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People and Places . . . Chapter 6 Colonel Jeriel Beard, MD, FACS, U. S. Army (Retired)

by Margaret Emmetts

Jeriel Beard received his undergraduate pre-medical degree from Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Ill. and his MD at the University of Michigan. Upon graduation he went to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. for a rotating internship and four years of specialty training as a general surgeon.

At that time military surgeons were desperately needed. Jeriel was accepted into the Berry Plan which enabled him to complete his surgical training before serving on active duty. He was thereby a 1st Lieutenant in the "inactive" Army Reserve with promotion to Captain two years later.

Jeriel completed his surgical residency in June, 1969. He reported 12 days later as a major on active duty for Officer Basic Training at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex. He was assigned to the surgical department at Ft. Knox, Ky. where he served 10 months before going to Vietnam in May of 1970. He worked 6 months at the 12th Evacuation Hospital in Cu Chi about 15 miles from Saigon. When that Hospital closed, he transferred to the 91st Evacuation Hospital at Chu Lai on the South China Sea coast about 70 miles south of Da Nang.

The injured were evacuated directly from the battlefield to the



Photos submitted by Jeriel Beard
COLONEL JERIEL BEARD

Hospital, usually by helicopter and often within 30 minutes. Patients who could not be returned to duty within two weeks were usually transferred to Camp Zama or Camp Drake in Japan by the Air Force. Those aircraft had intensive care units staffed by Air Force personnel. Patients suffering severe burns were stabilized and sent directly to the Burn Center at Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio, Tex. During the year that Dr. Beard served in Vietnam, he went on two medical evacuation flights to Japan with the Air Force.

When asked about living conditions, Beard's first response was that it was hot. The Quonset-type buildings had window air conditioners. The buildings were connected by covered sidewalks which were needed especially during the rainy season. Instead of air conditioning, the sleeping quarters were cooled by fans.

There were two separate surgical teams with four surgeons on each team. Each surgeon was on call for 24 hours and off 24 hours, but usually made rounds on his patients every day. During mass casualty events, everyone might be needed to care for the wounded.



Beard plays baritone horn with TR's Travelaires.

The nurses worked 12-hour shifts with 36 hours off at the end of the week to change from day shift to night shift and vice versa.

The management of surgical patients in the combat setting is often different from the civilian hospital.

During a mass casualty, triage (or sorting) is done. There is an "expectant" category of patients who are not expected to live. If they survive until all the other patients are treated, then they will go to the operating room. The goal is to do the most good for the most patients.

Because the wounds are usually severely contaminated, the deeper layers of the wound are sutured, but the skin and the subcutaneous layer are not sutured initially. A sterile dressing is applied. About four days later, in the operating room, the dressing is removed. If there are no signs of infection, the skin is sutured. That is called delayed primary closure. It is done to reduce the incidence of gas gangrene, etc.

Many of Dr. Beard's patients were Vietnamese soldiers and civilians. Both emergency and elective operations were done for them. He removed a lung that was severely damaged when an oxcart ran over a boy's chest and he performed four emergency

Cesarean sections to deliver babies. A nurse told him that the staff had given him the nickname of "Papa." When he asked whether he had a previous name, the nurse said, "Yes, Bear." Soon after he arrived at the 12th Evac, he called the operating room because he had a patient with a ruptured tubal pregnancy. The supervisor said, "You had better be right!" The diagnosis was correct and the operation saved her life.

After leaving Vietnam and resigning his commission, Dr. Beard practiced nearly two years with three of his mentors in Grand Rapids. He then moved with his family 50 miles north to Big Rapids where he assumed the surgical practice of a retiring surgeon. In 1975, he re-enlisted in the Army Medical Corps where he served the 394th Station Hospital as Chief of Professional Services. Subsequently, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and became the Commander in 1982. Two years later he was selected as the Commander of the 334th Medical Group. The Group included all the Army Reserve (not National Guard) Hospitals and Medical Units in Michigan and Indiana. Due in large part to his excellent military and civilian staff, he was promoted to full Colonel during the four years he was commander.

Dr. Beard was elated to be accepted for training at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. That included two years of studying, writing papers and two resident phases of two weeks each at the Barracks.

During his 22 years of active Army Reserve duty, he continued his private surgical practice in Big Rapids. He had a superb office staff and most helpful colleagues. He was blessed to have more than 11 years of command assignments. He enjoyed his military duties, friends and the training which served him well in his private practice.



Beard in his Army fatigues.

Voting process is hot topic at Resident Forum

by Margaret Emmetts

The February Forum was held in a very chilly Busch Hall with all Board members present with the exception of Ruth Reeve. Also present were: General Manager, Chad Barber, Treasurer, Terry Halbrook, Assistant Treasurer, Diane Peacock. Activity Director Lora Davis joined the meeting later.

David Walsh Esq. joined the meeting via Zoom when appropriate.

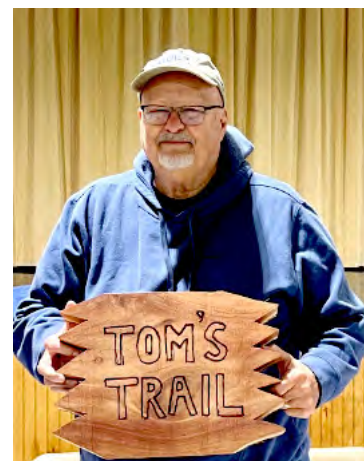
Halbrook elaborated on the Board's financing for the creek repair. He noted that it is always good business for a corporation to have an open line of credit.

May stated that the financial statement included in the AGM

packet was out of date. The Board is currently seeking a new CPA and anticipates having a new corrected financial statement at the AGM.

Regarding the packet, some were delivered to home addresses although the shareholder is currently here. If you do not receive your forwarded packet before the end of February, please go to the office for a replacement ballot. She noted that there is no charge to change your mailing address to avoid this recurrence.

May noted that TR was built by and is run by volunteers, many of whom do not seek or receive recognition. However, there is one gentleman in our midst who has worked hard to assure that TR is



TOM BUTLER

recognized as a top-viewing area for birds. He has cut trails, cleans and fills bird feeders, takes and

shares gorgeous pictures of the birds that visit TR and leads birdwatchers to the best viewing areas. In recognition of his efforts, the Board moved that all the trails be called Tom's Trails. The individual is Tom Butler. Wooden signs stating Tom's Trails, were constructed by the Wood Shop and will be placed at the head of each trail. Congratulations Tom.

Regarding funds for musical entertainment, the Board provides the Sunday Night Busch Hall entertainment and subsidizes the Wednesday Night Concert Series. Both of these expenses were included in the annual budget.

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Busch Hall Sunday Night presents Justin Rhodes



JUSTIN RHODES

by Katherine Shawver

Please join us for Busch Hall Sunday Night on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. Justin Rhodes has been playing piano since the age of three with help from his dad. He started

singing at the age of 13 and eventually moved to New York City to pursue a career in music. Justin is a R&B/Soul/Pop singer who has played venues across the country all the way from Lincoln Center in New York to Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. He is currently living in Tampa, Fla. and performing at venues across Florida and the southeast U.S. Justin will remind us of the wonderful sound of our beautiful grand piano and will take some requests from the audience, too!

The Ice Cream Social is from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. followed by announcements.

One Coffee Seminar this week

by Leslie Ewing

There will be only one Coffee Seminar this week due to preparations for the Fashion Show. TR Garden Club members Amy Grier and Bob Rubino will present the seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Many of us know Amy and how imaginative and artistic she is. Amy has a degree in biology so she has been very helpful in the garden with her vast knowledge. To respond to frequent questions about sedums, she will discuss how to grow and care for sedums.

Bob will talk about the importance of native planting species and the steps we can take to support the ecological and environmental health of TR. He will discuss how vital the old growth forests and native plants are to Florida. They protect air and



water quality, prevent soil erosion, store carbon and provide essential habitats for biodiversity. Key ecosystems like longleaf pine, cypress swamps and mangroves support pollinators and wildlife while reducing water usage and increasing resilience against storms. This is particularly important information after Hurricane Milton damage and in the current drought conditions.

Please put the Coffee Seminar with Amy Grier and Bob Rubino on your calendar for Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 8 a.m.

Annual Airstream Community Gathering



by Bard Fuller

We are celebrating the strong Airstream community here at TR with a dinner and Airstream-related programming on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. in Busch Hall. All current and former Airstream owners are welcome to gather to share your past and future travel adventures.

We have new dining options this year; dinners will cost between \$16 and \$20. Check the details in the flyer posted on the easel board in the Post Office.

We are fortunate to have Kendall Felder as our featured speaker. Kendall is an officer of the Executive Council of the Airstream Club. There will also be updates on the newest Airstream Inc. products and initiatives along with several camping door prizes.

Reservation forms for the dinner can be found on the easel board in the Post Office. Paid reservations are required and will be needed by Sunday, Feb. 22.

TN&M



by Nancy McDowell

Our next movie on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. is "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison. This 1947 film, set in 1900 England, is a quirky adventure about a widow who rents a cottage haunted by its former owner. Oh the madcap-ness of it all. Come enjoy this slightly moody romantic romp and the unconventional relationship between a woman and a ghost on this week of Valentine's Day.

Due to my overzealous volunteering, I am overcommitted and am looking for someone to share the coordination of the Tuesday Night Movies. This is a fun volunteer opportunity for someone and you can pick the movies you want to show! Very little actual work, but another pair of hands will come in "handy." See me any movie night to join up. I am also in the book.

Until a co-coordinator is working with me, Tuesday Night Movies will be offered every other week after this showing.

TR Dance Night



by Diana Hill

Okay TR, dig out your dancing shoes again. So far, we've had great turnouts for our 2026 dances, even with other events going on. Let's keep it rocking for the rest of the 2026 season.

Here's our TR Dance Night schedule for 2026. It is subject to change, so refer to the TR calendar also.

Feb. 6: Party Planners will have a Drive-Thru Steak Dinner (as shown in separate announcements). Our dance will go from 7 to 9 p.m. with DJ Dave rocking the house and shaking up that dinner.

Feb. 20: Jesse Derringer will be here for our entertainment with a variety of dance genres. He's a local, well-known entertainer.

March 6: Kate Naugher will entertain us with a night of eclectic songs for our enjoyment. She has played at private parties here at TR and was a top requested act.

March 20: DJ Dave rocks the house again with slow dances,

light rock, line dances and your requests.

Please support us with your attendance. We hope to have more paid entertainment in the future, so your contributions will help fund these dances.

We will stick with the DIY setup. Bring your own beverages, food, snacks and table decorations. There is no charge at the door, donations are welcome. We still do it the TR way, clean up, take down tables and take the trash out. If you're not able to help, no worries. Look for flyers to remind you. Come join the fun for a little bit or stay till the end. No partner or talent needed.

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. Look for our flyers or join our Facebook page, TR Dance Night FL, to keep up-to-date.

TR Fashion Show "Forever Young"

by LuAnn Gatewood and Cindy Tinkham

The TR Fashion Show, "Forever Young", is just around the corner. Plan to join us for a fun afternoon on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall. Models will wear favorite outfits from their closets, treasures found at thrift stores, or maybe brand new outfits they just could not resist. We will enjoy tasty snacks after the show.

There is no charge to attend, however, donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. These donations will help offset the costs for putting on the show. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Briefings from the Board

Changing Times

by Deborah May, President

Life moves at a fast pace the older we get. I remember thinking as a child that the year 2000 was so far away it would take forever to get here. Then I turned around twice and it was upon us. Now it is 26 years later, where does the time go? In the last 29 years, Travelers Rest Resort has seen a great deal of change. When the Articles of Incorporation were filed in 1997, to amend the original Articles, there were only 14 owners who owned 100 shares of stock. Their original purchase price was \$500 per share. This amendment changed the name from Travelers Rest, Inc. to Travelers Rest Resort, Inc. Prior to that change, in order to be a member and own stock, you had to belong to the Tampa Bay Unit of Wally Byam Caravan Club International. At the time this was exclusively an Airstream Park. It was also a pet-free park.

After the year 2000, a great many changes happened here at Travelers Rest Resort, Inc. Pets were allowed, other models of RVs were allowed, park models were introduced and placed on lots. The four pet-free streets were a compromise between pet lovers and non-pet owners. Keeping those streets full of units today is becoming a problem, everyone seems to have a dog. Today we have over 300 dogs registered. Two Puppy Parks and rules governing pets



DEBORAH MAY

designed to protect non-pet owners and pet owners. The policy and procedures manual requires regular updates to keep up with the changes. The newest policy governs e-bikes. The original volunteers who built Travelers Rest Resort never dreamed about all the changes that would come over the years. Even 10 years ago, who would have thought that TR would require a separate entity, Travelers Rest Activities, LLC, to govern and track the wide range of activities currently available and run by volunteers.

The InTouch system in place here at Travelers Rest Resort allows residents a wide variety of information about what is going on daily, as well as information from *The TR Times* and the Board in the past. All of this is available by a touch of the finger on your phone. The use of the InTouch system will be expanding with new available capabilities in the future. There is no end to what can be done electronically in the future.

With all the expansion going on around us, resident security is a top priority. There are cameras throughout the park to track vehicles not belonging here. The security key card prevents outside people from just wandering into our park and gaining access to our facilities.

Protecting the residents is a top priority with the Board of Directors and Management. The lease for next year will contain some additional changes and information that must be filled out to be sure we have records of vehicles that belongs and ones that don't. There is a probability that stickers will be issued to each resident for their vehicles indicating TR's name. This will allow quick identification of vehicles not belonging here. With the new park going in down at the end of Johnston Road, the chance of unfamiliar people and vehicles coming into our park increases.

Built by volunteers and run by volunteers who love this little "Piece of Paradise" has been and continues to be the backbone of Travelers Rest Resort, Inc. This factor allows us to maintain reasonable yearly lease rates which includes most utilities. Looking out for and helping one another is a trademark of life at Travelers Rest Resort. The people who live here are fantastic and make this park the great place it is. A great place to call HOME.

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The Board cannot subsidize any other entertainments which were not previously budgeted. Regarding the Wednesday programs, for the past couple of years they have not been self-sustaining. The Board may only continue supporting these programs for a limited time.

The dust problem at the Wood Shop is still not resolved but is being worked on.

May addressed how to vote at the upcoming AGM. In order for your vote to count, the white ballot you received in the AGM packet must be turned in before the opening of the AGM. Since there are only four candidates for the five open Board positions, it is anticipated there will be nominations from the floor during the meeting. If you have not turned in your white ballot prior to the meeting, you will NOT be allowed to vote for anyone nominated from the floor. If after floor nominations, you wish to

change your vote, you will be allowed to get a green floor ballot for voting and your white ballot will be voided.

TR Bylaws and TR Policies may be accessed on the Resident's Dashboard from the InTouch app on your phone or the TR website. All current bylaws and approved Board minutes have been posted.

Lora Davis reminded residents of upcoming February activities and noted the new Murder Mystery Book Club.

A question and answer period followed:

Questions were raised concerning exactly how the voting process and proxy assignment would be handled. The attorney was available via Zoom in this regard.

The next Veranda Chat will be Monday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. in front of Busch Hall. The next Forum will be Monday, March 2 at 1 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Is "seeing" always "believing?"

by Margaret Emmetts

There is an old adage that states "seeing is believing." But, is that always true?

During a recent cold snap here in Florida, TV meteorologists predicted possible snow flurries. As this is an extremely rare event in Florida, they requested that viewers take photos of the flurries if they should occur.

So anxious were they to obtain these photos that they actually did a rather extensive tutorial on how to best capture these images. Since snowflakes are white and tiny, photos should be taken against a dark background, such as a dark-colored car. If the event occurred at night, back-lighting should be used, such as a street light.

Imagine the meteorologists surprise when they received a video of blowing snow that looked like it was taken during a blizzard. Yes, the video was made right here in Florida. But how?

It seems the photographer had access to a power washer. By adjusting the machine to a fine spray they could shoot the water into the air. The freezing temperatures instantly turned the tiny water droplets into snow. Photographed against back-light the result looked like a virtual blizzard.

The photographer had actually created a homemade snow machine, much like those used at ski resorts to create snow. How clever.

The moral to the story is that seeing is not always believing these days.

Let your voice be heard



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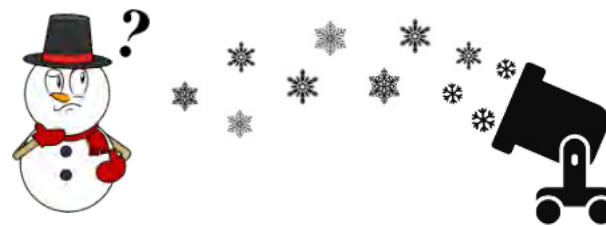
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Beware the "Grandma" scam

On several occasions I have had a telephone call that began with "Hello Grandma, I am in trouble."

The caller has the voice of a young man who alleges to be my grandson. He goes on to tell me that he is in a police station and has been arrested. He purports to have been involved in an accident and without going into detail, says that he has been arrested as a result. He desperately needs money to obtain bail. The amount requested varies.

The young man goes on to explain that he is calling you (Grandma) because he does not want the family to know about his situation. He goes on to explain how much money he needs and how to get the money to him.

Of course Grandma's immediate response is to want to help her grandson. But is the caller really your grandson?

Being of a suspicious nature, my response to "Hello Grandma, I am in trouble" is to say, "Is that you Charlie?" The caller usually responds "Yes." Well, I don't happen to have a grandson named Charlie.

I refer to this as the Grandma Scam. It is a good one that plays on one's emotions. But if you receive a call like this, try my technique and ask if it is Charlie, or some name that does not belong to one of your grandchildren. You will quickly realize that the call is a scam.

Always be suspicious of strange calls. Many people have lost thousands of dollars in life savings by falling for these calls. Don't be a victim. Screen your phone calls carefully. *mre*



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40 years and counting – Part 5

by Margaret Emmetts

Over the last 40 years we have produced papers that contain anywhere from 12 to 24 pages. The number of pages is always a multiple of four: 12, 16, 20 or 24. Why is this? This number is determined by the company that does the actual printing. Each page their equipment prints contains four of our pages. Thus the number of pages that appear must be a multiple of four. To submit an odd number of pages would result in our paying to produce blank pages.

During COVID we did not produce a printed paper for several reasons. Primarily we were only allowed to have about two people in our office at any given time. Secondly, many of our advertisers were closed so we lost income. During this time our paper

appeared online. Because we were not producing a printed paper, we did not have the constraint to produce pages that were a multiple of four. We could produce any number of pages. The Bulletin Board is the responsibility of the Activity Director. She keeps the activity information up-to-date.

What else determines the number of pages in each edition? It might surprise you to know that YOU determine the size of our paper. How large or small our paper is each week is determined by the amount of information that is submitted to us to print. We have never had staff that went out in search of information. We have always depended on the residents to submit items of interest to us.

Does the chairperson of the activities in which you participate

send us news of upcoming events? Is information about fashion shows, dinners or special entertainment events given to us prior to the event?

We find that more and more of this information is placed on Facebook. The TR Times is the voice of TR. While some may access Facebook, EVERY person at TR receives a copy of the paper. Even those transient campers who are on Golf View.

If you would like to read more about what is happening here at TR, please submit the information to us. We would be happy to publish it for you. As always, our deadline for submission is the Friday before the date of the paper where you wish your information to appear.

The Servant's Plow

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Do you smell like sheep?

There's an old saying attributed to pastors and farmers alike: "If you work with sheep long enough, you are going to smell like them." It's not poetic. It's not flattering. That's exactly the point.

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd (John 10). Not the CEO, the consultant or the distant landowner who checks in once a quarter. A shepherd. Which means proximity: Dirt, sweat, long nights and, yes, smell.

In biblical times shepherds lived with their sheep. They walked where the sheep walked, slept where the sheep slept and faced danger on behalf of the sheep. A shepherd who didn't smell like sheep wasn't doing the job. He was avoiding it.

That raises an uncomfortable but necessary question for us today: Do we smell like sheep?

Not literally, of course, but spiritually, relationally and practically.

Jesus says the Good Shepherd knows His sheep and they know His voice. That kind of "knowing" doesn't happen at a distance. It doesn't happen through polished statements or carefully curated appearances. It happens through presence, through listening and through tending the flock where they actually live.

One of the quiet dangers of faith, especially for those of us who have been around church a long time, is the temptation to manage people rather than love them. To talk about sheep more than we walk with them. To protect our comfort instead of entering someone else's mess.

But sheep are messy. They wander, get tangled, don't always listen the first time or the tenth, carry the scent of wherever they've



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been and so do the fields we are called to tend.

The Good Shepherd doesn't wait for the sheep to clean themselves up before drawing near. He doesn't say, "Get your act together and then I'll walk with you." He steps into the field as it is — rocks, thorns, mud and all. That's where tending happens.

Tending the fields of His flock doesn't always look dramatic. Most of the time it looks painfully ordinary. It's checking on the neighbor you know is lonely. It's listening really listening, without trying to fix everything. It's showing up when it would be easier to stay home. It's staying when things get awkward, slow, or inconvenient.

It's being present enough that people trust you with their real story.

Here's the hard truth: You can't smell like sheep if you only love people from a distance. Sanitized faith produces distant shepherds and distant shepherds don't resemble Jesus.

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. That's not sentimental language—it's costly language. It means sacrificing time, energy, emotional bandwidth and sometimes reputation and heartbreak.

Yet, this is where real faith becomes visible.

In our communities, people are hungry, not just for answers, but for care. They are tired of being treated like projects or problems to solve. They're longing for someone who will walk alongside them in the field they're already standing in.

That field might be grief, addiction, financial stress or quiet despair masked by polite smiles.

If we're honest, it might be our field, too.

The Good Shepherd doesn't separate Himself from the flock by pretending He's above the dirt. He steps into it and redeems it. Then He invites us to do the same—not as saviors, but as servants.

What does it look like to tend the fields of His flock today?

It looks like knowing names. It looks like patience over polish.

It looks like compassion that costs something.

It looks like faith that leaves a scent behind.

Not the smell of self-importance.

Not the smell of religious performance.

But the unmistakable aroma of love, humility and presence.

Here's the encouragement: You don't have to be perfect to be useful. You just have to be willing to step into the field.

If your life smells a little like sheep and if it's marked by real relationships, real listening and real care, you're probably closer to the heart of the Good Shepherd than you think.

In a world desperate for authentic care, that's exactly the kind of scent we need more of.



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The Siren

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

Lithium-ion batteries are they safe or not?

So many of us here at TR own golf carts and now we see electric bikes being driven around the park. Add to these, the RC Motocross racing cars use Lithium-ion batteries to run their cars. We have seen where more and more people are converting their alkaline batteries in their golf carts to the more efficient Lithium-ion batteries. More and more of our household/personal items use Lithium-ion batteries: laptops, smartphones, e-bikes. Heck, even my bathroom scale uses a Lithium-ion battery.

Let's get down to the reason why I am approaching this subject. Recently there was a shed fire here in TR. The resident had a Lithium-ion battery being recharged in their shed and unfortunately it caught on fire. Talk about scary? Fire Chief Polzin asked me to write an article on Lithium Batteries; the pros and cons, and put it out here in *The TR Times* for you!

What is a Lithium battery? "A Lithium-ion battery (li-ion battery) is a type of rechargeable battery that uses reversible intercalation of Li+ions into electronically conducting solids to store energy," (reference Wikipedia). Let's face it, the above description is a mouthful and to me, well, I don't really understand all of this! What does this mean?

Lithium batteries, when compared to other types of rechargeable batteries, generally have a higher specific energy, energy efficiency, a long cycle and calendar life. Let's not forget, they are definitely more expensive compared to traditional alkaline batteries.

The Internet has endless resources on this particular subject, however, I found the most interesting and informative safety sheet published by the National Fire Protection Association. I tried to download this flyer for you, but the copy came out very blurred. With that thought in mind, I am going to type out some key points that this article listed and I hope you find it interesting and helpful as well.

Reference: National Fire Protection Association Lithium-ion battery safety.

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smartphones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.



The problems: These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.

Sometimes batteries are not used in the right way.

Batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.

Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective and they can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety tips: Purchase and use devices that are labeled by a qualified testing laboratory.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Use only the battery that is designed for a specific device.

Put batteries in the device correctly.

Do not charge your device under a pillow, near your bed or couch.

Only use the cord that came with the charging unit.

Keep batteries at room temperature when possible and don't charge them at a temperature below 32 degrees F or above 105 degrees F.

Turn off charger when device is fully charged.

Battery disposal: DO NOT put Lithium-ion batteries in the trash.

Recycling is always the best option."

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

As I age, it seems to me that I have more aches and pains than what I experienced years ago. Sometimes it doesn't seem fair that this has happened! I want to continue to dance and be active, but there are those days when it is an effort just to get out of bed or get up from my recliner. As most of us have done, I go to my friendly neighborhood drugstore or I have even gone to my healthcare provider (depending on the severity of the aches/pains) to obtain relief.

Today I would like to talk about a very popular medication type, NSAIDs. Some can be purchased over the counter or some are prescription medications. What are NSAIDs? Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs are a class of FDA-approved medications that help reduce pain, swelling, musculoskeletal disorders, redness and fever. These are wonderful, yet as with any and almost all medications, there are concerns/issues. Let's talk about what are the most common NSAIDs, the side effects and other important information that I hope may be helpful to you.

The main types of NSAIDs include: Ibuprofen (Motrin), Naproxen (Aleve), Diclofenac (Voltaran), Celecoxib (Celebrex), Mefenamic Acid (Ponstel), Etoricoxib, aka (Arcoxia), Indomethacin (Indocin), Aspirin (high dose-greater than 81 mg) and Meloxicam (Mobic). As I mentioned above, some of these are available as an "over-the-counter" medication while others require a physician's prescription.

How do NSAIDs work in your body? Without getting too technical, these drugs block inflamma-

tory proteins in the body to cut inflammation and ease pain, as well as reduce swelling and fevers. Aspirin, unlike other NSAID, also can help prevent your blood from forming clots, which can help protect you from heart attacks and strokes.

Those NSAIDs that can be purchased without a prescription should only be used short-term. According to WebMD, "you shouldn't take them for more than 10 days for pain and 3 days for fever." Tell my aching back that!

The side effects of taking NSAIDs can be stomach pain, nausea, bleeding ulcers, gas, diarrhea, bloating or constipation. NSAIDs, other than aspirin, can also raise your risk of heart attack or stroke. Preventing side effects can be problematic. Stomach problems are the most common complaint people have about these drugs. It was suggested that to reduce nausea or stomach discomfort, take the NSAID with food, milk or antacids.

My research also stated (and I know we all know this) that we should read the labels and patient information sheets that are included with the medication. The most important thing to remember is to never mix two or more medications that contain NSAIDs, including cold medications or prescribed blood thinners, that are generally given specifically to prevent blood clots. (Examples: Plavix, Pradaxa, Eliquis, etc.) WebMD also stated that if your healthcare provider prescribes daily aspirin for your heart, don't take another NSAID.

Tylenol (acetaminophen) is also used to relieve discomfort. Can acetaminophen and a NSAID

be taken together? Interestingly, when working in the Emergency Room, we have given appropriate doses of both medications (acetaminophen & ibuprofen) together initially to relieve fever and pain. We had, at that time, recommended that the patient alternate those medications when home for a specific period of time.

Always, always check with your healthcare provider, or even ask a pharmacist before taking any medication (over-the-counter or prescribed). My husband had angioplasty performed over a year ago and the cardiologist prescribed Plavix. He was also taking a low-dose aspirin (81 mg). When he nicked or cut himself, my goodness, did he ever bleed. One day our kitchen looked like a war zone after he had cut himself. The two medications thinned his blood so much that it took forever (so it seemed) for the wound to stop bleeding. I suggested that he immediately stop taking the aspirin and then call his cardiologist who agreed. Because the aspirin was over-the-counter, neither the cardiologist nor the pharmacist were aware that he was taking it!

Again, when you are at your healthcare provider for whatever reason, be sure to list any and all medications that you take, no matter what it is or whether you take it occasionally or daily.

Stay healthy folks!

References: WebMD, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, National Institute of Health, Mayo Clinic



Sharing the Love: TR Fire Rescue Valentine's Day Open House

by Gloria Polzin

We have some bad and some good news. Here is the bad first. The Fire Rescue staff has had to cancel our annual fundraising pulled-pork dinner scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14. We have loved serving this dinner to our community feeling the love in the drive-through, seeing so many smiling faces and experiencing your incredible generosity. How-

ever, due to a scheduling mix-up that landed us on Valentine's Day, we decided we do not want to spoil your romantic, candlelit, fancy dinner plans with your sweethearts.

Now for the good news! We still want you to share the love with us on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at our first Firehouse Open House. Come meet the people who enter your home at all hours, to

give you peace of mind simply by being willing to serve.

You may also have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the training our firefighters go through.
- See the equipment we bring to emergencies and how it works.
- View a slideshow showcasing the evolution of our fire department.
- Explore fire trucks and the medical car

- Receive blood pressure and glucose testing
- Watch demonstrations and get answers to your questions
- We also will have a Fill the Firefighter's Boot Station and raffles. Best of all, while supplies last, we will have free strawberry shortcake.

Please join us on Valentine's Day.





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Activity Affairs

by Lora Davis

Brr! It's been very cold here in Florida over the past week, (morning temperatures have been in the 30s), but for so many of us, we're thankful because this is better than the snow and extreme cold back home. My daughter told me that she's been completely snowed in, only going out for short trips to the nearby grocery store. However, here in TR cold mornings often give way to days that still reach the 50s and 60s and our activities continue on.

For those who like to be active, we have morning activities taking place inside our buildings such as Walking Aerobics, Weights and Stretching, Tone and Tighten, Yoga and Tai Chi. Not a "morning person?" Check out golf, pickleball and tennis at various times of the day. If you are new to the park and have been eyeing our golf course, don't forget that Golf Lessons are offered weekly on Tuesday mornings.

We have several community events coming up. The Mrs. Roper Party will be Sunday, Feb. 8. The theme is based on the Mrs. Roper character from the 1970s TV Show Three's Company. Come get your 70s groove on and enjoy a great time together.

The annual TR Fashion Show, always a big hit, will take place Thursday, Feb. 12, with a TR dress

rehearsal the day before. The Firehouse will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, Feb. 14. We are really fortunate to have our own First Responders and Firefighters here in the park. Come out and enjoy a fun time and some free strawberry shortcake!

This week's Friday Night Dance, Feb. 13, will feature the TR Orchestra. This is the Golden Anniversary Dance where we celebrate those who have been together 50 years! Come out and enjoy this evening of dancing to the music of our own TR musicians.

Happy Hours take place around the park each Thursday at 4 p.m. These are great times to gather with your neighbors, enjoy some food and visit with one another. Cold weather can't stop us from getting together because each Happy Hour has a backup location inside one of our TR buildings for inclement weather days. Don't miss out on these opportunities to connect with those around you.

Finally, remember that InTouch will always have the most up-to-date event information. If you are unfamiliar with InTouch-Link, it is a mobile app that you can download and keep up with what's happening at TR. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

Sew it goes: Spotlight on members

by Joan Ledbetter

In this week's column, we are pleased to feature Laura Lilawski. As a dedicated member of the TR Quilt Guild, Laura is the creator and coordinator of the Sewing Therapy group. This group meets every Monday in Busch Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All guild members are welcome to bring their needlework or sewing projects to the meeting to enjoy a day of shared creativity.

Laura's passion for sewing began in childhood. She was influenced by her mother who was a clothing pattern designer in New York City. Beyond her craft, Laura



Laura Lilawski and two of her Dress A Girl dresses.

and her husband Michael, are active members of the Lake Margaret Garden Club and spend a significant time maintaining our community's landscapes.

During the summer months in Shirley, Long Island, Laura remains active in charitable efforts, collaborating with friends to create quilts and clothing for Quilts for Kids and also enjoys camping on ocean beaches. Her commitment to service led her to introduce our guild to Dress A Girl Around The World. Thanks to her leadership, our members have created and distributed over 125 dresses to children in need.

We celebrate Laura's dedication to her craft and her commitment to fostering creative friendships.



Photos submitted by Joan Ledbetter

Laura Lilawski shows off her quilt made from scraps given to her by friends.

Lake Margaret Garden Club presents Hearts in the Garden

by Bob Rubino

The Lake Margaret Garden Club is celebrating St. Valentine's Day with their Hearts in the Garden Tour. This event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

In addition to enjoying the beauty of our Garden, there will be some special activities. Marijo Noll will be manning a photo booth for sweetheart portraits and Amy Grier will provide wildlife friendly crafts. Light refreshments will also be available.

Since this event will be held on the day after Valentine's Day, in the interest of continued romantic bliss, it is advisable that you not wait for the event to make your intentions known to your sweetheart. Please reserve the date on your calendar.

As always, donations are welcome.



New York

by Pat Gouchie

The NYS Luncheon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 22 at noon in Citrus East.

Sign up in Busch Hall by Sunday, Feb 15. We ask you to bring a dish to share, your own beverage and your own table service. Deli-sub sandwich slices provided. Suggested donation is \$2 per person.

Last chance for Indiana lunch reservation

by Carol Yoder

This is your last chance to make your reservation for the Indiana Day Luncheon. Join your fellow Hoosiers for lunch at Papa Joe's Restaurant at 6244 Spring Lake Highway, Brooksville. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Attendees are responsible for the cost of their meal and tip. Reservations are due by Saturday, Feb. 14. Call Carol Yoder to make your reservation at 260-820-3481.

Michigan

by Tawnya Rowden

Michiganders, our annual carry-in luncheon is on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 12:30 p.m. Doc and Donna Probes will be our featured entertainers. Please bring a dish to share, a beverage, your own table service and a smile.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in Busch Hall on Sunday, Feb. 15.

KY, TN, WV, NC and friends

by Linda Gough

The Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina and Friends Potluck Luncheon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. in Citrus East. Anyone with ties to Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia or North Carolina along with their friends, are invited to join the luncheon.

Please bring a covered dish or two to share. Also bring your own table service as well as your beverage.

There is a sign-up Sheet on the bulletin board in Busch Hall.

For more information please contact Linda Gough, 615-400-3332, lot 11-14 or Deborah May, 304-888-8207, lot 11-22.

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Rock Painters flourish

by Marcia Hatfield

Rock Painters membership is growing fast. We have nine new people since Jan. 15. Some have painting or crafting in their history and that helps a lot. Most have never held a paint brush to make something cheerful with a rock. They will create a small token of love and happiness in just two hours. That means you and your courage will find a happy home on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Jeri Miller Activity Building. We have everything you need.

We finished the gnomes and their homes in January and started

on valentines. We will continue with hearts until Feb. 14. Then we move on to shamrocks and leprechauns for March 17. Finally, we do all things Easter including eggs, bunnies, flowers, crosses, etc.

On Jan. 29 I hid the nine pictured rocks for your pleasure. Look for them at street signs, trees, bike racks, lamp posts, park benches, fences and other public locations. Don't forget to check around the TR Office. Please take a photo and post it on TR Rocks FL, our Facebook page. Then relocate it so others can enjoy our creations.



Photo by Marcia Hatfield

HIDDEN ROCKS

TR Model Railroad Club

by Brian Krupicka

The February TR Model Train Club meeting will begin with reviewing layouts built by TR members. We will then review the diverse specialties of each member. Some members like to do scenery, some like animation and still others like to think outside of the box, all ideas are welcome.

If this activity attracts your interest, this would be the ideal meeting to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243. Join us on Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Jeri Miller Activities Building.



Photos by Brian Krupicka

Pictured are samples of members scenery styles.



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Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Roger and Crystal Tapp have two adorable little Shih Tzus. I'm sure they didn't get the typical buy-one-get-one deal like the grocery stores offer, but they do have a cute pair of pooches. Years ago, they had their first set of littermates, Dodger and Bailey. They enjoyed a long life together. Sadly, when one passed over the Rainbow Bridge at age 14, they lost the other one just six months later.

Shortly after that, Mother's Day came along and Roger had a surprise planned for Crystal. He suggested they go out for dinner. Crystal knew Roger really didn't like waiting in long lines. This was a holiday. The lines would be long everywhere. Hmm? So why are we going out for dinner? He still insisted, so off they went. He was driving around and around and then all of a sudden he pulled into someone's driveway. Crystal was still wondering what was going on as they walked up to the house. His answer was, "I have something to show you." The door opened; they entered and were greeted by two Shih-Tzu puppies. "Which one do you want?" Obviously, Roger had prearranged this meeting. Crystal's answer came quickly. "Both of them!"

As puppies these two were both black and brown and looked like little bandits. They wanted "K" names, so they decided on Kit Karson whose call name is "Karson" and Kody Banks is "Kody." They are now six years old.

Karson gravitated mostly to Crystal while Kody to Roger, but actually just about everything they do they all do together. Even if they are going for a bike ride on their recumbent trikes, the doggies tag along in their little trailer attached to the back.

When it's time for bed each night we humans all have our routine. Crystal and the dogs do too. She gets settled in bed and Karson is soon to follow. He sniffs her head. Yep, it's Mom so he cuddles next to her. Kody is quick to get up there too, but he always lies at her feet. This routine is just



Photo by Judy Leister

The BOGO Boys, Karson and Kody.

for nighttime. During their daytime naps if one lies down, the other joins in, too. However, they are always touching. They are never separated. It doesn't matter if it's on the couch, the kitchen floor or even in the truck, they are always touching.

These two love going anywhere and want to be included on all trips. One time Crystal was packing for a trip to the Bahamas with her granddaughter. She left her suitcase open and Karson was quick to pack one of his toys in it. He WAS going along on that adventure. Boy was he disappointed to find out he was not going but staying there with Dad.

At home in North Carolina, Roger and Crystal's house is surrounded by woods where a flock of 16 wild turkeys reside. The Shih-Tzu breed originated in Tibet and developed in China as a royal pet, but these two pooches are just sure they are Border Collies and should be out there rounding up those 16 turkeys.

A reminder to always pick up after your dog

by Judy Leister

Only deposit dog waste bags in a big trash dumpster, never in a recycle bin.

Never put a dog waste bag in an indoor waste container.

Never put a dog waste bag in a regular outdoor waste container.

Never leave a dog waste bag in or around the Duffers Deck.

TR Vets plan spouse luncheon



by Ken Hankinson

Over the course of the year, TR Vets are involved in and support a variety of ongoing veterans programs. It takes time and effort to plan and implement many of these programs. While some of these events are assisted by and include the spouses, many do not. We take to heart the saying "Behind every successful vet is a very supportive spouse."

Based on this saying, the TR Vets have planned a Vet and Spouse Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, March 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Brooksville. The event will be held in a private banquet room at Papa Joe's.

The luncheon will be opened to all TR Vets and their spouses. This also includes National Guard and Army Reserve Veterans and spouses. It will offer lunch specials including beef, chicken, fish and vegetarian entrees. Entrees are estimated to be in the \$15 per person range. Beverages will be available at an extra charge. Taxes and gratuities are not included.

If you plan on attending the luncheon and are not able to attend our February meeting, please call Marty Schenke, 425-590-7905, for additional information and to reserve your seats. This is not a ticketed event and you will pay for your meal at the event. Space may be limited so reserve attendance early to ensure seating.

We hope many of our TR Vets and their spouses will plan to attend this special event.

MILITARY SPOUSE



A closer look at our feathered friends

by Pam Watkins

For the past few years Tom Butler, TR's ornithology enthusiast, has been a valued contributor to *The TR Times*. His birding columns are always informative, often engaging and frequently sprinkled with a touch of humor that makes learning about birds both accessible and enjoyable.

Recently, Tom shared his passion in person with residents during a photo slideshow presentation at a Coffee Seminar in Busch Hall. He began by introducing three helpful websites that residents can use to more easily identify birds they spot while out and about in TR. Two of these—ebird.org and merlin.allaboutbirds.org, both from Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology—offer detailed information regarding sightings and population trends, as well as identification tools such as images and bird calls. Audubon.org also provides a powerful search tool that allows users to identify birds by image and description.

Thanks to years of observation and reporting through eBird, more than 181 bird species have been identified and recorded at TR since 2011. That impressive number has earned TR the designation of a "birding hotspot" by eBird—something to be proud of!

Tom's slideshow opened with photos of birds commonly seen around TR, including warblers, herons, ibis, storks, egrets and our local favorites, the sandhill cranes. Our resident cranes are a Florida strain that does not migrate, while the large groups we sometimes see flying overhead are a Canadian strain traveling south along what's known as the Central Flyway.

In addition to our familiar feathered friends, Tom shared photos of more rarely sighted birds and offered some fun birding trivia along the way. For example, Bald Eagles are skilled fishers but are also known to scavenge. Great Horned Owls, though occasionally spotted here, don't always receive a warm welcome—our beloved Barred Owls tend to clash with them, and smaller birds like mockingbirds can often be seen dive-bombing them in hopes of driving them away. Anhingas and cor-

morants were also featured, often photographed drying their wings in the sun. Unlike many birds, their feathers are not naturally oiled, so after swimming and fishing they must dry out to maintain buoyancy.

While Tom can recognize many species at a glance, even he admits that bird identification can be tricky. Many species display dramatically different coloring between males and females, juveniles and adults and some birds are nearly identical in markings and shape to others. You may see Tom checking Merlin while walking the trails himself.

The presentation also included photos of some truly rare sightings, such as the Yellow-headed Blackbird and the Crested Caracara. When Tom published these sightings, they attracted local Audubon members and birding enthusiasts from across Pasco County, all hoping to catch a glimpse of these uncommon visitors.

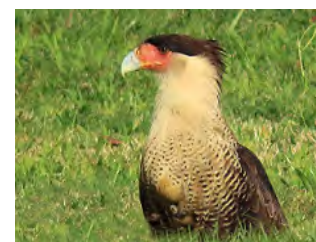


Photo by Tom Butler

CRESTED CARACARA

Tom wrapped up his presentation with stunning photos from his trip to Costa Rica, home to more than 900 species of colorful and striking birds that attract birders from around the world. With a smile, he noted that despite this incredible diversity, Costa Rica's national bird is the Clay-colored Robin—"about as non-descriptive as they come."

Tom Butler's passion for birds continues to enrich our community through his *TR Times* columns and his many contributions to the TR Birding Trails. His work reminds us that we live in a place full of natural beauty, often just waiting to be noticed. Next time you're out for a walk, look up, listen closely and maybe even try one of the birding tools Tom recommends; you never know what rare or remarkable visitor you might spot.

Knotty Knitters: A circle of creative ideas

by Diane Fisher

The Knotty Knitters are a group of creative people who enjoy both knitting and crocheting each Thursday for two hours, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in Citrus West. Some thought given the name, it was only a knitting class and did not come, but it also includes crocheting. Perhaps we should change the name to Knotty Knitters and More?

We work on individual projects of pot holders, socks, hats, mittens, scarfs, sweaters, baby blankets and afghans. Together the group is a circle of shared creative ideas as well as help when needed to both newcomers and those who just need to figure out a pattern or stitch.

Most members both knit and crochet while some only crochet. Kathy Farler specializes in making afghans. If you attended the Activity Showcase a few weeks ago, you would have seen her beautiful afghan called Enchanted Garden which won a Best of Show ribbon last summer at the Ross County Fair in Ohio.



Photo by Diane Fisher

Kathy Farler displays her award-winning afghan called The Enchanted Garden.

She also earned the Best of Show ribbon the previous year. She has received many ribbons at this fair for her afghans and now successfully achieved the top honor twice - Congratulations Kathy!

Our group has greatly appreciated the many donations of yarn, needles and patterns from the TR community. Last year we used our new found stash to make over 200 hats, scarfs, mittens and blankets for the Asheville, N.C. flood victims. This year, we have had more donations of supplies and decided to make lap ropes and shawls for local people in need. Perhaps people in wheelchairs in rest homes, veterans, or those undergoing chemo would enjoy a cozy handmade item. We would appreciate suggestions of where and if possible, contact information for those who would appreciate having these items. Please send your suggestions to Diane Fisher, chairperson of Knotty Knitters at trknottyknitter@yahoo.com.

We extend an invitation to join our creative, fun, group whether you are just beginning or you haven't done this for awhile and want to start again. We have needles and patterns for you to use for your project.

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Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar

BICYCLING

Tuesdays & Fridays, meet at 9:00 AM at parking lot behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board in Busch Hall for rides.

BINGO

Nov - Dec: 1st & 3rd Weds 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Jan - Mar: Sats 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Citrus East.

BIRDING

Tuesdays, 8:00 AM
Busch Hall Front Porch. Jan - Mar

BLOOD DRIVE AT TR

Dec - Mar: 1st Mondays.
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Next to the TR Fire Station

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Paul Rife Room.

BOCCCE

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sun at 1:30 PM
Tue at 7:00 PM Jan - Mar

BOOK BROWSERS

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar

BOWLING (OUT OF PARK)

Fridays at 1:30 PM
Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes, Zephyrhills.
Dec - Mar

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:00 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar

BRIDGE (INTERMEDIATES)

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar

BRIDGE (PARTY/PARTNERS)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar

BULLETIN BOARD IN BUSCH HALL

For information or help with a notice or ad contact: Betsy Behler or Lora Davis

CALLIGRAPHY

Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar

CHOIR PRACTICE

Fridays 9:30-11:00 AM
Sundays 8:45 - 9:30 AM
Busch Hall

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Sunday Activities: All events in Busch Hall,
8:45am: Choir Practice, 9:30am: Bible Study
10:15am: Hymn Sing

CHURCH ASSOCIATION - ADDITIONAL

10:30am: Worship service (non-denominational)
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month.

CLOGGERS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - 11:30 AM
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:30 AM
Citrus East Nov - Mar

COFFEE & DONUTS

1st & 3rd Saturdays
8:30 - 11:30 AM or until sold out.
Busch Hall. Nov - Mar.

COFFEE SEMINARS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 - 9:00 AM
Busch Hall.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 9:00 AM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar

CONCERT SERIES (WEDNESDAY)

1st Wednesdays of the month
Doors open at 6:30 PM, shows start at 7:00 PM.
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar.

CORNHOLE

Wednesdays 7:00 PM
Cornhole/Shuffleboard Courts, Jan - Mar

CRIBBAGE

Mondays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM,
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan-Mar

DIGITAL PHOTO (CAMERA)

Mondays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar 16

DIGITAL PHOTO (POST PROCESSING)

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar 17

DOMINOES

Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar

DULCIMER JAM

Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Citrus East. Jan - Mar

DULCIMER LESSONS

Mondays, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar

ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS

Sundays 6:45 PM with program following.
Busch Hall.

EUCHRE

Fridays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Citrus East. Nov - Mar

FIRE/RESCUE 33

1st Responders - Tue, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building. Business Mtg - 3rd Tue. 9AM Paul Rife Room. Nov - Apr

FIVE CROWNS

Wednesdays (non-concert nights only),
6:30 - 9:00 PM
Citrus West. Nov - Apr

FIVE HUNDRED CARDS

Saturdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Citrus West. Dec - Mar

FLEA MARKET

1st Saturdays 8:30 - 10:30 AM
Busch Hall Nov - Mar
Setup at 7:00 AM Coffee & Donuts for sale.

FOODIES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Busch Hall, Nov - Dec 18

FOODIES PREP TIME

Mondays 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Busch Hall Kitchen Nov - Dec 15

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE (ORCHESTRA/

Scheduled Fridays 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Busch Hall, starting January 17
Check InTouch schedule for updates.

FRIDAY NIGHT DJ DANCE

Scheduled Fridays in Busch Hall.
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Check InTouch schedule for updates.

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Lake Margaret Nov - Apr

GEOCACHING

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM
Citrus West.
Outings 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Jan - Mar

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE

Wednesdays 9:00 AM
Starter Shack.

GOLF - MENS LEAGUE

Thursdays 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Starter Shack.

GOLF - SCRAMBLES

2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturday mornings 9:00 AM
Starter Shack.

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

2nd Thursdays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Hobby House. Dec - Mar

GOLF LESSONS

Tuesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Practice Range

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

HAND AND FOOT

Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar

HAPPY HOURS

Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Backup venues:
Cabana: Jeri Miller Activities Building; RV
South: Citrus West; Village: Hobby House.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundays, 6:15 - 6:45 PM
Busch Hall, Nov - Mar

IPHONE - LEARNING YOUR IPHONE

Thursdays, 12:30 - 2:00 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar 19

JOKER

Mondays 6:30 - 9:00 PM, Jan - Mar
Fridays 6:30 - 9:00 PM Nov - Mar
Citrus West

JUBELLATION

Mondays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Busch Hall. Nov - Mar

KARAOKE

Selected Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar
Check InTouch for specific dates

KNOTTY KNITTERS

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Citrus West. Nov - Apr

LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT GAME

Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Citrus East Jan - Mar 16

LIBRARY

Located in northwest corner of Busch Hall.
Open 24/7. Meetings: 1st Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM Citrus East

LINE DANCING (BEGINNERS)

Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:00 AM Busch Hall
Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 PM Citrus West. Jan - Mar

LINE DANCING (IMPROVERS)

Mondays & Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Citrus East. Jan - Mar

LITURGICAL DANCE

Tuesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM Citrus East
Thursdays, 2:00 - 3:00 PM Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar

MAH JONG (CHINESE)

Mondays & Fridays, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
Citrus West. Dec - Mar

MAH JONGG (NATIONAL LEAGUE)

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Hobby House.
Lessons on Mondays. Nov.18 - Mar

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Busch Hall. Dec - Mar

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB

Wednesdays & Saturdays 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM
at Mirror Lake Jan - Mar 18

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Fridays, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building Jan 30 - Apr

MOTORCYCLE CLUB (ROADRIDERS)

1st Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM, Hobby House
Tuesday rides: 8:00 AM. Busch parking lot
Thursday rides: 9:30 AM, Busch parking lot

MOTORSPORTS RC CLUB

Mondays 5:30 PM
Wednesdays & Saturdays, 9:30 AM
Our track by the Snack Shack. Jan - Mar

MOVIE NIGHT (TUESDAYS)

Tuesdays in Citrus East, Movie shorts at 6:45 PM, Feature movies start at 7:00 PM.
Movie Night runs Jan - Mar

NEWCOMERS RED DOT SOCIAL

Red Dot Social: Table will be set up along the Northeast wall prior to Bush Hall entertainment nights & other special events. Jan - Mar

NEWCOMERS RED DOT SOCIAL CONT.

Happy Hour Newcomers: 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Golf View Pavilion. Jan - Feb

OPEN ART STUDIO

Mondays, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Citrus West Jan - Mar

ORCHESTRA/TRAVELAIRES

Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3:00 PM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar 17

PAINTING (OIL & ACRYLIC)

Fridays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar.

PAINTING (WATERCOLOR)

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Citrus East. Jan - Mar

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Hobby House, Nov - Mar 19

PENNY POKER

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Hobby House. Jan - Apr

PET LOVERS CLUB

2nd Mondays, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar

PICKLEBALL

Daily sessions available for all level of play.
See InTouch calendar for schedule. Jan-Mar

PINOCHLE

Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar

POKER TEXAS HOLD 'EM

Tuesdays & Saturdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Hobby House

POPS CHORUS

Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:30 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Jan - Mar

QUILLING ON A BUDGET

Thursdays, 1:15 - 3:30 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar

QUILTING

Thursdays 9:30 AM - 3 PM
Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell. Nov - Mar

ROCK PAINTING

Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Dec - Mar

RUG HOOKING

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Green Room, Busch Hall. Jan - Mar

SEWING

Mondays, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Busch Hall Nov - Dec

SEWING THERAPY

Mondays, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar

SHOOTING CLUB (SPORTING CLAY &

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building, Jan - Mar

SNACK SHACK

Weekdays, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Snack Shack
January 6-March 21.

STAINED GLASS

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Mondays (Beginners), 12:45 - 2:45 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building Jan - Mar

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG

Mondays & Thursdays, set up at 2:30 PM,
Play from 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Citrus East. Jan - Mar

TAI CHI

Mondays (except 2nd Mondays) & Thursdays,
10:00 - 11:00 AM,
Hobby House. Jan - Mar

TENNIS

Open play, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9:00 - 11:00 AM Nov - Mar

TONE & TIGHTEN

Sep - Dec: Mon & Wed, 9:00-10:00 AM
Jan - Mar: Mon, Wed, & Fri, 9:00-10:00 AM
Citrus East

TR TRAVEL

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

TRAVELOGUE

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Citrus East. Jan - Mar

UKULELE CLUB

Tuesdays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Citrus East. Jan - Mar

VETERANS MEETING

2nd Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Hobby House. All year.

WAIST WATCHERS

Thursdays, 8:30 - 9:15 AM
Hobby House. Nov- Mar

WALKING AEROBICS (WINTER)

Weekdays, 7:15 - 7:45 AM
Citrus East. Nov- Apr 10

WEIGHTS & STRETCHING

Mon, Wed, Fri, 7:50 - 9:00 AM Citrus East.
Year-round. Wed & Fri, 7:50 - 9:00 AM Citrus West also, Jan - Apr

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

1st Thursdays, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Citrus West. Nov - Mar. 1st Thu: Welcoming Committee

WIZARD

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Busch Hall. Jan - Mar

WOOD SHOP

Weekdays, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wood Shop
Oct-May. Membership \$20.

WOODCARVING

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Citrus West. Jan - Mar

YARD SALES

3rd Saturdays, 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Nov - Mar

Library News

by Amy Peebles

Work is in full swing at the library as we head into February. We are very pleased to have several new volunteers join the committee. Recently, they attended a training to learn more about the library's operations and procedures.

You will notice the slips in the books this year are lime green. This indicates that the book was either donated in 2026 or borrowed and returned in 2026. Each year the slip color changes that allows us to monitor what year a book was last borrowed.

Newly donated books are coming in daily, and we are processing them as quickly as possible to get them on the shelves for residents to enjoy. Musician Frank Zappa said "so many books, so little time," and we who work at the library agree. We are very grateful for the generosity of all those who donate their books to our library.

We also would appreciate more book recommendations. If

you've read a book you really liked, please fill out a recommended slip on the desk and put it with the book. We will affix the card inside the book and add a smiley face sticker to the spine that identifies a book as recommended.

Look for the library table at the Flea Market on Saturday, Feb. 7 where we will have lots of puzzles available. All items are free, but donations are appreciated. We use the monies for supplies and replacement books.

Each month we have a new theme in our book corner. February's theme is Valentine's Day related. Stop by to borrow one of the books from those shelves.

We enjoyed Hugh Embry Library Branch Manger Danielle Lee's presentation during the Jan. 20 Coffee Seminar. Please visit the library's website to see the many services they offer for all ages throughout the year.

Three of our volunteers recently took a few of our duplicate books to the Book Shack in Dade

City for trade credit. The staff evaluates the books and gives trade credit allowing us to shop for some gently-used books we feel may interest our readers. If you haven't visited the Book Shack yet, it is a family-owned book shop of over 30 years with a cozy atmosphere, full of new and gently used books and a small café.

Plans are being finalized for what has become our annual field trip to Dade City for lunch and then on to the Hugh Embry Library to enjoy a speaker as part of their Speakers' Series. We are looking forward to the Friday, March 20 presentation by Gary McKechnie. His topic will be the Sunshine State Soundtrack covering many genres of music including country, rap, disco and rock from some of the most well-known Florida performers.

Our committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Citrus East and we invite anyone interested to join us.

Garden News



Photos by Nancy McDowell
Brenda Oliver and Mary Deweerd tending to the area around one of the garden palms.

by Nancy McDowell

With Super Bowl Sunday this weekend, I would love it if I knew someone who could foretell the winner. Witty transition into palm reading, palms and palm trees.

In Florida, we are fortunate to have the luxury of languishing beneath palm trees. It is so tropical. You do not find too many palm trees in Canada or Minnesota, now do you? But here is the thing about palm trees, they are not actual trees. According to the UF/IFAS they are "monocots" (grass-like plants). They pretend they are trees by providing us with shade and performing ecological wonders such as removing air pollution and storing and sequestering carbon. Who knew palms were so green?

Let us not begrudge the State of Florida for having named the State Tree the Sabal Palm. It may have been more accurate to name it the State Grass, but we are here for the weather, not the intellect, right?

Back to why palms are not trees. Palms' trunks have no bark or woody tissue, known to some as pseudo-bark. Damage to a palm trunk is permanent. Although they may be able to bend with hurricane winds, any damage to their outer surface is irreparable and can be fatal. Palms grow vertically like a tree. But trees grow upwards and spread with branches and twigs, multiple growth points. A palm has one. This is the apical meristem which is at the tip of the trunk (reference: www.Grandensita.com). Although palms can have rings, you would not be able to determine the age of a palm by the rings in its trunk.

The folks at UF/IFAS explain that monocots and dicots have different vascular and reproductive systems. Go too deep into the weeds here and you will see words

like ovaries and embryos. They claim that these biological variances are what separate the trees from the palms. At the end of the day though, they did not actually pick a side. They let the reader make up their own mind. Cheeky.

In addition to their iconic ornamental appeal, palms have spiritual meaning across religions and cultural traditions. Given their strength to withstand fierce weather patterns and their abundance in certain areas, they have become powerful symbols. Think Palm Sunday, but their significance is not limited to Catholics. They are represented in Hindu for enlightenment and mentioned in almost every religious tenet, except probably Inuit since they would not know what a palm tree is. Other than Old Tannenbaum is there any other plant that is so significant to so many religions or cultures?

Regardless of how "tree-like" these shrub plants are, there are some that are just stunning. I have two favorites, Bismarck and Royal Palms. You will not find a Royal Palm in the Lake Margaret Garden or TR. The Garden has two Bismarck Pines which shimmer in the sunlight.

Come take a stroll through the Lake Margaret Garden and revel in our variety of palm plants.

Upcoming Garden events: Hearts in the Garden, Sunday, Feb. 15, 2 to 4 p.m.



One of our Bismarck Palms that you can see from the boardwalk.

Birding Activity



by Tom Butler

Just like the White-winged Dove

If you are a Fleetwood Mac fan you may remember this lyric from the song "Edge of Seventeen." Sounds like she's singing ooh, ooh, ooh in the second half of that lyric dedicated to Jane Petty (second wife of Tom Petty). Petty and Nicks met at the age of 17 and were close friends, but a strong Southern drawl made it sound like "Edge of Seventeen" and the title was born. Come on Tom, I thought you were writing about birds. Ok, but could there ever be a better intro for a bird than this?

The White-winged Dove is an infrequent visitor to our park but a welcome one. Generally found in the Western U.S. and south to Central America, we are blessed with its appearance in our park on a few occasions each year. Zenaida Asiatica is one of 14 dove species found in the U.S. In Florida we will generally spot the Mourning Dove, Common Ground Dove and the Eurasian Collared Dove. These three are seen all around our park and along the bird trail. The White-winged Dove is a medium-sized bird and can be clearly identified by the white band along the bottom edge of the closed wing. A blue eye ring and a red eye are also classic characteristics. Both genders are nearly identical except for some iridescent purple that can



Photos by Tom Butler

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

be seen on the crown, neck and nape of the male.

This bird has a similar history to the now extinct Passenger Pigeon. Once seen in enormous colonies that filled the skies, the last Passenger Pigeon died in a Cincinnati Zoo in 1914. Do you know her name? Hunting is a major problem for the White-winged Dove as well, ranking as the second most hunted bird in the U.S. They are granivorous which means hunters can stand around grain crop fields and fill their limits with



My friend Tom Butler invites you to read about his recent Coffee Seminar presentation on Page 7.

little effort. The population has steadied after bag limits were lowered in all states that allow the shooting of this bird. Thank goodness!

These breeding doves build a flimsy stick nest in any type tree and lay two cream or white-colored eggs which have no markings. These birds have strong family ties. Both adults participate in all aspects of raising the young. Even after hatching and fledging, the White-winged Doves will remain together for life and return to the same nesting areas year after year.

I now have homework for you. It's a schoolteacher thing. First listen to the song for motivation, and then get outside to listen for the song of the dove. Like the Barred Owl, "Who Cooks for You" is the onomatopoeia that might just help you spot the rare White-winged Dove. Good Luck! There will be a quiz.



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Book Browsers

by Nan Lance

The Book Browsers met last Wednesday, Jan. 28 to discuss their second book, "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See. After discussing the author and book reviews, we considered several different themes about China: it's culture, foot binding, friendship and the role of women in Ancient China 500 years ago. Our next Book Browsers meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in Citrus West. We will be discussing "Her Hidden Genius" by Marie Benedict. It is the story



of Rosalind Franklin, who discovered the double helix model of DNA but received no credit since three men claimed it as their discovery. It should be a lively discussion. Please join us as all are welcome.

Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
TR Tour Director

January boat trips can definitely be hit or miss in Northern Florida, so the chilly weather on the morning of Jan. 29 gave me cause for concern! Our TR Travel bus trip had 51 guests, and we surely did not want them to have a disappointing experience. Yet, 51 guests arrived at Busch Hall for a 9:45 a.m. departure on our Small World Tours Bus, dressed warmly and excited for the day, and this day did not disappoint! We were off for an exciting trip to the famous Silver Springs State Park near Ocala. First stop was lunch.

Ivy on the Square in Ocala is dedicated to presenting the finest in homemade Southern cooking, and its vintage charm was apparent as we walked past the beautiful prohibition era bar on the way to our dining areas. Our menu choices included their signature baked crispy chicken, using a recipe that has been passed down through the family for more than 30 years. Other entrees were fried butterfly shrimp, chicken salad and gourmet turkey croissant. We enjoyed a coconut cake or a chocolate cake with chocolate sauce and whipped cream, both were to die for. In such a lovely atmosphere, and with delicious food, our TR Travel guests enjoyed the food, the atmosphere and the conversations. If you decide to make a trip to Ivy on the Square, note that it is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Ivy on the Square will be on the Zile list of definitely return-to restaurants.

After boarding our bus again, our driver George took us to Silver Springs State Park, about 15 minutes away.

The fairly full large parking lot gave me reason to believe this was a popular destination. In fact, it is the largest artesian spring in the world and the site of the oldest commercial attraction in Florida. Thirty springs feed water into just five miles of the Silver River. Silver Springs was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1971. Its main feature, the glass-bottom boat tours on the river, have operated there since 1878. In 1985 the state purchased the land sur-

rounding Silver Springs to protect it from encroaching development, creating Silver Springs State Park. In 1993, the state acquired the springs as well, though it continues to be privately operated.

While Silver Springs includes a Welcome Center, a mansion, a Discovery Museum, a restaurant for ice cream, pizza and coffees, as well as numerous riverside trails, our purpose was to take the 90-minute glass-bottom boat tour. During our quarter mile walk, we caught glimpses of the river, a few picnic tables and old-Florida trees complete with Spanish moss. Arriving at the dock and descending a short but steep ramp, we boarded two 26-passenger boats, each with windows for viewing the river and above-ground foliage. We sat on benches surrounding a large rectangular glass bottom, giving amazing views of the underwater plant and animal life in the river.

As the boat moved away from the dock, we were immediately amazed at the clarity of the water. Captain Steve explained that the water is filtered naturally by the limestone rock and is 99.88% pure. He mentioned that if we were purchasing spring water in Walmart or Aldi, it likely came from Silver Springs. The enormous output volume of the springs has not diminished over the years because of the very strong aquifer.

In the clear waters of the Silver River, we saw manatees, longnose gar, schools of smaller fish and alligators. We saw short and longer grasses rooted in the river bottom, waiting to be eaten by manatees who each munch a 100 pounds of grasses and roots per day. Near the shoreline, the trunks and fallen tree branches were sunning spots for large turtles. A few gators were motionless near the shore. There were numerous white herons posing and anhinga, also known as Snake Birds, spreading their plumage to dry their wings and get heat from the warm sun. It was also interesting to observe the long-necked anhinga juggling small fish before stabbing them for a meal. A most surprising view of the day were the monkeys playing in the trees along the shoreline.

In 1938, a tour boat operator released six Rhesus Macaque Monkeys onto a small island in the river. His motive was to create a park closely resembling the Tarzan story. But what he had not anticipated is that this particular type of monkey is an excellent swimmer. The monkeys quickly escaped their island and, to replace them,

six more monkeys were brought to the island. They too escaped. By the early 1980s, these monkeys had already spread across 5,000 acre Silver Springs State Park and likely exceed 300 monkeys today. While visitors to Silver Springs do not always see monkeys, we were treated to dozens of active monkeys playing in the trees along the river.

We learned that Silver Springs was managed by ABC for many years and became the site for the making of numerous movies including Johnny Weissmuller's "Tarzan the Ape Man" (1932), "The Yearling" (1946), "Creature from the Black Lagoon" (1954), "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955) and all 155 episodes of the "SeaHunt" TV series (1958-1961). The SeaHunt series was filmed in one very small cove of the river and the movie set structures remain.

Today was a very successful Day Trip offering good food, comfortable and safe transportation, and a very interesting destination full of nature and history. Silver Springs State Park is also definitely worthy of another day trip, perhaps for kayaking, canoeing, hiking, birdwatching or photography. If you go, note that the 90-minute boat tour costs \$30 for seniors and reservations are advised.

Perhaps you would enjoy a Day Trip with TR Travel. Small World Tours will be taking us to Orlando on Friday, Feb. 20, for a Speakeasy Murder Mystery Show and dinner. Cost is \$119 plus the cost of any adult beverage you might purchase.

Reservations are due on Friday, Feb. 6 and there are currently nine available tickets. On Friday, March 6, our Gadabout Day Trip will take us to the Russell Stover Candy Distribution Center with lunch at the La Hacienda Restaurant in Howey-in-the-Hills, Yalaha authentic German bakery and the Lakeridge Winery. Cost of this trip is \$99 and reservations are due on Friday, Feb. 20.



Photos by Sharon Zile and Bob Rubino

TR travelers surround the glass-bottom feature of the electric powered river boat.

Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 Years Ago - 1996

- TR represented at IBT meeting. International Board of Trustees of WBCCI was held in Texas Jan. 15-19 and they announced their slate of officers. Robert Wagnon and Gaye Little of TR were nominated.
- Annie could save your life. Resusci-Annie is a blond mannequin used to teach resuscitation to countless people. TR Rescue Squad volunteers spend time learning resuscitation methods and sharpening their skills on Annie.
- East Pasco County Habitat for Humanity-The Beginning. In 1994 a group of concerned individuals saw the need and began working toward becoming an official affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International.

20 Years Ago - 2006

- TR Radio Players to entertain at Supper Club. The Supper Club will welcome the Radio Players of TR's Little Theater group to perform "Air," a 1950s script from the George Burns and Gracie Allen Comedy Show titled "The Butler Didn't Do It."
- TR has five winners at the Kumquat Contest. Five residents were awarded ribbons for their original recipes using kumquats as an ingredient. Nancy Morrison, Jean Gudauskas, Mary Hunter, Fred Payne and Barb Beavers were given ribbons, monetary gifts and a kumquat cookbook.
- What is "suitsan?" A Russian Orlan Space Suit which has been equipped with amateur radio and television equipment and scheduled to be deployed from the currently orbiting International Space Station.



10 Years Ago - 2016

- Briefings from the Board. On Jan. 28, 2016, 70 shares of stock are available for purchase. The asking price starts at \$1,890.
- Still hearing bells. The 125-year-old bell announces church services and other special events at TR. Cast of solid bronze by the Meneely Bell Company of Troy, N.Y. in 1891, weighing about 250 lbs., it was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter.
- Snack Shack offers a special deal. Jack Carey announced that ham and cheese sandwiches will be just \$2 instead of \$3...a 33% discount!



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HISTORY



TR Sports



Ladies Golf

by Kathy Reimann
Wednesday, Jan. 28

Low Handicap Gross

Paula Currier	37
Sylvia Cole	38
Shirley Harrison	39
Beth Farrington	43
Ann Hugh	45

Low Handicap Net

Brenda Oliver	31
Shirley-Ann Appleby	32
Denise Michaud, 34	

High Handicap Net

Stella Loisel	30
Karen Waymouth	31

Fewest Putts

Paula Currier	12
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Chip Ins

Karen Waymouth,	
Paula Currier	1

Closest to Pin #3

Cathy Vaughn	27' 1"
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Closest to Pin #5

Sylvia Cole	26' 9"
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Birdies

Shirley-Ann Appleby,	
Shirley Harrison,	
Sylvia Cole, Stella Loisel	1



Dominoes

by Linda Gough
Thursday, Jan. 29

Table 1

Sue Burgess	192
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Table 2

Bob Luther	270
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Table 3

John Thibadeau	181
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Table 4

Kelly Fradowski	156
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Men's Golf

by Barry English
Thursday, Jan. 29

A reminder that our year-end out-of-park outing has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11 at Sherman Hills. More details to follow in a couple of weeks.

Low Gross

Jay Jager	31
John Bearman	33

Low Net

Dan Currier	28
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Closest to pin #5

John Thibadeau	5'
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Birdies

Dan Currier, Jay Jager	3
Bruce Cole, John Bearman	2
Bill Harkins, Dennis Ledbetter,	
Gary Wintle, Jim Prash,	
Ken Person, Roy French,	
Sam Wykoff	1

Eagle

Bill Harkins	1
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Low Gross

Ron Harrison	38
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Closest to Pin #3

John Thibadeau,	
Chris Furgerson	39

Low Net

Kevin Weik	29
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Closest to Pin #5

Bob Vaughn,	
Frank Bovenburg	33

Closest to pin #3

Dennis Ledbetter	14' 5"
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National Mah Jongg

by Bette Gorman
Monday, Jan. 19

Kathy Ellison	90
Georgia Brooks	50
Arlene Wykoff	25

Monday, Jan. 26

Arlene Wykoff	105
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Wednesday, Jan. 28

Kathy VanHorn	50
Arlene Wykoff,	
Bette Gorman	110
Georgia Brooks	100

Friday, Jan. 30

Kathy Ellison	135
Georgia Brooks	100
Diane Phillips, Bette Gorman	50
Arlene Wykoff	25

RC Motorsports

by Tom Stuart
Saturday, Jan. 24

Top point earners

1. Ed Fosnight	33
2. Bruce Richman	32
3. Steve Laymon	30

4x4 Class

1. Kevin Cahill	22
2. James Chambers	22
3. Charlie Gardner	18

Wednesday, Jan. 28

1. Bruce Richman	36
2. Wayne Schacht	34
3. Bruce Duttonhofer	29

4x4 Class

1. Kevin Cahill	22
2. Steve Laymon	20
3. Sean Neer	18



500

by Deborah May
Saturday, Jan. 31

Nan Lance	1710
John Bearman	1330
Arlene Wykoff	1040

Party Bridge

by Jen Furman
Thursday, Jan. 22

Kitty Fisher and	
Mike Clark	1820
Janet and Harold Baal	1650
Pat Dellamuth and	
Jen Furman	920
Tawnya Rowden and	
Jim Weigand	640

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Janet and Harold Baal	1770
Jen Furman and	
Mike Clark	1730
*Martha and Clair Smith	800
Barry Selleck and	
Jim Weigand	140

***Welcome new players!**

Thursday, Jan. 29

Tawnya Rowden and	
Jim Weigand	2460
Mike Clark and no partner	2090
Pat Dellamuth and	
Jen Furman	2000
Janet and Harold Baal	1750
Kitty Fisher and	
Barry Selleck	1650
Martha and Clair Smith	1050

Mah Jong

by Deborah May
Saturday, Jan. 31

Laurie Bania	9
Kathy Bocchino, Jen Furman	7
Marcia Hatfield,	
Arlene Bouchard	6
Rachel Brooks, Betty Brown	5
Mary Brown, Denise Weik,	
Rose Taggart, Anne Amico	3
Courtney Gratton,	
Kelly Fadrowski	2
Nancy Moschler, Deborah May,	
Madison May	1

Wizard

by Denise Weik
Tuesday, Jan. 27

Table 1

Game 1 Stan MacPhee	240
Game 2 Pat Butler and	
Rose Taggart	Tied

Game 3 Pat Greene.....220

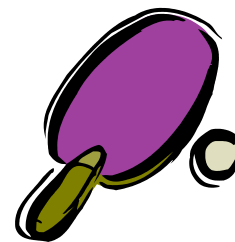
Table 2

Game 1 Sue MacPhee	260
Game 2 Kevin Weik	260
Game 3 Sue MacPhee	310

Cribbage

by Bob Luther
Monday, Jan. 26

Dave Adams	602
Frank Bovenberg	601
Randy Smith	595



Pickleball Jam

by Nancy McDowell
Monday, Jan. 26 to
Saturday, Jan. 31

Advanced Intermediate

1. Deb Oppel	
2. Linda Gavin	
3. Kathi Van Horn	

Beginner

1. Kelly Reimann	
2. Walt Reimann	
3. Dean Varian	

Advanced Women

1. Merendia Caldwell	
2. Kat Clark	
3. Lana Wilson	

Advanced Men

1. Ron Reeve	
2. Wally Wilson	
3. Mike Caldwell	

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2551 Susan Simmers
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TR Sports



Five Crowns

by Jackie Thackery
Wednesday, Jan. 28

Welcome everyone, * first time player, @ denotes first game this season.

Table 1

Game 1

1. * John Park	60
2. * Marsha Park	120
3. Rose Taggart	125

Game 2, 1/2 game

1. Marsha Park	10
2. Mike Clark	35
3. Brenda Hatchel	60

Table 2

Game 1

1. @ Sean Davis	95
2. Pat Daboll	100
3. John Walters	125

Game 2, 7/10 game

1. John Walters	45
2. Lori Davis	85
3. Pat Daboll, Jeff Duquette	95

Table 3

Game 1

1. Deb Oppel	100
2. Patti Hawkins	120
3. Diane Krupicka	130

Game 2

1. Kevin Weik	70
2. Denise Weik,	75
3. Diane Krupicka	150

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