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If these walls could talk . . . Chapter 3

by Margaret Emmetts

I am also one of the oldest buildings at TR. In fact, I predate TR and was a part of the Johnston farm.

For 15 to 20 years the men in the neighborhood of the farm met at the Johnston farm once a month. It was definitely a "men only" group of 20 to 30 men. Wanting a protected place to meet, they built a shack down by the pond. The shack consisted of a dirt floor, a roof and open sides. Picnic benches were added and the spot became the meeting place for the "DPS" (Displaced Persons) as the men called themselves.

The wives were invited once a year for a barbecue, steak or Purloo dinner. Purloo is a Southern style stew and quite delicious. I was even the site of the wedding reception for one of the Johnston daughters.

I was later turned into a snack shack for use by the volunteers who helped build Travelers Rest and I was given the name The Owl's Nest. Bet you didn't know that about me.

By 1972 I also served as a site for occasional social gatherings. I was the host for resident-generated entertainment, which usually took place on Sunday nights. Was this a precursor of things to come?

Over the years walls were added and my dirt floor was covered with concrete. Kitchen fixtures were added along with tables and chairs and my name was changed to The Snack Shack. I have undergone a number of up-dates throughout the years to bring me up to current standards.



SNACK SHACK

Currently I am only open for a few months, starting in January. My workers serve delicious lunches five days a week to TR residents. We serve men, women and the occasional child, but my workers are still a "men only" group.

2025 opens with Resident Forum

by Margaret Emmetts

The first Forum of 2025 was held with all Directors present with the exception of Barry Sellick and Dennis Ledbetter. Also present were Ray Hill and Donna Sullivan.

President May began by thanking Beannie Wise and Pat Butler for organizing a successful Christmas Feast.

Treasurer Halbrook advised that the first quarter financials were not yet on the website as the accountants were still setting up the new Activities Fund LLC. However with regards to the TR account, we were on target with our budget. Most Hurricane Milton expenses have been paid with the exception of the fence and pool screen.

With regard to Hurricane Milton, May stated that the park insurance does not pay for trees and we do not carry wind damage due to the high cost. To date we have spent about \$110,000 on repairs and our fence is not repaired yet. The cost of trees alone exceeded \$101,000. Thirty-two stumps of downed trees required grinding. This was apart from the expense for trees that

were simply uprooted. Work on the fence along Johnston Rd. will begin this week. There is still repair work to be done on the spillway between 13th and 14th Streets where the creek eroded. Bids are being sought to repair the pool screen.

The committee writing the new disaster plan expects the plan to be distributed before the end of the season.

Terry Halbrook met with activity chairs to explain how they were to handle their revenues to comply with Florida sales tax laws. Activities may charge dues which are not taxable. Dues help to pay for needed supplies. Many clubs are self-supporting and have added value to the park by donating things not included in the TR budget. The Pickle Ball Club, Pet Lovers and Woodshop have paid for many things. The shelter for the new puppy park is complete and the Astroturf will be installed shortly.

The Pet Lover's Club contributed to these items and the Woodshop built the dog wash pavilion.

Forum continued on Page 3.

The 2024-2025 TR Board of Directors



DEBORAH MAY
Term expires March 9, 2027.



LINDA SMITH
Term expires March 9, 2027.



BARRY SELICK
Term expires March 11, 2025.



PAT BUTLER
Term expires March 10, 2026.



TERRY HALBROOK
Term expires March 10, 2026.

by Pam Watkins

Our TR Board of Directors, who are all volunteers, help direct and manage our corporation's operations. They are elected and charged with responsibility to represent and protect shareholders' interests, ensure fiscal accountability, develop strategic direction, effectively manage resources and oversee the corporation's affairs.

The Board was established and its power granted in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Revised Code (FRC), TR's Articles of Incorporation and TR Bylaws. Members are elected to

the Board by a plurality of votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) election. Directors serve three-year terms, but may also serve shorter terms when elected or appointed to fill position vacancies.

TR Board officers serve one-year terms and are chosen in accordance with TR Bylaws at the Board's first meeting following the AGM. Officers' duties and responsibilities are outlined in both the FRC and TR Bylaws, as well as TR's Policy Book.

There are five vacancies on the

TR Board to be filled by election at this year's AGM. Now is a great time to prepare for the election by reading the materials cited in this article to gain an understanding and true appreciation of TR's Board of Directors.

TR Bylaws and the TR Policy Book referenced in this article may be accessed and downloaded online through the Resident Dashboard of the Travelers Rest Resort website. You do need to set up an account and password with management to be granted access. FRC Chapter 607 may be accessed online at www.leg.state.fl.us.



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Term expires March 11, 2025.



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Term expires March 11, 2025.



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Term expires March 11, 2025.



RANDY DOELL
Term expires March 11, 2025.



Busch Hall Sunday Night



FRIDAY AFTERNOON

LIVE TODAY

Presents

Father Son and Friends



by Ken and Sandy Langell

The Scots are coming to TR! We have been trying for several years to book a date with this Ohio-based band. Sandy and I have shared many a campfire with them since Shawn (Son) was a wee small lad and watched him grow into the great entertainer he is today. They bring all the exciting, stirring music of the Highlands and a big dose of fun along with it.

Now celebrating 35 years, Father Son and Friends is a band consisting of Joey (Father), Shawn (Son) and a host of friends that have traveled the globe sharing their brand of Celtic/Americana folk music.

The adventure started when Joey and Shawn were traveling the midwest, participating in living

history reenactments. "My dad has been playing music for as long as I can remember," Shawn said while plucking away at his octave mandolin. "Everything from CCR and John Denver to old bluegrass tunes and sing-along camp tunes," he continued. "Then some friends of ours (now known as Hogeve Nabby) introduced us to Celtic music. We got to spend time sitting around with people like The Battlefield Band, Patrick Street, Tannahill Weavers and others, and dad started researching our Celtic roots. I would say that is when he was bit by the Celtic bug. It was during that time that Dad gave me my first guitar. It was his old Ovation, you know the ones with the round backs on them. It sat in

the case for two years before I started to learn to play it. Not because I was taking lessons or anything practical like that, but because I was too busy chasing girls, he said.

In 1989 Father Son and Friends formed as an official band. "We have been fortunate enough to play in several countries and have had quite a few adventures and what do I have to show for it? A closet that has more kilts in it than pants," Shawn joked. When he is not on the road, Shawn works in marketing and advertising for media giant Cox Media Group in Ohio. He also has a recording studio and does voice work on the side when the tour schedule allows. In 2004, Shawn married Tracie, his childhood sweetheart. They gave birth to their shining star Alexander in September of 2011.

Having played the Mumford and Sons "Gentleman of the Road" Tour and received an Irish Music Awards Nomination for "Top Traditional Group in a Pub, Festival, Concert," FSF are finding time back in the studio to work on their latest CD "Reign Mercy."

The show is Sunday, Jan. 12, in Busch Hall. The Ice Cream Social is 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., where you may purchase a variety of ice cream treats. Announcements begin at 6:45 p.m. and the program is immediately following. Admission is free.

by Donna Probes

Come on down to The Grove today at 3 p.m. for the first Friday Afternoon Live concert of 2025. Doc and I have put together a set list that will help to celebrate the New Year. The set will include some Jimmy Buffett, Eagles, James Taylor and many of your other favorites.

We are so happy to be performing on the new mobile stage. When the old wooden stage started to deteriorate, Ray Hill found this fantastic stage. His crew painted it, spiffed it up nicely and completed it with a sun canopy. It will be a great way to keep the outdoor concert tradition going.

The best part about this stage is that it can be trailered to any location at TR. This opens the possibility for events at any number of the scenic locations on our beautiful grounds. Thank you to Ray and his team for hauling the stage to The Grove for today's performance.

Mark your calendars for the Friday Afternoon Live dates for this season. Along with today's show there will be two more on,



DOC AND DONNA PROBES

Jan. 24 and Feb. 21. There are some additional dates you will want to put on your calendar. On Friday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m., there will be another great Mexican Fiesta featuring the full Mariachi Band. In March, we will celebrate the end of the season with a big music festival/party in The Grove. It will take place on Saturday, March 15. This year's theme will be a Rockin' Beach Party. Watch for more details but be sure to reserve these dates so you don't miss out on the fun!

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.

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, we will show again the excellent movie "Golda." It 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" kicks off our February schedule on Feb. 4. More details on these and more TNM's in future 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,"
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 a 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 downloads.

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

TR movies are fun



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Briefings from the Board



DEBORAH MAY

by Deborah May,
President/CEO
Board of Directors

The New Year is here and already moving along at a fast pace. Much too fast for me, too many things to do and not enough time if you happen to be at Travelers Rest Resort. The number of residents back in the park has increased substantially since Christmas, the Snack Shack is open, the clubs and activities are ramping up to full speed. It's wonderful to see old friends again and to welcome a lot of new people to the park. The Christmas decorations are down and stored away for next year. Our entrance looks a little sad without the bright lights and decorations we all love. But we have dances, dinners, activities, games and so much music to look forward to over the next few months.

With so many people here, we must all be concerned about the safety of ourselves and the other residents. The Policies and Proce-

Forum continued from page 1.

May has been asked why we charge to play golf but do not charge for other activities. The Golf Association is self-supporting and pays for all the expenses related to the course, such as fertilizer, seeding, pesticides, etc. TR does supply two paid workers to cut the grass.

The request for the installation of a porta potty at the Bocce Court has been granted. The Board has also installed shaving mirrors in the Busch Hall men's bathroom. Clocks have been ordered for the pool area, outside Busch Hall and Citrus West to fulfill other resident requests.

The Waste Management Committee is updating their brochure with a new logo. This will be a part of the welcome package given to new residents. The committee reminds residents to not put plastic bags in the recycle bin. Please put aluminum cans in the aluminum bin as they receive money for these. Two special pick-ups for large items will be held on Jan. 18 and March 15 following the yard sales. If you have new construction materials, please take these to Maintenance.

Residents have reported incidents of ID theft. The Hughes,

dures are put in place to help protect residents, give everyone a sense of what is right and wrong within the park and ensure the appearance of our park attracts future residents.

Section B of the Official Policy Manual deals with Safety regarding fires. No fireplaces may be constructed on leased lots (B0010). Burning of any type of campfire on leased lots is strictly forbidden, as are oil flamed torches, flares and oil pots. This also includes Golf View and Oak View. The park does allow gas grills, charcoal grills, gas operated appliances and cookers. If you really want to have a ground fire you may book the authorized fire pit beside the Snack Shack through the Activities Coordinator, Guy Weik (B0015). Firearms are not to be discharged in Travelers Rest (B0020). In addition, weapons, and the ammunition thereof, such as firearms, bows, knives intended as weapons and similar items may not be openly displayed outdoors in the park or in any Travelers Rest owned buildings. Knives may be displayed for sale at the TR Flea Markets and yard sales (C1015) However, we do have a sports club that goes outside the park to licensed target facilities for those that like to shoot.

With so many people out and about during the day at Travelers Rest walking, pushing golf clubs and equipment, riding bicycles, etc., we must always be mindful of safety when traveling on the roads

lot 2801, will be hosting small groups at their home to discuss ways to prevent this. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board.

The AGM will be held on March 11. Eight candidates are vying for five positions. Per TR by-laws, only five may receive Board proxy votes. May encouraged all residents to make their own votes rather than assigning their proxies.

The next Veranda Chat will be Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. The next Forum is Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

Brenda Varty reminded residents of the Activities Showcase to be held Jan. 15 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Q - Is The Village a part of TR?

A - The Village is as much a part of TR as RV South and The Cabana sections.

Q - There are many problems with deliveries in the park. Is it possible to add the range of lot numbers to the street signs?

A - Most delivery drivers stop at the Office to get directions and maps to specific locations.

A discussion was held regarding different modes of delivery. It is important that your four-digit lot number is prominently displayed.

in a vehicle or golf cart. Remember the speed limit for all vehicles is 10 mph (C2020). We do allow Roller Skates, Segways and hoverboards to be used, at the user's own risk, on roads of TR. But they must follow all rules which apply to vehicles. Skateboards are prohibited (C3010).

Bathing attire is acceptable only at poolside. Shoes, shirts and coverups are to be worn at all times in public areas, including while walking, bicycling and traveling in golf carts. Busch Hall restrooms are the only public building where bathing attire is allowed (C3070).

Smoking or vaping is not permitted in public buildings or screened pavilions, and other designated non-smoking areas. No smoking or vaping within 15 feet of doorways, operable windows, or intake vents of any public building (D3075).

Resident safety and protection are of utmost importance to the Board of Directors, Travelers Rest Management and the many residents that reside at Travelers Rest Resort. A copy of the current Policy Book is available in the office and online at the Travelers Rest Resort website. If you need help reaching the Website, the office staff will be glad to assist you.

We wish all residents a very happy, healthy and prosperous year in 2025. If you are a guest on Golf View or Oak View, may you enjoy your winter with us and we hope to see you again next year.

Q - Who is doing the bookkeeping for the new Activities account?

A - Terry Halbrook, but he is looking for a volunteer to take over the assignment.

Statement - One resident asked at a prior Forum how much TR spent on legal fees last year. He was advised that the cost last year was \$74,899.50. May added that this month's expenses were \$800.

Statement - A resident received an unexpected package. Post Office advised that they would accept the return ONLY if the package had not been unwrapped.

Q - Is the new TR Activities fund subject to TR policies.

A - The new Activities Fund is a subsidiary of TR and policies will be developed for it.

Q - Can other items go into the aluminum recycle bin besides cans?

A - Ray Hill suggested that larger clean aluminum items be taken to Maintenance.

Q - Would the Board consider putting a pedestrian walkway across First Street at 12th Street?

A - Ray will look into it.

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Richard Kushman

Ray and I found ourselves on the fence this time. The park border fence, that is, which is under repair right now. The hurricane damage required removing many sections, then repairing or replacing them as necessary to avoid a wavy park frame that could possibly make a straight-down-the-fairway drive even more difficult.

Ray is planning to have 6-foot dog leashes available for sale, and possibly even free, at the Dog Parks for those that are not using legal-length dog restraints. There was recently an unrestrained dog-on-dog encounter with damage, which is exactly what the park leash rules seek to avoid.

We kicked around the requirements for lot maintenance which are currently in place and I asked Ray if a better system that does not involve fining residents could be devised. RV South and the Cabana Section are the most affected, and complaints about overgrown plantings have increased now that more people in these areas are full-time residents. Certainly, it is perfectly understandable to not want your close neighbor's lot overgrown and looking ugly.

Well, here is Ray's new neat idea: Require residents on these lots to use only zero-maintenance plantings. We kicked his neat idea around for a while and it sure made sense. The park is blessed with a Garden Club filled with very talented people who could easily provide a list of recommended and acceptable plantings. The Board of Directors could require that any lot vacant all summer only use approved plantings. This would eliminate extra maintenance, beautify those areas and avoid fines while also decreasing complaints and improving the friendly atmosphere of TR.

This new "Ray's neat idea" perhaps can be further developed and hopefully will pique the interest of the Board of Directors. Wow, Ray is starting off the new year with what might be an old-fashioned win-win!

Protect your TR sewage-treatment plant

by Jim Ridolfi, TR Maintenance Committee

Don't flush any sanitary items down the drain - no pads, liners, Depends and especially NO FLUSHABLE WIPES. No clothing, cloth, sponges, etc. These items can damage pumps, clog screens and plug pipes.

Don't dispose of medicines, drugs, syringes, patches, bandages or dressings down the drain or toilet.

Don't pour grease, fats or cooking oils into the drains. Also no motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, car polish or wax, paint, mineral spirits or turpentine. No insecticides, weed killers, fertilizer or plant food.

Limit the use of sink garbage disposals. Put scraps, peelings, coffee grounds, etc. into the garbage, not down the drain.

Don't connect patio drains, roof drains, downspouts and other stormwater sources to the sanitary sewage system.

Only flush the 3 Ps down the toilet - that is: pee, poo and paper.

Use liquid laundry and dishwasher detergents instead of powders.

Be judicious in your use of bleach, disinfectants, drain openers and cleaners, etc.

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Happy New Year to everyone. We hope it will be a good year for all.

A well-known psychologist once stated that “Everyone writes their own life script.” What exactly did she mean by this. Her theory goes back to the old saying that you look at your life as a glass half-full or half-empty. I’m sure you all know someone who goes through life with the half-empty philosophy. They are always looking for things to go wrong and somehow their expectations are met.

Hopefully we at TR will all approach 2025 with half-full expectations.

Look about you. We live in an exceptional resort. Our surroundings are not only clean and neat but also quite beautiful. Our Maintenance Staff and Garden Club assure that we are surrounded by beautiful trees and flowers.

We reside in a safe environment. We have our own First Responders and Fire Department within the Park that can quickly respond to any emergency.

We are never alone. We have friendly neighbors who keep an eye on us and lend a helping hand when necessary. You can rest assured that if you do not show up for one of your normal activities, someone will be at your door to see if you are okay.

There are more than 100 activities at your disposal each and every week. If you are bored, it is definitely your own fault.

We should all be thankful that we live in an environment that promotes a “half-full” philosophy.

May your new year be one that is “half-full.” *mre*

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Did you know...



by Margaret Emmetts

Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of gold?

You know this is a trick question. The reason is that feathers and gold are measured in two different units. Gold is measured in Troy weight while feathers are measured in Avoirdupois.

Avoirdupois is the weight system with which you are most familiar. There are 16 ounces to a pound and 18 grams to an ounce. A smaller unit in this system which you may never have heard of is the grain, a unit used by pharmacists. One gram in this system is 15.432 grains.

The Troy system has 12 ounces to the pound and



20 pennyweights to the ounce. This system also used grains. One pennyweight is 24 grains and one carat is 4 grains.

To make matters more confusing, the two weight systems use different grain standards. Troy weight is based on a barley grain

while Avoirdupois uses wheat grain. Three barley grains is equivalent to 4 wheat grains. Are you thoroughly confused yet?

The bottom line is that feathers actually weigh more than gold at 453.59 grains vs. 373.24 for the gold.

The Servant's Plow

A crown of beauty

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

In Isaiah 61:1-3, the prophet described the Messiah's God-ordained mission to minister to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged. He began, "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." In verse 3, the prophet states we will receive a crown of beauty.

Seven hundred years later, Jesus Christ launched His public ministry by preaching from this exact text, applying Isaiah's words to Himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus concluded, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). Jesus identified Himself as Israel's promised Messiah and Servant-King who would proclaim good news to the poor.

"Good news" is a favorable announcement. To "proclaim good news" is to announce or convey a message of positive information about important or recent events. The Greek verb describing this action is euangelizomai. The writers of the New Testament assigned this word specifically to the preaching or proclaiming of the gospel (evangelion). Proclaiming the good news means preaching God's message of redemption of sinful humanity through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. From the verb euangelizomai, we get our English term



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE evangelize. We proclaim the good news or evangelize when we share the message of salvation in Jesus Christ—that the kingdom of God has come to earth in the person of God's own Son, who brings with Him the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life (Matthew 4:23; Romans 10:15).

In the Old Testament, "the poor" were those who had no inheritance, who were financially impoverished and of low social status, or who were downtrodden, oppressed, disadvantaged, and destitute. The poor were helpless and dependent upon powerful people and unfavorable circumstances.

"The poor" are also those who live in dependence on God. The Psalms, especially, use the concept of poverty literally and symbolically to express reliance on God as Protector, Deliverer and Savior of the poor (Psalm 12:6; 35:10; 102:17; 116:6). These concepts of "the poor" continue into the New Testament, as people living in poverty and the humble who live by faith in God are "the poor." In Jesus Christ's great Sermon on the Mount, the Lord begins with the

Beatitudes, preaching, "God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours" (Luke 6:20). The "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3) are people who recognize their own spiritual poverty—they realize their desperate need for God, turn to Him and receive the richest blessings He graciously offers through faith in Jesus Christ.

From prison, John the Baptist sent word to ask Jesus if He was indeed the promised Messiah of Israel. Jesus answered, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the good news is proclaimed to the poor" (Luke 7:22). The fact that Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor was one of the authoritative marks of His Messiahship (Matthew 11:2).

James contended, "Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom He promised to those who love Him" (James 2:5, NLT). The Apostle Paul explained the extent of Christ's unselfish kindness to the poor ones He came to save: "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9, NLT).

The prime objective of Jesus Christ's entire ministry was proclaiming the good news of salvation to the poor. He is a Savior who meets the needs of the poor—both materially and spiritually. What's more, He thoroughly satisfies everyone who wears the crown of beauty, a joyous blessing.

Travelers Rest

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Choir Rehearsal
 Friday, 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday, 8:45 a.m.
 Bernie Gutridge

Sunday Service
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Hymn Sing 10:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Pastor Anthony Shipe

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 First Sunday of the month.

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Vigil Mass
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Daily Masses
 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday

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 Sunday 9:05 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
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Evolution in TR

by John Freed

When TR was established in 1972 as an exclusive 55+ Airstream park, almost all residents were 55 or older. Each lessee in RV South and the Cabana section was required to have an Airstream trailer on their lot. Those in the Village had to own an Airstream trailer for at least the first three years of lot ownership but the trailer did not have to be on the lot. This requirement brought the Airstream attitude and comradery that is still the cornerstone of the park today.

As the park was built out, the lots were gradually filled. The Village began to be populated in 1976 and by 1983 most of the lots had mobile homes in place. Several more were added in the mid-'80s and beginning in 1999 the older homes began to be replaced. Of the 134 Village homes, seven have been replaced so far. Most of the original homes have had extensive renovation and have retained their value well.

In 1996 the park began to have difficulty being adequately leased and the requirement that all lessees and Village owners have an Airstream trailer was modified. Other Airstream products and other brands of hard-sided RVs were permitted and the park was able to be full again during the winter season.

In 2012 the Village residents voted to remove the hard-sided RV ownership requirement from the deed restrictions. In 2003 stationary RVs were permitted to be installed in RV South and the Cabana section. Even though they were licensed as RVs, most had the hitches and wheels removed after placement. The requirement that lessees have an RV remains in place and is satisfied by ownership of either a mobile or stationary RV.

Despite these changes, many residents had or still have mobile RVs. Those without personal RV experience found they quickly



Aerial view of TR on Feb. 21, 1974.

Photo from The TR Times archives

adopted the wonderful perspective that has always been the keystone of TR.

TR is continuing to move from a predominately trailer, motor home and mobile home park to one with the majority of the units essentially stationary. I recently completed an inventory of the 609 owned or annually leased lots in the park and found these results:

There are 397 lots in RV South: 14 (4%) are empty and awaiting the lessee's arrival; 150 (38%) have movable travel trailers including ball hitch and fifth-wheel although many appear to not have moved in quite some time; 214 (54%) are stationary RVs and include Park Models, Trophys, Breckenridges and other units without wheels and mostly without hitch frames; 19 (5%) have motor homes on them.

The Cabana section has 77 lots including four without cabanas: 5 (6%) are empty; 34 (44%) have movable travel trailers; 28 (36%) are stationary RVs; 10 (13%) have motor homes on them.

There are 134 mobile homes in the Village and one vacant lot.

With all the park lots combined, 20 (3%) are empty, 184 (30%) have movable travel trail-

ers, 376 (62%) are stationary RVs and mobile homes, 29 (5%) have motor homes.

To maintain our 55+ designation, no more than 20% of the residents can be under age 55. Any person (including trusts, partnerships and corporations) can buy a Village house or lease a lot in conjunction with purchasing at least one share of TR stock and agreeing to abide by the TR policies. As TR's housing evolved, so did the makeup of our ages and we are now 2% under 55, 15% are 55-65, 38% are 65-75, 37% are 75-85 and 8% are over 85. It is a great mix of ages and helps the community work so well.

TR has done very well over the years due to a well-designed corporate structure, good management and staff, and above all great people willing to work cooperatively and have the friendly wave!

Note
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Waste management and recycling revisited

by Ken Hankinson

With the holidays behind us and the park quickly filling to capacity, the Residents Waste Management Committee feels it's an opportune time to review our current Waste Management Program. We are entering the third year of our waste and recycling efforts and the results have been very successful. While more work needs to be done, we are off to a great start and the future looks promising.

Let's take a minute to quickly review our existing programs. We currently have multiple dumpsters located behind Busch Hall and in RV South at the bottom of 10th Street. Each area has dumpsters clearly marked via signage to accommodate both household waste and garbage and others to receive recyclable items such as plastics, metals, cardboard and paper. Each dumpster is clearly signed to indicate what goes where but **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC BAGS** in recycling bins. If in doubt **THROW IT OUT** in one of the **GARBAGE** dumpsters.

At both locations there are designated containers to recycle various small batteries (no auto or golf cart batteries) as well as the small green propane canisters. In the same dumpster locations there are wire cages behind the small white fence to accept only aluminum soft drink type cans which actually produce some revenue for TR. Please keep these containers in mind when disposing of **ONLY** aluminum cans.

You may have also seen the blue barrel containers in Busch Hall with the small circular hole to accept aluminum cans and plastic water bottles. Please do not put any other waste or recyclable items in these blue barrels.

This year we have scheduled two dates for a bulk items disposal event similar to the events held last



season. These dates are: Saturday, Jan. 18 and Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. until noon. We will be accepting items such as window AC's, metals, grills and small household items. Please, no large items such as refrigerators, stoves, sofa beds, mattresses; or construction debris such as vanities, sinks, or toilets. These items should be taken directly to Handcart Road for disposal. There will be a waste coordinator at Busch Hall and RV South dumpster sites who can answer any questions during the event. Please keep in mind that this program is staffed by TR volunteers, generally 65 or older and our transporting capacity is also limited. We appreciate your consideration in this area.

The TR Thrift Trailer is always available to accept items that are in good resalable condition. Inside the trailer's door is a list of organizations that can assist you with larger, heavy items that you want to donate.

The Waste Management Program Brochure has recently been updated and contains a map that shows how close and convenient it is to take items to Handcart Road. Please watch for your copy in the mail or pick one up in the bin located in the Post Office.

TR's Waste and Recycling Program has been designed to assist in the disposal of items in an efficient and cost-effective way for the Park and favorable impact on the environment. We thank you for your assistance in making the program successful.

Do we still have emergency communications at TR?

by Dan Zile

We recently were asked this question: Have you noticed the tower is leaning? Why it is leaning, is a mystery. It is unknown what caused this malfunction. The antennas cannot be raised to the top because of the leaning. Therefore the Christmas Star that we are all accustomed to seeing this time of year, wasn't shining over Travelers Rest this season.

So the question arose; if necessary can the Amateur Radio Club still provide emergency communication? The answer is a resounding YES! While many different types of emergencies are planned for, this one was not. However due to the foresight of the group in the last couple of years to obtain and install additional antennas as a backup system, the TR Amateur Radio Club can still provide emergency communications for the TR community. The new antenna is the wire antenna



placed from the small tower behind the Hobby House to the Fire Station tower. A vertical antenna was also placed on the small tower that will now become our main local antenna.

We can still communicate with the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and we can still communicate with the "outside world" should the need arise. In addition, we are able to communicate to all parts of the TR Community. The volunteer club members with their communication skills and equipment will be able to assist the TR Management with communications should any need arise.



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Activity Affairs



GUY WEIK

by Guy Weik

Wednesday, Jan. 15 is the day of this season's fun and informative Activities Showcase. Come check out all the activities being offered at TR this season. The Showcase is open for visitors from 9 to 11 a.m. in Busch Hall. Tables will be set up Tuesday afternoon, so exhibitors can set up late that afternoon or 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Please sign your activity

up if you haven't done so already. We have many new residents at TR, so we would like to see as many activities as possible participating. You can sign up on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall, or text Guy Weik at 352-584-6377.

You might want to take a short nap Wednesday afternoon so you can participate in Karaoke that night in Busch Hall. It's going to be a fun first night at Karaoke! Brenda Varty, Marilyn (Mo) Olan and I will be attempting to pick up where the Youngs left off last season.

Karaoke runs from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. These are just two of this month's special events, which are nestled in among all our regular daily activities at TR. You can view them all in your TR Directory under the Building Schedules, the Additional/Outdoors Activities Schedule and the Monthly Special Events. You can also find them listed in the InTouch schedule online.

Activities updates

by Guy Weik

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

Building Schedules

Mondays, Page 5: Bible Study time change, now 5-7 p.m.

Tuesdays, Page 6: Change Pom Pom Drill team to Liturgical Dance, 3-4 p.m., CE.

Thursdays: Remove Beginning Line Dancing, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in CE.

Thursdays, Page 8: Change Liturgical Dance to Pom Pom Drill Team, 2-3 p.m., JMAB.

Thursdays: Cross out RC Airplane Flying, 3-5 p.m., BH, no longer meeting.

Saturdays, Page 10: Cross out RC Airplane Flying, 1-3 p.m., BH, no longer meeting.

Additional Outdoor Activities

Tuesdays, Page 12: RC Airplane Flying no longer meeting.

Monthly Special Events

Page 19: Add: Campfire-Songs that you know, March 20, Fire Pit, 7-8:30 p.m.

Page 19: Add Snack Shack, closing day, March 21.

These are the most recent updates to the TR Handbooks. Refer to previous issues of *The TR Times* in December for previous changes.

Join Woodcarving

by Linda Murphy

The Woodcarving Club meets weekly on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon in Citrus West from Jan. 1 until April 2. Everyone from observers to the most experienced carvers are welcome. We will provide several classes where we systematically go through a project step-by-step.

Our first project this year is a simple comfort cross to learn the basics of using a knife and pattern. We will discuss types of cuts, working safely and how to sharpen your tools. We will do carving at each meeting. We will have a required glove and knife available at cost or you can bring your own.

Things you will need: knife, glove, wound seal if you are on blood thinners, band aids, pencil



and eraser and a compass for making circles (optional).

Other projects we may do, depending upon interest:

January - Owl Head coming out of hole in tree.

February - Face or whimsical house in cottonwood bark.

March - Jesus at the Gate or anything else of your choice.

For more information, see Linda Murphy at lot 13-28 or call her at 717-968-9306.

New England Luncheon

by Kathy Fuller

Our annual Potluck Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Bring your favorite casserole to share, your place setting and a beverage. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to bring a friend or two! A sign-up sheet is posted in Busch Hall.

For information contact Kathy Fuller, by phone at 860-302-1367 or Laurie Doody at 207-205-2120.

Geocaching get-acquainted social

by Barbara Colson

Come out and meet other Geocachers at this social on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the TR Bonfire Area before the first 2025 Campfire Sing-Along. Bring a snack to share. Meet your friends who love doing this hobby, whether you can do geocaching or not anymore. We will have a fire even though sunset isn't until 5:34 p.m. that day. Join us for this reconnecting of friends.

Schedule for 2025: Geo-

Last chance to buy steak dinner tickets

by Linda Smith

The TR Party Planners will hold a Drive-thru Steak Dinner next Thursday, Jan. 16 at the Golf View Pavilion. Meals include a steak, baked potato, veggie, salad, roll and dessert. The cost is \$15. Diners may pick up their meals between 5 and 6 p.m. at the Pavilion.

Hurry up, as the last ticket sales will be Sunday evening at Busch Hall before the evening program.

Calling all TR vegetarians and vegans

by Leslie Ewing

The first TR Vegetarian/Vegan Pitch-in Dinner will occur on Monday, Jan. 20 starting at 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Bring your place setting and your beverage along with a dish to share.

This is open to anybody who wants to get ideas on how to eat more veggies. Vegan dishes consist of fruits or vegetables, beans or lentils, grains and nuts or seeds. Vegetarian dishes can include eggs and dairy with the vegetables.

A mistake even professional chefs have made is to use chicken or beef broth. Use vegetable broth or water, please. Sign-up sheets are in Busch Hall. Contact Leslie Ewing at 812-701-5352 with questions.

Coffee Social with Gunny on MLK Day

by Mary Kosbab

Please join us for a short book review of the Pulitzer Prize winning book "King: A Life" by Jonathan Eig followed by some first-hand remembrances of Gunny Gundrum who was on the podium beside Martin Luther King Jr. for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington in 1963. You are welcome to ask questions and enjoy this informal get-together on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Coffee Social from 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. The Coffee Social begins at 7:30 a.m. Bring your coffee cup or purchase a styrofoam cup and enjoy some coffee and doughnuts while learning more about this milestone event from someone who experienced it first hand.

Liturgical Dance Classes to begin in January

by Donna Neer

Several years ago, Bernie Gutridge asked Judy Dancer and me if we would perform a liturgical dance for Music Sunday during the TR church service. Now, mind you, I had no idea what I was getting myself into, nor had I ever had a pair of ballet shoes on my feet in my 60-plus years on this earth.

However, that didn't stop Judy and me from moving forward. Judy fortunately had some ballet background and was so instrumental in choreographing a routine to "Spirit Sing through Me." I cannot begin to tell you what a wonderful experience this was. Judy subsequently moved back to Michigan and somehow, somehow I continued teaching this form of dance for about five years. Joining me putting together liturgical dance routines, which we performed during Music Sunday church services, were Beth Smith, Karen Freed, Lois Allen, Betty Teichert and Marcia Schacht. Eventually, I stepped back from teaching liturgical dance because I was asked to direct the TR Talent Show. Betty and Marcia continued this activity beautifully and have now retired.

Bernie again reached out to me and asked if I would lead a liturgical dance program. One thing I have learned in being a TR resident, Bernie inspires a person to do what they thought they could not. So I agreed. It is difficult to refuse something that Bernie asks you to do!

So what is liturgical dance? Liturgical dance is a form of worship or religious expression that involves dance as a way to honor God and is used as a means to express worship, thanks to God, or for telling a story or bringing a Christian message. Liturgical dance is often referred to as praise and worship dance. Liturgical dance is reverent involving simple and graceful movements that can tell a story along with the song to which it is being performed. Liturgical dance conveys a message as the movements honor God.

With the assistance of Debi Niles, I will start a liturgical dance class on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. in Citrus East. Come and give it a try. I have no doubt that you would find this activity to be very rewarding in so many ways.

Canada Day luncheon is planned

by Val Mills-Smith

The Annual Canada Day Potluck Luncheon is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars and reserve the date. The Luncheon will be held at Busch Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1. The gathering will begin with a Meet & Greet at 12:30 p.m. followed by the Luncheon at 1 p.m.

This year we are pleased to host guest speakers from the Canadian Snowbird Association who will present a short program focusing on information particularly helpful to Canadian travelers. The speakers will also be available at the Meet & Greet to answer any

questions you might have.

Please see the Sign-up Sheet that will be posted in Busch Hall to indicate your attendance as well as what type of food you plan to bring so that there is a wide variety available.

We are always happy to have help with setup so if you are available and would like to volunteer to help on Saturday morning, please contact Ralph or Val Smith on lot 05-10 or Daryl or Belinda McLeod on lot 05-21.

We are looking forward to celebrating Canada Day 2025! Please plan on joining us.

Sing songs that you know at New Year's Campfire

by Susan Stahley and Cindy Watson

It's the first campfire of the season! Grab a chair, a beverage and your flashlights and meet us at the Campfire Ring down by the Snack Shack for some good ol' singing of songs that you know. Marshmallows will be provided so

just bring a stick. If you have an instrument, a song or a story to share, bring that along as well. Meet Cindy and Susan, after the Drive-thru Steak Dinner, on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the fire pit for some good music, singing and lots of fun.

Stained-glass classes are ready to go

by Laura Apgar

Stained Glass will begin on Monday, Jan. 13 in the Jeri Miller Activities Building. Beginner classes are on Mondays from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday classes are from 4 to 6 p.m. for individuals to work on their own

projects with some help. Classes on Fridays are from 4 to 6:30 p.m. This class is where people can work their projects on their own and with some help.

Classes are \$15 for the year and this helps to replenish some items used for classes.

Quilt Guild to meet on Thursday

by Ethel Polsdofer

The first TR Quilt Guild meeting is Thursday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. Please bring your Show and Tell ideas and wear your name badge. Some of us never quilted a stitch until we got to TR, saw the

interesting projects being done and decided to try. Please join us if you would like to meet our friendly quilters who will help you with a beginner's project. We look forward to meeting you.



TR Dance Night on New Year's Eve



Photos submitted by Diana Hill
Debbie and Dave Kat having fun at the dance.

by Diana Hill

TR Dance Night was a huge success on New Year's Eve! We had over 100 people join the fun. We danced all night, and at least some of us made it to midnight! Doc had an amazing sound system and a playlist with a variety of genres. Yes we did all the group dances like the macarena, watermelon crawl, cupid shuffle, electric slide and on and on. Plus some old-time dance tunes were plentiful. Lots of romance was out

there under the disco ball! Everyone seemed to like our impromptu dance when the dinner/dance was canceled. I think the DIY dance night is going to be a great success. Nobody complained to me about the decorations or food because it was their own stuff.

Saturday, Jan. 4 we had an entertainer scheduled, but the bad news was that he canceled due to illness. The good news was that Dave Kat saved the day with his playlist and the party went on. We'll have photos of the dance for the next paper.

Our next dance is Saturday, Jan. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. We hope to have MO DJ again, so we'll be rocking the house. We're going to stick with the DIY setup. Everyone will set up their own tables and chairs. Bring your own beverages, food, snacks and table decorations. No charge at the door, but bring cash for a donation toward future events. We still do it the TR way,

clean up, take down tables, take out the trash and on Saturdays we set up chairs for Church. If you're not able to help, no worries, we've got lots of help. Look for flyers to remind you.

Thanks to everyone who has been making this new group of "people who just want to dance" a huge success. Call Diana Hill at 352-535-8569 if you have any questions. Come join the fun for a little bit or stay till the end. NO partner or talent needed!



Sharon and Dan Zile, in the foreground, along with Bob and Carol Luther are ready for 2025.

TR Welcoming Committee activities

by Diana Hill

Well once again, the TR Welcoming Committee (TRWC) had an amazing time hosting newcomers to TR at our "Meet and Greet" table at the Christmas Feast. Travelers Rest provided the hams and several TRWC members supplied sides and desserts. The food, camaraderie and laughter went on and on. I have to thank the Committee for all their help and Billy and Deanie Wood who stepped up with their amazing help to serve two very heavy hams! It was a great way to welcome new TR guests who may not have had Christmas dinner on their minds until they arrived.

If you are looking for an easy volunteer experience that gets you

out there to "meet and greet" new folks, 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.

The TRWC meets twice each month, January through March, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Citrus West. The first Thursday of the month is an organizational meeting. On the third Thursday of the month, we fill goody bags to be delivered when newcomers arrive.

In addition, the TRWC will be hosting a Newcomers Red Dot Table at the Busch Hall Coffee Seminar on Thursdays, Feb. 13 and

March 13 from 8 to 9 a.m. They also will host the Newcomers Red Dot Table at Golfview Happy Hours on Thursdays, Jan 23, Feb. 27 and March 27 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Look for our TRWC tables at Sunday Evening events, Flea Markets and other special events as well.

Bring your questions to anyone in a TRWC red shirt! If you're new, we'll get you a "Red Dot." A Red Dot on your badge is a symbol to everyone at TR that you are new and might need a little extra help navigating our community and our schedules. Please stop by when you see our table and let us know you're new. We'll take it from there.

TR Model Railroad



Photo by Brian Krupicka

This Oil Refinery was made from several different kits and individual pieces.

by Brian Krupicka

The TR Model Railroad Club held its first meeting of the 2025 season on Friday, Jan. 3 in the Jeri Miller Activities Building from 9:30 a.m. until noon. All were welcome.

Several members have completed new, even more interesting

displays for your enjoyment. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243.

We are looking forward to getting this season off to a great start.

Thank you for your very generous Holiday Food Drive



Photo submitted by Patty Hawkins

Pat Greene and Kristine from Daystar with Betty Kazymirczuk and Patti Hawkins.

by Betty Kazymirczuk

On behalf of the TR Food Drive Committee, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for everyone's generosity. We were able to deliver more than two pickup-truck loads full of food and make a total donation of \$4,280 to help fill recipients' freezers with

meat for holiday meals.

We wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year. Please remember the holidays may be over, but the need for food is not. The food drive continues all year and we deliver donations as they come in.

The Travelaires Orchestra wants you

by Pat Daubenmier

The Travelaires Orchestra has started rehearsals for the 2025 season. It's not too late to join in on the fun and camaraderie of creating music together. Whatever instrument you play, you are welcome to check us out in Busch Hall on Tuesdays starting at 12:30 p.m. Our intention is to open the season on Friday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. with a western-themed dance. Watch the next issue of *The TR Times* for more information. In the meantime, gather your boots and lassos and be ready to kick up your heels in the corral – better known as Busch Hall.



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THE TRAVELAIRES ORCHESTRA

Start your day at the Coffee Social

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!

Ballroom Dancing lessons begin 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.

nightclub 2-step in the lineup, a 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.

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



Photo submitted by Jeff Duquette

Heidi and Jeffrey Duquette

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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

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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, 5:00-7:00 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

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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 (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

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 Apgar**

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

Amy Grier

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

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

LITURGICAL DANCE

Tuesdays, 3-4:00 p.m. in Citrus East (December-March)

Donna Neer

PENNY POKER

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

Bruce Anderson

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 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

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.

Denise Weik

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

Thursdays, 2-3:00 pm, in Jeri Miller Activity Building.

Donna Neer

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

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

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

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 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 7-March.

Renee DeTar

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB

RC Powerboat and Sailboat Activities at Mirror Lake.

Chris Farler, Commodore

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 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

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

YACHT CLUB POWERBOAT RACING

Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake (January-March 15).

**Howard Best
Don Meddles**

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

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

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

Brian Krupicka

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



All changes, additions or corrections to any Activity.

Contact Guy Weik

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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
Volunteer TR Tour Director

Change and flexibility. We all know that change is an absolute constant in our lives. Some changes are times of sadness, others frustration. Some changes bring exciting times and still others are surprises we could not have anticipated. All changes are times that invite flexibility.

Such it is with TR Travel events! Though boat trips in January are not encouraged by our bus company, day trips involving

boats in January have been our most popular TR day trips. In 2019 we took 116 people on two buses to a paddle-wheeler on the St. John's River. Once again in 2025 reservations for a boat luncheon cruise have far exceeded the capacity of a single bus. The good news is that a second bus is available as are luncheon tickets. The not-so-good news is that today, Jan. 10, is the absolute LAST DAY for reservations for the Thursday, Jan. 23 Luncheon Cruise on the Starlite Majesty Dining Yacht. Cost is \$99 pp and must be in my hand today!! Call me to determine availability as the second bus is filling fast! I will maintain a Wait List for last minute cancellations.

Reservations for the Al Capone's Dinner and Show are in my mailbox daily, so you may wish to call me for latest reservation news. This trip will occur on Tuesday, Feb. 18 with bus departure at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$119 pp including bus, meal with both alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, all gratuities and, of course, the gangster-themed show. Many TR travelers are planning their Capone-era-speakeasy attire for this event, so ladies bring on the flapper dresses, boas and seamed hosiery! Gents might wear their favorite gangster vest and hat. The Al Capone Dinner and Show will be in its new Florida location on International Blvd. in Kissimmee but we leave the driving to Small World Tours.

The final day trip for the 2025 season will be an adventure into Wild Florida. Our Small World Tour bus will transport us from Busch Hall to one of the few pieces of private property on Lake Cypress in the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. Our day will include a safari ride through Wildlife Park where we will have the opportunity to see zebras, sloth, lemurs, bobcats and other exotic species. As if the safari is not enough excitement, we will also enjoy a 30-minute airboat ride! After lunch you will have time to explore a tropical bird aviary,

hands-on alligator demonstrations, a gift shop, the Crusher Alligator Show and the Hawk Swamp boardwalk through a pristine Florida cypress swamp ecosystem. This will be an incredible day and is rated Activity Level Two, meaning some walking is involved, perhaps some steps and there may be some standing for a period of time. Walkers, scooters and canes are welcome.

The Wild Florida Day Trip will be on Friday, March 7 with departure at 7:45 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$115 pp and includes bus transportation, drive-thru safari, 1/2 hour airboat ride, lunch, Wildlife Park admission with shows and gratuities. Reservations with full payment are due by Feb. 21. Checks are made payable to Small World Tours and sent to Sharon Zile at #2540.

New TR travelers frequently ask about how cancellations are handled, because we all know that life happens. If you need to cancel before the reservation due date, I can simply return your unpro-

cessed check to you. If you need to cancel after the reservation due date, your check will already be on its way to the bus company and they will not return your money as they have already paid vendors. However, all trips are transferable to a person on the Wait List and I ask them to pay you instead of Small World Tours. It is unusual for a TR person to lose money even when they must cancel.

One final reminder about the March 10-14 trip to New Orleans: final payment was due yesterday, so please call Small World Tours immediately if you have forgotten.

I am beginning to consider options for a multi-day trip for 2026 and I invite your suggestions! I will be talking with our Cruise Planner and also with Holly of Small World Tours. If you have thoughts about a travel destination or experience that would be awesome for TR travelers, give me a call or text 740-360-3819.

"Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer." Vamos!

The Dream Becomes Reality Chapter 1



Photos by Barbara Colson

ANGOR WATS

by Barbara Colson

As many of you know, a trip around the world has been a dream of mine for several decades. This past January I made it a reality. My first of seven tours was the Oversea Adventure Travel Tour (OATs) - Ancient Kingdoms: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Thirty-four days of traveling to some beautiful places, eating some great food (even the delicacy of fried tarantula legs in Cambo-

dia) and hanging out with some amazing people. I will just give you a couple of highlights from this portion of my trip.



The Dragon Wall at the White Temple.

Chaing Rai: Wat Rong Khun, known as The White Temple was created by master Chalermchai Kositpitpat, the national artist who designed, constructed and opened it to visitors in 1997. Wat means Temple. The original structure was

a Buddhist temple which came into bad repair by the end of the 20th Century. The artist, Kositpitpat, who was born and raised in this area, was very disturbed by the condition and economy of his hometown. He decided to rebuild the area and turn it into an artistic monument. Using his own money he rebuilt the entire temple. He raised about one million dollars by painting about 200 pictures a year to support his project.

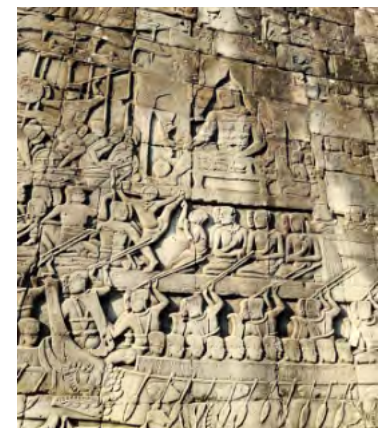
The temple seems to sparkle. The dazzling effect is achieved through a blend of whitewash and transparent glass chips which adorn the exterior of the temple. Each piece of glass was placed by hand. Thousands of visitors come each year. There is also a museum of Kositpitpat's works and other memorabilia. The bathrooms are

a work of art as well, with translators helping Chinese tourists use them properly. Google the White Temple to learn more about this beautiful place.

Angkor Wat, Cambodia: Angkor Wat, a Hindu Temple, was originally constructed in 1150 BC. Later it was changed to a Buddhist Temple. It was built for Khmer king Suryavarman II. The temple complex fell into disuse before being restored in the 20th century with various international agencies involved in the project. The temple is admired for the grandeur and harmony of the architecture, its extensive bas-reliefs and devatas adorning its walls. Devatas are images of gods and goddesses. The Angkor area was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1992.



The Spaceman in front of White Temple.



Bas-Relief on one wall of Angkor Wats.

Considered by some sources to be the largest religious structure in the world (more than 1,000 buildings), it is regarded as one of the best examples of Khmer architecture and a symbol of Cambodia. It is depicted as a part of the Cambodian national flag. Covering over 400 acres, Angkor Wat is a major tourist attraction and attracts more than 2.5 million visitors every year. (Wikipedia) Before its restoration the area had been lost to the jungle for 150 years. There are other nearby temples in the area that suffered from the same fate. Check out Google for more information.

For more information on OATs, see me at lot 10-10, I'm in the TR Directory.

Storytellers needed for 2025 Travelogue Sessions

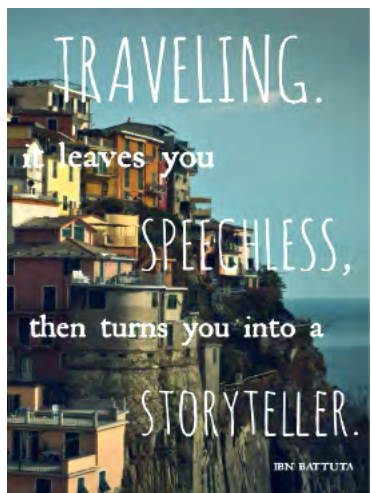
by Bert Contractor

Travelogue presentations start on Wednesday, Jan. 22. Travelogue presentations are scheduled in the months of January, February and March. This season, the presentations are scheduled on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. They will take place in Citrus East.

The 2025 schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 22 - Bert Contractor, "Taste of India"
- Feb. 12
- Feb. 26
- March 12
- March 26

As you can see, there are many open sessions. We are looking for "Storytellers" on these days to share their travel adventures with fellow TR residents. Please contact Bert Con-



tractor via text or phone at 980-334-5050 if you are interested in sharing your travel adventures. If you need assistance with preparing your slideshow Bert will be glad to help.



Photo submitted by Margaret Emmetts
Margaret Emmetts enjoying The TR Times while away for the holidays.



Take *The TR Times* on your next vacation and send us a photo.

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Wild Florida March 7th, 2025

Come with us on a fun filled adventure! Wild Florida set out to preserve one of the few pieces of private property on Lake Cypress in the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. We will begin our day with an incredible drive thru safari ride! In this amazing Wildlife Park, they have over 200 animals on display, including zebras, sloths, lemurs, bobcats, and other exotic species. After our safari ride, we will enjoy a 30 minute airboat ride! Next, we will enjoy a delicious lunch, then you will have free time to explore this amazing park full of zebras, watusi, zedonk, deer, turkey, bobcats, sloths, crocodiles, monster alligators and much more! Visit the tropical bird aviary, hands-on alligator demonstrations, gift shop and Crusher the Alligator Show. Discover the Hawk Swamp boardwalk through a pristine Florida cypress swamp ecosystem. There is also a walk-in bird aviary with ducks, parrots and other birds from all over the world. You won't want to miss this incredible day out! Activity Level 2

Cost: \$115.00pp

Tour Includes:
R/T Transportation
Drive Thru Safari
1/2 hr. Airboat Ride
Lunch, Tax & Gratuity
Wildlife Park Admission
With Shows
Driver's Gratuity

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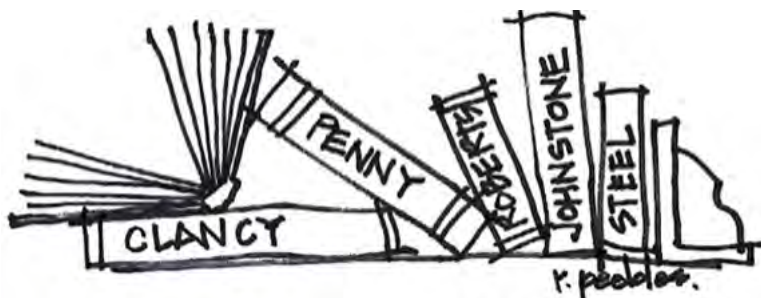


Motor Coach departs from Busch Hall at 7:45am and returns at 5:30pm. No refunds after 02-21-25 Full payment due at time of reservation.

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Library News



by Amy Peebles

What better way to start off the new year than to introduce you to books that we have in the library that were included in The New York Times Book Review's "The 100 Best Books of the 21st Century" published in September 2024. Below are a few of those books generously donated by TR readers and numbered where they fall on the list.

Number three is "Wolf Hall" by Hilary Mantel (2009). Book 1 of a trilogy, the historical novel is set in Wiltshire's Wolf Hall residence from 1500 to 1535. The book is a fictionalized biography of Thomas Cromwell and his rise to power in the court of Henry VIII where he becomes chief minister to the king. This book was the winner of the Booker Prize Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction.

Number seven is "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead (2016). The historical novel follows the escape of a young woman enslaved on a Georgia plantation. She travels by the underground railroad, which in the novel is an actual railroad system running along safe houses and secret routes. The novel explores slavery and African Americans' lives through history. The book has won many awards including the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Number 27 is "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2013). This book is an historical novel about a Nigerian girl who immigrates to America and returns to Nigeria a few years later. The novel tells the story of her life in both countries, and her romantic relationship with her high school classmate is woven through the novel. The book won the U.S. National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction.

Number 61 is "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver (2022). "Demon Copperhead" mirrors the story of Charles Dickens "David Copperfield" but rather than Victorian England it takes place in the mountains of Appalachia where the young boy, Demon, is born to a drug addicted single mother living in a trailer. The novel follows Demon's life of ups and downs through poverty, addiction and neglect. The book was a co-recipient of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize award.

Number 74 is "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout (2008). The book is comprised of 13 short stories revolving around the main character Olive Kitteridge, a retired teacher, and takes place in the fictional town of Crosby, Maine. Family trauma, long marriages and mental illness are some of the subjects touched on in the chapters. The novel won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for fiction and was a four-part miniseries starring Frances McDormand.

Number 77 is "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones (2018). The novel is about a young middle-class African American couple, who suffer marriage problems when the husband is wrongfully convicted of a crime. Themes in the book cover the criminal justice system, separation, race and class. The novel won the 2019 Women's Prize for Fiction.

Choose one of these books or any other that may catch your eye for your next reading adventure.

Library volunteers meet the first Tuesday of the month for an optional lunch at the Snack Shack followed by the meeting at 1 p.m. We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Books new to the TR Library

by Mary Kosbab

The TR Library continues to grow and expand. We have an ongoing flow of new donations to meet the wide variety of likes and needs of our many readers. Some of our new additions include the following selection.

Fiction - "Safe Enough" by Lee Child. These 20 intriguing, thrilling and rapid-fire fictions are sure to please new and longtime fans of Lee Child.

Fiction - "Shadow of Doubt: A Thriller" Scot Harvath Book 23 by Brad Thor. In a world shrouded in shadows, where doubt is the only weapon, can one spy expose the truth? Scot Harvath is swept into a whirlwind of double agents, international intrigue and heart stopping chases.

Fiction - "Capture or Kill Book 23 of 23: Mitch Rapp" by Vince Flynn and Don Bentley. Mitch Rapp faces an Iranian foe bent on destabilizing the Middle East answering the question; what role did Mitch Rapp play in the operation to Capture or Kill Osama bin Laden?

Fiction - "The Forgotten Affairs of Youth" by Alexander McCall Smith.

Non-Fiction - "Confronting the Presidents: No Spin Assessments from Washington to Biden" by Bill O'Reilly. Every American President, from Washington to Biden: their lives, policies, foibles and legacies, assessed with clear-eyed authority and wit.

Biography - "Here's the Deal" by Kellyanne Conway. Kellyanne turns the camera on herself: what she has to share about our politics, the media, her time in the White House, and her personal journey.

Biography - "Because You're a Girl" by Carolyn and John Chambers. This is an extraordinary memoir of the ups and downs in the life of our TR resident Carolyn Chambers.

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 Wood.

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.

Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

I often hear "the ladies of the Garden Club" and "garden work is women's work." Enough! I am debunking these statements right here and now.

There is a lot of heavy lifting to be done in our TR Garden. We need muscle to assist with those efforts and men have proven their abilities in this area quite effectively. We will take muscle in any gender, we do not discriminate.

In my house it is my beloved who has the green thumb. Why do so many people think our garden club is for women only? To answer this I decided to interview some of our male-gender volunteers to find out why they are members of what some consider a tea-and-crumpets crowd. In general, they all agreed that being outdoors and getting their hands into/onto the land was what brought them to join the Lake Margaret Garden Club.

Bart Schultz noted that doing yard work, pulling weeds and generally cleaning up a plot of land is therapeutic. He enjoys the camaraderie of the group. He is impressed with the hardworking people he has grown to know within the club. He suggests if someone likes the outdoors, come join our no-pressure group.

Mike Lilawski likes to be able to break stuff and tear invasive plants out of the dirt. He finds this is a good workout, and when he leaves after a working session he feels a great sense of satisfaction

at what has been accomplished. I talked with Mike while he was starting his lunch, so I imagine he would have given a lot more input if he was not preoccupied by his chicken salad sandwich.

Mark Hawkins says he enjoys his Thursday morning coffee and comes out to give Mike (Lilawski) a hard time. He finds it fun cutting limbs, trimming bushes and basically doing anything outside. He and his wife, Patti, had 44 acres before coming to TR, so he feels very comfortable working the land. Mark put in a number of hours installing lights throughout the garden to give the place its luminous essence in the evenings.

Stacey Grier, the LMGCC president, says after working his way from a volunteer to treasurer to president, he enjoys trying to control this group. He likes the socializing, being in nature and enjoying the overall beauty of the place. He was a 4-H kid and farmer, so this type of activity has been part of his life for years. His favorite activities are hauling away debris and trimming tree limbs.

Our male participants bring with them their expertise in electronics, machinery and general carpentry to the garden. What talents and skills can you bring? Even if your friends call you "Atilla the Hun," we are sure we could find something useful for you to do. Do not be shy, come to one of our gardening sessions any Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Come take a stroll through the TR Garden to see the results of all of our volunteers' labors. Look for us at the Activities Showcase on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 9 to 11 a.m. in Busch Hall.



DAVE PERELL



STACEY GRIER



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Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Many of you have probably seen Ella while out walking. She is 75 pounds of sweetness all bundled into a dog body, wagging tail and all.

About six months after Bobbi and Charlie McGee had lost their last dog, Charlie happened to hear that one of their neighbors in Tennessee had a litter of puppies available. They were a cross between a Black Lab and a Blue Heeler...the "Black and Blue" litter! Oh how Charlie wanted to go see those puppies. Bobbi wasn't ready for another dog. Her answer was "NO!" They had just finished a big Airstream rally plus her heart was just not ready for a puppy. Charlie showed her pictures of the adorable puppies. Still "No!" Charlie then dug out the dog crate and water bowl but Bobbi still shook her head. Finally one day Bobbi agreed to just look at the puppies; not picking out a puppy, just looking. When they got there, two little girl puppies were brought out. One of the puppies cuddled with Bobbi while the other puppy chewed a hole in Bobbi's shoe. The cuddler was really working her way into Bobbi's heart. Hmmm... Bobbi's mind started to change. "Maybe" became "Yep, we'll take her!" Ella had joined the family.

Ella had only been with them in their house in Tennessee for about four weeks when they all took off for Florida and TR. She adapted so well. When Ella was only eight months old, the three of them went



Photo by Charlie McGee

ELLA

on a two-month long Airstream caravan trip. They met up with the group in Nova Scotia and then a six and a half hour ferry boat ride delivered them and their Airstream to Newfoundland. Ella handled all that travel really well and especially loved playing with the other dogs on the caravan.

Charlie stays in great shape for his TR first Responder's duties and those daily three-mile walks he does with Ella contribute to that. Ella also loves her trips to the TR puppy parks where she can play with all the other dogs, big or little. Back at their cabana she loves her toys. She stands over her toy box staring at all the toys trying

to decide which one she wants to play with next. The leather squirrel is her favorite. The retriever in her surfaces when it comes to fetching her frisbee and tennis balls - more fun.

The McGees have not had to do any special training to achieve Ella's wonderful manners. She's naturally a very quiet dog. You don't hear a lot of barking from her, well maybe a woof or two if she happens to be outside at night and someone goes by. Those of us who have to remind our own pooch to "shhhh" more than once in a while, would love for Ella to share some of those wonderful quiet traits.

Pet Lovers Club

by Kim Roberts

Just a reminder that our first Pet Lovers Club meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activities Building. If you are new to the park or have been here and never joined us, please come on by. We support the Dog Parks here at Travelers Rest and have events to help fund this.

Our first event, the "Pup Crawl" on Friday, Jan. 24 sold out quickly. We plan to have more events this year and we are open to any new ideas.

The second event will be for nail trimming on dogs and cats. The groomer (Sharon, same as last year) will be here on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South Paw Dog Park doing nail trimming for \$15 cash per pet. Grooming can be scheduled directly with her after 1p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted in Busch Hall on the Pet Lovers Bulletin Board.

With everyone returning to the park, please be sure that you know



the rules of the dog parks. These are posted on the fence of both parks. We allow certain times at both parks for small-dog time only. Also, not all dogs play well with others and can only go into the park alone. Please if you see someone waiting to enter, limit your time to 15 minutes so everyone gets their turn. As always, please pick up after your dogs. If you are socializing, you may want to walk around and check if you missed something, so someone else does not have to clean up after you. Thank you.

Looking forward to a fun and safe season.

What a benefit a pet can be

by Judy Leister

I have had a pet all my life. The very first attempt didn't work out so well. As a little kid I was given a guppy in a fish bowl. A few days later it gave birth to a zillion guppy babies. Knowing nothing about caring for fish, the momma guppy ate all of her babies and the next day we found her floating belly up. No more fish for me.

Next came a dog, a few cats and several horses. I loved each one so much and wanted them to be happy and healthy. I fed them, cleaned up after them, played with them and loved them. Without realizing it, I was learning to take responsibility; a characteristic that is so necessary in everyday life. Every one of those pets made my life better and I see others enjoying those same benefits from their pets.

Having a pet can bring the stress in your life down to a tolerable level. There's nothing better than coming home from a stressful day at work and being greeted at the door by a happy dog wagging its tail.

Our dogs need exercise so we play with them and take them for walks. Without realizing it, that physical activity is helping our own bodies.

While we are at TR, we love taking our little dog to the 2 p.m. small-dog time at the Puppy Park.

Fendi loves it. Every day at 1:45 p.m. she sits at the door giving me that "Come on Mom, let's go to the park" look. She loves running with her four-legged friends but the time spent there is just as much fun for me. I love chatting and laughing with all the other pet parents. So we can add socializing to things our pets bring into our lives.

We have been very involved in a dog sport called agility. It's a timed event where the handler directs their dog as it runs a numbered course of jumps and other obstacles. The handler runs with the dog so not only are we getting a physical workout but we are keeping our memory busy as we direct our dog over all those obstacles in the correct order.

Not everyone competes in something but our kids loved showing their horses and dogs. At school there were always some bullies poking fun at all the other kids. I was amazed at the confidence our two kids gained from their horse and dog show competitions that helped them deal with those bullies.

Add protection to the list of benefits our pets add to our lives. Yes, that list goes on and on and on. My life has been blessed in so many ways by my pets and I'm sure all of you other pet parents can add to that long list.

Birding Activity



Unexpected feathered visitors

by Tom Butler

Imagine being visited by a distant relative that you had never met. You know who they are, and you have seen pictures of them through the years, but you have never crossed paths. What a shocking moment as you stand there in disbelief. Am I seeing and experiencing this! In the birding world we get to have these encounters every season because our beautiful park, with its great diversity of habitat, attracts unexpected visitors on a regular basis. The list is impressive and draws avid enthusiasts from every direction the moment they hear about a sighting. Three different Audubon groups have made the journey to our habitat just to get a peek and a picture. Let's look at this ever-growing list from just the last few years.

Let's start with the beautiful trees throughout the park. These trees provide resting areas and food supply for an abundance of migrating species. Warblers, Vireos and Sparrows flock to these locations with the occasional uncommon bird mixed with our everyday visitors. Did you see the Clay-colored Sparrow last year? This west coast bird traveled hundreds of miles to see us and visit our beautiful property. Do you recall seeing the Yellow-headed Blackbird visiting from the west? This large species has a name that is a perfect description of its beauty. Many birders have flocked to TR for a glimpse of this rare visitor. We have also seen the Summer Tanager, Orchard Oriole, Blue-headed Vireo and a Black-throated Blue Warbler. Are these species on your list yet?

We have many bodies of water in our park that attract shorebirds, waders, divers as well as predatory



CRESTED CARACARA

birds looking for easy meals. We have witnessed the Wilson's Snipe, Solitary Sandpiper, Hooded Merganser and the Louisiana Waterthrush. While these species generated a lot of talk and visitation, they paled in comparison to the Crested Caracara that visited last year. This amazing bird is generally found in Mexico, Central and



Photos by Tom Butler

ORCHARD ORIOLE

South America. This may have been the first sighting of this in Pasco County since the 1970s. Spotting these special birds requires patience and perseverance. You must get out there and do a bit of searching. Bird walks start at 8 a.m. in front of the Library every Tuesday. Join us and begin expanding your species list and photo albums.



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TABLE SIX



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And a delicious meal was had by all.

Photos by Nancy McDowell

TR Sports

Ladies' Golf League results for Dec. 18



Photo by Kathy Reimann

Sylvia Cole

by Kathy Reimann

Congratulations to Sylvia Cole, our player of the week with a low gross score of 36, 3 birdies, and low putts. What a round! The sweatshirt prize she was given fits perfectly!

Low Gross	
Sylvia Cole.....	36
Paula Currier.....	45
Vicki Cloyd.....	46

Low Net	
Val Smith.....	34
Phyllis Simmers, Joan Ledbetter.....	35
Fewest Putts	
Sylvia Cole	
Birdies	
Sylvia Cole.....	2, 4, 6
Chip-Ins	
Dee Branchaud	

Bowling

by Leslie Price
Friday, Jan. 3

Men's Scratch High Game	
Bill Buczek.....	204
Don Markle.....	187
Mark Hentchel.....	178
Men's Scratch High Series	
Bill Buczek.....	496
Don Markle.....	465
Ken Neer.....	457
Men's High Average	
Mark Hentchel.....	168
Women's Scratch High Game	
Lin Buczek.....	157
Kathy Capsolis.....	148
Pat Markle.....	143
Women's Scratch High Series	
Lin Buczek.....	442
Pat Markle.....	374
Leslie Price.....	367
Women's High Average	
Lin Buczek.....	150

Dominoes

Thursday, Jan. 2

Table 1 Carol Luther.....	165
Table 2 John Thibadeau.....	24
Table 3 Salma St. John.....	224



500 Cards

by Deborah May
Saturday, Jan. 4

Barry Yingst.....	1850
Kat Clark.....	1740
Barb Watson.....	1720

Men's Golf League Dec. 19 and 26 results

by Barry English

Thursday, Dec. 19	
Low Handicap (0-8)	
Low Gross	
Dan Currier, Gary Wintle, Ralph Smith, Steve Niles.....	35
Low Net	
Wayne Schacht.....	29
Bill Gould.....	30
Closest to pin #5	
Gary Wintle.....	20'4"
Birdies	
Dan Currier.....	2
Bill Gould, Bruce Cole, Casey Fisher, Gary Wintle, Ken Lasure, Ralph Smith, Wayne Schacht.....	1
High Handicap (9+)	
Low Gross	
Bob Luther, Dennis Ledbetter Stan Motycka.....	42
Low Net	
Casey Fisher.....	34
Jake Marissen.....	44
Closest to pin #3	
Casey Fisher	

by Barry English

Thursday, Dec. 26	
Low Handicap (0-8)	
Low Gross	
Jay Jager.....	35
Ralph Smith, Steve Niles, Dan Varner.....	36
Low Net	
Phil Simmers.....	31
Don Buchser.....	32
Closest to pin #5	
Dan Varner.....	16'1"
Birdies	
Dan Varner, Jay Jager, Ralph Smith, Steve Niles.....	1
High Handicap (9+)	
Low Gross	
Jake Marissen, Stan Motycka.....	43
Low Net	
Bob Luther.....	35
Closest to pin #3	
Stan Motycka.....	25'6"



Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

Chinese Mah Jong began on Monday, Dec. 9. We had a lively competition for first place and Rose Taggart was Empress with 20 wins. There was a tie for second place when Princess Deborah May and Princess Marcia Hatfield each won 18 games.

Come join us on Mondays and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. in Citrus West. We teach new players every day and they usually win on their first try.

Monday, Dec. 16	
Deborah May, Marcia Hatfield ..	3
Rose Taggart.....	2

Friday, Dec. 20	
Rose Taggart, Marcia Hatfield ...	4
Deborah May.....	3

Monday, Dec. 23	
Deborah May.....	6
Marcia Hatfield.....	3
Rose Taggart.....	2

Monday, Dec. 30	
Rose Taggart.....	4
Deborah May.....	3
Marcia Hatfield.....	2
Rachel Brooks.....	1

Friday, Jan. 3	
Deborah May, Rose Taggart.....	3
Marcia Hatfield, Rachel Brooks.....	2

Sports, sports and more sports

by Margaret Emmetts

If you have noticed, there are more "younger" residents at TR these days. It is expected that this younger group will be more interested in active, outdoor sports that provide some exercise. Fortunately TR is prepared for this.

In the last few years pickleball has become more popular, following a national trend. Cornhole is another newly-developed activity that is sweeping the nation. Not to be left behind, TR has a Cornhole

activity which is becoming well-attended.

We still have some of the good old fashioned outdoor activities such as bocce, shuffleboard, tennis and the pool. The bottom line is that we have something for everyone.

We hope you will take advantage of these many opportunities. You will meet new friends and have the added benefit of getting some exercise.





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Obituaries

AUGUSTINE "GUS" SBROGNA, JR.

After a period of declining health, Augustine "Gus" Sbrogna, Jr., age 98, died on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2024 at UMass Hospital surrounded by his family.

Gus was born in Worcester, Mass., July 5, 1926, the son of Augustine and Philomena (DeMalia) Sbrogna, Sr. He lived for over 90 years in the house where he was born on Shrewsbury Street in Worcester's Italian neighborhood. More recently Gus spent all but the summer months at his home in Travelers Rest in the Village on lot 2557.

He graduated from Commerce High School where he was an outstanding track athlete, winning many races both locally and nationally. After high school he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Army where he proudly served, post WWII, for three years in Japan. Upon discharge and return home, he worked as an engineer at American Optical and later for many years as an Industrial Arts teacher in the Worcester Public School System.

His loving wife and best friend, Vera (Paolino) Sbrogna died in 2012. He is survived by his sister Lena (Sbrogna) Adamski and many nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grandnieces. In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by two sisters and eight brothers.

Together Gus and Vera traveled on numerous adventures throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico with their many friends in the Airstream Travel Club WBCCI. He enjoyed playing music on the organ and his harmonica, dancing, traveling, cooking and entertaining family and friends. He cherished his family and his Italian heritage.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Norte Dame Long Term Health Care for the kindness, comfort and compassion shown to Gus in his final days. A special thank you to the Hernandez family, Phil, Candy and their four children, for welcoming Gus into their home for extended stays on many occasions and treating him as a family member. Also to his Dade City friends Jodie and Tony Shipe and Tom and Debbie Etchill for all the many years of kindness and friendship.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider a memorial donation in Gus' name to Our Lady of Loreto Parish, 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA 01604.

ROBERT V. JACKSON

Robert Verne Jackson, 80, of North Syracuse, N.Y. passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, after a lengthy hospitalization, with his wife and sons by his side. Bob was born in New London, Conn. to Yeoman 1c Gerald L. and Norma O. (Cross) Jackson. When his father deployed to the Philippines in 1945, Bob and his mother moved to her family home in Essex, N.Y. where the family settled when WWII ended.

Bob graduated from Willsboro Central School in 1962 as salutatorian of his class and attended Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. on scholarships, receiving his Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1966. He accepted a job at General Electric in Syracuse because he knew a pretty girl from his high school had moved there with her family. The girl's hospitable parents, obligingly and perhaps unwittingly, played Cupid by inviting the "hometown boy" to attend church and have Sunday dinner with them each week. After a two year courtship, Bob married Linda Kime on July 27, 1968, in Geddes United Church of Christ in Syracuse. The wedding was officiated by Linda's father, Rev. Albert Kime. Bob and Linda were blessed with two sons, Eric and David, later becoming foster parents to daughter, Lynn White.

As an amputee since a childhood bicycle vs. car accident, Bob channeled his love of sports into being the scorekeeper and manager for his high school basketball team. He supported and encouraged Eric and David in their many sporting events and Lynn's cheerleading. Unable to convince his draft board that there was something an amputee could do in the military, Bob served his country by devoting his 40-year engineering career with GE/Martin Marietta/ Lockheed Martin to designing the very best computer chips he could for many radar and sonar projects for all branches of the military. His technical expertise was recognized with awards from the company.

While still working, Bob volunteered weekly for North Area Meals on Wheels, using his computer skills to update the drivers' route sheets to find clients' homes.

Bob was an amateur radio (ham) operator, WB2BJW enjoying the hobby for 55 years, both in Syracuse and at their snowbird home, TR in Dade City, Fla. He volunteered for public service events, helping with communica-

tions at the Mountain Goat Run, the Halloween Pumpkin Patrol and the St. Patrick's Day Parade among others. He received the Ham of the Year award for his dedication. At TR, he also served as the sound engineer for the many church services and entertainment events. Bob was always the go-to guy for any computer or electronic problems.

For 52 years he was a member of Pitcher Hill Community Church where he sang in the choir, served on the consistory and as church treasurer and taught Sunday School.

A volunteer Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, he thoroughly enjoyed sharing his interests in ham radio, astronomy, computers and many other areas. Bob was awarded the Order of the Arrow from the Boy Scouts, but was proudest of the certificate that says "To Mr. Jackson, for always being there."

Bob had a quick sense of humor and was famous for his puns. Friends have recalled his patience, his endearing personality, his loving spirit, his sense of humor and his devotion to his family.

Predeceased by his parents and daughter-in-law, Kerry, Bob is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Kime Jackson; son, Eric of Clovis, Calif.; son, David and daughter-in-law, Sara, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; his foster daughter, Lynn of Syracuse and his brother, Ronald of Essex, N.Y. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours will be at Fergerson Funeral Home from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17. The funeral service will be at Pitcher Hill Community Church, 605 Bailey Road, North Syracuse at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 18. Donations may be made to Pitcher Hill Community Church or to North Area Meals On Wheels, 413 Church Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212.



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