



Vol. 36, No.2

The TR Times

Happy Christmas TR
and to all a good night.



December 18, 2020

Hi Lites

Pet Lovers Club

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



Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, Dec. 23. Meet in the north parking lot at Busch Hall at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for this special service and communion on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. in The Grove.



Sunday in The Grove

On Sunday, Dec. 20, **The Tin Pan Alley Christmas Show** with local performers. Sunday, Dec. 27, **Past Tense**, a three-member local group specializing in 50s, 60s, and 70s music. On Sunday, Jan. 3, **Leesah Stiles** starts the New Year off with a fun energetic show. Ice cream at Busch Hall from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. Program follows at 4 p.m. See page 2.

Activity Reminders

TR Forum

TR Resident Radio Forum on Monday, Jan. 4. See page 3.

Tuesday Bird Walks

First walk is Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. See page 12.

Decorations come down

Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 9 a.m. Meet at the Starter Shack.

Snack Shack Opening

Thursday, Jan. 7, 11:30 a.m. See page 6.

TR Yard Sales

Saturday, Jan. 9, around the park from 8 to 11 a.m. See page 3.

Model Railroad Club

First Model Railroad Club meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 13. See page 16.

Firefighters Needed

We are seeking Firefighters to join us as volunteers! For more information, please call Chief Larry Polzin at 810-247-2361.

In this issue

Activity Affairs.....	6
Birding Activity	12
Briefings from the Board	3
Bulletin Board.....	10,11
Classifieds	18
Garden News.....	12
Holiday Greetings.....	17
Library News	13
Pet Lovers Club	13
Pets on Parade.....	13
Servant's Plow	4
Siren	5
Sports	16
Travel	8

by Chaplain Anthony Shipe

Christmas is a season of joy. There are many who would gauge this joyfulness on receiving gifts, how many Christmas cards you have lined up, or an invitation to a lavish Christmas party. Those are all wonderful things we enjoy. When our joy is based on circumstances, it is not joy at all, it is temporary happiness. To experience real joy at Christmas is to experience joy as it was intended so long ago.

An Angelic Host descended upon unsuspecting shepherds one lonely night in the countryside. They brought news of a Savior born just a few miles away in tiny Bethlehem. Unsuspecting parents who huddled in a straw-filled shanty where animals slept during the night received visitors who declared their baby to be a king. A suspicious ruler who unexpectedly was informed of alarming news stared out from his balcony overlooking the jurisdiction and wondered where this newborn king lay. (Matthew 2: 1-6) This good news traveled quickly throughout the region that night. Each of the characters in the biblical accounts reacted to this unexpected news in their own way. Situations and circumstances catch us off guard too.

It could be like Zechariah who was devout in his duties in the temple but could not believe the angel's message because of circumstances in life he deemed impossible. (Luke 1: 8-25) It could be like the innkeeper who shut his door because there was no longer any room available. Do you have space in your life for a blessing from God? It could be like the wise men who traveled long and far. They took great risk in desolate terrain, but they were determined to press on because something far



TR's Nativity presented by Debi Niles, Chuck Lemke, Kathy Lemke and Sheila Schencke.

greater had just occurred. (Matthew 2:7-12)

I can imagine if I were standing in the Temple Court a few days after the miraculous birth and I saw two parents walking up the steps with their baby cuddled in their arms. Not one but two onlookers unexpectedly came out of the shadows and began praising God with shouts of great joy. (Luke 2: 25-38) Would I be alarmed? Or would I know in my heart that God will make His presence known in every situation that I could encounter. The timing may not fit into what I expect. Things could be chaotic like the bustling streets of Bethlehem when the census was being conducted. (Luke 2: 1-7) Danger could be lurking around the next corner and we might brush shoulders with the enemy like Herod's soldiers who carried swords to stamp out the threat of insurrection. (Matthew 2: 13-18)

I may not have every situation or circumstance figured out, I might be a little apprehensive to move forward, I might have to do things differently than in the past and that can be frightening. I could try and fail. Some may scoff at my efforts, or I might not live up to the expectations of others. But like Joseph, I just want to do what is right and know I have pleased the Lord. (Matthew 1:18-25)

The Lord makes this promise, that if I should trust Him with all my heart and I begin to lean on His understanding, in even the most difficult situation or circumstance, "Nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1: 37)

That message rings loud and clear within any despondent heart. The angelic message of long ago is still being heralded today. This is the good news about Jesus the Messiah just as the ancient prophets proclaimed! The road

opens in front of you. The Lord will prepare the way. Clear the path for Him! (Mark 1: 1-3)

Unexpected JOY tingles inside. Fear gives way to HOPE. The PEACE that surpasses our expectations begins to settle around us. We begin to experience LOVE the way it was intended. God always shows up on time. His reign is not only above the clouds out of sight, but also in the smoke and fires, it is in the howling winds and raging storms. His reign continues in the darkest night until the brightest dawn.

Emmanuel is WITH us! He has taken notice of us. He has done mighty things for His people. He has extended mercy and filled the hungry. (Luke 1: 46-55)

Oh, weary soul, will you not rejoice with unexpected joy? Will you run away from the angelic song? Will you make room within your heart? Come down to the manger, squeeze into the scene and let your soul fill with amazement. Can you hear the baby's cry? (Matthew 1:16)

Prayer: Dear God,

Thank you that in the birth of Christ, joy is available to ALL people. Help us to choose to make this the focus of Christmas rather than gifts. Reset our concept of reality from temporary things to eternal things. May we be people who hear and accept the proclamation of the good news. Empower us to actively share that joy with all of those we encounter this season. AMEN.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to YOU and PEACE upon your house!

P.S. Follow these scriptures. God's Word never returns void! You will find a blessing.



Join us in celebrating Christmas

Caroling around TR is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 23. The TR Church Choir invites everyone to join them for this special evening of greeting our neighbors with song. Meet us at Busch Hall in the north parking lot at 4 p.m. Come, let us make a joyful noise!

A Christmas Eve service with communion will be held on Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. in The Grove. All are welcome for this special service. Let's worship the Savior and celebrate His birth.

To all of our *TR Times* readers,

May your holidays be filled with love and laughter captured near or far.

May you find blessings, joy and peace here or wherever you are.

Merry Christmas, and a safe, happy New Year to all.

Your friends and neighbors at
The TR Times.



by Ken Langell

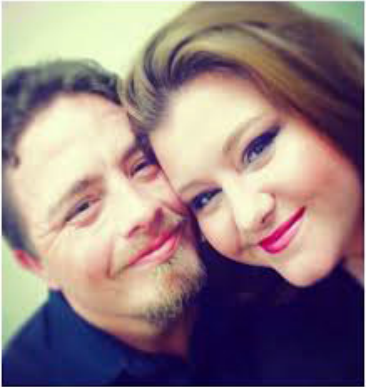
Our entertainment season at Travelers Rest continues through the holidays with three great acts. I hope you have attended and enjoyed our Sunday afternoon programs, whether here at TR or by watching the YouTube livestreams. There have been a few challenges and we have been working them out one by one with the help of so many of our residents, the TR maintenance crew and our sound engineer Chris DiRoma. Rain has threatened each performance but we haven't been rained on yet.



DOC & DONNA PROBES

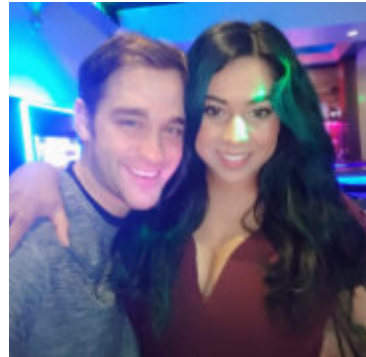
I also want to mention another new music opportunity at The Grove stage, the wonderful Friday afternoon concerts by Doc and Donna Probes. I sure enjoy singing along with them. Be sure to check their schedule and plan to attend. Sunday afternoons you can drive your golf cart to the north door of Busch Hall, between 3:15 and 3:45 p.m. to purchase a delicious ice cream treat. From there take Snack Shack Road to the stage area – park in the back, sit on the park benches, or take your own lawn chairs and find a shady spot.

Announcements begin at 3:45 p.m. and the show starts at 4 p.m. Please put on a mask before you arrive and leave it on until you are settled in your socially-distanced spot! Here's what we have coming up for December and the beginning of January.



JIM AND MIKKI

Dec. 20 - **The Tin Pan Alley Christmas Show**, starring local performers Jim and Mikki Behner, as well as popular Jason Ensor and Sonali Olivia. This show will get



JASON AND SONALI

everyone into the Christmas spirit bringing many holiday favorites and the reason for the season.



PAST TENSE

Dec. 27 - **Past Tense**, a three member vocal group based in Clermont, Fla., specializes in songs from the 50s, 60s & 70s, including Doo Wop, Motown, Disco and Rock. Each of the three members are veteran performers in their own right and Joey has passed his talent on to three children that are all in the entertainment business. Let's usher out 2020 with a look back at the songs we all loved.



LEESAH STILES

Jan. 3 - **Leesah Stiles** kicks off the New Year with a bang! This dynamic redhead will knock your socks off with her fun, energetic show and fantastic voice.

Ice Cream – the remake

by Rosita Williams

So many of you are having a wonderful time enjoying the great performances on Sunday afternoons in The Grove. Why not enhance your experience by picking up ice cream before the show? Ice cream and entertainment have gone hand-in-hand for years. No reason to stop now. Every Sunday afternoon from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., you can pick up delightful, delectable frozen treats at the north door of Busch Hall. Each item on the menu is \$1.

Simply come to the door and tell us what you'd like. Easy-peasy. Well, what's on the menu, you ask? Take a look. As with everything else, these items will be available for your choosing as long as we are able to get them, so please don't be too disappointed if we run out from time to time. We will do our best to find delicious replacements. We sincerely thank you for your weekly support in the past and hope to see you again on Sunday afternoons this season.

Don't forget the Ice Cream Social



Busch Hall, north door
Sunday from 3:15-3:45 p.m.

MENU

Klondike Bars

- Vanilla
- Mint chocolate chip
- Krunch
- Frosted strawberry donut
- Boston cream donut
- Dark chocolate
- Double chocolate
- Oreo
- Reese's
- Vanilla - no sugar added

Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwiches

Yasso Greek Yogurt Bars

- Chocolate chip cookie dough
- Mint chocolate chip
- Butter pecan

Haagen-Dazs

- Vanilla milk chocolate almond ice cream bar – gluten free

Outshine Fruit Bars

- Strawberry – no sugar added
- Tangerine – no sugar added
- Raspberry – no sugar added
- Cherry – gluten free
- Tangerine – gluten free
- Grape – gluten free


Drumstick Cones


- Vanilla
- Vanilla caramel
- Chocolate
- Vanilla crunch dipped
- Vanilla caramel crunch dipped
- Vanilla fudge crunch dipped
- Kit Kat wafer with fudge
- Kit Kat chocolate wafer


THE BENEFITS OF CHOOSING THE EYE CLINIC OF FLORIDA

 Save \$100's on Medicines and Experience Less Eye Drop Hassels with our Dropless™ or One Generic Drop Technique.


 No pre-operative medical clearance fees.


 Laser Free Cataract Surgery. No extra fees if you aren't getting a premium lens or serious astigmatism correction.

 No "extra" charges for Monovision. Save \$1800 compared to some.

 Save up to \$1000 an eye on Presbyopia Correcting Lens Implants (Multifocals or Crystalens).

 Unlike some competitors--all of the surgery is done by Dr. Mahootchi. No part is delegated to assistants.

 Lens Replacement Calculations are done by the doctor--not delegated to assistants. The doctor is never too busy to perform the surgery or do lens calculations.

 No pre-operative testing fees for astigmatism.



Call us today to make an appointment so we can help you see young again!

813.779.3338
6739 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills
www.SeeBetterFlorida.com

Designer Greeting Cards 50% off

Treasured Friends Gift Shop

Gifts for every occasion

12329 Hwy 301 Dade City, FL 33525
352-437-4866

Next to Big John's Janitorial Supply - Across from Raceway Gas Station

HODGES FAMILY Funeral Home

Randy Bush, LFD Lindsey Palmer, LFD

Two Convenient Full Service Funeral Home Locations
Offering Traditional Funeral Services, Cremation Services
(East Pasco's Only Locally Owned On Site Crematory)
and Transfer Services

11441 US Hwy. 301 • Dade City • 352-567-6100
36327 State Rd. 54 • Zephyrhills • 813-788-6100

Chapel Hill Gardens 11531 US Hwy. 301 Dade City 352-567-5571
Floral Memory Gardens 37701 Clinton Ave. Dade City

www.hodgesfuneralhome.com

Briefings from the Board

by Callie Zak, President/CEO

The end of the year will be here in just a couple of weeks and we will be ushering in the new year. This year has been significantly different and brought with it challenges unlike any in years past due to COVID-19. As we enter the new year 2021, we will continue to have issues to work through, one of them being the Annual General Meeting. Every corporation is struggling with how to hold its AGM safely. In discussions with our attorney, we found there are no laws on how to hold an AGM in a pandemic. Additionally, we have a different and rather unique corporation due to most stockholders being in the protected high-risk category. Many large corporations have the capability of Zoom, and in a perfect scenario where everyone has computers and excellent Internet and phone connections that would work. The safest option for everyone involved is to hold our AGM outside this year.

We anticipate and are already experiencing a reduced number of residents this season due to the pandemic which could pose a problem with obtaining a quorum. The law firm did recommend that we encourage everyone, whether they are in the park or at their winter home, to mail in their ballots. Every mailed-in ballot counts toward our quorum. Mailing in your ballot will reduce interaction with others as well as contacts and surfaces. This means we are recommending you mail in your ballot either by in-house mail or via U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it even if you plan on attending personally. This should allow us the capability to give you the results of the election before you leave the meeting. Currently we plan on having the meeting in The Grove with the same guidelines of distancing and masks. We will also attempt to stream it on our residents' website.

This will be one of the most important AGM's in quite a while because we plan to have some



CALLIE ZAK

proposed Bylaw changes as well as a possible vote on WiFi if we receive a new proposal from Spectrum. Therefore you can understand the urgent request for everyone to mail in their ballot or proxy. That brings me to the question that seems to be asked every election year.

What is the difference between a ballot and a proxy?

-A **ballot** allows an owner to cast his or her vote by selecting their own options whether it is a person they are voting for or a proposal.

-A **proxy** is when a person checks a box on the ballot to allow another person or entity to vote for them. In our particular corporation, a person who has not been in the park for years but still retains their share may make the decision to give their vote to the Board (Nominating Committee) to cast on their behalf. That makes their ballot become a proxy.

Who votes the proxies?

The Nominating Committee makes the decision via ranking of the candidates during the interview process. They can decide to spread the proxies evenly among all the candidates or distribute them to the candidates they believe need to be on the Board representing them. Generally there are about 100 proxies total out of 1000 shareholders. If there are five candidates for the five vacancies this year, then the Nominating Committee can make the recommendation to

the current Board of Directors that each receive 100 votes (100 used as an example) or they can recommend just a few candidates receive 100 votes based upon their interview. This process keeps the current BOD from selecting who they might want personally and therefore creates a fair and just objective process. The Nominating Committee is made up of our peers and is representative of every section in the park.

This year's Committee consists of two residents from RV South, one resident from the Cabanas and one resident from the Village section. We were unable to find a volunteer from Canada this season due to the pandemic, but the park is well represented and we thank those who are willing to serve in this capacity.

Resumes of candidates will be posted once interviews are complete and summaries of them published in *The TR Times* as well. We will also plan a unique Meet the Candidates meeting scheduled in February.

I hope this article has been informative and educational. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call or send me an e-mail. Please remember to send questions you may have to the forum@travelersrestresort.com e-mail. If your question is in regard to park management, please call the office.

On behalf of the TR Board of Directors, we want to wish you and your families a safe and joyous Christmas and Holiday Season. We are all looking forward to 2021 with the hope that the virus becomes a historical event not to repeat itself.

We also want to thank all the volunteers in this park who make it so special. A huge thanks to Ray Hill and his whole staff from Office to Maintenance for caring for us and our park. Without them, we would not have this piece of paradise.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year!

Board approves policy changes

by Linda Smith, 2nd Vice President C0505

Current: PERMANENT STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE RESORT: Any permanent alteration to the physical appearance of any portion of the resort must have prior written Board approval. Included in this are all common areas and the Golf Course. Permanent structural changes to the Village Section of the resort shall be governed by the Village Deed Restrictions and Park Policy Regulations. (Revised 1-23-18)

Change: PERMANENT STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO THE RESORT: Any permanent alteration to the physical appearance of any portion of the resort must have prior written management and/or Board approval. Included in this are all common areas and the Golf Course. Permanent structural changes to the Village Section of the resort shall be governed by the Village Deed Restrictions and Park Policy Regulations. (Revised 1-23-18)

C2010

Current: LIGHTS ON VEHICLES: At night all moving vehicles must have headlights and tail-lights or reflectors. (Revised 1-23-18)

Change: Delete

C2015

Current: GOLF CART OPERATION: NO DRIVERS UNDER AGE 16 are permitted unless accompanied by an adult who will assume responsibility. Golf carts may be operated on TR roads only if in a safe condition and equipped with efficient brakes and reliable steering apparatus. All rules of the road and etiquette must be followed. All golf carts must have VISIBLE lights and reflectors if driven after dark. Stop or turn signals must be given by hand and arm or by signal lights. (Revised 11-03-06)

Change: GOLF CART OPERATION:

>All golf carts must have VISIBLE headlights and tail lights or reflectors.

>All golf carts operating on TR roads must be kept in safe operating condition.

>All rules of the road and etiquette must be followed. Stop or turn signals must be given by hand and arm or by signal lights.

>No drivers under age 16 permitted unless accompanied by an adult who will assume responsibility.

C3045

Current: BUS TOURS: Bus tours and trips must be approved by the Park Activity Director and handled through a licensed and insured commercial travel agency. (Revised 1-23-18)

Change: TRAVEL TOURS: Bus tours and trips that are planned by tour director. Tours should be handled through a licensed and insured commercial travel agency. Travelers Rest assumes no liability for any losses.

C3075:

Current: SMOKING: Smoking is not permitted in or near any public building except in designated areas. (Approved 11-08-05)

Change: SMOKING: Smoking or Vaping is not permitted in public buildings or screened pavilions. No smoking or Vaping within 15 feet of doorways, operable windows, or intake vents of any public building.

D3020:

Current: SUBLEASING BY LESSEE: A lessee shall not sublease another site.

(Note: A lessee who holds one site in TR shall not be permitted to sub-lease an additional site.)

(Approved 02-05-08)

Change: SUBLEASING BY LESSEE: A lessee who holds one site in TR shall not be permitted to sub-lease an additional site. (Approved 02-05-08)

Radio Forum is Jan. 5

A Residents' Radio Forum is scheduled on Monday, Jan. 4 on 1610 AM.

Due to COVID restrictions, we are not meeting in a group setting. If you have a question, you may email it to forum@travelersrestresort.com or submit it on paper at the TR Office to the attention of Callie Zak. You will need to include your name and lot number.

FIRST YARD SALE



The first TR Yard Sale of the season is Saturday, Jan. 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. You may set up a table that is not obstructing sidewalks or roadways. All tables should be cleared of items by noon. TR Yard Sales are also scheduled on Friday, Feb. 6 and March 6, so plan ahead!

Do you see what I see?

by Pam Watkins

Said the night wind to the little lamb: "Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky, little lamb. Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite."

Written by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne, and made famous by Bing Crosby, this song tells us to look up into the sky to see a star of wondrous brightness. According to NBC news and several astronomy and space experts at NASA's Nightsky Network and Chicago's Adler Planetarium, we may have the opportunity to see such a star in the night sky on Monday, Dec. 21, which is also the winter solstice.

It is actually the great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. These two powerhouse-planets have been bright and visible to the naked



eye during much of the summer, but on Dec. 21, they will be so close as to appear to be aligned from our perspective, and thus much brighter than we have seen in hundreds of years. According to Adler Planetarium, the last great conjunction occurred in 1623. This great conjunction may appear to be more than two closely aligned planets; depending on your view, it may look like an elongated star.

This elongated-star effect is why many are comparing this to the Christmas Star that the wise men may have seen during their journey to find the Savior. How-

ever, according to one ABC news source, the Christmas Star was probably a conjunction of three planets, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, making it even brighter than what we will see on Dec. 21 if the sky is clear.

So, don't forget to look up in the southwest sky to the right of the moon on Monday night, Dec. 21.

Perhaps you will see what I see.

LEE REED INSURANCE

Mobile Home • Home • Automobile • Life • Annuity • Business Since 1946

More Satisfied Customers!

"Lee Reed Insurance...what a wonderful place to do business with a courteous, polite and very friendly staff, and to top it all - they save you money. They saved us \$300 on our car policy. What a deal!"

STOP BY OUR OFFICE or CALL US TODAY!
Located at 38511 5th Avenue in downtown Zephyrhills (813)782-5502

Visit us on the web at www.LeeReedInsurance.com

Partners With Style

Beauty Salon

352-458-0122

14241 7th St. - Dade City, FL

Lisa Judy

Mon 9-7
Tues-Fri 9-5
Sat 9-3

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

32145 Saint Joe Road, Dade City, Florida 33525

MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass
Saturday, 4 pm
Sunday Masses
8 am & 10:30 am
Daily Masses
7:30 am Monday - Friday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday, 9:05 am - 10:20 am
Rev. Krzysztof Gazdowicz, Pastor
(352) 588-3641

Do we have to change our nickname?

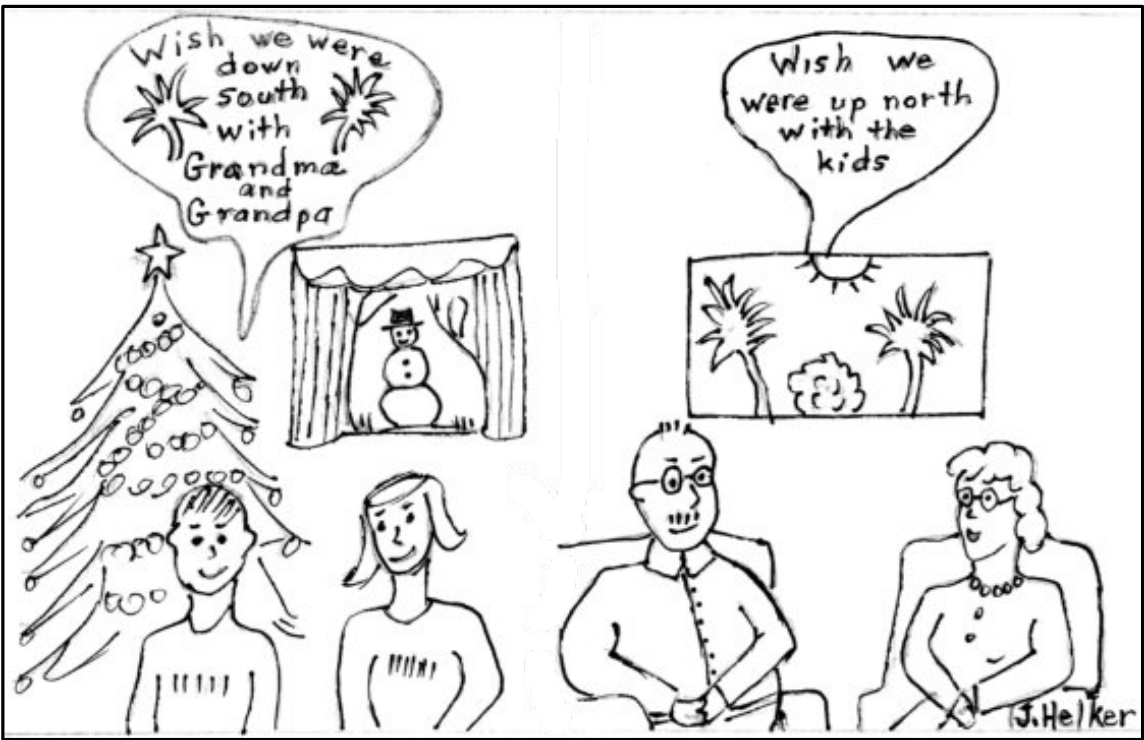
For many years the paper was known to its staff as “the weekly miracle.” Why you might ask?

We consider it a miracle that for about 35 years we never missed an issue. This despite a variety of problems, most of which happened at the worst possible times.

On one occasion our printing service lost power on the very day we were to send our paper to them. We have also lost power to our office multiple times. Key personnel have broken bones and experienced other illnesses which made them unavailable to work. Over the years we have had numerous computer problems some of which included complete loss of all files! Yet somehow our staff always came through and the paper appeared in residents’ mailboxes every Friday.

But this year went above and beyond anything we had previously encountered. COVID -19 has thrown us a whole different set of problems. We have had to deal with social distancing, closing of the Canadian border, staff working remotely thousands of miles apart and to make matters worse, a really serious computer problem.

Because of reduced staff and associated problems, we have had to revise our schedule to producing issues every two weeks. We hope you have enjoyed our on-line presentation. Just wondering if under the circumstances we should now refer to ourselves as “the bi-weekly miracle?” *mre*



The TR Times

TRAVELERS REST RESORT, INC.
Box 2817, 29129 Johnston Rd.
Dade City, FL 33523-6128

THE TR TIMES OPERATING COMMITTEE

Editor – Margaret Emmetts
Assistant Editor – Pam Watkins
Managing Editor – Jane Harrold
Comptroller – Vicki Howard
Advertising Manager – Frank Meier
Director of Computer Operations – Richard Kushman
Director of Photography – Bill Watkins
Production Managers – Jane Harrold, Karen Waldo
TR Board Liaison – Linda Gelinis
Recording Secretary – Elaine Morgan

EDITORIAL STAFF

Editor Emeritus – Ruth Howes
Associate Editors

Sharon Gilbert Zile, Jean Helker, Carol Lauer, Chris Marsh, Gene Poast, Donna Smith, Jackie Thackery, Laurie Zentmyer
Contributing Columnists/Reporters
Margaret Emmetts and Pam Watkins
Kathy Carlig, Jean Cobb, Norm Eden, Leslie Ewing, Jane Harrold, Jean Helker, Terry Hosig, Jim and Carol Henrikson, Ray Hill, Donna Kerrick, Mary Kosbab, Ken Langell, Lynne Lapin, Carol Lauer, John Lawrence, Judy Leister, Patti Meadows, Jeri Miller, Doug Pedersen, Linda Quinn, Anthony Shipe, Linda Spencer, Sharon Gilbert Zile, Laurie Zentmyer

Cartoonist – Jean Helker

Obituaries – Sharon Cook

PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF

Photographers – Bill Watkins

Wanda Arnold, Cal Bacon, Floyd Bell, Bill Bradford, Bobbie Bradford, Eleanor Buchser, Jack Carey, Randy Doell, John Goodger, Marc Horowitz, Richard Hunt, Cecile Lemaire, Sandy Poast, Leslie Price, Sandi Walsh, Bill Watkins, Pam Watkins, Debbie Woodford, Sandra Yeager

Photography Coordinator: Jane Carey

PRODUCTION STAFF

Pagemakers – Jane Harrold and Karen Waldo

Mary Brown, Pat Butler, Marge Cantu, Margaret Emmetts, Bill Harrold, Mary Kosbab, Richard Kushman, Penny LoPresti, Elaine Morgan, Diane Phillips, Karen Waldo, Pam Watkins, Carole Young, Laurie Zentmyer

Typists – Penny LoPresti

Marie Ball, Margaret Bergsma, Jean Clarkson, Jean Cole, Judy Nelles, Loral Veloz

Proofreaders – Sharon Cook

Dot Brenn, Pam Brooks, Marge Cantu, Kathy Carlig, Nancy Carini, Mary Carpenter, Bob Freeland, Alan Kenney, Nan Feeney Lance, Helen Lord, Judy Pech, Linda Perry, Dorothy Picard, Peg Stevens, Mary Thole, Carole Young

Production Assistants - Bill Cordsen, Wylie Downing,

Librarians - Beth Petrie, Lydia Rosenbeck, Rosita Williams

OFFICE STAFF

Bookkeeper - Vicki Howard

Recycling Manager - Tom Pender

ADVERTISING STAFF

Advertising Manager–Frank Meier

Sales Executives–Mary Carpenter, Laura Ostrowski, Rich Van Qualen, Ron Stillinger, Leslie Price
Advertising Production - Frank Blunda, Mary Brown, Richard Kushman, Kitty Fisher, Bill Harrold, Karen Waldo

Distributed free to all residents, guests and employees of Travelers Rest. Views expressed by articles and columns in the *The TR Times* do not necessarily reflect the official position of Travelers Rest Resort, Inc. and/or its Board of Directors, except for articles and columns emanating from the Board or Park Management.

Phone 352-588-4993

e-mail..... trtimes@travelersrestresort.com

To view *TR Times* newspapers in color online
go to www.travelersrestresort.com then click on Newspaper.

The Servant’s Plow

One toy soldier

by Chaplin Anthony Shipe

Time around the holidays can be lonely. Many of us are not visiting with relatives and friends this year and this can be especially difficult for those who have recently lost loved ones. Memories are a special treasure that we can reflect on. Everyone has stories they love to share and pass on to others. Our grandchildren love for us to tell them stories and friends are always eager to reminisce about fond times from the past. We have learned to gather virtually and electronically using various devices.

There is a timeless Christmas song that we all love; *The Little Drummer Boy*. You know the familiar lyrics, *Pa rum pum pum pum...* The song talks about loneliness and the emptiness that many feel around this time of year. Can we ever lift our heads to heal and recover? While others are celebrating the holidays, we may feel isolated or forgotten. The little drummer boy in the song felt depression because he was poor and had nothing to offer the newborn king. What shall I do? I have lost so much, how can I even think about giving right now?

I have a new favorite Christmas song this year from the artist Enya. It is titled, *One Toy Soldier* and is on the *And Winter Came...*



ANTHONY SHIPE

album. The lyrics to this song present a little different angle on *The Little Drummer Boy* and I found it interesting and soothing.

One Toy Soldier

“One toy soldier stands alone,
with his drum down by his side

One toy soldier on his own,
with his drum to keep the time

(Chorus) He keeps the beat of
marching feet; he keeps the beat
so true

He’s one small toy for one
small boy, but his heart is oh so
blue

Who can mend my broken
drum? Will it be as good as new?

I must play when morning
comes; if I don’t what shall I do?

(Chorus) He keeps the beat of
marching feet, he keeps the beat
inside

While children sleep, he
dreams so deep; there’s a secret he
must hide

For he keeps the beat of
marching feet, he keeps the beat so
true

He wants to sing and hope to
bring; Happy Christmas Day to
you.

(Chorus) He keeps the beat of
marching feet, he keeps the beat
inside

Someone has come to mend
his drum, now his heart lights up
with pride

So, he keeps the beat of
marching feet, he keeps the beat so
true

When morning comes, he
plays his drum. Happy Christmas
Day to you.” (Repeat)

Sometimes in difficult seasons we must hold on to our cadence of life. Each of us has a rhythm in which we survive. The Lord is close and hears our cries of sorrow. He understands our loss and pain. He smiles when we continue to play our best. There are many of us who, like the drummer boy, need to ask for help this year. Believe me when I say: “It’s okay. Jesus already knows. Keep marching on!”

No matter where I am, your teachings fill me with songs. Psalm 119:54 CEV

Looking Back

by Mary Kosbab
30 years ago

- TR residents pay \$4 for mail service, \$5 — \$15 to support the Volunteer Fire Department and \$2.50 per person to supplement the Dade City Ambulance services.
- A Medivac landing site is established at TR through the efforts of Matty Cullinane.
- TR Residents are reminded that only Airstream recreational vehicles are permitted on their lots in Trailer South, the Cabana section and the mobile home subdivision.
- A seminar on Airstream polishing is offered.

20 years ago

- The editor of *The TR Times* is Ruth Howes, co-editor is Dorothy Freed, Treasurer is Tom Petrillo, Advertising Manager is Norm Hower.
- Blue barrels are purchased at \$1 each. Raynold and Cecile Lemaire work with Dick Allen and maintenance to cut the barrels apart and install handles.
- Grand prize winners of *The TR Times* Christmas Lighting Contest are Harris and Natalie Gamble, lot 2435.

10 years ago

- The TR Country Store is permanently closed.
- The Library moves from the Hobby House to the corner of Busch Hall over the summer, thanks to the hard work of Randy and Billie Doell and the maintenance staff.
- Clint Taylor is recognized in Mike McBride's column for building the white block walls that enhance the TR Golf Course and for all his contributions throughout the years.

TR HISTORY



The Siren



by Jean Cobb
RN and First Responder

The Firemen and First Responders of Station 33 again welcome everyone back to TR for the winter season! I'm sure we all have great expectations that we will mask and socially distance even as we renew old friendships, make new friends, participate in a ton of activities and enjoy the entertainment, as well as bask in the warm temperatures and glorious Florida Sunshine, in spite of COVID 19!

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT OF YOUR FIREMEN AND FIRST RESPONDERS?

We pledge to the residents of TR that we are ready when emergencies happen. We train every Tuesday morning, offer emergency support to large park functions and provide first response to all 911 calls while units from Pasco County Fire/Rescue are en route. We are all certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

We also have members who can assist with changing batteries in smoke or carbon monoxide detectors and we keep a small inventory of donated medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes) that we can loan to park residents when they need it. Unfortunately because of

Great Expectations

COVID restrictions, we are unable to provide blood pressure and blood screening this season.

WHAT DO TR FIREMEN AND FIRST RESPONDERS EXPECT OF TR RESIDENTS?

The Firemen and First Responders have great expectations that we will all avoid injury and illness while we have fun. But when a fire, injury or severe illness occurs, dial 911 immediately to summon help. Give your 4-digit lot number to the 911 dispatcher. Please be sure your lot number is clearly evident at your unit so responders can reach you quickly. Valuable time is also saved when you complete the medical information page in the TR Vial of Life container for each person in your residence and store it in your refrigerator door. Also, be extra cautious to avoid a major source of injury for our residents - slips, trips, and falls in and around your residence. Please practice safe driving when operating your bicycle, golf cart or auto, including observance of the TR 10 mph speed limit.

TELL ME ABOUT THE TR SIREN SOUNDS, PLEASE...

Tuesdays at 9 a.m. we have a weekly SIREN TEST lasting 5-15 seconds. This is a locally triggered test to be sure the siren is functioning as expected.

A **911 Siren** is a 1-minute STEADY BLAST which is triggered by Pasco County Dispatch any time of the day or night when Emergency or Fire Services are on the way to Traveler's Rest in response to a call to 911 services.

The **Red siren button** on the front of the TR Fire Station triggers a 1-minute, warbling blast that alerts First Responders in the park, but does NOT alert Pasco County 911 Dispatch services. We recommend that you do not use this button to summon emergency help; phoning 911 by cellphone or landline is a much better option.

A **Hurricane or Tornado Warning** is 3 LONG blasts, a 15-second pause and repeating. This warning is locally triggered after a direction from the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center is received. It will be rare for a tornado warning to sound because of the abrupt onset and relatively short life of a tornado. Please, when weather is bad, turn on your TV or radio and listen for tornado alerts issued by the weather service.

WHAT SHOULD TR RESIDENTS DO WHEN THEY HEAR THE SIREN?

Please be understanding; when you are disturbed by a siren, someone else at TR is in crisis with a medical event or a fire, and needs help. When you hear the siren, watch carefully for moving cars and golf carts of our Firefighters and First Responders who are moving quickly to the Fire Station and/or the location of the emergency. Please move safely to the side of the road and allow them to pass.

Announcement:

We are seeking Fire Fighters to join us as volunteers! For more information, please call Chief Larry Polzin at 810-247-2361.

Thank you for the food boxes



Volunteers help deliver collected boxes to DayStar Hope Center.

Photos by Jean Cobb and Debbie Woodford

by Jean Cobb

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, we delivered 78 food boxes to DayStar Hope Center in Dade City. Residents purchased the items for 42 of the boxes, and we used contributions to shop and assemble another 36 boxes. We have additional contributions for another 11 boxes.

Each box had 24 items, from cereal and oatmeal to turkey dressing and cranberry sauce. The 24 items represented the 24 days on the Advent Calendar leading up to Christmas!



Janet Stevens with a box of food for the pantry.



TR's boxes fill up the shelves in the pantry.

TR is extra generous this year

by Marilyn and Darold Long,
Special Ministries

Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center is ECSTATIC! TR you have answered prayers. We have fewer people here this year BUT you came through anyway. Many of you sent checks and cards from up North. We are soooo blessed to be a part of a fantastic TR family.

Sunrise has 143 people with needs. The mothers will buy food and presents for their children. For some it will probably be the first time they have been allowed to do this. TR you gave us MORE cards and money this year than last year. So far we have \$8765 worth of cards and money. You have made it possible in this extra-hard year for 143 people to enjoy Christmas.

You are wonderful, TR. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Photo submitted by Marilyn Long

Darold and Marilyn Long present TR's giftcards to Vickie Wiggins at the Center.



TR's Laying of the Wreaths

by Darold Long

As veterans of TR we place these wreaths at this memorial in honor of all veterans, living and deceased as a way to express appreciation and to pay tribute for the sacrifices made for our country by all service men and women.

For all military personnel who have stood guard in peacetime, to those who have seen the terror, the horror and inhumanity of combat and to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, let it be said that you, our military, have been there

for us defending the Constitution of the United States.

To all veterans, regardless of your branch of service and the era in which you served, you have paid the price time and time again. You have defended America through the best and worst of times; you have performed your duties tirelessly with little recognition or fanfare.

These wreaths are being placed to honor you.

Thank you for what you have given to all of us and the U.S.A.



Photo by Pam Watkins

Marty Schencke salutes the flag while Chaplain Shipe shows respect during the Laying of the Wreaths.



50+ Years
of Service

PEST CONTROL

(352) 320-2991

15534 US-301, Dade City, FL 33523

www.boltinpestcontrol.com

AFFORDABLE GOLF CARTS

New - Re-manufactured - Used

Sales-Rentals-Service
Parts-Batteries
At Home Repair

727-819-1405

2 Great locations to serve you.

Hudson
10010 State Road 52
Hudson, Florida 34669

Spring Hill
2707 Forest Rd
Spring Hill, Florida 34606

www.affordable-golfcarts.com



352-567-3719

Tin Can Pam's

DISCOUNT GROCERY

Where The Savings Just Make Cents

14444 7th St.
Dade City, FL 33523

Mon-Fri 9 am - 6 pm
Sat 9 am-5 pm - Sun closed

Activity Affairs

by Jeri Miller
Activity Coordinator

Thank you, TR: This is the time of year we at TR need to give thanks to all our friends who give so freely of themselves. Hours and hours of time are spent by volunteers on various activities throughout the park. They are the true friends.

TR depends on volunteers to be able to maintain the way of life we all hold dear to our hearts. We welcome and need more residents to step forward. Please don't hesitate to ask, "Is there any way I can help?"

Gift of Volunteering: Come to think of it volunteering might be the best gift of them all. This gift works two ways - we can give and receive. You only have to ask all our residents who did give freely of their time to make sure that our Christmas "Take a Trip with Santa" was an event to be remembered. In fact many are saying that it was the most interesting ever in spite of Covid-19. We all wondered how we were going to pull it off, but not to worry.

Best Laid Plans: All residents were asked to meet at the Golf View Pavilion to begin our "Take a Trip with Santa." It was a shame that we couldn't get out to view all the decorated carts because there were many.

Under the Parkers supervision, Bill Wise and his group did a super job of leading us in our game of Ready, Set, Go and Follow the Leader.



JERI MILLER

Veterans Memorial: We listened to Larry Polzin explain about our Fire/Rescue Department, followed by Darold Long conducting the Laying on of the Wreaths and then Pastor Shipe closing with a prayer. TR is blessed. Amen.

The Laying on of the Wreaths is in honor of our TR veterans, past and present. Even the kids stood at attention. There is nothing greater than remembering our ancestors and those that are still with us. Great job Darold and all of those who had a part in this remembrance.

The Stage at The Grove: Under the leadership of Donna Neer the volunteers did a super job of sharing the birth of Jesus through music, singing, angels and even a performance by the TR Cloggers.

I would love to list all the names but you know who you are

and we appreciate your contribution to this celebration.

For the first time we were able to take advantage of The Grove Stage during nighttime. Is it a go?

Maintenance: The maintenance staff also deserve a big thank you. They shined up TR golf carts, hung lights, got needed equipment in place, mowed grass and more. We looked beautiful. Santa was thrilled as there was a visit with Eric and Emily Frye and they loved it. Emily did wonder why Santa didn't ask her what she wanted for Christmas. However, her father, Wes Frye assured her that Santa already knew.



Photos by Pam Watkins

Suzy and Mary Thole are ready for their trip.

Golf Course: This part got a little mixed up along with the Puppy Park. Mya, our elf, tried to keep the plan on target. Nice try for sure. Santa was lost but "Thank you \$1,000,000 candy bars" were still handed out as carts passed by the #3 hole gazebo. All of you are worth owning one of these bars.

Goodbye 2020: I hope you got a glimpse of our 2021 Calendar Lady chasing our 2020 Calendar Man out of TR. She worked so hard to get him gone. Billie Doell gave it her all for TR. Sorry Randy. GOODBYE 2020!

Snack Shack Plans: How about going to lunch on opening



Photo by Norm Eden

This Santa flag decorated one of many golf carts that participated in the tour.

day at the Snack Shack, Jan. 7 at 11:30 a.m. Remember to say thanks when you go there for lunch. They are trying to please all of us who were sad when we thought they would be closed.

Merry Christmas: My job as Activity Coordinator has been much easier because of all the help so willingly given by so many. As your Coordinator there is no way I could have hoped to keep the programs all running smoothly without your help.

Here's wishing you the season's spirit to fill your heart with hope and joy and memories to keep close to you when the season is past. Most of all, here's wishing you happiness to warm your heart and bring peace throughout the coming year. God bless us all!



Mrs. Claus (Jean Martin), Elf helper Mya Schwend, Santa Claus (Walt Gilson) and Elf driver Bill Wise prepare to lead the "Take a Trip with Santa" parade.

Dine-a-Round to see Mamma Mia

by Sandy Poast

The Show Palace Dinner Theatre is now the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater. The theatre has been back in business for a couple months and is having good success after remodeling to meet COVID safety guidelines. Staff are spacing the tables farther apart, serving the food at the buffet with social distancing and conducting super-thorough cleaning between performances, etc. They are also taking theatre goers' temperatures and requiring masks.

TR Dine-a-Round still has seating available for *Mamma Mia*, on Saturday, March 20 at 6 p.m.

We need to know how many of you who signed up previously and paid your \$49 per person are NOT going to be here to go. Those of you who are unable to go will be issued a GIFT CARD for \$49, with no expiration date, to be used at one of their other performances of your choice or you can give it or sell it to someone else.

If you are NOT able to go, please contact me, Sandy Poast, before Christmas. I need to tell the theater how many seats and how many gift cards are needed. You may text me at 937-609-5143 or call and leave a clear message and phone number.

Snack Shack plans for 2021 season

by Jack Carey
Chairman

Our plans have changed a little since the last *TR Times* article. We are planning to open the Snack Shack on Thursday, Jan. 7 unless unforeseen problems arise.

We will be open 2 days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, still 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our menu will be cheeseburgers, chips and bottle of water for \$3. Each cheeseburger will have coleslaw and pickles along with lettuce, tomato and onions. Sorry we cannot offer or make any changes to this because if we do, it will slow down the line and take too long for you to get your sandwich. We plan to use the two windows at the back of the dining room, looking out at

the pavilion. Coming from RV South the first window will be for ordering and paying. The second window will be for picking up the order - your bag with a cheeseburger, coleslaw, pickles, chips and water. This is a very golf cart-friendly path and you will not have to get out of your cart. We are using the same meat and produce as last year, so it will taste the same.

We hope this will give all of our residents an inexpensive lunch with no need to leave the park.

Just like last season, please don't ask us to change any bill larger than a \$20. We will have a sign out that says No Mask, No Service and we plan to enforce it. This is to protect all of our residents as well as our workers.

NATURE'S SWEET TART

Kumquats

Fresh Marmalade, Jams,
Kumquat Pie, Sauces and More!



Kumquat Growers, Inc
31647 Gude Road
Dade City, FL 33525
352-588-0544

Come and visit
the packing house,
grove and gift shop.



Open Nov. 9 until April

www.kumquatgrowers.com

SNACK
SHACK

Take
Out



Still gotta eat!

by Rosita Williams

There is absolutely no doubt that 2020's gift to us of COVID-19 has brought us challenges. We have been forced to make and accept changes to our routines and our very lives. Happy hours – no. Holiday dinners at Busch Hall – no. Movies – not so much. And the biggest heartbreaker for me – NO HUGS! Even dining out can be a bit iffy. But we've still gotta eat, don't we?

Well, we've been fortunate to have food trucks come in for the past two seasons and although a couple of our favorites have not been able to return, we're grateful for this season's lineup. Here's what we have in place:



Glavich Produce (Matt) is a favorite, and a staple at TR for many years. Matt will be here generally from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays during the month of December. In January he will be here on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. We especially thank Matt for changing his schedule to spend time with us during this past summer to provide us fresh fruits and vegetables, along with his engaging smile and good cheer. He is part of the TR family and we look forward to our decades' long relationship continuing for decades more.

The Family Farm is a locally grown, all organic produce market that will be with us weekly on Tuesdays. They will be bringing us delicious organic produce, fresh organic herbs and premium seafood all grown and nurtured using their state-of-the-art Aquaponic methods and the latest in growing techniques. Have no fear—this is not a vendor competing against Matt. This is a

vendor providing a product that Matt cannot provide. They are good friends and both welcome the opportunity to provide needed services to the TR community.



Light My Fire Pizza provides coal-fired pizza made fresh including handmade dough. They return on alternating Tuesday evenings, 4 to 7 p.m., complete with special pricing available only at TR – two pizzas for \$20. Order a margherita, veggie, or swine crime pizza or design your own with many toppings to choose from.



The Belgian Bus Flia offers sweet and savory wafels (Dutch spelling) a.k.a. Belgian waffles. They plan to be with us on Monday evenings, 4 to 8 p.m. with a special Sunday brunch appearance on Dec. 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of their offerings include chicken-n-wafel (2 pcs. of fried chicken breast on a Liege wafel with the choice of honey mustard, maple syrup or Franks Red Hot Sauce); Cuban (Liege wafel with Swiss cheese, smoked pulled pork and ham topped with sliced pickles and honey mustard dressing); the holy cannoli (Belgian Liege wafel with cannoli cream, Belgian chocolate drizzle, whipped cream & powdered sugar) or the Belgian

bus sundae (vanilla bean ice cream scooped on top of a Belgian Liege wafel, smothered in melted Belgian chocolate, and topped with whipped cream & chopped walnuts).



The Kielbasa Bus is delighting us with authentic Polish cuisine that includes homemade kielbasa, pierogi, potato pancakes, pyzy and zapiekanka - all served fresh to order. As an extremely popular food truck in our area, we are working out a schedule for their visits to us.



The Griddle Gourmet specializes in 1/2 pound beef burgers and burritos with vegetarian and gluten-free options, too. They will make their debut on Dec. 18, 5 to 8 p.m.

Each week we will let you know who to expect and when to expect them. Schedules and menus will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Post Office Lobby. Please note that while we hope to follow the schedule that has been set, there may be changes due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. We hope you will be understanding, but more importantly, we hope that you will enjoy the offerings. After all, we still gotta eat, right?

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us via email to trfoodtrucks@gmail.com.

TR connections



Cartoon by Bruce Clarke, TRTimes archives

by Mike Knight

My wife and I first visited TR in January of 2019. Being novice snowbirds we assumed that it would be easy to find a place to vacation for the month of January. If you remember, hurricane Michael had devastated the Gulf in October of that year so vacation places were few and far between.

We eventually called upon our friends Bob and Diane Phillips to see if they had any suggestions as to where we might stay. After a few days she called to tell us that she had secured a site for us on Golf View. We were elated at the prospect of spending the entire month of January in the warm Florida sun.

Upon our arrival we were pleased to note how welcoming everyone was. We were overwhelmed by the numerous activities the park provided. We met so many new people that it was impossible to remember all of their names.

Every day was an adventure, whether it was a walk in the gardens, feeding the goats, or just relaxing in the pool. The golf course was an added plus that I was anxious to explore.

As our month drew to an end we found it hard to say goodbye to such an inviting place, however, our 50th anniversary was in February and plans had been made.

Just a few days before our departure one of our new friends offered to share the DVD of the making of TR. While we were enjoying this fascinating piece of history there came a moment that had our mouths dropping open. There was a clip of TR welcoming its first visitor from Indiana. My wife exclaimed, "that guy looks like your grandpa!" We had to pause the video to get a better look but sure enough, that gentleman was my grandfather. Now there is no mistaking him as he was about as big around as he was tall and was notorious for wearing his pants hiked way up high with his belt on his rotund belly. If that wasn't enough there was his big old red Olds 98.

Grandpa and Grandma had been avid Airstream travelers since his retirement as Chief of Police in Fort Wayne, Ind., so I shouldn't have been surprised that they had made their way to TR. We knew that they had wintered in Lakeland, Fla. but never knew of the TR connection.

Needless to say, before we went back to Ohio we owned a share of TR and were anxiously looking forward to our return in the fall of 2019. This is our second year here at TR and somehow, I'm pretty sure Grandpa is smiling.

All Florida Manufactured Home Services LLC.



From Re-levels to Complete Move in Ready Packages!!!



Serving Pasco County and all of Florida

Danny 904-806-5021
Jené 813-454-4214

Services offered:

- ~ Mobile Home Installation
- ~ Site Prep and Dirt Pads
- ~ Tractor Service
- ~ Relocation
- ~ Concrete Driveways
- ~ Screen rooms

- ~ Garages
- ~ Supplies
- ~ Carports
- ~ Sheds
- ~ Removal

- Room Additions
- Roof Overs
- Screen Rooms
- Park Model Setup

<http://www.afmhs.com/>



Fax # 352-458-0070
Email: afmhsllc@gmail.com

Vistas - a column from the archives

The lights of Christmas

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 Dec. 26, 2003.

Surely many of us must remember the first time we were driven around to see homes decorated with Christmas lights. Though we may not have known it, we were experiencing with delight a custom one of whose sponsors was Thomas A. Edison himself.

It was early in the fall of 1880. At what he called his Menlo Factory in Menlo Park, N.J., Edison was completing his search for an adequate lightbulb. As Christmas approached, the increasing population along America's east coast prepared to celebrate the holidays.

There were some from the austere Puritan areas of New England who pointedly omitted any plans for Christmas decorations. Any suggestions of color or excitement about the season suggested an unseemly light-heartedness about a serious concern like religion. But it was different with the Germans, the French and the Scandinavians. Those happy-spirited communities cherished their Yule logs, their Christmas gifts and their prized Kris Kringle.

For them no appointments express Christmas more delightedly than the Christmas tree. From the old countries they brought the custom of trying to give the tree some sparkle of life. They did it with glittering balls and trinkets. But the more adventurous tried attaching candles to the out-reach-



PAUL FREED

ing branches. Prudently, a pail of water was kept nearby. But the lights gave the tree and the very season a special glow of happy celebration.

In his New Jersey laboratory, Edison picked up the theme of warm and glowing lights at Christmas. It seemed a welcome time to exhibit his newly perfected lightbulb. Early in mid-December 1880, train travelers on the Pennsylvania line Philadelphia to New York express were stunned at the sight they saw when they looked out the windows. Outside as their cars approached Edison's Menlo laboratory, riders saw one-half square mile of field glowing with light.

Over the months as Christmas approached, Edison had laid out white posts in row upon row in the field. On top of each post was a newly invented incandescent lamp. The lamps were wired into a power station of eleven generators. "At night when he started up his power station," records one observer, "the bare fields lit up like the streetlights of a doll-sized town." Word of the dazzling sight raced through both

Philadelphia and New York. Bankers, stock brokers, scientist, journalists and government officials climbed aboard the train for the ride to see the glowing lights. According to one account, "The electrification of the United States had begun!" In New York the governing fathers were influenced. Two years later, Edison had a generating station humming away in downtown New York. In his Manhattan home a friend and long-time business associate of Edison's, Edward H. Johnson, ran wires into his living room. In one corner he elevated them wire by wire to the branches of a newly purchased Christmas tree. Wires stretched out to red, white and blue lights at each branch end.

Entranced, a reporter from the *Detroit Post and Tribune* enthused: "The tree presented a most picturesque and uncanny aspect. With 80 lights in all, cast in dainty glass eggs, it was a superb exhibition." It had been a Christmas unlike any other. The world received the gift of wide-spread electric power. Inspired to write a book entitled, *Decorative Electricity*, Mrs. J.E. Gordon said she hoped people would use the new artificial light with personal style. She expressed the hope that the new kind of light would "enhance life in small details as well as grand ways."

Reviewing the book in *Electrical World* magazine, a reporter wrote in excited wonder: "If Mrs. Gordon's ideas are carried out, the perfection of lighting in our parlors and dining rooms would be reached. We should be conscious of agreeable illumination in every room in our home."

Travel in a pandemic summer

by Sharon Gilbert Zile and Dan Zile, Tour Directors

TR travel has been put on hold for the near future. With some 70 percent of U.S. travel agencies suffering or closed by the effects of the pandemic, cruise ships mothballed, and airline schedules still operating at minimum levels, it has not been a good year for the travel industry. The US/CA border remains closed to leisure travel between our two countries, directly affecting the TR community. Group travel certainly does not allow for social distancing, making transportation and travel venues difficult to safely navigate. The once very large travel industry has been slammed by COVID-19.

However, there is some good news in travel circles. RV sales were up 30 percent last month with dealerships taking orders already for next summer deliveries. It seems that traveling in an RV reduces many of the pandemic risks involved with cruises, airlines, buses and hotels. Motorhomes and travel trailers are essentially homes on wheels, ready to take on adventure, even in pandemic times. What could be a safer way to see the country than traveling while staying in your own bedroom and using your own kitchen and bathroom facilities?



So, after several pandemic months of remaining in our TR home, in mid-June we left the park with our Airstream travel trailer to venture throughout the eastern U.S. In doing so, we needed to be creative and find alternatives to caravans, museums and restaurants. We felt that it was necessary to avoid crowds and indoor public venues. With masks and hand sanitizer never far from reach for our gas stops and grocery store visits, we visited or traveled through 21 different states. On the road, Walmart became our preferred grocery stop because early on they instituted a mask requirement for all stores, taking the guesswork out of our desire to protect ourselves in public spaces. COVID safety was never far from our minds while we journeyed



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

beyond the walls of our home to give us a bit of normalcy.

With travel safety details resolved, we sought a variety of activities within our 12,000-mile journey. Camping accommodations included Corps of Engineers parks, state and private campgrounds and we found considerable social distancing and doable hiking trails in each. We continued Dan's genealogical efforts to retrieve the abandoned gravestone of his 4th great-grandfather, veteran of the Revolutionary War. We visited family in Ohio, Connecticut, Indiana and Missouri with outdoor visits that included front porch conversations, a three-generation state park hike, walking rural roads and taking a grandchild to watch the newly restored *Mayflower II* begin its voyage from the Mystic Seaport to return to Plimoth Plantation. Climbing to the top of Michigan's Sleeping Bear Dunes gave our legs a workout, and one Ohio State Park trail challenged our orienteering skills. The Upper Peninsula gave us a view of commerce continuing between Canada and the U.S., a carryout taste of delicious beef pasties (yum) and cudighi (what a great sausage sandwich), lots of hiking to waterfalls and the beauty of fall color. We camped beside the St. Mary's River and watched barges approaching the Soo Locks, and along the Mississippi River near locks, as well. We marveled at the beauty of the amber colored water of Tahquamenon Falls and felt invigorated by exercise and fresh air. After a few weeks of chores and Netflix at our Missouri home, it was time to return to TR, full of the memories of all that we had seen and done during the Pandemic Summer of 2020.

Certainly, there are other TR folks who have interesting pandemic summer travels to share. Please share your adventures with us because when we share our travel experiences with others, we ALL journey beyond the walls of our homes.

AdventHealth Happenings

Please register for each program by phone at 877-534-3109 or on the website at ahzephyrhills.com.

JAN 6

Virtual Bariatric Support Group
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Call 352-521-1170 or
visit AHDadeCity.com to register



Robin Stuckey, BSN-RN, CBN
Bariatric and Digestive Health Nurse Navigator

JAN 12

Treatment Options for Spine Pain
Tuesday, Jan. 12, Noon

AdventHealth Zephyrhills Facebook Page
Call 877-534-3108 or

visit AHZephyrhills.com to register



Armen Deukmedjian, MD
Fellowship-trained Neurosurgeon



Accepting New Patients!!!

Cerillo Family Dentistry

San Antonio's First and Only Dental Practice
Happily serving the community since 2009



Dr. Louis P. Cerillo



Dr. Puja Patel

San Antonio's First and Only Dental Practice
Happily serving the community since 2009

Let us welcome you and
your entire family to our practice.

11938 Curley St. San Antonio

Call 352-668-4819

www.drcerillo.com

Book your appointment today!

Support Our Advertisers

Let them know you saw them in

The TR Times.



Delicious!



EAT WHERE ELVIS ATE!

Wednesdays
Rib Dinner
7.99
Til Gone

Best Wings
In Town
Bone In
Boneless

5237 Gall Blvd
Zephyrhills, FL
813-602-8396

**CONEY ISLAND
DRIVE-INN**
SINCE 1960
WORLD FAMOUS FOOTLONGS

Free Elvis Shows!
1st Wed. Brooksville
2nd Thur. Zephyrhills

Burgers
&
Shakes

Fridays
Giant
Fish Box Meal
Only \$6
Til Gone

1112 E Jefferson
Brooksville, FL
352-796-9141

WWW.FAMOUSFOOTLONGS.COM

Florida Cracker Kitchen

Breakfast | Brunch | Lunch

Downtown Brooksville
Visit our NEWEST location, Florida Cracker Monkey Bar in Old Homosassa





We're Cooking
"Justa For YOU"

- Daily Specials
- Gluten Free menu items
- Private Banquet Room
- Full Bar
- Take Out
- Full Service Catering
- Party Pans for Friends and Family Gatherings

Papa Joe's

SINCE 1981

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

6244 Spring Lake Hwy
Brooksville, Fl.
352-799-3904
Call for Reservations

Hours: Tues-Thurs 11-9
Fri-Sat 11-10, Sun 12-8:30
Www.papajoes.org
Closed on Mondays

Bulletin Board

Most activities begin in January.

CHAIRMEN: Please check your listing.

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., Music 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 RADIO FORUM
First Mondays, 3 to 4 p.m. On 1610 AM. Submit questions to *forum@travelersrestresort.com*. Include your name and lot number.

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

Bulletin Board

Most activities begin in January.

CHAIRMEN: Please check your listing.

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 (2nd & 4th) 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

Canceled Activities

BASKET WEAVING
Rachel Brooks 0133 603-534-4985

BINGO
Jane Carey 2504 352-467-3847

BOCCE BALL
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
Dave /Mary Beth Baur 1129 207-650-6287

EUCHRE
Bob Phillips 2636 419-506-0128

EUCHRE/BID
Barb Nelson 1105 816-699-3835

FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS
Pat McCallum 1304 267-506-5049

FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT SALE
Betty & Walt Gilson 2501 870-615-1668

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE
Marie Lupien 2627 603-781-3681

GEOCACHING
Bill Bradford 1329 352-588-3766

HAND AND FOOT
Deborah May 1122 304-888-8207

HARMONAIRES
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

TENNIS
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

WIZARD
Vicki Howard 0903 803-629-2506

YOGA (CHAIR)
Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805

Message from Bob the Elf

by Denis Paquette
Hey it’s me.....Bob the Elf....and I’m talking to you. This COVID-19 is NOT just the “flu.”
It’s real and it’s scary and it’s dangerous too. It’s very contagious and hard to subdue.
You need to think forward to Christmas this year. Will you all raise a glass and give a big cheer? Will all of your loved ones be smiling and near? From where I am sitting that’s looking unclear. You’re here and you’re trying while frightened as well.
You hand wash and mask up so fear doesn’t dwell.
It’s important you hear me as I try and tell the rest at TR that YOU’RE DOING JUST SWELL!
The borders are closed and the Canadians are missing. You better believe I know what they’re wishing,
For golf and for sunshine, for neighbors to squeeze and for TR’s great friendships and swaying palm trees.
The times are a changing. There’re new things in store. We’re all rowing this boat and it takes every oar.
So don’t be discouraged dig deep to your core. We’re making a difference and this IS a war. We battled through SARS and COVID’s the same.
It’s unknown and it’s deadly but this ain’t our first game!
Frustrations are brewing but there’s no time for blame, cause keeping us healthy is the ultimate aim. I’m very encouraged by the efforts you’ve done. Ray, Donna and Callie know it hasn’t been fun. But they rallied their teams and they got the job done. They’ve been very effective at keeping COVID to “none.”
Pastor Anthony continues to spread the good news. Church is drive-in you know, no sitting in pews.
TR’s first responders keep us informed and aware. All of these people show us how much they care.
So thank you for distancing and masking each day. Your efforts and hand washing will keep COVID at bay.
And each of us do this because we can’t bear, to return to TR if our neighbors are not there. Merry Christmas and God Bless.
Bob the Elf xxx

“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.”
– Helen Dyer

Jane's World

Merry Christmas

by Jane Harrold

This winter Bill and I are at home in Niagara Falls fondly remembering Christmases past when hugs could be shared and grandchildren cuddled. The whole family could gather at church for the crowded Christmas Eve service, singing Christmas carols, worshipping and celebrating. On Christmas day our extended family of 20 plus could gather around large tables to enjoy eating turkey with all the trimmings and sharing family stories. Christmases past are very special.



Painting by Norman Rockwell

In today's column I would like to share one of my favorite Christmas dinner memories. Our traditional Christmas dinner with my sisters and their families includes preparing two turkeys. One is cooked ahead of time to provide more stuffing, gravy and, of course, the always essential,



internationally-recognized, turkey leftovers.

On one particular Christmas I was responsible for the extra turkey. Luckily it did not get carved at the table because it had some serious issues. Seems that after I got the 25 pounder cooked and out of the oven, I could not get the hot turkey out of the pan. No one else was home, so after a little creative thinking, I decided that surgery was necessary. Right leg off, left leg off, right wing, left wing and stuffing removed. Then, one hand in an oven mitt inside the turkey, my other hand using a big fork stabbed through the turkey's chest, I was finally able to pop the turkey out of the pan. Pretty sorry looking but once the meat was sliced and arranged on a platter who would know?

For Christmas dinner we feasted on turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, multiple vegetables including squash and a family favorite—jellied salad. This

traditional family salad is made with shredded cabbage and carrot which is stirred into yellow Jell-o and served with mayonnaise. People marrying into our family often expressed concern about this particular food item and were not easily persuaded to embrace this tradition.

Dessert was a selection of pies, none of which would be featured in a calorie-counting, weight-watching recipe book. I think I may have sampled a small piece of each pie. After all, I was in the frozen north where I could wear a nice bulky sweater to easily hide an extra pound or two. Around the table there was plenty of noisy chatter and laughter. Christmas dinners with the whole family are wonderful memories.

This year celebrating Christmas will be a challenge for all of us. While we have hope for the promising vaccines, we will be having Christmas in very small groups, wearing masks and maintaining social distance. The threat of COVID-19 is an unwelcome visitor in our homes and communities. But, while our virus precautions may have forced us to make changes in how we do it, all of us will still be celebrating the miracle of Christmas and the birth of Jesus.

Bill and I wish everyone at TR a very Merry Christmas. May God bless you and yours in the coming year with good health, hope, peace and plenty of love to fill your hearts to over-flowing.

Birding Activity



Keep looking for good birds

by Norm Eden

Last issue I recommended looking for the male Painted Bunting, sparrow-sized and jewel-like, as there are certainly several migratory pairs at TR through the winter season. Being small you will really improve the likelihood of seeing this brightly colored bird if you are carrying a binocular or one of the latest high zoom cameras.

The buntings will readily use bird feeders and so the new TR bird trail will provide some known locations as the birds become accustomed to the feeders. However, buntings are somewhat shy and it is best to take a break and watch quietly from a convenient bench where the feeder is close to some bushy undergrowth for concealment.

It is worth checking out the female Painted Bunting in your bird guide as she is totally different with no blue or red but a delicate mix of yellow and green shades.

One bunting pair had been seen regularly at the new feeding station that was by the Puppy Park until unfortunately it was recently crushed by a large falling tree. The buntings will still be around though and the feeder will soon be re-established.

The large special bird I mentioned to look for is the Wood Stork that lives year round in Florida and is an endangered species in the U.S., although common in Central American countries. A single bird has been a regular at Vanishing Lake in recent weeks and sometimes small groups can be seen here.

They are unique feeders catching small live fish and water creatures in shallow water when they either keep very still with their beak in the water and snap the beak when prey swims in or they walk slowly swishing their beak from side-to-side until something swims in. They work by touch, where herons and egrets hunt by sight. Their beak snaps shut in just 0.025 seconds, one of the fastest reactions in any vertebrate.

The Woodstock is graceful in flight, with neck extended and they soar high on thermals. They are a large white bird with black flight feathers clearly visible and it can be seen at TR...Wow!

What about? As we pass mid-December a number of small flocks of what is very likely our smallest TR birds have been seen. These rival our summer hummingbird visitors. Half the weight of a Carolina Wren, or the several hundred migrant Palm Warblers here in winter, the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher lives here year round and in summer migrants will be over much of the nation. It is a good bird for your list as it weighs just 0.2 oz. and is about 4.5 inches overall. It is a chubby little flycatcher, gray/blue on top and white underneath, with a very distinct complete eye ring.

The trouble is that it doesn't keep still for very long as it moves over the outer branches taking food from the back of leaves and cracks in the bark. One very small bird may be difficult to spot but the small flocks are more noticeable.

Then you can study them, that's birding.

Best bird!
The best bird has to be the single Wood Stork at TR's Vanishing Lake. It allowed me to get reasonably close for a good view of the rugged features.



Did you know? Who makes the distinctly square or rectangular woodpecker holes we see all around? It is the pileated one, the black one with a red crest, an amazingly strong beak and the neck muscles to go with it. Found throughout the east and mid-west as well as all across Canada, the largest woodpecker in North America digs its own nest hole some 20 inches deep and almost the same diameter. This is hard work so the bird has learned to find trees with a good straight vertical grain which helps it strike down and chisel off large chunks at a time, hence a rectangular entrance hole. The pileated one will make new nest holes each year, so other species that don't excavate their own, such as the large Barred Owl, will use the old woodpecker nests.

Tuesday Bird Walks begin in January

TR Bird Walks begin Tuesday Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. from the Post Office Veranda. Tom Butler will lead this walk. Come and join us. Everyone is welcome, including beginners. Social distancing will apply, but the birds don't mind us talking loudly!

Garden News

Garden tidbits

by Leslie Ewing

The Christmas decorations are up. The lights are turned on. Residents can stroll through the garden daytime and nighttime.

Please take a moment to enjoy our banana plants. They grew tall over summer and are stunning right now. Once the freeze comes this winter, and it usually does freeze for a few days, the banana plants will suffer. So this is the time to see them in all their glory. This picture shows the bananas that are growing on one of our plants. If you look below where the bananas are, you will see the purple flower which should yield even more bananas.

Robert Mignacca researched the banana plants, and was able to grow more plants. Unfortunately, Robert is in Canada and is unable to come to TR due to the border closing. Robert, if you are reading this, we miss you!

The garden is an official Monarch Butterfly garden, with papers to prove it! Several TR residents have been inspired to start their own Monarch Butterfly gardens. Look for more developments this season.



Photo by Leslie Ewing

BANANA PLANT

Pam Forsyth ordered beetles that eat the dreaded wild potato vines that usually dominate the garden each summer. The beetles did a wonderful job for us in keeping these vines in check.

The beetles will also spread to other areas here in TR. Pam says the beetles will live through the winter under leaf litter. The garden club will need to leave some leaves on the ground for the beetles. If the wild potato vines have caused problems for TR residents at their sites, they should consider leaving some leaf litter to provide a winter home for the beetles.

The garden club season starts in January. Until then, we are meeting on Thursday mornings, 9 to 11 a.m. to get ready for January and talk about our summer. See you in the garden!

Design is everything!

by Carol Lauer

In the world of evolution strange things can happen. Changes in structure, form and coloration can sometimes prove to be very beneficial to animals.

Scientists wondered why black flies are such a bother to horses but not to zebras who are relatives of horses that evolved with irregular black stripes on their coats. It would seem that zebras should be more susceptible to the sting of biting flies than horses because the hairs on their coats are very short compared to those of horses, allowing easy access to blood vessels. However, the zebras' irregular black stripes make it difficult for flies to land, throwing them off course and confusing them.



Tim Caro, a biologist at the University of California, did some experiments with black flies and zebras and discovered that the flies do not decelerate when they fly in to the stripes of the zebras. "Either they miss and overshoot the zebras, or they bump into the hides and bounce off." After further research, he ultimately concluded, "There are enormous benefits to having a striped coat for a zebra."

It all makes you wonder if wearing a shirt with irregular black stripes out-of-doors in the summer would ward off flies for people, too!

Have you heard what your neighbors are saying about...

GARDEN of EDEN

Salon & Spa

Professional

Stylists ~ Colorists ~ Barbers

Pedicures ~ Massage

Skin Care ~ Waxing

CDC Sanitation Guidelines

The highest CDC guidelines are followed for both clients and staff. Temperatures taken, masks used plus private suites for each client service.

Call for appointment

352-523-0300

14220 8th St. ~ Downtown Dade City

Tired of being

BUGGED?

MURRELL

PEST CONTROL, INC.

800-843-7074

Cell 352-424-0885

Pasco 352-583-3332

Hernando 352-799-4449

Owned and Operated by

Tim & Jerry (Mike) McLeod

Library News

by Mary Kosbab

We have received many donations from people returning to the park. This is what keeps our library current and viable. We very much appreciate all the donations we get. We feel very lucky to have a library as well stocked as we do.

As much as we would like to keep all donations, we are limited in our space. Donating books that we cannot keep only means the library staff has to handle books we cannot use. You can help us out by checking to be sure any fiction you are donating was published within the last five years. If earlier, you can donate to a local thrift store. The only fiction we keep published earlier than five years ago are books that complete a series we have or one for which you leave a note inside the book telling us that this is a book you highly recommend. You do not have to sign your name, but we would appreciate it if you do. We write this up as a recommended book and put a sticker on it to signify it as such. Many browsers choose these recommended books when making a selection.



Non-fiction books are assessed for their timeliness. Again, we are looking for books that are current. Please refrain from donating books that are very old.

We are also asking that everyone put books they borrow back on the shelf where they got them from when they are finished. This helps our library staff not have to handle more books than absolutely necessary.

Presently our library staff is limited. This skeleton core of volunteers is working hard to keep up with all the donations and other jobs that keep our library functioning. They deserve many thanks for all they do to keep the library operating.

We are asking anyone moving who has books to donate to give Kay Blunda a call. It is easier for us to come to your house to select books we can use than go through boxes or bags of books which we cannot use. We can give you a list of places that accept books for any that we do not take.

At this time of year we put our Christmas collection on top of the bookcases in the Busch Hall alcove. We hope you will browse through them and find some good reading. Thanks to the staff who moved them from the bottom shelves to the bookcases. And many thanks to those who helped decorate the tree in the library.

We are very happy to have two new members on our library staff: Carol Schnell and Gail Lehman. We welcome them to our committee.

The entire library staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns, please see any library volunteer or leave a note on the library desk. We appreciate your input.

Pets on Parade



Starla's adventures

by Judy Leister

So Starla started a new adventure with life in a new family. The new adventure was the living arrangements in this new setting. Her first four years were in a house with a doggy door that gave her the opportunity to zoom out the door and race around in a fenced backyard. This new place called Travelers Rest didn't have any doggy doors. She had to wait for a human to take her outside. Sheila and Marty are active, outdoorsy people so this new adventure was turning out to be fun. Starla had never worn a collar or walked on that strange thing called a leash but that's how they do it at TR. She adapted quite well to her new slip-lead and is enjoying her many walks around the resort.

In her previous life she had only been around other Boston Terriers but now as they walk around TR she is meeting other breeds. Little by little she is also being introduced to the Puppy Park. In keeping with suggestions a teacher colleague had offered 35



Photo by Judy Leister
STARLA

years ago about kennel training puppies they got Starla her own kennel for her new life with them. She was already kennel trained in her first home so the transition was very easy. Kennels are a dog's safe haven. It's like their own private bedroom. Starla's kennel is well equipped and placed right in the living room where her new human family hangs out. She has a comfy bed with all the luxuries any doggy bedroom should have. The door is open so she can come and go at her leisure.

Her most recent life adventures have led to many new discoveries. When a Christmas ornament happened to roll across the floor while decorating the tree Starla quickly found out how much fun round things are to chase. Of course now she has her own collection of real balls to play with. She also has discovered how wonderful it is to be cuddled. During my interview with them for this article it was heartwarming to see her bury her head against Marty's chest as he gave her a loving hug. Then there's the golf cart. Oh what fun it is to take a ride with Mom and Dad around TR. Best adventure ever!



Pet Lovers Club upcoming activities

The first meeting of the Pet Lovers Club is Monday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Puppy Park (watch for changes in case of bad weather). Masks and social distancing, please.

TR Yard Sales will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, and the Pet Lovers Club will be set up on lot 12-02 with many of pet related items.

Pet Lovers Club

by Judy Leister

Nope.... just well loved, very well loved! They are part of the family. They want to be with us all the time. OK, maybe when Fido insists you throw the ball down the hall one more time right when you are trying to figure out why your bank statement's balance is \$107.42 less than what your numbers say, Fido's ball throwing persistence can be a bit frustrating. That is the time to remember the day at work your boss yelled at you and you were greeted by a wagging tail at the door when you got home. Yep.... that's Fido giving you some love right back. They're always there for us.

My dog has a better wardrobe than I do. First we have quite a collection of collar and leash sets in every color imaginable. Then of course we have to have the bandannas that coordinate with those collars. Oh, and we have to cover all the holidays too. We have Christmas sweaters, patriotic scarves and maybe even a Valentine tee shirt. Fido must have a coat for walks on those chilly days and a rain coat for the wet ones. Years ago our only choices were S,M,L when buying a collar or harness for Fido. Now we have an

Is your dog spoiled?



Photo by Judy Leister

SCOOP

endless selection. There are styles designed for comfort, no pull versions and even harnesses with handles to make it easy to pick up the small pooches.

The food aisles at the pet stores go on for miles. When I was a kid I think we had Friskies and Alpo to choose from. Canned or bagged, that was it. Now we have choices for puppies right on through a menu for the canine senior citizens. Grain, no grain, chicken or beef, high energy or

couch potato. All of Fido's preferences and health needs are there.

We have dog toys everywhere. At our northern home we have a toy basket in the bedroom, another in the shop, yet another in the RV and of course here at TR we have one in the living room and one out on the screened in porch. No need to transport toys from north to south. There are plenty. Well, that is except for Lambie. That is Scoop's favorite sleeping toy so she goes everywhere.

If you have a toy basket, does Fido actually put the toys back in the basket when he's done playing with them? Not around here. As I type this I see several balls, a mangled furry thing with a leg missing and something that used to squeak laying nearby. Dog toys can present us with surprises. It was suggested to me once that I should strategically place a tennis ball on the bed under my back to

help with muscle pain. Somehow I don't think rolling over in bed in the middle of the night and landing on a tennis ball is how it's done. Or in the morning when you are making the bed and you have all the wrinkles smoothed out from the blankets and bedspread only to find a big lump right in the middle. It turns out to be what Fido brought to bed the night before. Also, be careful when you stand up from your easy chair while totally engrossed in your favorite team's winning football game. That first step can be dangerous if it lands right on top of that ball Fido has placed at your feet while he patiently waits for you to throw it.



Photo by Diana Dean
KOBE

Did you ever play the whoopee cushion joke on a friend? It's funny when you plan it but maybe a bit embarrassing if Fido happens to hide his squeaky toy in the crack between the cushions on the couch and the minister stops in for a visit. You guessed it, that's right where he sits.

Christmas is coming. What has Fido asked for? I have a feeling Chewy will be making as many deliveries with doggy stuff as Amazon will be delivering the people stuff.



CARPET BINDING & Area Rugs

Ronnie's Carpets & Flooring
12348 US HWY 98 N
LAKELAND, FL 33809
HOURS: 9-6 Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat
863-859-1441
Waterproof Flooring, LVP,
Wood, Laminate, Ceramic, Carpet, Vinyl
See our special buys & closeouts at www.RonniesCarpet.com
Free Estimates & Expert Installation Since 1971



CARPET & TILE CLEANING



Dog-Mania & Cats 352-467-9622

Where dog & cat lovers scratch their itch
Pet Boutique & Personalized Gifts
37846 Meridian Ave.- Dade City, FL 33525
www.DogManiaandCats.com
\$5 Discount for Purchases of \$25+



TOY DOCTOR
Mobile RV Service
AC, Appliances and Electrical Repairs
Generator Repairs & Installs
RVIA Master Certified Tech
Call Ken or Dalton
352-584-0959
www.toydoctormobilerv.org

The Barbers of San Antonio



Vic & Company

(813) 459-5512
Shop Hours
Tues - Fri 9 - 6
Sat 9 - 2
Thursday Appointments
available as well as walk-ins
(Closed Sun & Mon)
32631 State Road 52
San Antonio, FL 33576
Next to SanAnn Liquor



Christmas around TR



Christmas wreaths at Veterans Memorial ensure that our veterans’ sacrifices are not forgotten.



Photos by Jack Carey, Sandy Langell, Laura Appgar and Pam Watkins



It may not be a walk in a winter wonderland as the carol goes, but the TR Garden is definitely worth a holiday stroll.



It’s a fa-la-la kind of day at the TR Golf Academy



Happy birthday, Jesus -You are the reason for the season.



These reindeer are hoping for a favorable flight forecast Christmas Eve.



This gazebo lights the Golf Course with holiday glow.



TR Fire Station 33 shares a creative holiday spirit.



Did you take a trip with Santa?



by Pam Watkins

Jeri Miller planned an interesting and fun event for our Christmas celebration this year, and if you weren't there – well, there may be coal in your stocking this year!

"Take a Trip with Santa" began with a gathering of golf carts at Golf View where a myriad of creative holiday decorations on residents' carts could be seen, and Santa's helpers were out to control the flow of all of the party-goers. Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with his driver and an impish elf, greeted folks as they arrived. Santa's bunch led the trip around the park in the TR Resort limo.

The first stop on Santa's trip was at the Veterans Memorial for announcements from Chief Larry Polzin and his thank you for all of our TR First Responder volunteers. Darold Long opened the Laying of the Wreaths Ceremony with his thoughts on veterans and a poem that shared a story of Santa watching over a sleeping soldier one Christmas Eve. A veteran from each of the U.S. service branches laid a wreath under their respective service flags, and Chaplain Shippe offered a heart-warming prayer for our military men and women and their families.

Our wonderful stage in The Grove was the next stop for a Christmas vignette. Imagine parking all of the decorated golf carts in the dark – thank you to all of our wonderful parkers! The stage was aglow in holiday lights and a nativity scene with Debbi Niles, Kathy and Chuck Lemke, and Sheila Schencke reminded us of the reason for the season. The TR Cloggers brought us Christmas spirit in dance to *Mary's Boy Child*,

Doc and Donna Probes shared their talents in song and Choir Director Bernie Gutridge led those who had gathered in singing *Silent Night*.

Santa's trip continued by the Puppy Park – did you see the activity near the brightly lit, multi-colored hoops? We viewed holiday lights along 14th Street stopping at 1st Street to receive ice cream treats from Elves Callie and Rosita before heading out to the decorated gazebo on the Golf Course for caroling with Doc and Donna.

Our trip wound around the course to the gazebo at #3 where Billie and Randy Doell were seen chasing out 2020 and ringing in a new year. To ensure a prosperous 2021, we each received a cool million dollars at the end of our trip – a million dollars candy bar, that is!

Thank you everyone for entertaining, participating, and thank you, Jeri, for organizing such a creative event!



U.S. Navy veteran Frank Gedert waits to lay his wreath at the memorial.



Chief Larry Polzin along with Dick and Kit Wheatley watch the Laying of the Wreaths from the Fire Station.



TR Cloggers Lin Buczek, Lois Allen, Diane Phillips and Donna Neer show their Christmas spirit in dance.

Photos by Debbie Woodford and Pam and Bill Watkins



Tawyna Rowden and Jim Weigand, two of Santa's traffic helpers, pause for a photo.



These costumed and cheery folks know how to arrive in style.



Elves Callie Zak and Rosita Williams pass out ice cream treats to everyone at the corner of 14th and 1st Streets.



Doc and Donna Probes lead the crowd in singing a lively rendition of *Feliz Navidad*.



Randy Doell chases away 2020 while his wife, Billie, quickly rings in the wish for a great 2021.



Some exciting news
for model railroad fans



Photo by Brian Krupicka

The TR Model Railroad Club will hold its first meeting of the 2021 season on Wednesday, Jan. 13 in the Activities Center building from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or Larry Babbitt at trainnut1942@gmail.com

We both look forward to getting this new TR activity off to a great start. Welcome aboard!!!

TRLGA
results

by Pat Butler
Thanks to those who braved the cold weather and came out in the sunshine to play golf. It is good to have the course reopened and hopefully it will be smooth sailing from here on out!
Here are the results:
Low Handicap /Low Net
Pat Daubenmier..... 37
Laura Apgar 43
Mardelle St. John 43
High Handicap/Low Net
Dee Branchaud..... 37
Laurie Gardner 40
Phyllis Simmers 43
Fewest Putts
Laura Apgar 17
Birdies: 0
Chip-ins: 0
FUN: 100%
Hope to see you all next week!



Bowling

by Lin Buczek Dec. 4	by Lin Buczek Dec. 11
Men's Scratch High Game	Men's Scratch High Game
Steve Niles 236	Steve Niles 225
Bill Buczek..... 236	Bill Buczek..... 200
Don Markle 184	Ken Neer 173
Dave Couture 163	Men's Scratch High Series
Men's Scratch High Series	Steve Niles 638
Steve Niles 660	Bill Buczek..... 514
Bill Buczek..... 616	Ken Neer 451
Don Markle..... 532	Men's Handicap High Game
Men's Handicap High Game	Bill Bunning..... 270
Bill Buczek..... 269	Bill Buczek..... 257
Steve Niles 255	Steve Niles 241
Dave Couture 254	Men's Handicap High Series
Men's Handicap High Series	Bill Bunning..... 738
Don Markle 730	Steve Niles 686
Steve Niles 717	Bill Buczek..... 685
Bill Buczek..... 715	Men's High Average
Men's High Average	Steve Niles 210
Steve Niles 207	Women's Scratch High Game
Women's Scratch High Game	Leslie Price..... 200
Debi Niles 179	Lin Buczek 160
Rae Marek 176	Debi Niles 142
Lin Buczek 172	Women's Scratch High Series
Women's Scratch High Series	Leslie Price..... 516
Lin Buczek 480	Lin Buczek 433
Debi Niles 468	Debi Niles 413
Rae Marek 433	Women's Handicap High Game
Women's Handicap High Game	Leslie Price..... 273
Rae Marek 263	Lin Buczek 268
Carol Schell..... 257	Carol Schell..... 242
Grace Couture 256	Women's Handicap High Series
Women's Handicap High Series	Lin Buczek 757
Grace Couture 712	Leslie Price..... 735
Debi Niles 696	Carol Schell..... 681
Rae Marek 694	Women's High Average
Women's High Average	Leslie Price..... 162
Lin Buczek 161	



TR Clogging teams merge



File photo by John Goodger

TR Cloggers perform at 2019 TR Christmas Show.

by Donna Neer and
Donna Smith

We are excited to announce that the TR Cloggers and the TR Clogging Connection Dance teams have merged under the leadership of Donna Neer and Donna Smith. The two teams are looking forward to sharing new and exciting routines together.

Classes will be held every

Tuesday and Thursday morning in Citrus East. Beginner cloggers will learn the basics of clogging from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and beginners will start on their first routine during the very first lesson!

No experience is necessary; you just need a willingness to have fun, learn something new and meet new folks. Loaner shoes are available. Please keep in mind that

no one is born with two left feet. Experienced cloggers will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in Citrus East as well. There is no charge for lessons! Participants are not required to perform at a show! For additional information call Donna Neer at 419-366-0471 or Donna Smith at 315-408-1805.



T&J Tire, LLC

352-583-0987

Don't go BALD, come see us!



We specialize in:

- New & Used Tires
- 2 & 4 Wheel Alignments
- Oil / Lube - gas or diesel
- Suspension and Chassis
- Steering
- General Mechanical

www.facebook.com/tjtirellc

20716 Highway 301 N. ~ Dade City, FL 33523



Country Club Cars

352-596-5560

FACTORY AUTHORIZED DEALER



www.CountryClubGolfCars.com

Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
Sunday Closed

7265 SUNSHINE GROVE RD
BROOKSVILLE, FL



SkyMed

TAKES YOU HOME

It is comforting to know that when you travel SkyMed is traveling with you

NO CO-PAYS ~ NO DEDUCTIBLE ~ NO CLAIM FORMS

Sky Med is North America's premier emergency air transportation membership service

A company with proven character & integrity

For additional information stop in to see your licensed T.R. agent

Bill (JJ) & Sandy
2555 Busch Lane
Travelers Rest Resort

or call

216-533-1752



Talking to JJ is well worth your time.

Holiday Greetings across the miles




First time in 20 years we will not make it down to TR. Due to COVID, we feel we will be safer at home in the mountains.

Regards to all,
Bill and Barbara Bocchino
Golf View 7001

Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors on 10th Street. Hope to see you all this winter.

Dale and Fred McGoldrick
Lot 1063

We wish all our friends in TR a very merry Xmas and a happy new year. Hope to see all of you next year.

 Alex and Maggie Crawford
Lot 0816

We want to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends at this wonderful place called TR and beyond. We've had a very busy summer and fall and we're looking forward to arriving in early January. Our blessings to all and be safe.

John and Karen Freed
Lot 2520

The spirit of a TR Christmas greeting wish list.

Activities, Appreciative, Christ, Encouraging, Entertaining, Love, Everyone, Friendship, Safe, Trust, Gatherings, Greeting, Happiness, Health, Home, Incomparable, Incredible, Infant, Intelligent, Interesting, Involved, Memories, Neighbors, Offerings, Paradise, Respect, Responders, Retirement, Reverent, Serving, Smiles, Staff, Sunshine, Talented, Thankful, Thoughtful, Travelers, Wonderful, Sympathetic.

Eleanor and Don Buchser
Lot 1051


G'day Travelers Resters. To all our friends and acquaintances who we miss greatly this year, we send greetings from the frozen Canadian north, and hope you all stay safe.

Barb and Rick Aubrey
Lot 1126


Greetings from Kittery, Maine. The Tanseys will be spending the winter season here in our condo, enjoying our neighbors, family and friends. We miss you all and wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Daria and Alden Tansey
Lot 1109

To all our friends at TR- Wishing you a joyful Christmas Season. Many blessings to you and your family as we remember and rejoice in our Savior's birth.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.
2 Corinthians 10:14
Love to you all,
 Jeff and Barb Swartz
Lot 0121

Very best wishes to our friends in TR and to other Canadians also locked out of our winter homes. From the Marshalls, in Blue Mountains, Ontario. Merry holidays, folks, wish we there.

 Lynne and Boyd Marshall
Lot 0714

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We have sold our farm and we will be busy moving, so we won't be able to come this year. Booked for next year. See you then.

Rob and Lucille Matthews
Lot 2525

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our friends and neighbors at Travelers Rest! We appreciate all of the effort that you put into making it a beautiful place with all of the great activities and events that you could possibly want! And, did we mention The TR Times!

Terry and Cathy Locke
Lot 1111



TR you are wonderful! You show the Christmas spirit year round. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2021!

Jesus is the reason for the season! We are all blessed!

Darold and Marilyn Long
Lot 0115


We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We miss you and hope you stay well so you can return next season. To all Snack Shack Workers: Your Job is being held for your return.

Jack and Jane Carey
Lot 2504

We are sending Christmas greetings to all our TR family from our home in Sarnia, Ontario. It's wonderful to enjoy the spirit of the park through The TR Times and Sundays in The Grove. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers for your contributions to this effort.

Jim and Carol Henrikson
Lot 1207

Merry Christmas to our Monday/Thursday TR Pickleball Ladies! I miss our time together - that social hour of play that we so enjoy. I hope to see many of you in the new year, but until then, I wish you a blessed holiday. Remember - you are all a big dill to me, so stay safe!

 Pam Watkins
Lot 1110


Happiest of holiday greetings to all our TR friends near and far! We will especially miss the folks from Canada!

LaVerne and John Dennison
Lot 1623

Hi Folks!
Merry Christmas from awesome TR and me!

Frank and Ruby Hunsaker
Lot 2632


To all TR Residents,
A Christmas Blessing
by Emily Matthews
May you have
Warm hugs to greet you,
Fun times to meet you,
Joy in whatever you do.
God's love to guide you,
Good friends beside you,
And happiness all season through.
(Sorry....no hugs this year)

 Jeriel and Carol Jean Beard
Lot 0111

Holiday greetings to all of you. This is the first year in a long time that my house at 2640 is not lit up for the holidays. Have fun down there and let's look for a brighter 2021. I miss you all.

Jean Helker
Lot 2640

Merry Christmas to all at TR from western New York. A special greeting and thanks to all the great library volunteers. I miss being there with you and appreciate all you are doing to keep the library functioning and safe.

 Dick and Mary Kosbab
Lot 0119

Dancing, Singing Men, Pool, Busch Hall, Ice Cream, Mahjongg, Bells, Pickleball, Golf, Dulcimer, Birding, Knitting, Biking, Cards, Tennis --- no time for sitting. FACES of FRIENDS, good times galore, Laughter and Kindness, so much more, Prayers for each one for love, joy and peace, Fond Christmas Greetings from Jon and Therese.

Jon and Therese LeGro
Golf View

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.
May the Spirit of this Holiday Season be upon you.

 Hoping to join you soon,
Elaine Morgan
Lot 0807

Obituaries

OWEN JOSEPH BUSH
Owen Joseph Bush, age 81, passed away on May 19, 2020. He was born Feb. 19, 1939 in Louisville, Ky. to parents John Shelby Bush and Neva Louise (Wyatt) Bush.

Owen was a proud veteran of the Kentucky Army National Guard. He worked for 30 years at General Electric and his record of never missing a day of work has probably never been matched. He deserved bragging rights for this accomplishment and showed his desire to always go above and beyond what was expected of him.

He was always involved with any church he attended. He was a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir for many years.

Owen, wife Sandra and adopted son Danny discovered the joys of camping and spent most weekends camping. Their assorted brands of RVs lead them to buy an Airstream, they got involved in WBCCI and the rest is history.

In the fall of 1997 they visited Travelers Rest, fell in love, leased lot 1636 and went back to Louisville to sell their home, returning to TR in the fall of 1998 as full time residents.

Owen’s TR activities were numerous. He was Mr. Donut at the Flea Markets, Chairman of the Golf View Parkers, provided transportation to residents, picked up mail at the post office in town, and was always there to offer “extra hands” where necessary.

In 2015, after a short battle with cancer, he lost his beloved Sandra. He moved to the Heritage Nursing Home in Dade City where their son, Danny, had resided for 3 years. In his 20s Danny had a

serious car accident that resulted in him being paralyzed. Sadly Owen lost him last year.

Owen’s was a life well-lived and he will be missed by all those who knew him as a special friend.

COLIN MAX CONNELL
Colin Max Connell, age 82, long term resident of Lapeer, Mich., passed away suddenly on Nov. 9 at his TR Village home on lot 2644.

He was born July 1, 1938 in Gagetown, Mich. to Max and Pauline (Smith) Connell. He grew up in Cass City, Mich. with two brothers. After high school he joined the U.S. Navy and served on the U.S.S. Intrepid for four years.

Following the Navy, Colin married Catherine Louise McLeod who preceded him in death in 2015. Over the years he enjoyed raising his family, mastering many occupations and hobbies such as camping, sailing, experimental aircraft building and flying. He started companies most notably Hensley Manufacturing, Inc.

With his wife Catherine he spent winters at TR for over 20 years. Colin served in various capacities at TR, including serving on the Board of Directors and as President of the Board. He loved the time he spent here especially all the friends he made at the Puppy Park, golf cart rides and interacting with friends.

CARL DAVIS
Carl was born on Dec. 16, 1938 to Euel Verter and Willie May (Maxey) Davis in Tremont, Miss., the fifth of eleven children. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Shirley Meier, an infant son, two great-

great-grandsons, a brother and sister-in-law.

Carl is survived by his devoted wife of 39 years, Laura, his five children, twelve grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, three older siblings and six younger siblings.

Carl and Laura were snow-birds residing in either Texas or Travelers Rest, where Carl became a shuffleboard champ.

In 2013 Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) began to attack Carl’s body. On June 11, 2020 Carl was called Home to the place God created just for him.

KATHERINE LAURA EDMONDSON
Katherine Laura Edmondson, 101, daughter of the late Newell and Maude Lillie Hill peacefully passed away Aug. 17, 2020 at home in Coventry, Conn.

Laura was the seventh of eight children. She met her future husband, James Edmondson, when both were seventh grade students in Coventry, Conn.

Laura and Jim were married in 1943 in Valdosta, Ga. Laura’s love of travel progressed to traversing the U.S. in an Airstream with Jim after their retirement. Winters were spent in Florida at TR.

Laura is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Rev. James Edmondson, her four brothers and three sisters as well as a grandson.

WILLIAM R. FLY, JR.
William R. “Bill” Fly, Jr., age 73, of Pegram, Tenn. passed away Oct. 28, 2020. He was born June 19, 1947 to William R. Sr. and Mildred (Powell) Fly in Nashville,

Bill was a dependable, handy and generous man. He could fix anything and also enjoyed working on cars, especially Fords, doing machine shop work and wood-working.

He was an Elder of West Nashville Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He retired after 37-1/2 years from The U.S. Army during which time he served in Vietnam. He loved his family, church and country.

Along with Emily, his wife of 53 years, he enjoyed his winters at TR on lot 1311 until Alzheimer’s started to take its toll.

He is survived by Emily, children Millie (Kirk) Sweeney, Billy (Kelli) Fly, Mandy (Darryl) Heller, grandchildren Catelyn and Kendall Sweeney and Eliot Fly and siblings Carol (Lonnie) Backus, Steve (Cynthia) Fly and Michael (Terrie) Fly.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to West Nashville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Alive Hospice or The Alzheimer’s Association of Tennessee.

DAVID A. FURMAN
David A. Furman, 72, of Ionia, Mich. passed away June 1, 2020, surrounded by his loving wife, Jen (Jeanette) and beloved daughters Natalie and Emily, following a courageous six-year battle with kidney cancer.

David was born to Ralph and Anita (Mosier) Furman on Nov. 27, 1947. In 1966, shortly after graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam Era.

The members of the Furman family were avid card players. David’s and Jen’s aunt and uncle conspired to have him meet his

future wife. They arranged for the two to be partners in a wild and history-hanging game of Pinochle. Had Jen not agreed to take a ride in his yellow Dodge Demon 440 and David not let her drive his precious car their union in marriage may not have happened.

In December of 1973 David married Jen (Jeanette) Boulanger of Crystal Falls, Mich.

When David and Jen were both retired, they hauled their 5th wheel trailer to Florida to escape the cold winters. There they found Travelers Rest Resort where they resided on Lot 0203. They played golf and became avid bridge players. David also earned the nickname of “Cookie Man” with his delicious peanut butter cookies that he baked and distributed to his many friends in the Park.

David was the eldest of six children. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister. He leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Jen, his two daughters, and four beautiful grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank all of my family here at TR for the support you have given me since my surgery and the following hospitalization. Your cards, texts, videos, grocery runs, gifts, emails, telephone calls, flowers and cheerful comments are appreciated by both me and my wonderful wife and caregiver, Sandy.

Most of all, I want to thank you for the many prayers.

Healing is in progress though it will be some time before things are back to normal.

Gene Poast

Classified

2014 Forest River Cardinal CAF3450RL Premium 5th Wheel. Length: 40’ & 4’’, four slide-outs, dual A/C units, six leg automatic Hydraulic Leveling System. Fully equipped in and out with every amenity required for peaceful and comfortable living and maintenance. **\$38,700** including lease for 2020-21. Share also available.

France and Daniel Thibeault
0413
dthibeault156@sympatico.ca

2004 Breckenridge with roof over on lot 05-08, a deeper lot in RV South, includes concrete patio and extended concrete pad for golf cart. Spacious and bright, with unique open-concept layout with bay window in front kitchen, full-size bath with tub, queen bed and washer, dryer, and full-size fridge in shed. Outside metal window awnings and 40' insulated patio roof added 2020. House-size water filter added in 2019. Sale includes Techno RV WiFi I booster and trailer contents including dishes, towels and bedding. Shed contents include patio furniture, planters and tools. Share not included, **\$36,000**. See Billie Doell for a tour.

Denise Paquette
613-938-8426
arcticaire@gmail.com

11 piece Men’s LH Callaway golf clubs with Maxfli bag and Bagboy 3 wheel cart. **\$275**
Extra 3 wheel Bagboy cart. \$25
HP Office Jet 5258 Inkjet printer. \$25
Vita mix blender. \$200
Instant pot. \$25
To view, please contact Billie Doell for an appointment.

Denis Paquette
arcticaire@gmail.com

AT&T answering system, 4 handset #CL82419. Brand new still in box, never opened. Cost new \$96, sell for **\$50**.

2551 Phil Simmers
330-533-3820

Double Door Dog Crate, 24.5” long x 17.8” wide x 19.5 high. Includes divider panel. List \$26, sell for **\$12**.

2551 Phil Simmers
330-533-3820

Small Dog Crate, 18’ long x 12’ wide x 14’ high. List \$17, sell for **\$8**.

2551 Phil Simmers
330-533-3820



House for sale

Village Home at 2704 Jake Way 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Excellent layout at highest elevation in TR. Exterior freshly painted 2020; new 2 Cycle A/C with WiFi thermostat, expanded triple shed w/roll-up garage door; large screen room and covered rear patio; new Pergo laminate flooring with 3/4” plywood under-floor throughout; New dishwasher and dryer; Bosch Induction Cooktop; WiFi keypad lock on front door; Turn-key, furniture included. Share of Stock and Golf Cart available.

\$130,000 Negotiable
Eddie & Linda Quinn
631-338-2794

Personal Obituary Form for FUTURE use (Return to Obit. Editor, *The TR Times*)

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Address _____

Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code _____

Primary residence or hometown _____

TR residence, Lot #(s) _____ Dates, from _____ to _____

Spouse _____ Maiden name _____ Date of marriage _____

Children _____ Spouse’s first name _____ Residence _____

Please list address(es) of a child (children) or other family contact(s) for future use

Education _____

Military _____

Work/career _____

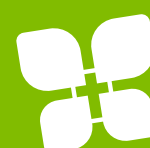
TR activities _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Additional information may be provided on a separate sheet.

Safest hospital network in Tampa Bay.

Leapfrog Hospital
Safety Grade
Spring 2020



AdventHealth