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If these walls could talk . . . Final chapter

by Margaret Emmetts

I am not a single building but rather a series of structures. I consider myself a support system for TR's Golf Association.

My first structure is the Starter Shack. As its name implies, I am the place where golfers start their game. Normally they sign up for a start-time the day before they plan to play. A volunteer who staffs the Shack checks in the golfers just before they start their game. The volunteer checks that the player is a paid Golf Association member and is arriving at their scheduled time. Occasionally a golfer is allowed to play when they just-show up if there is an opening on the course at that time. I have a supply of golf clubs which may be loaned out to visitors who do not have their own clubs.

The wall opposite the door to my structure sports an oil painting done by Laura Kennedy many years ago. Laura was a student of Nancy Roger's Oil and Acrylics class. The painting pictures a view of the course and covers the entire wall.



Photos by Pam Watkins

THE DUFFER'S DECK

a square, roofed shelter with benches on three sides. I am the place where golfers can get together at the end of their game.

My third and you might say fourth structures are located near the entrance to the park. One is named the TR Golf Academy. I am merely a roof with benches beneath. I am the spot where golf classes take place on Tuesday mornings.



THE STARTER SHACK

I am open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. most days of the week. Routinely the Ladies' League plays on Wednesdays, the Men's League on Thursdays and a group affectionately known as the "Mafia" meet on Mondays and Fridays. Scrambles hit the course Saturday mornings.

As you can see, I am a busy place. Fortunately I am closed Tuesday mornings for a well-needed rest. That is the morning when the course is mowed, watered and the Divot's Crew walks the course to repair all the divots I endured in the past week.

I sport a weather vane dedicated to John Hodge. Hodge, who had a botanical background, was responsible for most of the planting and maintenance of the many trees and bushes on the course.

My second structure is known as the Duffer's Deck. I am simply

My other structure, near the Park entrance, really has no name. I am the spot that is associated with the Practice Range. When golfers find they are hooking or slicing their shots they need a place to practice to try to rectify the situation. My building houses balls and clubs that may be used on the 11 practice tees that adjoin my building. I also have a ball-washing machine, buckets for balls and instructions on use of the area. A sign also warns people who use my practice facilities to pick up their balls when finished. Balls left on the practice field get destroyed by the mowers. I'm sure that there is also some destruction to the mowers.

My wall contains a plaque in Memory of Herb Yeager who was the Volunteer Instructor from 1999 to 2018.

Well folks, I seem to have run out of walls that speak to me, so this will be my final article in the series. Should some new walls appear in the Park, I might return.



Not just a fair-weather golfer.



Starter Shack in floral glory.



Construction begins on the building adjoining the Practice Range and continues in the photo below.



John Schoonover mans a shovel during construction.

File photos
The photo below shows the completed two-structure complex, circa 2009.



The interior of the building adjoining the Practice Range.

A TR Times thank you

Today's issue is the final TR Times for the season. After 14 weeks of production, we close our doors for the summer with mixed feelings of relief and sadness. Woot, woot, we are done, but we will miss the camaraderie we enjoy with all of our office volunteers and email contributors.

THANK YOU to all of our production staff for the countless hours you've volunteered this season. THANK YOU to all of our columnists for your dedication in sharing your talent through 14 weeks of researching and writing your articles. THANK YOU to all of our at-large contributors who timely promote and report their events. The "weekly miracle" could not be distributed without all of you. You make The TR Times a great newspaper.

We wish all of you a great summer. For those of you heading north, please travel safely. We hope to see all of you next season.

Sincerely,
Margaret Emmetts
Rich Kushman
Karen Waldo
Pam Watkins



Busch Hall Sunday Night presents



by Sandy and Ken Langell
Paddy's Crew, March 16

Take a trip to Dublin, Ireland with us on Sunday, March 16 as TR's own Irish band, Paddy's Crew, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

As part of the Busch Hall Sunday Night series, Ken Langell and Doc and Donna Probes, will be joined by guest musician Laird Duran on fiddle and Reid Wilson on guitar.

This lively concert will feature Ken on guitar and octave mandolin, which became a common instrument in Irish music in the 1960s. Donna will be on mandolin and Irish drum and Doc will play guitar and concertina.

Several years ago, Doc traveled to Dublin, Ireland to study with world famous Anglo Concertina Master, Noel Hill. Doc will play several tunes on this traditional squeeze box and, of course, the night will include his rendition of "Danny Boy."

Ken will treat us to a few rousing ditties from his extensive repertoire of Irish songs. He brings a wealth of music from his decades of performing with Hogeye Nappy, a Celtic/American folk music band

that performed all over the Midwest and as far away as the Leith Folk Club in Scotland. The band also performed in the Tall Ship Festival in Waterford, Ireland.

Irish traditional music lifts any mood and fills the heart with gladness and good cheer. Enjoy stories and classics such as "Irish Rover," "Whiskey Before Breakfast," "Gaelic Benediction" and many more.

The fun starts with the Ice Cream Social at 6:15 p.m. Announcements will begin at 6:45 p.m. with the concert to follow.



TR Pop Chorus, March 23

The TR Pop Chorus is a singing group that was formed last year by combining the members of the TR Singing Men and the Travelettes using music donated by their friend, Cahal Dunne. A group of TR residents who love to sing and enjoy a variety of music, the Chorus is directed and accompanied by Ron Reeve.

This year the Chorus has expanded its membership and, thanks to your support, was able to purchase sheet music with proceeds from the 2024 root beer float sales. Get those feet tapping and singing along, there will be something

for everyone. You will hear songs from Broadway shows like "Chicago" and "Jersey Boys," along with favorites like "Lean on Me" a Beatles Medley, "Sweet Caroline" and many more. Come and join us on Sunday, March 23, at Busch Hall. The Ice Cream Social is 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. with announcements at 6:45 p.m. and the program immediately following.



Petrina, March 30

Petrina returns in the final show of the season for Busch Hall Sunday Night. In November 2023, Petrina delighted the TR crowd with her singing, comedy and plain old fun. She has been likened to the funny Lucille Ball, looks like Pink and she brings boundless energy and fun to our stage. This year she has an updated multimedia show and new material that is sure to be a big hit.

This show is free admission, Sunday, March 30, in Busch Hall. The Ice Cream Social is 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., announcements at 6:45 p.m. and the program immediately following.

Tuesday Night Movies



by Carol and Jim Henrikson

"Reagan" starring Dennis Quade was shown on March 11.

Next Tuesday, March 18 we will feature the 1947 high-definition drama "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir."

Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison and a young Natalie Wood co-star in one of the most romantic ghost stories of all time. Lucy Muir, a beautiful widow, moves with her daughter into a seaside cottage. Soon she discovers her new home is haunted by the handsome ghost of a sea captain. When Lucy loses her income, the captain comes up with a solution to her financial woes. In the process he wins her heart.

The final movie in the TNM 2025 Season will be "Napoleon" on Tuesday, March 25.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for Carol and I to share TNM with all of you. As most of you are aware, we have decided to leave Travelers Rest. We thank all our TR friends who have shared these movies with us, many of which you have recommended.

We are in the process of turning the equipment and documentation over to the Activities Chair. We hope those who may be showing interest in chairing TNM are successful with this fun activity that we hold dear.

As always, we enjoy the TNM popcorn that is very popular and delicious – salted and unsalted and enthusiastically prepared by Mark and Joanna Waltz. Thank you so much! Take Care!

Travelers Rest End-of-Season Celebration

Tropical Beach Party

in The Grove

Saturday, March 15

by Donna Probes

Don't forget, tomorrow is the day we celebrate the end of another fantastic season at Travelers Rest. Music, food, fun and friendship will fill The Grove. Come set up your lawn chair at 11:30 a.m. and catch lunch at one of the many food trucks. Music starts at noon.



TR Dance Night

by Diana Hill

Okay TR, dig out your dancing shoes again. Our next dance is Saturday, March 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. We are so excited to have DJ Dave and we'll be rocking the house. We're going to stick with the DIY setup. Everyone will set up their own tables and chairs. Bring your own beverages, food, snacks and table decorations. No charge at the door, but bring cash for a donation toward future events. We still do it the "TR Way" - clean up, take down

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

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

Last Friday Night Dance of the season

by Pat Daubemier

The last chance to practice your dancing skills with the Travelers for the season is tonight. Come dressed in your green, wear a few shamrocks and become Irish for the night to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We hope to see all in Busch Hall tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. The band



asks that you please take leftover snacks home with you since there is no weekend trash service in Busch Hall. We don't need unwanted guests. Thanks for your help.

2026 Wednesday Concert Series

by Lacy and Katherine Shawver

2026 Concert Series features tributes, keyboards and romantic vocals. Contracts have been completed for next year's Wednesday Concert Series programs and notices have been sent to current reserve seat ticket holders with a coupon to renew their seats by mail for the season ahead by Monday, March 17. Seats vacated will be available on Sunday, March 23 and Sunday, March 30 for ticket holders to exchange seats or for sale to current non-ticket holders.

All programs are in Busch Hall on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The individual program charge remains at \$15 per person payable at the door except for the Annual Spectacular which is \$20 per person. The season reserve seat ticket includes all six shows for the same total price of \$95 and includes, at no additional charge, the same reserved seat for all programs. You can arrive just before 7 p.m. and your seat is waiting for you. The lineup includes the following programs:

JAN. 7 - MARK RAISCH will bring his Michael Bublé/Bobby Darin show to Travelers Rest performing all your favorite hits from these iconic performers.

JAN. 21 - HUEY GO AGAIN: TRIBUTE TO HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS is a non-stop multimedia ride through all HLN's

biggest hits in a colorful and exciting concert. The band has firmly established itself as one of the most accurate and entertaining tribute acts in the country. The heart of rock and roll is still beating.

FEB. 4 - MANDI JO JOHN is a classically-trained vocalist born in Orlando to a musical family. Mandi will perform her tribute to ABBA! (This is the Annual Spectacular.)

FEB. 18 - ONE IRISH ROVER VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE BAND is the premier Van Morrison Tribute Band performing the best of the old, new and eclectic songs of Van Morrison that span over six decades of musical genius.

MARCH 4 - JIMMY MAZZ's Blast from the Past, '60s and '70s One Hit Wonders & More, is a retro musical review of his favorite memorable hit songs with a hint of the '50s and the '80s thrown in just for fun! It's songs everyone knows and loves but may not remember the artist's name.

MARCH 18 - JOHNNY FOLSOM 4 from "A Boy Named Sue" to "Ring of Fire" to "Rusty Cage," Johnny Folsom 4 is the ultimate tribute to the legendary Man in Black. Lead singer David Burney's lilting southern baritone delivers Cash's classic songs so well you may well wonder if Johnny himself is in the building.

Wednesday Evening Concert Series

Doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and show starting at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

by Katherine Shawver

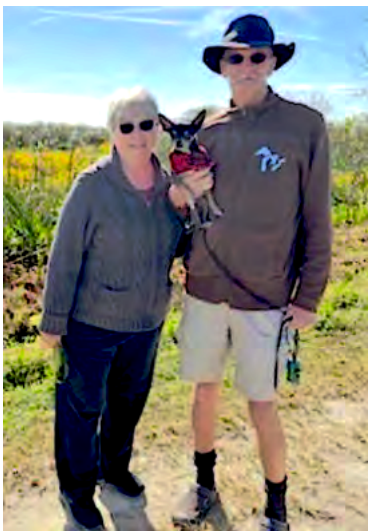
Come join "Ireland's Happy Man," Cahal Dunne for an evening of your favorite Irish tunes along with Cahal's own compositions in the first half of the show.

The second half of the show features Cahal's candlelight concert (300 flickering candles) including classic hits by: Abba, the Beatles, Billy Joel, Andrea Bocelli, Michael Buble, Chopin, Debussy, The Eagles, Elton John, Neil Diamond and Andrew Lloyd Webber.



Please join us in Busch Hall on Wednesday, March 19. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission \$15.

In Closing



SANDY AND KEN LANGELL

by Ken and Sandy Langell

As most of you know by now, this is the last season that Sandy and I will be managing entertainment for Busch Hall Sunday Night.

We hope you have found acts that you loved and perhaps were exposed to a genre you were not familiar with. We appreciate the support of the many people that have pitched in when asked to help. Many were working behind the scenes and our audiences were barely aware of them. Sound, lighting and stage set up all work together to produce wonderful shows.

Most of all, we would like to thank you, our friends and neighbors, for the support we have received. Our learning curve for the first couple of years was a bit shaky but you and Doug Pedersen stuck with us and we are sure you will do the same for Kathy and Lacy Shawver next season as they step in to continue the tradition of Busch Hall Sunday Night.

We will see you next season as part of the audience!



Briefings from the Board



DEBORAH MAY

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

This year has flown by. Hard to believe the AGM is now behind us and we are working on next year. The Proposed Budget is just a guess at this point until we get further into the year and have some definite numbers for this year (the fiscal year ended July 2024) to help with the projections for 2025-2026. It is hard to estimate what will happen in 18 months given the economic situation at this time. Moving to a single charge for the leased lots, which include all the previous individually listed charges on your bill, will make the actual billing easier and faster for the office. Ray has asked for this periodically for quite a while because of the complexity of the previous billing. We understand that this is a big change with both a proposed budget and single billing rates, but both have been on our table for some time. We decided to do both at the same time rather than one this year and one next. Change is always hard but we

believe it will be for the best in the long run.

Getting the Travelers Rest Activities, LLC up and running has been a little of a challenge but we are well on our way and the major obstacles have been overcome. As I indicated at the Forum, Guy and Brenda have resigned from the Activities effective April 3, 2025. Their resignations had nothing to do with their jobs. They were both fantastic directors and did a wonderful job. But life sometimes throws us curveballs and they have their own reasons that required their resignation. Guy will be back, maybe not as much as now, but back. Hopefully, Brenda will also be able to return to Travelers Rest in the future. The new Activities Director will be Lora Davis. She has experience in events planning and I am sure will do well. We are currently looking for an Assistant Director. If you are interested, please let Lora know. We also have a number of activity chairperson's positions open. If you are interested, please contact the Activities Director.

One of the problems we have every year when we send out the AGM packets to the stockholder on record is that a few are returned. This year we have received 14 already that are marked moved, no forwarding address. When this happens, we are legally obligated to do everything in our power to find the stockholder or their heirs. This entails a lot of employee time and expense on the part of the office staff. If we fail, over a period

of years, we eventually have to surrender the stock information to the State of Florida and they become the legal owners of our stock. Please remember if you move to advise the office of your new address. Please include information with your Will that your heirs must notify the office of a correct mailing address even if they do not want to sell the stock.

The End of the Year Celebration will be held in The Grove on Saturday, March 15 at noon following the park-wide yard sale and final pickup by the waste management group of items to go to landfill. Please plan to attend for a fun afternoon of music and food.

Please review the policies for changes made during the last year. These changes have been finalized and are available on the resident website. There is a wealth of information available to residents on this site. If you have trouble viewing it, please contact the office for help.



Monday, March 17 at
3 p.m. on Busch Hall
Front Porch.

Policy changes recently approved by the TR Board

C2030 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, OIL CHANGE: Minor vehicle maintenance should be conducted at your own lot. Lubrication and oil changes may only be done on vehicles up to one ton load capacity and may only be accomplished at the "LUBE STATION". Hours and rules for use will be provided upon payment of annual fee at the TR Office. Servicing other than this is not permitted on TR property. **Commercial/Professional servicers are permitted to perform basic maintenance functions on your site.** (Revised 01-23-18) (Revised 01-19-21) See D5000 (Revised 2.18.25) **(Revised 3.4.25)**

D5000 VEHICLES
D5100 RV SOUTH AND CABANA AREA

D5105 General

1. Speed limit for all vehicles in TR is 10 MPH.

2. Resident access to and from TR shall be from 1st street only (revised 8-9-22)

3. Minor vehicle maintenance should be conducted at your own lot. Lubrication and oil changes may only be done on vehicles up to one ton load capacity and may only be accomplished at the "Lube Station". Hours and rules for use will be provided upon payment of annual fee at the TR office, Servicing other than this is not permitted on TR property (Revised 1-23-18, Revised 01-19-21)

4. Washing of any vehicle in the Maintenance Shop area is prohibited. Use your own site for washing and waxing your vehicle.

Parking

1. Except for special weather conditions, or as may be authorized by the office no vehicle shall be parked overnight on any street. During extremely wet weather, when it is necessary to park on the street, all vehicles should be parked on only

one side of the street to allow emergency vehicle passage. For North-South running **avenues streets**, park on the West side. For East-West running **avenues streets**, park on the North side (Exceptions, **21st**, park on the South side **of 21st street** and **14th** park on the North side **of 14th street**. (Revised 12-07-04) **(Revised 2-18-25)**

2. All motorized vehicles, including golf carts are to be parked parallel to the RV unit, unless parking is otherwise **designated approved**. (ie. corner lots). No motorized vehicles shall be parked in the grass **or concrete** in the front of any RV unit. TR management must approve all exceptions **(Revised 2-18-25)**

VEHICLE QUANTITY ON LEASED SITE:

1. The maximum quantity is:

a. One registered RV for living purposes.

b. Two additional licensed vehicles.

c. No more than two unlicensed vehicles except bicycles.

d. **Any additional licensed vehicles must be parked in storage area, if available or removed from the park, (Approved 2-18-25)**

2. B-Vans (As a secondary vehicle):

a. Shall not be used for occupancy on lessee's site at any time.

b. Shall be permitted as one of the two additional vehicles per site.

3. Class A, B+ and C Motorhomes: Shall not be permitted on any site as one of the two additional vehicles per site. They only qualify to be on site if they are the one registered RV for living purposes.

4. Commercial/RV type tractors are prohibited on site and must be placed in storage.

5. Double occupancy of a site is prohibited. Exception: When returning to or leaving from the park, an additional RV may be parked on site for purpose of loading or unloading for a maximum of 3 business

days.

6. All licensed motorized vehicles parked anywhere within TR must have a current plate and registration.

7. Boats, utility trailers, camper shells/caps, car dollies or similar equipment may not be stored on any site. All vehicles and/or items of this type shall be parked in the storage area. (Note: Kayaks on premise while lessee is present shall not be considered part of this grouping and, if present, shall be stored parallel to the RV or underneath the RV.) This paragraph does not apply to TR owned equipment.

8. No lessee is permitted either verbally or in writing to authorize the use of an unoccupied leased site with the intention of it being used at any time for the storage of any **vehicle**, trailer, golf cart, or any type of RV. **(Revised 2-18-25)**

9. No vehicle shall drive through or across any lot except to stop at that lot.

Note: Specific leased site restrictions have been instituted by the Board of Directors and shall be adhered to by the lessee. Violation can result in lease cancellation. See the Village Deed Restrictions document for parking and storage limitations. (Revised 02-05-19) (Revised 02-01-22)

Storage of Vehicle on site.

During the summer, a car and a golf cart may be stored on the site in the place normally occupied by the RV, if the pad is concrete, or on the patio. Use of the patio for such a purpose will require prior submission of a completed Request for Summer Storage of Vehicle on Site form, indicating the existing condition of the patio and signed by the lessee and the Manager. Any subsequent damage to the patio will result in the lessee bearing the complete cost for the removal and replacement of the patio structure. The Manager

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Richard Kushman

This is it. This season's last issue of *The TR Times* and the last time Ray and I will confer about subjects stacked on his busy desk. I came hoping Ray's agenda was bursting, but first and importantly Ray wants to express his heartfelt appreciation for all the wonderful volunteers who offer their time and expertise helping our community. Bravo.

After enjoying Ray's honest sincerity, I brought up something we discussed last season and still remains a topic: golf cart parking around Citrus Center, JMAB and Hobby House. Often golf carts are parked in spaces allotted for cars, making it difficult, especially for some of our older residents. Ray confirms the previously mentioned golf cart parking area behind activity buildings may be delayed as we wait for road repairs on county or our own private roads that will supply the gravel material needed and help lower the cost.

Ray brought up the plan to clean out the Park's storage area. Much of this area was flooded during the last hurricane and many

sheds experienced up to four feet of damaging water. Also, one resident had a stored auto completely ruined. Over the years, these sheds have come from old RV South sheds as they were replaced with newer units. Many of these old sheds are definitely showing their age. Ray revealed his new, neat idea to improve available storage for TR residents and provide additional income that could help with the Park budget.

Currently, a storage shed costs \$130 per year, which is \$10.83 a month. Golly gee, I found that unbelievably cheap and, to make a plausible comparison, that is less than a 12-pack of your favorite good beer. Vehicle parking apparently is \$200 a year and electricity is available for a dollar a day if needed. Goodness gracious, all storage at TR is very affordable, which certainly encourages residents to pack away plenty of their junk or treasures, depending on the beholder's eye. Ray thought replacing worn-out sheds would certainly be expensive, so why not erect a storage building located out of flood danger, which would also be moderately climate-controlled? The Park has 73 sheds in assorted condition and there are many people on a long waiting list. This means TR storage is in demand. Okay, not as much as beer, but with balanced fees and a better facility, storage income could easily pay any needed mortgage and provide additional income for our park. Another possible advantage is the removal of the old sheds could probably enlarge the vehicle storage area and, remember, vehicles can be moved if a storm arrival threatens.

We are ending this season discussing another of Ray's neat ideas. There are numerous details to be worked out, but this concept is worthy of serious deliberation. Now, as one knows, serious deliberation provides a reason to reach into that 12-pack, snap open the flip-top, raise the dewy can in a salute and sip gently while brainstorming junk storage. Next, of course, the empty will be placed into the appropriate recycle bin and Ray and I will finish this season with what very well might be a win, win, win and just a little bit of TRash Talk.

will be the sole judge of damage done to the patio,

During summer (April 1- October 31), a lessee may authorize parking on their site to another lessee for, a vehicle or golf cart, on a concrete pad or patio. There must be, a document in writing, to the TR office giving permission for use and approval must be given by Park Manager. Parking may not interfere with the maintenance personnel from mowing yards. (approved 2-18-25)

Park-wide Yard Sale

Saturday, March 15
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
at individual sites.



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Do you know... what sublimation is?



by Margaret Emmetts

When you were in science class many years ago you were no doubt taught that there were three states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. (Actually there is a fourth state called a plasma, but we won't go into that.)

Often water is used as an example to illustrate the three states. When you get water cold enough it turns to a solid, ice. If you heat water sufficiently it will change from its natural liquid state into a gas.

We tend to think that most all

substances follow this sequence. But that is not true.

Sublimation occurs when a solid turns into a gas without going through the liquid state. Actually you are probably familiar with a substance that sublimates, although you never realized it. Have you ever used mothballs? They are made of a chemical called paradichlorobenzene, or PDB. Have you ever seen a mothball melt into a liquid form? Probably not. They simply evaporate, leaving no liquid residue behind. They sublime. It is possible to melt

mothballs if they are heated, but that is not what they do naturally, they have to be forced into a liquid form.

Actually there are other materials that do not act like most, but we tend not to think about it. For instance, did you ever realize that mercury, a metal, is a liquid at room temperature?

If you are a student of science you will quickly learn that not everything behaves as you would expect. Sublimation is an example of that.

March 1 is considered to be the first day of meteorological spring. According to the weather people, winter is behind us. At TR that usually means the end of the "high season." In the next few weeks the Snowbirds will be heading north to reunite with their families. We wish you all safe travels, a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again next season.

To those of you who are full-timers, please watch over TR for us. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you next season.

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The Servant's Plow

Traveling mercies for the journey

With the time change now behind us and the warmer weather teasing us, we know the time is nearing when some in our community will be preparing for the journey northward again.

Whether it's holiday travel, busy workdays, or "snowbird exodus" many people are traveling every day. By car, plane, train or subway people venture out into the world to get to work, run errands, go on vacation or to visit their friends and loved ones.

I remember the days of driving my grandfather between Ohio and Florida every spring and fall for nearly 15 years. There were many conversations shared, music listened to and the loading and unloading.

One of the first things Don Shipe did even before putting on his seatbelt was pray, asking God for safe travels and abundant blessing.

I am not saying that it prevents accidents or flat tires, but I know from experience God watched over our journeys together.

Prayer is a powerful force for good. As Christians we believe in the strength of prayer to bring comfort, hope and healing. We share the power of prayer with those in need and to sustain our daily needs. Together our prayers and support seem to make a notable difference.

There is always some travel anxiety. Traveling far from home can be a beautiful, eye-opening experience. Unfortunately, travel anxiety can make trips more stressful than enjoyable. The good news is that if you experience travel anxiety you are not alone and you don't have to stay trapped in an endless cycle of worry. There are techniques and tips to stay calm while traveling.



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

Here are some helpful tips to unravel anxiety on the trip.

1. Exercise before you leave. It's no secret that exercise can be a powerful antidote to anxiety. This is because cardiovascular activity releases endorphins, which can reduce feelings of stress. Even a 10-minute walk before you leave for your journey can be enough to release these feel-good chemicals and ensure that you start your trip on the right foot.
2. Plan ahead. Lack of knowledge is a surefire way to exacerbate travel stress. Plan ahead as much as possible to minimize in-the-moment panic. Make sure you leave yourself plenty of time to get to the airport or allow for traffic delays, and do research ahead of time to know what to expect about checking in and finding your gate. Knowing where you are going will eliminate unnecessary anxiety.
3. Pack smart.

Make sure you have everything you need to ensure smooth travel. Take healthy snacks, water to keep from dehydrating and some good music or a book might be just

what you need to stay calm. Make a list and pack early to keep your journey worry-free.

4. Keep your mind busy but alert.

The worst thing you can do for travel anxiety is stew. If you find yourself getting worried on the road, keep your thoughts constructive and your mind alert. Be friendly to other drivers who may not be as familiar with the road as you are. Yield, move over and allow people to navigate. Remember that there are actually people in the cars around you.

Guide Posts published some useful prayers for travel.

Prayer for a stress-free family trip.

Dear God, please prepare us on the journey we are about to take. Support us with Your strength and grace when we are weary. Help us to be mindful of Your presence and love in times of stress and guide us to make our time together meaningful and memorable. Amen.

Prayer for travel by car.

Heavenly Father, please protect us while we travel. The streets are busy and the trip is long. Keep us safe from the dangers of the road. Give us courtesy and patience with other drivers and help us reach our destination swiftly and easily, always knowing that You are with us. Amen.

Prayer for safe flight.

God, sometimes flying makes me nervous. I know airplanes are safe, but still I worry. Please give me Your peace. Help me remember that You are watching over the plane. I place myself confidently in Your care, knowing that, just as You guide me on the ground, so Your loving arms protect me in the air. Amen.

Safe travels to you. May God watch over you and protect you. See you next season.



Travelers Rest

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Meet a TR Vet - Dave Baur

by Ken Hankinson

This is the third in a series of "Meet a Vet" articles and the last one for this season. If you enjoyed the series, let The TR Times know and we will do our best to keep introducing you to more TR Vets next season.

Dave was born in Washington, Mo. and spent much of his youth in that area. Dave attended high school in St. Louis and continued his education at Villanova University. He was teaching in South St. Louis when he was drafted on 6/6/66. (His lucky number is now 6666.) Dave had known Mary Beth since childhood as their parents were close friends but reunited with her in 1968 and they were married in 1970.

Let's get back to the military stuff. Like many draftees in the '60s most felt that Vietnam was in their future. After finishing Army basic training, he received his next set of orders which as most military members know are always complicated and almost impossible to decipher. He reported to Oakland, Calif. which was at the time known as "The Gateway to Vietnam." When receiving the series of shots required for Vietnam, a medical technician said "Hey! You're in the wrong line." After several anxious moments and explanations, Dave realized his orders were actually for Hawaii! (Talk about luck!) Arriving in Hawaii, he was assigned as a public affairs specialist and directed to Tripler Army Medical Center. While at Tripler, Dave interacted with many visitors and VIPs. He gave tours to VP Hubert Humphrey, Dinah Shore, the Harlem Globe Trotters and Chi Chi Rodriguez who was known for the golf lessons he gave to the staff and patients. General Westmoreland, Commander in Chief in Vietnam, was a frequent visitor and always took the time to take pictures with the patients. Dave definitely enjoyed his tour of duty at the Tripler facility in Hawaii.



DAVE BAUR

After leaving military service, Dave spent time in the midwest working in the newspaper business to include positions from advertising director to general manager. This experience eventually led to a position with the Portland Press in Portland, Maine, an area both Dave and Mary Beth had enjoyed from a previous visit. After retirement and while traveling in their restored Airstream, they met Gene Gough at a National Airstream Rally. After many discussions Gene suggested they visit Travelers Rest. After their first visit they followed the usual routine of moving from Golf View to RV South and finally landing in the Cabana Section where they recently installed a new park model. This is now their permanent home. The future may still have travel plans for this lucky couple. Until then you can find Dave in the Snack Shack on Mondays, involved in many veterans programs and very active with the ham radio operators here at TR.

We are indeed fortunate to have both Dave and Mary Beth as active and valuable residents of Travelers Rest. Should you see Dave around the park, be sure to thank him for his service.



by Ken Neer

Monday, March 3 was the second of two in-season blood drives here at Travelers Rest. Although it was considered a successful drive by OneBlood, unfortunately several residents were unable to give because of an understaffed and late OneBlood mobile unit. Because so many of our residents have active lives here, they try to give early in morning. When that doesn't work, they are unable to return later. Many thanks to all who tried to give, as well as those who were able to wait or return when the second bus arrived. Another problem in the process was the published phone number for making an appointment. It should have been 888-936-6283. My apologies.

Thirty-nine people boarded a bus intending to give, with 30 able to donate. Apparently, there were nine deferrals, yours truly being one of them. I have been deferred in the past for low iron and take an iron pill every other day to remedy that. This time it was for high pulse. Guess who forgot to take his evening meds the previous evening. Anyway, the point is stuff happens. However, don't let a deferral keep you from trying again the next time. As soon as I get home to Ohio I will be looking for a blood drive.

According to the OneBlood representative, Brian, they collected 66 pints of blood at TR blood drives last year (2024), which had the potential to save 198 patients. This is an accomplishment TR can



A familiar sight at TR where many pints are given.

TR Blood Drive results



Photos by Bill Watkins

Lana and Wally Wilson with Jim Johnson ready to give.

be proud of, along with the other community volunteering endeavors TR residents get involved with.

All donors received a wellness check, a \$20 eGift card and a OneBlood St. Patrick's Day t-shirt along with the satisfaction of knowing they gave "The Gift of Life" to patients in dire need.

Diana Hill is hoping to coordinate with Brian to have at

least a couple of blood drives here at TR over the summer. The next in-season drive will be Monday, Dec. 1, 2025.

Again, on behalf of the 90 potential patients helped, thanks to all who showed up, as well as those who were able to give. Thanks also to Gayle Sunde and the First Responders who gave of their time to assist at the Fire Station.



Blood Donor HONOR ROLL

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at Travelers Rest on Monday, March 3, 2025.

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Activity Affairs



GUY WEIK

by Guy Weik

Farewell. Most of you have probably heard by now that I will be giving up my position as your Activities Chairperson at the end of this season. Ever since we first arrived here at TR, I have been amazed at what all our activities have to offer our residents. The community of dedicated volunteers we have here is what sets our park apart from all others. Serving as the chairperson for all these

activities has given me a better understanding of the hours chairpersons dedicate to preparing for and teaching their weekly classes or supervising our many special events.

I want all of you to know how much I appreciate your frequent expressions of gratitude as Laura and I complete our daily walks around TR. In response, let me express my thanks to you for sharing your time and expertise in making our TR activities such a success. Thank you for guiding experienced residents to new levels of achievement and for your patience in welcoming new participants who venture out of their comfort zones to try something new.

I want to express my appreciation to Ray Hill, the TR Board and our newly formed Activities Board for their support as existing activities were adjusted and new activities were created to meet the changing needs of our residents. I also want to give a heartfelt thanks to Brenda Varty for being the best

assistant I could ever imagine. I know she shares the same sentiments I do concerning the dedication of our volunteers. Unfortunately, no matter how hard we tried to work it out, current regulations make it nearly impossible for TR to compensate a Canadian for serving in this position. Finally, I especially want to thank my wife, Laura, for her understanding each time I missed an outing because I was too busy taking care of business.

Deborah May announced at Monday's Forum that Lora Davis will be taking over as our new Activities Coordinator. We all wish her well and offer her support as she brings her experience as an Event Planner and fresh ideas to her new position.

We look forward to returning to TR as regular residents next season. We needed flexibility to return home if needed, as our daughter-in-law is beginning treatments for her recent cancer diagnosis.

Coffee Seminars

by Leslie Ewing

Grief Therapist - Advent Health will send a grief therapist to discuss how different people deal with the passing of family, whether they are parents, children, grandchildren, spouses or family pets. This Seminar will be held Tuesday, March 18 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall.

For the Birds - TR's own, Tom Butler, went to Costa Rica recently. He will talk about the

birds he found in Costa Rica and, of course, will have pictures to show. He will also talk about the birds we see here at TR, with pictures. So if you have ever wondered about some of the birds you find at Vanishing Lake, Tom will be the person to answer your questions. Come have coffee and a bite while you listen to Tom on Thursday, March 20 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall.

TRivia Night will be offered next season

by Gary Dietz

TRivia Night 2026 is a go. We are planning on it being the third or fourth Friday of January in place of the usual Left Center Right night. The format will be to pick your team of two to six members. The trivia will cover both American and Canadian Music, Television, Pop Culture, History and the

Olympics from the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s and all things that we were either taught in school or in life.

A \$5 donation per team will be used towards prizes for the three teams with the highest score for the night.

More information to follow via Facebook and *The TR Times*.

Meet our TR Times advertisers:

Treasured Friends Gift Shop



Photo by Pam Watkins

SARAH AND DIANE

by Pam Watkins

Diane and Sarah have owned Treasured Friends Gift Shop for the last 12 years but Diane's family has been in the greeting-cards business for more than 60 years.

Diane's mom, affectionately known as the Hallmark Lady, was first in the family to manage greeting card stores, both of them Hallmark stores and eventually opened a store of her own in Dade City. Diane learned the business under her mother's supervision and in 1985, Diane bought the family-owned Dade City location. Sarah joined Diane in 1999 and together with Diane's mom, they operated the store for another 28 years. "Sarah's friendship and support is amazing. I absolutely could not have done it without her then and to this day" says Diane.

In 2013, Sarah saw a storefront for sale and she and Diane stepped away from Hallmark. They opened Treasured Friends Gift Shop at 12329 Hwy. 301 in Dade City offering designer greeting cards and gifts. The store's name is not a reference to Diane and Sarah's long-term

friendship as one might think; it honors the friends they made during their 28 years at Hallmark. The Treasured Friends name was a way to take all the friendships with them. Don't worry, the Hallmark Lady moved with them, too. Mom, now 98 years old, still works three days a week to manage her beloved greeting cards section.

Treasured Friends sells more than greeting cards. The large retail space holds a colorful variety of home décor, seasonal and special occasion gifts, as well as a chic line of apparel. "We want our customers to visit, relax and enjoy shopping," Diane shares. "We are here when they need us."

Treasured Friends Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have questions, you may call them at 352-437-4866. Diane and Sarah have supported TR through their advertisements in *The TR Times* since 2015. When you visit, let them know you saw them in *The TR Times* and that you appreciate their support of our community's newspaper.

It takes a village to make a difference

by Diane Fisher

When news of hurricane Helene hit Asheville, N.C. and seeing the devastation it caused, I knew we had to help.

As chair of the Knotty Knitters, I approached our first class in January about making hats, scarves, mittens to help many who were cold living in shelters and tents. I printed and gave out patterns for hats, scarves and mittens and asked them to check their stash of yarn and begin "The Asheville, N.C. Hurricane Project." We also announced our new project via TR's website and Activity Showcase asking for all who crochet and knit to help us with this project. Guy Weik suggested and announced a donation basket for postage to pay for sending our finished donations. TR was so generous in opening their wallets and donating. I announced that a donation box would also be at my lot 13-01 for any products.

Shelia Schencke, from the TR Quilt Guild was inspired about what we were doing and they made and donated 100 pillow cases. TR residents also purchased and donated sheet sets and comforters.

Yarn and needles were donated by Barbara Colson, the late Carolyn Place, the late Lucy Warfield and Laura Maragnano.

Each week the donation box was filled by unknown helpers, our creative team of Knotty Knitters, and those we knew, Rhonda Bracknell, Cindi Brodeur, Lynn Gower, Sandy Langell, Cecile Lemaire, Christine Lessig, Cherie Richman and Linda Smith.

By the end of January we were able to find a contact person to accept our donations in Asheville through networking with Martha Bigelow's sister, Lessy, who lives in Asheville. She is part of a knitting group, The Knit Wits, who also were making and donating hats to Homeward Bound who have been offering help in this area for 30 years.

Shelia Schencke had found a church for the donations and we were all ready to ship. Jim Matkovich generously volunteered to take both deliveries of donations from the quilters and knitters along with other donations from TR of mattresses, pots, pans and clothing to Asheville on Jan. 26. He was able to find and deliver all the products and with the weather so cold, this was greatly appreciated.



Photos submitted by Diane Fisher

KNOTTY KNITTER VOLUNTEERS

The Knotty Knitters continued thru the month of February crocheting and knitting. I must comment and say each Thursday they would bring their beautiful handiwork, placing them on the table and my heart was so warmed by their generous spirit. Some created these with arthritic hands, and blurry vision, but were determined to finish.

The total for January and February was:

Hats	205
Scarves	19
Mittens	10 pairs
Headband	6
Blankets	9

I must give a shout out to my daughter, Amy, who sent down 20 hats and made 10 more when she flew down to help me organize and package the first shipment.

We were ready to make our last delivery Feb. 28 and looked for the most cost effective way to send.

Donna Kerrick-Hannah and husband John helped us and generously paid the postage as

their way of helping with this mission. Three boxes were delivered March 4. I called the next day and spoke with Terry, who was just opening our boxes as we spoke. He was so surprised and pleased with what he saw. "Just in time," he said. The temperature was ready to drop and our many hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, wool socks and sweatshirts that also were donated would be so welcome. I am sending a check for the amount given for postage to be used where needed.



January donations ready for shipment.

As they say, "It takes a village," and our TR village sure has made a difference to the Asheville, N.C. needy. It also has shown the generosity of all involved. I am adding the contact information for those who might also wish to contribute:

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Rock Painting Group shares shamrocks

by Marcia Hatfield

Did you happen to find any of our Valentine Rocks last month? Every Thursday we paint rocks and hide them around TR. It is your job is to find them, enjoy them for a short time and then hide them again for someone else to find and enjoy.

This month in honor of St. Patrick's Day, we have had great fun in creating many rocks decorated with shamrocks and a couple of leprechauns. We hope you have good Irish luck in finding them. Please enjoy them and as always, have fun relocating them for others to enjoy.



Photo by Marcia Hatfield

Use your Irish luck to find one of these rocks.

TR Model Railroad Club

by Brian Krupicka

This week the TR Model Railroad Club will be reviewing new equipment such as engines and rolling stock including passenger and freight cars. Join us on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in JMAB to learn more. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243.



Photo submitted by Brian Krupicka
World's largest steam-powered train engine on tour across the U.S.

Meet our TR Times advertisers: Reliance Auto Repair

by Pam Watkins

A warm welcome will greet you when you arrive at Reliance Auto Repair and the owner Scott, may be one of the folks you meet at the counter.

This family-owned automotive service business has been at the same location, 13847 U.S. 98 Bypass in Dade City (at the new roundabout) since 1981. Scott and his wife Sandra took over the business reins in 2021. Scott however has worked within its walls for more than 18 years; first as a mechanic then as the service manager. He jokingly proclaims that his many years of experience qualifies him for all jobs around the shop "from cleaning bathrooms to writing checks!"

The eight staff members at Reliance Auto Repair offer a myriad of automotive services for cars to one-ton trucks including day-to-day maintenance such as batteries, oil changes and tire alignment to the paint and body work needed for collision repair.

Clients will enjoy a secure, bright and comfortable waiting area, complete with coffee and water hospitality, for those



SCOTT

appointments that take a little longer to complete. "We want our customers to enjoy the small-town feel" Scott says. Furthermore, they want you to be satisfied with the service or let them know how they can better meet your needs.

Reliance Auto Repair is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments for service or repair may be made by calling 352-567-7205.

Scott and the Reliance business family have supported TR through their advertisements in *The TR Times* for the past 20 years. Let them know you saw them in *The TR Times* and that you appreciate their support of our community's newspaper.

Activity Affairs



BRENDA VARTY

by Brenda Varty

Hello one and all. Have you ever thought of being the chairperson of an activity group here at TR? Well, do I have a surprise for you. We have a few choices for you to choose from. The following activities need you: Dining with Friends, Shuffleboard, Rock Painting or Tuesday Night Movies. Please feel free to reach out to Guy Weik or Brenda Varty to inquire about these awesome positions. Lets step up and keep all our amazing activities going strong.

Last SkyMed Luncheon today

by Diana Hill

Please join me today, March 14 at 4 p.m. in Citrus West for my last SkyMed Luncheon. This is your chance to learn about SkyMed's emergency transportation membership benefits or renew one that is ready to expire so that TR gets credit for it. SkyMed and TR have a great partnership and I appreciate your support.

A happy ending to a story of faith and spirit

by Jim and Jenice Johnson

A "found child" incident in early March demonstrated the level of cooperation between the TR First Responders, the park's Amateur Radio community and the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. During our normal morning ham radio net, Dave, one of the hams, broke in to report that he and his wife had discovered a confused and disoriented little girl by the new dog park. Several hams on frequency converged on the scene to help try to find her parents. After a quick fruitless search, she was brought into the Fire Station to make her comfortable and await arrival of Deputies. Three of the hams are also First Responders, making access to the Fire Station easy. While waiting, she was given juice to drink and Diane, wife of

by Cherie Richman

A fun motorcycle ride on Feb. 27 was lead by Kim Roberts. There were 16 riders on 9 bikes that left from Busch Hall parking lot. Our first stop was at the Lake Lindsey Market for coffee. Then off to the Cracker Restaurant in Crystal River. Here we were joined by a couple who camped in Golf View the previous week. We all enjoyed sitting outside by the water chatting and eating delicious food.

The breakfast ride on the morning of Tuesday, March 4 was a shorter ride to the Florida Cracker in our TR hometown of Dade City.



Riders are heading for fun.



Photos by Cherie Richman

We are ready to rumble.

On Thursday, March 6 the wind and the cooler weather, (50 degrees and above they ride) did not stop the TR Motorcycle Club from riding. They were off for lunch at one of their favorite spots, Cody's in Spring Hill.

If you have a motorcycle and would like to join us, we meet on the Oak View side of the Busch Hall building Tuesdays at 8 a.m. for breakfast and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. for a longer ride to lunch.

North Pasco RV Park update

by John Freed

In 2018, the 130 acre parcel on Lake Iola Road at Johnston Road was sold by Ann Oakley Maggard to Vcare Consultants of Tampa. In 2022, following a zoning change, plans were published for development of the North Pasco RV Resort.

This project was to include a full-service RV park with 560 RV sites with full hook-ups, an 18,000 square foot clubhouse, two pools along with other amenities and self-contained water and sewer systems.

Numerous governmental approvals were required and obtained and construction has now begun. Some changes were made to the original plans. The name has been changed to North Pasco Resort and it will now include 350 RV sites and a 250 room hotel. Multiple efforts to contact the Pasco County Planning Department to obtain further information were made but no response was received.

Thank you to Mark Hawkins for his help with the background.

TR Coffee Social needs you



Wednesday Crew Emily Fly, Libby Trimble, Bev Earnest, Leslie Ewing and Rose-Anne Boucher.

by Rose-Anne Boucher

Four volunteers are urgently needed if the Coffee Social is to continue for the 2026 Season (early January until the end of March).

The weekday morning gatherings from 7:30 to 9 a.m. have been popular throughout this season.

Both old and new friends have made it a part of their morning routine to enjoy a fresh coffee while chatting about a variety of topics and sharing valuable information. We welcome ALL who come through the doors at Busch Hall!

We need two people to organize the five daily teams. This includes identifying a Team Leader for each of the five days, calling for back-up volunteers as needed from our list of occasional helpers, working with the gentlemen at the Liars Table in setting up the tables and chairs, checking supplies and working with the two Coffee Social shoppers. The two Shoppers check the inventory and make a weekly trip to Sam's Club for supplies. They re-stock the kitchen fridges and the Coffee

Social storage cupboard.

Please contact me should you have questions and/or an interest in fulfilling these very rewarding positions. Better yet—come in with your questions, a personal tour of our expanded kitchen and enjoy a coffee! Text or call: 613-281-0413, reach out via FB Messenger or email: rabhome@sympatico.ca.



Friday crew Faye Kuenzli, Jan Rubino, Roxi Bass, Diane Dujay and Libby Trimble.



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Travel News

by **Bill Watkins**

Wild Florida Bus Tour Travelers Rest residents boarded the bus early on Friday, March 7 with Small World Tours. The tour destination was the Wild Florida Adventure Park near Saint Cloud, Fla. The large Wild Florida facility is located beside Cypress Lake and includes an opportunity for a drive-thru safari park experience (in your own vehicle), airboat tours, up-close educational animal encounters and displays of gators and live exotic animals.

During the bus ride many of the passengers enjoyed the fellowship, a chance to make new friends and to chat with neighbors. Carol Jean Beard remarked that it was good to be with friends and to enjoy community and camaraderie throughout the tour.

Upon entering the park, excitement grew as our able driver maneuvered our air-conditioned



Emily Fly talks to the birds.

Photos by Bill Watkins



Ready for an exciting airboat ride, here we go.

bus through the 170-acre drive-thru Safari Park. Once inside we followed a winding road to observe over 100 exotic and native animals including Zebras, Watusi and Bison. Everyone marveled at the diversity and number of animals on display. The big picture windows allowed many to take pictures from inside the bus. Diana Hill was excited to see so many animals on the Safari.

After the tour we disembarked and lined up for a thrilling Airboat Ride on Cypress Lake. There we were treated to a short ride across the lake. We soon skimmed over lily pads and sped through diverse channels of tall grass to arrive at a nesting area for gators. Once there

we slowed and came upon a mother gator and her many offspring. Our driver turned off the engine and gave an educational lesson. As we observed in amazement, he stated that newly hatched gators are on their own in the wild but stay near their mother for a period of time due to predator birds.

The ride back to shore was brisk. Once there, we headed to the Cypress Ballroom where we

enjoyed a wonderful box lunch. Free time was then available to tour the gift shop, Florida Panther exhibit, walk in the bird aviary, tour the gator exhibit, see exotic animal species and experience the petting zoo.

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I encourage you to "Take the tour."



Some animals on the safari ride.



Wild Florida is known for its large alligators.

The dream becomes a reality - Chapter Ten

Athens, Crete and Santorini
by **Barbara Colson**

The dream is almost complete. I did all the countries I wanted to see and explore. Greece has always been a favorite of mine. A few years ago, I was able to visit Santorini and see its very large caldera (a large hollow that forms when a magma chamber collapses after a volcanic eruption). On this trip, I was able to tour the Acropolis and visit the islands of Crete and Santorini.

The Acropolis is an ancient citadel located on a rocky outcrop above the city of Athens, Greece. It contains the remains of several ancient buildings of great architectural and historical significance, the most famous being the Parthenon. The word Acropolis is from Greek ἄκρον (akron) "highest point, extremity" and πόλις (polis) "city." During ancient times the Acropolis of Athens was also more properly known as Cecropia, after the legendary serpent-man Cecrops, the supposed first Athenian king.

While there is evidence that the hill was inhabited as early as the 4th (millennium) BC, it was Pericles (c. 495–429 BC) in the fifth century BC who coordinated the construction of the buildings whose present remains are the site's most important ones, including the Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Erechtheion and the Temple of Athena Nike. The Parthenon and the other buildings were seriously damaged during the 1687 siege by the Venetians during the Morean War when gunpowder, being stored by the then Turkish rulers in the Parthenon, was hit by a Venetian bombardment and exploded.



Four views of the Isle of Santorini.

Photos by Barbara Colson

The Acropolis is located on a flattish-topped rock that rises 490 ft. above sea level in the city of Athens, with a surface area of about 7.4 acres. (Factual information came from Wikipedia.)

I will say that from 1980, the first time I was there, until this past 2024, the paths and walkways to the Acropolis have been greatly improved. There are even restrooms at the top. The views are magnificent.

The Island of Crete is the largest and most popular island of Greece. Although I haven't seen all the islands of Greece, I can say Santorini is one of my favorites.

The Minoan eruption was a catastrophic volcanic eruption that devastated the Aegean Island of Thera (also called Santorini) circa 1600 BCE. It destroyed the Minoan settlement at Akrotiri, as well as communities and agricultural areas on nearby islands and the coast of Crete. While I was in Crete and Santorini, I was able to visit two museums that have unearthed the way things were back in 1600 BCE. They were amazing. The volcanic ash was like a blanket over everything; thus, it

was all preserved exactly like it was then. What really floored me was both cities had running water through the community, even sit-down flush toilets. They even had a way to dispose of the black water separate from the gray water. Why then do we still have outhouses in some places around the world? Take the guided tour of The Minoan Palace of Knossos and finish up with the Heraklion Archeological Museum in town. In Santorini, take the guided tour of Akrotiri, founded in 1967 when a donkey fell through the earth while working in the vineyard. When they looked down the hole to see where he went, they saw that he was surrounded by large earthenware jars.

Thank you for reading about my trip and helping me learn more about the places I visited.



An ancient water system in the outdoor museum at Knossos in Crete.

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Library News

by Mary Kosbab

We are very pleased to announce that we have made Gunny Gundrum an honorary member of the TR Library staff this season. Gunny has helped us at our yard sales and flea markets. One time he chased notepad covers all over the parking lot next to the Library when a big gust of wind came up. His presence at our tables is always a big draw for people who are just glad to see him. We are happy to have him be a part of our staff.

This year we have made several changes at the Library. We no longer are writing book recommendation review cards. Recommended books will continue to be displayed on the bookshelves. We have put old book cards on the inside cover-page of the books. For newer recommended books, please read the publisher's reviews which are often located on the back of the book or on the inside cover flap.

We continue to encourage your book recommendations. There is a new form to fill out on the Library desk. Please leave the form in the book on the Library desk so we can mark the book with a recommended sticker.

Our main focus this year has been to upgrade our Grief and Alzheimer's collections and to draw more attention to our Classics collection.

Connie Swanson and Nancy Carini have worked on our new Grief collection that is located in the tall bookcase behind the Library desk.



Patty Geer has worked on the Classics collection. The Classics banner she donated helps readers locate these books in the far corner of the Library. We would like to upgrade this collection next season. There is a reason these books are called classics. As retirees we now have time to try them and find out why they have been so popular over the years. We welcome newer editions of classics and especially welcome any large-print editions if you come across any at book sales over the summer.

We have already announced that we will no longer be accepting DVDs. We are discarding the current collection to make room for books.

Once again I want to give my sincerest thanks to the great Library volunteer staff who maintain the Library. Some come in at a set time every week and some just stop in to see what needs to be done. Together we get the job done without it being overwhelming for anyone. These people are definitely the backbone of our Library. It takes a team of dedicated volunteers to maintain a library like we have.

And, as always, we thank everyone who donates items for the Library. We often get compliments on the quality of books we have on our shelves. Your donations of newly published books

keep our collection current and your donation of books you especially like helps keep our library shelves filled with books that are enjoyed by all.

Many of our volunteers head north at the end of the season, leaving a very small volunteer staff to cover the summer months. Kay Blunda, Amy Peebles and Diane Phillips are these summer volunteers. I'm sure they would appreciate the help of any other year-round residents who are here during the summer months. Please contact any of them or me if you are interested.

I greatly miss my neighbor and good friend Marilyn Long. However, even from afar she continues to help our Library. I pass along new large-print books for her to check out. Her input helps me assess new purchases for this collection.

Finally, as always, I cannot finish this article without mentioning my appreciation to Kay Blunda and Amy Peebles, my co-chairs, for all they do both during the season and over the summer. There is no one who knows and loves books more than Kay and if you have read Amy's Library News articles you know what a great job she does. We have a great relationship and friendship, as well as being co-chairs of our favorite Library.

On behalf of the entire Library staff we wish those heading north a safe trip home and to all a summer of good health and good reading.

Garden News

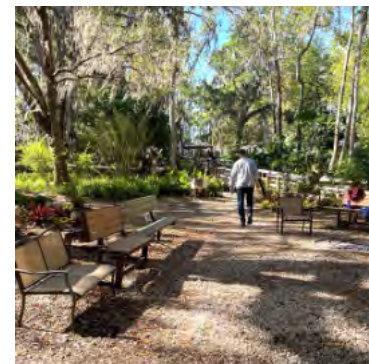


Photo by Nancy McDowell

See you next season.

by Nancy McDowell

So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye. Here it is - the last paper of the season. The last article in which I get to toot the horn of the many volunteers that work all season to make The Garden the jewel that it is.

I coyly say that writing the column is the hardest work of The Lake Margaret Garden Club but it really is nothing compared to the efforts our volunteers put in every week of the season. This group truly is comprised of the hardest working volunteers in the Park.

I will start with the officers that try to hold us to a proper club standard of meeting and by-laws as well as true to our mission statement. Stacey Grier, the Chairperson with the patience of a saint. (I wanted to say the "impatiens" of a saint but not sure all non-gardeners reading this would appreciate the joke.) Linda Jackson, our Co-chairperson, who has been sorely missed this season. Laura Lilawski, Club Treasurer, who ensures all our expenditures are reimbursed and properly reported. Pam Forsyth, our multi-term Secretary, who does so much more than type up minutes. She is the glue that keeps this Club together. Every workday she is there with our list of chores. She gives her time to volunteer at every event and is ready with a smile and greeting to all. She is my go-to source for all things Garden Club.

Additionally Amy Grier, our Artistic Director, continues to glamorize the garden with creative arrangements and touches of whimsy. Phyllis Zitzer, Certified Master Gardner, dazzles everyone with her knowledge of plants and monarch releases.

When I do get my hands dirty I am privileged to work beside so

many great people. Patricia Bogden and Donna West team up to complete some of the harder tasks we have. Mary DeWeerd and Barbara Bacon doggedly power through every effort they take on. Kelly Person comes out before pickleball to get a few hours of work in. Laura Weik, Kathy Lemke and Cathy Holley dig in every week wherever the need is. I love the laughter that Cheryl Bias provides while doing the dirty work in the garden. Bob Rubino continues to work on upgrading electrical points throughout the garden with assistance from Glen Lessig and Steve Syring. Chris Bracknell and Dave Perell can often be found completing garden projects. Susan Sweetser, Betty Kazy, Mark Hawkins and Dick Wheatley help out when they can. Bart and Brenda Schultz have pitched in so much this year, both true assets to the group. Christine and Glen Lessig give their all to the garden while here at the Park. Two Tinkham couples, Norm and Cindy and Chris and Pauline, join forces to mow, paint and complete repairs. We all appreciate the Ewings who bring coffee for our meetings. Thank you Leslie and Al.

I am sure I have left someone out as most acknowledgements of appreciation inevitably do. Any volunteer who I failed to name directly, please know that the work you do in the garden is truly appreciated.

Come take one more stroll in the garden before you head north, you will miss it when you are gone.



Book Browsers



by Nan Lance

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

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

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Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Covid affected us in so many ways. In Lena and Terry Guerrette's case it had an influence on the dog they currently have. In the past they had wonderful luck rescuing small, cuddly dogs from pet shelters but during Covid the little ones were adopted as fast as they came in. It was right at that time Lena and Terry were looking for a puppy so Lena started researching breeders. She came across someone with a litter of puppies right in Maine, their home state. They were Lhasa Poo's. This is a cross between a Lhasa Apso and a Miniature Poodle. Lena's wishes were for a puppy that was a lover and cuddler yet playful and fun. Baby Toby fit those requirements to a T. This breeder was very conscientious about the care and placement of these puppies and she found the Guerrettes to fit her requirements, too.





Photo by Terry Guerrette
TOBY

headed to town without Toby in the car, too.

Toby loves snacks. His favorite is ice cream. In Maine there are hundreds of trails for four-wheelers. Just pick a destination with lots of natural wildlife plus places to stop and eat. While on one of those adventures Lena and Terry stopped at the Dairy Bar for ice cream and Toby had his first "pup-cup." After discovering how much Toby liked ice cream Terry started fixing him his own pup-cups at home and storing them in the freezer. All you have to do is ask Toby if he wants a pup-cup and he leaps into action. Gobble, gobble, lick, lick and it's gone.

A schedule is no problem in their home, especially when it comes to Toby. He gently reminds them when it's time to eat. Then another gentle reminder is when it's time to potty. Toby has the strongest bladder ever. He can go a long time and not need to go out but of course he loves his potty walks around his TR neighborhood.

Lena and Terry agree that all of their dogs have been great but Toby leads the pack. He's the very best. They feel blessed with the most loving dog they have ever had.

 Dogs are not our whole lives,
but they make our lives whole.
~ Rodger Caras 



Birding Activity



Photos by Tom Butler

FEMALE RESPLENDENT QUETZAL

by Tom Butler

The Resplendent Quetzal. Imagine walking through a misty-cloud forest in the mountains of Costa Rica and spotting an iridescent green bird with tail feathers twice as long as its body. What? Add in a red lower breast and belly, black inner wings and white under the tail, and you have the Resplendent Quetzal. A bird so spectacular that it is steeped in Mesoamerican mythology. The national bird of Guatemala has even lent its name to their currency – the quetzal. The Resplendent Quetzal symbolizes freedom and prosperity and it is said to be forbidden to harm one. That did not stop feather collectors in the 1800s from killing them to further the sale of fishing flies and women's hats. Thank goodness those practices are in the past. We must stop mankind from interfering with nature.

This bird is migratory but only moves short distances from high slopes to the upper canopies of tropical forests. This behavior is known as "altitudinal migration." They seek out decaying trees where they will hollow a cavity for nesting. They can also be very opportunistic by selecting an abandoned woodpecker nest. The Quetzal will lay two to four eggs that will be incubated by both parents. The male takes the daytime shift and the female takes over for the nighttime. Incubation lasts 17 to 19 days. These omni-

vores love fruits and plants but will also partake in the occasional insect, lizard or frog. Yum! They are particularly fond of wild avocados that will be swallowed whole, digested and then the seed will be regurgitated days later. The distribution of these seeds will perpetuate the growth of the avocado earning the Quetzal the reference of tropical forest gardener. Nature at its finest!

The elusive Resplendent Quetzal is also considered a master of disguise. This seems to be at odds with the incredible colors they display, but predators from above will only see shades of green that blend perfectly with the lush canopy. Considering the lofty

perches they prefer, there will be very few predators from below. This is great for protecting the bird but trying to spot this elusive creature becomes nothing short of a miracle for birdwatchers. This is where we thank the professional guides for their experience and knowledge. Always stay close to the guide so you don't miss out on important facts, observations or hazards. In reference to hazards, I believe I mentioned jaguars in the pre-trip article. Moving on – I know that many of you have enjoyed observing birds and nature throughout the world, so you understand how much I enjoyed this trip. Get out, enjoy nature and do no harm.



YELLOW-THROATED TOUCAN

Pet Lovers Club

by Kim Roberts

Well, if you know me then you know I have sold my place here at Traveler's Rest and I am moving out of the park.

I have been the President of The Pet Lover's Club for the past three years. It has been both fun and rewarding and sometimes challenging.

We opened a second dog park with a new shade pavilion and accomplished many other projects. I would like to thank everyone for their support and donations.

I would like to thank Tia Paquette and Judy Leister for their

support and doing the flea markets and yard sales. Hopefully you can continue. Also, a big thank you to Jeff Green for all he does at the South Paw Park and his helper Joyce Ritzer. She is great.





Fean Robertson is our long-time treasurer and will continue in that role.

Ray and the maintenance team; you guys are great and I appreciate your help and the guidance on the bigger projects.

I will miss you all and I hope that someone will volunteer to replace me in this position.

Farewell my pet lovers.

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Quilt-A-Rama 2025 is a huge success

by Joan Ledbetter

With more than 105 TR residents joining in to help out last week, 60+ quilts were completed at this year's Quilt-A-Rama, an event that has occurred for the past 22 years. Chairs Peggy Sander and Diane Krupicka did a fantastic job organizing this event. They and all the members of the TR Quilt Guild wish to thank the many residents, both women and men, who came and helped out this year.

In addition to the completed 60+ quilts, there is inventory ready for completion next season.

Special thanks go to the Tuesday Snack Shack crew for getting lunches prepared early for those participating.

Sending thanks to Bob Waldo for providing tunes all morning over the Busch Hall sound system. Also a big thanks to Phil St. John and the TR Travelaires Orchestra for providing music throughout the afternoon. Cathy Stuart made sure we had several dance breaks throughout the day. It was marvelous!

A big thank you to everyone involved.



A birds-eye view of the hall gives one an idea of the amount of organization that goes into the day. Tables are set up in clusters where different steps of the process take place.



Mary Ellen Deegan and Adrienne Kote man the sign-in table. Wonder what task will be given to Brian Krupicka?



Quilter Rachel Brooks sews the backing to the face of the quilt.



Could that be a seam-ripper in Lora Davis' hand? Being an exacting process, quilting at times requires "un-sewing" as well.

A farewell to Ethel Polsdofer

by Joan Ledbetter

During last week's meeting, the TR Quilt Guild bid farewell to long-time member and past Guild President Ethel Polsdofer. Ethel and Ed will be leaving TR at the conclusion of this season. To show appreciation she was presented with a lovely quilt, created by member Carol Luther. We wish Ethel and Ed our warmest wishes for the years ahead. They will be missed.



Marie Lupien is intent on what she is doing.



Lucille Matthews is "pressed" into service. Ironing seams flat is an important part of assembling a quilt.



Did Diane Krupicka and Peggy Sander plan to coordinate their wardrobe? Both are sporting orange shirts.

Photos by the TR Photography Group, Carey Box, Jen Furman and Bob Rubino



Photo by Joan Ledbetter

Carol Luther, Ethel Polsdofer and Guild President Cloie Morgan.



Is Sharon Fosnight showing granddaughter Emma Abedrabo how it should be done, or is it the other way around?



Chris Marsh is tying a finished front to its back in the middle of each square.



Debbie Etchill and Carol Pandy discuss placement of squares.



Patricia Bogdan presents a completed quilt.



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TR Sports

Ladies' Golf League

by Kathy Reimann
Thursday, March 6

Congratulations and thank you to all the players who showed and participated in a great sport (aka golf) and shared camaraderie and friendship.

2025 Tournament Winners

Low Gross

1. Hazel English.....	68
2. Paula Currier.....	74
3. Maureen Peet.....	75

Low Net

Vicki Cloyd, Phyllis Simmers..	57
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Photo by Kathy Reimann
MAUREEN PEET, HAZEL ENGLISH, PAULA CURRIER

Golf Scramble

by Dawn Pulleyn
Saturday, March 8

Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to everyone who came out!

1. Krystal Halbrook, Barb Watson, Wayne Branchard, John Delaney
2. Cheryl Porter, Dave Kat, Betty Colborne, Ken Lasure
3. John Porter, Maureen Peet, Lori Martin, Bob Luther

Wizard

by Denise Weik
Tuesday, March 4

Table 1

Game 1

Barb Watson.....	280
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Game 2

Debbie May.....	260
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Game 3

Debbie May.....	250
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Table 2

Game 1

Brenda Hatchel.....	230
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Game 2

Kevin Weik.....	240
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Game 3

Brenda Hatchel.....	300
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Cribbage

by Bob Luther
Monday, March 3

Bob King.....	482
Eric Van Horn.....	480
John Bearman.....	476

Men's Golf League

by Barry English
Thursday, March 6

Congratulations to all the winners and all the participants in this year's Men's Golf League Tournament. Thank you to everyone who helped out and a special thanks to Ralph Smith for keeping us organized all year.

Low Handicap Gross

Bill Harkins.....	69
Ralph Smith.....	70
Dan Varner, Barry English.....	72

Low Net

Barry English.....	60
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High Handicap Gross

John Delaney.....	82
Wolf Reimann.....	84
Stan Motycka.....	85

Low Net

Wolf Reimann.....	60
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Men's Golf League winners.



Partners Party Bridge

by Jen Furman
Tuesday, March 4

Mike Clark, John Cyr.....	2560
Connie Bradley, Jen Furman.....	1630
Pat Dellamuth, Barry Sellick.....	1600
Kathy and Lacy Shawver.....	550

Thursday, March 6

Connie Bradley, Jen Furman.....	2840
Mike Clark, John Cyr.....	2290
Pat Dellamuth, Kitty Fisher.....	1800
Tawnya Rowden, Jim Weigand.....	1450

Dominoes

by Linda Gough
Thursday, March 6

Table 1 Winner

Garry Anderson.....	197
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Table 2 Winner

Susan Sweetser.....	101
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Table 3 Winner

Rob Sunde.....	205
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Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield
Season 2024-25

Chinese Mah Jong Royalty

This season Deb May and Rose Taggart really dominated the throne. Each of them scored 77 wins making them Dual Empresses. Kathy Bocchino, Connie Bradley and Marcia Hatfield were very close scoring 45, 44 and 43 games respectively. Marcia had been Empress once, Connie had been Princess once and Kathy was the Lady-in-Waiting twice.



Chinese Mah Jong royalty members Deborah May, Rose Taggart, Kathy Bocchino, Connie Bradley and Marcia Hatfield.



Thank you, thank you

by Kathy Reimann

I want to thank all the 212 residents who trusted and believed our vision to have an Italian Dinner Under The Tuscan Sun and purchased the tickets.

Thank you to the set-up crew, decorating folks and the sound guys providing our Italian ambience.

Thank you to the food prep people and cook teams for providing us with a delicious meal. Thanks to the kitchen supervisors who keep us legal.

Thank you to the servers, Divas, and the clean up crew. Thanks to the Silent Auction organizers, donators and bidders.

It takes a special group of people to put this together and help make a successful fundraiser and fun event. You ALL know who you are!

Finally a special thank you to my husband, Wolf, who knows that whenever I open my mouth with an idea, he's in for a lot of work. Thanks for always supporting me and making it possible.



Photo by Kathy Reimann
A few of the Italian dinner volunteers.

Five Crowns

by Jackie Thackery
Wednesday, Feb. 26

Anyone wanting to learn this game may want to learn from these folks, Marvin and Vyril. They will be leaving around the 18th. To learn from one of these masters come to next game, Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Thank you all for playing. Glad to welcome Joyce Ritzler's grandson Jared back for an annual visit.

Table 1

Game 1

Darlene Livengood,	
Jeff Duquette.....	100

Game 2

Darlene Livengood.....	65
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Table 2

Games 1 and 2

Marvin Becker.....	90,70
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Bowling

by Leslie Price
Friday, March 7

Men's Scratch High Game

Bill Buczek.....	182
Mark Hentchel.....	169
Tim Base.....	163

Men's Scratch High Series

Bill Buczek.....	504
Mark Hentchel.....	440
Tim Base.....	438

Men's Handicap High Game

Tim Base.....	264
Mark Hentchel.....	246
Bill Buczek.....	245

Men's Handicap High Series

Tim Base.....	741
Bill Buczek.....	693
John Schell.....	674

Men's High Average

Bill Buczek.....	162
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Women's Scratch High Game

Leslie Price.....	160
Cathy Capsolas.....	155
Lin Buczek.....	148

Women's Scratch High Series

Leslie Price.....	446
Pat Markle.....	428
Dawn Pagel.....	394

Women's Handicap High Game

Cathy Capsolas.....	280
Pat Markle.....	241
Leslie Price.....	237

Women's Handicap High Series

Cathy Capsolas.....	715
Pat Markle.....	710
Leslie Price.....	677

Women's High Average

Leslie Price.....	147
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500 cards

by Deborah May
and Connie Bradley
Saturday, March 8

Gary Anderson.....	1760
Carol Jean Beard.....	1370
John Bearman.....	1290
Nan Lance.....	1240
Jen Furman.....	990
Barb Watson.....	940

National Mah Jongg League

by Bette Gorman
Monday, March 3

Kathy Ellison.....	130
Judy Pech.....	125
Bette Gorman, Arlene Wykoff.....	100
Diane Phillips.....	25

Wednesday, March 5

Terri Lynburner.....	290
Arlene Wykoff.....	100
Judy Pech.....	85
Diane Phillips.....	50
Connie Hurst.....	25

Friday, March 7

Arlene Wykoff.....	130
Terri Lynburner.....	100
Kathy Ellison, Bette Gorman...	75
Diane Phillips.....	55
Sue Guffy.....	50
Judy Pech.....	25

Pickleball Jam

by Nancy McDowell
Thursday, March 4

Although not our last Jam of the season, it was a big one with mixed doubles in each of the open courts. Ultimately, wins and losses were tallied and the top three men and women are listed. Thanks to all for such a great season of pickleball play especially to outgoing leadership, Carey and Delia Box and Laurie Gardner. Thank you to all for the hard work you have done to get the TR Pickleball Club to where it is today. Congratulations to this past week's winners.

- Women**
1. Merendia Caldwell
 2. Kathleen Clark
 3. Nancy Staton
- Men**
1. Carey Box
 2. Wally Wilson
 3. Todd Clark



Photo by Nancy McDowell
CAREY BOX AND MERENDIA CALDWELL

TR RC Motorsports

by Tom Stuart
Saturday, March 1

Top Points

John Cristiano,	
Shawn Liaguno.....	36
Fast Eddy Fosnight.....	34

Wednesday, March 5

Top Points

Shawn Liaguno.....	36
Jellyroll Bob Slagle,	
Doc Dave Watson.....	35



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Thank you Squad 33

A Love Letter to TR

by Jackie Thackery

Four members of Squad 33 came to my rescue last Sunday and delivered me to the passenger door of our car with the greatest of ease; at least it felt so to me. I couldn't leave the bathroom without help due to knee pain, despite having walked into the room.

I had heard about these chairs on wheels or tracks for assisting. It is amazing. It was narrow enough to get in through the usually too narrow door. I turned to sit on it and was safely buckled in, maneuvered out the door, down the hall and out through the kitchen. No bumps or bruises. Out the kitchen door and the tracks took over, down the stairs with the guys' guidance and control. Wow. That was easy and took me to the door of the car. Thank you again Squad 33 for help when needed.

by Ed and Ethel Polsdofer

Twenty-eight years - what a great place, what a great time. Even though we are leaving TR, TR will stay in our hearts forever.

Like many others, we started on the Hill, now known as Golf View. We enjoyed it there and made friendships that lasted for years. We bought a place in the Cabana Section sight unseen in October 1997. We were in Michigan, the owners were in Minnesota. We mailed a check and they mailed the keys. Only in TR! We never had second thoughts.

We enjoyed the activities offered here and participated in sewing, talent show, golf, quilting, bike club, garden club, luminaries, Christmas decorating, Snack Shack and so on. For 20 years Ed took our dogs to nursing homes in Dade City and Zephyrhills to interact with the residents. Ed

played the piano and the accordion for them. What a gratifying experience for all.

The best part of TR is the people. We have made so many life-long friendships that we will treasure. One example is when Ethel broke her femur last year. TR was quick to respond with caring, casseroles, stair building, dog walking and rides. We couldn't have made it without our TR friends' help and that is typical of what TR is all about.

To Ray and all the office staff, Tracy and Tina at the TR Post Office, Wes and the maintenance staff, thank you for all the help you have given us over the years. It has been so appreciated.

Now it is time for us to begin a different chapter in our lives and we will take so many fond memories with us.

Thank You Ken and Sandy

by Donna Probes

As the season draws to a close, I want to join everyone in our park in extending a huge thank you to Ken and Sandy Langell for their years of dedication in bringing joy to our community by handling all the booking and organization for Busch Hall Sunday Night.

My 40-year career in arts management included booking guest artists for many different concert series. I can tell you, it is no small job. Putting the puzzle pieces together for a season of entertainment entails hours and hours of working with agents, artists, budgets and schedules.

Once the schedule is set and all acts are booked, there is also a lot of behind the scenes work to be done, such as coordinating sound and stage needs, promotion and publicity, and then greeting the artists when they arrive to make

sure they have everything they need in order to put on a good show.

A balanced season must take into consideration the diverse tastes of your audience. Ken and Sandy traveled around searching for just the right mix of styles, genres and types of entertainment.

When a job is done well, it looks easy. Many people do not realize how much time Ken and Sandy put in because they did it gracefully and they did it well.

We will always remember Ken tripping to the microphone and kicking off the evening with another famous Langell joke. This always set the stage for a wonderful evening of fun.

Please join me in expressing deep gratitude for the years of dedication and hard work Ken and Sandy put in so that we could all look forward to Busch Hall Sunday Night every week.

Dear Friends

by Linda Jackson and family

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to my Travelers Rest family and friends for the outpouring of caring I received during Bob's illness and after his passing. Your many beautiful cards, notes,

phone calls, texts and emails are all deeply appreciated. The warm "welcome home" greetings and offers of neighborly help and support have made my "homecoming" transition easy and joyful. Thank you all.

Classifieds

RV South Park Model and lanai on a concrete pad. Fully furnished including plug-in generator, washer and dryer.

06-58 Wolf Reimann
816-308-9948

2006 44' Breckenridge 3 slide trailer with screen on full concrete pad. The trailer features a Mitsubishi split system heat pump, insulated aluminum roofover, luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout, custom Levelor window treatments, UV blocking window coating (2023), Kineticco drinking water filtration system, Lazyboy recliners and a sleep sofa with memory foam mattress and many extras.

See Facebook for more detail. **\$75,000**, includes golf cart and share of stock.

09-04 Ken Pech
330-730-8056

2019 41' Hy-Line at lot 13-07. Cabana 12 X 24, washer, dryer and share of stock. Remaining lease through July 31, 2025, **\$108,990**.

13-07 Frank Meier
586-918-4266

2005 Keystone 5th wheel Everest 32 ft. fifth wheel with trailer-length concrete patio, fully renovated and meticulously maintained. The updates include roof over, main roof treated 10 years ago with a silicone epoxy in a 20-year warranty. Updates inside and out. Sale includes share and remaining season lease. See TR website for pictures. **\$24,900**.

08-12 George Paquette
450-409-1107

Lovely fully-furnished Village home located on a large lot in a cul-de-sac. Home has a wonderful private backyard. New kitchen appliances, two bedrooms, one bath, large eat-in kitchen, new kitchen floor, new windows and plantation shutters. Screened-in lanai completed three years ago. Sale includes share. **\$165,000**.

2615 Wiley and Gail Downing
203-241-2537

Roll-top desk in excellent condition. Make an offer.

2551 Phil Simmers
330-533-3820

2008 35' Luxury Glacier Bay fifth wheel trailer with 3 slides, awnings have been replaced with hard metal roof, unit professionally leveled, blocked and anchored, bedroom with queen bed and full cedar-lined closet with mirrored sliding doors. Pull-out bed in living room, recliner loveseat, electric fireplace, office desk, full galley with three burner stove top and propane oven, dinette with four chairs, lots of storage inside and out. Comes with share and balance of the lease. **\$16,000**.

new price **TR Office**
352-588-2013

2016 Rockwood Forest River 8329SS travel trailer for sale **\$29,500** obo. Sleeps up to four people. Welded aluminum frame with three large slides. Power leveling jacks, electric tongue jack, electric propane hot water heater with new anode rod just serviced December 2024. Air conditioner replaced December 2023. Two electric awnings, new electronic entry lock, vent lids on all overhead vents, professionally maintained. Shed with large double door and clamshell. Washer, dryer and refrigerator in shed with shelves for plenty of extra storage. Lease paid through July 2025. Does **not** include stock share.

15-35 Russ Fuller
860-747-1193
Rhona Fuller
860-805-4321

2016 Forest River, 35'7" class A motorhome, Berkshire 34QS, Cummins 16 340HP Diesel, Freightliner chassis, four slides and awnings, dual a/c, auto-leveling, original owner, 67K miles, serviced annually, Freightliner Oasis, Gaffney, S.C. Featuring new flooring, water heater, AC, refrigerator and king bed. **\$109,900**.

17-30 Barry Zimmerman
910-232-5300

Fully furnished Park Model and Cabana. Extensively renovated and fully furnished. Ready for you to enjoy. Lighted patio, 6" deep concrete drive strips, easy walk to Busch Hall for concerts and to all the wonderful TR places where you play and/or take classes.

\$114,900 includes a share and remainder of 2025 lease.

11-16 Frances Taylor
615-479-8104
Bobby Taylor
615-479-8105.

Park Model and Cabana with many upgrades and features located at a prime location in the park, within short steps to Busch Hall and everything else. The home is complete with quality furnishings and is move-in ready. A long list of amenities include inside dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer, mini-split Carrier heat-pump, three LED TV sets, Sleep Number queen bed, front and rear entrances, golf cart, TR stock.

11-09 Gerry Goffinet
615-481-6305



Obituaries

ELIZABETH R. SULLIVAN

Elizabeth (Betty) R. Sullivan, 90, loving wife for over 67 years to James Sullivan was born Oct. 28, 1934 and passed away peacefully Feb. 17, 2025. She was the devoted mother of Daniel (Mary) Sullivan, Dennis (Elisa) Sullivan, the late James (Mary) Sullivan and Ellen (Tony) Wochnik, grandmother to 7 and great grandmother to 3.

Jim and Betty were 25-year snowbird residents of TR on Lot 17-34, only leaving last year because of health concerns. She was in the Ladies' Golf League for many years and even had a Hole-in-One. She was a member of the Welcoming Committee in its infancy and was an active member of the Red Hat Society in its heyday. She enjoyed the TR activities and time with her many friends.

Jim's TR friends were happy to hear he will be moving back to the Park this month!

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