, holding his hand.

Frank was born on Feb. 1, 1928 in N. Mankato, Minn. to Gladys and Frank Swanson. After graduating from Amherst (N.Y.) High School near the end of WWII, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served on the USS Marsh, a Destroyer Escort stationed in Pearl Harbor. His military life took him across the Pacific region, specifically Japan and China, and instilled in him a love of travel. After discharge he attended the University of Buffalo on the GI Bill, graduating with a business degree.

His first professional job was with Dunn and Bradstreet in Buffalo, N.Y. Calibrated Charts Corporation of Batavia, N.Y. soon recruited Frank and after a successful career, he retired as its Sales Manager in 1989.

In 1950 he married Jean C. Lauchert and together they raised four daughters. Jean passed away in 1975 and not long after Frank found love again, marrying Connie Poole, who survives. While living in Byron, N.Y. Frank was a long-time volunteer firefighter with the Byron Fire Department. His membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Byron spanned some 60 years. He enjoyed outdoor sports (hunting, fishing, motorcycling) and loved to play golf in his later years. Frank was a consummate Bills fan. He was renowned as the world's greatest expert on everything.

As a couple Frank and Connie were members of the Massasauga Search and Rescue Team. They traveled together across the U.S., in Europe and enjoyed numerous cruises. This year the family celebrates their 47th anniversary.

In addition to his wife, Frank is survived by Barbara (Dave Prevost) Weckworth, Susan (Dan Streeter) Swanson, Karen (Don) Ash and Nancy (Thomas) Lorelli, as well as Bill (Andrea) Poole, Carol (Dave) Haffly and brother John (Carolyn) Swanson. He was grandfather to 14 and great grandfather to 14 and he loved them all.

Frank will be missed and remembered by countless friends and neighbors in both Florida and New York. The family will announce details for a Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Frank's memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Byron.



by Margaret Emmetts

The TR Times has an advertising policy that has evolved over the years. While I will not go into all the details of the policy, I will list some of the more pertinent concepts.

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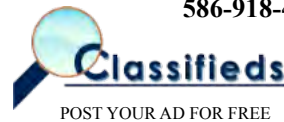
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Letters to the Editor size limit is 250 words and must be signed by the person submitting. If the letter is rejected by the Operating Committee the writer will be notified.

Ongoing events such as Flea Market, Yard Sales and club activities will not be published unless the chairperson submits an article.

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Articles must be of interest to residents and current in nature. No political or world events.

Business advertising must be contracted and invoiced at current rates.

Should you have any questions about our policy, do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 Years Ago - 1995

- Money down the drain. During the summer months our sanitary sewer system pumps 15,000 gallons per day. Last summer the pumping volume rose to the critical level of 80,000 gallons. It was determined that some of the runoff of the 39 inch rainfall had penetrated the 20-year-old sewage pipes.
- Rollerblades are hazardous to TR's health. TR loves kids, but not when they rollerblade on the tennis courts, shuffleboard courts and around Busch Hall.
- What is a kumquat? The kumquat came to America from China in the late 1800s. It is grown in two varieties: sweet (round) and sour (oval). In China a kumquat in the house is thought to bring good luck.

20 Years Ago - 2005

- Alert: damage-causing Asian insect found in TR. This insect was brought here from Bangkok, Thailand. First found in Miami, it infested King-Sago Palms throughout the city. John Hodge found them at TR.
- The manatees are back. Cool weather brings the manatees back to the Tampa Electric Company's Manatees Viewing Center on Big Bend Road. A 2004 inventory found 3,100 manatees in Florida waters making them an endangered species. They weigh 1,200 lbs.
- Interaction with medications. What you eat with your medication can have a detrimental effect on how that medication works in the body. This includes grapefruit, caffeine, licorice, vitamin K foods and alcohol.

10 Years Ago - 2015

- TR is a perfect place for New Year's resolutions. TR is uniquely qualified to help you reach all of your goals: aerobics, Fitness Center, golf, yoga, pickleball, tennis, bocce, waist watchers, clogging, etc.
- Make former channel 25 easier to use. You can create a shortcut on your desktop screen that will automatically open and run the TR Daily Activity and News Calendar which used to be channel 25 on your TV.
- Walk to get fit at TR:
Fire Station around the perimeter of the Village equals .9 mi.
Fire Station to the entrance of TR equals .35 mi.
Entrance of TR along the grass path to the Puppy Park equals .6 mi.
The Snack Shack to the Fire Station equals .15 mi.
The perimeter of RV South, 14th Street to 10th Street to 21st Street to 2nd Street to 14th Street to 1st is .93 mi.

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