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Hi Lites



Travelaires Orchestra is ready to rock

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If these walls could talk . . . Chapter 4

by Margaret Emmetts

I am old. So old that I do not remember much about my childhood. I do know I was once a farm building. Perhaps I was used to store farm equipment or animals, I just can't remember.

I do recall that during my midlife I was turned into a Wood Shop. Those were the days, people visited me literally every day and I had all kinds of neat equipment. Most of my visitors were men, but a few years later some women came to visit.



The entrance to the old Wood Shop.

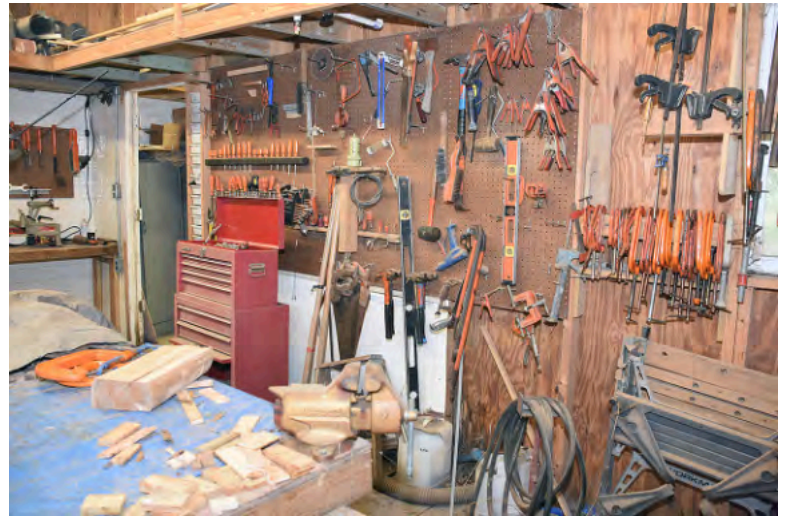
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One of the wood lathes used to make pens out of exotic woods.

The women usually came to use the wood lathes. They were making fancy pens out of exotic woods. Pretty neat. The men used the wood lathes to make beautiful wooden bowls. If they were doing wood work that did not involve the lathes, they were producing fancy trays and cutting boards usually made of different colored woods.

Of course there was other equipment besides the lathes, such as saws, drill presses, sanders and all sorts of hand tools. I was a really popular spot for men to spend hours away from the missus.



A wide variety of tools are well-organized and displayed for easy access.



The need to keep the building properly ventilated is important. Sawdust from the use of the power saws, lathes, etc. filled the air with a fine powder that could be unhealthy.

If you were to work with tools here you had to follow some very strict rules. The most important rule stated that there always had to be at least two people present if power tools were being used. This made sense. If an accident occurred, and a few did, there would be someone present to render first aid or call for help. Fortunately, over the years, no one was seriously injured and lots of beautiful wooden items were produced.



The mud floor is apparent in this photo. Rain water poured through the door during storms. Wood Shop members spent many hours sweeping mud out of the facility.

Sometimes my visitors would make special order items. I recall shelves for TR's Library being constructed here. There were also some special items made for the newspaper office.

Due to my advanced age I had a few problems. There was no bathroom and folks had to scurry up to the Hobby House to reach the nearest facility. Then there were the rain storms. The rainwater would wash mud onto my floor. What a mess and a real hazard too. That mud was slippery and more than one visitor landed on the floor.



In addition to work spaces, the shop maintained a library of manuals for members to reference.



A band saw is used to cut decorative shapes.

What with the mud problems and my old age I was forced to retire. All my fancy equipment was moved out. I no longer have visitors every day but I am still used as a wood shop for Maintenance. They keep their saws and tools here and use me for storage but life has become rather lonely. It just isn't like the old days when I was a hub of activity.



Busch Hall Sunday Night

Presents
Mark Raisch



by Ken and Sandy Langell

Mark Raisch brings us a show unlike any we have seen at TR before. As he sings his way through the best of rock 'n roll, swing and soul music, he is accompanied by a big screen presentation that brings these songs, and the people that made them famous, to life.

Mark is an accomplished singer and entertainer who for the past 20 years has performed throughout North America and in some of its greatest venues.

Included in these venues are; West Point's Eisenhower Hall, Branson Missouri's Jim Stanford and Grand Jubilee Theaters, the Hudson Valley's Bardavon Opera House and New York City's Museum of Radio & Television as well the world-renowned Friars Club.

This outstanding show will be on Sunday, Jan.19, in Busch Hall. Come early and enjoy some ice cream at the Ice Cream Social 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Announcements are at 6:45 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free.



by Donna Probes

Your survey responses last year revealed a great interest in making the theme of this year's season-end celebration a Beach and Buffett event. Well, that's exactly what I have put together. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 15, because we're going to have a Tropical Beach Party.

The Grove will be transformed into Margaritaville as Doc Probes kicks things off with his "All about Buffett" show. Bringing you the well-known favorites along with some of the lesser-known songs, Doc will take you on a journey into the incredible songwriting of the parrot head king.

Next, the musician named the Entertainer of the Year by the Trop

Rock Music Association in 2024 will join with renowned steel drum artist, John Patti for a 90-minute show that will take you to the islands, the keys and the sunniest places of your dreams.

These two outstanding musicians perform all over Florida and beyond. They also sponsor a beach-themed cruise that is very popular.

The grand finale of the day will be a classic rock band that will knock your socks off. This mid-western band will be on tour in Florida, and we are very fortunate to be one of their stops. Knee Deep will have you dancing under the live oak trees for the final two hours of the afternoon. Mark your calendar for March 15. The celebration begins at 11:30 a.m.

That's entertainment

by Kathy and Lacy Shawver

We are happily off to a great season at TR. Among the many fun activities are the opportunities to enjoy live music, so much music!

Entertainment at TR began with Busch Hall Sunday Night. In our history we have enjoyed performances by both our own talented residents and many professional performers.

Currently, Busch Hall Sunday Night offers an Ice Cream Social, activity announcements and an hour of great live music. Most performers are hired from outside the park. Although there is no cost for admission to Busch Hall Sunday Night entertainment, the TR corporation (our annual lease and maintenance fees) provides funding for this entertainment.

In January, February, and March we offer the Wednesday Concert Series. These concerts offer entertainment beyond the availability of regular funding.

The Wednesday Concert Series brings performers to TR not normally available for the Sunday night programs. The Wednesday Concert Series is a self-sustaining activity that takes no funding from TR other than providing the Busch Hall venue. The goal is to keep the Wednesday Concert Series self-sustaining. The price of admission to the Wednesday Concert Series is \$15 per person



THE TRAVELAIRES

for five of the six concerts and \$20 per person for the Spectacular Concert. Reserve Seats are available by advance payment prior to the first performance. Reserve seats are available on a first come, first serve basis at an annual cost of \$95 for all six concerts.

Volunteering is a core value here at TR. When it comes to entertainment many residents volunteer to make every music offering successful. Volunteers sell ice cream Sunday night in Busch Hall and volunteers set up and take down chairs. There are

many volunteers who make stage and sound engineering happen.

Residents volunteer their musical talent, as well, including Doc and Donna Probes' concerts in The Grove and the many impromptu jam sessions that occur throughout the season.

A Busch Hall Sunday Night in March offers the TR Talent Show spotlighting so many talented residents who entertain us that evening, so much fun!

We invite and encourage you to explore the many opportunities to enjoy various genres of music and entertainment at TR.



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TR TRAVELAIRES

Wednesday Concert Series

by Kathy and Lacy Shawver

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, we welcome The Caribbean Chillers. They will take us to one of our favorite places, Margaritaville! They work very hard to make The Caribbean Chillers Show an authentic recreation of what you'd hear and experience at a "live" Jimmy Buffett Concert.

The doors on Busch Hall open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person.

We encourage all who attend to wear your favorite island style shirts!



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Briefings from the Board



DEBORAH MAY

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

Our season usually runs from Nov.1 thru March 31. It's hard to believe that the season is half over already. Seems like I just arrived a couple of weeks ago. But who brought the cold weather down with them? Brrrrr it has been so cold here in the mornings. The last few months here in Florida have certainly not been typical. We expect a few cold days, but really Mother Nature, can we have a break? My flowers are not happy and neither are my dogs. Wearing sweaters is not really what they like to do. But they have stopped complaining and stand patiently each morning waiting to get suited up. I am tired of having to pile on the clothes myself each morning too. I'm really not complaining because it is better here than back home in the north. I am thankful that I can get up every morning and not have to shovel snow. Life is good in our piece of paradise. I feel blessed to live in such a wonderful RV park with such good and giving people as neighbors.

Occupancy requirements

Living here requires several qualifications and has its limitations. Travelers Rest Resort is licensed as an RV Park. RV South and Cabana sections are limited to lessees and sublessees only (D2005). To sublease just your lot (no RV) you must go through the office, who will handle all subleases.

For all leased and/or subleased sites, the Occupancy is limited to two adults, one of whom is the lessee, and one who must be 55 years of age or older. A third occupant is permitted if they are over 16 years old and related to one of the two residing adults. Occupancy of a permanent live-in companion or caregiver is not considered a visitor.

No permanent resident younger than 16 is permitted. If a request is made for a lease by an individual under the age of 55, approval is required by the Board of Directors (D2010). Florida law does allow a 55 plus community to lease to individuals under 55 if that individual is approved by the Board of Directors. The law states we can lease up to 20% of our total leases to those individuals under 55 that are approved.

If the lessee of record leaves the resort but continues to meet the financial obligations of lease agreements or maintenance fees, the permanent live-in or caregiver may continue to live in the unit. However, if the lessee of record is deceased and does not include legal passing of ownership of stock, property, and RV, Cabana or

Mobile Home, the remaining spouse, permanent live-in or caregiver must vacate within 60 days unless they provide a notarized document from the legal owner that states they may reside in the unit as the lessee. A time extension may be approved upon request. Should a share of stock be given as a gift or an inheritance, the occupancy lease's rules will apply upon exercising the rights of ownership of that share (D2010).

All RVs must be an owned, hard-sided, commercially manufactured recreational vehicle that is self-contained (contains sleeping, cooking, bathing, and toilet facilities) to occupy any site. This is a resort occupancy definition, not a Florida definition (D2030).

Rental of lessee's RV on site is not permitted (D3010). If a lot is classified as a Sub-lease site, TR will not allow the sub-lessee to use any shed located on that lot (D3015).

Being older does have its advantages. I have flown on several airplanes over the last few years and one thing I have noticed is that someone always offers to put my carry on up in the bin for me and get it down when we arrive. People often complain about the younger generation but I still find a lot of younger people are respectful of older people. They open doors, allow you to go ahead of them and thank veterans for their service. Hopefully, these will be the future residents of Travelers Rest Resort.

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill
with Richard Kushman

Usually my greeting for Ray includes "what's on the agenda this week Ray" or "what can we chat about Ray?" Now I must make it clear, I almost never read Facebook and had not logged on recently, so when I said "Good morning Ray, what's the poop this week" I had no whiff, took no comfort, was completely surprised and knocked off my stool by his response. Ray explained why a very thorough hot tub draining and area cleanup was needed. I'm going to pinch off describing in any further detail the problem, but Ray stressed the importance of notifying the office or Maintenance immediately when safety or health is threatened. The emergency maintenance phone number is located on the inside cover of the TR Directory and Ray made it clear to never hesitate to call at any hour

when the need arises. Ray means that, no baloney!

He is still waiting for the bids on the pool screen replacement. A resident recently wondered if an area of the pool enclosure could be shaded to help those with sensitive skin. A special UV screen material could be used but would increase the cost considerably and decrease the longevity. We talked about the possibly of a couple of umbrellas inside the enclosure and Ray is giving this some consideration. His concern is centered on the umbrellas being left unattended in the up position and a strong wind could possibly cause damage. The idea is, for now, on the table.

Ray's neat idea about requiring zero maintenance planting on sites seemed worth further discussion. Both Ray and I share the opinion that using monetary fines is a very unfriendly solution. We also understand there could be a time, as a last resort, when it remains the only fix. However, we have a Garden Club with many very talented volunteers who we believe could and would help design a plan. This could act as a guide for lessees that could be used to pick out only approved, slow growing, manageable plantings. Ray and I both hope this neat idea will be viewed favorably by the Board and the wonderful gardeners like Amy and Pam to name only two.

Well, that's it...all the stuff Ray and I have for this week. Considering recent cold weather, stay warm and keep regular.

TR Board candidates announced

by Pam Watkins

TR policy N2025 and Article II, Section 4 of TR's Bylaws require the appointment of a Nominating Committee for the purpose of securing, interviewing and qualifying all candidates to be considered for vacancies on the TR Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for recommending how proxy assignments granted to the TR Board designee at the AGM election will be voted.

This year's Nominating Committee interviewed eight candidates for the five vacancies soon to be open on the Board and declared all candidates as fully qualified. The Board of Directors accepted the slate of candidates at its Tuesday, Jan. 7 meeting.

All candidates were contacted following the meeting with only five accepting the nomination. The

five candidates running in the 2025-2026 AGM election are Scott Fuller, Kelly Newbury, Ruth Reeve, Wolf Reimann and John Toombs. Proxy assignments will be distributed equally amongst the five.

Candidate resumes will be published in an upcoming issue of *The TR Times* closer to the time the AGM packets are mailed. Per *TR Times* policy, as the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, a Meet the Candidates event will not be held this season.

Nominating Committee Liaison Pat Butler extends her thanks to Laurie LaSure, Paula Snyder, Nominating Committee Chairman Dan Varner and Carole Young who all served on the Committee this season.

Policies to practice



C3070 Attire

Bathing attire is acceptable only at poolside. Shoes, shirts and cover-ups are to be worn at all times in public areas, including while walking, bicycling and traveling in golf carts. Busch Hall rest rooms are the only public building where bathing attire is allowed. Spike golf shoes are prohibited in all public buildings, (Revised 12-16-03) (Revised 02-02-20).

The TR Policy book may be accessed online at travelersrestresort.com under the Resident Dashboard.

Village status clarification

by Margaret Emmetts

At a recent Forum a resident questioned if The Village was as much a part of TR as RV South and The Cabana sections. Randy Doell, a current Director and former park Manager, supplied us with the following information:

"The legal description of Travelers Rest is Section 8, Township 24 South, Range 20 East, Pasco County, Florida. This description includes 30.59 acres listed as a Mobile Home section (AKA The Village) within the part of the legal description. It also includes 75.69 acres known as RV South, the Cabana Section, the water wells, the waste treatment

facility, the maintenance area, GolfView overflow transit and the storage area. An additional 50.57 acres include the TR Golf Course, Busch Hall and Golf View transit sites. Travelers Rest also owns 27.24 acres just east of the waste treatment facility. Therefore, all the mentioned sections of property inclusively represent Travelers Rest Incorporated and not as separate entities. While the Mobile Home Section AKA The Village is a deed-restricted section, in which residents own their individual property lots, it also falls under all the bylaws and policies of Travelers Rest Incorporated."



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The "Weekly Miracle" may disappear

Over the years we have taken surveys to determine if TR residents wish *The TR Times* to keep publishing a paper copy each week. Our feedback has always been positive. Residents seem to want a paper copy of the newspaper in their hand each week despite the fact that the paper also is available online.

What few realize is how much work goes into putting out a 16 page paper each week or more importantly, how few people are responsible for getting the job done.

Few realize that pre-COVID we had a staff of about 90 people working on the paper each week.

In addition to the principals, Editor, Production Managers, etc. we had typists, pagemakers, advertising managers, columnists, proofreaders, photographers, photo processors to name just a few.

Today we have a staff less than half that size. In fact, some positions on the paper are currently vacant. We no longer have an advertising manager. Realize the advertising we sell is our main source of income and that the paper costs hundreds of dollars a week to publish. If we don't have a person to obtain the advertising and its income, we cannot afford to print the paper.

We no longer have a staff of photographers. All the burden for taking and processing the photos is currently on the shoulders of two people.

We have lost many of our columnists. Filling the pages with current topics also lies on the shoulders of one or two people.

We need writers, editors, proofreaders, pagemakers, etc. The few people that actually put out the paper each week are definitely over-worked and face possible burn-out.

What will happen if these few people do burn-out? The answer is that the paper will cease to exist. What can you do to help? If you have a computer or writing skills we can use your help. Do you like to take photos? Do you know how to process them on a computer? If so, we can definitely use your help. We will be happy to train anyone who volunteers.

The future of *The TR Times* lies in YOUR hands. We need people who are willing to make a commitment to devote a few hours each and every week to keep our "weekly miracle" appearing in your mailbox every Friday. *mre*



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Did you know...



strange facts about sea turtles

by Margaret Emmetts

Green sea turtles are ancient creatures. They actually date back to the time of the dinosaurs. But what is really interesting about them is how they reproduce.

It is common knowledge that some sea animals, such as salmon, return to their birth place to lay their eggs. It is also true of the green sea turtle. Somehow, scientists do not know how female pregnant sea turtles return to the very beach where they were hatched to lay their eggs. So far, this is in the realm of common knowledge.

Where green sea turtles enter the realm of the hard-to-believe is what happens to the eggs.

Apparently mom turtle selects just where on the beach to lay her eggs. She may choose an area near the water or farther up the beach away from the waves. She also has a choice as to whether to bury her eggs deeply in the sand or less shallow.

Now, the really weird part of this process is what happens as a result of this decision. If mom lays her eggs deeper in the sand and nearer to the water, which is a

colder location, she will produce male offspring. On the other hand, if she chooses to move further up the beach and bury her eggs in a shallower spot, which is warmer, she will produce female offspring. Unbelievable but true! It leaves one to question: How does mom turtle decide which area of the beach to use? How does nature sustain a workable population of male vs. female turtles? Some facts are stranger than fiction.



The Servant's Plow

The quiet miracles

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

The miracle at Cana in John 2:1-11, is Jesus' first public event at which something miraculous occurs. John even points out to his reader the significance of the miracle.

Cana is not in Judea. It is in Galilee. Galilee was known for its thieves, rebels, and Gentiles. Herod the Great had to clear the area of insurrectionists twice in his life. It was in Gentile territory that Jesus made His adult home and performed His first miracle in Cana.

This is a private miracle, subdued and quiet. It is not some flashy show of divine power. Only a few people, including the reader, know what actually happened. Jesus was even reluctant to do anything at the event. It was not meant to happen, but the persistence of His mother led Him to perform what has become one of the most famous of His miracles.

The hosts ran out of wine. The wedding celebration would have ended if there had been nothing to drink. Mary mentions this to her Son, and He replies with a sentence that has puzzled scholars. Is it a rebuke? Is it a mild objection? Is Jesus being rude? If so, His mother doesn't seem perturbed by it and tells the servants to do whatever He tells them. She was always a woman of faith who believed in her Son.

Jesus' hour had not yet come. His hour refers to His death, resurrection, and ascension in the Gospel of John. It was too soon for wondrous events in Jesus'



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

ministry. Yet, He still performs a rather large miracle. The stone jars at the wedding would have been huge containers capable of holding 18 to 20 gallons of water each. There were six of them. Not only was there enough wine for the whole village now, but it was also better than what had first been served. It is at the end of the story that we read the meaning of it and the significance of timing, faith and glory.

The headwaiter made the ironic statement that the good wine had been saved "until now." Of course, this is a symbolic way of saying that Jesus is better than what had come before. He is the apex of God's glory. In God's own timing the Messiah had come. When the guests were getting parched and the host nervous, and there was no recourse but to shut the party down, it is at this point that Jesus quietly intervenes. It may not have been the most convenient time for the Lord, but because of the need

of the guests and the request of His mother, He will do what must be done, for that is why He came.

God is responsive to people's needs. He is not aloof to the human plight. Even if He is inconvenienced by the request, His heart is larger than the stone jars.

Faith is the purpose of the miracle, as it is in all the miracles in John's Gospel. Faith is the reason John wrote the book (20:31). Faith is central to our Christian belief. Good works are by-products of faith.

With faith in Christ as the source and meaning of all good things, whatever we do will be done for the proper reason: out of thanks to Christ for filling our lives.

This quiet miracle is the manifestation of Christ's glory. But no one actually saw it. Nor was there a thunderous clap to herald the event. God's glory is not what humans expect it to be. His glory is not for mere display, but has the purpose to fulfill His service to His creation. Jesus is buried in a quiet tomb to do His miracle where no one can see or hear. As Martin Luther said, "God hides His pearls in a pile of dung so the devil can't find them."

In Christ, the very nature of glory is being redefined. It is glory with a silent purpose and aim, to create and maintain faith in Christ Jesus who responds to human need in ways that seem hidden and mysterious, but whose deeds are open to the eyes of faith. Listen closely to the quiet miracles around you.



Travelers Rest
CHURCH ASSOCIATION

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The Siren



Help us help you

by Kathy Fuller,
TR First Responder

The TR First Responders depend on the cooperation of the residents of Travelers Rest. A few ways to help us deliver care in a timely manner are:

Use your four-digit lot number when calling 911. Having the response team arrive at the wrong address does not help the situation and may delay critical care. If possible, turn on an outside light and unlock your door.

Fill out (or update) your Vial of Life and put it in the top shelf of your refrigerator. The vials are available for free at the evening programs in Busch Hall. The form inside the vile provides valuable information that your significant other or you may not remember in the heat of the moment.

Get out of the way! When the siren sounds, be aware that responders will be driving quickly to the scene. Whether the vehicle behind you has flashing lights, a honking horn or waving arms, please yield for them to pass.

Your cooperation is appreciated and truly makes a difference.

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Bulk disposal is tomorrow

by Ken Hankinson

Tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. until noon we will be accepting items such as window AC's, metals, grills and small household items. No large items such as refrigerators, stoves, sofa beds and 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.

Save the date

Flag Retirement Ceremony

by Ken Hankinson

This season's Flag Retirement Ceremony (flag burning) is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m. The event will be held at the Valdez Farm on Bellamy Brothers Road, the same location as the ceremony in 2022. If you attended the 2022 event, you might recall how well-attended and pop-

ular it was. If you missed it, you'll want to save the date and plan on attending this season's event as it is only held every two years. Mark your calendars for March 22 for this season's event and watch for future articles in *The TR Times* for additional details and information.

Four digits are best

by Pam Watkins

The subject of mis-delivered packages was a topic of concern at the Resident Forum on Jan. 6. As we learned from the TR Office staff, street maps are available at the kiosk at the front entrance, and delivery drivers who stop in the Office can be provided with specific directions. However, drivers do not always stop at the TR Office so until a perfect solution is decided, is there anything we can do now to help avoid mis-directed packages? Accurate addresses that include FOUR-digit lot numbers is one way to do so.

A quick online search showed that address preferences for accurate delivery differ between providers. FedEx and USPS indicate that the proper way to

address packages and mail is to include the secondary address designation (TR lot numbers) on the SAME line as the street address, e.g., 29129 Johnston Rd. Lot 11-10. According to USPS, if the secondary address designation does not fit on the same line as the primary address then it should go ABOVE the address. On the other hand, Amazon and Kroger direct its customers to enter the secondary address designation, e.g., Lot 11-10, on the second address line BELOW the street address. Although there are different labeling preferences, accurate addresses remain key in helping to ensure successful delivery of packages and within TR, accurate addresses ALWAYS include a FOUR-digit lot number.

Why volunteer?

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

When Ken and I first arrived here at TR nearly 18 years ago, we were the "new kids on the block." We were part of a late '50s, early '60s group of young people who found their little bit of winter paradise here at TR. We were so impressed by the long list of activities for us to choose to participate in and definitely more impressed that most of the over 100 activities were free. Why was that as compared to such places as the Villages where everything a person wanted to do had a price tag?

It was, and still is, because of the heart of the residents here at Travelers Rest who volunteer. So many TR residents step up to the plate and give of their time and talent and volunteer to make an activity become a reality. We became involved and actually found ourselves not only enjoying volunteering but also learning new things, making new friends and having fun.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "volunteer" as a noun, an adjective and a verb. As a noun, a volunteer is someone who willingly "offers to do something without being forced to or without getting paid to do it." Used as an adjective, to volunteer is to "engage in an activity." As a verb, to volunteer refers to the activity of giving of one's self to a program or function. As a noun, being a volunteer can describe you. Isn't it interesting that this nine-letter word can be used in so many ways?

What prompted me to re-write this article discussing volunteerism? It is quite simple... according to one resource, "the first and biggest benefit people get from



volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country." Also, and this is a biggie, volunteering benefits our health. Another resource stated that "those who volunteer regularly have healthier hearts, less chronic pain, bolstered immune systems and lasting physical as well psychological benefits."

I truly believe that coming to TR every winter is what has helped both Ken and me maintain generally good health. We don't just leave our volunteerism spirit here when we leave in April... we both volunteer at our church and other functions as well. There is no doubt in my heart that this is what keeps us young-at-heart and has benefited our physical well-being. Yet, let's be honest about it, we both are now in the "elder" classification of residents at TR.

Here at TR volunteers are critical. Whether being a helper or leader of an activity, volunteering in an activity is what keeps our activities alive and successful. Consider volunteering in an activity here at TR and help to continue the traditions and activities that we all enjoy!

References: Merriam-Webster Dictionary; Corporation of National & Community Service; Stephen Post, PhD (professor of preventive medicine & author); WebMD.

Introducing a TR veteran

by Ken Hankinson

Starting in January, and followed up in February and March, *The TR Times* will be running a new series of monthly articles featuring some of our resident TR Veterans. As mentioned in previous articles, we are extremely fortunate to have a very active and interesting group of veterans. Our veterans are from every branch of service with an extensive array of military and lifetime experiences. Watch for the upcoming series of articles for the remainder of the season. You will not be disappointed.



Tuesday Night Movies

by Jim and Carol Henrikson

We have received two enthusiastic new recommendations for the 2025 season. On Jan. 21 "The Six Triple Eight" movie will be shown. "Golda" will be moved to Feb. 11 and the second recommended movie, "Wicked" will be shown on Feb. 18.

"The Six Triple Eight" movie tells the true-life story of the U.S. Army sending more than 850 black women into France and England to clear the backlog of wartime mail in 1945.

The newly released "Conclave" can be viewed on Jan. 28, then "Blitz" on Feb. 4 followed by "Golda" on Feb. 11, Feb. 18

"Wicked" and February will close with "Wolfs" on the Feb. 25.

More details on these TNM movies in the next *TR Times* article. The 2025 lineup continues with "News of the World" on March 4, "Reagan" on March 11, March 18 "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" and we will finish the season on March 25 with "Nutcrackers."

TNM messages in the *TR Times* and on InTouchLink will provide more information and scheduling for our entire 2025 Season.

P.S. TNM popcorn is very popular and delicious. Salted and unsalted are available.



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Activity Affairs



BRENDA VARTY

by Brenda Varty

We are full steam ahead with all our TR activities in full swing! Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who help make our park a buzz of activity.

Coming up soon, add the Health Fair: "Moving, Mind and Meals," to your calendars. It will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Busch Hall, 9 a.m. to noon. Healthy bodies and minds as we mature into our golden years are the biggest part of our continued existence.

It all begins with Moving! There is certainly no shortage of activities to join here at TR to keep us rolling. Come out and gather information on Yoga, Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, Free Weights, Aquatics, Zumba, Tone and Tighten, Tia-chi and Cycling, just to name a few. Remember, if you rest, you rust!

Now for our Minds. This list is only a snapshot of the possibilities we can participate in to keep our minds sharp. We offer Beadaholics, Knotty Knitters, Quilling,

Rug Hooking, Mats for the Homeless, Book Browsers, Yacht Club, Model Railway, Motorsports RC Club, Games Night on Monday evenings along with a large variety of card games: Bridge, Cribbage, Joker, Wizard, Euchre, 500, Poker, 5 Crowns. Give one or several a try.

Moving on to our all-important Meals. The food fuel we put in our bodies daily is critical to all of us from head to toe. Never underestimate the power of good choices when it comes to nutrition. The Fair will have some of the best people to help us on this journey. We will have displays from the Waist Watchers and Gluten-Free Support groups along with samples of low sodium snacks and cooking ideas on how to reduce sodium in our diets.

Additionally, there will be information on medications, both prescription and over-the-counter. Of course, the Health Fair would not be complete without an update on safety in our homes and how to get hold of our awesome TR First Responders.

We look forward to a full house at Busch Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 4 and we offer everyone a challenge to take away at least ONE lesson learned and apply it to your daily routine. Your whole, beautiful body will thank you. See you there!

A note to all Activity Chairs; Cash Receipt Reports and Expense Report forms are available in clearly marked form holders on the Forms Wall at the north end of the Post Office.

Activities updates

by Guy Weik

Activity Contact

Motorsports RC Club: Page 29, #85, change John Toombs to Sean Neer, 09-15 and Tom Stuart, 04-30.

Monthly Special Events

Page 18: cancel Party Planners' DJ Dance on Feb. 21.

Building Schedules

Mondays, Page 5: Stained Glass, add "Beginners." 12:45-2:45p.m., JMAB.

Wednesdays, Page 7: TR Singing Men, 12:30-1 p.m., JMAB.

Wednesdays, Men's/Women's Pops Chorus, 1-2:30 p.m.

Learn to clog



by Donna Neer

Why clog? Clogging is fun. Oh yea, and it is great exercise as well. You will make new friends and learn something new.

What is clogging? Clogging is very similar to tap dancing, yet distinctly different. Cloggers wear Oxford shoes with not one, but two taps attached to the toe and heel of each shoe. The second tap is hinged and offers a single-type sound as the foot hits the floor. Cloggers start each dance on the left foot and maintain rhythm with heel clicks to the downbeat of the music.

Who teaches clogging at TR? Donna Neer, lot 10-71, is the instructor and choreographer for the TR Cloggers and has written more than 125 original routines, many of which have been featured in national and international publications. Donna has taught workshops in Florida, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Texas, Georgia and at Clog Canada.

Assisting Donna with teaching and choreography is Lin Buczek. Lin has been dancing with Donna for nearly 10 years and teaches clogging during the sum-

mer months. Lin is a fantastic dancer and instructor.

When and where are clogging classes? Clogging classes have already started. But it is never too late to join in. Beginner students will start learning their very first routine at their first lesson. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings with beginners at 9 a.m. and continuing students at 10 a.m. Some gently worn clogging shoes may be available for use while taking lessons.

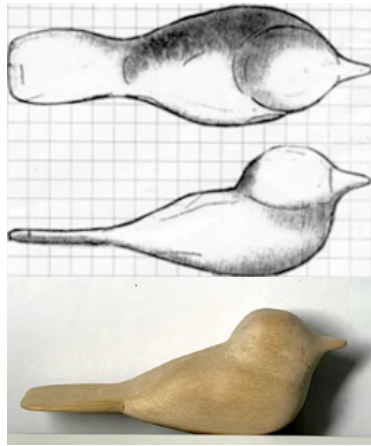
You can contact Donna Neer, 419-366-0471 or Lin Buczek, 920-470-7269 if you have any questions.



File photo

TR Cloggers performing on The Grove Stage.

TR Woodcarving Club



Photos by Linda Murphy

by Linda Murphy

The TR 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. Currently, our beginners are working on a simple comfort bird to learn the basics of using a knife and pattern.

Comfort birds are given to friends and family who are going

through a rough patch such as illness or grieving. Even experienced carvers continue to make many comfort birds and comfort crosses for those who might need one. If you see Dave Harper around the park, ask him how many he has given away. Please consider coming to our activity to see if this is something that speaks to you.

We will discuss types of cuts, working safely and how to sharpen your tools. We will have a required glove and knife available at cost or bring your own. Things you will need: knife, glove, wound seal if you are on blood thinners, band-aids, pencil and eraser and 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.

Enjoy the first Travelogue next week



Photos submitted by Bert Contractor

Come and explore beautiful buildings.

by Bert Contractor

Would you like to see the pictures of the most beautiful building in the world and discuss the details about the building? Would you like to see the pictures of an amazing stepwell that laid buried for centuries? How about knowing more about the markets, people, street foods and historical architecture of this exotic land?

If so, plan to attend the Travelogue scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus East.



People of the world.



AMAZING STEPWELL

Calling all 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.

First dance with the TR Travelaires



File photo

by Pat Daubenmier

Are you ready to rock? The TR Travelaires will be hosting their first dance of the season tonight, Jan. 17 in Busch Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. The theme will be centered around the '50s and '60s. Chairs will be up and tables set for you to claim with your own refreshments. No admission charge. Just come and enjoy the night with your friends.

The Travelaires are still seeking new members and welcome any new musicians. We gather together on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

SkyMed Pizza and Presentation

by Diana Hill

I'm back with a pizza lunch. If you are a SkyMed member or interested in hearing about SkyMed's emergency transportation membership benefits, please join me for my first full presentation of the year. I am very proud to be a representative for such a fine emergency medical transportation company. We actually took three TR couples home last season. We were able to give over \$500 to the TR Activities Committee last year and over \$264 this year. I'm having my first SkyMed Pizza and Presentation on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. in Citrus West. Please sign up on the clipboard in the TR Post Office or give me a call. It can save you tens of thousands of dollars to get you home in the event of a medical emergency. See my ad here in The TR Times. SkyMed and TR have a great partnership, and I appreciate your support.



TR Welcoming Committee is looking for you

by Diana Hill

Volunteer opportunities are available if you're looking for a volunteer experience that gets you out to meet and greet new folks, please join us. Whether you like to actually meet new people or do behind the scenes tasks, we need your help. TR thrives because of volunteers so get involved. If you can help, please text Diana Hill at 352-535-8569.

The TRWC is active January through March of each year. Their organizational meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are in Citrus West, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. They prepare goody bags that are given to new visitors when they arrive, on the third Thursday of the month. They work in Citrus West from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Committee members also have information tables at multiple

events. They host the Newcomers Red Dot Table at the Busch Hall Coffee Seminars every second Thursday, January through March from 8 to 9 a.m. They also host the Newcomers Red Dot Table at Golf View Happy Hours every fourth Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. January through March. Newcomers please look for our TRWC tables at Sunday Night events, Flea Markets and additional special events.

Bring your questions to anyone in a TRWC red shirt. If you're new, we'll give you a "Red Dot" to place on your name badge. The red dot is a symbol to all at TR that you are new and might need a little extra help navigating the community and our activity schedules. Please stop by any of our tables, let us know you're new and we'll take it from there. Welcome to our little piece of paradise.

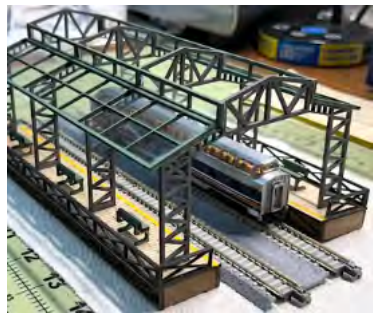
TR Model Railroad show off new models

by Brian Krupicka

Did you know several of the buildings, bridges and support scenery in our displays are not made from store bought kits? They are constructed by members using everyday materials and from their own imagination. The nice thing about the hobby is that whatever you dream up can be built and is acceptable. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243.



Hours of creative design and assembly go into creating these fun displays.



Photos by Brian Krupicka

Specialized designs.



New bench plaque honoring Paul Freed



Plaque honoring Paul Freed.

by John Freed

A plaque honoring Paul Freed has been added to the bench at the corner of Bromwell and Busch Lane in the Village. Paul was a retired Presbyterian minister and served TR as the Busch Hall Sunday Night MC before Doug Pedersen. He was on the TR Board of Directors and wrote for *The TR Times*. The phrase on the plaque, "Hello, Good Friends," was his trademark greeting.

Paul and Dorothy Freed came to the Park in about 1983 with their Airstream. Paul remained until his death in 2004 and Dorothy stayed in their Village home until 2013 when she moved to a retirement complex in Lakeland. At 104, she is going strong! Their son John and his wife Marge continue their legacy with their residency in the Village.



Photos submitted by John Freed
PAUL AND DOROTHY FREED



Canada Day Luncheon is fast approaching

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 and 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 and Greet to answer

any questions you might have.

Please see the sign-up sheet that is 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.

Attention New Englanders

by Bard Fuller

We are gathering all TR residents who have New England roots for our Annual Potluck Luncheon. It is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Bring your favorite casserole, side dish or dessert to share, your place setting and a beverage. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome to bring a friend or two. Be sure to sign up on the sheet posted on the TR Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall.

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

You are invited to a tea party



by Cathy Stuart

We're having an old-fashioned-new-fashioned tea

party on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

It will be festive, floral and fun. You may want to bring a favorite tea cup and saucer or wear a floppy hat and floral outfit when

you attend. Guests may bring six treats to share. It's going to be so much fun. Donations will be accepted at the door to help defray costs.

Sign-up sheets are posted in Busch Hall. We hope you plan on joining us, as it will be a beauTEA-ful day.

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.

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

BRIDGE: BEGINNERS

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

CRIBBAGE

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

GAMES NIGHT

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

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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

BRIDGE: INTERMEDIATES

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

SATURDAY DANCE NIGHT

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

GARDEN CLUB

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

AQUATICS - (WATER AEROBICS)

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

BRIDGE: PARTY/PARTNERS

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

DIGITAL PHOTO- CAMERA

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

GENEALOGY

Fridays, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Nov. 15-April 18.
George Adamson

BALLROOM DANCING

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

BULLETIN BOARD IN BUSCH HALL

For information or help with a notice or ad contact:
Betsy Behler
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DIGITAL PHOTO- POST PROCESS

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

GEOCACHING

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

BEADAHOLICS

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

CALLIGRAPHY

Tuesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. December-March.
Richard Peebles

DINING WITH FRIENDS

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

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE

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

BIBLE STUDY- EVERYONE

Mondays, 5:00-7:00 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

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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



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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
Volunteer TR Tour Director

What is the inspiration for the travel choices you make? During the years of raising a family, it was often the activities and interests of the children that gave direction to family trips. During my daughter's high school years, band appearances at college football bowl games were the centerpiece for several family trips. Even now, Dan and I find that an 11-year-old granddaughter's travel softball tournaments guide our destinations and certainly, our schedule. Or, the competitive stunt competitions that are a passion of a college-age granddaughter. Family weddings have also determined where we might travel and a vacation is planned in the surrounding area. Others create travel destinations around a plan

to visit every major league baseball stadium, state capitol building, or white sand beach. Sometimes trips are inspired by hobbies such as golf, tennis, sailing or Broadway shows.

TR Travel destinations are chosen to match the interests and bucket lists of residents, knowing that there are varied inspirations among group travel members. While it is not uncommon to indulge in a new activity for a day trip, many of us prefer to stick to more familiar interests for longer periods of travel. Exploring the diverse natural environments, visiting unique multicultural historical venues and appreciating the varied entertainment opportunities add to the pleasures of snowbirding or establishing residency in Florida. Several TR Travel destinations have enabled our residents to enjoy destinations beyond Florida – Hawaii in 2024, the Panama Canal in 2020 and Barcelona, Spain in 2018.

What will be the inspiration for a potential 2026 TR Travel journey? Could it be a desire to cruise the Caribbean Sea, or perhaps, the toe-tapping music and step dancing of The Byrnes Bothers has inspired us to explore the pubs and coasts of Ireland? Maybe a visit to the oldest continually inhabited city in America will extend our knowledge of Florida history. Please share your sugges-

tions and inspirations for our next multi-day TR Travel trip.

2025 TR Travel trips update: There will be two nearly full buses leaving TR for Clearwater on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 9:30 a.m. Call me at 740-360-3819 if you wish to be on a wait list for cancellations for this Starlite Majesty Cruise. Our dining yacht will cruise the calm coastal waters of the Florida Gulf and will feature lovely fine dining with picture windows for panoramic views.

The Al Capone Dinner and Show scheduled on Feb. 18 has about 15 openings and more than a few of our bus passengers will be decked out in their speakeasy finest. Expect to see Great Gatsby vests with bow ties and fedoras, flapper girl fringe and long pearls. There just may be several gangsters at your table, so be prepared with your toughest gangster talk.

Reservations for the March 7 Wild Florida Adventure have begun and are at about 20 persons already. This trip includes a drive-thru safari and 30-minute airboat ride in the Florida Everglades headwaters. Cost is \$115 pp and includes all admissions and tickets, lunch gratuities and transportation. See the flyer on this page for greater detail.

TR travelers going on the March 10-14 Biloxi and New Orleans trip will experience many of the places, tastes, history and

culture of what makes NOLA such an interesting and diverse city. There will also be several gambling opportunities for our high rollers. If your inspiration is exploration of this unique city in post-Katrina times, you will enjoy the Super City Tour, the National WWII Museum, Mardi Gras World where the floats and costumes are created, a sugar plantation tour, a dinner cruise on the mighty Mississippi River, time to explore the French Quarter and a few of

the tasty treats that are unique to the Big Easy. Twenty TR residents will make this trip which will be guided by Holly Griggs of Small World Tours.

Gratuities are included in your reservation fee on all TR Travel day trips. Departure for each trip is Busch Hall north parking lot. Please arrive for bus checkin 15 minutes before departure time.

"Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind." – Seneca



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

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Singapore highlights of my trip - Chapter Two



Esplanade Bridge and the tall buildings in Singapore.

by Barbara Colson

After doing five countries in Asia, I headed to Singapore to rest from my weeks of high energy travel and to do my income taxes. It's not easy to do your income taxes in a foreign country with a foreign IP address.

Here is a little bit of Singapore's history according to Wikipedia.

I didn't realize it was such a large island. I also didn't know the history went back to the third Century. The Greco-Roman astronomer Ptolemy (90-168) identified a place called Sabana at the tip of Golden Chersonese (believed to be the Malay Penin-

sula) in the second and third century.

In 1818, Sir Samford Raffle, founder of Modern Singapore, managed to convince Lord Hastings, the then governor-general of India and his superior in the British East India Company, to fund an expedition to establish a new British base in the region, but with the proviso that it should not antagonize the Dutch. The Dutch liked to make the new folks pay them a tax to do business on the islands they were controlling. You may have heard of the Raffles Hotel Chain, which was named after Sir Raffle. The Raffle Hotels

are in 18 different countries. They are very elegant and huge. I didn't stay in one.

The culture of Singapore has changed greatly over the millenia. Its contemporary modern culture consists of a combination of Asian (Malay / Tamil / Chinese) and European cultures, Singapore has been dubbed as a country where "East meets West," "Gateway to Asia" and a "Garden city."

Singapore's economy is often referred to as a "miracle" due to its rapid transformation from a developing country to a developed,



Photos by Barbara Colson

SINGAPORE'S BOTANICAL GARDEN



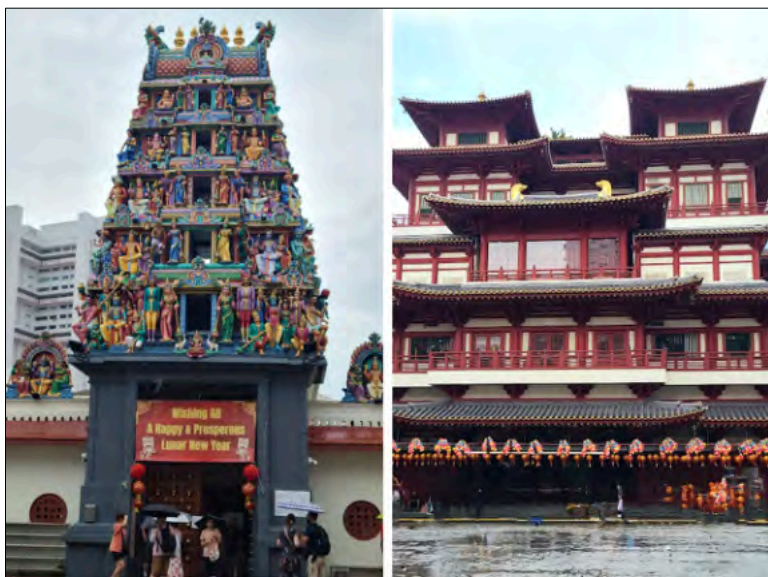
Big and Little Merlions statues depicting the mythical creature with a lion's head and fish body.

high-income economy in a relatively short period of time. This transformation took place in the second half of the 20th century under the leadership of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and his government. One of the key factors contributing to Singapore's economic miracle was its strategic location, which made it an ideal hub for international trade and commerce.

The country's main exports include electronics, chemicals and services. Singapore is the regional hub for wealth management. Water is scarce in Singapore and a sizeable percentage of water is imported from Malaysia, therefore it is defined as a precious resource.



to Bali, I want to go to The Cloud Gardens by the Bay. I have learned that one must book some tours before they leave home. I also met up with some Geocachers at Merlion, the symbol of Singapore which has the head of a lion and the body of a fish. Geocaching Meet Ups are an excellent way to hear about local attractions and meet others from around the world. That night, I saw the famous drone light show. The Dragon in the light show was made up of 1,500 drones at Marina Bay on six nights in February 2024 to usher in the Year of the Dragon. I was so glad I was able to see this show. It was spectacular. Because of the diversity of the cultures, there are many elaborate Buddha and Hindu Temples, especially in Chinatown. Singapore is a beautiful and colorful city. It is quite safe, even for a solo traveler.



Buddha & Hindu Temples are part of the culture.



The drone Light Show was both fun and exciting.



Library News

Our Library welcomes a new volunteer

by Amy Peebles

The library is a busy place this time of year as volunteers work behind the scenes on the daily tasks that keep the library organized and user-friendly while also processing all the donated books to get them on the shelves for your enjoyment.

Joining our committee this season is Patty Geer who lives at lot 03-04 in RV South with her husband Tim. Patty is a snowbird from Indiana and her family includes a daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter and son, daughter-in-law and grandson.

By chance while traveling she and Tim found TR on an app while looking for a place to stay so they didn't have to be on the road after dark. There was only a space available for a couple of weeks, but Tim enjoyed their short visit here so much he didn't want to leave, and they have now made TR their winter home for four seasons. What Patty enjoys most about TR is the friendly people she meets from across the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to the library committee, Patty has also joined the crochet and rug hooking groups and the women's Bible study group. She joined the Library because she said she has always loved to read. She explained as a young girl while her mother would go grocery shopping, she would go to their small library and come home with a stack of books. She has also spent three years working as a library clerk at her library.

She credits her love of books and meeting library co-chair Kay Blunda with her desire to join the



Photo by Amy Peebles

PATTY GEER

library committee. "I just adore Kay and I love spending time with her. Kay loves books and she is so fun to be around," Patty said. As for what she likes to read, Patty said she enjoys all kinds of books from thrillers to Amish themes and a variety of authors from Danielle Steel to Tom Clancy. She also brought several different Bible editions with her from Indiana that she enjoys reading.

At other parks where they have stayed, Patty said, a library would be advertised but was usually only a shelf or small area set aside for books. But she concluded, "if you love books, you will be in heaven when you see the library here. "It is so big and so well organized."

The library committee meets the first Tuesday of the month and we invite anyone interested to join us. Prior to the 1 p.m. meeting we have lunch together at 12:30 p.m. at the Snack Shack Shelter.

New books at the TR Library

by Mary Kosbab

"Shadow of Doubt: A Thriller" (Scot Harvath Book 23) by Brad Thor

A mysterious cargo plane, flanked by a squadron of Russia's most lethal fighters, has just taken off from a remote airbase. Closely monitored by the U.S., no one inside the Pentagon has any idea where it's going or what it's carrying.

"Safe Enough: Crime Stories" by the author of Jack Reacher by Lee Child

These 20 intriguing, thrilling and rapid-fire fictions are intimate portraits of humanity at its best and worst. It is sure to please new and longtime fans of Child and to illuminate a side of the author's work unknown to Reacher devotees.

"Triangle: A Novel" by Danielle Steel

A Paris gallery owner finds herself in danger when a mysterious man begins leaving her messages. This is both the story of a woman dedicated to staying true to her principles and a breathtaking tale of suspense.

"3 Days to Live" by James Patterson

The people closest to you can be your most dangerous enemies in this heart-pounding collection of three thrillers from the master of suspense.

"Daisy Jones & The Six: A Novel" by Taylor Jenkins Reid

A gripping novel about the whirlwind rise of an iconic 1970s rock group and their beautiful lead singer, revealing the mystery behind their infamous breakup.

"The Guest List: A Novel" by Lucy Foley

A wedding celebration turns dark and deadly in this deliciously wicked and atmospheric thriller reminiscent of Agatha Christie.

"The Kaiser's Web" by Steven Barry

A secret dossier from a WWII-era Soviet spy comes to light containing information that, if proven true, would not only rewrite history but it could impact Germany's upcoming national elections and forever alter the political landscape of Europe.

So many BOOKS
So LITTLE time

Garden News



Photo by Nancy McDowell

TURK'S CAP MALLOW

They also could be considered the "hog" of the bird world. They eat throughout the day, mostly on plants. While eating, they also do a bit of pollinating so they could also be considered the work "horse" of the bird species. These characteristics make them very garden-friendly. One of the more interesting facts is that they cannot walk. They flit at incredibly high wing beat speeds or they scooch on perches. Their migration journeys are tremendously far and fast. Given their ability to speedily, makes them the "gazelle" of all birds.

Now as to the garden.... According to the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute there are certain types of plants hummingbirds are attracted to. They favor plants heavy in sugar/nectar content, those with bright red or orange petals, those comprised of long, tubular flowers reachable by their narrow bills and tongues and those with easy access to allow for considerable hovering time. How does that translate to our flower options? Checking with Phyllis Zitzer, we have many of these plants in our TR Garden already; Shrimp Plant, Firebush, Fire Spike, Coral Honeysuckle, and Turks Cap Mallow (Hibiscus).

Come take a stroll through the TR Garden to see if you can spot any hummingbirds or the flowers they visit.



Photo by Pam Forsyth

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Pets on Parade

Tiny and Windy

by Judy Leister

“Meow.” “Meow”. That’s Tiny and Windy saying hi to everyone.

Tiny is a black cat that wandered onto Anita and Denny Glenn’s 18-acre country property in Ohio many years ago. She was skinny and definitely underfed. Denny could see it coming. Anita wanted to keep her. He yelled, “Don’t kiss her!” Too late. Anita planted a big kiss on the kitty and the little fur ball was staying. They named her Tiny and took her to the vet to make sure she didn’t have parasites. They also wanted to check out a growth they could feel on her. Oops, it was not a growth. That bump had five kittens in it. Tiny is now 10.

A number of years later another feline wandered in. It was a very breezy, blustery day so this new kitty was named Windy. Remembering what happened when Tiny came, they rushed Windy off to the vet and had her spayed, no more kittens. Windy is now five.

Since coming to TR three years ago to visit family Anita and Denny have sold their country acreage and moved to a 55+ Ohio community. It is a very active place like TR, plus they have waterfront



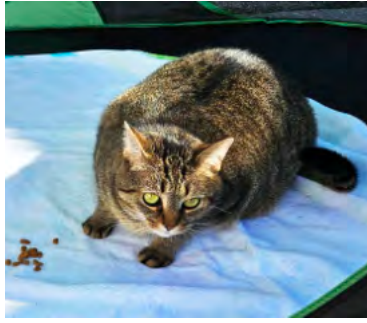
by Judy Leister

TINY

property on Indian Lake which adds to the fun. They are like many of us who spend our winters here at TR and will soon be moving from the fifth wheel they started in to a park model.

Whether Tiny and Windy are in Ohio or here in Florida they both love to spend time outdoors. Their humans want them to stay safe and not run loose so they lounge in the sun inside their safe, portable-screened play area.

When traveling to TR, of course, both cats ride along. They are great travelers and get along really well with each other.



WINDY

Tiny is the older of the two and the first to join the family so she sort of thinks she’s the boss, in a friendly way. After all, she did receive a kiss when she first came. Windy loves to eat and does all the begging for munchies, but Tiny definitely benefits from Windy’s appetite. Tiny has attached herself to Denny. She’s a daddy’s girl. Windy is Anita’s cat all the way which makes for a happy, well balanced family.

These cats have brought so much joy into Anita and Denny’s lives. They’ve had dogs before and loved them, but the crazy tricks these kitties do keep them constantly entertained. Tiny remembers a kiss got her this wonderful home and she’s quick to give a kiss right back to her family.

DIY doggy-treat tube



Photo by Judy Leister

DIY DOGGIE-TREAT

by Judy Leister

Do you happen to have a super-active puppy or even a grown dog that is full of energy? Of course there are lots of physical activities you can engage your dog in, but there might be times your schedule just doesn’t have room for a big romp session, or maybe the weather outside isn’t cooperating for a good run in the yard.

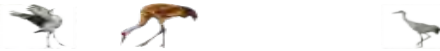
A treat tube that is easy to make can keep Fido’s mind busy while you work and he even gets some treats for his efforts.

Start out with a two-inch PVC tube cut 12 inches long. Drill some holes in it just big enough for your dog’s kibble to slip through. Cap off both ends, using a screw-open cap on one end. Clean out any pieces of plastic from the cutting and drilling.

Put a handful of kibble in the tube and close the cap. It won’t take long for your dog to learn to roll the tube around and gobble up the kibble. A dog with a curious mind investigating that treat tube doesn’t have time to chew a hole in your favorite throw pillow or dig the Grand Canyon in the backyard.



Birding Activity



Fish for every meal

by Tom Butler

If this sounds good to you – it could mean you are part Osprey. The Osprey eats fish almost exclusively with no request for a side dish. This “Fish Hawk” lives and nests near bodies of water to be close to their favorite food source. The Osprey is found worldwide with the only exception being the continent of Antarctica. Let’s learn a little more about this large predator.

The Osprey can reach a body length of 24 inches and boast a wingspan of nearly six feet. It will hover above the water waiting for the perfect opportunity to dive bomb the unsuspecting prey. They can totally submerge in this effort and along with several unique adaptations, they can successfully catch a meal. How about moving your outer toe to the rear to improve your grip on the fish? “DO NOT try this at home!” Covering their eyelids with a film and being able to close their nostrils further protects this hunter while submerged. Add a heavy layer of oil



Photos by Tom Butler

Did this osprey just miss his meal?

on the feathers and you have a bird that can shake off the water like a dog while in midflight. The Osprey may be part Navy Seal. These birds are brown on the

topside and grayish white on the head and underbody. In addition, there is a distinctive brown eyeline and put all together, you have the American Osprey.

There are three other subspecies around the world but the average birder would be hard-pressed to spot the differences. These diurnal birds generally mate for life and will lay two to four eggs that will take 35 to 41 days to hatch and another eight to ten weeks to fledge. The first to hatch will have the greatest chance for survival and will live for seven to ten years on average. The populations declined during the 1950s and 1960s because of DDT. This insecticide leached into the water system and nearly decimated the Osprey right along with the Bald Eagle. With the banning of DDT in the early 1970s both birds as well as many others, have recovered at amazing rates.

This spectacular bird is just another example of Nature’s beauty. Take a stroll down to Vanishing Lake and you may catch a glimpse of this amazing creature. Good Luck!



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Snack Shack opens for another season



Alan West rings the bell signifying the opening of the Snack Shack. Did you know that the persons ringing the bell were once known as the "ding-a-lins?"



The Snack Shack spruced up and ready for business.



Jim Walsh, Chairman of the Snack Shack, and Fred McGoldrick pause for a photo.



The Monday crew is ready to roll.



Rich Peebles arranges all the cutlery for the salad table.



Alan West preps the coffee.



Rose-Anne Boucher and George Adamson are the first customers of the season.



Ken Hankinson, second from left, explains the billing system to Barton Schultz, Dick Wheatley and Kelly Newbury.



Photos by Bill and Pam Watkins

This is the 47th season that the Snack Shack has been serving lunch to TR residents. Eight original residents each donated \$20 for start-up supplies back in 1976. The Shack has come a long way from the time that it did not even have screens and sticky fly ribbons were put up daily to catch the flies.



Dwight Green gets the food processor out of storage ready to be put to work.



Anthony Shipe, Gene Gough and Tom Etchill polish up the pans.



Bob Waldo mans the grill while Bill Watkins gets the bread ready.

TR Sports

Ladies' Golf League



by Kathy Reimann
Wednesday, Jan. 8.
Low Handicap 0-12
Low Gross
 Hazel English..... 37
 Sylvia Cole..... 38
Low Net
 Mary DeWeerd..... 30
 Shirley-Ann Appleby..... 32
 Paula Currier..... 33
Fewest Putts:
 Sylvia Cole..... 10
Closest to #3
 Barb Larose..... 10'8"
Closest to #5
 Hazel English..... 12'8"

High Handicap +13
Low Gross
 Karen Waymouth,
 Kathy Reimann 46
 Dee Branchaud,
 Betty Colborne..... 47
Low Net
 Phyllis Simmers..... 32
 Barb Larose, Stella Loiselle..... 34
Birdies
 Shirley-Ann Appleby,
 Mary DeWeerd,
 Stella Loiselle..... 1
Chip-Ins
 Phyllis Simmers, Sylvia Cole,
 Shirley-Ann Appleby,
 Trish Horney 1

Pickleball Jam



Photo by Gayle Kennard

Winners of the Varied Skills' Bracket Nancy McDowell, Darly McLeod, Towney Kennard.

by Nancy McDowell
Friday, Jan. 10.
Men's Advanced Bracket
 1. Ron Reeve
 2. Rob Grissinger
 3. Carey Box

Women's Advanced Bracket
 1. Ruth Reeve
 2. Sherie Grissinger
 3. Lana Wilson
Varied Skills' Bracket
 1. Towney Kennard
 2. Nancy McDowell
 3. Daryl McLeod

Yacht Club

by Bill Wise
Monday, Jan. 6.
Power VEE
 1. Jay Starbody
 2. Don Meddles
 3. Howard Best
Spartan Class
 1. Jay Starbody
 2. Howard Best
 3. Chris Farler
Wednesday, Jan. 8.
DragonFlite 95 Class
 1. Jamie Hyde
 2. Chuck Lemke
 3. Bill Wise
Soling Class
 1. Jim Trescott
 2. Chuck Lemke
 3. Bill Wise

Friday, Jan. 10.
Power VEE
 1. Dawn Meddles
 2. Howard Best
 3. Jerry McRoberts
Spartan Class
 1. Howard Best
 2. Chris Farler
 3. Jay Starbody
Saturday, Jan. 11.
DragonFlite 95 Class
 1. Jamie Hyde
 2. Jay Matthews
 3. Jim Trescott



Dominoes

Thursday, Jan. 9.
Table 1
 RoseMarie Anderson..... 217
Table 2
 John Thibadeau 179
Table 3
 Cathy Lefebvre..... 263

by Bob Luther
Monday, Jan. 6.
 Bob Luther 363
 Mike Clark 357
 Gary Anderson,
 Carol Jean Beard 345

Cribbage



Photo by Kathy Reimann

Congratulations to Phyllis Simmers, Player of the Week. Never say never. Low gross score, low putts and a chip-in! Happy Birthday as well!



Bowling

by Leslie Price
Friday, Jan. 10.
Men's Scratch High Game
 Bill Buczek..... 179
 Mark Hentchel 153
 Don Markle 140
Men's Scratch High Series
 Mark Hentchel 426
 Bill Buczek..... 421
 Ken Neer 396
Men's High Average
 Mark Hentchel 168
Women's Scratch High Game
 Lin Buczek 159
 Leslie Price..... 158
 Pat Markle 157
Women's Scratch High Series
 Leslie Price..... 466
 Lin Buczek 434
 Pat Markle 390
Women's High Average
 Lin Buczek 150

Wizard

by Denise Weik
Tuesday, Jan. 7.
Table 1
Game 1
 Denise Weik 300
 Barb Watson,
 Shari Yingst..... 210
Game 2
 Denise Weik 320
 Deb May..... 300
Game 3
 Barb Watson..... 370
 Shari Yingst..... 250
Table 2
Game 1
 Jackie Thackery 290
 Brenda Hatchel..... 280
Game 2
 Jackie Thackery 290
 Kathy Prockett 230

Men's Golf League



Thursday, Jan. 9.
 by Barry English

A little chilly, but a great turnout this morning for Men's Golf League. Keep an eye out to check for next week's starting time based on weather. If you have not yet paid your \$10 entry fee, please bring it next week.

Low Handicap (0-8)
Low Gross
 Dave Kat 34
 Moe Michaud 35
Low Net
 Dan Currier, Dan Varner,
 Jay Jager..... 30
 Gary Wintle..... 31
Closest to #5:
 John Thibadeau 16'9"
Closest to #3:
 Wolf Reimann 7'2"
Eagle:
 Jake Marissen..... 1

High Handicap (9+)
Low Gross
 Jake Marissen..... 37
 Bruce Cole, Frank Bovenberg,
 Serge Loiselle..... 41
Low Net
 Stan Motycka 29
 John Thibadeau 30
Birdies:
 Moe Michaud..... 2
 Jake Marissen, Bill Harkins,
 Dave Kat, Frank Bovenberg,
 Gary Wintle, Jay Jager 1

RC Motorsports

by Tom Stuart
Wednesday, Jan. 8.
 Don Rick, Howard Best 36
 Steve Layman..... 34
Saturday, Jan. 11.
 Steve Layman..... 36
 Don Rick 25
 Kevin Cahill 23

Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield
Monday, Jan. 6.
 Georgia Brooks 4
 Anne Amico 3
 Rachel Brooks..... 2
 Rose Taggart 1
Friday, Jan. 10.
 Deb May, Rose Taggart..... 4
 Rachel Brooks,
 Connie Bradley 1

National Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman
Friday, Jan. 3.
 Kathy Ellison 130
 Janet Stevens..... 75
 Arlene Wykoff..... 25
Wednesday, Jan. 8.
 Diane Phillips..... 75
 Georgia Brooks 50
 Mary Thole..... 25
Friday, Jan. 10.
 Sue Guffy 80
 Georgia Brooks 75
 Bette Gorman 25

Golf Scramble

by Dave and Dawn Pulleyn
Saturday, Jan. 11.
 Thanks to all who came out.
 Next Scramble is Saturday, Jan. 18.
 Hope to see you there.
First Place
 Sue MacPhee, Gary Wintle,
 Tom Hills, David Farmington
Second Place
 Pat Brown, John Porter,
 ShirleyAnn Appleby, Kevin Weik
Third Place
 Cheryl Porter, Dave Pulleyn,
 Ed Rauch, Betty Colborne



500 Cards

by Deborah May and
 Connie Bradley
Saturday, Jan. 11.
 Bob Luther 1940
 Barb Watson 1930
 Sam Wykoff 1590
 Arlene Wykoff..... 1450
 John Bearman..... 1360

Bridge

by Janet and Harold Baal
Thursday, Jan. 9.
 Janet Baal, Harold Baal..... 2770
 Connie Bradley,
 Jen Furman..... 2230
 Tawnya Rowden,
 Jim Weigand..... 1620
 Mike Clark, John Cyr..... 1390

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Obituaries

WILLIAM JOHN (JACK) NORMAN

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Jack Norman on Dec. 31, 2024, at the age of 87. He died peacefully at Nipissing Serenity Hospice surrounded by his loving family.

Jack was born in North Bay, Ontario on April 16, 1937, the son of Lance and Hilda Norman (deceased). Upon graduation from North Bay Collegiate Institute and Vocational School in 1955 he joined Bell Canada where he specialized in Applied Electricity. He initially worked as a telephone installer, then on the Mid-Canada Line in northern Canada and finally as a microwave technician serving the North Bay region.

He retired from Bell after 30 years of service and commenced a very active retirement. Together with his wife Helen, they managed their various rental properties, undertook land development and expanded Laurentian Mobile Home Park which they acquired prior to his retirement. In addition Jack and Helen enjoyed many happy times at the family farm in Chisholm Township as well as at Travelers Rest Resort in Florida, where they resided on lot 10-13 in RV South.

Jack had many talents and will be remembered for his design and construction of numerous large and small buildings. He was hardworking, respected by all and tireless in assisting his children and relatives with projects.

He enjoyed the outdoors, snowmobiling and skiing in the winter and boating and golfing in the summer. For many years he participated in the fall moose hunt and each spring he produce a reliable supply of maple syrup, operating his maple sugar business for 60 years.

Jack is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helen, three children, Christine (Don), Tracey (Kevin) and Jeff (Carolyn) and seven grandchildren.

Special thanks to Dr. Jinnah and to the staff and volunteers at Nipissing Serenity Hospice for their care and attention during Jack's final weeks. If desired donations to Nipissing Serenity Hospice would be welcomed by the family.

CAROLYN ANN PLACE

Our beloved Carolyn Ann Place went home to be with Jesus on Jan. 4, 2025. She was greeted by her parents, Rufus and Edna (Ball) Graves, her sister, Phyllis (Henry) Nowak and husband Donald Place, as well as many "soul-mate" dogs. She was born in Schenectady, N.Y. on Sept. 9, 1934 and is survived by her children; Elizabeth (Carlos) Merriweather, Derek (Kim) Place, Jennifer Place (David Knaggs), grandchildren Brenton (Jennifer), Sarah Sutterfield, Kaylin Place, Robert Jamieson and great grandchildren Charlotte and Jackson Sutterfield, Milo, Camden and Evelyn Place.

Carolyn earned her masters degree at Syracuse University where she met Don. She taught in various educational settings throughout her career, including special education, outdoor nature settings and with the mentally ill in a residential setting.

Carolyn lived life with a focus on service. She fostered and trained dogs for Paws with a Cause, an organization that prepares dogs to assist people with disabilities. After training a long list of labradors, a sweet dog named Star was assigned to her. Long story short, Star wasn't accepted into the program and became Carolyn's full-time pet and licensed therapy dog. They volunteered together at places like Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center, nursing homes, libraries and schools. When she wasn't able to volunteer in person anymore she donated resources to those in need, locally and globally.

She was a volunteer at heart and dedicated her time to many organizations including the Clarkston Community School Board of Education. She pioneered the first recycling program in Oakland County and helped found the local SCAMP organization, a five week summer day program for those with special needs. Another love of Carolyn's was music. She sang with the Sweet Adeline's, the TR Sisters, the Church choir, The Travelettes, played several instruments and was involved in nearly every opportunity to be on stage. She enjoyed traveling with her family in their Airstream, which brought them to Travelers Rest RV Resort in Florida, first in the 1990s. Carolyn stayed active and especially enjoyed swimming.

Carolyn was recently honored at a Celebration of Life by her dear friends at Travelers Rest where she's resided full time for the past several years. She was described as "a perfect blend of compassion and grit." Anyone who knew Carolyn knew this to be true. She was known for silent acts of kindness and always had a hand-made dish cloth or cross bookmark to pass on as an act of appreciation. She was a faith-in-action Christian. Carolyn was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Anyone wanting to honor her memory may make donations to Paws with a Cause at www.pawswithacause.org/donate/.

Obituary submission

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

Please submit your obituaries to Sharon Cook at lot 17-35 or via email at shermie@juno.com.

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