

# The TR Times

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## Hi Lites

### Change your batteries

Change batteries on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. See page 5.

### Remote Control Cars

Remote Control Car races start Saturday, Dec. 5. Warm up at 9:30 a.m. Race at 10 a.m. See page 17.

### Sunday in The Grove

On Sunday, Dec. 6, **Rich Wilson** brings back the Golden Years of Las Vegas. The **Showstoppers** perform Sunday, Dec. 13, in The Grove. Ice Cream at Busch Hall from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. Program follows at 4 p.m. See page 2.

### Blood Mobile

Blood Mobile, Monday, Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. next to the Fire Station. See page 5.

### Volunteers Needed

Five candidates are needed to run for the TR Board of Directors. Deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 8. See page 3.

### Take a trip with Santa

Assemble at Golf View Pavilion, Thursday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. See page 6.



### Toys for Tots

Donate your unwrapped toys by Dec. 11 in the collection boxes near the Post Office. See page 5.

### Gift Cards

Gift Cards of small denomination wanted for Sunrise. Mail to lot 01-15 or take to church Sunday in The Grove. Please donate by Dec. 11. See page 4.

### Holiday Music

Friday Afternoon Live with Doc and Donna Probes, Friday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. See page 6.

### Activity Reminders

#### Pet Lovers Club

Pet Lovers Club meeting, Monday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. Outside at the Puppy Park. See page 13.

#### Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom Dancing begins in January. See page 6.

#### Women's Bible Study

Bible Study will begin Friday, Jan. 5, 1:30 to 3 p.m. See page 4.

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## Summer maintenance and changes

by Ray Hill,  
General Manager

Management hopes that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. It's good to see some of the familiar faces returning to TR. We are still missing many of our residents and Canadian friends and volunteers.

Business went on as usual with some differences from years past because of the pandemic. The Board and Park Management felt it extremely important to hold all capital projects with the exception of the ones that had been started. We always strive to keep expenses as low as possible, but this year even more so due to the unknown impact that COVID-19 would have on the business. Fortunately, we are doing much better than anticipated.

Some of the things we did this summer, which were necessary,



RAY HILL

was draining, cleaning and resealing the Waste Water Treatment area. That was successful and has been inspected and passed with 100 percent rating. The clarifier (skimmer for the waste plant) was refurbished.

Roads were paved on First Street as well as cart paths, and trees were trimmed along with routine maintenance. Infrastructure and safety items are always a priority.



New paving beautifies the streets.

Photos by Jack Carey



## The TR Times 2020-2021 publication schedule

Issue Date	Deadline
12/18/20	12/11/20

### No papers 12/25/20 or 01/01/21

01/08/21	01/01/21
01/22/21	01/15/21
02/05/21	01/29/21
02/19/21	02/12/21
03/05/21	02/26/21
03/19/21	03/12/21



Photo by Jack Carey

### New entertainment stage receives a cover.

Many cost savings were implemented. Water boxes were installed at the front entrance and another on Busch Lane. Our park engineer developed the procedure for preset timing of the hydrant flushes as well as the volume and frequency. This previously was done manually, thus saving labor costs. We built the stage in The Grove partially out of material left over from a project. The structure was built so that when it is dismantled, the flooring is in the exact measurements of shed floors and will be reused. We purchased and placed hospital-grade microbial handles and pull covers on all the building doors that kill bacteria on contact and last 90 days. This is a safety measure as well as a cost savings.

We added the AM 1610 radio station (TRR Radio) to assist with communication. This is not a licensed radio station, so due to weather or conditions it may not always be optimal frequency, but it should serve us well. This station allows us to communicate park information (such as known water/electrical outages) as well as messages from the Board. You can also have announcements made about activities. There is a form in the Post Office Lobby to com-

plete and turn into the office. Please allow several days prior to your event for it to be announced and reach your audience.

We had to delay the over seeding on the Golf Course a few days due to the residual hurricane winds. The prep and over seeding with annual rye grass started Nov. 16. It takes at least 10-14 days to germinate. This was over 9,800 pounds of seed!

Your activity coordinators and your Board worked diligently to bring you activities that could offer the safest participation. Volunteers from the parking staff to First Responders are instrumental in making all this work. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for working through all the weather conditions as well as the pandemic situation to maintain the park. We operated with less staff this summer to further contain costs.

Please adhere to Park Policies and follow the safety guidelines and signs posted in all the buildings for the appropriate safety precautions. The virus continues to escalate throughout the country. We want you to enjoy the park by being healthy and safe.

## Did COVID-19 infect our server?

by Margaret Emmetts

In this age of pandemic all our lives are changed. We have been forced to adapt to a new lifestyle and change the way we do things.

The same has held true at *The TR Times*. Many of our key personnel are not physically present in the park. As a result we are relying on our computers to permit our absent personnel to work remotely. A tricky situation at best.

This was going along just fine until our computers got sick! While COVID-19 symptoms entail a loss of taste, our computer symptoms included a loss of their files. This constituted a major crisis in the operation of the paper.

Experts were called in to "doctor" the situation. They worked feverishly to try to find the source of the problem and rectify same. While we are in a state of recovery, we suspect we have not yet totally healed. We have recovered many of our files but have no way of knowing if some have been lost.

If you submitted an article for this paper and the article has not been included, please get in touch with our office. Resubmit your article and we will do our very best to include it in the next edition. Hopefully we have achieved a computer cure and will be able to resume what has become our new normal operation.





## Entertainment at TR has taken a new form

by Ken Langell

Entertainment at TR has taken a new form this winter. Sunday Night at Busch Hall has changed to Sunday in The Grove, with casual afternoon shows on our new stage under the trees! We have new times this year, as well. Every Sunday afternoon:

Ice Cream Social at the north door of Busch Hall 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Pre-show announcements at the stage 3:45 p.m.

Program begins at 4 p.m.

We are living in a different world now and it has been difficult figuring out ways to continue entertainment in this time of pandemic. Park management has gone to great trouble and expense to make it possible. If you enjoy it and want it to continue, it is vital that every person at TR cooperates with masking and distancing. Please wear a mask when you come to The Grove. Park where you are directed and remember our parkers are doing their best. Once you are in your safely distanced spot to watch the show, you may remove the mask if you choose. But please, if you get up-mask up.

If you have recently arrived in the park and are supposed to quarantine, please do not come to entertainment.

Our performers are also concerned about the virus. Some of them have needed reassurance about our safety procedures before

they agreed to perform here this year. Therefore, please do not approach the entertainers, no matter how much you enjoy the program. Audience response is still important though, and as they can't hear us clap when we are sitting so far away, let's raise a ruckus to let them know we appreciate them – honk your golf cart horns! Bring your air horns, or bells or tuba – any way you can make a joyful noise will be wonderful!

Now that we have talked about all the yucky stuff, here is the good news!

Slowly but surely we are getting the bugs worked out of live streaming from The Grove. Check it out on YouTube under “Busch Hall Travelers Rest.” We have many exciting acts in our lineup this year. We have already seen five great acts in November and here are the ones coming up!

- Dec. 6 **Rich Wilson's Las Vegas Lounge Show**
- Dec. 13 **Showstoppers Christmas Show**, a children's Christmas musical
- Dec. 20 **Tin Pan Alley Christmas** - show songs of the season
- Dec. 27 **Ring out the Old, Ring in the New**, oldies with **Past Tense**
- Jan. 3 **Boogie Woogie Bugle Girl**, exciting music by **Leesah Stiles**

- Jan. 10 **Entertainment Revue**, a talented local youth musical revue
  - Jan. 17 **\*Dave & Daphne**, superb country singers, a TR favorite!
  - Jan. 24 **The Down Home Darlin's**, a funny, talented female duo
  - Jan. 31 **Broadway Tunes** by **John Timpanelli**
  - Feb. 7 **Evening with Sammy**, a TR favorite Sammy Lane plays your requests
  - Feb. 14 **Stan Princeton** brings songs for you and your sweetheart
  - Feb. 21 **Take the Hay Train**, a musical variety combo
  - Feb. 28 **Melissa Marshall** is a great entertainer with a terrific voice
  - March 7 **\* The Gospel According to Elvis** is performed by **Tommy O**
  - March 14 **Cliff Ritchie** is a great singer and musician who performs the best pop hits
  - March 21 T.B.D.
  - March 28 **Gospel Tunes with Steve Jeffris**. Steve returns with beloved gospel favorites
- \* These two acts were originally scheduled for the TR Concert Series.



## Rich Wilson entertains for Sunday in The Grove on Dec. 6

by Ken Langell

If you have recently arrived at TR and have not yet attended Sunday in The Grove, let me bring you up to date! We have a beautiful new stage under the trees next to the Snack Shack Pavilion. There is a lot of room for social distancing on the benches that are provided, in your own lawn chair, or in your golf cart at the back. The sound system is excellent. We are asking everyone to please wear masks until settled in your seat to watch the show.

This Sunday we will be entertained by Rich Wilson. Rich has been performing since the age of 15. He has performed on stages from Las Vegas to Atlantic City and just about everywhere in between! His act brings back the magic of the golden years of Las Vegas, featuring standards sung by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Bobby Darin and more.



RICH WILSON

Prepare yourselves for an afternoon filled with laughter and some of the greatest songs of your lifetime.

Ice cream will be available for purchase at Busch Hall, north door from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Announcements begin at the stage at 3:45 p.m., followed by the program at 4 p.m.

## Don't miss Showstoppers on Dec. 13 at Sunday in The Grove



by Ken Langell

The young people from Showstoppers Performing Arts have been warming our hearts at Travelers Rest for a long time – this will be their 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to perform here. Obviously, we love them.

They are a carefully selected group of both male and female performers ranging from the very youngest (who are not required to audition) and increasing in skill level to high-school age where each member is required to sing, dance and have excellent stage presence. While this has been a

slow year for them due to existing conditions, they normally maintain a busy schedule performing all over the area and even at Disney World, Universal Studios and Sea World.

Please join us in welcoming Showstoppers back to TR on our wonderful outdoor stage. Ice cream will be available for purchase at Busch Hall north door, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. Announcements begin at the stage at 3:45 p.m. followed by the program at 4 p.m. Masks and social distancing are required.



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# Briefings from the Board

by Callie Zak,  
Board President

While activities may be limited our spirits are soaring because the Park continues to do well. So far we haven't let the virus invade our space and I credit each of you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe. So thank you!

Our share price remains steady at \$3,600. We have a total of 10 lots available for lease. If you have friends that are looking for a fabulous place to spend the winter, don't hesitate to invite them to Travelers Rest.

The Nominating Committee has been appointed. Rosita Williams presented the names at our last board meeting. They are Mickey Cobb, Joe Shipe, Peg Stevens and Beanie Wise. Alternates are: Stacey Grier, Mary Hunter and Linda Spencer. Rosita is still seeking candidates to fill five (5) positions for the board. These include three 3-year terms and two 2- year terms. If you have a desire to serve Travelers Rest and your fellow residents in this capacity, please submit your resume to Rosita Williams at 10-72.

In addition to the policy changes outlined in Linda Smith's article, the Board has also implemented a new policy. C3000 GUIDELINES : OTHER C3095: YARD SALES. Only one yard sale is allowed per year and that is the TR Community Yard Sale scheduled by the



CALLIE ZAK

Activities Director. Any variance will require management/BOD approval.

The Board recognizes that due to the cancellation of the season's monthly Flea Markets residents may wish to have individual yard sales to replace these events.

Beginning in January, the Board will allow residents to set up a table that is not obstructing sidewalks or roadways only on the following days: Jan. 9, Feb. 6 and March 6 from 8 to 11:00 a.m.

No prior day set up will be allowed and sites should be cleared of items by noon. Face masks should be worn and social distancing observed. Residents should sanitize their items and tables. This will take the place of the 2021 Flea Markets until the pandemic is over. This is subject to having no COVID-19 cases in the park. Activities are always subject to change or cancellation based upon current conditions.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first Resident's Radio Forum. If you have questions you would like answered on the next Radio Forum, please submit your questions to: forum-@travelersrestresort.com. You will need to include your name and lot number on your question. If the question is of a private nature, just include your name and lot number and indicate private. That question will not be broadcast and we will get back to you personally. Just keep in mind someone else in the park may have the same question. If you don't do email, then submit your question with your name and lot number on paper to my attention to the TR Office.

You may tune in anytime to 1610AM to listen to park news and happenings. If you have something you would like announced on the Radio, there are forms in the Post Office. Please submit your completed announcement form to the TR Office.

We hope you are enjoying Church and Entertainment in The Grove along with the ice cream take-out from Busch Hall. We feel so fortunate to be able to be outside and see and talk to each other from a safe distance. Thanks to the TR Parkers for assisting in keeping us safe.

If you have questions about an activity, please call Jeri Miller. If you have questions about the park, please call the office. Remember at TR, beneath the face mask lies a smile!

# Policy changes from the Board of Directors

by Linda Smith

The following policies have been changed by the Board of Directors effective 11/14/20:

## A1005 TR LOCATION

**Current:** TR location is in Pasco County, Township 24, Section 8 and Range 20.

**Change:** TR is located at 29129 Johnston Rd, Dade City, FL, 33523, in Pasco County.

## A1015 EXPANSION TR

**Current:** There will be no further acquisition of property by the Corporation. There will be no increase in TR population from added sites or housing facilities. Any deviation from the above restrictions will require a majority vote by the Stockholders of Travelers Rest Resort, Inc.

**Change:** There will be no further acquisition of land by the Corporation. There will be no increase in TR population from added sites or housing facilities. Any deviation from the above restrictions will require a majority vote by the Stockholders of Travelers Rest Resort, Inc.

## C3035 SOLICITATION, MERCHANDISE, AND SERVICE SALES B)

**Current:** B) Approval for fund raising for a TR activity may be granted after a request in writing is received and is approved by the Board of Directors. If approved this will remain in effect until revoked.

**Change:** B) Approval for fund raising for a TR activity may be granted after a request in writing is received and is approved by the Activities Coordinator. If approved this will remain in effect until revoked.

## D2025 LEASE FEE PAYMENTS

**Current:** LEASE FEE PAYMENT: Lessees shall, upon signing an annual lease, pay the fees associated with it. Fees include those for the Post Office, site maintenance and shed rental (for lessees who accepted the first lease on 11/4/97 or later). TR privileges (TR privileges include, but are not limited to the following: Golf Course, Swimming Pool, Entertainment Programs, Postal Services, On-Site Shed Availability, Trash Collection and all other indoor and outdoor activities taking place throughout the park) shall be suspended for any lessee whose fees are not paid up-to-date by November 1st. (Revised 12-01-15) **THIS WILL BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACED WITH:**

## D2025 LEASE PAYMENTS:

>Annual lease and maintenance agreement are for the period of Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.  
>Leases and maintenance fees are mailed on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
>Due in full by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

>New leases and maintenance fees are payable upon issue.  
>No discounts on leases or maintenance agreements.

## D2026 LEASE INCLUSIONS

(Some additional fees may apply)  
>Post Office services  
>Summer lawn maintenance (cutting) in RV South and Cabana area.  
>Electric, water and sewer maintenance, up to unit.  
>Shed rental (for lessees who accepted the first lease on 11/4/97 or later)  
>Sell on site and premium pads, where applicable.  
>TR privileges: (not limited to)  
>Golf Course  
>Swimming pool/hot tub  
>Entertainment Programs  
>Trash Collection  
>All activities within park

## D2027 LATE PAYMENTS

>Any payment received or post marked after Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a penalty per month on unpaid balances.  
>All TR privileges will be suspended for any lessee whose fees are not paid in full by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

## E1020 DOG AGGRESSION

**Current:** Any dog that has shown aggression as observed by two independent individuals will be required to wear a muzzle while in the Dog Park and while walking in any public or common areas. This policy will be enforced by the Kennel Club Chairperson and/or by the Compliance Officer. (Approved 01-12-2011) (Revised 2-19-13)

**Change:** Any dog that has shown aggression as observed by two independent individuals will be required to wear a muzzle while in the Dog Park and while walking in any public or common areas. This policy will be enforced by the park management and/or by the Compliance Officer.

## New:

## C3000 GUIDELINES: OTHER C3095: YARD SALES

Only one yard sale is allowed per year and that is the TR Community Yard Sale scheduled by Activities Director. Any variance will require management/BOD approval.



# Five candidates needed for Board

by Rosita Williams,  
Board Liaison, Nominations Committee

The Board of Directors is still seeking your help. We are in need of five (5) candidates to fill open positions for the 2021-22 Board of Directors. Three (3) directors will serve a three-year term and two (2) directors will serve a two-year term. Please note that the number of candidates may exceed the number of offices available.

If you are willing to make the commitment to serve our community in this capacity, please submit your resume to the TR Office no later than Tuesday, Dec. 8. Interviews will be held during the week of Dec. 14 and candidates will need to be available either in person or virtually.

Minimum qualifications for candidates to be considered for a position as director include:



ROSITA WILLIAMS

- ✓Stockholder of record
- ✓Available in person or electronically (by President's prior approval) for Board meetings
- ✓Present in the park between 11/1 and 4/1 except for President's approved absences
- ✓Reasonable record of involvement with and contributions to the activities of the park sufficient to demonstrate an interest in the quality and welfare of the resort

✓Communicative competency including computer literacy and e-mail

✓Ability and willingness to serve as liaison to park activities and member of assigned committees

✓Ability to maintain confidential information

✓Business, educational, career or organizational membership experience that enables the potential candidate to contribute and function effectively as a member of the Board.

In addition to these basic requirements, the Board will further specify in writing any additional specific needs and requirements which in its judgment are to be given priority by the Nominating Committee in the identification and qualification of candidates.

If speaking with any current or past director concerning their experience on the Board would be helpful in making your decision, please do not hesitate to do so.

We look forward to your participation and thank you for your willingness to serve.





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## Welcome back

We have all had a most unusual summer, but I hope you and your family remain in good health. We will be happy to see all of you who are able to return to TR this year. We will miss all our Canadian friends and wish them well.

This season will be a challenge for everyone, whether at TR or at home. Please, please be responsible. Follow all the guidelines set forth. Wash your hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Wear your masks in public and be sure to maintain social distancing. This is all manageable if we all work together. The more people cooperate the more quickly we can return to some semblance of normalcy.

We regret that we are unable to put out a paper edition of *The TR Times* weekly as we have in the past. As a

self-sustaining entity, we simply cannot afford the expense when we do not know how many of our advertisers are still in business. We will also be working with a reduced staff. As I have pointed out in the past, we normally have a staff of about 90 people that work on the paper each week. With the Canadian border closed, a number of our key personnel will not be at TR this season. We hope you realize that although we have a plan for the season, it may be subject to change as different situations arise. But, we will do the best we are able and trust you will understand.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable season. If you are at TR at least you have escaped the cold weather in the north. Look on the bright side and be thankful for what you have.

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## The Servant's Plow Seasons of Advent



by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Greetings to you! We welcome a new seasonal year here at TR and I see many new faces in our community. This year has presented new challenges that have been difficult to adapt to. Fortunately, the Church Association has managed to plan ahead and keep up with the new requirements.

Our church calendar is currently in the season of Advent. The park will be decorated for Christmas and congregants journey together down the road to the manger. Our expected Savior awaits to bring us blessings once again. Let me share with you some thoughts pertaining to the beginning of Advent.

*O Lord, how shall I meet you?  
You were welcomed on that first night. Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast and bow my spirit lowly, I wish to please you with all my best.*

*I lay in fetters, groaning, you came to set me free. I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me. A glorious crown you*



ANTHONY SHIPE

*give to me, a treasure safe on high that will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.*

*Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me. Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty. Oh, love beyond telling, that led you to embrace, in love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.*

*Rejoice, then you sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom, who mourn your joys departed and tremble at your doom. All hail the Lord's appearing! O glorious Sun, now come, send forth your beams so cheering and guide us safely home ~ Paul Gedhardt (1607-76)*

Advent is derived from the Latin word “advenio” which means “to come to, to arrive.” Paul Gedhardt’s great hymn assures us the Lord is coming. Our preparation does not cause Him to come. That was true in Jesus’ time and is true in our time and will be true at the end of time. This hymn is not about our preparation at all, but rather is about God’s coming. God chose to send His Son to us, and we will go to Him at the end of time. The timeless question remains, “O Lord, how shall I meet You?” Gedhardt’s hymn describes Christ’s work—kindling a lamp within us, giving us a crown, embracing us in love, and guiding us safely home.

Advent focuses not on our preparation, but on God’s work for us. Will you hold your lamp high and guide others down the path to the manger? Join us in The Grove for our TR church Advent season. You are welcome! HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

Chaplain Anthony Shipe may be reached via email at [ashipe71@gmail.com](mailto:ashipe71@gmail.com) or by phone at (239) 233-0988

## Women’s Bible Study announced

by Carol Johnston Bowman and Rosita Williams

We are so excited to present this season’s Bible Study entitled, *Redeemed, Seeing the Messiah in the Book of Ruth*. Our sessions will begin on Friday, Jan. 15 and will continue through Friday, Feb. 19. Session time will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. The co-leaders will be Carol Johnston Bowman and Rosita Williams.

*“Enjoy getting a close-up look at the book of Ruth and how it applies to our lives today. Find out how this timeless story points to our ultimate Redeemer Jesus Christ, and how it reveals His unconditional love for us—a love that desires to redeem your past, restore your present, and give you a hope-filled future.” (Sam Nadler)*

By the conclusion of our six sessions, we will—

➤Uncover the historical background of the Book of Ruth—including what marriage, widowhood, and redemption meant in Bible times.

➤Discover how Ruth, a destitute foreigner, becomes one of only five women named in Jesus’ family tree.

➤Explore the beautiful symbolism of this story, especially learning how Boaz, as kinsman-redeemer, prefigures and points to our ultimate Redeemer, Jesus.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, *we will be conducting the sessions through Zoom*. Those who sign up for the Bible Study will receive the information and instructions for joining the sessions. *The sessions will also be recorded*, so you will be able to glean the knowledge even if you must miss the session. And, for those who cannot join us remotely, *we will have limited in-person participation of no more than ten (10) persons in the Activity Center*.

If you would like to join us for this enlightening study of the Book of Ruth, please contact Rosita Williams either by e-mail [rev.rosita@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rosita@gmail.com), by telephone 516-808-5734, by note addressed to her at lot 10-72, or by signing up on the sheet in the Church Cabana. Please do this as soon as possible, so that the proper number of participant guides can be ordered and available in time for the class. **Note:** Please be sure to include your e-mail address, telephone number and lot number.

The cost to each participant is \$6 for the study guide.

Looking forward to seeing you as we walk through this Bible Study together.

## Gift cards to be collected

by Marilyn Long, Special Ministries

We will be collecting gift cards again this year for the women and children at the shelter. Most of these women have never handled money, so Sunrise helps to train them. The cards are divided among the women depending on how many children they have. These gift cards allow them to buy presents and food for their family for Christmas. Small denomination (\$20 or less) cards are preferred. Don't forget to put the amount on each card. We also take checks and cash. Make the check out to the church and put gift cards on the memo line.

You may bring your donations to church, to Sunday in The Grove, by mail or to us at lot 01-15. To allow time for delivery, we ask that you donate by Dec. 11. Thank you.

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The Siren



by Jean Cobb  
RN and First Responder

Well we are not as young as we used to be, but we are certainly not as old as we intend to become! We try to eat healthy and exercise to be fit – but do we take SAFETY precautions as seriously as we should?

COVID-19 presents special challenges for this season. Vaccines are not available yet, and almost everyone is itching to get back to a social schedule that involves close contact with family, friends and neighbors. Please do not let your guard down. TR is not immune from becoming a new Florida “hot spot.” Wear your masks and maintain social distance when you are out and about within TR or outside of TR. Stay home if you are feeling ill, achy or feverish. If you happen to be exposed to someone who has COVID symptoms or has tested positive, do the right thing and quarantine for 14 days.

First Responders also have a challenge this year. We have always responded to your emergencies and provided care until the ambulance arrives. We will continue to do that, with some modifications. First, we will limit the number of responders who enter a residence. Second, we will ask everyone in the residence to wear a mask and maintain a 6’

distance. If the 911 call involves COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, we will likely remain outside of the residence unless we need to provide immediate care for the patient. Medical personnel on the ambulance have full personal protective equipment to treat and transport ill patients. It is important that the First Responders remain healthy and not become a source of infection in our community.

Some safety pointers for TR

**DON’T SPEED and OBSERVE STOP SIGNS!** As a driver of a car or golf cart, it is important to drive within the park speed limit of 10 mph, be super attentive and expect the unexpected. Please come to a full stop at intersections, look carefully both ways before you proceed, and be particularly careful when you back up. As active as our residents may be, some have vision or hearing loss; some may not move very quickly when crossing the street; some may wear clothing hard to see at night; and some may step out in front of a moving vehicle without warning. In addition, some medications make driving risky and some of us don’t navigate as well at night. Make good choices - be safe!

**BE VISIBLE!** As a bicyclist or golf cart operator, be sure your lights are shining brightly when you venture out at night. Wear a helmet when you bicycle. If you

are bicycling or walking, choose bright, preferably reflective, clothing so drivers can spot you easily. If the area you are walking has a sidewalk, please use it rather than the street because drivers will not expect to see pedestrians in the street after dark.

Make good choices – be safe!  
**USE CAUTION WHEN CLIMBING!** When you need to go high, inside or outside, use a ladder rather than something intended for another purpose, and make sure it is tall enough and safely set up. Move the ladder to reach that place you need to lean and stretch to get to, rather than risk toppling over. If you have dizziness or get lightheaded, ask

someone else to hang those Christmas lights or drapes, or change that battery in your smoke/monoxide detector. Make good choices – be safe!

Reminders

If you haven’t already changed the batteries in your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, do it now. If you have the battery and need help with the change out, call Chief Larry Polzin at 810-247-2361 or LT. Jean Cobb at 256-508-8661.

Because of COVID-19, the TR Fire/Rescue Station will not be offering blood pressure or blood sugar screening on Tuesdays this year.

Safety – first, last, and always!

TR Blood drive



by Ken Neer

The first of two seasonal blood drives will be held on Monday, Dec. 7. I hope to have a sign-up sheet in Busch Hall located on the board closest to the southwest door (closest to library). Please bring your own pen/pencil. In an effort to avoid sign-up time confusion, please sign up only in Busch Hall as opposed to online. The buses will be located next to the Fire Station, and will operate from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

OneBlood will be following strict COVID-19 safety protocols. These include having all staff and donors wearing masks, wiping down beds after each use and sending two buses to help maintain social distancing guidelines.

OneBlood will be giving a \$10 E-gift card and possibly some other gift not yet determined. You will automatically receive a wellness check which includes your blood pressure, heart rate (pulse), temperature, iron count and total cholesterol (phone-in).

Please remember, you are giving the “Gift of Life” to two or three patients each time you donate. This is achieved by separating the blood into various components. Remember, there is no substitute for human blood.

Take a few moments out of this year’s not-so-busy schedule and sign up at Busch Hall. If you have any non-medical questions, please give me a call at 419-366-0203.

Thanksgiving Food Drive is a success



Photo by Jack Carey

Thank you, TR, for your generosity during the Thanksgiving food drive for Daystar Hope Food Pantry in Dade City. In addition to your food donations, we collected more than \$1100 to continue buying groceries for their pantry shelves.

National Remembrance Day



Photo by Jack Carey

According to the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), it was in 1974 that President Gerald Ford authorized a week to be set aside each May to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation’s communities. Part of TR’s celebration included a National Remembrance Ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2020 to honor all emergency medical technicians and first responders across the nation who have committed suicide.

Although TR’s National Remembrance Day was in May, every day should be a time to remember that our volunteers who stand ready to respond to our medical emergencies need your support, particularly now with their added concerns for a season within the COVID pandemic. Say thank you, be kind, give them a TR wave as you pass them at the Firehouse and let them know that you are grateful for their continued service to our community.



Don’t forget Toys for Tots

The TR Party Planners are still collecting Toys for Tots for Christmas. As with everything else, there is a little different plan for collecting our donations.

Collection boxes are outside the Post Office until Friday, Dec. 11. We are emptying the boxes regularly, so if you drop off something and don’t see it in the box later, don’t worry.

We thank you for your generosity now and over the past years.



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# Activity Affairs

by Jeri Miller  
Activity Coordinator

Mark your calendars – Thursday, Dec. 10 for our “Take a Trip with Santa” Social using our golf carts instead of sleighs. We will line up at the Golf View Pavilion at 6 p.m. Many surprises will be along the way. Please pick up a ticket on the table in the Post Office Lobby for a count.

Thanks to the Snack Shack and *The TR Times* for their very “generous” support. We can’t thank them enough. The majority of the money will be put away for our 2021 Christmas without the COVID-19 restrictions.



Mrs. Santa, Santa and his reindeer are ready, are you? Relax, enjoy and leave the trip to us, kind of like follow the leader.

The end - After the Trip is over, you could take a look at the residences that weren’t covered during the trip. There are always residents that love



JERI MILLER

to decorate. We need to remember this year that we can’t decorate inside our buildings but WE SURE CAN DECORATE OUTSIDE (including our residences). A lot of this will depend on the weather. If it is raining on Thursday, we will try for Friday. Show your true TR Holiday Spirit by joining in to make this TR’s best Social ever.

Christmas Charities – TR is known for their very deep pockets. Again, this year there are two charities that need our help.

Our TR Church Ministry is collecting gift cards for Sunrise. Please write the amount on the back of the card. See page 4 for more info.



Toys for Tots - sponsored by the Party Planners for our Marine Corps is asking for unwrapped toys for children of all ages. See page 5 for more info.

TR needs you – The Board is hoping that you are thinking of submitting a resume to be on the Board of Directors. Please think seriously about becoming a member of our TR Board. Just talk to any board member or previous board members (Doug or me) about joining the group. The best reason for applying is truly for the LOVE of TR. Your last chance is Dec. 8.

Along this line is the need for a “keeper” of the Display Board in the Post Office Lobby. This can be as big or small of a task as you wish. Call for more info.

Final Thought - Remember, you are encouraged to take an active part in the activities that interest you. Each activity is open to all. An offer to help is always appreciated. That’s how we survive.

As always, you have the most important role in the active life we enjoy here at TR.

## Snack Shack plans for 2021 season

by Jack Carey

With the Covid-19 rules and current situation, we are planning not to open the Snack Shack as we normally have done in the past. If things change by the end of December, we will reconsider our decision or, if unable to do this, we will cancel our plans.

In order to provide our residents some sort of lunch, we are thinking about the following. At the end of the Snack Shack facing the pavilion there are two windows where residents can drive up in golf carts. First window would be where the customer would order and pay. The next window would be for picking up a bag with order in it. This will keep people from entering the building. It would be impossible for us to offer our regular

menu because of the waiting time for an order to be ready. We prepare meals as ordered and some can be completed very quickly while others take additional time. Any delay keeps the line from moving with an even flow which would frustrate the customers.



Since cheeseburgers account for 24% of the orders and all of the other items are a single digit percentage, it would be logical that this

would be our offering. We are discussing how many days a week we can do this as well as possibly offering a different sandwich one day a week. Offering more than one item on a day would create many ordering, preparing and storage challenges among other problems.

We are thinking as of now that we will be offering a cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, onions, pickle, and coleslaw along with a bag of chips and a bottle of water for \$3.

We plan on trying this for a week or two and see if it works. If not, we will consider changes or closing for the season.

NOTE: This is only our plan as of now and is subject to change.

## Ballroom dance classes to begin in January

by Jeffrey J. Duquette

Ballroom dance classes will be offered at TR on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Instructor Jeff Duquette has over 20 years of experience and has danced with some of the country's top professionals. Lessons will cover rumba, waltz, swing, foxtrot, and cha-cha. They will be geared to the beginner, but even accomplished dancers will improve on their technique.

Classes will start sometime in January with start date to be announced. Romantic rumba will be the first lesson covering the basic steps and how to hold your partner. Practice will be to slow tempo songs first, then slightly faster songs.

Ballroom dance consists of moving across the floor with a partner, as one to the music. You'll learn much more than just that, including the little things that make it look easy and how to work as a team. Everyone has social events with dancing offered and you'll be able to move like a pro.

The lessons are structured to slowly build up your skill set. While you may join at anytime, the people who are there week after week will get into their comfort zone more quickly. Repetition is the key to learning any motor skill like dance.

A series of training videos have been added to the library



Photo submitted by Jeff Duquette

JEFF AND HEIDI DUQUETTE

which you may borrow to practice in the privacy of your own home. The materials covered in class are on these DVDs. A more advanced training set is there also. These will be available as a refresher course after the lessons have been completed.

There will be no lessons during the week of Jan. 27. It is hoped that square dancing might be offered during this time. However since square dancing requires this mingling of partners it is uncertain just how this might be handled.

Safety protocols will be strictly adhered to during lessons. Masks must be worn. Social distancing is required and you will dance ONLY with your partner. You will be expected to stay well away from other couples.

## Friday Afternoon LIVE – Music in The Grove



Photo submitted by Jeff Duquette

DOC AND DONNA PROBES

by Donna Probes

Among the many reasons we were attracted to Travelers Rest as a "snowbird" destination was the emphasis on musical activities. We loved our first visit in 2017 when our band *Peter, Paul & Mary Remembered* performed for Busch Hall Sunday Night.

As we look forward to our second year as residents of TR, we are excited to bring a new activity that will celebrate the joy of music and bring more happy tunes to the community. On Nov. 27, the very first Friday *Afternoon LIVE* activity was held on the stage in The Grove.

This year, Doc and I drove down from our hometown of Traverse City, Mich. We loaded our van with sound equipment and instruments, so we are all set for "pop up" Friday fun in The Grove. As time goes on, we'll be collaborating with the many musician friends we have met here.

Each musical activity will have a theme. On the day after Thanksgiving, the first one featured songs of hope, love and gratitude. During these difficult days of the pandemic, we need to cherish and be grateful for everything that we DO have.

Since December will be hard on many who have decided not to travel back home, we've decided to do an afternoon of holiday music on Friday, Dec. 11. We will do many of the favorites and invite everyone to sing along. Plus, Doc and I have collected many fun holiday songs over the years that reflect the joy of the season from different cultural traditions.

We will keep an eye on the weather forecast and schedule future dates when things look good. Keep an eye out for postings on the Residents and Friends Facebook page, as well as in the Post Office.

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## SNACK SHACK

# Take Out





# TR resident bakes sweet houses

by Bard Fuller

It's starting to smell a lot like Christmas in the TR Village. Wafts of nutmeg, ginger and cinnamon abound this week in the Fuller residence. Bard and his sister, Nancy, are baking and decorating their gingerbread creations to donate and support the Dade City Heritage Museum.

Bard and wife, Kathy, thought they had left behind their New England tradition of supporting their local church bazaar by contributing to the church's Christmas-time gingerbread village. Bard's sister, Nancy, a resident of Hudson, Fla., usually made an annual pilgrimage to Connecticut to partake in these gingerbread festivities. In these unprecedented times, this year things are switched due to many church buildings being closed and fairs being nonexistent in the northeast. Nancy convinced Bard and Kathy to head south to TR early this year and be part of the Dade City's Gingerbread World contest and exhibit.

Bard has always pushed the limits of gingerbread construction in Connecticut with some award-winning buildings being over 4' tall and others weighing nearly 70 pounds. Dealing with Florida's humidity however, has presented special problems this year. Recipe changes and cooking alterations still could not override the desire of Florida's humidity to make gingerbread bend like rubber. This year's gingerbread houses will have an extensive internal skeleton of pretzel rods, royal icing and several 1x2s to support the limp gingerbread.

Oh, and then there is the extensive candy collection that goes into each of these houses.



Photo by Kathy Fuller  
**Bard Fuller shows off his sweet, ginger architecture.**

Bard, Kathy and Nancy are all on a year-round mission to collect unusual candies to be used in these creations. Who better than Bard to have such a passion for candy as a retired dentist?

Come support the Dade City Heritage Museum with your paid admission to the museum and learn about Dade City's history and culture and enjoy the gingerbread houses on display.



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Gingerbread World  
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10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Dec. 4-5, Dec. 10-12  
and Dec. 17-19**

by Jeffrey Duquette

The first thing I do upon arriving at Lake Margaret is locate the alligator. We have an agreement to stay on opposite sides. He gets first pick! Then I check for surface activity. If the fry are nervous, the bigger boys might be trying to lunch on them. Doldrums doesn't mean I won't catch anything, just might have to work harder.

There are large-mouth bass, gar, tilapia, bream and other species in the lake. I cast artificial lures, based on scientifically tying on the first one I find in the tackle box. All seem to deliver! Natural bait like night crawlers or red worms will catch tilapia and bream. Garlike shiners, or a special rig. They have a bony jaw, so hooks don't grab.

No fishing license is required because we own the property. I practice catch and release.

The biggest bass I've caught was about 6 pounds. It's back in there, waiting for you to catch her. And getting bigger!

Lake Margaret has been here long before TR was built. The



Photo submitted by Jeff Duquette  
**Jeff shows off his grand catch.**

book, *The Story of Traveler's Rest with Historical Background* by Godley and Bradley, shows an early sketch of the property and two lakes. Anecdotes in the book tell us the farm kids swam and fished in the lake. I'd bet the lake has been here for hundreds of years! Heavy summer rains swell the lake and it merges with Vanishing Lake to make one giant pond..

How did it get its name? According to the book, a camper came by the evening gathering in his swimsuit, much to the delight of the crowd. His wife Margaret had slipped into the lake and lost her glasses. He went in to retrieve them. The name stuck!

Various lunar tables can be consulted for best times to fish. You enter your location, and they print it out for you. While pelagic fish might not care that the moon is closer to the earth, the tiny critters that little fish feed on do. Once the little guys are active the dinner bell rings for the big boys!

Even if you don't catch anything, there is always a show worth seeing. Alligators, turtles, wading birds, diving birds, swimming birds, squirrels and lots of little critters - all do their thing, ignoring you.

*Sidenote:* My copy of TR's history has autographed photos of Jacob Busch and Paul Ruth which makes it very personal.

For more information contact Jeff Duquette, 413-564-1386.



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**Ida Johnston Pike displays a bass caught by Maurice Johnston in May 1972.**



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# Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer

Welcome, my name is Linda Segui Spencer. I have written *Beyond the Resort* for the past three years for *The TR Times* to share events going on outside the park and nearby that might interest you. If you have a certain interest, e.g., opera, ballet or maybe jazz, please let me know. You can reach me via phone at 352-424-9604, or email at [ljspencer\\_377@msn.com](mailto:ljspencer_377@msn.com). You can also drop a note for me at lot 16-35.

As events and activities continue to be rescheduled or canceled as a result of COVID restrictions, please contact the event or venue directly prior to visiting to make sure it is still open.



**Giraffe Ranch** in Dade City is a wildlife preserve where you can feed the animals and unlike a zoo, these animals roam freely in an environment close to the one they are native to in Africa.



LINDA SPENCER

**Dade City Heritage and Cultural Museum** is where you should visit if you have interest in central Florida, its stories and the people that settled it. Artifacts are on display and knowledgeable staff share information and personal stories about living in the area.



**Treehoppers Aerial Adventure Park** is the popular place to be for adventure-minded, thrill-seeking people of all ages. This aerial adventure park in Dade City is the largest aerial park in central Florida and offers a unique and exciting way to enjoy this activity. There are several dozen zip-lines with rope bridges, various courses and climbing challenges.

**Sweet Blossom Alpaca Farm**, in Dade City is where workers take pride in raising and working with these docile animals that roam freely on 15 acres of farmland. During your visit, take a tour of the farm and learn about the animals and how they are raised. You can even take part in their feeding.



**AdventHealth Zephyrhills Christmas Stroll** will be held on Friday, Dec. 4 to Sunday, Dec. 13 from 6 pm to 9 pm located at AdventHealth Zephyrhills Fitness Trail 7050 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills. No reservations are required for this free event. Learn more at [AHZephyrhills.com](http://AHZephyrhills.com)

For a day on your own, you can visit one of the wineries or brewing companies near TR. You can also find motocross, extreme mudding nearby and for a quiet day, you can visit one of the many beaches, theaters or play a round of golf.

If I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

by Sharon Gilbert Zile and Dan Zile, Tour Directors

The bad news, or the good news? Which should we share first? Because we all could use a little hope these days, we'll share the bad news first, and then anticipate more pleasant happenings.

The disappointing TR travel news is, of course, that we cannot travel safely as a group during the pandemic. Bus trips while making excursions affordable make social distancing impossible. In fact, as Dan and I spent the past few months traveling in our Airstream, we encountered only two buses and they may or may not have been filled with passengers.

By now, most of you know that we had scheduled TR 2020-21 day trips and multi-day bus tours with a Zephyrhills travel agency. In early June, a sign on their office door indicated that, understandably, they were unable to sustain their business during the pandemic and had permanently gone out of business. However, we were not notified and to our knowledge no trip deposits were returned. With some research, we learned of the procedure to request refunds through the Florida Department of Agriculture, which oversees travel agencies and tourist companies and communicated that process to TR travelers through Residents and Friends on Facebook and the TR News and Updates group e-mail. The Dept. of Agriculture refunds are provided to the limit of the now-closed travel agency's bond. The applications for refunds are processed with refunds granted in the order of receipt of the refund application.

We deeply regret that it seems that no TR traveler has received a refund of his or her deposit payment. In addition to the travel agency's demise, at least one of our scheduled events, *The Singing*



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

*Christmas Trees* at the Orlando Baptist Church, has been cancelled for 2020 in order to protect both the singers and audience.

Sadly, giving priority to our individual and collective health, all TR group travel events have been canceled for the 2020-2021 season.

So, are you ready for some good news? First of all, the pandemic of 2020 does not totally terminate our TR travel opportunities. We will continue to monitor the status of the travel industry, as well as the personal health risks for senior travel, and resume our TR group travel excursions when it is safe to do so. Will that be in 2021-2022? At this time, it is impossible to predict, but please know that the enjoyment of day trips and bus tours with our TR friends remains a fun memory and hopeful aspiration.

In the meantime, even as group travel is not safe at this time, we know that travel is not totally eliminated from our lives. Dan and I have traveled approximately 12,000 miles in the summer and fall of 2020, and we have done so safely. In our future articles, we'll share some of our pandemic travels, as well as those of other TR travelers, along with hints for exploring our beautiful country in a pandemic-safe way

# Let's visit the Calvin Coolidge Historic Landmark

by David Baur

My wife and I were driving a scenic roadway in Vermont and saw a sign for Plymouth Notch and the President Coolidge site. Although not a Presidential Library, Plymouth Notch is a State Historic Landmark and the birthplace of John Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States. The National Site contains a modern museum, exhibits, Interpretive Center and 15 restored 19th Century buildings all within easy walking distance.

President Coolidge was born on the 4th of July in 1872 in Plymouth Notch, Vt. which is situated at the head of a group of beautiful hills. Known as "Silent Cal," an oft repeated story says that at a dinner party during his presidency, a fellow sitting next to him said he had placed a bet that he could make him say more than two words. Cal reportedly said "You lose." President Coolidge denied this ever happened.

Just off I-89 on Vermont Route 100A, you can visit the Coolidge homestead located about 30 miles West of Rutland, Vt. Plymouth Notch has been wonderfully maintained by the State of Vermont with historical accuracy and many buildings restored to their 19th Century charm. The site also



Photos by Dave Baur

## THE COOLIDGE HOMESTEAD

contains two museum stores, walking trails and a restaurant with picnic area.

You can step into the family home and the parlor with original furnishings. Coolidge was sworn in here as the 30th President by his father upon the death of President Harding. The original dining room table holds the lamp and Bible used in the ceremony.

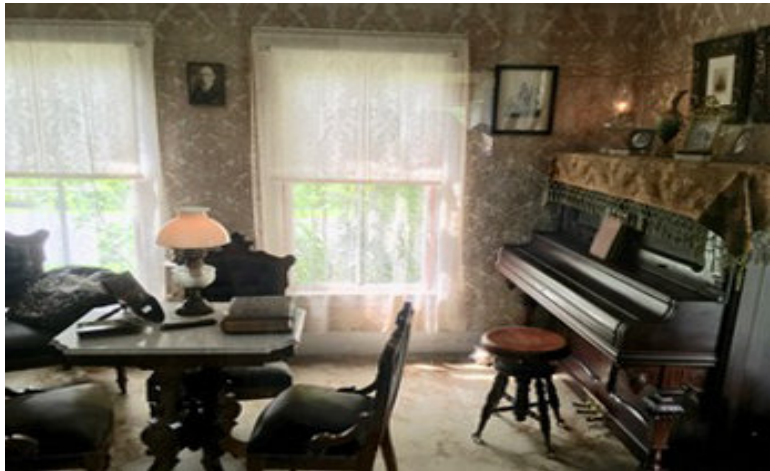
Plymouth Notch also has the wonderfully restored Union Christian Church, built in 1840, where the Coolidge family attended services. The church is

across the road from the Wilder House and Barn which was the boyhood home of President Coolidge. Visit the 1890 one room school house and cheese factory just up the hill from the home. Also see the Ciley General Store and Coolidge Hall, built in 1835. This was his grandparents' farmhouse and later served as his election headquarters and Summer White House.

As you depart the site make a stop on your way out of town at the steep hillside community cemetery where the President and his family are interred. This is a very modest but equally beautiful setting.

A bit of local lore recalls President Coolidge visiting Dade City in the 1920s and having lunch at the Gray Moss Inn, 203 West Church Avenue.

If you are in Vermont, make a point to drop by Plymouth Notch and if you are interested in learning more, pick up the very interesting Calvin Coolidge autobiography.



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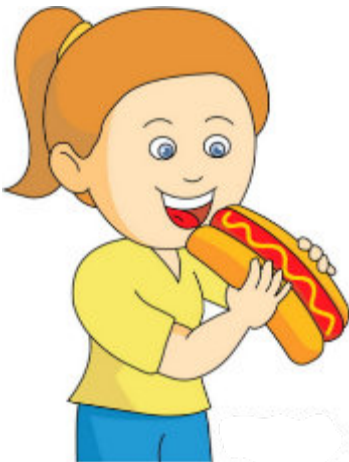
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**AMATEUR RADIO CLASS**  
Wednesdays, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. in Community Center.  
**Jim Zigrosser 0317 631-786-5097**

**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
The TR 2-Meter net meets each morning at 8 a.m. on 146.43 MHz simplex all season.  
Meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in K4TRR Club Room/Hobby House.  
**Jim Zigrosser 0317 631-786-5097**

**AQUATICS - POOL - LIMITED TO TEN**  
Mondays through Saturdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
**Linda Smith 1415 517-662-9233**

**ART 101**  
Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**Amy Grier 2616 816-752-7076**

**BADGES**  
Wear badges for identification in the park and at businesses who advertise. Pick up details undetermined.  
**Jeri Miller 1125 352-588-5448**

**BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS**  
**Only dance with your partner**  
Six lessons in all. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Will teach beginners Waltz, Foxtrot, Swing, Square Dancing Night on Jan. 27.  
**Jeff Duquette 1324 413-564-1386**

**BEADAHOLICS**  
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Citrus East.  
**Kathy Lemke 0442 847-456-5824**  
**Kathy Kushman 2622 860-608-8668**

**BEADAHOLICS, TOO**  
Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House Porch.  
**Dot Brenn 2556 813-293-4205**

**BIBLE STUDY - LADIES AFTERNOON**  
Fridays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Activity Center - 5 to 6 weeks.  
**Rosita Williams 1072 516-808-5734**  
**Carol Bowman 1535 717-495-9435**

**BICYCLING**  
Tuesdays and Fridays, meet at 8:45 a.m. behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board for rides.  
**Susan Delaney 1733 231-215-0358**

**BIRDING**  
Tuesday walk starts at 8 a.m. Meet outside Post Office.  
**Norm Eden 0614 317-457-4904**

**BLOODDRIVE AT TR**  
Blood drives are held the 1st Monday in December and March next to the TR Fire Station from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. unless announced otherwise.  
**Ken Neer 1071 419-366-0203**

**BOOK BROWSERS**  
Wednesdays (2nd and 4th) 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Nan Lance 0421 518-813-7873**

**BOWLING**  
Fridays at 2:15 p.m. at Pin Chasers Bowling Lanes; Zephyrhills. Sign up on Bulletin Board if you plan to go.  
**Lin Buczek 0432 920-470-7269**

**BRASS ENSEMBLE**  
Wednesdays 2:30 to 4 p.m. Activity Center. Need more brass players.  
**Bill Watkins 1110 740-361-4511**  
**Steve Bowman 1535 717-486-9925**

**BULLETIN BOARDS IN BUSCH HALL**  
For information or help with a notice or ad, contact:  
**Betsy Behler 0665 302-730-8333**  
**Jeri Miller 1125 352-588-5448**

**CHURCH ASSOCIATION**  
**Sunday Activities:** All events at The Grove  
8:45 a.m. - Music Practice  
9 a.m. - Bible Study  
9:45 a.m. - Hymn Sing  
10 a.m. - Worship service: Rev. Anthony Shipe  
**Choir Practice TBD**  
Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Busch Hall. Join us.  
**Bernie Gutridge 2502 740-453-5623**

**CHURCH COMMITTEE**  
4th Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Citrus West.  
**John Freed 2520 651-464-5390**

**CLOGGERS OF TR**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Citrus East.  
**Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805**  
**Donna Neer 1071 419-366-0471**

**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Activity Center  
**Bill Bradford 1329 352-588-3766**  
**John Goodger 1331 352-467-1776**  
**Cary Box 1119 615-337-4300**

**DULCIMER CLASS**  
Beginners, Mondays, 9 to 10:15 a.m., Citrus West.  
Advanced, Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Citrus West.  
**Lois Showers 2513 570-939-2077**  
**Robin Valunias 0611 708-829-0371**

**DULCIMER JAM**  
Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Citrus East.  
**Lois Allen 0604 207-240-4201**

**FIRE/RESCUE 33**  
**Firemen:** Tuesday, 8 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room  
**First Responders:** Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room.  
Business Meeting: 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Paul Rife Room.  
**Larry Polzin 0429 810-247-2361**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE AT THE GROVE**  
**NEW!** Fridays, setup 2:45 p.m., Concert 4 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Donna Probes 1423 231-357-5713**

**GAMES NIGHT**  
Mondays, 7 p.m. in Snack Shack Shelter. Non-contact games.  
**Linda Smith 1415 517-662-9233**  
**Joan Colao 0314 631-987-9488**

**GARDEN CLUB**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret.  
**Leslie Ewing 1308 812-701-5352**

**GENEALOGY**  
Fridays 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**Judy Smith 0306 315-447-4939**

**GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**  
Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby House. All members/golfers are welcome.  
**Vicki Brooks 1435 615-390-4276**

**GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**  
**Contact Office 352-588-2013**

**GOLF - LADIES' LEAGUE**  
Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m., Starter Shack.  
**Pat Butler 1407 863-651-1164**

**GOLF LESSONS**  
Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise from 9 to 11 a.m.  
**Lynn Meyers 0609 352-588-5256**  
**Joan McLean 1429 613-474-2311**  
**Gordon Mooers 0434 352-588-0709**  
**John Wedell 6010 631-987-7551**

**GOLF - MEN'S LEAGUE**  
Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Starter Shack.  
**Bill Harkins 1823 518-365-6106**  
**Lloyd Marsh 0107 352-807-8292**

**GOLF - SCRAMBLES**  
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings, Starter Shack.  
**Tom & Pat Butler 1407 863-651-1164**  
**Dave/Dawn Pulleyln 0113 276-243-9522**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**  
Fund raiser only.  
**Vince Smith 0306 315-447-8536**

**JUBELLATION**  
Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.  
**Jean Cobb 1302 256-508-8661**

**KITCHEN USAGE**  
Please contact Jeri Miller for all kitchen needs.  
**Jeri Miller 1125 352- 588-5448**

**KNITTING AND MORE**  
Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Snack Shack Pavilion.  
**Dot Picard 0905 207-232-4032**  
**Jackie Gage 1439 410-212-4738**

**LADIES' TONE & TIGHTEN**  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights.  
**Betty Clark 0307 717-572-1044**

**LIBRARY**  
Southwest corner of Busch Hall. Place donations on bottom shelf of cart behind desk. Magazines to laundry  
**Library Committee-** First Tuesdays, 2 p.m., In the Library..  
**Mary Kosbab 0119 352-588-0463**

**LIGHT ROOM IMAGING**  
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Citrus West.  
**Bill Bradford 1329 352-588-3766**  
**Cary Box 1119 615-337-4300**

**LINE DANCING**  
Mondays and Thursdays 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.  
**Jean Zigrosser 0317 631-786-5097**  
**Louise McRoberts 7003 317-258-4618**

**LOCATOR BOARD**  
**Kit/Dick Wheatley 2619 802-238-6044**

**MAINTENANCE INFORMATION**  
**Contact TR Office 352-588-2013**

**MATS FOR THE HOMELESS**  
Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Golf View Pavilion.  
**Pat Dellamuth 0610 319-330-2899**

**MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB**  
**Radio Controlled Sailboat Racing** - Practice, Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to noon, Mirror Lake.  
**Racing** - Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, at Mirror Lake.  
**Jay Matthews 2525 518-944-4277**  
**Powerboat Racing** - Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon, Mirror Lake.  
**Dean Peters 0909 813-317-3269**

**MODEL RAILROAD**  
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Activity Center.  
**Brian Krupicka 630-961-1243**

**ORCHESTRA/TRAVELAIRES TBD**  
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Busch Hall. New members welcome.  
**Sue Troyer 0901 574-536-4771**

**PAINTING - OIL, ACRYLIC AND ART APPRECIATION**  
Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.  
**Pat Gallager 2529 352-424-1052**

**PARTY PLANNERS FOR TR**  
Drive thru dinner only.  
**Mary Hunter 2130 734-208-3458**  
**Linda Smith 1415 517-662-9233**

**PET LOVERS CLUB**  
3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.  
**Judy Leister 1533 419-894-6331**  
**Kathy Shawver 1004 419-610-7335**

**PHOTOGRAPHER FOR ACTIVITIES**  
Make your request for pictures to be taken for *The TR Times* 48 hours in advance.  
**Jane Carey 2504 352-467-3847**

**POM-POM DRILL TEAM**  
Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East.  
**Donna Neer 1071 419-366-0471**

**PRODUCE STAND**  
November and December: Mondays and Fridays, noon to 2 p.m.  
January thru March: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays: noon to 2 p.m.  
**Oak View Shelter near Busch Hall.**  
**Dade City location is in Walmart parking lot.**

**QUILTING**  
Thursdays 9 a.m to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. 2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell.  
**Ethel Polsdofer 1117 734-347-1433**  
**Bobbie Matkovich 2617 708-567-4686**

**RC AIRPLANE FLYING**  
**Parlor**, Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall. Fly indoor-rated, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.  
**Outdoor**, Tuesdays, 8:30 to 11:45 a.m., Golf Course, #1 Hole. Fly electric only, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.  
**James Morrow 2539 636-584-5214**  
**Charles Manos 1442 973-229-9157**

**RC MOTORSPORTS**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m., by Snack Shack.  
**Scott Tartanglia 0910 206-510-9845**

**RESIDENT FORUM TBD**  
First Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m. in Busch Hall. Open to everyone to ask questions and discuss issues with the Board.

**RUG HOOKING**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Hobby House Porch. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful.  
**Tawnya Rowden 2534 231-271-3325**

**SEW SPECIAL AND MACHINE EMBROIDERY**  
Mondays at 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Busch Hall. Welcome to cut out and sew. Bring machine, projects, ideas.  
3rd Mondays - Show and Tell.  
**Rosita Williams 1072 516-808-5734**



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**SHUFFLEBOARD**  
Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition.  
Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day.  
Richard Von Qualen 0401 815-735-4194

**SNACK SHACK**  
Monday thru Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join us for daily lunch, starting January 2020.  
Jack Carey 2504 352-232-0290

**SNACK SHACK SHELTER USAGE**  
Requests to use after hours contact:  
Jeri Miller 1125 352-588-5448

**SPORTS CLUB**  
Charter Boat Fishing, Indoor Target, Outdoor Sporting Clay, Skeet and Trap, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.  
Wednesdays (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Citrus West. All are welcome. Competitions and classes.  
Ray LoPresti 1064 518-893-2427

**STAINED GLASS**  
Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m., Activity Center.  
Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m., Activity Center.  
Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Activity Center.  
Laura Apgar 2808 937-371-6844  
Laverne Dennison 1623 440-477-4451  
Instructor - Sherry Harbert 7005 319-404-1382

**SUNDAY IN THE GROVE**  
Ice Cream Social,- Sundays, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., Ice cream sandwiches will be available for \$1 each.  
Rosita Williams 1072 516-808-5734  
Free entertainment as published in *The TR Times*.  
Sundays, 4 p.m., in The Grove following Announcements.  
Ken Langell 1128 317-408-6799

**TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG**  
Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m., Citrus East. Extra paddles available.  
Lou Schuler 1116 513-379-4620

**TALENT DISPLAY CASE**  
The works of talented TR residents are featured in the Post Office Display Case.  
Contact Office 352-588-2013

**TRAVELOGUE SHARING TBD**  
2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Citrus West.  
Richard Hunt 2519 314-412-5810

**UKULELE**  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m., Golf View Pavilion.  
Donna Probes 1423 231-357-5713

**VETERANS MEETING**  
1st Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m., Hobby House  
Vince Smith 0306 315-447-8536

**WAIST WATCHERS**  
Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the Hobby House.  
Jackie Thackery 2807 812-371-7243

**WALKING AEROBICS**  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m., meet at Bocce Ball Courts, weather permitting,  
Gloria Polzin 0429 810-252-0999

**WEIGHTS & STRETCHING**  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:50 to 8:30 a.m., Bocce Ball Courts, weather permitting. Class size limited to 10..  
Sheila Schencke 2112 425-590-7906

**WOOD SHOP**  
Mondays thru Fridays, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Volunteers needed for small projects in the park.  
Larry Kurkowski 1334 352-588-4121

**WOODCARVING**  
Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., Snack Shack Pavilion. Ladies, men, experienced and beginners are welcome. Carving blanks available.  
Linda Murphy 1328 717-968-9306

**YOGA**  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Tennis Courts.  
Jean Renee DeTar 2708 316-518-8158

**ZUMBA**  
Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Activity Center.  
Bev Weissinger 1632 914-443-2820

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ACTIVITIES

**BASKET WEAVING**  
Rachel Brooks 0133 603-534-4985

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Jane Carey 2504 352-467-3847

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LaVerne Dennison 1623 440-477-4451

**BONFIRE (MONTHLY)**  
Phyllis Zitzer 2114 717-379-3054

**BRIDGE CLUB (PARTY)**  
Linda Glover 0119 905-541-6399

**BRIDGE CLUB - BEGINNERS LESSONS**  
Jim Weigand 2534 231-947-5649

**BRIDGE CLUB - INTERMEDIATE LESSONS**  
Connie Bradley 0712 352-588-0373

**CALLIGRAPHY**  
Richard Peebles 0613 716-410-5386

**COFFEE SEMINARS**  
Terry Hosig 0407 860-416-2023

**COFFEE SOCIAL**  
Jim Matkovich 1130 708-567-4686

**COIN CLUB**  
No chairperson

**DIGITAL TECH GROUP**  
Frank Meier 1307 586-918-4266

**DINE-A-ROUND**  
Sandy Poast 2641 937-609-5143

**DINING WITH FRIENDS**  
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Barb Nelson 1105 816-699-3835

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Pat McCallum 1304 267-506-5049

**FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT SALE**  
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Marie Lupien 2627 603-781-3681

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Deborah May 1122 304-888-8207

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Don Sides 0206 336-407-0034

**HORSESHOE PITCHING**  
Dick Miller 0550 352-206-3981

**IPHONE CLASS**  
Susan Stahley 1106 518-598-6823

**JOKER**  
Vicki Howard (Mon.) 0903 803-629-2506  
Deborah May (Fri.) 1122 304-888-8207

**KARAOKE**  
Glenn & Gabriella Young 0517 863-397-8249

**LITURGICAL DANCE**  
Betty Teichert 0302 613-983-6089

**MAH JONG CHINESE**  
Marcia Hatfield 0205 614-946-4411

**MAH JONGG - NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE PLAY**  
Bette Gorman 2703 608-547-5529

**TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES**  
Jim and Carol Henrikson 1207 810-990-9199

**PAINTING - WATERCOLOR**  
Pat Miller 0555 352-206-3981

**PICKLE BALL - MEN/ WOMEN**  
Dean Peters 0909 813-317-3269

**PICKLE BALL/LADIES**  
Pam Watkins 1110 740-361-072

**PINOCHLE**  
John Delaney 1733 907-351-5659

**POKER LADIES NIGHT OUT**  
Gina DiPinto 0125 914-882-3255

**POKER NIGHT**  
Jack Koch 2554 231-883-7506

**POKER TEXAS HOLD’EM MEN AND WOMEN**  
Jack Davis 1636 352-206-6769

**ROAD RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB**  
No chairperson

**SINGING MEN**  
Steve Gorden 2618 817-368-4993

**SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY**  
John Goodger 1331 905-380-2185

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No chairperson

**TRAVELETTES WOMEN’S CHORUS**  
Mary Beth Coldren 0229 276-235-1505  
Dir. - Bernadine Gutridge 2502 740-607-4575

**TR TRAVEL**  
Sharon Gilbert Zile 2540 740-360-3819

**VETERANS MEETING**  
Vince Smith 0306 315-447-8536

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Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805



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TR Safety Protocols

Face masks and social distancing are required in all buildings at TR, including the business office, the post office, and the post office lobby.

Face masks and social distancing between household groups are required for large group gatherings outside, such as Sunday entertainment or church services. While you are seated, you may remove your mask if you choose to do so.

Face masks and social distancing are required when shopping at any vendors (such as the vegetable stand) who set up for business on TR.

Alcohol based hand sanitizer has been placed in every building for use by residents.

Spray bottles of sanitizing solution are in all buildings. Use them to disinfect high touch surfaces, let the area dry for one minute and wipe off. Activity chairpersons will be responsible for sanitizing after each activity.

Specific restrictions apply at the pool and golf course; check there for the latest details.

Avoid confrontation and remove yourself from any situation where you do not feel safe.

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”

– Sherry Anderson





Moving On ...

by Linda Quinn

In 2005, which seems like a long time ago, I started writing **OnMouseClick** to help TR residents learn how to use computers. Back then not everyone owned a computer, even fewer residents used mobile phones, and WiFi was a relatively new concept. Today we not only use computers, but smart mobile phones, tablets, smart TVs, voice-controlled artificial intelligence devices and smart home security devices.

It would be interesting to take a survey of TR residents to find out how many computer devices are being used on a daily basis. In our home we have two people, three iPads, two smartphones, two Apple Watches, two Kindle readers, two smart TVs, two additional streaming devices (an Apple TV and Amazon Fire), a WiFi enabled door lock and a wirelessly controlled thermostat. We have yet to add a voice controlled intelligent assistant, such as Alexa, Google Home or Apple HomePod, but with our door lock and thermostat we could say we live in a **Smart Home**.

The term **Smart Home** has become ubiquitous, but what exactly does it mean? A broad definition is a home equipped with network-connected appliances, heating, lighting and electronic devices that can be controlled remotely using a smartphone, tablet, computer or intelligent assistant. Visit Best Buy, Lowe’s or Home Depot and you can peruse aisle after aisle of smart home devices. Some of these devices are as simple as light bulbs that can be remotely controlled to turn on and



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off with a touch of a smartphone. Other, more sophisticated devices include remote controlled thermostats, video enabled doorbells and voice controlled home entertainment systems.

It can be empowering to outfit your home with smart home technology. If you are returning home after dark and you forgot to turn on a light before you left, an app on your phone can remotely turn on a lamp while you are still in your car driving home. With a remote controlled door lock you can leave home without carrying a key. We installed a Yale Secure Lock on our front door, and when we leave home we lock the door with our iPhone or Apple Watch. We use an Apple TV steaming device to watch television, and when we want to turn it off Eddie says “Hey Siri, turn off Apple TV,” and the TV turns off. If you have an Amazon Alexa in your home you can tell it what type of music you want to listen to, and it will play music of the genre you requested. Finally, if you have a Nest or Ring wirelessly controlled video doorbell, an app on your smartphone will alert you anytime someone rings your bell, even when away from home. A video, with sound, appears on your

phone, and you can not only see but talk to the person ringing the bell.

While many of you may not be ready to turn your home into a smart home, each year TR residents become more tech savvy. For the first time the Travelers Rest Phone Book was published on our website as an interactive database, and the *The TR Times* is being published exclusively online. The reasoning for these publishing decisions is probably due to the COVID Pandemic, but it also highlights the computer expertise of TR residents. With this knowledge I feel comfortable “Moving On.”

This is my last **OnMouseClick**, and in January my husband Eddie (who helped with ideas and editing on every **OnMouseClick** column over the years) and I will be selling our warm, inviting home here in The Village and leaving TR. It is hard to believe we have been here for 20 years, the first few on the hill, then three sites in RV South and the last 5 years here in The Village. Living here has been just a comfortable time for the both of us. We cannot imagine leaving but it is time. My husband found TR because he was a bicycle racer/coach/president of a team and all the racers within 50 miles came to race here on Wednesday morning. It was a perfect fit for the both of us. Besides our granddaughters loved riding around here in the golf cart! We cannot think of a better recommendation!! While we know we will miss Travelers Rest, we are excited to be moving across the state to a house in Celebration, the town that Disney built. We wish you all a Happy Holiday Season. May 2021 be a better year for everyone!

Birding Activity



Welcome to a new bird-watching season

by Norm Eden

Welcome to the online *TR Times* and watching birds here where we have lots of birders. These fellow residents vary from statistical note-keeping ‘experts’ to many who just enjoy looking at the birds as they go about their normal activities. Whatever your degree of bird appreciation we have a great birding habitat where many can frequently see new species while learning more of bird behavior.

All birding must of course be subject to the wearing of masks with social distancing. No formal activities are currently planned other than our traditional one-hour bird walk on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. starting from the Post Office Veranda. Nevertheless our TR birding is developing with big positive changes for us all.

Welcome to a most promising bird-watching season where our comprehensive sighting opportunities will be enhanced by the development of a TR birding trail. Bird viewing stations will be established including bench seats, where you may quietly observe activity at the adjacent feeders. The best bird sightings are frequently made when you stay quietly for ten minutes or so until the birds get used to your presence. Tom Butler along with Ray Hill and the maintenance team have made it more comfortable for us all by adding benches. There are more than a dozen stations so why not find them all and see “what’s



PAINTED BUNTING

about” for your bird list. An interesting objective would be to see some special birds that live around here and are not seen in the northern country? One example is the sparrow-sized Painted Bunting, which is probably the brightest colored bird in the country – we have them here! Or the 6-lb ugly/handsome Wood Stork...and more.

Birding is a year round activity at TR for many and our birders range from casual watchers to enthusiastic recorders of species and numbers seen. With passage of the seasons we birders learn more of bird behavior and during the past year or so a number of folk have commented that there appears to be fewer birds around than in previous times. In total numbers that may well be correct for some species, but the total number of different species seen

here is equal to the Audubon checklist.

In our general area, which includes parts of both Pasco and Hernando Counties, the Audubon list indicates there are over 100 species that are considered ‘common’ in the winter months (Jan. 1 to March 31). However, as some coastal and other birds will not find the right habitat at TR, but that should leave a reasonable chance for us to identify 80 or 90 species. Then, in addition to the ‘common’ birds, a further 40 or so are considered to be ‘uncommon’ meaning that they are normally present in the area but not certain to be seen or heard due to being secretive, having low numbers or very specific distribution. This list includes some birds we just might see over a period of years at TR, such as White Pelican, Reddish Egret, Wilson’s snipe or, a real rarity, a Summer Tanager. Although maybe not all in the same year, we can expect a cumulative total winter TR bird-sighting list ever 100 and that is what we do have with 112 species recorded since winter 2013 so, for sure, that includes ‘uncommon’ species and the annual average of 65 species reflects that there will always be a significant proportion of passage birds. These may only stay a few hours and if we don’t see them we can’t record them.

So, keep looking, resting on a seat by a feeder (where ‘rocks’ may also be found) and enjoying TR birding.

Garden News

We celebrate our volunteers

by Leslie Ewing

Coronavirus time means that most of our favorite activities will not happen this season. Fortunately the Garden Club will continue, as it is an outdoor activity. We wear masks and social distance while catching up on what everybody is doing.

We very badly miss our Canadian friends who are unable to cross the border to be here. Margaret Bergsma was our treasurer last season. She planned to continue. Instead, she will stay in Canada. Stacy Grier will be treasurer this coming season. Thank you, Stacy.

Margaret also maintained the Snack Shack Garden - the hanging baskets and the plants on the shelves beside the Snack Shack. My husband, Alan, and I will take responsibility for this area. It takes three of us to replace one Margaret!

When I return to TR for the season after being away for the summer, I groan because the wild potato vines take over the garden. Plus there are branches, twigs and leaves all over, oh my! Club mem-

bers have to spend the whole month of January cleaning up the garden before we do anything else.

This past summer was different. A crew of hard workers watered and beat back those potato vines in the heat and humidity. We need to recognize these folks and thank them.

Phyllis Zitzer, while studying to become a Florida Master Gardener, organized the work until she left for the summer. Pam Forsyth then coordinated the work.

David Harder took on the azaleas around the Snack Shack. They look better than ever! The summer crew included, in no particular order: Linda Jackson, Michael Bly, Andrea Patterson, Diane Phillips, Amy Grier, Wanda Arnold, Kathy Lemke and Doris Lewis. Later reinforcements included: Laura Weik, Mike and Laura Lilawski and Alan and Leslie Ewing. The garden is gorgeous!

TR residents and guests are welcome to stroll on the boardwalk in the evenings. Christmas lights and decorations are up. Enjoy!

As busy as a bee



by Carol Lauer

Have you ever wondered how honeybees make that delicious honey that you spread on your toast or biscuits in the morning? Well, honeybees are some of the most industrious creatures you will find in this world.

A colony of honeybees is made up of one *queen bee* -- the only fertile female, several thousand *drone bees* that are fertile males, and many thousands of *worker bees* that are sterile females. Some of the *worker bees* become *foragers* and others become *house bees*.

The *foragers* drink nectar from flowers until their *honey stomach* is full. They return to

the hive and regurgitate the nectar directly to the *house bees* who continue to break down the sugars in the nectar. When the water content is sufficiently reduced, they store the nectar in the cells of the honeycomb.

Ah, but the process goes on! The bees rapidly beat their wings to evaporate any remaining water. The bees then seal the cell with beeswax. The *worker bees* have a very short life span, as you can imagine.

The cooperation among honeybees is incredible and something to be admired. Not only do they feed themselves, but they also provide us with a sweet treat to be treasured all the more because of their cooperative work ethic.

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# Library News

by Mary Kosbab

Thanks to the hard work of a few volunteers and the residents of TR who have been careful and diligent during this pandemic, our Library has remained open and available for TR residents.

Many thanks go to Kay Blunda, Diane Phillips and Marilyn Long who kept the Library functioning throughout the summer. This is a big job for such a limited number. Ordinarily we have 15 to 20 volunteers to cover all the jobs, so having only 3 makes for some very busy people.

We welcome Gloria Lehman to our staff. Returning volunteers, please sign in on the library desk so we know who is in the park. We are asking that everyone adhere to all the precautions the park has encouraged regarding the Covid-19 virus. Please keep the number of people in the Library to a maximum of 2, and of course, wear



a mask. There is hand sanitizer on the desk for you to use. For extra precaution you might want to take two or three books at a time and allow these books to sit for a period of time before reading.

The following is a quote from Dr. Colin Furness, an infection control epidemiologist and assistant professor at the University of Toronto regarding precautions for library users, "The precautions for books should be the same as anything else you come into contact with. Book borrowing is a bit like grocery shopping. You are touching items and bringing them into your house. We can't wash or boil books, obviously. So, the thing to do is to clean your

hands after touching them before touching your face, and to let them sit for 24 hours. Libraries are not usually crowded but they do get a lot of traffic over the course of the day, so I would have hand sanitizer with me and I'd use it after touching anything, such as door handles." This is good advice to follow, especially as the park starts to fill up with returning residents, guests and visitors on Golf View.

Finally the Library staff gives a big thanks to the Maintenance staff for the great job they did cleaning our floors over the summer. This is a big job. They take the free-standing bookcases out and then return them after cleaning. We very much appreciate the great job they do to help us keep the Library looking nice.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact a member of the Library staff. We always welcome your input.

# Pets on Parade



## Meet Katie, the therapy kitty



Photo by Judy Leister  
**KATIE**

by Judy Leister

We hear about therapy and emotional support dogs all the time but this article is about a highly-qualified therapy kitty. Katie is a 17-year-old tortoiseshell cat. At 4 months of age she was part of an adoption program held through animal shelters at a PetSmart. John and Joan Hannah met Katie there and knew she had to come home with them. Katie flourished when she discovered human love.

John and Joan were married for 45 years. The last 18 months of her life Joan was paralyzed from multiple strokes. Katie remained at Joan's side constantly. John moved them into an apartment close to the hospital for any emergency care issues Joan might need. Katie adapted to apartment life well and continued to be Joan's nurse kitty.

After Joan passed away, John and Katie moved into his motorhome and traveled between

Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. John was extremely sad after Joan's passing. Katie sensed that quickly and directed her therapeutic attention to him. This really helped him through a difficult time.

Recently a very scary thing happened. While the motorhome was in for some service work an employee accidentally left the door open and Katie wandered out of the RV. They looked and looked. No Katie! Oh, how scary. John was in tears. Ten hours later Katie was found hovering behind some large cutting tools at the RV shop. She was just fine. Since being reunited with John she doesn't leave his side. If they do happen to go outside now, she stays close by and always keeps an eye on John. All he has to do is call her name, motion for her to come and point at a spot on the ground next to his foot and she comes running to that spot.

At age 15, Katie developed some urinary tract problems which required veterinary care and special cat food. That has totally resolved itself and she is healthy again and enjoying regular cat food. One of her favorite pastimes is to stalk the geckos that are brave enough to scamper across their patio. If you happen to be passing by lot 09-20 and see Katie lounging in the sun be sure to stop and give her a pat on the head.

## Did you know?



Photo by John Goodger

by Norm Eden

Stately Bald Eagles are far from being the best parents around, as they don't teach their young to fly or to hunt in order for them to survive after leaving the nest. The juveniles must learn the hard way to hunt because once they can fly and leave the nest area they must quickly learn or die. Sadly, some do die. Many young ones join in with their local vultures and learn that carrion is a ready food source and that's why Bald Eagles are frequently seen at landfill sites. They are still stately when we see them.

## Pet Lovers Club to meet Dec. 21

by Judy Leister

The first meeting of the season will be held on Monday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. outside at the Puppy Park. Masks and social distancing, please.



# Pet Lovers Club

## Pet activities during COVID



Photo by Diana Dean

**SCOOP**

by Judy Leister

When I originally heard about the Covid-19 shutdown the first thing that went through my mind was, "Oh no, it's going to be so boring. We can't go anywhere or do anything." Many of our activities involved dogs so it felt like everything was going to come to a standstill. Then our dog Scoop gave me a friendly reminder by bringing me a ball to throw for him. He was showing me there were still lots of things we could do. He and I took walks which led to some longer hikes. Hmmm.....that was beneficial to both of us. Now that we are back at TR we have

added golf cart rides to Scoop's daily fun. TR's lovely Puppy Park is a favorite for both dogs and their humans and social distancing there is easy due to all the space.

Our dogs have always loved fun games. Playing in the hose while I watered the flowers was a favorite. They also love treats. We have bought several games that encourage the dogs to get creative in how they get the treat compartments open but one of their favorites has always been something right out of our kitchen cupboard, my muffin pan. I put something yummy in each compartment and cover them with

tennis balls. Wow, you should see how exciting the game of retrieving treats becomes.

Don't forget bubbles. An inexpensive bottle of bubbles from the toy department can produce some super fun experiences for our pets. We have even gone so far as to buy a bubble machine. Just pour the bubble liquid in it and push the button. Instantly it looks like Lawrence Welk is in the house.

Another wildly favorite game with Scoop is a bamboo stick with a plastic grocery bag tied to the end. All I have to do is twirl it around me and watch him race after it. Lots of woofs and waggie tails.

As long as you stay away from crowds don't forget the dog beach at Fort De Soto. It's only about an hour away. Many of us have dogs that need grooming and they all have toe nails that need care. What a great time to learn how to do some of these things ourselves.

I have found it so rewarding to do training sessions with our dogs. This doesn't always mean an hour long class at a training center. Ten minutes here and there can be fun and very beneficial. It is so helpful if your dog will sit, down, stay and come on command. Will your dog politely sit and wait for the release word when you open the front door to go for a walk? If not, maybe you should challenge yourself to teach that important "Wait" command.

Not everyone likes to compete but I have to admit I have really enjoyed all the years I have shown our dogs in agility, rally and obedience. Oh what a great bonding experience and we are actually getting some exercise since our practice has not stopped just because of the shutdown.

I hope many of you have your four-legged family member cuddled up with you as you read this article. Not every pet-related activity has to involve panting or huffing and puffing.

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# Ray Bratton was wounded in “The Forgotten War”

by John Lawrence

Raymond Wayne Bratton was born in Montana in 1936 but the family moved quickly to Missouri where he grew up. He was 16 and a bit of a rebel, so when he got into a minor scrape at school which required him to bring his parents in for a conference, he decided to join the Marines instead.

He had used a false Social Security card that listed his age as 17 so that he could work a summer job and he used that to sign up. He did his boot camp in Parris Island, S.C. As a volunteer he was quickly on his way to Korea.

His platoon had set up a roadblock on the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel trying to cut off enemy supplies from coming through. They had to be extremely careful, especially at night when a lit cigarette could be seen for miles. They didn’t even wear watches that had illuminated faces.

Then one night something happened that Ray still gets too emotional to talk about. He woke up on the ground near an idling Chinese tank. An explosion had killed many men in his platoon. He was only in Korea for about two months before he was injured, and that was only nine days before the cease-fire order took effect.

He vaguely remembers being loaded on to a weapons carrier and brought to a field hospital. Shortly after that, he was sent to a Naval hospital at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He spent almost two months there recovering from his injuries.

While there he became friends with a fellow Marine who invited Ray to visit him at his home in Pinehurst. Ray went on a blind date with him and met his wife Jean. They shared 55 years of marriage until her death in 2015.

Ray went to Camp Lejeune after his recovery. He had a stint as a member of the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. He spent some time in Camp Pendleton, where his oldest son Scott was born. Then he was assigned as a “prison chaser,” or prisoner escort at a Federal Naval Prison in Portsmouth, N.H.

Ray served in the Marines from 1953 to 1958. After that they moved to and settled in Chelmsford, Mass. where they had two more children, Vickie and Douglas.

Today, Scott is an attorney and Vickie is a nurse. “Not bad for a ninth grade dropout,” Ray stated proudly. Regrettably, Douglas died from a heart attack about 50 years ago.

After Ray was mustered out with the rank of Corporal, he became a mail carrier and spent 25 years with the U. S. Postal Service, retiring in 2003. As avid Airstreamers, the couple was persuaded to visit TR. They came, liked it, bought a share and had to wait for a spot. They finally got one on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Jean enjoyed clogging and Ray played golf. When Jean passed, Ray sold everything and left the park. He did keep his share of stock.

Back home in Chelmsford, he met Linda, whose husband had also passed. They went on a date, ‘hit it off’ and became best friends. Ray saw an ad for a fifth wheel for sale at TR for a very low price price, so they decided to come back to TR and check it out. “It was in awful shape,” said Ray. The couple rented a park model with intention to buy. They did buy the place on 03-38 where they now live, very comfortably, with their new cat.

Ray sadly states that the Korean War is still called “The Forgotten War.” Some still call it the Korean Conflict. It was called a “police action” by President Harry Truman. Congress never passed an official declaration of war. It began in 1950 and lasted only three years. But over the course of those short years many of Ray’s friends were among the more than 36,000 Americans who lost their lives,

“The problem is that it was so quickly forgotten about. All those people lost their lives and didn’t get any recognition for it.” In their memory Ray donated a large gravestone in Chelmsford Memorial Park. He also sponsored a brick in TR’s Veterans Memorial.

In addition to his Purple Heart Medal, Ray has received many honors and commendations for his exemplary service. When General Davis, who was in charge during the war formally retired, he wanted all of his men with him, so Ray and Jean were invited to attend the ceremony. A South Korean General gave him a medal. Recently he was presented with the Ambassador for Peace Medal by the Consul General of South Korea.



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The veterans listed above are currently living at Travelers Rest. If we have missed your name, we ask that you leave a note in *The TR Times* box in Busch Hall or call us at (352) 588-4993 so that we may include your name next season.

## Moving notes of tribute

by Paul Freed

*Note:* For several years Paul Freed, father of current TR resident John Freed, wrote a weekly column, *Vistas*, for *The TR Times*. The following article appeared on Nov. 28, 2003.

It was one of those occasions when we all remember where we were when it happened. It was many years ago when time froze for a moment. President Kennedy had been assassinated.

Of all the memories of the event, none, surely, is etched more vividly in our minds than the final scene of that tragic time. At his father’s burial site, John, Jr., raised his small hand in a salute. Across the quiet park, sounded the moving notes of *Taps*.

It had been almost exactly 100 years before, Union and Confederate soldiers were locked in a shattering battle at Harrison’s Landing, Va.

As the Civil War had begun, in both the north and south, not a few families had endured the distress of one son donning gray, another blue.

In Northern Virginia, the battle of Harrison’s Landing was uncomfortably close to Washington. With a strong thrust, the Union army had held.

During the night a Union captain, Robert Ellicombe and his men heard the moan of a soldier severely wounded somewhere out in the dark field. Not knowing whether it was a Union or



Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring back the man for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through gunfire, the captain pulled the stricken soldier to his own encampment.

Reaching his own lines Captain Ellicombe discovered the soldier was dead. It was a Confederate soldier. Suddenly, Captain Ellicombe caught his breath. Numb with shock, he saw in the light of the lantern the face of the soldier. It was his own son.

The boy had been studying music in the south. Without telling his father the boy had enlisted in the Confederate army. Rummaging through the boy’s pockets the father discovered a crumpled piece of paper. On it was scribbled some music notes.

Heartbroken, next morning, Captain Ellicombe approached his superior. Could he, the captain asked, give his son a full military funeral? And could he, he asked, have a group of Army band musicians play a funeral dirge at the funeral?

The request was turned down. The boy was a Confederate. But out of respect for his father, they did say they could grant him one musician. Captain Ellicombe chose a bugler. He asked if the bugler might play the series of notes the father had found in his son’s pocket. The wish was granted.

For the first time, over the hills of Virginia, was played the haunting sound of the notes we call *Taps*.

Now, in November 1963, those 24 notes, found crumbled in a soldier boy’s pocket 100 years before echoed again over the hills of Virginia in a moving farewell.

Day is done.  
Gone the sun,  
from the lake,  
from the hills,  
from the sky.  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.



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# Photo highlights from Nov. 16 TR Veterans Ceremony



*We salute all  
of our  
veterans and  
we thank you  
for your  
service.*



*Photos by Jack Carey,  
Bill Wise  
and Lisa Davis*



## Butterfly magic grows at TR

by Sandy Langell

During this time of isolation and lockdown, Ken and I have learned a lot about metamorphosis. Tiny eggs turn into voracious caterpillars. Caterpillars – in the blink of an eye – encase themselves in a chrysalis. Blink again – and there is an incredibly beautiful butterfly, stretching its wings and flying away.



**BABY CATERPILLAR**

This all started when we saw the monarch display at last spring's Garden Walk. We have known for a long time about the environmental crisis for these butterflies that cannot survive without milkweed and we remember clouds of monarch butterflies from our childhood that we just haven't seen

for years. Shortly after the Garden Walk, when the large century plant in front of our cabana had drawn blood for what was to be the very last time, we decided it was time for it to go and what better way to replace it than with a garden for butterflies!

Phyllis Zitzer, Kathy Lemke and Pam Forsyth gave us starts from their plants. Cindy Seifert, from the Cindy Seifert Monarch Garden on Lake Iola Road, gave us lots of advice and was a source for more plants. We planted a few



**BUTTERFLY HOUSE**

milkweed plants that serve as hosts for monarchs and queen butterflies to lay their eggs and feed the caterpillars that hatch out. We planted some flowers to feed the



**Three chrysalises hang from the roof.**

butterflies and disguise the not - so - attractive milkweed plants!

Within days we had caterpillars munching away at our milkweed. When Donna Mason, still in Indiana, heard that we had baby caterpillars running amok she had Amazon deliver a butterfly house to us! With Donna's advice we learned to put the caterpillars in the house to protect them from predators along with to care for them. (Caring for them is so simple – give them LOTS of milkweed to eat and clean up the bottom of the cage every day.) We were so happy when they climbed to the top of the house and became chrysalis because we were out of milkweed leaves and had been depending on our friends for donations.

Then – oh happy day – that chrysalis turns dark and transparent and if you turn your head away for a minute and turn back, there is a beautiful butterfly where the

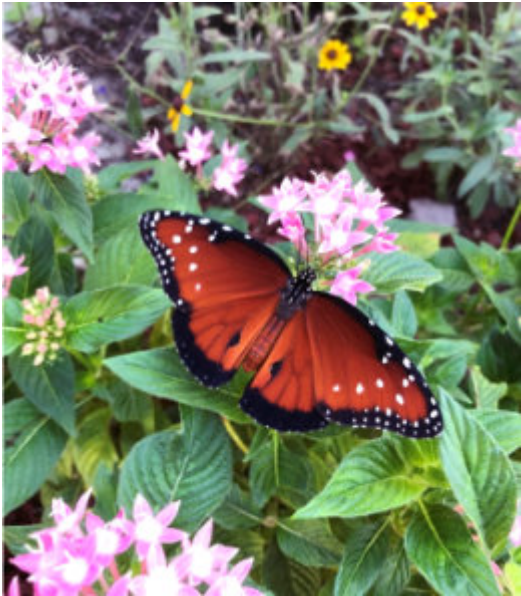
chrysalis used to be. It stretches, rests and stretches some more. Soon is ready to fly away. I'm tearing up as I write this. Until you have experienced it you just don't know how emotional you can get over a little butterfly.

I have forgiven Ken. I tell him I am the only woman I know that asked her husband for a puppy and received caterpillars. If you are interested in starting your own butterfly garden, please stop by and see ours, see the monarch stations in the TR Garden or visit one of the other TR residents I've mentioned here. We are all happy to help.



**Two butterflies display their stunning beauty in the Langell's cabana garden.**

*Photos by Sandy Langell*





TR Sports

Welcome to the 2020-21  
TRLGA season

by Laurie Zentmyer

The TRLGA kicked off its new season on Wednesday, Nov. 4. The number of lady golfers was smaller than what we have been used to of course due to the less than normal situation of 2020! We are still hoping to see additional members continue to return to TR as the season progresses. We miss all of you who won't be with us this year. As a group, we were diligent in abiding by TR and CDC COVID-safety guidelines. We kept a social distance, rode in carts as singles and avoided handling the pins. It certainly did not prevent us from having a wonderful opening to the season. The weather was beautiful and the fellowship was wonderful.

Anyone interested in coming out for the ladies' league is welcome. Join us Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. with tee off time at 9 a.m.

Dues are \$5 for the season. Contact Pat Butler at lot 14-07 or by phone at 863-651-1164 for additional information.

Tuesday mornings find us out on the course at 8 a.m. for beautification. We need volunteers! You don't have to be a golfer or a lady to join us (men are welcome). You just need a love of gardening and making things look lovely! We meet at 8 a.m. at Duffers Deck. You can work at your own pace and for as long as you want. Please reach out to Pat Gallagher, lot 2529 or by phone at 352-424-1052, if you would like to help.

Hopefully, by the time you read this issue, we are back on the course after reseeding with the course looking beautiful! We are looking forward to getting together. Until then, don't forget that sometimes, being with your friends and golfing is all the therapy you need!

Ladies Golf League  
results for Nov. 4

by Pat Butler

Finally! The 2020-21 TRLGA season is underway! On Wednesday, Nov. 4, several lady golfers came out to beautiful weather and an enjoyable round of golf.

Low Handicap 0-12

Low Gross	
1 Vicki Brooks .....	40
2 Pat Gallagher.....	46
3 Mardelle St. John .....	54
Fewest Putts:	
Vicki Brooks .....	14
Closest to #3:	
Betty Gilson	
Jean Bjorgen	

High Handicap +13

Low Gross	
1 Leslie Price.....	47
2 Betty Gilson .....	48
3 Pat Butler .....	49
Birdies:	
Pat Butler	
Jean Bjorgen	
Chip-In:	
Pat Butler	



Photo by Mark Clark

TR residents gathered last week under the direction of Laura Apgar to decorate the golf course with festive Christmas lights and wreaths. Here, Laura and Diane Phillips work on the Starter Shack.

Golf course etiquette

by Vicki Brooks

First I want to say hello to the residents here at TR. My article will again focus our attention on etiquette with regard to our beautiful golf course. It was brought to my attention that during the rainy summer season there was some damage done to our course by golf carts. There are rules that must be obeyed to avoid damage.

Please look over your rules from past years before using a cart. It is obvious that if the Cart Path Only sign is out at the #1 tee box, that means cart path only. Also try not to get too close to the greens even if you have a handicap sticker.

Just a reminder, please use common sense when on our course to keep it as beautiful as possible. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact me. I appreciate you all in advance.



Photo by Mark Clark

Jack and Pat Koch work to make #6 shelter festive.



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A golf poem

Submitted by Norm Eden  
Author unknown

In my hand I hold a ball,  
white and dimpled, and rather small.  
Oh, how bland it does appear, this  
harmless looking little sphere.

By its size I could not guess the  
awesome strength it does possess,  
but since I fell beneath its spell,  
I've wandered through the fires of \$!\$.

My life has not been quite the same  
since I chose to play this game.  
It rules my mind for hours on end;  
a fortune it has made me spend.

It has made me curse and cry, and hate  
myself and want to die.  
It promises me a thing called par,  
if I hit it straight and far.

To master such a tiny ball  
should not be very hard at all,  
but my desires the ball refuses  
and does exactly as it chooses.

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,  
and disappears before my eyes.  
Often it will have a whim  
to hit a tree or take a swim.

With miles of grass on which to land,  
it finds a tiny patch of sand,  
then has me offering up my soul,  
if only it would find the hole.

It's made me whimper like a pup,  
and swear that I will give it up  
and take to drink to ease my sorrow.  
But the ball knows - I'll be back  
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# Mirror Lake Yacht Club salutes Bernie Bergsma

by Bill Wise

For most of the activities at Travelers Rest, the day ultimately arrives when some of the members depart the park. Even though new people do join, it is always hard to say farewell to someone who has been part of the group for many years. In November, the Mirror Lake Yacht Club had to say goodbye to one of its long-standing sailors, Bernie Bergsma. Bernie and his wife Margaret recently sold their Park Model home on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and have now returned to Canada. They were both very active in many of the activities here at Travelers Rest.

Bernie first became interested in radio-controlled

sailboat racing more than 10 years ago. At that time, he built his Soling 1 Meter sailboat while at home in Canada and then transported it to TR. Bernie joined the Mirror Lake Yacht Club and sailed regularly with the group for the last decade. Sailors experience wonderful times when the winds are blowing just right, the boat is sailing just right, and winning races becomes a reality. On other days, things might take a turn for the worse.

The club veterans will always remember when Bernie had one such day. His boat had just rounded one of the course buoys when it suddenly submerged. Several

sailors noted the spot where the boat had been transformed from a Soling to a Submarine. They jumped in the rowboat, sped to the last observed location, and were able to successfully find and recover Bernie's boat from the depths of Mirror Lake. Bernie was able to pour out the lake water and let the sun dry everything out and get back to racing.

Just prior to leaving to return to Canada, Bernie was able to visit his fellow sailors down at the lake. On that occasion, the Sailboat Race Committee Chairman, Jay Matthews, presented Bernie with a Certificate of Excellence in recognition for his many years of participation with the club. In this photo, it is easy to see Bernie's love for sailing and his love of Travelers Rest. The members of Mirror Lake Yacht Club wish him fair winds and following seas in the days ahead.

The Mirror Lake Yacht Club started the 2020/2021 racing schedule on Dec. 2 and will continue sailing every Wednesday and Saturday morning at 9 a.m. throughout the season. We do keep scores and we do hold end of season championship races in March. The key though, is just in the joy of sailing twice a week with a group that stresses the fun part of it all. Come down and either watch or join in. You do not need to have your own boat either. We'll set you up to try your hand and, who knows, you might just get hooked on this activity like each of us did.



# Remote control race cars are going to the start line

by Judy Leister

Do you like race cars? How about remote control race cars? TR has its very own race track located near the Snack Shack. The RC Motorsports Club will be starting the race season soon. The first race will be Saturday morning, December 5. Warm up is 9:30 and races begin at 10 a.m. Spectators are always welcome. Race days are fun and it takes the help of everyone participating to keep things moving and safe. Races will continue each Wednesday and Saturday, weather permitting.

In addition to all the fun of racing the club keeps track of race winners. As you win or place in a race, you work your way into graduated divisions and accumulate points. At the end of the season the winners are recognized. Dues of \$10 for the season are collected at your first race. These dues help defray the cost of repairs to the track and other



Photo by Judy Leister

necessary club expenses. Safety is important so please make sure to listen to the rules and follow them. They are implemented for everyone's safety.

Periodically the track needs some cleanup so volunteers are encouraged. Watch the TR Facebook page for days and times.

All racers and spectators are asked to please practice social distancing.

If you have any questions please contact the club President Scott Tartaglia at 203-510-9845, Lot 08-10.



Bernie Bergsma is ready to go sailing.

Photo by Bill Wise



Pat Daubenmier decorates the fence on #1.



Phyllis and Susan Simmers work to make the gazebo on #3 look festive.

Golf Course photos by Mark Clark



Steve and Debi Niles and Dick Wheatley decorate the Practice Range.

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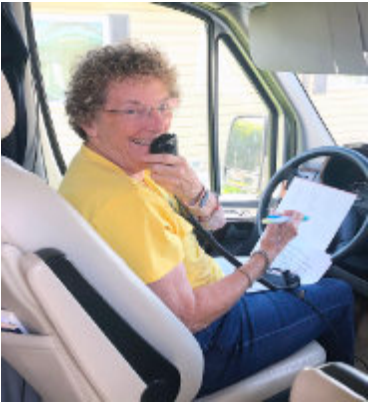
# TR Amateur Radio Club practice their responsiveness



TR Amateur Radio Team members pause and pose for photo. Front row L-R: Stan Patton, Dan Zile, and Jim and Jean Zigrosser. Back row L-R: Jim Doggett, Linda Jackson, Sue Wendt, and Jackie and Russ Thackery.

by Dan Zile  
WBOYMQ

The TR Amateur Radio Club will celebrates 50 years in 2022. Probably one of the oldest, continuously running activities in the TR community, the TR Amateur Radio Club was active during the 2020 pandemic. While most TR activities are conducted in season, the *hams*, or ham radio operators, who were here during the off season continued to check into the daily net. Checking into the net is a daily form of radio contact, generally requiring a few minutes of the each ham operator’s time to communicate with other club members. While just checking into a net seems mundane, it is actually a form of organization and responsiveness that could be called upon to provide emergency communications. The well-equipped TR Communications Center, commonly referred to as “the ham shack,” is the hub of most activity. Many of the club members have mobile radios in their vehicles as well as golf carts. Additionally, there are many walkie-talkie type radios used throughout the park.



Sue Wendt checks in with base.

During the recent COVID-19 virus many of the resident ham operators stayed in the park longer than normal, some up to two months longer. So to have something different to do, a contest was devised. While eleven of the hams remaining in the park directly participated in the contest, others were indirectly involved. A point system was developed for the scoring and determining the winner. The goal was to accumulate points by contacting as many participants as possible on each specified frequency between 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 14. Handheld radios with small antennas, base stations with outdoor antennas, and mobile radios were all used. Members operated radios from their homes, from their patios and others from their RV’s during the contest. Because the contest operated on three simplex frequencies, participants who were accustomed to being consistently on the same frequency had to refer to manuals to refresh their memo-

ries for procedures to quickly change from one frequency to another. One person installed a mobile rig in her B-van and operated from it. Overall, it was a good test in operating with and without electric power and it provided diversion from the daily grind during the safer-at-home time of COVID-19.



Joe Colao relays the scripted radio message.

It was another example of how ham radio operators have the equipment and the know-how to provide communications during any type of emergency/crisis. This local contest was just another way to sharpen our operating skills and adapt to any situation where emergency communication is required in the future. Linda and Bob Jackson, KC2CZH, were the contest winners, and all participants agreed that the radio challenge was a fun club activity.

Anyone with an existing ham license, can join the TR club or if you are interested in becoming an Amateur Radio Operator or learning more about our club you may contact our club president, Jim Zigrosser or stop by the communications center when you see someone there.



Contest winners are Bob and Linda Jackson.



Jean and Jim Zigrosser keep careful notes.

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Obituaries

DONALD B. SHIPE

Donald B. Shipe, age 96, passed away at his TR home on Aug. 10, after an extended illness. He was born the son of Earl and Martha (Bond) Shipe in Guernsey County, Ohio on March 14, 1924. While residing in Canton, Ohio he was a member of the Lakes Methodist Church. Since becoming a full-time resident of TR he has attended church here, where his grandson, Anthony, is the pastor.

Don proudly served in the Navy from 1944-1946. He returned after the war to his dairy farm until starting his own landscaping business in 1966. Retiring in 1986, he kept busy restoring old tractors, collecting antique tools and creating beautiful woodworking projects such as canes, bowls and candlestick holders.

Don married Maxine King on Aug. 14, 1979 and discovered they loved traveling in their Airstream. They were members of the Akron, Ohio unit and Don served as president in 1987. They first came to TR in 1989. In 1991 they finally bought stock and lot 04-26 in RV South became theirs. In 1998 they moved to The Village lot 2710 where last year Don and his son Joe had a beautiful new mobile home installed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Maxine in 2013, stepson Karl Gooseman, sister Lillian Gatten and brother Dalton Shipe.

Surviving are his sons Gary Shipe of New York and Joe Shipe of TR, stepchildren Linda, Marcy and David (Linda) King all of Ohio and stepdaughter-in-law Mary Edna Gooseman of Florida. Grandchildren Anthony (Jodie) Shipe of TR, Timothy (Mary Lynn Do) Shipe of Washington, Barbara Gooseman-Carbaugh, Michael (Cindy) Gooseman, Julie (Gary) Harmon all of Florida, Amanda King of Illinois, Amy King of California and Andrew King of Ohio. Eight great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren and sister Lorraine Madden of Wyoming.

Friends Dick and Mary Kosbab said it well, “Don was such an intrinsic part of TR. Whether he was sitting on his porch, riding in his cart or walking around the park people gravitated toward him for a chat. He was a very special man and will be greatly missed.”

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ROBERT DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Robert Douglas “Doug” Shields passed away after a lengthy illness on Aug. 31 in Dade City, Fla. He was born March 30, 1935, in Detroit, Mich. Doug’s life work was teaching school. He was a long-time resident of TR where he met and married Darlene Liven-good. They settled in The Village on lot 2527.

Doug was involved in many activities at TR. Most notably he served as a photographer for *The TR Times* and was actively involved with the TR Woodshop even creating a scale model of the machine setup for the new building. His personal machine shop which he added to his Village home was the envy of every handyman who knew him. He also served on the TR Church Association and enjoyed being part of the church choir.

He is survived by his wife Darlene and children Kimberlee (William) Howie, Douglas (Sandy) Shields and Jennifer Lent, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and his sister Muriel Kelly.

JO ANN WILLARD FELKER

Jo Ann Willard Felker, 88, passed away on Aug. 20, 2020 at the Bermuda Village Retirement Home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was born to the late Allan and Shellie (Hedgecock) Willard on June 23, 1932. She was a long time member of Central Terrace United Methodist Church and worked for 18 years for Southern Bell before leaving to become a homemaker when she and her husband, Jim, started a family.

The focus of her energy became her family, enjoying tending her large vegetable garden and turning into a marvelous cook. She worked as a part time school bus driver because she loved being around the kids.

Jo Ann and Jim traveled all over the U.S. from Alaska to Florida in their Airstream. She especially loved spending time at their beach home and searching for seashells. Their time at TR was spent in RV South on lot 3-40.

Along with her parents she is preceded in death by four sisters, Ardith (Harold) Norris, Melba (Jack) Atkins, Trelba (Robert) Smith and Mary (Marvin) Walworth.

She is survived by her husband James Felker, sons Jay (Cathy) Felker and Jeffrey (Pat) Felker, grandchildren Ryce, Weston and Sarah Beth Felker.

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DEAN BIGELOW

The following is a tribute from Dean Bigelow’s granddaughter, written on July 18.

“Today my grandpa died. He would have been 91 years old this October. He was born the day the stock market crashed in 1929. As the son of a mid-Michigan farmer, he knew the value of hard work. He loved Jesus and loved to sing His praises in a deep bass voice. He had an incredible mind for numbers and could calculate acres, studs, square footage, drywall or any type of building material in his head in seconds.

“He loved three women in his life: Phyllis, the mother of his six children, Lorraine (deceased) his co-parent, partner in business and soulmate and Carol, his later-in-life travel companion. Dean and Carol also shared a deep love for church, family and worship music. He is dearly loved by 36 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

“We will miss you grandpa. Your gentle voice and tender heart, your love of us and your desire to be involved in our lives, your humor, wisdom and the fact that you were always there when we needed comforting. May you have time to sing your heart out to Jesus and finally find rest in the shadow of His wing. We love you and will miss you...until we too will run to Jesus and live.”

Dean is survived by his six children, Dennis (Rebecca) Bigelow, Vicki Galloup (Sam Larson), Kimberlee (Patrick) McCarren, Bradley Bigelow, Michelle (Mark) Hoffmann, Melanie (Gerald) Olson and their mother, Phyllis Bigelow.

Survivors also include his wife Carol and Carol’s children, Celeste Brackob, Elise (Jack) Kinch, Curt Brackob and Lorraine’s children Jeff (Adriana) Martin, Michael (Michelle) Martin, Elisabeth (Scott, deceased) Marcantel, Cindy (Mathew) Webb and James (Shari) Martin.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Arbor House of Traverse City, in honor of his daughter Vicki and the excellent Arbor House staff.

Memorial List 2019-2020

The following residents passed away last season or over the summer. Our condolences to the families.

Bigelow, Dean  
Brown, Jackie  
Burbach, Herman  
Burke, William  
Bush, Owen  
Calvert, Lindon  
Crockett, Ruth  
Cubbison, Hearl  
Cyr, Donna  
Davis, Carl  
Dinkledine, Warren  
Edmondson, Laura  
Felker, Jo Ann  
Fink, William  
Fly, William  
Furman, David  
Gordon, William  
Gutshall, Peggy

Harper, Ellen  
Hewer, Norm  
Johnsen, Alice  
Jugel, Jo  
Larsen, Harold  
Marissen, Linda  
McIntosh, Benjamin  
Patenge, Mary  
Pesch, Arthur  
Scott, Clara  
Shields, Doug  
Shipe, Don  
Stearns, Russell  
Walters, Janice  
Watling, Reginald  
Wood, Robert Allen  
Zych, John

HEARL ROSS CUBBISON

Hearl Ross Cubbison, 91, died on Oct. 23, 2020 in Zanesville, Ohio. He was born June 20, 1929 in Bluebell, Ohio the son of the late John and Alva Marie (McCoy) Cubbison.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran having served on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Sicily as a radarman during the Korean Conflict.

Camping was a big part of his life with wife Joann and they were very involved in the Zane Trail Campers Club and the Airstream International Club. After retirement from the U.S. Postal Service they discovered Travelers Rest and spent winters for 25 years on Lot 8-08.

He is survived by his wife Joann (Bryan) Cubbison, son George (Peggy) Cubbison, daughter Bonnie (David) Sands, stepsons Jim, Dave (Kari Lu) and Doug (Kay) Bryan and brothers Jack, Cecil and Bill Cubbison, sisters Alberta Cubbison and Doris Bowman along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Margaret (Barber) Cubbison and a brother Gilbert Cubbison.

LINDON CANADA CALVERT

Lindon Canada Calvert passed away on Aug. 11, 2020 at the age of 77. He was born on Oct. 10, 1942 to Canada and Sybil Hames Calvert in Cullman, Ala.

He graduated from Cullman High School in 1961, Alverson Draughn Business College in 1963 and married Charlotte Harrison the same year. In 1964 they moved to Lacey’s Spring, Ala. and lived there until his death.

He retired from the U.S. Department of Defense, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. in 1998 after 35 years of service. He was Project Manager for the Hawk Missile System Foreign Military Sales.

Through the years they enjoyed traveling in their Airstream and were members of WBCCI for 30 years. He served as President of the North Alabama Unit 1998-1999. They traveled to TR for 34 years and spent winters here for the past 20 year. Their last lot was 19-28.

He served on the Parking Committee and was Chairman for 8 years and served on the Long-Range Planning Committee for two years. He enjoyed riding his Honda Goldwing Trike with the TR Road Riders.

Lindon is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Charlotte, daughters Lita (Roy) Payne of Abu Dhabi, UAE and Lisa (James) Zibas of Huntsville, Ala., grandchildren Mica Tillman, Camille, Julia and Natalie Zibas, Isaac Tillman and brothers Baxter Calvert and Sherman (Donna) Calvert.

LINDA MARISSEN

Linda Marissen, 74, was born Feb. 27, 1946 and passed away peacefully at her home in Rockwood, Ontario on Aug. 19.

She was the devoted wife of Jake Marissen for 55 years. For many years they enjoyed escaping the harsh Canadian winters by heading south to Florida where they took advantage of the outside activities like golf and the motorcycle club. Their house in RV South on lot 10-35 proved to be the perfect spot for the block party get togethers.

She was predeceased by her son Christopher (1971) and siblings John, Diny, Luke and Helen.

Surviving are husband Jake and children Pamela Marissen, Nicole (Jim) Veldhuls, JD (Tanya) Marissen and sisters Grace, Ann, Jenny and Alice.

She was especially proud of her role as Grandma to her four grandchildren: Isaac, Leah, Lucas and Nathan.

### Holiday greetings across the miles



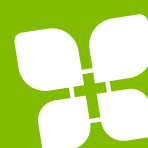
Many of us are missing our TR friends and neighbors who are unable to join us this season, and those still at home are missing us. *The TR Times* invites you to submit your holiday greetings across the miles for publication in our Friday, Dec. 18 issue.

Your greeting may not exceed 50 words and cannot include photos or graphics. It should include your name(s) and lot number. Submit your greetings via email to [trtimes@travelersrestresort.com](mailto:trtimes@travelersrestresort.com) by Friday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. We will make every attempt to publish all submissions.



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