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Hi Lites



Travelaires play last dance of the season

Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. See Page 2.

BASH

End-of-Season Bash!

Saturday, March 14, noon to 5 p.m. in The Grove.



SkyMed presentation

Saturday, March 14 at 4 p.m. in Citrus West. See Page 6.



Paddy's Crew to play

at Busch Hall Sunday Night Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. See Page 2.



Tuesday Night Movie

Feature is "Song Sung Blue" on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:55 p.m. in Citrus East. See Page 2.



Monday, March 16 at 3 p.m. at the Busch Hall Front Porch.



Coffee Seminar

Native Plants and Trees on Tuesday, March 17 at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall. See Page 6.

Coffee Seminar

Dr. Sondra Shields will discuss nutrition on Thursday, March 19 at 8 a.m. in Busch Hall. See Page 6.

Activity Reminders

Reminders from Station 33

Before you go home, don't forget to: Change your smoke detector batteries, update your Vial(s) of Life and ensure that your address sign is visible at night.

Broadway Revue

At Busch Hall Sunday Night, Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m. See Page 2.

Harrison Jazz Ensemble

At Busch Hall Sunday Night Sunday, March 29 at 7 p.m. See Page 2.



People and Places . . . Chapter 12 How far have you traveled?

by Margaret Emmetts

Since TR was originally formed as an Airstream park it is a given that most of our residents are travelers. In speaking to a number of residents I found it amazing that their travels consisted mostly of trips to states in the continental U.S., Canada and possibly Mexico. In other words, places to which they could drive. Many have not traveled overseas although many years ago Airstream did sponsor caravans to France and South Africa.

Traveling on the North American continent allows one to visit cultures that are just a couple of hundred years old. However, if one is to venture further afield you may visit cultures much, much older.

If you were to travel to Lima, Peru, for instance, you might visit a home that has been continually occupied by the same family since Pizarro founded the city of Lima circa 1500 A. D. The home features an ornately carved dining room table in which the family name is carved. Also in South America one may fly over the Andes and view the Nazca Lines. The Nazca Lines create hundreds of pictures etched in the desert by ancient cultures. It is still not definitely known how these patterns were created when they can only be properly viewed from the air.

It is common in Amsterdam, Netherlands to find families that occupy homes that are anywhere from 700 to 800 years old.

To go back even further, on a trip to Greece you will marvel at a thousand years old plumbing system that was designed to clean city streets. You might also view unique thousands of years old gold jewelry that is comprised of many tiny gold spheres. An artist traveling with me pointed out how difficult it is to create these spheres. The gold must be within a very limited temperature range to permit the balls to form. If the gold is too hot, the spheres will flatten. If too cool, the spheres will not form. How did these artists measure the correct temperature at which to create this jewelry when temperature measuring devices had not yet been created? In China one might find a metal chariot that contains a gimbaled umbrella designed to shade the Emperor. Gimbaled means that the umbrella contains a mechanism that permits it to be tilted in any direction. Isn't it remarkable that this technology existed thousands of years ago?

In Rome one may sit at an outdoor café having lunch and be in sight of ruins that are thousands of years old. A visit to the Colosseum may introduce you to features of the structure about which you were unaware. Did you know that the structure originally had a retractable cover to shade the seats of the wealthy? Also the area was capable of being flooded to simulate naval battles. Elevators were used to bring animals from holding pens to the floor of the arena.

My take away from these distant travels is a sense of awe for the technologies that existed so very long ago. Broaden your horizons and try a visit to an ancient land.

Ancient cultures and technology are not the only reason to travel far. If you are interested in unique geology consider the island of Iceland. Aside from its unbelievably clean air and great scenery it is a place like nowhere else on earth. Iceland is a volcanic island where the volcanism is still active and is the home of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

The Mid-Atlantic Ridge is the longest mountain range on the planet. It extends for some 10,000 miles and ranges in height from 6,000 to 13,000 feet. But, you have probably never heard of this mountain range nor have you seen it. That is because it lies at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean where the North American and Eurasian Tectonic Plates meet. These two tectonic plates are moving apart causing a huge rift valley. The separation is caused by magma from beneath earth's surface rising to the sea floor. The pressure of the rising magma forces the plates apart with the magma piling up on either side of the rift. The rift itself has a depth similar to that of the Grand Canyon.

So where does Iceland enter into this picture? Iceland is the only place on earth where this Mid-Atlantic Ridge comes to the surface of the earth. Since the rift is created by volcanism, this would explain why Iceland is such a volcanic island.

The rift is separating at the rate of two to five centimeters or zero-point-eight to two inches per year. As would be expected, this is a great place for scientific investigation. Studying the rift on earth's surface is certainly easier than working at the bottom of the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

If you visit Iceland you will see evidence of its volcanic origins and be amazed at how clean the air is. The clean air is the result of the Island's use of geothermal heat to provide heating for all its buildings. There are no oil burners, coal stoves or other sources emitting smoke. The hot springs generated by the Island's volcanic nature provide enough hot water to supply all the Island's needs.

A bit of Island trivia: Iceland is the home of a unique breed of horses. Islanders carefully maintain this unique breed by not allowing for the possibility of any cross-breeding. If one of the horses leaves the Island it is not permitted to return nor are other breeds of horses allowed on the Island.



Photos by Margaret Emmetts

A trail ride on Iceland's unique breed of horses gives one a chance to see the landscape up close and personal.



The exterior, above and interior, below of some of the very old houses on the island. Life for early residents was very primitive. Winters were very cold and multiple families would spend the season clustered in a single unit.



If you are a history buff, you might visit the building where Sergeyevich Gorbachev, Secretary General of the Communist Party met with President Ronald Reagan in October 1986 in Reykjavik.



The world in which we live has so many places to visit. Whether you travel near or far, you have the opportunity to see unique landscapes, learn about different cultures and be amazed at the achievements of ancient civilization.

By Airstream, "SOB," plane, ship or car-Happy Travels.



Busch Hall Sunday Night shows



by Katherine Shawver

Take a trip to Dublin, Ireland as TR's own Irish band, Paddy's Crew, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Busch Hall on Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Paddy's Crew includes our own TR residents Ken Langell, Doc and Donna Probes, Terry Brennan, Brode Morgan and guest Laird Durhan, who will dust off the jigs and reels.

This lively concert will feature Ken Langell on guitar and octave mandolin, which became a common instrument in Irish music in the 1960s. Donna will play mandolin and Irish drum while Doc will squeeze the Anglo concertina. Terry Brennan will be on guitar and Brode Morgan will fiddle some beautiful waltzes. The Ice Cream Social, from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., is followed by announcements.

On Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m. we will welcome Arts In Motion (AIM) a 501(c)(3) non-profit community youth theater and arts education organization serving Dade City. The mission of Arts In Motion is to provide a means for children in kindergarten through 12th grade to participate in the visual and performing arts that are both educational and entertaining. They will bring to our stage their Broadway Review. If you remem-

ber the Show Stoppers who have entertained us at Busch Hall Sunday Night in the past, this is the next generation of youth musical and theater students in Dade City. We love to include local talent and support our community. We have had suggestions to bring back the young entertainers, so don't miss this fun evening. The Ice Cream Social, from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., is followed by announcements.



On Sunday, March 29 at 7 p.m. the Harrison Jazz Ensemble will take the stage. The Harrison Jazz Ensemble is a jazz band performing in the Tampa Bay area. Nothing makes the Harrison Jazz Ensemble happier than to create an event that is memorable and enjoyable. TR always enjoys the great jazz tunes performed by the Harrison Jazz Ensemble. The Ice Cream Social, from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m., is followed by announcements.



Photos submitted by Katherine Shawver
HARRISON JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Pops Chorus thanks you

by Pat Daubenmier

The year has wound down and we now enjoy the last paper of the season. We assume that you were also able to enjoy one of those yummy root beer floats sponsored by the Pops Chorus. At the time of this writing, we don't know whether we reached our goal of being able to purchase a much-needed keyboard or a new set of music for 2027. We can however definitely thank all residents for supporting our fund-raising efforts.

We also must thank Mary Beth Coldren for keeping the chorus

moving forward in the right direction. Mary Beth has been instrumental in organizing music, creating and collecting folders, scheduling, sending out numerous emails, getting us to dress similarly and making those root beer floats happen. It is also likely there were many other jobs of which we are unaware. Thank you Mary Beth!

We hope some of you will decide to join us next year in preparing an energetic and entertaining program at the Pops Chorus.

TNM

by Nancy McDowell

Our next movie on Tuesday, March 17 is "Song Sung Blue" starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson as Mike and Claire Sardina, who performed as the Neil Diamond Tribute Band, Lightning & Thunder.

Come next week and vote to choose our last feature on March 20. Ballots will be made available. Options are "Nuremberg" or "Hamnet." Trailers for both will be shown prior to the feature.

Feature presentations will start at 7 p.m.

Please remember to silence your phones prior to the movie! Donations for movies and popcorn are always appreciated; they help keep this activity vital in our community. Do not forget to bring a comfy chair.

Please note: For you summer residents, watch the Post Office Bulletin Board, we may be showing matinees or early evening shows to get us out of our personal A/C units and together in a common A/C unit.

Enjoy your summer movie-going. Thanks for bearing with me for my first TNM season. I will see you all next fall!

Come dance an Irish jig



by Pat Daubenmier

This is the day when you get to be Irish for a couple of hours. The Travelaires invite you to join them in Busch Hall tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We challenge you to find some song where you can dance an Irish jig. If you're not feeling "jiggy" perhaps try a jitterbug, a waltz, a salsa or some line dancing. We also welcome those who just come to listen.

This is our last dance of the season, and we truly thank all who have come and supported us this year. Although we all enjoy playing together, it's more fun to share and see others having a good time. Special thanks to our sound guys who probably make us sound

better than we are, the faithful helpers that get those tables and chairs ready for all, Alex and her ardent line dancers, Jeff for encouraging his ballroom dancers to practice, those who join us from outside the park to fill in the missing parts, Phil St. John who continues to be a great source of information and inspiration and Dave Murphy who spends countless hours preparing programs, directions and music.

We wish all of you a safe and healthy "off season" so you can return to TR and dance your feet off or just sit and enjoy the music. For any reluctant musicians, we can always find a chair and some music for you.

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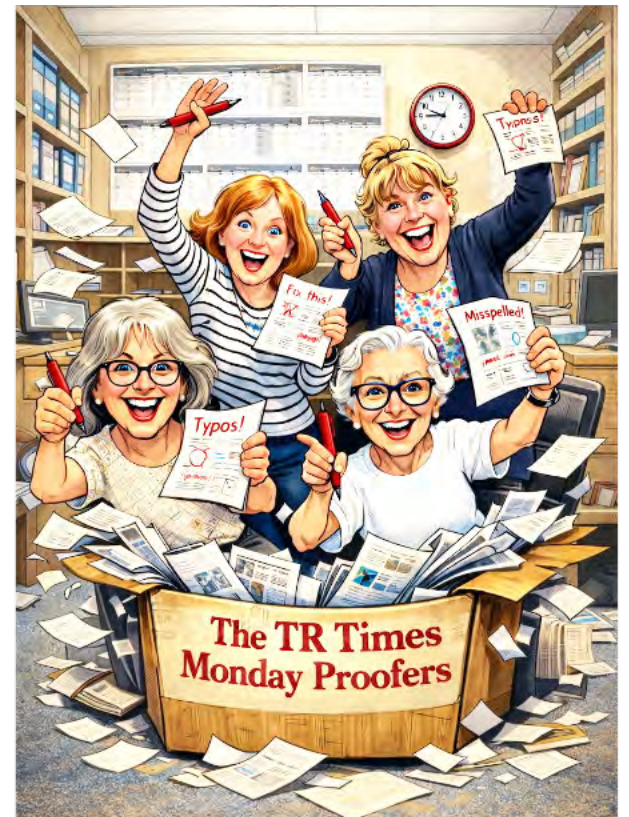


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Policy update: Unit Sales on Site and Skirting Standards

by Kelly Newbury

The Board and management periodically review park policies to ensure they remain clear, consistent and aligned with current park standards. Two policies that residents occasionally ask about, selling units on site and skirting requirements, have recently been reviewed and clarified.

The following summary highlights the key points residents should know.

Selling a Unit on Site (Policy D7010) revised Feb. 6, 2026

Residents in RV South and the Cabana section who wish to sell a Park Model, HUD/ANSI unit, or RV while it remains on the site must first obtain a Sell-On-Site Release from park management. Before approval is granted, the Park Manager (or designee) will inspect the unit and site to confirm that:

- The site and exterior of the unit are clean and in compliance with park standards.
- All annual lease fees and other charges are paid.
- No outstanding violations or fines exist.

Any issues identified during the inspection must be corrected before the unit may be listed for sale.

If the unit does not sell before Aug. 1, which marks the start of the new lease season, it may remain on the site only if the site has not been requested by another lessee and the next season's lease fees are paid in full.

Units approved for sale on site may not be rented or sub-leased during the sale period and they may only be occupied by the lessee of record.

These guidelines help ensure that sites remain properly maintained and available to residents when needed.

Skirting and Permanent Steps Standards (Policy D6265) revised November 4, 2025

The park's skirting standards help maintain a consistent appearance throughout the community and protect the structural components beneath units.

Skirting is required for units that are considered permanent or semi-permanent installations, including:

- Park Model trailers (ANSI and HUD)
- Destination trailers
- RVs placed on blocks
- Units with screen rooms or enclosed additions

Key requirements include:

- Skirting must be a commercially manufactured vinyl product designed for that purpose.
- Management approval is required before installation.
- Installation should be completed by a licensed contractor, although do-it-yourself installation may be allowed with prior written approval and final inspection.

For Park Model units, white vinyl skirting is required and should normally be installed within 30 days of Pasco County permit approval.

Units located on perimeter streets (10th, 14th and 21st) have additional requirements including white split-stone masonry skirting at the front of the unit and masonry steps meeting county code.

For RVs on blocks or destination trailers, vinyl skirting may be a color that complements the unit, provided the color is approved by management and the material is commercially manufactured.

Questions?

Residents planning to sell a unit or install skirting are encouraged to contact park management before beginning the process. Early coordination helps ensure that projects and listings proceed smoothly and remain in compliance with park standards.

These policies help maintain the appearance, safety and consistency of the resort while protecting the interests of all residents.

Editor's note: Complete policies may be read in TR's Official Policy Manual accessed through the Resident Dashboard on InTouch or via the Resident Login on the Travelers Rest Resort website.



Your continued support
is greatly appreciated.

**No bulk waste pick-up
is scheduled for this season.
Please take your items to:
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9626 Handcart Road
Dade City**

From the Manager's desk



CHAD BARBER

by Chad Barber with
Pam Watkins

In this week's column, we look back at the season's accomplishments and look ahead to the changes on the horizon.

Chad Barber is completing his first full season as TR's general manager, and he is amazed at the number of positive changes, particularly in technology and policy, that have been introduced in such a short time. "I have a great appreciation for what everyone does here daily," he shares, and goes on to say that "it has been about looking at the day-to-day operations through a different light." Although many changes are easily recognized, some changes are happening gradually, but all are expected to result in a rewarding future for the TR community.

One of the most visible changes is TR's park maps. The maps now include AED units depicted with a heart symbol and the letters AED in the center, Bromwell Lane in the Village will be added and the maps also have

some safety advice to not feed the wildlife—especially the gators.

Beyond printed improvements, management has strengthened customer service by adding new office hours and introducing several new volunteer staff member positions at the Post Office and the TR Office. Chad adds "We want to thank all our volunteers for their efforts, patience and personal input," noting that he also appreciates everyone's patience with the fluctuating hours.

As we have heard at the recent Resident Forums, Barber brings a wealth of technology experience to his position. President Deborah May jokingly commented, "Chad is pushing us kicking and screaming into the technology world." New computer systems and software have been installed and are undergoing implementation. This may be one of the more gradual changes and Chad says, "This will always likely be a moving target, as technology is a huge part of growth."

The list of accomplishments is long, but residents may be wondering about the status of other projects discussed earlier this season. Chad shares that there are some exciting changes in store for our Snack Shack area, but plans are still being ironed out. Our recycling signage will always be a challenge, and like technology, we will need to work through the growth pains. The online reservation and work order systems are being refined and will be rolled out for testing this summer. The Mirror Lake Fountain was successfully repaired, and the issue prompted a new quarterly maintenance plan to

be developed. Finally, TR now has a good plan in next year's budget to upgrade the air-quality system in the Wood Shop.

With so many positive accomplishments, people may be eager to share TR with their friends, so I asked Chad about share availability. He reports that currently the number of available shares is 54 with prices between \$3,695 and \$6,275. He cautions that those figures change frequently.

Just to keep Chad on his toes, I asked what changes the residents can look forward to next season, and readers will not be disappointed. "Plan to be wowed with some exciting and colorful changes in store for everyone," he exclaims. The TR Office will have a more permanent staff structure, and there will be many small changes to processes, policies and procedures. These changes will be noticeable on our leases, work orders, lot improvement forms and reservations.

As many heard at the March Forum, the maintenance building will be reduced to its frame, and this outdated and cluttered workspace will receive a complete makeover including an employee break room, office space and updated restrooms. The exterior will receive a new entranceway and a new roof extension over the south side, covering the equipment lift.

With so many changes underway, it will be exciting to return and see the progress next season. Chad extends his best wishes to everyone for safe travels and looks forward to your return.

2026 Resident Survey What we heard - and what happens next

by Kelly Newbury

Earlier this year, residents were invited to participate in the 2026 Resident Survey. Of the 600 surveys distributed, 240 were returned along with 356 written comments. The participation and thoughtful feedback demonstrate something important: Residents across the community are engaged and invested in the future of Travelers Rest.

The overall results were encouraging. Across nearly all survey categories, the majority of responses fell within the 4–5 rating range, reflecting strong satisfaction with the resort and appreciation for improvements made in recent years. Residents consistently expressed pride in the park's identity as a resort-style community and recognized positive changes in areas such as golf course improvements, office staff interactions and Sunday entertainment programming.

At the same time, the survey highlighted areas where residents would like to see continued refinement. Common themes included maintaining consistent appearance standards across the park, improving maintenance visibility, modernizing communication tools such as the website and InTouch system, and evaluating mid-week entertainment programming to ensure it remains enjoyable and well attended.

A note on the beer and wine question

The survey included one direct polling question asking whether residents would allow the

sale of beer and wine. Responses were nearly evenly split, reflecting a range of viewpoints among residents.

Supporters often cited the potential for additional social opportunities and revenue for park activities, while others expressed concerns about liability, insurance implications and maintaining the character and reputation of the resort. Many residents also indicated they would like more information before forming a final opinion. At this time, alcohol sales are not permitted at Travelers Rest, and the topic would require careful review and additional discussion before any potential changes could be considered.

Questions raised by residents

In addition to the ratings portion of the survey, many residents used the comment section to ask questions about park operations and policies. Several themes appeared repeatedly, and the Board has worked to provide clarification and context where possible.

One frequently discussed topic was the possibility of an online reservation system for the Golfview RV sites. This has been a long-standing goal shared by both residents and park management. Technology upgrades completed in late 2025, including improvements to the park operating system, server equipment and IT support, now make this possible. With these upgrades in place, the office is actively working toward implementing an online reservation system, which will be

tested thoroughly before being introduced to ensure reliability and ease of use.

Lawn care and maintenance standards were another common topic in resident comments. Current practices are based on long-standing operational procedures, staffing levels and the shared goal of maintaining a clean and welcoming appearance throughout the park. During summer months when many sites are unoccupied, consistent lawn care requirements help prevent weed growth and maintain the park's overall appearance.

Highly visible areas, such as 1st Street and the main entrance corridor, traditionally receive additional mowing and trimming to maintain a consistent first impression of the resort. In other areas, routine trimming and weed control at individual sites remain the responsibility of residents, while park maintenance crews focus primarily on mowing areas accessible by riding equipment. Expanding park-wide services would require additional staffing, equipment and operating costs, which must be evaluated carefully to ensure long-term sustainability.

Residents also expressed interest in stronger connections between activity groups and the Board. All activities at Travelers Rest currently operate under Travelers Rest Activities, LLC, which provides coordination and liaison support for affiliated groups.

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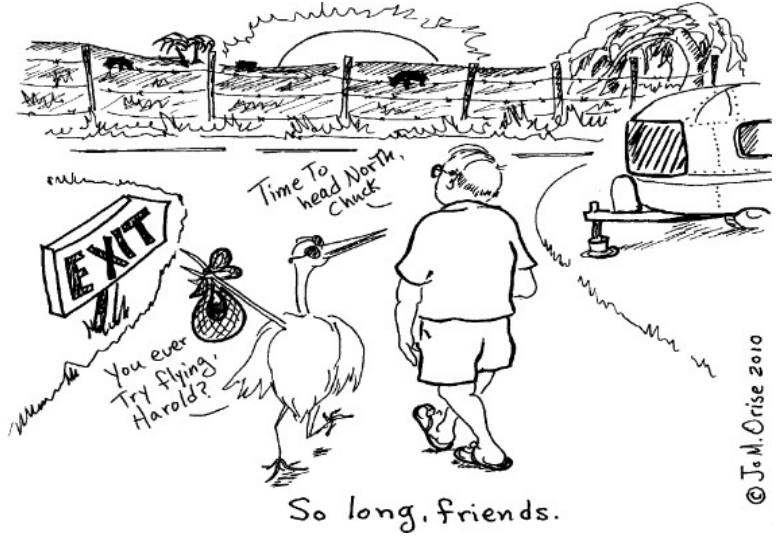


Safe travels

Time flies when you are busy and nowhere does time fly faster than here at TR. So many activities from which to choose. Several years ago one couple who visited TR for the first time thought you were obligated to participate in as many activities on the Bulletin Board page as possible. They left after a week totally exhausted.

All this activity has brought us to the end of another "high season." Time for all the snowbirds to think about traveling to their homes up north. In view of the kind of winter the North has experienced this year, most of us are not in a hurry to travel there. However, soon the weather will change and we will be on our way. For those of you who will be leaving, safe journey. It is our hope that you will have a wonderful summer with friends and family at your other home. Stay well.

We live in a world that is chaotic, both politically and weather-wise. Please try to bring peace and friendliness to your little corner of the world. Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you in the fall. *mre*



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The Servant's Plow

The Peace Keeper

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

As another season comes to a close at TR, many of us find ourselves looking both backward and forward. We reflect on what has been gained, what has been lost, what prayers were answered and which ones are still waiting.

With age comes perspective. We have lived long enough to know that peace is not automatic. It is not guaranteed by good circumstances, financial security, or even good health. Peace can feel fragile in a world that often seems unsettled.

That is why the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 5 are so powerful: "Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Notice the certainty in that sentence. Not we might have peace. Not we are working toward peace. We have peace.

That peace is not based on how steady we have been this year. It rests on what Christ has already done. According to Paul, while we were still weak—while we were still sinners—Christ died for us. Peace with God was not earned; it was established through sacrifice.

Many of us carry memories from decades past—moments we would redo if we could. However peace with God means we do not live under the shadow of old failures. The cross settled that account. The work is finished. We are not striving to be accepted; we are living from acceptance.

This kind of peace becomes especially meaningful in seasons of difficulty. Paul goes on to say something surprising. We also "rejoice in our sufferings." That does not mean we enjoy hardship. It means we recognize that hardship is not pointless.

Over time suffering produces perseverance. Perseverance shapes character. Character strengthens hope.



CHAPLAIN ANTHONY SHIPE

Those are not theoretical words. Many in our community have walked through hospital rooms, gravesides, financial strain and family heartache. Yet here you are—still standing, still believing, still worshipping. That kind of steady faith does not develop in comfort alone. It grows in the soil of endurance.

There is even room for a bit of gentle humor in this season of life. One gentleman joked recently, "When I bend down to tie my shoes, I ask myself if there's anything else I need to do while I'm down there." We smile because we understand. The body slows, energy shifts, but inwardly something else can be deepening—a settled confidence that Christ is enough.

Paul reminds us that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit; not sprinkled, not measured out sparingly, poured out. That means in the quiet evenings and in the uncertain moments, we are not alone.

Perhaps the most comforting line in this passage is Paul's reminder that "while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son." Reconciled means restored to relationship—not merely tolerated, not placed on probation, restored.

Paul makes a logical point: if God loved us enough to bring us back when we were far from Him, how much more will He hold onto us now that we belong to Him?

As this season ends, that truth steadies us. The same Christ who secured our peace at the cross continues to sustain us today. He walks with us into doctor's appointments, family transitions and the unknowns of tomorrow.

Peace does not mean life is easy. It means we are secure.

It means our standing with God is settled.

It means suffering does not have the final word.

It means the future is not something to fear.

Our community has seen much over the years—change, growth, challenge and blessing. Through it all, the quiet testimony of seasoned faith shines brightly. Younger generations need to see that kind of peace—the kind that has endured loss and still trusts, that has faced uncertainty and still hopes.

As we turn the page to a new season, may we rest in this assurance: Peace is not something we manufacture. It is something we receive and live in.

Jesus Christ is the One who made that peace possible. He established it through His sacrifice and sustains it by His presence. He does not abandon what He has reconciled.

As this chapter closes, we close it with gratitude, and we step into the next season grounded in the quiet confidence that the "Peace Keeper" remains faithful.

That is reason enough to move forward with hope. Safe travels home.

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Bricks for the Veterans Memorial Walk

by Ken Hankinson

After a really banner season in 2025 when 22 new bricks were installed, indicating there must have been a lot of pent-up demand, 2026 was considerably a slower season. Memorial bricks for a veteran either living or deceased can be ordered any time during the year. The veteran does not have to have been a TR resident either in the present or in the past. Any veteran can be honored with a memorial brick.

The cost of the bricks are \$100 for the first brick and \$50 for any additional bricks ordered at the same time. Why not team up with a friend or neighbor and bring the cost per brick down (e.g. \$75 each if you order two bricks). Any bricks ordered for the remainder of this season will be submitted for production in late April, delivered over the season and installed in the Veterans Memorial Walk during November in time for Veterans Day 2026.

Memorial brick order forms are available on the Veterans Bulletin Board in Busch Hall, or see Bill Wise at lot 14-09 or Ken Hankinson at lot 26-09 for an order form or for any additional information.

Let's try to finish the 2026 season with a large order of new bricks for our TR Veterans Memorial Walk. Thank you for your support of the Memorial Brick Program and for all of our TR veteran programs.



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TR VETERAN BRICKS

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This structure allows volunteer-led groups to organize and manage their programs while maintaining consistency and communication with park leadership. The Board recognizes the dedication of the many volunteers who organize activities throughout the park and looks forward to continued collaboration that supports a vibrant and welcoming community.

Lease rates and operating costs were also discussed in survey comments. The costs of operating Travelers Rest, including property taxes, insurance, utilities, staffing and capital improvements, continue to increase each year. Park operations and community services are supported through the community's annual site lease and maintenance fee structure. While volunteer contributions throughout the park are greatly appreciated and strengthen the community, they cannot offset many of the core operating expenses required to maintain infrastructure and services.

Residents also raised questions regarding governance and communication, including meeting access and the posting of Board minutes. Travelers Rest operates as a corporation governed by Florida corporate statutes rather than as a homeowners association. Under this structure, corporate boards are not required to hold open meetings.

This approach allows Board discussions to take place in a focused and respectful setting so park business can be addressed thoughtfully and efficiently. Board members themselves are resident

volunteers whose decisions, both positive and challenging, affect their own homes and experiences as well.

While Board meetings are not open sessions, meeting minutes are posted following approval and updates are shared through established park communication channels so residents remain informed about park operations and decisions.

Some additional questions addressed topics such as AGM packet distribution and storage area access. AGM materials are mailed to the address on file for each resident, with replacement copies available through the office when needed. The storage area gate is secured after maintenance hours, and residents who access the area after hours are asked to ensure it is properly closed when leaving.

Looking ahead

The survey results reflect a community that is both supportive and attentive to the continued success of Travelers Rest. Residents clearly value the character of the park and the improvements that have been made, while also encouraging continued refinement in areas such as communication, maintenance consistency and facility modernization.



The TR Spring Blood Drive is an overwhelming success

by Ken Neer

Many thanks to the 52 (see Honor Roll) TR snowbirds and residents willing to give their time and a part of themselves to donate the Gift of Life to the many in-need Pasco/Hernando County patients. Of the 52, 47 were able to donate (five deferrals) and were able to supply 51 units (four gave double reds which each count as two units). The 51 units was a record high during my 12 plus years as TR in-season blood drive coordinator. The 51 units equate to a potential of 153 Pasco/Hernando County patients receiving needed blood product transfusions. Along with several other TR activities aimed at helping the local community, giving blood demonstrates the willingness of our TR community to help others in need.

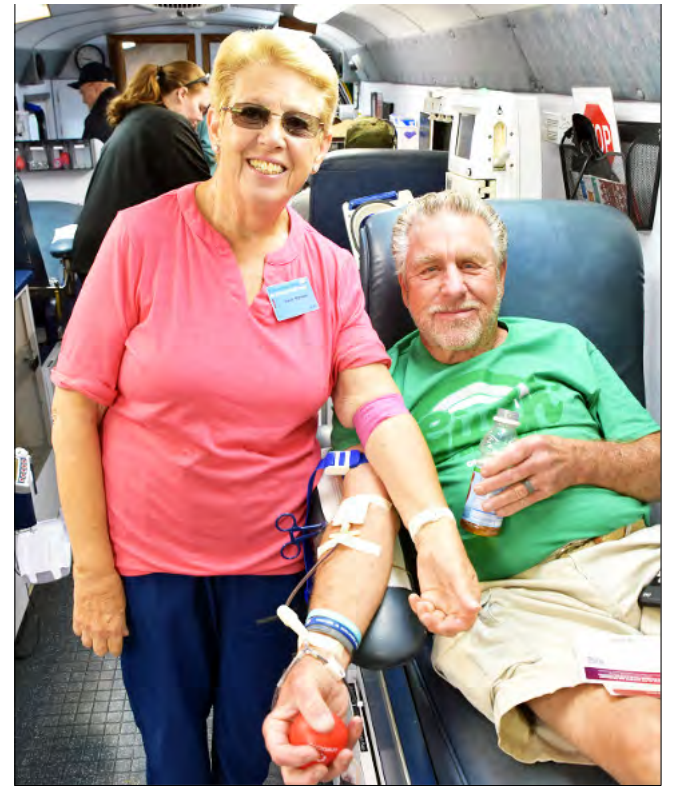
All who were able to give received a green St. Patrick's Day t-shirt, a \$20 eGift card good for redemption at several businesses and a wellness check that includes a total cholesterol count (phone-in). However, the best incentive is the overall good feeling of knowing you gave the Gift of Life to a patient in need.

This was my last blood drive as the in-season TR Blood Drive Coordinator. As announced and introduced at the entertainment two Sunday nights ago, Jan Stevens has graciously stepped up to be the new coordinator. Our next in-season blood drive will be Dec. 7, 2026 and will be coordinated by Jan.

On behalf of all the Pasco/Hernando patients benefitting from our TR blood drives, THANK YOU.



MARTHA BIGELOW AND RALPH BROWN



Photos by Bill Watkins

JANET STEVENS AND KEN NEER

Blood Donor HONOR ROLL

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at Travelers Rest on Monday, March 2, 2026.

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Activity Affairs

by Lora Davis

Can you believe the season is already nearly over? Time flies when you're surrounded by great people and great activities. What a season it's been! If you were new to TR this year, I hope you found the activities and hobbies you were seeking. If you are a returning resident, maybe you took a chance and discovered a fresh hobby or two along the way.

Don't forget the annual TR End of Season Bash! on Saturday, March 14 in The Grove. While this party signals the end is coming, it's not here yet. Activities continue strong for at least another week and some till the end of the month. Be sure to check InTouchLink for the most up-to-date event information.

I want to give a shout out to all of our incredible volunteers who pour their hearts into keeping our 130 plus activities going strong. It takes countless hours to plan, organize, set up and lead or teach activities. You have helped spark creativity and kept everyone moving and engaged. There are far too many of you to name individually but please know your efforts are deeply valued and appreciated by everyone at TR.

A year ago when I agreed to step in and fill the role of Activities

Coordinator, so much was unknown. The role had been a staff position in the Office reporting to the TR General Manager. Now, it is transitioning to the newly formed TR Activities LLC. The job itself was to remain the same but the dynamics would be different. Transitioning to a new general manager, IT issues for the park and delays in getting the Directory printed, all added additional challenges for as I was learning this new role. To all of you who have been so patient and supportive, I cannot thank you enough. There are many kind and flexible people in TR and I appreciate all of you.

On a practical note, if you haven't already turned in your Activity Update Form for next season, please do so as soon as possible. I'm working hard to get the various schedules wrapped up before the end of March.

Finally, remember that InTouchLink always has the most up-to-date event information. If you are not yet familiar with it, InTouch is a free mobile app you can download to stay informed about everything happening at TR. If you need help getting it set up, please contact the TR Office for assistance.

Final SkyMed presentation offers coffee and pastries

by Diana Hill

As the season winds down, safe travels to all snowbirds as you head home! I am still here with the final SkyMed presentation for the season on Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m. in Citrus West. Coffee and pastries will be available. A sign-up sheet will be in the TR Post Office so that there are enough pastries for everyone. I know the fritters go fast.

Before you set out on your trip home, come learn about SkyMed's emergency transportation membership benefits and receive the membership discounts for attending a presentation. If you are already a member, we have a renewal special, so stop by and save some money. Renewals count as credit for Travelers Rest and we get bonuses if you refer someone that takes a multi-year SkyMed membership.

I am very proud to be a TR resident and local rep for SkyMed which is an amazing Emergency



Medical Transportation company. We helped three TR couples home last season (one from a cruise) and were able to donate more than \$248 to the TR Activities Committee this year and \$500 last year. In the event of a medical emergency, your SkyMed membership can save you tens of thousands of dollars to get you home to your own network of doctors. We also help your spouse, pets, RV, vehicle and grandchildren home if needed. See the ad in *The TR Times* or click on the ad in *The TR Times* digital edition for more information. SkyMed and TR have a great partnership and your support is appreciated.

Welcoming Committee announces lunch

by Joan Ledbetter

Another season of activities is beginning to wrap up with various group end-of-season festivities. The TR Welcoming Committee is planning our end-of-season lunch for our members at The Snack Shack on Thursday, March 19.

We will continue to staff our table at every Busch Hall Sunday Night until March 29. Please stop by to say hello and perhaps sign up

as a volunteer for next season. All new owners and leaseholders are welcome to visit our Sunday night table this month to pick up a Welcome Goodie Bag if they have not done so this season. We will also continue to make name badges for anyone wishing to have one.

We wish all our TR friends a happy, healthy and safe spring and summer.

A special campfire

by Susan Stahley

Yes, we know there is a fire ban. Yes, we know we can't make a bonfire. In the TR spirit there will still be an enchanted campfire at the fire pit down by the Snack Shack on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Bring your chairs, your instruments and your songs to the final campfire of the season. We

can not have a marshmallow roast but we can have Girl Scout Cookies! Hope to see you all there.

Music
and
Cookies



Last Coffee Seminars for this season

by Leslie Ewing

The season is winding down and so are the Coffee Seminars in Busch Hall. This week there will be two seminars.

A representative from Native Plants and Trees on Bellamy Brothers Road is coming on Tuesday, March 17 at 8 a.m. to talk about how and what to plant here in TR that will survive during our frequent freezes and droughts. This follows up on Bob Rubino's earlier Coffee Seminar when he talked about the importance of plantings that have evolved to survive central Florida's weather.

The last Coffee Seminar for the season is on Thursday, March 19 at 8 a.m. It will feature Dr. Sondra Shields who will discuss nutrition with regard to longevity and how to live a long, healthy life. Dr. Shields frequently talks to various groups in the Tampa Bay Area about nutritional issues.

Fashion Show 2027

by Sharon Zile

The 2026 Fashion Show was wonderfully successful under the direction of sisters LuAnn Gatewood and Cindy Tinkham. After several years of fashion show leadership, LuAnn and Cindy have passed the torch to Marta Sellick and Debi Niles who have already begun to plan for the 2027 Fashion Show, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11. Marta and Debi have selected "TR is Where It's At" as the show's theme. Interested potential models are encouraged to contact Marta at 828-553-4336.



TR Amateur Radio Club

by Dan Zile

With this final publication of *The TR Times* for the season, I want to thank the Park Management and the Activities Board for the support provided to our club. Another thank you goes out to the residents of TR for supporting the club with your purchase of coffee and donuts at the Flea Markets. Also, I want to thank all of the 59 members of our radio club family for all of the contributions, accomplishments and support they have given throughout the year. It is an amazing group of people.

Speaking of accomplishments, study material was provided and three people passed the test to become new hams and members of our club. Another member upgraded his license to the highest possible level. Of the 59 members, there are 15 couples so this is not just a guy's organization. Our club members meet on the radio daily 365 days a year, not just when we are here at TR. The system used to make this happen was rebuilt this year to make it more reliable and usable in emergencies. Since additional space was acquired for storage and experimentation, the Communication Center was remodeled to accommodate a digital station. With the upgrade of solar panels, our solar system will provide power for emergency operations. Speaking of emergency operations, our club participated in an emergency test in Pasco County and West Central Florida. Communications with the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center can be done from our Communications Center here at TR. We have made contact with all 50 states plus International contacts, too.

To send emails requires the Internet, correct? Not necessarily. In a total emergency with no power, no Internet and no cell service, your radio club now has the capability of sending emails over the radio waves without the Internet. This will be a huge benefit to TR management and you, the residents, during emergencies. We practiced this exact situation the











last week of January where we operated for about 18 hours using no commercial power. Antennas were strung in trees and they worked perfectly. This operation is called Winter Field Day. This year we increased both the number of contacts made in North America and the Caribbean, as well as club participants, as we participated in the annual event.

The club decided to bury a "club time capsule" this year to be opened in ten years. Hopefully some of our members who attended the burial this year will still be around for the grand opening in 2036! With our major projects completed over the last four years, next year the plan is to concentrate more on education of our members. There are lots of areas of interest expressed by our members in a recent survey that will be fun to participate in next season.

As usual, your Travelers Rest Amateur Radio Club stands by to help provide emergency communications when required, while still enjoying our hobby. That is a win-win for everyone. If you think you might have an interest in learning more about Amateur Radio, or would like a tour of the Communications Center, contact Dan Zile at 618-954-8550 or email to WB0YMQ@aol.com (that is a zero not an O). See you next season. In the meantime, 73s.



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Sheila Schencke teaches balance and fall prevention

by Bob Curran

"I don't want to get up in the morning, but I don't want to miss class either because I feel so much better after I go to it." That's a common refrain Sheila Schencke hears from the dozens of TR residents who participate in her immensely popular Weights and Stretching class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning in Citrus East. "My husband Marty and I have been coming to TR for nine years (six full-time), and this is my eighth year of leading this class," she explained recently. "There were always a lot of choices for people who were looking for aerobic exercise at TR, but not a lot for weights, stretching and fall prevention." It would come as no surprise to anyone who knows Sheila that she would gravitate toward teaching at this stage of her life.

Here is a brief recap of her teaching career:

- She taught biology, chemistry, language arts and science methods.
- She taught in New York, California, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia and Louisiana, depending on where Marty was stationed in the Air Force at the time.
- She even taught "science methods" to elementary and middle school teachers at one point.

"I was the new teacher in a new school 10 times," she laughs. She says the highlight of her teaching career was the 10-year period in which she led the Air Force STARBASE aviation-themed learning centers for fifth



Photo by Bob Curran

SHEILA SCHENCKE

graders in Georgia and Louisiana. "That was my favorite job because it combined all the skills I learned in my lifetime and made the biggest difference in the students' lives," she said. "That actually relates well to our Weights and Stretching class at TR, where we have to take positive steps to achieve our health goals."

"When Marty retired from the Air Force, we moved to Washington State to be close to our daughter and her family, I became nationally certified to teach group fitness, including several types of Senior Fitness so I could be sure I was getting fit safely. I taught classes at The Y, Senior Centers and Fitness Centers.

The Syracuse, N.Y. native and graduate of the State University of New York at Brockport is not the only teacher in the family. Her mom taught pre-school through third grade, and a sister taught physical education. In an ironic

twist, Sheila's parents wanted to move into TR with their Airstream trailer at one point in time, but the waiting list was five years, so they went elsewhere.

The Weights and Stretching class is one of the few activities offered on a year-round basis at TR, and Sheila is understandably proud of its growing popularity. "It grew from six people the first year to about 70, filling both Citrus East and West during the winter season. Since the same exercises are done in each class, those who have two or more years of experience with Sheila in Citrus East can move to Citrus West, where volunteers with multiple years of experience lead them." Kathy Shawver, Kathy Lemke and Bob and Carol Luther also lead Weights & Stretching classes now.

Those who attend Sheila's classes quickly learn her three golden rules, probably because she repeats them at least once in every class:

- No falling.
- Stretching can be done all day every day, but warm up first.
- Work with weights should be done every other day.

On the long and winding road that brought her to classrooms throughout the country, Sheila learned about the "Who I Am Makes A Difference" movement, which empowers individuals by recognizing their unique value and promotes love, respect and connection. "Balance and fall prevention are so important," she says. "I look at leading these classes as part of who I am," and she is certainly making a difference. Just ask anyone in her class.

TR Model Railroad Club

by Brian Krupicka

What is this? These are called T-Trak Mini Dioramas. The design for this just came out last year as a means of promoting the model-railroad hobby to kids. The single-track module design is very simple. It is constructed on a one-inch foam installation board, painted, straight or covered track glued down and decorated with things kids would have around the house or can be bought at a Dollar Store. Each unit costs less than five



Photos by Brian Krupicka

Assorted mini dioramas.

dollars to build. These were designed for kids to be built by kids. However, it is a great project for parents and kids to accomplish together. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243. Everyone is welcome to join us on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the JMAB.



A great family model railroad project.

Stained Glass classes to introduce mosaics

by Amy Peebles

Stained Glass classes take place three times each week in the Jeri Miller Building. Classes are led by Chairperson Betty Teichert who has had experience in the medium since the 1980s. Gary Dietz began the Stained Glass classes in about 2016 and was followed by Shari Harberts who remained chair until her passing. Next season will be Betty's second year as chair.

Beginner classes are held on Mondays, experienced classes on Wednesdays and open classes for all on Fridays. Working on an individual project, students learn to cut glass, grind edges and wrap them in copper foil before soldering pieces together and then cleaning them. Basic supplies used include glass sheets, glass cutters, pliers, grinders, copper foil, flux and soldering irons. Recently on a Friday afternoon, three students

were working on a beginner's project making either a bird or a bumble bee which could be put on a spike or made into a suncatcher.

Next season Betty will be teaching stained glass mosaics which is the art of arranging colorful pieces of glass, plates and shells onto surfaces such as bowling balls, flowerpots and mirrors. She requested anyone interested in mosaics to please bring materials you would like to use as well as wheeled glass nippers to class.

After Shari passed away, her husband Paul generously donated all the supplies they had brought from home which were gratefully used. Betty says that next season, the type of project selected will determine cost of materials to the students. She will explain the possible costs prior to class sign-up. Mosaics will be a fun, new skill for stained glass students of all levels.

Coffee Seminars recap for this season

by Leslie Ewing

Several TR residents who missed a Coffee Seminar this year due to a conflicting activity or appointment have asked for a summary of what they have missed. Brief summaries of the most requested seminars are:

Hugh Embry Library, Tuesday, Jan. 20 – Libraries can pay \$100 for a book that costs \$6 on Kindle because so many people will read the book instead of purchasing it for themselves. Books can be borrowed by downloading to an e-reader app for a specified amount of time by connecting online to the local library. These e-books can only be lent out electronically for a limited amount of borrows, then it will no longer be available according to the contract with the publisher. The library will have to pay again for a new contract before the book will be available online again. For more information contact the library downtown or stop in to talk to a librarian.

Meals on Wheels, Tuesday Jan. 27 – TR residents were surprised that Meals on Wheels delivers to TR twice a week, delivering a whole week's worth of prepared meals for not just



shut-ins, but also for people who are temporarily unable to shop and prepare food, such as those recovering from injury or surgery. There is a need for volunteers who can just ride along and help carry food to the individual homes. Meals on Wheels has a free program provided by Pasco County, but there is a waiting list. Otherwise, the fee is \$130 per month. They will also pick up donations of food or money when they come to TR. Most needed are canned foods, especially small single-serve cans. Diabetic foods such as crackers or cookies are used to round out the meals. For more information call 813-782-7859.

Amy Grier and Bob Rubino, Tuesday, Feb. 10 – Amy and Bob's presentation has sparked a lot of

conversation in our resort. For more information about sedums, come to the Lake Margaret Garden on Tuesday or Thursday mornings when the Garden Club has work sessions. Bob's discussion about conservation and how this can save TR money from Pasco County has ignited a lot of interest. Amy and Bob are in the phonebook.

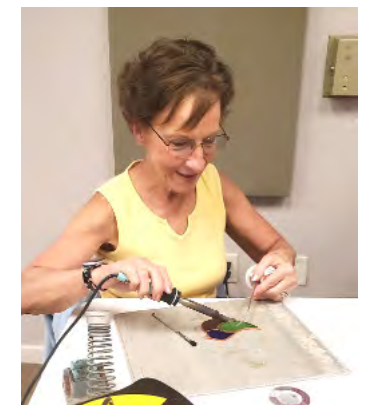
Florida Cracker, Feb. 19 has the most requests from people who could not make it to the seminar. The restaurant that is under construction across from Charlie's Market will open as soon as the Pasco County permitting process has been completed, hopefully sometime in March. It will be a bourbon bar and restaurant serving mostly pizza and salads. There will be happy hours starting at 2 p.m. with \$1 chicken wings. All Florida Cracker Restaurants are closed on Mondays. They have 13 restaurants. For more information visit flacracker.com.

Kumquat Growers Association, March 5 – There were no kumquats for tasting because they were harvested before they were fully ripe and then frozen to be processed into sauces and pies later. They were not fit to be eaten without processing because they would cause tummy problems if eaten while unripe. Their store is on Lake Iola Road by going straight past Charlie's Market crossing St. Joe Road. Their trees and store are on the right side of the road a short distance down the road. The store will be open until the last day in March for purchases of salsa, honey, BBQ sauces, marmalade, kumquat puree and pies.



Photos by Amy Peebles

Betty Teichert watches Dawn Hutchinson and Sue Burgess practice a new technique.



Janet Herbert uses a soldering iron to work on her copper foil.



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TR's Got Talent

Thank you!

Wow, what a show! What an absolutely fantastic show! I want to give a massive shout-out to all of you for your dedication and passion to make the 2026 Talent Show a huge success. The energy you brought to the stage (and behind the scenes!) was electrifying.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your incredible hard work, dedication, long hours, your creativity and for sharing your amazing talents with us. The time and energy each of you invested did not go unnoticed, from the early planning stages to the final curtain call.

Thank you to all of the photographers, including Towney Kennard (whose name was left out of the program), for their long hours, so we have a way to preserve these wonderful memories.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the community by organizing the 2026 Talent Show. It was truly my pleasure to work with such a committed group of people. Keep shining!

With heartfelt appreciation,
Cherie Richman



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T Real Talent



Bob Luther in Margaritaville.



The TR Blues Band sing "Every Day I have the Blues."
ANDREA PATTERSON, SEAN NEER, BRUCE RICHMAN AND TERRY BRENNAN



SEAN NEER



BRUCE RICHMAN AND TERRY BRENNAN

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Carey Box
Bob Rubino
Jen Furman and
Towney Kennard*



Ken Langell as Mark Twain.



SISTERS
Kelly Reimann, Cherie Richman, Cindy Watson and Shirley-Ann Appleby, perform to the song "Sisters" from the movie "White Christmas." Not Pictured: Barb Larose and Kathy Reimann.



Tom Etchill, Rick Thompson and Rick Peebles dance to Michael Jackson's "Beat It."



Jeff Duquette as the Cabana Comedian.



Ruth Reeve and Bob Trotter as the 13th President. Not pictured: Pianist Ron Reeve.



Brode Morgan, Howard Best and Chris Farler sing about songs my father taught me.



TR GOSPEL QUARTET
John Daubenmier, Gene Gough, Harold Keefer and Joe Shipe sing "I'll Fly Away."



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A little rain doesn't dampen TR's Annual Garden Walk



Thank you Volunteers and Artists

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are charming gardeners who make our souls blossom" ~Marcel Proust

We want to thank the Garden Club volunteers who have spent countless hours caring for the garden and preparing for Sunday's Garden Walk. Also, a huge thank you to all the artists who shared their talents. Lastly, we are grateful to all those who visited the garden on Sunday and supported our gardeners and artists with your presence.

Bart and Brenda Schultz



Donna Probes loves her instruments!



A beautiful Monarch butterfly snacks on ...



Betty Brown, Peggy Biser, Rick Yoder and Lois Showers bring harmony to the garden on their dulcimers.



Cindy Watson delights observers with her watercolors.



Photos by Bob Rubino



Kathy and Wolf Reimann on the right visit the Garden Walk with their friends.



Guy Weik and Laura and Bob Maragnano enjoy catching up with one another at the Garden Walk.



LMGC Volunteers Susan and Pat display a couple of rocks that they found along the garden path.



Amy Grier paints another beautiful rendition of our garden.



Sunshine and chocolate are two things found in the garden.



Rick Peebles uses his calligraphy skills to make new name tags for Garden Walk attendees.

Travel News



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon Gilbert Zile

After a very full day, 37 TR travelers gathered their shopping belongings to emerge from a new yellow Small World Tour bus, totally fulfilled by a Gadabout day of chocolates, beautiful dining, a bakery with amazing pastries and breads and wine. The tour was planned by Holly Griggs of Small World Tours and was one of more than 200 tours the bus company provides for senior travel experiences in Central Florida and beyond.

Our day began with tasting the Russell Stover's Dubai-style milk chocolates with pistachio butter and a crispy kataifi pastry which was deemed by most as quite delicious. The Russell Stover company was founded in 1923 by Clara Stover and employs generations of chocolate makers in Kansas and Texas.

In Wildwood, near Orlando, the company has a retail store with hundreds of chocolates and a variety of assortments. While there were some special white, dark and milk chocolate Easter bunnies, other finds were chocolate-covered raisins, almonds and peanuts. Packaging included a mixed chocolates Forrest Gump assortment. Shopping bags of bargains and indulgences were loaded onto the bus!



Photos submitted by Sharon Zile

Diana ponders her chocolate bunny selection.

The chocolate delicacies were just enough to wake up our palates for lunch at the very beautiful Mission Inn Resort and Golf Club in the community of Howey-in-the-Hills near Tavares. Spanning over 500 acres of Central Florida's picturesque landscape, the resort features historic Spanish architecture. The roots of the resort stretch back to 1916 when William Howey acquired 60,000 acres of prime Central Florida real estate to establish the world's largest horticultural empire with the area's favorable climate and fertile soil. A golf course and hotel were built and the area flourished until the Great Depression and a devastating freeze. The hotel and golf course were in quite a state of disrepair when Nick Beucher of Chicago, inspired by the Spanish Colonial architecture, transformed the resort property in the 1960s. Today the Mission Inn & Resort spans over 500 acres with two award-winning golf courses,

176 hotel rooms, three restaurants, a spa and event space.

Our lunch in the La Hacienda was an American cuisine buffet featuring salads, baked salmon, roast beef, pork, asparagus, baby red potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and a dessert buffet of the most amazing chocolate layer cake, cheesecake, key lime pie and so much more. Our tables of four and six created conversational groupings that looked out to a beautiful arched stone bridge over a water feature with a golf course beyond. From the moment Fabio greeted us, until we departed, our time at La Hacienda Restaurant was relaxed and delicious. Perhaps we need to return for one of the Mission Inn Sunday brunches or holiday meals.

In true Gadabout style, we might have been tempted to remain at the Mission for a walk around the beautiful grounds, however the lure of an authentic German bakery beckoned us to Yalaha Bakery. While the bakery itself is tiny, the display case was filled with eye-appealing pastries and more than a few boxes of cream puffs, Bavarian-style chocolate cake and fresh strudels made their way to our bus. Numerous loaves of fresh sourdough or rye bread also found their way back to TR. While we waited for others to make their purchases, we gathered at outside tables that are provided for those who came to Yalaha for a sandwich. On weekends, Yalaha Bakery serves many guests who attend outdoor music events on the property. Later, as we disembarked the bus in the Busch Hall parking lot, Dan Zile and Steve Niles gifted each traveler with a round loaf of honey wheat bread.

Our Gadabout finale was the Lakeridge Winery & Vineyards near Clermont. Our host, Doug, provided a 12-minute movie showing much of the year-round operation of the winery followed by a knowledgeable and entertaining description of the local wine-making process. We learned that wineries may sell the same wine under different labels. Gallo provides the Winking Owl wine for Aldi, and Lakeridge provides their wine, using a different label, for the San Sebastian Winery in St. Augustine. A brief guided tour allowed us to view the enormous vats used for both the reds and whites. Lakeridge Winery ranks as Florida's largest premium winery, and remains a pioneer in the development of premium and sparkling wines from the native Muscadine grape. Lakeridge Winery labels have won over 1,500 awards for their excellence in winemaking. Our time at the Lakeridge Winery concluded with a wine tasting including their Pinot Noir, Sunblush, a Sparkling Pink Crescendo and their very popular Southern Red.

The 2025-26 season of Small World Tours for TR Travelers included a holiday performance of SunKicks kickline, Silver Springs State Park glass bottom boat tour, a murder mystery at an Orlando



Mission Inn Resort for lunch.



Pat Greene and Beannie Wise share a laugh over their choices of pastries.

speakeasy and a Gadabout day roaming Central Florida's culinary delights. The variety of tour experiences introduced interesting new venues in Florida for our "from up-north" TR residents. Sharon and Dan Zile, along with Debi and Steve Niles, will meet next week with Holly Griggs to select next season's day trips and

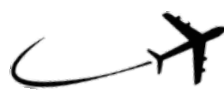


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a person who travels often or to many different places, especially for pleasure.



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by Kathy Reimann

As I write my last article for this year's TR Times, I am amazed how the season has flown by and the number of places I had hoped to visit but never got to. I am already preparing to visit several new venues in Dade City next year. There is a new antique mall just opening and a new unnamed taco and ice cream shop located in the Walmart plaza. As well as these places, I plan to revisit some of my old favorites including The Green Door, Olio's and Kafe Kokopelli. Hopefully, I will also make trips to some of our local festivals including the Strawberry Festival and the Kumquat Festival which has been delayed until this weekend. We have a lot to look forward to.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous volunteers who helped make our TRGA Italian Dinner such a huge success. We raised \$6,300 through ticket sales and the Silent Auction. All of these proceeds will be used for golf course/park beautification. A heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who know who they are; it would not have been possible without your help.

I would also like to thank The TR Times for the opportunity to share my stories and for the wonderful publication that you provide to all of us at Travelers Rest.

See you next year as we go Out and About.



Steve Niles hands Rhonda Bracknell a loaf of freshly-baked, honey-wheat bread as she steps off the bus.

a possible overnight trip. When dates have been established with our 2026-27 venues, Facebook announcements will be posted. Until then, safe travels to all!

Travel quote: "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get." Forrest Gump.

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Library News

by Mary Kosbab

It takes a dedicated group of people to maintain a library. Our library at TR has just that. We have a great staff who quietly and efficiently take care of all the jobs that need to be done to keep our little corner library a very viable part of life at Travelers Rest.

Kay Blunda and Amy Peebles are my co-chairs. Not only are they great co-workers, they are great friends. Both live here year-round which is a real asset in keeping our library open all year.

Back in 2022 Kay said to me words that were music to my ears. They were, "Amy is back." Rick and Amy Peebles had left the park a couple of years before.

The library staff and all who use the library will understand my reaction. Amy and Rick have done so much to add a special touch to our library including the themed book shelves and beautiful calligraphy.

Kay is our chief advocate and promoter of good books. No one knows our collection better. Not only can she give you a good book recommendation, she constantly looks through our discarded books in the crates on the floor and saves any she thinks should be kept on the shelves or replaced with a better copy.

Add to them the great staff who are in and out of the library checking on things that need to be done and you can see why we have the wonderful library that we do.

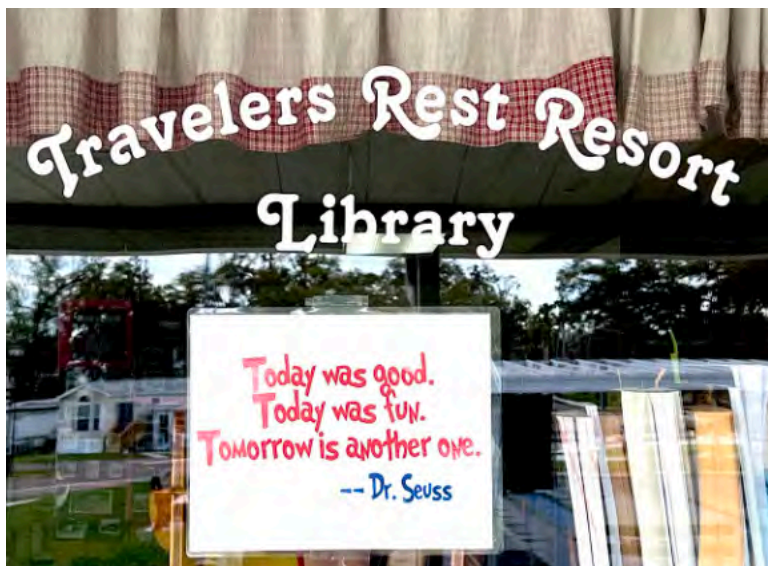


Photo by Pamela Watkins

Here's your sign that you should read more to have more fun.

This season we had tables at the Flea Markets with discarded books and puzzles from the library. Gunny Gundrum and Connie Swanson "manned" the tables. This is a real win-win for the library. We get money to use to purchase new or replace old popular books. We also find new homes for books we need to weed out to make room for new books.

Judy Smith takes any duplicates of especially good books to the bookstore in Dade City, where we get credit we can use to purchase books for our library. This is another "win-win" situation.



Marguerite Glazer used her organizing skills to tackle the drawers in the library desk which were in big need of overhauling.

Rachel Brooks did a great job of decorating our wall Bulletin Board.

Each one of our volunteers gave hours of their time to keep our library looking good.

All of the above have my deepest thanks.

Most important are the wonderful donations we get from you. We so appreciate the books you donate. They are what keeps our library up-to-date.

The entire library staff wishes everyone a summer of good health and good reading.

New books at the TR Library

by Jim Watson

We have lots of great new additions this week at our TR Library! Feel free to visit and check them out. Here's a few:

1. "The Polish Nurse" by Leah Moyes

A Polish girl is abducted by Nazis for their Lebensborn program, but escapes, hiding as a nurse in Dresden while risking everything to survive.

2. "Chasing the Sun" by Kaki Warner

A singer pursues her dreams while dealing with an unexpected reunion with her child's father.

3. "The Demon of Unrest" by Erik Larson



A gripping account of the chaotic months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Fort Sumter, marked by tragic errors, miscommunications and personal tragedies.

4. "Thunderstruck" also by Erik Larson

In Edwardian London, two parallel stories unfold: Marconi's

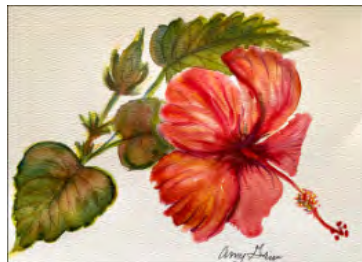
race to perfect wireless communication and Crippen's near-perfect murder, culminating in a dramatic chase across the North Atlantic.

5. "Hotshot" by Julie Garwood (New York Times best selling author)

A novel of family drama, suspense and, of course, romance. Peyton Lockhart and her sisters inherit a small, luxurious ocean-front resort, and they find all kinds of complications!

Also, please stop by and browse our shelf full of classics including, "Little Women," "Pride and Prejudice," "Great Expectations," "The Brothers Karamazov" and many more.

Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

Well, this is it. The season's end. As the season wraps up, our volunteers will be completing their end-of-season tasks. Pulling in all of the garden art, taking down the stained glass panels and storing away all of the tools. I admire these volunteers immensely. They come to the garden week after week to complete the dirty, fulfilling work of gardening. We are almost over the shock of the deep freeze earlier this winter. The garden may not be in the pristine shape we like to leave it in, but I think we are all looking forward to seeing what survived when we return later this year.

Before you leave the park for the summer, I must implore you again, please pack up all your small pots, plants and garden decorations. We never know what our summer season will bring. It could be a drought like last year, or a wicked hurricane like the year before. As a year-round resident not only do I fear hurricanes and the damage their rains and winds can cause, I am also anxious about smaller, not as heavy-as-you-may-think artwork, potted plants, umbrellas, chairs and flag poles barreling through the air in high winds.

As you pack up, what can you do with those extra plants and the decor that will not fit in your vehicle? Please check with friends and neighbors. The garden cannot accept your cast-offs. We are full and we are focusing on nurturing more "Florida-friendly," native, non-invasive plants.

Here is something to look forward to when you return. Bill Bigelow and Bob Rubino have presented a design and plan for a bridge to replace the old one at the lower part of Lake Margaret Garden. All Garden Club members are excited to see this come to fruition. We look forward to its construction. Step by step, funding is being worked on, board approval is necessary, materials purchased,



Photos by Nancy McDowell

CATHY HOLLEY, LAURA LILAWSKI AND MARY DEWEERD

then construction can commence. Fingers crossed that by next season we will have a new addition to our TR open spaces.

While typing this last column, I see the forecast for Sunday's Annual Garden Walk should be pleasant. Bart and Brenda Schultz will have pulled off another successful event. They are just two of the many LMGCC volunteers who work together to host this time in our garden. Kudos for all that effort and thank you to those of you who joined us.

Come take a stroll through the Lake Margaret Garden and marvel at Nature's resilience. We will see you next season.



DONNA WEST AND LAURA WEIK

See photo highlights of the Garden Walk on Page 9



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Pets on Parade

by Judy Leister

Susan and Gregg Sweetser live on farmland near Whatley, Mass. This area is known for their asparagus. Even the Queen of England requested that her asparagus come from there. The Sweetsters enjoyed boating, but then got more involved in traveling and soon became Airstreamers which brought them to TR. They love it here.

They were wanting to adopt a kitten, but it was right when Covid hit so the only way to see the available pets was online. They found a tiny, tiny kitten in one of the listings and when they picked her up she was placed in the palm of Gregg's hand to take home and foster. Her name was Sylvia. She got sick and had to return to the shelter. Her health improved and she rejoined the Sweetsters, but this time her name was going to be Tigger. On her very first night she burrowed under the covers with Gregg. She curled up under his arm and went to sleep—ZZZZZ. Instant bonding. She was home!

This is a couple that travels a lot and they wanted to make sure Tigger was going to be comfortable riding in their truck. After some practice rides it was easy to see Tigger was ready to hit the road. She now has logged at least 50,000 miles. Yep, she's a great traveler.

Tragedy hit this family. An electrical fire started in the Sweetsters' house. Luckily they escaped, but quickly realized Tigger was still back in the burning house. Firefighters raced back in with directions to Tigger's favorite



Photos by Susan Sweetser
TIGGER

hiding spot. She was there and rescued, totally unharmed. Whew! This all happened in November of last year, right before coming to Florida. When they return home they will live in their Airstream in a nearby RV park while they work on restoring their home.

While I sat in their Airstream Tigger quietly lounged on her special blankie, and Susan explained that Tigger really likes the outdoors best. When they were in their house before the fire, Tigger could go outside any time she wanted. She had the run of the whole farm.

Here at TR they have to guard the door when they go in and out because "Houdini" will sneak out and escape. They try to grab her, but she's just NOT going to be caught. The door on their Airstream has a typical RV-type screen door with a little panel that slides open so you can reach through to the handle on the main door. Tigger demonstrated how she uses that opening. Gregg happened to step outside to talk to someone and before he got the panel slid shut she had launched herself to freedom. Luckily Tigger is a treat-loving cat. When Susan showed her a yummy treat through the open panel Tigger hunkered down, went BOING and flew all the way from the ground up to the open panel and landed inside the RV. Wow, a flying cat.

In Tigger's life she has earned herself many names, but as a friend mentioned, "A cat has nine lives. They need nine names." Tigger is working on that list of names.



Tigger wants to be fresh and fluffy.

TR Book Browsers to decide on 2027 reading list

by Nan Lance

The TR Book Browsers will have its final meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in Citrus West. We will be discussing the "Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters, and we will decide what six books we will read for the 2027 season.

Birding Activity



by Tom Butler

Alcedo Alcyon. Confused? This binomial name appeared in 1758 when Carl Linnaeus added this species to the 10th edition of Systema Naturae. The genus name was then changed in 1848 to Megaceryle. Still confused? Be patient! The Mega portion of the name was Greek for Great. Ceryle originated from Alcyon (the original name) and is Latin for – wait for it – Kingfisher. The Belted Kingfisher is a common sight in our park and is one of nearly 100 species of Kingfishers worldwide. Learning about this bird will offer many surprises that are different from most other birds.

For starters we know that, in the bird world, the male is generally more brightly colored. However, this rule is broken within the Kingfisher world. Both are slate blue with a large head and a shaggy crest of feathers, a white collar with a blue band across the chest and white underparts. However, the females are adorned with a beautiful band of rufous brown on the upper belly that clearly differentiates it from the males – GO LADIES! The stocky build and large dagger-like bill are distinctive of this species. Diving head-first into the water seeking prey requires the bill to break the surface tension of the water. Combined with a streamlined body, you now have a "feathered torpedo of death." Minnows beware! The Kingfisher doesn't even follow the rules of building a nest. These birds dig uphill tunnels three to six feet



Photo by Tom Butler

BELTED KINGFISHER

deep in the banks of rivers and lakes to build their nests. Weird! Then they line the nest with regurgitated bones of their prey (super weird) before laying 5 to 8 eggs. Both adults will incubate and feed the young until they leave the nest in 27 to 29 days.

You will commonly spot these water-loving birds perched on over-hanging branches or fallen Cypress trees near water, waiting for their next feeding opportunity. They can be seen hovering over a selected prey,

waiting for the perfect moment to strike. Fish are their main interest, but crustaceans, frogs, tadpoles and insects will never be turned down. Listen for the distinct rattling sound of the Belted Kingfisher. If you find several in one area, the combined sound is known as a rattle or in some cases is referred to as a "kerfuffle." Get out there and find a fence post in the water, a log or a branch and you might spot a Belted Kingfisher and witness a "kerfuffle." Good luck!

Our TR Bell has a history

by Mary Kosbab

As a frequent pool user, I have more than once seen Gunny Gundrum show young TR visitors the bell that is located between the pool and the tennis courts. This bell announces church on Sunday mornings and is rung to honor the passing of TR Veterans during their memorial service held at the Veterans Memorial Walk in front of Busch Hall.

The bell was manufactured by the Meneely Bell Foundry in Troy, N.Y. Andrew Meneely is credited with the invention of the conical rotary yoke which is the design we have.

This bell form later was given the distinction of being the most desirable and perfect yoke in the world. The Meneely foundries made over 65,000 bells between the years 1826 and 1951. They are located on all continents except Antarctica.

One of the Meneely bells is the Centennial Bell which was made for our country's 100th birthday. It is now located in the tower of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa. This bell still rings every hour.

Gunny not only gives the youngsters a brief history of the bell but also explains how to ring it and gives them the opportunity to ring it themselves.

I doubt many people have the opportunity to ring a bell made by such a distinguished foundry in the history of our country.



Photo by Mary Kosbab

Long-time TR resident Gunny Gundrum shows Mason Barto, grandson of Donna Kerrick and John Hannah, how to ring the TR bell.

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Quilt-A-Rama fills Busch Hall again

A Quilt-A-Rama thank you

by Diana Krupicka and Peggy Sander

Thank you for all your help! We are thrilled to share that more than 67 quilts were completed at last week's Quilt-A-Rama. This amazing achievement was made possible by more than 75 volunteers working tirelessly from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you all for stepping up once again for this annual event.



CINDY TINKHAM AND LUANN GATEWOOD



Many hands are ready to arrange the blocks.



Denise Link and Barbara Brothers provide some of the many hands that iron the quilts.



DIANE KRUPICKA AND PEGGY SANDER



Photos by:
Jen Furman
Joan Ledbetter
Ruth Varian



Brian Krupicka, Terry Sander and Mike Lilawski appear to like using sharp tools.



Many hands are ready to cut the quilt.



Many hands are ready to tie the quilts.

Pops Chorus entertains Sunday night



THE POPS CHORUS

Photos by Bob Rubino

A Pops Chorus thank you

by Mary Coldren

A huge thank you, to our TR family, who has supported TR's Pops Chorus this year. The response to our performance on Sunday was heartwarming, as were your contributions to our donations bucket brigade. We are exploring new keyboards to replace the well-used one that decided to quit about a week before our show. Your contributions will go a long way toward securing a new one for next season. Have a safe summer and we'll see you next season.



Ron Reeve conducts the Pops Chorus on the Sunday night performance.



Charlie Gardner, on the left, performs his solo while Ruth Reeve, on right, performs hers.



TR Sports

Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield
Monday, March 2

Rachel Brooks.....	6
Linda Gough.....	5
Betty Brown.....	4
Kathy Bocchino, Laurie Bania, Marcia Hatfield.....	3
Jen Furman, Nancy Moschler.....	2
Mary Brown, Rose Taggart.....	1

Friday, March 6

Arlene Bouchard.....	7
Jan McIntosh.....	5
Kathy Bocchino, Linda Gough, Marcia Hatfield, Mary Brown.....	4
Jen Furman, Rachel Brooks.....	3
Betty Brown, Kelly Fadrowski, Nancy Moschler, Rose Taggart.....	2

TR Sports Club

by Ray LoPresti
Wednesday, March 4

Four members went to Tampa Bay Sporting Clays (TBSC) and shot the green, black and yellow courses.

Chuck.....	41
Randy.....	37
Dennis.....	33
Bill, Tony.....	30

Thursday, March 5

Eight members shot the green, pink and blue courses at TBSC

Randy.....	37
Dennis.....	31
Gary.....	29
Bill.....	26
Tony, Chuck, Jeff.....	25
John.....	24

The green and black courses are novice. The pink course is intermediate and the yellow and blue courses are expert.

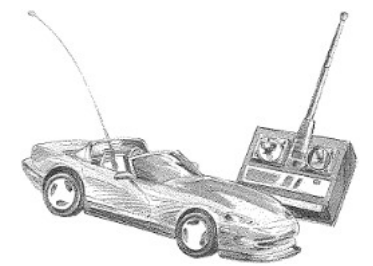
Cribbage

by Bob Luther
Monday, March 2
Dave Adams, Jerry Bania,
Denny Reinhardt..... 605
Jan McIntosh..... 594
Susan Sweetser..... 684



Dominoes

by Linda Gough
Thursday, March 5
Table 1
Gayle Sunde..... 144
Table 2
Bob Luther..... 149
Table 3
Linda Gough..... 49



TR RC Motorsports

by Tom Stuart
Wednesday, March 4
2WD Class
Steve Thompson..... 35
Mike King..... 34
Charlie Gardner..... 31

Wizard

by Denise Weik
Tuesday, March 3
Table 1
Game 1
Kevin Weik..... 410

National Mah Jongg

by Bette Gorman
Monday, Feb. 16
Kathi VanHorn..... 140
Arlene Wykoff..... 100
Terri Lymburner..... 110
Kathy Ellison..... 25
Wednesday, Feb. 18
Kathy Ellison..... 195
Lyn Gower..... 175
Arline Wykoff, Carol Jean Beard,
Sue Guffy..... 50
Terri Lymburner..... 30
Monday, Feb. 23
Terri Lymburner..... 205
Sue Guffy..... 80
Sarah Parker..... 50
Kathi VanHorn..... 30
Friday, Feb. 27
Bette Gorman..... 100
Kathy Ellison..... 75
Terri Lymburner..... 50
Arlene Wykoff..... 25
Monday, March 2
Kathy Ellison..... 85
Terri Lymburner..... 75
Arlene Wykoff..... 60
Sue Guffy..... 50
Wednesday, March 4
Terri Lymburner..... 165
Bette Gorman..... 150
Arlene Wykoff..... 135
Kathy Ellison..... 75
Connie Hurst..... 60

Chinese Mah Jongg royalty

by Marcia Hatfield
Each month we celebrate the overall winners. The person with the most wins becomes the Empress. In second place is the Princess and coming in third is the Lady-in-Waiting. Sometimes it is a hotly contested race and other times one player steals the show. We can also have a tie for any of the positions.

In January Betty Brown was the Empress with 20 wins. Kathy Bocchino and Marcia Hatfield tied as co-Princesses with 15 wins each.



January royalty are Betty Brown and a tie with Kathy Bocchino and Marcia Hatfield.

February was very competitive. Kathy Bocchino took top honors with 25 wins. Rose Taggart was our Princess with 24 wins and Mary Brown was third with 23 wins.

Come join us any Monday or Friday to learn this easy rummy style game. You get to create a winning hand of your own choosing based on the tiles you collect. We can be found in Citrus West from noon to 2 p.m. Contact Rose Taggart, 443-350-0577 or Marcia Hatfield, 614-946-4411.



Photos submitted by Marcia Hatfield

February royalty are Kathy Bocchino, Rose Taggart and Mary Brown.

Pickleball Jam

by Nancy McDowell
Friday, March 6

My thanks go out to our Jam coordinators for this season, Gayle Kennard, Vee Dunlap and Nancy Staton, and to those who assisted us with scoring, Merry Smith, prizes, Debbie Kat, rustling up food, Peggy Biser and to our photographer, Sherie Grissinger.

Our End of Year Bash is on Monday, March 16 beginning at 4 p.m. at the Snack Shack Pavilion. Sign up sheet at the Tweener Deck. Burgers, dogs, buns, condiments, and LTO provided. BYOB and bring a side, salad and a sweet to share.

Kim Brothers.....	1
Debbie Kat.....	2
Dean Varian.....	3



Photo by Nancy McDowell

This week's Jam winners were Debbie Kat, Kim Brothers and Dean Varian

Ladies Golf

by Kathy Reimann
Thursday, March 5

Congratulations to the Ladies Golf Tournament winners, first Hazel English, second Maureen Peet, third Shirley-Ann Appleby and Mary DeWeerd, low net. Two great days of golf, friendship and camaraderie.



Photo submitted by Kathy Reimann

SHIRLEY-ANN APPLEBY,
HAZEL ENGLISH, MAUREEN PEET AND MARY DEWEERD

by Kathy Reimann

As we close our 2025-26 golf season I again wish to congratulate our tournament winners. However, as for me you are all winners. You are a winner to have the courage to compete in this tournament, something that has eluded me so far. I seem to have mastered something golfers refer to as the YIPS, when you are standing over the ball ready to hit a shot and your shoulders involuntarily raise up to your ears causing you to top the ball or miss it completely. This phenomenon is especially prevalent on league day or tournaments.

Betty Colborne came off # 9 green saying she just wanted to break 50 and she did both days. That's a winner. Maybe it was someone playing a wretched round, but birdie hole 9. That's a winner. For many you're a winner with your first par, eagle, chip-in, not losing a ball, not going in the water or out of bounds.

I encourage all players to keep striving and especially having fun at this game we call golf. You are definitely all winners.

I hope to see you all back next season, welcome new players, and hope for the return of Sylvia and Dee as they recover from illnesses.

Men's Golf

by Barry English
Thursday, March 5

Congratulations to all the winners and all the participants in this year's Men's League Tournament. Thank to Jim Colborne for being our starter. A special thanks to Ralph Smith, Dave Kat and John Peet for all you do throughout the year.

Low Handicap

Dave Kat.....	1
Ralph Smith.....	2
Rob Prophet.....	3

Low Net

Terry Oliver

High Handicap

John Delaney.....	1
Stan Motycka.....	2
Sam Wykoff.....	3

Low Net

Sam Wykoff

Chinese competition for the win

by Marcia Hatfield

Winning with an All Pairs hand is a challenge because you must draw all the tiles from the wall; you cannot pick up a discard to make a pair unless it is your seventh pair, and you can declare Mah Jong.

Two players were needing only one tile to win. Nancy Moschler needed the 7 dot for a run, 7, 8, 9 of dots. Rachel Brooks needed the same tile for her seventh pair. She already had a pair of 7 dots, so this would be the fourth tile of that number and her chances were not good. However, on Friday, March 6, Rachel Brooks drew that magical tile and won the game.



Photo submitted by Marcia Hatfield

Rachel Brooks with the winning pairs.



Party Bridge

by Jen Furman
Thursday, March 5

No scores were recorded today. We played several hands of Party Bridge tonight and enjoyed for one more time the company of our dear friends Janet and Harold Baal. They have sold their trailer and will not be returning to TR. We will miss their friendship very much and their knowledge and enthusiasm for the game of Party Bridge. We bid them a fond farewell and wish them many Grand Slams in their future.



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KAREN MARIE DELANEY

Karen Marie Delaney passed away peacefully on Jan.15, 2026 at her home overlooking the mountains in Lake Placid.

Karen (nee Heinlen) was born on April 25, 1956, in Germany, while her father served as a dentist in the U.S. Army. She grew up in southeastern Michigan, graduating from Our Lady of Mercy High School and the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Karen was raised in a home on Upper Long Lake in Bloomfield Hills with her parents Catherine and Richard Heinlen, the oldest of six children. Attending Catholic Youth Organization Summer Camp and going on family vacations to National Parks heightened Karen's appreciation for nature and adventure.

She visited Montreal for the 1976 Summer Olympics and it reinforced her respect for the goodwill of the Olympic Games. This inspired her move to Lake Placid prior to the 1980 Winter Olympics where she fell in love with the mountains and lakes as well as her husband Brian Delaney. Brian first noticed Karen while skiing at Whiteface Mountain and then at St. Agnes Church and knew that she was the woman he was destined to marry.

Brian and Karen married in October of 1982 and moved from Lake Placid to Cazenovia, N.Y. where Karen worked as a nurse and got her start in the outdoor industry at Lund's Ski Shop in Dewitt while Brian managed the Toggenburg ski area. They then returned to Lake Placid in 1983 and established High Peaks Cyclery - High Peaks Mountain Guides, businesses that continue to be a well-respected regional resource for outdoor recreation, education and experiences. While their business was still in its infancy, Karen and Brian grew their family with the births of four children in six years: Shannon, Matt, Kate and Colin.

Even with the time requirements of operating a family-owned, small business, Karen maintained her nursing license and worked, as time permitted, as a school and camp nurse. She taught swim lessons to children for many years and guided trips for the Lake Placid Outing Club, encouraging students to embrace the outdoors and try new activities. Karen and Brian hosted many groups of all ages, from the U.S. as well and international locations, through High Peaks Mountain Guides.

In 2022 Karen was instrumental in her support of Brian and the Town of North Elba when Scott's Cobble Nordic Center was opened and operated by High Peaks Cyclery. This led to the beginning of the Lake Placid Community Nordic Ski Program at Scotts Cobble that has seen 100 plus K-6 students get on skis every Friday in the winter with free equipment and lessons led by volunteers. Karen was passionate about seeing the next generation learn and develop within the Lake Placid community.

Karen was an accomplished athlete, a testament of her determination and fortitude. She hiked all 115 mountain peaks above 4,000 feet in the northeastern U.S., completed the Boston Marathon, competed at the World Masters Championship and the American Birkebeiner in cross-country skiing, skied the European Alps Haute Route two times, completed the North East Epoch in seven days on a ski/hike adventure and was a competitor at local races. When not participating in Lake Placid athletic events, Karen could often be found volunteering, including as a life guard on Mirro Lake for the High Peaks Cyclery mini-triathlon series or assisting at the Olympic ski jumps and cross-country ski venues.

She was devout in her Catholic faith at Saint Agnes Church and in her service to others. All four children attended Saint Agnes School and she helped the school community at many events such as the annual Christmas Bazaar. She also quietly assisted many individuals in need within the Lake Placid community with her generosity and resourcefulness.

Known for her positive attitude and smile, Karen had enduring patience and always provided encouragement. She had a sincere and kind personality, constantly thinking of and including other individuals along her life journey.

Karen is survived by her husband, Brian, her children Shannon Delaney, Matthew (Emily) Delaney, Katherine (Tyler) Socash and Colin (Caitlin) Delaney as well as two grandchildren and two on the way in 2026.

Karen will be remembered for her thoughtfulness, devotion to family and the lasting impact she made on the Lake Placid community. She will be deeply missed and will forever be a part of our world through her love of nature and helping others find joy and inspiration in it. We will always find her close to us in the beauty of each day.

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Looking Back

by Nan Feeney Lance

30 Years Ago - 1996

- The Resolutions to abolish the positions of park manager and assistant park manager of Travelers Rest Airstream Park were soundly defeated by the stockholders at the 24th Annual Stockholders Meeting.
- Travelaires greet spring Sunday. Playing "music with a flair for the spring in the air," the Travelaires' more than 20 artists will fill the evening with the kind of music TR residents have come to love.
- Frank Ball is Oshawa (Ontario) Sports Hall of Fame Inductee. Frank Ball's sport is cycling. For Frank, this was an honor well deserved.
- Reverend Edward Black, TR Chaplain, to retire in April. He has served TR residents for 21 years.

20 Years Ago - 2006

- Deed Restriction Amendment approved. This amendment will require future homeowners to own TR stock prior to purchasing a home in The Village.
- First Responders stage accident. The corner at the north end of Busch Lane in The Village staged a simulated accident. The victim had an open wound on his face and an open fracture on his right leg. In 2005, the TR First Responders answered 46 emergency calls that were very real.
- TRAC has answers. TRAC (The TR Action Committee) recommended that TR bicycle owners purchase a bell for their bike to warn walkers they are coming. The bells can be purchased at the Webster Flea Market for \$2.30.

10 Years Ago - 2016

- Operations Manager resigns. Richard A. Lindquist Jr., Operation Manager, tendered his resignation which was accepted by the Board of Directors. Ray Hill, Facilities Manager, has been appointed Acting General Manager.
- What is happening on the Golf Course? Workers are creating a sand trap so that golfers can practice.
- TR's Talent Show had 130 talented people take part. Julie Hunt was this year's producer.
- At the Quilt-A-Rama 79 sets of hands made for light work. Thirty eight quilts were given to Hernando-Pasco Hospice.

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