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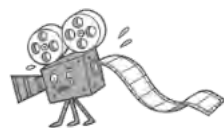
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People and Places . . . Chapter 7 Joe and Joan Colao, volunteers extraordinaire

by Margaret Emmetts

Joe and Joan Colao were born and raised in New York. As a bricklayer and masonry restorer, Joe worked on such New York landmarks as Grants Tomb and Carnegie Hall. Joan's career spanned 40 years as a hairdresser.

Upon retirement the couple spent 18 years living full time in their Airstream, which eventually brought them to TR. One reason for choosing this park was the presence of our First Responders. How fortunate for TR. It is difficult to find a couple who are more devoted to volunteerism.

On the part of Joe, his volunteerism probably began after an accident he had while riding his bike that resulted in a broken bone. This triggered his interest in medicine in the form of being a First Responder. Joe has undergone extensive training which led to his receiving certification to teach CPR and First Responders courses. He is certified in New York, Florida and eventually nationally. In this capacity he has trained many of our First Responders and some 250 to 300 Pasco County residents.



Joe Colao, right, teaches a CPR class with the help of Charlie McGee.

Being an EMT and First Responder led Colao to expand his training to become certified as a Fireman.

Joe's list of areas of volunteerism is extensive. He was a member of the Garden Club, Table Tennis, Bocce Ball, Choir, Little Theatre and Pickleball. When the Travelaires lost their drummer, Joe filled the gap. Many years ago there was a drawbridge that connected the shore to the island in Lake Margaret. When it collapsed, Joe was involved in the bridge replacement.

Meet the Candidates

by Margaret Emmetts

A reminder that *The TR Times*-sponsored Meet the Candidates program will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall.

For the first time in my recollection, there are fewer candidates running for the Board than there are open positions. As a result it is anticipated that there will be candidate(s) nominated from the floor. The program will include the



JOE COLAO



JOAN COLAO

In one of Colao's teaching sessions he reported that people who collapse and stop breathing need CPR to be administered in three minutes. However, if an AED is used within 4.5 minutes, the chance of survival increases to

70%. At the time AEDs cost \$1,500 each. After hearing Joe's description, two anonymous donors gave a check for \$3,000 to purchase two AED units. Originally these units were only available to First Responders. They were located by



Joe Colao poses with the entire group of First Responders at one of their Tuesday Morning Training Sessions.



Joan Colao and Linda Smith founders of Party Planners and the Foodies. Yum!

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Lewis and Bill Watkins

Busch Hall and Citrus. These locations were chosen because they were places where most activities occurred. Thanks to Joe's introduction to the use of AEDs, we now have units located all over the park.

Joan Colao has also spent many hours volunteering. One of the original Party Planners she also worked with the Foodies. She sang with the Travelettes, was in all the Little Theatre productions and worked in all the charity events held at TR. She was also known as the "Pool Queen" based on her daily visit to the pool.

Unfortunately the Colaos have had to leave the park to return to New York State for health reasons. Joe hopes to keep up his activism in five areas: indoor pickleball, swimming pool, gym, dance and drumming. He will always be a First Responder.



The Colaos ready to leave TR.

Their volunteerism and contributions to the park will be sorely missed. We wish them all the best and hope that some day they will be able to return. They have truly been volunteers extraordinaire.



Joe as "Umbrella Man."

Do you have a question for the candidates?

Question for _____

or to all candidates

Signature _____

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Busch Hall Sunday Night presents Kip Sweeney



by Katherine Shawver

Please join us for Busch Hall Sunday Night on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Kip Sweeney brings the unmistakable sound, soul and swagger of Huey Lewis and The News to the stage in a high-energy tribute experience. Backed by professionally produced tracks that faithfully recreate the original arrangements, Kip delivers a punchy performance that puts the spotlight where it belongs: on the songs, the groove and the crowd.

From chart-topping hits like "The Power of Love," "Hip to Be Square" and "Heart of Rock and Roll" to deeper cuts that true fans love, the show captures the feel-good spirit and blue-eyed soul that made Huey Lewis & The News a defining sound of the '80s and beyond.

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

Travelaires Orchestra plays in Busch Hall tonight

by Pat Daubenmier

Valentine's Day is tomorrow, but what are you doing today? Get a head start on the special day by celebrating with the Travelaires at their Friday Night Dance performance, Feb. 13 in Busch Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. If you don't have a sweetie, no worries. There is plenty of fun for everyone whether you are a line dancer, a jitterbugger, a waltzer or just a listener. Special recognition will be given to those couples who submitted their names to *The*

TR Times as 50-year anniversary celebrants. Come with your friends and get the party started.



Read more about this year's anniversary celebrants in this issue on Page 7.

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.



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.

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.

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.

We are fortunate to have Kendall Felder as our featured

Wednesday Evening Concert Series welcomes Jimmy Mazz on March 4

by Katherine Shawver

Jimmy's Blast From The Past '60s and '70s One Hit Wonders and More Show is a retro musical review of his favorite hit songs of the '60s and '70s, with a few of the '50s and the '80s thrown in just for fun. It includes many songs that everyone knows and loves but may not remember the name of the artist. These are the songs Jimmy grew up with and remembers fondly as he reaches back into his memory to recall what he was doing, back then. The show consists of many major sing along hits, number one hits and one-hit wonders.



JIMMY MAZZ

You will hear *Brandy You're A Fine Girl, America, How Long Has This Been Going On, Don't Pull Your Love, More Today Than Yesterday, Love Grows Where My Rosemary Goes, Elvin Bishop, Vehicle, the Grass Roots, Baby Come Back, Dion and the Belmonts, Unchained Melody, You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling, Sugar Sugar, the Archies, Rock Me Gently, the Guess Who, Too Late*

to Turn Back Now, the Doobie Brothers, Motown, Roy Orbison, Joy To The World (better known as Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog) and Cracklin' Rosie by the legendary Neil Diamond. There will also be a nod to Ed Sullivan featuring the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Doors, the Turtles and the Monkees with a touch of the King, Elvis Presley and many more.

This high energy concert-style show will have you smiling, laughing, singing, clapping, reminiscing and looking back to what you were doing, back then. A must see show!

This concert will be on Wednesday, March 4, beginning at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. Doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. This concert is \$15 per person.



by Nancy McDowell

I want to thank Glen Lessig for volunteering to help me with the A/V equipment and set up for the movies. I am still seeking a co-ordinator for the TNM. Please see me if you are interested, 610-551-4482, lot 2640. Due to scheduling conflicts with the both of us, there is no movie showing on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The next date for a movie is Tuesday, Feb. 24 in Citrus East at 6:55 p.m. See you then!



Coffee Seminars

by Leslie Ewing

We have two Coffee Seminars planned for this week. Pasco County Parks is coming to talk about their pickleball program on Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Pasco County Parks has pickleball courts in several parks throughout the county. Shannon Christmas will tell us all about it.

Florida Cracker is coming on Thursday, Feb.19, from 8 to

9 a.m. Florida Cracker was founded and is run by two brothers, Blair and Ethan Hensley. Blair Hensley will talk about their future plans which include the building under construction opposite Charlie's Market on St. Joe Road. We will find out about the Grand Opening. If that isn't enough, he is bringing mini breakfast buns for our breakfast treat that day. When they are gone they are gone, so come early. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

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Briefings from the Board

by Deborah May, President

It's hard to believe this is the middle of the fourth month of this year's season. Where does the time go? Never enough time when you are at Traveler's Rest Resort. While it has been the coldest season for quite a while, activities have been in full swing. Although there have been some outside activities canceled, most indoor activities are seeing an increase in participation. Plans are already underway for next year's activities.



DEBORAH MAY

When you read the Policies and Procedures Manual, you will notice that many of the policies have been updated over the years. The revision dates are listed at the bottom of the policy. Nothing in life stays the same. Over the years, many new ideas and inventions have changed the way we do things in our lives. This is true of the existing policies. The Board reviews the policies each year and makes changes it feels are necessary to stay up with the changing times. One policy that just got a major revision is Policy D7010. This policy governs the sales of units in RV South and the Cabanas. There are several changes to this policy but part of the new policy contains language from the previous policy. The policy is as follows:

I. Prior to listing any Park Model, HUD/ANSI unit, or RV for sale while remaining on a site within RV South or Cabana

sections, the lessor must obtain a written Sell-On-Site Release from the TR Management.

2. The Park Manager, or designee, shall inspect the exterior of the unit and the leased site to verify compliance with all applicable park policies, rules, and standards. Any deficiencies identified must be corrected prior to approval.

3. All annual lease fees, assessments, and other charges must be paid in full, and no outstanding fines or violations may exist, before a Sell-On-Site Release will be issued.

4. If the unit does not sell by August 1, the beginning of the new lease season, the unit may remain on the site only if:

* The site has not been requested by another lessee or applicant; and

* All applicable annual lease fees are paid in full

5. A unit approved for sale on site shall not be sub-leased, rented

or occupied by any person other than the lessee of record during the sale period.

This change in policy D7010 was designed to protect both the buyer and seller from unknown surprises.

In order to ensure our park maintains a pristine look that attracts new people each year, everyone must work together to ensure their lot is up to date with required changes.

Maintaining the lot on a yearly basis when it comes to weed eating is the responsibility of the lessee.

Painting the shed when needed is the responsibility of the lessee, paint can be obtained at no cost from the Maintenance Department.



What do I do with my big junk and hazardous waste?

Please take them to:

East Pasco Transfer Station
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Let your voice be heard



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Valentine's Day in Jane's World

From the TR Times archives

by Jane Harrold

With all the excitement over TR's 50th anniversary and the annual recognition of Golden Anniversary couples I am thinking about how my Valentine celebrations have changed in the past 50 years.

Actually the first memories I have about Valentine's Day go back more than 65 years when I was still in elementary school. In each classroom there would be a big box decorated with hearts in which classmates deposited Valentine cards for each other. The afternoon when the cards were distributed was both a class party and a competition to see who had been sent the most cards. Most of the Valentines were cut out of large books containing multiple cards printed on multiple pages. The envelopes were included but also needed to be cut out, folded and glued. Preparing and writing Valentines was a multi-day project.

Moving onward to high school days, I looked forward to receiving a valentine card from my boyfriend, now my husband, Bill. Bill and I met when we were three years old so he has always been my number one valentine. We would have our valentine dinner at our favorite local hangout. Not really romantic but a good burger was a highlight.

University days meant that Bill was away on Feb. 14. Since calling long distance just to talk was considered too expensive I relied on the mailman to deliver my valentine card preferably filled with mushy words about love. When Bill came home we would

enjoy dinner at an upgraded restaurant with tablecloths. Finally some real romance was blossoming.

By the 1970s we were married and raising three children. Valentine's celebrations were about decorating heart-shaped cookies, with red icing of course, and helping the kids make cards for mom and dad. The highlight was being together as a family and a romantic dinner was a bit of a dream.

In the '80s and '90s the focus for Valentine's Day was still the family but romantic dinners for two with candlelight and wine became possible.

By 1999 we had both retired from teaching and started spending winters in Florida. Valentine's Day was celebrated with TR friends at early-bird dinner specials and preferably not on Feb. 14 when the restaurants were too busy. Our card sending gradually ended but some years we would go to the Hallmark Store together so we could show each other the card we might have sent – not really romantic but definitely economical.

The good news is that our valentine's spirit of love has survived all these years and is still thriving. Bill and I have a plaque of two figures hugging with text which reads: "Together is the best place to be." After more than 65 years of valentine celebrations Bill is still my favorite valentine, hugging is an essential part of every day and together is always the best place to be.

Happy Valentine's Day!

FOOD MENU

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CHEESEBURGER	5.00	CHILI	3.50
DBL HAMBURGER	6.00	TUESDAY	
DBL CHEESEBURGER	6.75	SOUP	3.50
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Pet peeves redux

Like anyone, I too have pet peeves. Fortunately, or unfortunately, I am in a position to voice these via my editorials. I have written about these before and will probably do so again, but, please bear with me.

In the area of the Hobby House, between Citrus and the Fire Station there are just 12 spaces to park cars. In this same area there is a large grassy area. The TR tradition is that golf carts get parked on the grass, not in the spaces reserved for cars. Since I do not have a golf cart, but drive a car, the availability of these car spaces is of prime interest to me. Imagine my reaction recently when one of these car spaces was not occupied by a golf cart, but a BICYCLE! How inconsiderate.

Over time we have suggested that golf carts parked in this grassy area be placed facing the buildings. This arrangement leaves the central portion of the area open, allowing carts to move freely in and out of the sector. We developed this suggestion after a day when carts were parked willy-nilly and resulted in some carts being trapped with no way to exit through the randomly parked carts.

My second pet peeve is people who drive the wrong way, especially those in golf carts. Don't they realize that they are often taking their lives in their hands by doing so? When cars parked by Busch Hall are backing out, either in the front or the side of the building, the drivers are usually looking for oncoming traffic from one direction. They should not have to expect that someone is driving in the wrong direction in these areas. However, how often do you see someone make a right turn from in front of Busch Hall and pull into the area at the side of the building. This despite the fact that the lane is blocked and signage indicates it is one-way.

Golf carts are at a distinct disadvantage compared to the size and weight of a motor vehicle. I sincerely hope we will not have to experience a serious accident or possible death to make people drive in the right direction. *mre*

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To be a trusted source of information for the TR Community.

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40 years and counting – Part 6

by Margaret Emmetts

Have you ever read our Vision and Mission Statements that appear on this page just above our Masthead?

Our Vision Statement is to have *The TR Times* be a trusted source of information for the TR Community. As such, we make every effort possible to assure that what is printed in our paper is accurate. Unfortunately information about the park and its residents shared on Facebook does not always meet this caveat.

Our Mission Statement is to promote activities and events, recognize achievements, encourage resident support of our advertisers and report topics of interest. It is our mission to always project a positive image of TR.

In order to achieve our Vision and Mission we need the support of TR residents. We need YOU to provide us with information about activities and events and to give active support to our advertisers. After all, they are the ones who pay the bills. By active support we suggest that you make yourself

known as a TR resident when you patronize one of our advertisers. Knowing that their ad has brought customers into their business encourages them to renew their ads for the next year.

There are occasions when residents have interesting achievements that should be shared. We would like to include a description of this achievement, together with photos if available. Please remember *The TR Times* when you have news to share. Your input is the only thing that will permit our paper to continue for another decade.

The Servant's Plow

All-encompassing love

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Here are some biblical thoughts for Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is often marketed as a holiday for the young. It is full of first dates, giant teddy bears and the kind of "butterflies" that usually settle down once you've shared a mortgage and a decade of snoring. However, for those of us in our "golden years," love looks a little different.

It is less about the heat of the fire and more about the enduring warmth of the coals. In our community, this day is an opportunity to celebrate an "all-encompassing" love that has been tested by time and anchored in the unending promises of God.

The wisdom of a long-term love.

There is a unique beauty in a love that has "gray hair." The Bible describes gray hair as a "crown of splendor attained by a righteous life," (Proverbs 16:31).

If you have been married for 40, 50, or 60 years, you aren't just "still together." You are a living testimony of agape love, the sacrificial, covenantal love that God has for His people.

This kind of love doesn't depend on "fleeting beauty," (Proverbs 31:30), but on the decision to stay when the knees get creaky and the memory gets selective.

It's the love that bears all things, (1 Corinthians 13:7), including the tenth time your spouse tells that same story about the 1974 camping trip.

A little holy humor for the "golden" years.

Let's be honest, growing old together requires a healthy dose of humor. If "a joyful heart is good medicine," (Proverbs 17:22) then many of us are over-medicated.

Biblical love in senior adulthood often involves:

The "Patience of Job" –



CHAPLAIN
ANTHONY SHIPE

Usually required when one of you is looking for the glasses that are currently on top of your head.

"Selective Hearing" as a Spiritual Gift – We know the Bible says to "listen without interrupting," (James 1:19) but sometimes, not hearing the critique about your driving is the key to a peaceful Sunday afternoon.

The Sarah and Abraham Approach – Remember, Sarah was 90 when God gave her a reason to laugh with joy, (Genesis 21:6). If they could start a new chapter in their 90s, there is certainly still adventure (and laughter) left for us.

Love in the seasons of loss.

We also recognize that for many in our community, Valentine's Day can be a poignant reminder of an empty chair. If you are walking this season as a widow or widower, the "all-encompassing" love of God is perhaps most tangible for you.

The Bible promises that God is the "Father to the fatherless and a defender of widows," (Psalm 68:5). His love is not a memory of the past, it is a sustaining presence today. You are not "alone" in the biblical sense, for He has promised: "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you," (Isaiah 46:4).

A legacy of love.

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to "number our days" so that we may gain a heart of wisdom, (Psalm 90:12). Whether we are spending the day with a lifelong partner, enjoying the company of grandchildren or encouraging a neighbor, we are stewards of a great love.

This year, let's look past the Hallmark aisle and toward the cross. The greatest Valentine ever given was not written in ink, but in the life of Jesus Christ. That is a love that never fails, never fades and never retires.

A prayer for all-encompassing love.

As we celebrate this season, let us join our hearts in a prayer of gratitude and petition:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for being the author of love and the keeper of our souls. We praise You that Your love is not like the world's. It does not grow weary. It does not fade with time, and it never retires. We thank You for the years of memories, the laughter shared and even the trials that have taught us to lean more fully on Your grace.

Lord, we lift up the couples in our community who have stood the test of time. May they continue to be a light of faithfulness to the generations following them. We pray for those walking through a season of loneliness or grief. Wrap them in Your "all-encompassing" peace and remind them that You are a companion who never leaves. Help us all to love our neighbors with the same patience and kindness You have shown us. In the name of Jesus, the greatest gift of love, Amen.



Travelers Rest
CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

Bernie Gutridge

Sunday Service

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Hymn Sing 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Anthony Shipe

Holy Communion

First Sunday of the month.



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The Siren



by Donna Neer, EMT, RN (retired) with Larry Polzin, Station #33 Chief

Have you given thought to becoming a member of the TR Fire Department? This is something that I would hope some residents here at TR would consider. Let's face it, many of us here who have been at TR for years and years are getting older! Perhaps after reading this article, you might want to consider this. So how do you go about becoming a member?

Chief Polzin suggests that you first contact him and then attend two or three Tuesday Morning Training Sessions to physically see what our Fire Department members do. These classes are held every Tuesday morning

starting at 9 a.m. at the Fire Station. Trust me, the department members will be very helpful to you; they are very special for sure.

Now what? After attending these sessions as a guest, you decide that you want to join, simply talk to Chief Polzin. Then you are REQUIRED to take and pass the First Responder Course. This class is held here at TR at the Fire Station. I wrote a detailed article, "What is a First Responder," on the subject that was published in *The TR Times* (See *TR Times*, Dec. 10, 2025 edition).

Upon completion of the First Responder Course, an application to become a Volunteer Firefighter must be filled out with the Pasco County Fire Department. After your application is received, a background check will be performed. You must pass a physical test, your driver's license must be clean and more importantly, you need to know that this process will take commitment. So be prepared for a lengthy process; but oh, is it ever worth it. When you receive notification that your application has been accepted, next you will be required to apply for, obtain and pass the on-line course for Volun-

teer Firefighters (Ocala Fire College). Chief Polzin states that this is involved and requires that the participant pass each module before being able to move on to the next module.

Now, the fun stuff. After passing the on-line course, you will actually learn the hands-on duties and responsibilities. Again, Chief Polzin states this is very physical, and his wife proudly commented that he was 66 years young when he took all of these courses, classes and training.

Learning and training is a continuous process. These folks, our neighbors and friends here at TR, are a group of people who have committed their time, efforts and expertise to help us when we have a health-related concern, issue or a fire.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, 1 to 3 p.m., our very own TR Fire Station is holding an Open House for all of us to see how truly fortunate we are to have this department. Not only will you be able to see our fire truck, equipment and ask questions, you might be able to also enjoy free strawberry shortcake while the supplies last!

TR Fire Department Emergency Siren blasts explained

by Margaret Emmetts

As a resident you should understand the meaning of the various emergency siren blasts as well as how to trigger the siren when needed. The information below explains what each siren pattern means.

Please note the photos below. The one on the left explains that you should WAIT at the station after pressing the button.



Photos by Richi Kushman

911 calls: A steady blast for one minute.

The siren is activated by Pasco County Fire/Rescue as a result of a call to 911. Watch for emergency vehicles and First Responders that have been activated by the siren. Yield right away so that they can pass.

Emergencies within the park: Five warbling blasts of the siren.

The siren is activated by pushing the RED BUTTON on the front of the Fire Station. The 911 system is NOT activated with this button.

Weekly Siren Test: Two warbling blasts of the siren.

Used as a siren test on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.

Tornado or Hurricane Warning:

Three long blasts, then a 15 second pause, then three more long blasts.

WARNING DISASTER SIREN:

In the event of a natural disaster or other major threat to Travelers Rest Resort, the TR Siren will be used to alert all TR occupants. The siren will be sounded with three distinct full-pitched sounds for 30 seconds, each followed by 15 seconds of silence. TR Management is not responsible for evacuating TR occupants.



This sign lists the location you should give when asked.

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

by Gloria Polzin

We have some bad news and some good news. Here is the bad news first. The Fire Rescue staff has decided to cancel our annual fundraising pulled-pork dinner scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14. We have truly loved serving this dinner to our community feeling the love in the drive-through, seeing so many smiling faces and experiencing your incredible generosity. However, 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-ever Firehouse Open House. Come meet the people who enter your home at all hours and give you peace of mind simply by being willing to serve.

You'll 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.
- Enjoy a photo booth.
- Explore fire trucks and the medical car.
- Receive blood pressure and glucose testing.
- Watch demonstrations and get answers to your questions.
- Learn how to serve our park in this capacity.

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 come show us some love on Valentine's Day.



Amateur Radio Club celebrates a successful Winter Field Day

by John Deegan, K9XT, 09-03

Winter Field Day is officially in the books, and the K4TRR Amateur Radio Club had an incredibly successful event! During the 30-hour operating period, our operators made 642 radio contacts across the U. S., Canada and even Ireland. Twelve individual operators used three different radios, operating on multiple modes including voice, Morse code and amateur radio email (Winlink). More than 2,300 amateur radio stations participated nationwide.

Our mission for Winter Field Day is to test our ability to quickly deploy temporary ham radio stations using portable antennas and emergency power sources such as batteries and solar, operate continuously for an extended period and demonstrate our ability to provide emergency communica-



tions for TR. We believe we accomplished that mission successfully. This marked our third year participating in Winter Field Day, and the growth has been exciting to see.

- 2024: 112 contacts
- 2025: 263 contacts
- 2026: Over 600 contacts

We invite any TR residents interested in learning more about amateur radio to stop by the Ham Shack (Communications Center), located just across from Citrus West. We'd love to introduce you to our hobby and answer any questions.

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Activity Affairs

by Lora Davis

TR is really hopping this season! We've had such a great turnout at the various activities that many are bursting at the seams and there are more ideas coming in for additional new activities.

When you're having fun, time flies! Regarding activities, please plan to wrap up and have the space ready for the next group to start on their scheduled start time. Since cleanup requirements vary, take a moment to honestly assess how much time your activity needs. Setting a timer or alarm on your phone can help you stay on schedule.

Please note that activities using the kitchen reserve it in advance. Remember to clean the kitchen thoroughly after each use and take out the trash. Follow the Kitchen Procedures Manual in the black binder which can be found above the sinks.

We have several special community events coming up: The Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina Luncheon is on Sunday, Feb. 15 and the Indiana Luncheon is on Wednesday, Feb. 18. The road trip for the Speakeasy Murder Mystery Dinner Show (Orlando) leaves on Friday, Feb. 20.

Don't forget the monthly parkwide yard sales at our individ-

ual sites on Saturday, Feb. 21. The TR Scavenger Hunt with the TRGA barbecue at the golf course follows the Hunt that same afternoon. Last year's event was a big hit with a great turnout, you won't want to miss it!

Do you like playing cards or games after dinner? There are options nearly every night of the week:

- Monday:** Cribbage, Joker and Left, Center, Right
- Tuesdays:** Bridge and Wizard
- Wednesdays:** Five Crowns and Penny Poker
- Thursdays:** Hand and Foot, Pinochle and Dominos
- Fridays:** Euchre and Joker
- Saturdays:** 500, Bingo and Texas Hold 'Em Poker

We also have our own cinema entertainment, Movie Night, on Tuesdays. Movie information can be found on InTouch behind "Movie Nights." Karaoke is back this Wednesday night. Whether you love to sing or simply listen, come out for some great fun.

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

TR Rock Painters show their love

by Marcia Hatfield

TR Rock Painting was very busy this week. We have 20 rocks for you to find. We hide them in plain sight on public property, for example a fence post, a nook in a tree, on a large rock, or leaning against a street sign. Your job is to find them and take a photo of your finds. Then post your photo on Residents and Friends Facebook page. Finally, you get to hide it for others to find and enjoy.

We would love to have you join us for rock painting on Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the JMAB.



Photo by Marcia Hatfield
HIDDEN ROCKS

For more information contact Marcia Hatfield at 614-946-4411, lot 02-05.

Sew it goes: Spotlight on members



Photo by Joan Ledbetter
CAROL LUTHER

by Joan Ledbetter

This week's column spotlights member Carol Luther. Carol and her husband Bob have been coming to TR since 2006, spending many years on Golf View before buying their current home in the Cabana Section. Carol learned to sew from her mother when she was 10. Her mother made all her clothing including coats, dresses and lined winter pants for the New England winters. Carol continued her mother's craft and made all her clothes for her trousseau when she

was married, then sewing clothing for her young family. Her quilting skills began with hand quilting as a young mother. She became more involved with quilt making after the kids left home.

Carol is well known at TR for her signature fabric purses, which she sells monthly at the TR Flea Market. Sales from these purses fund her other charity sewing projects. Now ALL her sewing is done for different charitable organizations. These include Blankets For Children to benefit ill or traumatized kids and San Antonio and Dade City schools. She has already donated over a dozen blankets in 2026.

Besides her warm and colorful blankets, Carol has created 24 dresses for Dress A Girl Around the World, the charity featured in last week's Spotlight on Laura Lilawski. Carol can be found at Monday and Thursday sewing sessions in Busch Hall. She is an enthusiastic and encouraging participant and enjoys greeting friends and seeing everyone's current projects before sitting down to her machine for the day.



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 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.

New York

by Pat Gouchie, Judy Smith, Linda Jackson

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 that you bring a dish to share, your beverage and your table service. Deli-sub sandwich slices provided. Suggested donation is \$2 per person.

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 on Sunday, Feb. 15 in Busch Hall.

Campfire scheduled for next week

by Susan Stahley

Our next Campfire Program is Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Fire Pit down by the Snack Shack. Bring your chairs, instruments, voices and dress for the weather. Marshmallows and toasting sticks will be provided.



On food, cooking and baking

by Jeffrey J. Duquette

If home cooks can learn the secrets of professional chefs, food of very high quality becomes easier to make. Jeff Duquette will present a round-table discussion on various techniques, secrets and insights provided by Harold McGee's landmark book, "On Food and Cooking," King Arthur School of Baking and Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Topics will jump around and be on various subjects. A demonstration will be presented. No, Jeff doesn't have all of the answers, but there will be a lot to interest a new or experienced cook. Prior presentations were well attended, and many people had asked for another talk.

Your participation is encouraged, so we can learn from each other. This presentation will be on

Monday, Feb. 23 in Citrus East from 1 to 2:20 p.m.



Photo Submitted by Jeff Duquette
Chef Duquette to give another talk about food and cooking.

by Brian Krupicka

The hobby is always changing; one of the biggest changes in the last several years is in 3D printing, laser cutting and engraving. Now it is possible to print in three dimensions, everything from doors/windows to cars/trucks, to people, to trees and much, much more. We can also laser cut specialty items like a drive-in movie screen. This screen has a working screen. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at [TRTrains@dbcom-](mailto:TRTrains@dbcom-serv.com)

serv.com or call 630-961-1243. Join us on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the JMAB.



The screen works, are they watching?



Photos by Brian Krupicka
3D printed and laser cut and engraved items are in the scenes.

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Meet a TR Vet Jan Rubino



Photo by Bill Watkins

JAN RUBINO

by Ken Hankinson

This is the 2nd in a series of three “Meet a TR Vet” articles for 2026. Prior to getting into Jan’s story, do the initials WAC ring a bell with any of you Army Veterans? It designates the military abbreviation for the Women’s Army Corps which had its beginning during WWII in 1942 and was beginning to be phased out in 1975. Jan was one of the last of this little-known but important part of the military during its existence. More on Jan’s military service later.

Jan was born in Mount Vernon, Wash. and raised with two sisters (one was her twin) and one brother. She spent most of her youth living and working on a dairy farm in Arlington, Wash. This farm life gave her the

opportunity to spend a lot of time outdoors enjoying what farm life had to offer and experience. She attended local schools in Arlington and graduated from high school in Burlington, Wash. Shortly after graduating she enlisted in the Army in 1973 and was recruited and sworn in by her brother. He had returned from Vietnam and spent the next 20 years in the Army, retiring as a Major with a very distinguished military career.

Upon entering the service Jan was assigned to one of the last “Women Only” units where men and women were housed and trained separately. After finishing basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. and AIT (Advanced Individual Training) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., she was stationed for five years in Augsburg and Bad Tolz, Germany. She worked as a personnel specialist in the Army Security Agency. Upon returning to the States, she spent her last two years at Fort Dix, N.J. as a personnel operations specialist. During her seven years of Army service, she received three Army Commendation medals, one Good Conduct award and other related service awards.

Upon leaving the service she remained in the New Jersey area as a sales manager with P.F. Collier Publishing and was eventually relocated to Connecticut to open

new offices and oversee company operations. Jan eventually relocated to Tolland, Conn. where she put down deep roots and got involved in many town boards and commissions. She still serves as the treasurer of the Tolland Public Library Foundation. Jan met her husband Bob in 1997. Both being active in conservation, they began working together with a group to establish Tolland’s first Conservation Commission.

Jan and Bob learned about TR from this author and his wife Pam and they eventually followed us to TR. After two visits, they purchased their present park model in RV South in 2024. Jan jumped right in after arriving at TR and volunteered as Treasurer of the Garden Club, Co-Coordinator for the Morning Coffee Socials in Busch Hall and helping out in the TR Office. When not volunteering, she enjoys Bocci, singing in the Pop Chorus and taking dulcimer lessons. Jan and Bob also own a travel trailer and enjoy traveling around the country, with trips planned for Maine and Washington State this summer.

Jan and Bob are a high-energy active couple, always willing to lend a hand where needed. We are glad she is a part of our TR Vet Group. They are both valued members of the TR community.

50th ANNIVERSARY



Photo by Bill Watkins

SCOTT AND PAM FULLER

Pam and Scott Fuller were married in the backyard of Pam’s parent’s house on June 19, 1976 in Barrington, R.I. The marriage was off to an unusual start when the minister who was to perform the ceremony phoned on the night before the marriage. He informed the couple that he forgot he had recently moved from Rhode Island and his license to perform marriages was no longer valid in that state. Yes, the couple are legally married.

The Fullers drove cross-country to California in a Volkswagen Beetle. Not the best of ideas when they had to drive back during the summer with a heater that would not turn off.

Their marriage withstood a number of moves, the most memorable when they decided to purchase the home of Pam’s parents. At the time their children were in the 5th, 7th and 8th grades and the home required a total interior remodel.

The Fuller’s credit their faith for a marriage that has lasted for five decades. Those years saw the birth of three sons, and seven grandchildren, five boys and two girls. They stated that their sense of humor was a key factor in the marriage’s success.

When asked what advice they would give to couples just starting out they had three specific suggestions. The young couple should have a good understanding of each other’s financial goals, family plans and religion. A good sense of humor helps.



Photo by Bill Watkins

KEVIN AND DENISE WEIK

Denise and Kevin’s love story began half a century ago when they were married on Oct. 2, 1976, in Thomaston, Conn. This year they proudly celebrate 50 wonderful years of marriage, a milestone built on family, faith, laughter and a whole lot of compromise.

Looking back on their wedding day, what stands out most to them is family. Denise comes from a big clan - she is one of 62 grandchildren! Having four grandparents present made the day especially meaningful. Their wedding was truly a family event, with 200 guests in attendance and even more that wanted to come. “We told people to come after dinner” they laughed, “or it would have been too expensive!”

When asked what has kept their marriage strong for five decades, Denise and Kevin point to compromise and supporting each other’s interests. Denise enjoys quilting and nonprofit work while Kevin is passionate about horseshoes and traveling to competitions. Respecting each other’s hobbies and cheering one another on has been key to their lasting bond.

Over the years, they’ve grown both individually and as a couple. Kevin worked many different jobs, while Denise worked in municipal service. Now retired, they’re enjoying this new chapter together; staying active, healthy and spending more time side by side.

Some of their favorite memories revolve around family. They are proud parents of twin daughters and loving grandparents. Today they live in an in-law apartment with one of their daughters, a widow and they help care for their grandchildren - all boys! Family game nights filled with laughter and togetherness are another fond memory.

Their advice for young couples just starting out? Be patient. Compromise. Listen to each other. Keep a sense of humor and laugh a lot, they say. Above all, they credit their faith as an important foundation in their marriage.

Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Michelle and Jim George have a trucking business that keeps them busy whether they are at home in Ohio or in their Cabana at TR. While Michelle is on the phone or her computer taking care of clients, their adorable mini Sheepadoodle, Lucy, is right there with her hanging out and watching from her padded perch.

A Sheepadoodle is a combination of an Old English Sheepdog and a Poodle. They are highly intelligent and very affectionate. Lucy is 16 months old and really lives up to those qualities. Michelle said Lucy is hands down the smartest dog they have ever had. In just one week Lucy was potty trained and learned how to use the bells hanging on the doorknob to tell them she had to go out.

While out walking, if they happen to meet someone Lucy doesn’t know she cries as if she’s been injured, but after a few minutes she decides that person is just fine and she returns to her normal, happy self. Lots of things make Lucy happy. Running is definitely high on her list and the

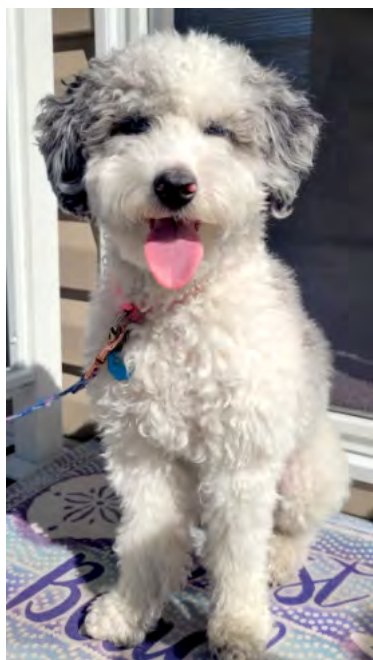


Photo by Judy Leister

LUCY

TR Dog Park gives her a chance to stretch her legs. However, their country home in Ohio has acres for her to really zoom on. Golf carts are great too. Just ask her if she wants to go for a ride and wow is she ready to roll. Jumping through hula hoops and watching videos of

puppies and human babies are high on her list too.

Of course toys are fun. Michelle tossed Lucy’s ball for her, while we were sitting in their cabana. Lucy ran so fast to get it she skidded the length of the room, fell on her side and slid a little further but when she stood back up she had that ball in her mouth. Squeaky toys are great but frizbees are even better because she gets to run really fast. Oh, and we can’t forget those crunchy-sounding empty water bottles. They are top-notch.

With the chilly weather we have been experiencing here at TR, Michelle and Jim have been having warm soup for a lot of their meals. Lucy is a good eater and has always finished her kibble. However, one day Michelle happened to pour some broth from their soup over Lucy’s kibble. Oh wow, did Lucy love that so they have now added broth to their grocery shopping list.

If you happen to meet up with Lucy on one of your walks, be prepared to smile. I think everything she did while I was at their home had me grinning from ear to ear.

Habitat for Humanity opportunity

by Barbara Colson

We just got word that TR will be able to participate with Habitat for Humanity, Dade City for our annual one-day build on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The usual time for a build is 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m. We will carpool from the park.

If you are interested, please tell Barbara Colson, lot 10-10, 352-206-3210 or Charlie Mason, lot 10-61, 317-525-7897. We can only take 10 to work on this rehab house at the moment. The first 10 that notify us will fill those slots. We will then start a wait list. We will supply you with the link to register when we hear from Habitat.

Lunch will be provided by Jackie Thackery and her helpers. What do you do when you feel you

can’t build anymore? You help with lunch. If you want to help Jackie with lunch, lot 2807, call her at 812-371-7243.



Photo on left shows Habitat volunteers at a prior build. Photo on right shows workers adding a coat of paint.



Photos by Barbara Colson



Bulletin Board

Travelers Rest Resort Activities

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION

PICKIN' & GRINNIN'
Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 PM
Hobby House. Nov - Mar

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2nd and 4th Thurs., 6:30-9:00 PM
Jeri Miller Activity Building. Nov - Apr.

AQUATICS (WATER AEROBICS)

Nov-Dec: Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:00-10:00 AM
Jan-Apr: Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:30-10:30 AM
Pool

BALLROOM DANCING

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 PM in Busch Hall
Wednesdays (Review) 10:00-11:00 AM Citrus
East. Jan - Mar

BEADAHOLICS

Mondays, 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM
Citrus East. Jan - Mar

BIBLE STUDY (EVERYONE)

Mondays, 5:30-7:00 PM
Busch Hall Stage. Jan 12 - Mar 16.

BIBLE STUDY (WOMEN'S)

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.

BOCCE

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,
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Citrus East. Jan - Mar

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Hobby House. Jan - Mar

TENNIS

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

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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

Love is in the air for Valentine's Day, and you need to look no further than the TR Library's monthly book theme corner to find novels about romance and friendship.

Romantic fiction can be traced back to the 18th and 19th centuries. Some of those early authors include Jane Austen, "Pride and Prejudice" and "Sense and Sensibility", Charlotte Bronte, "Jane Eyre" and Emily Bronte, "Wuthering Heights." Ranging from the Georgian to Victorian eras, the plots revolved around intense love stories, social commentary and high drama.

Moving into the early 20th century were authors Margaret Mitchell, "Gone with The Wind" and Barbara Cartland. Cartland who authored more than 700 romance novels, is known as the Queen of Romance. The books from this era had passion, wartime



separation, love and devotion stretching decades.

The 1970s to the present is considered the modern era of romance including the popular Harlequin Romances, which began publishing books in 1949. The romance genre now has several subcategories such as historical, fantasy, paranormal and contemporary ranging from Post WW II to present time, most of which have a happily-ever-after ending. This era started out with

books known as bodice rippers with plots featuring rocky relationships, forced marriages and passionate plots with innocent heroines and strong male heroes.

Romance is the bestselling genre in print books, e-books and Kindle Unlimited and has a 1.44 billion-dollar annual revenue. A total of 82% to 84% of all romances are read by women and the average age is from 30 to 55 years, but with the genre's growing subcategories, it's gaining more male readers.

Sadly the world recently lost two well-known romantic writers, British author Sophie Kinsella, who wrote the popular rom-com Shopaholic series, and Fern Michaels who wrote both romance and thriller novels. We are pleased to have books by these authors in our TR Library and will fondly remember and honor them each time we read and enjoy their books.

Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

"Broken-hearted..." I was going to write about honey this week, being Valentine's weekend and all, but as I'm typing this, my heart is aching over the current condition of the Garden. Note that this is two days after we removed the frost covers and what we uncovered was very sad. However, as I shared with the Lake Margaret Garden Club, nature is resilient. By the time you are reading this there will indubitably be signs of regrowth and regained strength.

I know many of you lamented over your lost impatiens and hibiscus plants. My own desert rose looked awful after we uncovered it. I am so happy we brought all our Christmas cacti inside before the freezing temperatures.

Local home gardeners should read up on what to do post-deep freezes here in Florida. My go-to resource for anything Florida garden-related is the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).

According to AccuWeather these temperatures rank "among the coldest Florida has experienced in decades." I am sure you saw the news broadcasts of farmers attempting to protect their strawberry, citrus and other fields by first spraying them with water to save the crop. Despite such efforts, I have seen reports that crop loss may be at record highs as well.

Do not get me started on the

falling iguanas. Funny, but telling nonetheless. Over 5,000 were euthanized this week. Extreme, you say, since freezing temperatures usually just stun an iguana, resulting in their fall from limbs. But did you know the green iguana is an invasive species here in Florida? So much so that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) allows extermination without a permit on private property with the consent of the landowner. Please do not confuse these with the wee anoles we have scurrying about here in TR. As explained in an earlier column, these species are not the same.

I must end on a happier note, this being a weekend for love and happiness! With that I ask you to join the Lake Margaret Garden Club this Sunday, Feb. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. for our Hearts in the Garden Event. We will have arts and crafts to participate in, a photo booth where you and your beloved can be captured on film (or some digitized medium) for all eternity and some light refreshments. Most importantly, come witness for yourself the miracle that is Mother Nature and the resilience to whatever the gods throw at her. Our volunteers will have worked hard to speed along the Garden's recovery as best and naturally as they can for your enjoyment.

Upcoming Garden events: March 8, Annual Garden Walk.

Birding Activity



Help – I broke my wing!!

by Tom Butler

If you see a Killdeer in an open field that seems to have broken its wing, you may have wandered too close to its nest. This is known as "distractive behavior." They attempt to lure you away from a nest that is nothing more than a small depression in a patch of gravel. The speckled eggs are well-camouflaged among the small pebbles and rocks, but are still quite vulnerable, hence, the "Broken Wing Act."

The Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) is a medium-sized Plover that is not always found near water. Even though they can be found near a shoreline at times, they can also be found in open

fields with short vegetation, golf courses, parking lots, sand bars and mudflats. They are considered to have the least water association of all shorebirds. It will seem odd to some that this bird loves insects, berries and weed seeds. However, when around the water they will seek out snails, earthworms and small crustaceans. Yum!

Their appearance is like other Plovers, but the two black bands across the breast set it apart from them. Tan coloration on the back and white underparts is combined with black and white patches on the head. A bright orange rump completes the identification. The call of the Killdeer is easy to

recognize because it sounds as if they are saying their name – "Kill Deer." If you listen for the Eastern Phoebe, you will also hear it identify itself by name – "Phoebe." Birds are easy to identify when they tell you their name – right? No!

The Killdeer is not considered to be migratory as a rule. However, if they do move to a new area, it is a short distance and not that common. These monogamous birds remain lifetime partners and will share responsibilities in raising the young. Like some other birds, these offspring will be born precocial or altricial which means they will be blind, naked and helpless. This makes that distraction display even more important for their survival. The gestation period will last between 24 and 28 days. After fledging, these babies will be great swimmers like their parents, which seems odd for a bird that prefers not to enter the water very often. Birds can be confusing!

If you are looking for a challenge, get out there and see how many different birds you can identify by sound. Start with a few easy ones (Killdeer and Phoebe) and build from there. Download the app Merlin and get a little help as you go. It won't take long before you reach "Bird Nerd" status. Good luck!



Photo by Tom Butler

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TR Book Browsers

by Nan Lance

The TR Book Browsers meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in Citrus West. All are welcome to join us. We enjoy it when there are differing reviews as it promotes discussion. This is usually followed by discussion questions about the characters, themes and plot of the book and how it affected our lives, past and present.

Feb. 25, "Anxious People" by Frederik Backman.

March 11, "The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Ray Hinton.

March 25, "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters.

We have also begun a list of possible book choices for the 2027 season. Have you any books you loved and would like to suggest?



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Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
Volunteer TR Tour Director

After successful bus trips to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater for the “SunKicks” performance, a glorious day at Silver Springs State Park and the upcoming Speakeasy Murder Mystery Dinner and Show on Feb. 20, TR Travel will conclude the 2025-26 day-trip series with a March 6 day-trip entitled Gadabout.

The Gadabout will depart TR at 9 a.m. for a day of exploring four unique Central Florida locations. The day will begin with chocolate! The Russell Stover Distribution Center is a chocolate lover’s paradise and a perfect place for Valentine gift shopping. After chocolate sampling, we will be hungry. Nestled in the beautiful Howey-in-the-Hills Mission Resort, the La Hacienda Restaurant is best known as the home of a fabulous award-winning Sunday Champagne Brunch. Alas, we will be there on a Friday for a buffet lunch, so please do not expect champagne, but do expect amazing and numerous buffet options. Our third stop of the day will be at the Yalaha authentic German bakery where the strudel is made fresh and we each will go home with a loaf

of freshly baked bread. This family-owned bakery is old-world in both recipe and method and uses organic ingredients baked without preservatives. After chocolate, a buffet lunch and a visit to the Yalaha Bakery, your tastebuds will be satisfied and ready to enjoy our final stop at the Lakeridge Winery for a tour and wine tasting. How’s that for a fun day out with your TR friends? Our Small World Tours bus will return to TR at 5:45 p.m.

Reservations for Gadabout are due Feb. 20 and cost, including lunch, is \$99. Checks should be made payable to Small World Tours and mailed with your phone number to Sharon Zile at #2540.

As TR Travel cruise participants prepare for their May 31 departure flights to Anchorage, we have learned about several TSA regulation changes. Each person planning to fly commercial airlines in 2026 will want to read both the latest TSA rules for the flying public, and also check the changing carry-on dimension requirements of any airline they expect to fly.

Airlines are shifting toward a strict 22 x 14 x 9 inches, including wheels and handles, carry-on standard in 2026. Stricter enforcement means that many existing “carry-on” bags no longer qualify. One airline is removing gate sizers, increasing gate-agent discretion. Overhead bin size, not the published rules, will determine if a bag is acceptable as a carry-on. Since each airline or gate agent determines what will be acceptable and what is not, it is a good reminder to research the current dimensions on each airline you’ll be flying and also the dimensions of your intended carry-on. If you attempt to board with a carry-on larger than is allowed, the airline will likely require you to pay to check the luggage. Your personal item like a purse or backpack must

fit completely under the seat in front of you and dimensions should not exceed 18 x 4 x 8 inches. Personal experience has taught me to check any potential luggage purchase against airline requirements, despite luggage company advertising.

TSA has made additional revisions to their packing requirements regarding liquids, medications, medical equipment and batteries. If you intend to fly in 2026, you must have a REAL ID and it is recommended that you review the packing requirements on **TSA.gov**. If there is any Good News in the newest TSA changes, it seems that it may not be necessary to remove your shoes when you go through airport security.

Travel quote: “Don’t wait for other people to be happy for you. Any happiness you get you’ve got to make yourself.” Novelist Alice Walker

Flying can be funny

A nice lady just called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20 and got into Chicago at 8:33. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

A husband and wife packed their suitcases in a rush and made it to the airport just in time. “I wish I’d brought the refrigerator” said the wife. “Whatever for?” asked her husband tetchily. “Our tickets are on top of it.”

I got a call from a man who asked, “Is it possible to see England from Canada?” I said, “No.” He said, “But they look so close on the map.”

www.gntc.com.au/travel-jokes/



by Kathy Reimann

Since I have seen so many new faces lately, I decided to go Out and About in the park. Many of the new people, often parked on Oak View, do not have access to InTouch, but receive our wonderful TR Times delivered to them every Friday. This article is especially for you today.

First, always check the TR Resort monitors found in front of Busch Hall along with the Announcement Tripod located in the Post Office where there are many flyers for special events. Attending Busch Hall Sunday Night music provides updated announcements for current events, Snack Shack specials and specialty dinners. (Besides, the music has been spectacular this year and who can resist ice cream for a dollar!)

Take advantage of being able to walk the golf course on Tuesday mornings until noon, when the course is closed for maintenance and there are no golfers. Take a

look from #2 Men’s tee box to see if you find the newly hatched baby cranes on the island. Stop at #6 and notice the Alzheimer’s Garden, Forget Me Not, featuring purple flowers, solar fireworks lights and lanterns that are visible from the road at night. A special thank you to Karen Waymouth for our new mulch. When the temperatures stabilize we can report additional purple plants.

Don’t forget to visit Glavich Fresh Produce on Mondays and Fridays as well as the various food trucks at the Oak View Pavilion.

Special events still to come are: Doc and Donna in The Grove Friday, Feb. 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., the TR Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, Feb. 21 with free hot dogs at the TRGA Picnic following and the TRGA Fundraiser Italian Dinner Saturday, Feb. 28, a ticketed event.

It’s easy to get Out and About in our park almost every day, just go enjoy a morning coffee in Busch Hall or lunch at the Snack Shack!



Photo by Kathy Reimann

FORGET ME NOT GARDEN

TRAVELER'S REST PRESENTS:
GADABOUT
MARCH 6TH, 2026

We are headed to the rolling hills of Central Florida. Our first stop is the Russell Stover distribution center, a chocolate lover's paradise. Next it's over to beautiful Howey in the Hills where we will have lunch at La Hacienda Restaurant! After our wonderful meal, we're off to Yalaha to visit an authentic German bakery. The streudel is made fresh, and we'll all go home with a loaf of home-made bread! Last, but not least, we'll stop at the Lakeridge Winery for a tour & wine tasting. How's that for a fun day out? Activity Level 2

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TR Sports

TR Sporting Clays and Target Shooting

by Ray LoPresti

On Tuesday, Feb. 3 four members went to West Armory for handgun target practice. They were: Tony, Joni, Brian and Diane.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 we had four club members who braved the cold weather by going to Tampa Bay Sporting Clays. They shot the purple and green courses and each shot 50 rounds. The competition begins. The big winner and scores were:

- Randy Emerson.....29
- Chuck Bocchine,
- Dennis Ledbetter.....27
- Tony Tartalone.....26

Nice going. It's cold in February - bundle up, have more practice runs and continue on.

Shooting at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays is on Wednesday and/or Thursdays. If you are interested in giving it a try contact club chairman, Ray LoPresti at 518-817-2958 or stop by lot 10-64.

Target Shooting at West Armory is on your own. Be aware that Tuesday is women's day and

women shoot for free for one-half hour. On Wednesday, it is Veterans and First Responders Day and they get one-half hour for free.

The TR Sporting Clays and Target Shooting Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, January through March at 7 p.m. in the JMAB. All are welcome!



Photo submitted by Ray LoPresti

Club member getting ready to take aim.

National Mah Jongg

by Bette Gorman
Wednesday, Feb. 4

- Teri Lymburner.....130
- Bette Gorman, Kathy Ellison..25
- Arlene Wykoff, Diane Phillips...50

Friday, Feb. 6

- Arlene Wykoff,
- Teri Lymburner.....100
- Kathy Ellison.....75
- Bette Gorman.....50
- Diane Phillips.....25



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Motorsports

by Tom Stuart
Saturday, Jan. 31

- 2WD Class**
- 1. Jim George.....36
 - 2. Tom Stuart.....36
 - 3. Bruce Richman.....34

- Wednesday, Feb. 4**
- 1. Steve Laymon.....35
 - 2. Billy Wood.....35
 - 3. James Chambers.....35

- 4WD Class**
- 1. Steve Laymon.....21
 - 2. Kevin Cahill.....20
 - 3. James Chambers.....16

Ladies Golf League results

by Kathy Reimann
Wednesday, Feb. 4

Another great day for ladies golf! Our best turnout ever at 40 golfers. How awesome is that. Congratulations to Hazel for her Eagle on # 7.

Loving it here, Traveler's Rest, Simply the best

Low Handicap Gross

- Paula Currier, Shirley Harrison, Hazel English,.....39

Low Handicap Net

- Donna Stein.....31
- Kelly Person, Kathy Reimann..32
- Mary Deweerd.....33

High Handicap Gross

- Ann Hugh, Val Smith, Barb Watson.....45

High Handicap Net

- Martha Smith, Karen Waymouth, Sue MacPhee.....33

Eagles

- Hazel English.....1

Fewest Putts

- Ann Hugh, Joan Ledbetter, Terri Lymburner, Hazel English, Betty Colborne.....14

Chip Ins

- Hazel English, Betty Colborne, Brenda Oliver..1

Birdies

- Shirley Harrison, Paula Currier, Nan Lance.....1

Pickleball hosts fun event

by Sherie Grissinger

The members of the TR Pickleball Club invite all residents and visitors to come and watch our fun Pickleball LoveFest on Friday, Feb. 13 from 2:30 to 5 p.m at the Pickleball courts. You can watch our club members playing on the courts, enjoy the costumes, snacks, laughter and fun.

Join us at our 200 plus member event. Please bring your own lawn chairs.



Cribbage

by Bob Luther
Monday, Feb. 2

- Eric Van Horn.....597
- Frank Bovenberg.....591
- Ann Hugh.....585

Wizard

by Denise Weik
3

- Table 1**
- Game 1 Stan MacPhee.....200
 - Game 2 Barb Watson.....200
 - Game 3 Rose Taggart.....220
 - Game 4 Stan MacPhee.....230

- Table 2**
- Game 1 Emily Fly.....250
 - Game 2 Brenda Hatchell.....230
 - Game 3 Kathy Prockett.....240

Men's Golf League results

by Barry English
Thursday, Feb. 5

- Low Handicap Gross**
- Art Clark, Gary Wintle, Ralph Smith.....36

- High Handicap Gross**
- Chris Furgerson, Sam Wykoff, Serge Loiselle.....42

Birdies

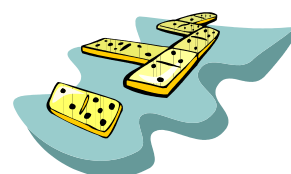
- Art Clark, Chris Furgerson, Bill Harkins, Frank Bovenburg, Dan Watson, Gary Wintle, Jay Jager, Mark Stein, Ralph Smith.....1

- Low Handicap Net**
- Roy French.....30

- High Handicap Net**
- Stan Motycka.....32

- Closest to Pin #3**
- Dave Watson.....8'4"

- Closest to Pin #5**
- Bill Harkins.....7'2"



Dominoes

by Linda Gough
Thursday, Feb. 5

- Table 1** Linda Murphy.....248
- Table 2** Jamie Hyde.....194
- Table 3** Janet Herbert.....179
- Table 4** Pat Long.....124

Pickleball Jam

by Sherie Grissinger
Tuesday, Feb. 3

Advanced Mixed Jam

- 1. Wally Wilson
- 2. Lana Wilson
- 3. Randy Smith

Intermediate

- 1. Kathi Van Horn
- 2. Ann Hugh
- 3. Debbie Kat



Mah Jongg

by Deborah May
Friday, Feb. 6

Wins

- Rose Taggart, Laure Bania.....7
- Mary Brown.....6
- Kelly Fadrowski.....5

- Arlene Bouchard, Rachel Brooks, Anne Amico, Pam Weisberg.....4
- Cloie Morgan, Marcia Hatfield, Linda Gavin, Nancy Moschler...2
- Betty Brown, Jen Furman.....1

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Clint Taylor celebrates 96 years

by Ruth Bordner

About 100 people showed up to celebrate Clint's birthday with him last week. Clint, who has been a seasonal resident here for 35 years, says he will keep returning to TR until he gets a hole in one!



Photo by Ruth Bordner

CLINT TAYLOR

Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 Years Ago - 1996

- Resolutions would cut Park Manager position. The first suggested resolution would put all responsibilities on the TR Board of Directors. The second would eliminate the position of Assistant Manager.

- Brisk weather hits Travelers Rest with temperature of 20 degrees reminding us that none of us is immune from winter's onslaught.

- During the 1997-1998 season we will be celebrating our 25th year at Travelers Rest. Everyone should be involved and tell us your ideas.

20 Years Ago - 2006

- San Ann Market in San Antonio has a new owner, Mark Fields. Owning his own store has been a lifelong dream.

- Telephone for hearing-impaired to "ring" again. The Deaf and Hearing Connection from Tampa Bay will be at TR on Monday in the Hobby House. In addition, hearing tests will be given free to anyone who desires one.

- The February RBM (Resident, Board, Management) Meeting announced 14 stocks are available at an average price of \$4,957. The waiting list grew to 68 hopeful people aspiring to move to TR.

10 Years Ago - 2016

- TR has become a small city. There are a total of 681 units in the park including 400 in RV South, 77 in the Cabana section, 134 in the Village, 60 on Golf View and 10 on Oak View. There are 3.7 miles of streets which connect these areas.

- Is that a siren again? If you've been in the park since the start of the year, you must be aware of the number of times the siren has sounded. For the first 35 days of the year, the First Responders have answered 23 calls.

- Former Girl Scouts and Girl Guides here at TR are invited to gather together for our 5th Annual get together. Join us for member songs, friendship and snacks as we celebrate World Thinking Day.



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