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A channel of peace



by Chaplain Anthony B. Shipe

In the light of recent news, one wonders what in the world we as Christians can ever do to help end what seems like never-ending situations of violence and angry protestors carrying signs that read: No Justice No Peace.

Like many, my heart sinks watching the countless videos of people who have lost their lives so tragically due to violence. After all that we have been through with the pandemic, businesses are eager to re-open but some shop owners have lost everything when their buildings have been burned down. These situations lead us to wonder whether our world can ever heal.

I am reminded of the wonderful hymn we often sing in church: *Make me a Channel of your Peace*

The words say:

Stanza One

Make me a channel of Your PEACE...

Where there is hatred... let me bring Your LOVE.

Where there is injury... Your PARDON Lord.

And where there's doubt, true FAITH in You.

Stanza Two

Make me a channel of Your PEACE....

Where there's despair in life... let me bring HOPE.

Where there is darkness... only LIGHT.

And where there's sadness, ever JOY.

Stanza Three

Make me a channel of Your peace...

It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned...

in giving of ourselves that we receive,

and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

And really listen to what the refrain says:

Master, grant that I may never seek...

So much to be consoled... as to console

Master, grant that I may never seek...

To be understood... as to understand

Master, grant that I may never seek...

To be loved... as to love... with all my soul.

The words of that song continually wash through my spirit.

This song is the prayer of St. Francis.

Those words... are so relevant in today's times.

So, how do we as Christians change things. Seems like an overwhelming task in such a hostile world. How do we do what Christ commanded us to do?

In his book, *Tipping Point*, Malcolm Gladwell wrote about how little things can make a big difference. The cover of the book has a matchstick on it. Just one tiny little match can do so much damage as we have seen in the news lately. It can start raging fires.

Little things can make a big difference. How strong is your faith? Jesus had a lot to say about the importance of little things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed...

A little yeast makes dough rise... remember the episode in *I*

Love Lucy? She was taking the bread out of the oven... it just kept coming and coming...

Just a pinch of salt can flavor a whole pot of stew. Look at what Jesus did with eleven ordinary men. The world is quick to comment on size and strength. But, that doesn't matter to God. It doesn't take an army to win the world for Christ. All it takes is a few good men and women who are willing to follow Jesus' commands and invite others to join them.

I recently read the heart-warming story of a mission group who went into the mean streets of Washington D.C. to make a difference.

The story begins with a small child, looking much younger than nine years old. But her small size certainly did not diminish her demeanor. To share space with her was to be in the presence of sunshine. She didn't just enter a room, she splashed into it with contagious laughter. Her smile was infectious, and her glance would melt the heart of the most ardent cynic. Who could not be affected by one who was so full of life? How could anyone be cynical around the girl named Cynthia?

This beautiful young child of God, who had the appearance of an angel, suffered from the debilitating disease of Cystic Fibrosis. But she always seemed to find a way to bring hope and smiles to others. She traveled with her church congregation who understood the "Great Commission" to go beyond their church walls. Each month this group of disciples including Cynthia would load vans

with clothing and food and travel into the streets where many of "the forgotten" resided.

When the vans arrived at the not so glamorous destination, immediately the hungry, desperate and destitute ambled toward the vans. Many of them seemed lifeless... until Cynthia moved into their midst. Suddenly smiles appeared and then came laughter and conversation. She moved from person to person offering food and so much more... a moment of happiness amid sorrow. Cynthia offered the beauty of her spirit. The Holy Spirit blew through this gathering of the forgotten. The members of the congregation used little things to make a difference.

In a few hours the clothing and food were distributed and the church group, emotions drained, returned from their mission trip. Left behind were memories of the love of Jesus. Whether it's giving of your time, providing gifts or lending your service to others, little things can make a big difference. God smiles when we do things for others.

When you define the word disciple, it means one who learns, a student, someone who is learning a skill from the teacher. Jesus knew it took time to build strong faith. A disciple is a follower of Jesus, someone who is constantly learning how to use their faith to live in the world. We are learning how to love God, love ourselves, love our neighbors, and should I mention our enemies. That takes a lifetime. We follow a trusted Leader.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fifty years is a long time Third in a series of articles to showcase TR

by Margaret Emmetts

Once the land for TR had been purchased, the actual work to transition the land from farm to RV park began. The 160 acres contained a farmhouse, some basic outbuildings, a grove of orange trees, a pond, a swamp and a long, narrow, single, dirt lane into the property.

Busch and Noes, the two principles behind the dream, arrived and began clearing brush and debris. With this complete it was decided to hire a contractor and an engineer to lay out trailer sites and begin preparing lots and roads. By November 1972 a new well was drilled. The permit for the sewage treatment plant was acquired but no facility had been built. Most trailers used gopher holes, holes dug in the ground for sewage disposal.

As the contractor's bulldozer graded sites and roads, volunteer crews with hand rakes, shovels or hoes worked to refine the rough

grading. The park's only two pieces of equipment consisted of a tractor and an old pick-up truck.

Ditches were dug for water and sewers using the contractor's equipment. Heavy seasonal rains quickly began to erode the open trenches eventually causing silt to flow across adjoining neighbors' property. To add insult to injury, the contractor's inflated bills now exceeded the available construction funds. Would TR make it through the crisis?

In January 1973 Paul and Betty Ruth arrived from Ohio. A farmer, Paul and his son had started an Airstream polishing and refinishing business. The Ruths expected to find a well-developed park but instead found a muddy mess and a park in financial crisis. Luckily Busch and Ruth bonded immediately. In addition to farming and his Airstream business, Ruth had a contracting business specializing in landscaping, farm ponds, drainage, etc. Quickly



File photos

November 1972 the well begins to pump 750 gallons per minute.

assessing TR's situation, Ruth suggested that the contractor be fired immediately. They later learned the contractor had been blackballed in the area for his business practices. Ruth suggested that if Busch would rent a dozer, he would correct the drainage problems and prepare the area for patios and lots. His offer was accepted and Board members dipped into their own personal funds to raise the \$100,000 needed to pay off the original contractor.

Apparently the contractor had hoped to force the park into bankruptcy so he could take over the property. Paul Ruth agreed to stay on and finish the work needed. On June 1, 1973 Ruth officially became the manager and the park's first employee. He eventually brought his own bulldozer from Ohio to complete construction. He also brought used hymnals from his home church to start the choir.

Source: The Story of Travelers Rest Resort 1972-2012 and *The TR Times*.



September 1972, the first surveyor stake is placed.

Wednesday

Concert Series



World's best ragtime pianist returns to open 2022 Concert Series

by Doug Pedersen

Bob Milne is considered to be the best ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist in the world and he performs on our stage on Wednesday, Jan. 5 to open our 2022 Concert Series.

The Library of Congress has designated him a national treasure and he has been named a musical ambassador by the U.S. Department of State. A Lapeer, Mich. native with numerous fans he has played for dignitaries all over the world including U.S. Presidents. Several TR Michiganders who have heard his performances declare that you will not want to miss this extraordinary program.

As a child Bob Milne quit piano lessons before he actually got started. His teacher ended up being his own ear. He can sit down and play a tune after hearing it only once. He never practices and never has. He says, "What fun is it playing to the four walls. I can't perform without an audience."

As a pianist who gleaned his training by playing for saloon audiences his act is based on spontaneity and improvisation. Bob says, "I never have any idea what I'm going to play. I just walk out on stage and get a feel for what I should be playing." The songs come from inside his head and not from sheet music. The tunes play in his head a split second before his fingers transfer the music to the keys.

No one plays from the heart as Bob Milne does. His passion for music has led him to teach courses on the history and styles of ragtime, and in music in general, all over the country. His awesome talent is a national treasure and he was chosen by the Library of Congress for their official recordings of American music.

Ragtime is a style of music not learned in the conservatory but historically found in saloons and in the red light districts. Milne's



BOB MILNE

ragtime can be wild and spectacular or tender and soul stirring and his colorful commentary will surely draw you in. Though you will hear many very familiar tunes and styles in a Bob Milne concert, his playing is very unique. He never plays a tune the same way twice.

Milne is also a composer of many piano rags and other selections including full orchestral pieces. Many of his interpretations have been captured on CDs, 14 to date, and he has written

several books including the *Journeyman Piano Player - Adventures In Gracious Dining*, a collection of stories from Bob's saloon playing days.

Plan now to attend this very special Concert Series program. Masks are optional but recommended.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5 and the program begins at 7 p.m. sharp. Admission is \$10 per person payable at the door or with a season reserved seat ticket.

Sunday

Showtime

by Sandy Langell

Here's the lineup of Sunday Showtime programs for the next few weeks:

Dec. 19 - TR Celebration Choir - Busch Hall at 7 p.m.

Dec. 26 - Celebrate with Tommy O - The Grove Stage

Jan. 2 - Wes Anthony - The Grove Stage

Each show begins with announcements at 3:45 p.m. followed by the program at 4 p.m.

Ice cream treats are available for purchase at the back of the hall for programs in Busch Hall, or at the north door of Busch Hall for programs at The Grove Stage.



TR'S CELEBRATION CHOIR

TR's Celebration Choir, under the direction of Bernie Gutridge, presents a special holiday program with music of the season, on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall. The choir and special soloists will perform popular secular and sacred music, including the beautiful *Hallelujah Chorus*.



CELEBRATE WITH TOMMY O!

We will say farewell to the Christmas season and welcome in the New Year on Dec. 26 with a concert by Tommy O! on the Grove Stage.

Tommy is a star of musical theater, having played the male lead role in: *The Music Man*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *Mame*, *Oliver*, *The Fantasticks*, *Abduction from The Seraglio*, *The Mikado* and *Kismet!*



WES ANTHONY

Wes Anthony performs for us on Jan. 2 on The Grove Stage. As a saxophonist, flautist and vocalist Wes is a unique entertainer. He has performed with such greats as the Four Tops and Temptations, and toured the world with various Jazz, Reggae, World Beat and Top 40 bands from California.

Friday Afternoon Live! Christmas music

by Donna Probes

Doc and I will celebrate Christmas with everyone before we fly home for the holidays with an afternoon of our favorite Christmas songs. The show this afternoon at 3:45 p.m. will include many sing-along melodies in addition to some lesser-known traditional songs.

One of our favorite humorous musical artists is Heywood Banks. We'll be singing his hilarious song, "You Ain't Getting Diddly Squat." Heywood is really a character. You would have fun listening to an entire streamed concert he did during the Pandemic. Here is the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uP-8M3oJ74A>.

We wish everyone a very happy, healthy and blessed Christ-



Photo submitted by Donna Probes

DONNA AND DOC PROBES

mas and look forward to returning after the first of the year to kick off the non-stop party here at TR. We'll be back on The Grove Stage for our first Friday Afternoon LIVE! of 2022 on Friday, Jan. 7.

Watch for details on the debut of the Irish Coffee House event. We'll gather the best of our TR musicians for a rousing evening of lively Celtic music. Mark your calendar for Friday, Jan. 21.

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Message from the President



KATHERINE SHAWVER

by Katherine Shawver
President / CEO
Travelers Rest Board of Directors

At the close of the Resident Forum Doug Pedersen stood to make a couple of remarks and ended by reminding us of what Vern Hunter used to say at the close of the Resident Forum "I just love this place!" It was a fun reminder of how much many residents truly love the time they spend here at Travelers Rest.

As I reflect on Vern Hunter's sentiment, I thought about what that means today. We have a resort and golf course that is a beautiful, safe place for people to spend the winter months while escaping the cold of the north. It's much more.

It's a place to make friends, work on a team for a common cause, learn a new skill and/or rediscover a hobby that makes you happy. Some activities have reimagined their engagement with residents. We can worship inside and we can worship outside. We have entertainment to enjoy indoors and entertainment to enjoy outdoors. For activities that have different needs the board of directors and park management have made every effort to find a mutually agreeable solution. In the season of self-care, it's gratifying to see enthusiasm and flexibility along with caution and consideration for our fellow residents and visitors.

The next Resident Forum is in Busch Hall on Monday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m.

Please join us for the Veranda Chat in front of Busch Hall near the door to the Post Office on Monday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.



Office notes

Hello and welcome back



DONNA SULLIVAN

by Donna Sullivan

This is a friendly reminder from the TR Office.

Tis the season to come home. With the packing, unpacking, driving in traffic and just flat out stress of all of it we forget all we need to do. Good news, you can always rely on TR to have your back and remind you of the forgotten tasks. This is a small list for you to go by.

Returning residents: It is a must to give the Office and the Post Office a call at least two weeks prior to your arrival. With this call we can get the ball rolling so your arrival will be smoother. We can sign you up for your free lot clean

up (at your request). Please keep in mind you only get one free lot clean up a year. The flower beds are not included with a lot clean up. We can also open you a P.O. Box so we can stop forwarding your mail. Please make sure that all the info the Office and Post Office have is up to date. This includes: new or updated RV, license plate, pet shot records, new pet, address or phone number change or different email address. If you are in The Village please make sure to have the water and power turned on. Also most important, please make sure you stop by the office upon arrival to sign in.

Holiday hours for the office and maintenance are: Closed on Thursday, Dec. 23 thru Dec. 26 for Christmas, reopening on Monday, Dec. 27. We will also be closed Thursday, Dec. 30 thru Jan. 2 for New Year's, reopening Jan. 3.

The Post Office will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 1.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to everyone from your friendly Office & Post Office staff!

Christmas Feast



by Pat Butler

Christmas is coming and it's time to sign up for the TR Christmas Feast. This will be a covered-dish, carry-in dinner on Christmas Day at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Post Office Lobby.

Each table will be responsible for their own menu and decorations, both of which are to be facilitated by the hosts/hostesses.

Make your plans now to attend! Contact Pat Butler, 863-651-1164 or Beannie Wise, 770-540-4383 with any questions.

My Airstream mother

by Barbara Colson

My mother Ruth Wilson was a member of the South Florida Airstream Unit from about 1973 and a lifetime member of the WBCCI until she died this year on Aug. 14. She was the first woman president of the South Florida Unit and she held the office twice, once in 1984 and again in 2002. She was a former Marine serving at the end of WW II as a riveter in California. She was married to her high school boyfriend who was also in the Marines.

My father had wanted an Airstream after reading an article about Wally Byam leading a group of trailers through Africa. This was the beginning of their life together as Airstreamers. They attended several Airstream International Rallies and always volunteered for some job.

In the 70's one of the first caravans my parents took was through Mexico with 300 units. They were to keep a low profile which would seem pretty impossible. My parents went on several caravans and were the mailpersons on a caravan through western Canada. In those days, caravans were rather large. My grandmother went on the Canadian caravan with them and enjoyed helping pass out the mail too. About 10 days after my father passed in 1996, mother went out and bought herself a 30' Airstream Land Yacht Motorhome. She towed a little Plymouth Neon behind it. (My father told her she would be broke and on the streets within a year. This was her solution to that problem.) Oh, the stories she could tell!

Mother was chairman of the Usherettes at the annual Sarasota State Rally for a number of years. She also organized the activities and tours for the Orange Bowl Rally held in Miami for several years. She loved traveling and continued to do rallies after my father passed. One rally I remember was out west that had her driving on the loneliest road in the U.S, somewhere in Nevada. She did the Lighthouse Caravan in New England and went on the also in the Marines.



RUTH WILSON AS A MARINE

Newfoundland Rally as well as the Polar Bear Rally in Canada. Some caravans and rallies she would con her friend Ruby Hunsaker or me into going with her. Others she would pack up and head out by herself. Traveling with the caravan made it a safer way for her to travel alone.

One of our first mother/daughter trips in her new Airstream motorhome was across country to Vancouver, Canada. We left Florida, shortly after school was out for me that summer in June.



RUTH AND BARB IN FRONT OF THE AIRSTREAM MOTORHOME

We traveled to some amazing places along the way. We visited friends; stopped in Branson, Mo. camping in a city park right on the river; went white water rafting in Canyon City, Col. and spent 10 days at Mt. Hood enjoying the area while waiting for my sister and her family to catch up with us. We drove to Vancouver, Canada to take a cruise to Alaska; visited Victoria Island; traveled back across Canada stopping at Lake Louise, Banff, and the Columbia Icefields and drove to the Mall of America in Minnesota. Mother continued on to New York, then traveled down to South Carolina before arriving back at TR by herself as I had to fly back to Tampa to go back to teaching.

In the 10 years mom owned her motorhome, she put 100,000 miles on it. She was an amazing woman, overcoming several obstacles throughout her life. Being the eighth child of 11 children, Ruth was the first to graduate from high school. (She wanted teachers her older brothers and sisters didn't have.) As a child for a short time her family ended up living in a barn since their house burned down just before they could move in to it. She married my dad in 1946 and in 1952, he came down

with polio and was a disabled paraplegic for the remainder of their 50-year marriage.

Small in stature, this woman was mighty. I don't think I ever saw her fall apart or let life get her down. She always picked herself back up and tried a new adventure. She was very friendly and never met a stranger. She taught me the value of volunteering and helping



RUTH AT CANDI HOMETOWN HERO EVENT

others. I will miss her dearly and hopefully can follow in her footsteps.

Mother's Celebration of Life will be Saturday, Jan. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East. You are invited to join us. Thank you so much.

Photos submitted by Barb Colson

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Christmas Joy

**Happy Holidays
To you and yours
from all of us
at
The TR Times**



Christmas brings back memories

by Jean Helker

Christmas has always been a time of family gatherings. As a young couple, before we had children, my husband and I traveled to our parents' homes to spend time with them at Christmas. Later, after our own children arrived, our parents and children all came to us for quality time during the holidays.

As time has gone on, our children grew up and had families of their own. Now the roles are reversed again. Our own parents have either passed on into the Lord's presence, or can no longer travel to us or manage those large parties we used to have. Now we either go to our children's homes to spend the holidays or use the telephone and postman to hear their voices and send our gifts.

Many of you will remember a time when we did not have computers, Facebook or cell phones in

our homes. Our telephone was a line we shared with another family and it was limited to 40 calls a month. It is hard to imagine that we were able to keep up with family happenings with such limited resources. But we found a way.

As a child I remember that on Christmas afternoon our family would climb into the car and take a drive. We would stop at relatives all along the way, spending a half hour or an hour with each of the grandparents, then on to the homes of various uncles, aunts and cousins. At each home we admired the Christmas tree and sampled cookies, cakes and candies as we filled each other in on the year's happenings. There were always promises of reunions and correspondence that in some cases never materialized but the good intentions were always there.

It was a simpler time. We were not rushed as we listened to grandpa telling us stories of his childhood. We played with cousins we had not seen for a year, and listened to those who seemed so old to us youngsters as they talked about Christmas times long past. As we parted from each home there were hugs and sometimes tears as we knew the next year we would be missing some of the faces we loved so dearly.

I am now at the opposite end of the continuum, knowing that many years have passed by and that many of those we loved have gone to their reward. Now each year as I address my Christmas cards it seems that I am crossing off another name. But I still recall those early years when we had boundless energy and enthusiasm and had no thoughts of ever growing old.

HUGS to our wonderful TR people

by Marilyn and Darold Long,
TR Special Ministries

HUGS to all you wonderful TR people. You are such giving people. Daystar Hope Center and Sunrise are blessed by your sharing.

You gave \$2,101 in cash and lots of food to the food drive for Daystar Hope Center Food Pantry. You gave \$6,348 in gift cards and money to Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center. Because of you, people had a Thanksgiving meal and women and children will have food and gifts for Christmas.



If you forgot or just got here you can still give us cash or cards. There are new women and children coming to Sunrise all the time.

During the year we need bedding, towels, cosmetics, dental supplies, hotel samples and cleaning products, even opened ones.

Many of these families left their homes with only the clothes on their backs. We take money and food every week to Daystar Hope Center. So please bring food and put in the trailer.

Special thanks to Amy Grier and friends who made Christmas pillows for the children at Sunrise. She also took art supplies to the children.

More special thanks goes to Gertie Wilber and her quilting friends who have 17 quilts almost ready to take to Sunrise.

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Church News



Christmas Eve Service
Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Sunday Service
Sunday, Dec. 26 at 10 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Praise and Worship
Saturday, Dec. 18, canceled.
Saturday, Dec. 24, canceled.



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The Siren



by Jean Cobb
RN and First Responder

Face it, none of us like to travel by ambulance to the hospital. It's scary, bumpy and costs money! So why do the TR First Responders and Pasco County Emergency Squads think it is a good idea most of the time when you are severely ill or injured, or when you are having symptoms of a heart attack or stroke?

The simple answer to the question is 'because the ambulance is equipped to handle almost everything between your residence and the Emergency Room.' Imagine that you decide, despite advice, to drive or have someone else drive you to the hospital. What happens if your condition deteriorates during the 20-30 minutes it takes to get to the hospital? That's a terrible position to be in and an awful predicament for the driver of the car... no equipment, potentially in the middle of nowhere. Not a good idea.

An Ambulance? Why can't my friend take me to the ER?

You also get priority care when you arrive by ambulance, entering directly into the treatment areas. That means you are evaluated and treatment is started faster than if you arrived via the front door and signed in at the desk. With critical issues, such as a heart attack, stroke, or hemorrhage, we know that seconds count and can make the difference between life and death. When you arrive by private car, you may end up in the ER waiting room for quite a while before you are seen.

What about cost? Those covered by U.S. Medicare should have most of their ambulance trip paid for. A secondary insurance to Medicare may pay most or all of the remainder. Canadian residents should check with their insurance provider to determine the best way to be sure ambulance trips are covered.

Where is the Ambulance going to take you when you depart TR? The answer for virtually every ambulance in the U.S. is this: They will agree to take you to the hospital you prefer in the local area UNLESS you have a life-threatening emergency. In that case, they will take you to the closest hospital capable of treating your condition. The ambulance driver also knows the current traffic conditions and how busy the local emergency rooms are and may choose another

hospital to expedite getting care. The closest capable hospital to TR that can treat life-threatening conditions is Advent Health Dade City. Local hospitals for non-life-threatening conditions in Pasco County also include Advent Health Zephyrhills and Advent Health Wesley Chapel.

What should you take with you to the hospital? Your picture ID and insurance cards are a must. Next, take a complete and current list of your medications or the actual bottles if you don't have a complete list. Also, make sure your Vial of Life information goes, and know that you may not get it back unless you ask. Finally, take your cellphone and your cellphone charger, or a list of emergency/family numbers because you might need them.

The First Responders will help lock up your residence, work on making sure your pets are cared for, assist your loved one with plans on getting to the hospital and other details here at TR. Your job is to work on getting well!

Reminders:

-Mark your calendars for Jan. 22! It's the TR Volunteer Fire Association Fundraiser - a drive-thru, take home yummy pulled pork dinner, offered for the second year. Come and support your TR First Responders. Advance tickets on sale soon!

TR Blood Drive a success

by Ken Neer

On Monday, Dec. 6 TR had two Big Red OneBlood Buses parked next to the Fire Department collecting much-needed blood.

In typical TR fashion 34 people showed up to give this "Gift of Life." Only three were deferred (I believe all were for low iron) which means 31 units (pints) were collected. When separated into its components this has the potential to help 90+ people.

Over the last 7 years our December drives have averaged 27 donors demonstrating the commitment and giving spirit here at TR. According to the OneBlood representative the drive was considered "outstanding: very successful."

On behalf of the more than 90 potential patients whose lives will be impacted by these donations, thank you to all those who gave, tried to give and who have given in the past but for medical reasons can no longer give.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, March 7, the date of the next Blood Drive.



Photo by Ken Neer

Ken Hankinson giving his finest.

Blood Donor HONOR ROLL	
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Mary Ann Ashbaugh	William Holley
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William Bunning	Cathy Locke
Margaret Cantu	Russell Marlowe
Patrice Chandler	Kenneth Neer
Paul Chandler	Carolyn Place
James Conant	Doris Scott
Gina DiPinto	Margaret Stevens
Walter Gilson	Roland Stillinger
Anita Golfis	Ira Veenstra
Arthur Golfis	Luella Wilson
Jane Gorden	Laurie Zentmyer
Kenneth Hankinson	Stephen Zentmyer



Fire Rescue Annual Fundraiser scheduled for January



by Jean Cobb

Look for another delicious drive-thru take out Fire/Rescue Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 22. In the past we have had Pancake Breakfasts, but COVID made us rethink our Annual Fundraiser. Please plan to support your TR Firemen and First Responders! More information on ticket sales and the menu is coming soon.



A heartfelt thank you



Photo by Linda Smith

Look at this mountain of toys.

by Linda Smith

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Activity Affairs

by Guy Weik

First there are so many residents I want to thank for their help with last week's **Golf Cart Parade, Hot Dog Dinner and Campfire Caroling**. I cannot name them all individually but I am sure you all appreciate the number of volunteers it took to make such an event come together.

We had several Fire/Rescue volunteers who participated in the parade as drivers and EMTs. TR veterans supplied Christmas music as the parade passed by the newly laid wreaths in front of Busch Hall.

We had at least 10 volunteers preparing and handing out hot dog dinners and the delightful campfire caroling would never have been as successful without our Fire Chief tending the fire and our talented musicians leading the caroling. Finally many thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus and all of our participants who spent many hours decorating their carts, homes, the golf course, the entrance into TR, the garden, Busch Hall, the Post Office and other buildings to help us all get into that holiday spirit here at TR.

The **Christmas Feast** is still on for Christmas Day at 2 p.m. in Busch Hall. Sign-up sheets have been moved into the Post Office so please get your name on the list if you haven't already done so.



GUY WEIK

The **New Year's Eve Dance** has been canceled. The Party Planners felt it was too risky to plan such an event, commit to paying a DJ and make all the food arrangements while we are still dealing with the uncertainties associated with COVID.

Dan and Sharon Zile are planning several **Travel** activities this season. Watch for articles in *The TR Times*, upcoming travel opportunities posted in the display case in the Post Office and on the Busch Hall Travel bulletin board. They are planning a **Travel Coffee Seminar** on Thursday, Jan. 6 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Thanks to Linda Smith for volunteering to be the chairperson for **Bingo**. We have had several people ask about Bingo so you will be pleased to hear that it is

scheduled for Saturdays at 7 p.m. in Citrus East starting Saturday, Jan. 8.

If you have notices to post about a specific activity, please use the appropriate **Bulletin Boards in Busch Hall**. Notices tend to get posted over top of each other in the Post Office. There is even an area for Out of Park Activities.

The **TR Activity Fair** is being planned for Wednesday, Jan. 12. In an effort to physically distance tables and residents, I am planning on having tables inside and around the outside of Busch Hall (under the protection of the overhanging roof). There are sign-up sheets for "indoor" and "outdoor" tables on the Activity Bulletin Board near the large Christmas tree in Busch Hall. The Activity Fair helps our residents see and understand more about all the activities available here at TR.

The new **Activity Calendar** is visible on *travelersrestresort.com*. You now have the ability to search for an activity and you can view activities by the day, week or month. We want to get pictures of every activity this season so we can eventually include photos along with descriptions of what to expect if you choose to participate in a given activity.

Snack Shack plans 2022 season

by Jack Carey, Chairman

With the current situation we are planning not to open the Snack Shack as we normally have in the past.

In order to provide our residents some sort of lunch we are planning the following: at the end of the Snack Shack facing the Pavilion, using two windows for drive up in golf carts, bikes or walking. The next window would be for pick up. The building would be closed to anyone entering. It would be impossible for us to offer our regular menu because of the waiting for an order to be prepared. We prepare meals as ordered, not in advance, and some can be completed very fast with others taking additional time. Any delay would



keep the line from moving at an even flow frustrating customers.

Since cheeseburgers account for 24% of our orders, we will be selling Cheeseburgers plus we will offer a Nathans 100% All Beef Hot Dog. The cheeseburger will include lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle. Both with a toasted bun as normal and with our famous coleslaw made fresh each morning. Cheeseburgers and hot dogs will be in a box to-go and in a bag along with a bag of chips and a bottle of water.

We are considering both homemade soup on Tuesday and

chowder on Thursday and will announce at a later date about that.

Offering more than this would create many ordering, preparation and storage challenges as well as the delay mentioned above.

The price of the cheeseburger, coleslaw, chips and water will be \$4.75 and the hot dog, coleslaw, chips and water will be \$2.50. The largest bill we can accept is \$20. We have very limited access to handle the larger bills.

We plan to open Jan. 10, Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Any changes will be posted in the newspaper and/or announced at the Sunday Night Program. If you have any questions please call me.

TR Amateur Radio Club moves forward

by Bill Howard, N4MU

Hello members and friends. The TRARC is getting into high gear now with many of our members back in the park.

We had a very successful donut and coffee sale on Dec. 4 with a sell out! Yes friends we will have more fritters in January! They went fast. Since we are not having the usual Flea Market set ups this year in Busch Hall we are selling the donuts and coffee in the kitchen area and have a few "chat tables" for conversation and relaxation. By the way, the January sale will be on Jan. 8 to coincide with the scheduled Garage Sale event. I hope to see many folks who are hungry!

The Club also has three new members. Charlie Azbell, KF9KR, Mark Lupien, KC1AJE and Rick Petrie, W1UOL. Welcome to all three on behalf of the entire membership. I am not sure if they know of the requirement of 20 hours of volunteer service to the Club? LOL. Only kidding guys! Of course you are more than

welcome to fulfill the service if you wish.

Now that we have secured enough net control operators the morning VHF net has been expanded to include Saturday morning. That allows for Monday through Saturday for the season.

The Club has a very busy schedule for January with the Activity Program and the Showcase scheduled. We will need volunteers for each event if we are to take part so let your voices be heard.

That is it for this edition. Please let me take a couple of lines to wish all members and residents a very happy, SAFE and joyous holiday season. TRARC will be back with more "doings" in January. Even the newspaper folks have to take a breather for the holidays. See you in 2022.



Women's Bible Study coming Jan. 11

by Rosita Williams

For the 2021-2022 season at Travelers Rest Resort, we are pleased to present a Bible Study on Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. Sessions will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 11 and will continue through Tuesday, Feb. 22. Sessions will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Please sign up on the Women's Bible Study clipboard as soon as possible so the proper number of participant guides may be ordered. Cost to each participant is \$12.

Please see the Jan. 7 issue of *The TR Times* for further details.

Bible Study



Tuesday Night Movies

by Carol and Jim Henrikson

The Tuesday Night Movie schedule will be announced in *The TR Times* Jan. 7 issue.

We look forward to an exciting lineup this season.

For those of you new to TR or to Tuesday Night Movies, our full-length features are all recommended by our TR audience. The TNM program is held in Citrus East and begins with Short Media at 6:45 p.m. followed by the Main Feature at 7:15 p.m.

Chairs are available and as in the past, use of preferred seating like lawn chairs is still permitted. We do request that you place them in a way consistent with social-distancing guidelines.

See you at the movies!

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Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer

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Enchanted Christmas Holiday Market, Dec.16 to Jan. 2, the world’s largest light maze will take over Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. Hours will be Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 4 to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 4 to 11 p.m., Monday and Wednesday closed. One of the highlights will



LINDA SPENCER

be The Enchanted Christmas Market! This one-of-a-kind, Juried Makers Market will be hosting 40-65 German, Austrian and unique local handmade artisans. Local specialty packaged foods are also set to debut at The Enchanted Christmas Event. For more information please contact Wendy at 813-451-7936.

A Hometown Christmas Saturday, Dec. 18 to Sunday, Dec.19 starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday and continues on Sunday to 5 p.m. Join in a magical hometown Christmas, you can find it at 475 North Avenue West, Brooksville. Some of the vendors are Brea’s Coffee, Sweet Southern Starfish, JP Crafting, Debbie Does Soap and many more. For additional information contact Christ Lutheran Church in

Brooksville. Event is approximately 8.9 miles from TR.

Busch Gardens, Tampa’s biggest and brightest holiday event. The holidays come to life at Busch Gardens. The park’s award-winning holiday event, Christmas Town runs daily until Jan. 2 with 335 acres of Christmas Festivity. Hours noon to 8 p.m. Daily tickets starting at \$89 or pay \$124.98 to include all day dining. Go to www.buschgardens.com for additional information. Park is approximately 31 miles from TR.

Alpine Snow Park now thru March 20 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Daily. Enjoy winter sports in Florida right around the corner from TR on St. Joe Road is (5.7 miles). This is Florida’s one and only snow park. Tickets vary from \$34.95 for a general admission, which is for two-hour access to tubing and all-day access to the Arctic Igloo, Crystal Ribbon and the Alpine Village until park closes. Add unlimited snow tubing \$69.95, for access to everything all day. Google Alpine Snow Park for additional information.

Merry Christmas and have a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Brother and sister compete at gingerbread exhibit

by Pam Watkins

TR resident Bard Fuller and his sister Nancy Clemmons, who visits TR regularly, are entering their sweet gingerbread creations in the Dade City show for the second year in a row.

It’s a friendly competition and one that Bard won second place in last year. This year Nancy may have an edge though, as she decided to create a replica of Dade City’s oldest church adding that special ingredient of community spirit. Look in the Jan. 7 issue to find out how it all turns out.

The Dade City Gingerbread World Exhibit will be held at the First Baptist Church, 37511 Church Avenue from Dec. 21 to 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free.



Photo by Rich Kushman

Nancy and Bard working on the church.



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Travel News

Planning for trips



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

by Sharon and Dan Zile, Tour Directors

After more than a year and a half with COVID influencing every aspect of our lives, including our travel decisions, we are more than eager to resume group travel experiences.

During this season TR Travel will attempt a modest return to group travel with monthly one day trips. Transportation and venue communication will be handled by a well-established travel agency Small World Tours of Haines City. They specialize in senior group travel. Registration for each day trip will require a signed COVID Waiver acknowledging the risk of COVID and the preventative efforts of Small World Tours to reduce the contagion as well as the assurance that should the signee experience any symptoms he or she will voluntarily remove themselves from the trip. Copies of the COVID Waiver will be placed in the clear mailbox attached to the Travel Club bulletin board in Busch Hall. A signed copy should be attached to each payment check for each TR Travel day trip.

Small World Tours has taken an unusual step to reduce the contagion of airborne illnesses on their buses. With a priority of passenger health and safety, Small World Tours has equipped their motor coaches with the Hispacold Air Purification System.

In order to improve air quality inside the buses an Eco3 is placed in the air-conditioning equipment inlet and starts to work automatically whenever the Heating, Ventilating and Air-conditioning is turned on. A complete air exchange occurs every 4 minutes, reducing allergic pollen and germs including COVID. As an added bonus the system also neutralizes unpleasant odors. The air purifier has proven to be very effective and Small World Tours which takes weeklong tours as well as day trips by bus has not had any cases of COVID during their trips or attributed to their trips.

Because social distancing is not possible at all times the TR Travel Directors will require that all passengers wear a mask while entering the bus and continue wearing a mask until the bus door has been closed for 5 minutes, allowing the air purification system to fully cycle. At that time, masks may be removed if you prefer. We also ask that each participant wear a mask anytime they are standing, walking to the restroom or exiting the bus. This is a fluid situation but we will also be prepared to don masks if a venue requires it. We are committed to reducing the risk of contagion for the health and well-being of our TR travelers, of particular concern are our immune-compromised passengers.

Now that healthy practices have been addressed, where are we going? Our first day trip opportunity is eclectically titled “GAD-ABOUT.” After our 9 a.m. departure from Busch Hall we are headed to the rolling hills of Central Florida with our first stop being the Russell Stover Distribution Center, a chocolate lover’s paradise. Next it is over to Mt. Dora for lunch at the famous Pisces Rising Farm to Table Restaurant! Your menu choice will be made at the time of registration. After a wonderful meal we are off to Yalaha to visit an authentic German bakery. The streudel is made fresh and we will all go home with a loaf of homemade bread. Last but not least, we will stop at the Lakeridge Winery for a tour and wine tasting.

Activity Level 2 - one flight of stairs at the winery. It all happens on Friday, Jan. 21. Cost is \$85 per person and is payable by check (American funds) made payable to Small World Tours. Registration begins Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m. to noon in front of the Post Office. You are officially registered only with full payment, phone number and signed COVID Waiver. Minimum 32 participants. Registrations are transferable if we have a waiting list, but please contact your travel directors.



Mark your calendars:

Jan. 6: Coffee Seminar in Busch Hall, 8 a.m., “TR Travel in the Age of COVID.”

Jan. 6: Citrus West, 4 p.m., Presentation by Holly Griggs of Small World Tours & Cruises. Bring your checkbooks and be ready to sign up for future day trips.

Feb. 15: Day trip. Details announced at the Jan. 6 Travel sign up.

March 8: Day trip. Details announced at the Jan. 6 Travel sign up.

Trip flyers and COVID Waivers will be available on the Travel Club bulletin board in Busch Hall. Registrations may also be delivered to Sharon and Dan Zile, lot 2540.

“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that’s given us.”
- J.R.R. Tolkien
Let’s go!

Bulletin Board

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION

1st Monday of month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hobby House.
PICKIN' & GRINNIN' - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays,
10 a.m. to noon in Hobby House.

Rob Werner 10-01 906-322-2243
Harold Keefer 2704 402-630-3577

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (HAM RADIO)

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.
The club invites all amateurs to check in to the 8 a.m.
Two Meter Net on 146.430 Mhz Monday thru Saturday.

Bill Howard 09-03 803-629-3920
Stan Patterson 13-16 256-503-3057

AQUATICS - POOL (WATER AEROBICS)

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at
the pool.

Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233

*BALLROOM DANCING

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Jeffrey Duquette 13-24 413-564-1386

*BASKET WEAVING

Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.

Nancy Polito 09-15 603-234-4483

BEADAHOLICS

Mondays, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Kathy Lemke 04-42 847-456-5824
Kathy Kushman 2622 860-608-8668

BEADAHOLICS, TOO

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hobby House Porch.

Dot Brenn 2556 813-293-4205

*BIBLE STUDY - LADIES AFTERNOON

Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Activity Center.

Rosita Williams 10-72 352-206-1664

BICYCLING

Tuesdays and Fridays, meet at 8:45 a.m. at parking lot
behind Busch Hall. Watch Cycling Bulletin Board in
Busch Hall for rides.

Susan Delaney 17-33 231-215-035

BINGO

Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.

Chairperson Needed

BIRDING

Tuesdays 8 a.m. at Post Office Veranda. Bring binoculars
and cameras.

Tom Butler 14-07 863-651-1164
Norm Eden 06-14 317-457-4904

*BLOOD DRIVE AT TR

Blood drives are held the 1st Monday in December and
March. The Blood Mobile will be parked next to the TR
Fire Station from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. unless announced
otherwise.

Ken Neer 10-71 419-366-0203

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.

BOCCE BALL

Scheduled games and competitions, Mondays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, 7 p.m. All games are played at the Bocce Ball
Courts located on Snack Shack Road.

Laverne Dennison 16-23 440-477-4451

*BONFIRE/MONTHLY

Dates and times will be posted in *The TR Times* as they
are scheduled.

Phyllis Zitzer 21-14 717-379-3054

*BOOK BROWSERS

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.

Nan Lance 04-21 518-813-7873

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 2815 920-470-7269

*BRASS ENSEMBLE

Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Activity Center. We can
always use more brass players.

Bill Watkins 11-10 740-361-4511
Steve Bowman 15-35 717-495-9336

*BRIDGE CLUB

***Beginners lessons** - Mondays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
in Citrus West.

Jim Weigand 2534 231-947-5649

***Intermediate lessons**

Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Activity Center.

Connie Bradley 07-12 352-588-0373

***Party Bridge with partners** - Tuesdays and
Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. In Citrus West.
Partner required.

Linda Glover 01-19 905-541-639

BULLETIN BOARDS IN BUSCH HALL

For information or help with a notice or ad contact:

Betsy Behler 06-65 302-730-8333
Guy Weik 10-37 352-584-6377

*CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in Citrus East.

Donna Smith 2514 317-408-1805

CHRISTMAS FEAST

Saturday, December 25, TBD in Busch Hall. More
information will be in *The TR Times*.

Pat Butler 14-07 863-651-1164
Beannie Wise 14-09 770-540-4383

CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Sunday Activities: All events in Busch Hall

8:30 a.m. - Choir Practice

9:15 a.m. - Bible Study

9:45 a.m. - Hymn Sing

10 a.m. - Worship service: Rev. Anthony Shipe

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of month.

Rev. Anthony Shipe 2707 239-233-0988

Choir Practice

Fridays, 9:30 to 11a.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m. in
Busch Hall. Join us.

Bernie Gutridge 2502 740-453-5623

Praise & Worship

Services - Saturdays, 4 p.m. in The Grove.

No services on Dec. 18, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Practice sessions determined by Praise Team Leaders.

To become a member of the Praise Team Contemporary

Music Leadership team contact Barb Swartz or Marty

Schencke.

Marty Schencke 425-590-7905

Barb Swartz 740-225-1402

CHURCH COMMITTEE

3rd Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Activity Center.

Chairperson needed

CLOGGERS OF TR

Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East.

Donna Smith 2514 315-408-1805

Donna Neer 10-71 419-366-0471

COFFEE AND DONUTS - AMATEUR RADIO

1st Saturday (during yard sale), 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or
until sold out. Donuts and coffee will be in Busch Hall.

Bill Howard 09-03 803-629-3920

*COFFEE SEMINARS

Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Watch *The TR Times* for updates.

Guy Weik 10-37 352-584-6377

*COFFEE SOCIAL

Monday thru Friday, 7:30 - 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Please
bring your own mug.

Jim Matkovich 2617 708-567-4686

CREATIVE ART GROUP (CAG)

Mondays, 3 to 5:15 p.m. in Hobby House.

Linda Spencer 16-35 352-424-9604

CRIBBAGE

Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. in Activities Center.

Chairperson needed

*DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - CAMERA

Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to noon in Activity Center.

Bill Bradford 13-29 352-588-3766

*DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - POST PROCESSING

Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

Chairperson needed

DINE-A-ROUND

Sandy Poast 2641 937-609-5143

DINING WITH FRIENDS

2nd Saturday, 5 - 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Dave/Mary Beth Baur 11-29 207-650-6287

DISPLAY CASE IN POST OFFICE

Diana Hill 21-24 512-988-1407

*DOMINOES

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Linda Gough 11-14 615-400-3332

*DRAWING PEOPLE

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.

Chairperson needed

DULCIMER DUMDIDDIES

Beginners practice - Mondays 9 to 10:15 a.m.
in Citrus West.

Advanced Practice - 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

in Citrus West.

Dulcimer Jam - 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East.

Lois Allen 06-04 207-240-4201

Lois Showers 2513 570-939-2077

* These activities have not yet started

ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS

3:45 p.m. announcements with program following.
Performances will be at the Grove Stage or Busch Hall
per weather.

Ken Langell 11-28 317-408-6799
Sandy Langell 11-28 317-408-6798

EUCHRE

Fridays, 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Citrus West.

Jan Werner 2634 443-421-2857

*EUCHRE/BID

Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Barb Nelson 11-05 816-699-3835

FIRE/RESCUE 33

Firemen - Tuesdays, 8 to 11 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.

First Responders - Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
in Activity Center.

Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room.

Business Meeting - 3rd Tuesdays, 9 a.m. in Paul Rife
Room.

Larry Polzin 04-29 810-247-2361

FIRE RING SCHEDULING

Guy Weik 10-37 352-584-6377

FIVE CROWNS

Wednesdays (non concert nights only), 6 to 9 p.m. in
Citrus West.

Jackie Thackery 2807 812-371-7243

*FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS

Saturdays, 6:45 to 9 p.m., In Citrus West.

Pat McCallum 13-04 267-506-5049

FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE

1st Saturday of each month, November thru March,
8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Due to COVID we are having a yard
sales. Participants will present their items for sale at their
own lots.

Betty & Walt Gilson 2501 870-615-1668

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!

Fridays, 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the Grove Stage.

Donna Probes 14-23 231-357-5713

*FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. The dance
schedule and themes will be listed in *The TR Times*.

Dot Brenn 2556 813-293-4205

GAMES NIGHT

Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. at Snack Shack Pavilion. Non-
contact games.

Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233

GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Lake Margaret.

Richard Fischer 11-27 502-445-0600

GENEALOGY

Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Denise Anderson 14-37 248-348-8363

GEOCACHING

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. in Busch Hall near locator board.

Bill Bradford 13-29 352-588-3766

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. in Hobby
House. All members/golfers are welcome.

Vicki Brooks 14-35 615-390-4276

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Contact Office 352-588-2013

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE

Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. at Starter Shack.

Laurie Gardner 14-05 678-641-8988

GOLF LESSONS

Tuesdays, Practice Range with all levels of expertise
from 9 to 11 a.m.

Lynn Meyers 06-09 352-588-5256

GOLF - MENS LEAGUE

Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Starter Shack.

Bill Harkins 18-23 518-365-6106

GOLF - SCRAMBLES

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings at Starter Shack.

Tom and Pat Butler 14-07 863-651-1164

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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*HAND AND FOOT

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come learn this
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Deborah May 11-22 304-888-8207

Bulletin Board

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Don Sides 02-06 336-407-0034

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundays, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. at Oak View Pavilion weather permitting or in Busch Hall.

Rosita Williams 10-72 516-808-5734

*IPHONE CLASS

Thursdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Activity Center.

Susan Stahley 11-06 518-598-6823

JOKER

Mondays, 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Citrus West
Fridays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Activity Center.

Vicky Howard (Mon.) 09-03 803-629-2506

Deborah May (Fri.) 11-22 304-888-8207

JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Jean Cobb 2519 256-508-8661

KARAOKE

Non-concert Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Glenn & Gabriella Young 05-17 863-397-8249

KITCHEN USAGE

Guy Weik 10-37 352-584-6377

KNOTTY KNITTERS

Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus West.

Jackie Gage 14-39 410-212-4738

LIBRARY

Southwest corner of Busch Hall. Place donations on bottom shelf of cart behind desk. Magazines to laundry.

Mary Kosbab 01-19 352-588-0463

Kay Blunda 2517 301-802-7470

*LINE DANCING

Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Louise McRoberts 70-03 317-258-4618

LOCATOR BOARD

Kit/Dick Wheatley 2619 802-238-6044

MAH JONG CHINESE

Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Paul Rife Room.

Marcia Hatfield 02-05 614-946-4411

MAH JONGG - NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE PLAY

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Hobby House. Lessons on Mondays.

Bette Gorman 2703 608-547-5529

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West.

Pat Dellamuth 06-10 319-330-2899

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB

Radio Controlled Sailboat Racing -

Practice, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake.
Racing, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake.

Barry Sellick 18-32 828-533-8692

Powerboat Racing - Mondays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake.

Dean Peters 09-09 813-317-3269

MODEL RAILROAD

Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon in Activity Center.

Brian Krupicka Gulf View 630-961-1243

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING

Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon in Citrus West.

Pat Gallagher 2529 352-424-1052

Nancy Rogers 2614 352-588-4557

PARTY PLANNERS FOR TR

Mary Hunter 21-30 734-208-3458

Linda Smith 14-15 517-662-9233

PET LOVERS OF TR

3rd Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Judy Leister 15-33 419-894-6331

PICKLEBALL CLUB

Over a dozen Pickleball activities from beginner to competitive play offered weekly. Check the TR website under Activities > Pickleball for current schedule.

Delia and Carey Box 11-19 615-337-4300

PINOCHLE

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.

John Delaney 17-33 907-351-5659

*POKER LADIES NIGHT OUT

Mondays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. , Hobby House.

Gina DiPinto 01-25 914-882-3255

POKER NIGHT

Jack Koch 2554 231-883-7506

POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM MEN AND WOMEN

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7 - 9:30 p.m. in Hobby House.

Jack Davis 16-36 352-206-6769

POM-POM DRILL TEAM

Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. and Fridays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Citrus East.

Donna Neer 10-71 419-366-0471

PRODUCE STAND

Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Oak View Pavilion near Busch Hall.

Dade City location is in Walmart parking lot.

QUILTING

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell.

Ethel Polsdofer 11-17 734-347-1433

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 a.m. to noon, at the Golf Course 9th hole. Fly electric only, radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter or drone.

James Morrow 2539 636-584-5214

RC MOTORSPORTS

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at RC Motorsports track by Snack Shack.

Chairperson needed

RESIDENT FORUM

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

*ROCK PAINTING

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Activity Center.

Diana Hill 21-24 512-988-1407

RUG HOOKING

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Hobby House Porch.

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Tawnya Rowden 2534 231-271-3325

*SCRABBLE

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Jeffrey Duquette 13-24 413-564-138

SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING

Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Busch Hall stage area.

Denise Matthews 2525 352-587-7847

SEW SPECIAL AND MACHINE EMBROIDERY

Mondays, 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 10-72 516-808-5734

SHUFFLEBOARD

Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Competition.

Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Dimes Day.

Richard Von Qualen 04-01 815-735-4194

*SNACK SHACK

To be announced.

Jack Carey 2504 352-232-0290

SNACK SHACK PAVILION USAGE

Requests to use after hours contact:

Guy Weik 10-37 352-584-6377

*SPORTS CLUB

Charter Boat Fishing, Indoor Target, Outdoor Sporting Clay, Skeet and Trap, Archery, Kayaking and Canoeing.

Wednesdays, 12 to 1 p.m. in Citrus West.

All are welcome. Competitions and classes.

Ray LoPresti 10-64 518-893-2427

STAINED GLASS

Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. in Activity Center.

Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. in Activity Center.

Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Activity Center.

Laura Apgar 2808 937-371-6844

Laverne Dennison 16-23 440-477-4451

Instructor - Sherry Harbert 70-05 319-404-1382

TABLE TENNIS/PING PONG

Mondays and Thursdays, set up at 2:30 p.m., play from 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East. Extra paddles available.

Chairperson needed

TALENT DISPLAY CASE

The works of talented TR residents are featured in the Post Office Display Case.

Contact Office 352-588-2013

TENNIS

Chairperson needed

*TONE & TIGHTEN

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus East. Strengthen your muscles. Bring mat and weights.

Betty Clark 03-07 717-572-1044

TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE CLUB)

Mondays, 7 to 9:30 a.m. in Paul Rife Room.

Gene Cribbs 05-07 806-786-0666

*TR SINGING MEN

Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Activity Center. All men are invited to sing along.

Steve Gorden 2618 817-368-4993

TR TRAVEL

Sharon Gilbert Zile 2540 740-360-3819

TR TRAVELAIRES Ochestra

Tuesdays, 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. in Busch Hall. New members welcome.

Gene Cribbs 05-07 806-786-0666

TRAVELETES/WOMEN'S CHORUS

Wednesdays, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Activity Center.

Mary Beth Coldren 02-29 570-351-2497

TRAVELOGUE SLIDE SHOW

2nd and 4th Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Bert Contractor 11-03 980-334-5050

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)

Jim and Carol Henrikson 12-07 810-990-9199

UKULELE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m. in Citrus West.

Donna Probes 14-23 231-357-5713

VETERANS MEETING

2nd Mondays, 10:03 to 11 a.m. in Hobby House.

Vince Smith 03-06 315-447-8536

Darold Long 01-15 352-999-2719

VILLAGE HAPPY HOUR

Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the event of inclement weather in Hobby House.

Chairperson unknown

WAIST WATCHERS

Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in Hobby House.

Jackie Thackery 2807 812-371-7243

WALKING AEROBICS

Monday thru Friday, 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. in Citrus East.

Gloria Polzin 04-29 810-252-0999

*WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

Pat Miller 05-55 352-206-3981

WEIGHTS & STRETCHING

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:50 to 8:30 a.m. in Citrus East.

Sheila Schencke 2605 425-590-7906

WIZARD

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Debra May 11-22 304-888-8207

*WOOD SHOP

Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Membership \$20. Volunteers needed for small projects in the park.

Larry Kurkowski 13-34 352-588-4121

*WOODCARVING

Wednesdays in Citrus West.

Beginners - 8:45 to 10 a.m.

Advanced - 10 a.m. to noon

Linda Murphy 13-28 717-968-9306

YOGA

Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in Citrus West.

Jean Renee DeTar 2708 316-518-8158

ZUMBA

Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Activity Center.

Bev Weissinger 16-32 914-443-2820

Activity Chairs - corrections to the Bulletin Board cannot be made unless first submitted to *The TR Times*. Deadline for submissions is always the Friday one week prior to publication.

Email your corrections to thetrimes@gmail.com

Library News

by Mary Kosbab

TR is a great place for readers. Despite all the activities, just the nature of the park makes it enjoyable to sit out in the shade with a good book, or take advantage of a rainy or cold day to stay indoors and read a good book. I have seen people reading in the hot tub, on the benches in the Garden and on the benches along the Practice Range.

The location of our library could not be better. It is easy to stop in on your way to the Post Office or the pool. It is also a handy walk from the laundry room while waiting for your clothes to wash or dry.

Our library is well stocked with great books, from the classics to current bestsellers, from non-fiction to audio books if you just want to listen. The location is perfect to just stop in and browse the shelves or look at the new book cart just inside the door.

Since this is the last issue before the New Year, I would like to offer some suggestions for a New Year's resolution for all you readers.



If you are not a member of Book Browsers, join them in their monthly get-together discussion of a current popular book. The list is on the library desk and there is a book holder with books being discussed on top of one of the shorter bookcases.

Try a different genre of book. If you are an avid reader of Biographies, try the History section or look for a Historical Fiction. If you read Westerns, try a good Mystery.

Familiarize yourself with the way our library is organized and how the fiction books are marked. Ask any library volunteer and they will be happy to help you.

Enjoy a DVD from our extensive DVD collection.

I doubt you will find a better library in any RV or destination Park. This is because of the wonderful up-to-date and current books and audio visuals that are donated. Also it is because of a very dedicated group of people who maintain order in the library. This group of people donate their

time to doing all the behind the scenes jobs that keep the library functioning and looking good.

During the season we have quite a few people who help, which allows us to share the load. In the summer there are fewer staff. Special thanks go out to Kay Blunda, Diane Phillips and Marilyn Long who are the backbone of the library in the summer. I also want to thank those who volunteer during the season. We have some wonderful new volunteers who bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our staff. If you are interested in joining us, talk to any of the volunteers and come to our meetings which are held the first Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Golf View Pavilion.

The entire Library Staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2022.

As always if you have any suggestions or concerns please speak with any volunteer or leave a note on the library desk. We always welcome your input.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

by Jane Harrold

As most of you know Bill and I have recently moved from our first and only house to a condominium. The downsizing, unpacking and where on earth can we put everything comments continue while we are also busy getting ready for Christmas. Luckily we put the small Christmas tree beside the door to our storage locker. Unfortunately our multi-year supply of wrapping paper and gift bags has not surfaced yet but there are still boxes to open and we have a little more time.

As 2021 comes to a close I find myself reflecting about all the changes I did not foresee when we celebrated Christmas last year. For another year COVID has had a huge impact on all of our lives and I wonder what adventures and challenges will come in 2022.

The beginning of a new year is an opportunity for me to share a more serious message. In our new den, I have a large poster of Max Ehrmann's *Desiderata*. I read it often and reflect on its simple truths. It is food for thought in the coming year.

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to



others, even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career; however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly to the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Bill and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy new year. We are hoping to come to Florida in January to enjoy winter with you at TR. Stay safe as you gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ. May peace and love surround you and may the coming year hold blessings for you and yours.

Garden News

Stroll through the garden

by Leslie Ewing

The banana plants grew tall over the summer. Come see them before the cold winter weather affects them.

The Angel Trumpet Trees have beautiful apricot-peach colored blooms. They can be seen in several places in the garden.

There are two trees along Snack Shack Road and another one can be found near the swing on the opposite side of the boardwalk.

Perhaps you have seen the beautiful deep pink flowers with purplish foliage growing right beside Snack Shack Road. These are the cranberry hibiscus plants. They are sometimes sold as African rosemallow and grow well in full sun or partial shade.

Hibiscus flowers and leaves can be used to make tea. However there are two precautions. Do not spray them with pesticides or anything else that you would not want to consume. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to see if hibiscus tea will interfere with any medications that you take.



Photo by Leslie Ewing

CRANBERRY HIBISCUS

Phyllis Zitzer is a Florida Master Gardener. She is back in TR now. The Garden Club relies upon her knowledge for caring for the plants and trees.

Pam Forsyth is Garden Club Secretary. She spends hours working in the garden and frequently sends emails to keep all club members up to date.

Mike and Laura Lilawski take care of the goldfish pond. The club appreciates the hard work they do to maintain the pond.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings are the best times to find volunteers working in the garden. They invite TR residents to come by to talk or ask questions.

See you in the Garden!

Looking Back

by Nan Feeney Lance

10 Years Ago - 2011

- Nine rallies filled Golf View this fall.
- A new speed limit of 35 MPH was recently posted near Sacred Heart Church.
- Table Tennis offers a Ladies' Day. Dec. 1 will be set aside for ladies to play table tennis.
- Direct Air, an air carrier providing charter and scheduled flights, now flies from Lakeland.
- Golf News and Notes: In Memoriam, John Hodge, Jan. 10, 1918 to April 13, 2011.

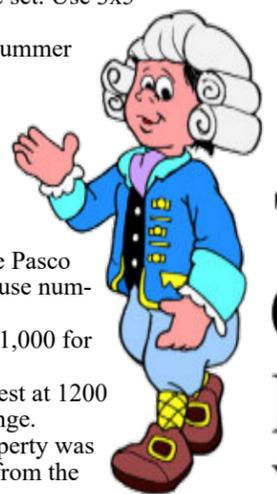
20 Years Ago - 2001

- Country Store opens for business. Started in 1975, it sells ice cream, canned and frozen food, and a myriad of other things.
- Paul and Katherine Feller of 08-17 spent a long, anxious day on Sept. 11. Their youngest son, Jim, was in Washington, D.C. (He was fine.)
- Busch Hall Bulletin Board rules are set. Use 3x5 cards and push pins.
- Canadians George and Rosemary Summer give thanks to America.

30 Years Ago - 1991

- Maze of underground lines that carry water, sewage and electrical lines are being charted.
- TR Post Office is here to serve. \$17/year fee per box.
- First Street and all Village roads are Pasco County roads and will be getting house numbers.
- Snack Shack volunteers provided \$1,000 for a much improved oil change pit.
- All mail is delivered to Travelers Rest at 1200 Johnston Rd. This number may change.
- The first recorded owner of TR property was Oliver Bronwell, who purchased it from the State in 1881.

TR HISTORY



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St. Joe
Market

Old Country Market

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- Bait & Tackle
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Sleeping dogs



Photo by Judy Leister

Fendi enjoying a comfortable snooze.

by Judy Leister

This afternoon I noticed Fendi, our mini poodle curled up on an easy chair taking a nap. A short time later she had continued her siesta on the couch and was totally stretched out on her side. I started thinking about the dogs we have had in the past and some of the places they slept. During the day the couch was usually the favorite but if it was particularly warm the floor seemed to be the top choice.

We have always started our puppies out in a crate at night. When they were past the stage of disappearing throughout the house in the middle of the night they graduated to their choice of a doggie bed on the floor or right up in bed with us. Of course each

pooch had their favorite places on the bed... at the foot, in the middle, on the pillows or under the covers.

When Mark and I were younger and only married a short time we had two good-sized black labs. They both loved to sleep in bed with us. We had a hand-me-down bed from my parents that was just a double-sized bed. I think Mark and I spent most of each night clinging to the sides of that bed while Pete and Jake were quite comfy stretched out in the middle. It didn't take us long to save up for a bigger bed.

Then there are all those canine sleeping positions. As I mentioned in the beginning of this story there are always the standby positions

of flat out on the side or curled up in a ball but I see many dogs sleeping more upright with the tummy flat to the floor and the head resting on the front feet. Then of course there's the opposite belly-up position. I think Fendi does that to invite tummy rubs.

I just loved when we had two mini poodles that played hard together. Then they'd crash and take a nap on top of each other. I couldn't tell where one dog stopped and the other started.

I remember having a hilarious debate with my brother-in-law about dogs walking in a circle before they laid down. At the time he was living in Australia for his job.

The fact that water swirls clockwise when going down a drain north of the equator but goes counterclockwise in the southern hemisphere led to quite a discussion about the direction dogs in different ends of the earth circle before settling down in their beds. We never did come up with an absolute answer.

Well, it's late and time for me to join Mark and Fendi in bed. Mark's c-pap machine does a great job with the snoring I used to have to listen to but I think sometimes Fendi must be reliving the fun she had during the day. While she's sound asleep I've seen her little paws running and sometimes there is a tiny woof. Her doggie dreams are entertaining.

Birding Activity



by Norm Eden

Several folk have recently joined Tom Butler on the Tuesday morning walk for an hour or so starting from the Post Office Veranda. If you have any questions give Tom a call at 863-651-7526.

Best bird: Last week it was a lonely Spotted Sandpiper but this week it was a 'lifer' for Jean Bjorgen who saw her first-ever male Painted Bunting which is one of the dramatic bird jewels in North America. She also saw a group of two or three at Peg's Post on the birding trail. Painted Buntings mostly spend the winter south of here in Florida and also in Mexico. They then breed mainly in Texas and Oklahoma so we are fortunate to have had some winter migrants here for several years. Plumage of the female is also attractive but with shades of sage green it has no bright colors. New birders should try to look for the female as it is an extreme example of dimorphism - that is the female and male being different in size and/or plumage.

Once you are into birding, identification becomes an enjoyable factor. Birders can almost instantly know when they see a bird that appears to be something new or special for them but what is it? It may be obvious which bird group it belongs to but comparative detail is needed. In the early days of December we have had such challenges as a 'different' bird was seen on the edge of Vanishing Lake. Could it be a Phalarope which is an officially rare wading bird in this region? Unlikely, but the markings suggested a possible Wilson's phalarope which would be a passage bird on its way south to winter as far away as Argentina.

When we see an uncommon or rare species, and the bird stays around, today's cameras with 40 or 60 times zoom are great in order to gather enough diagnostic detail. However it is a well accepted

Birding is under way



Photos by Tom Butler

BLACK BELLIED WHISTLING DUCKS

birding fact that really 'rare' sightings are most probably not what you think they are. It turned out the different bird was another sandpiper with the confusing plumage of a non-breeding adult.

Bird Groups: Notes last week covered some of the regular diving birds to be seen here. Many ducks don't dive, they dabble, that is they stay in shallow water and feed by rotating forwards to harvest plants, mollusks, etc. that they can reach whilst upside down. Unlike the



BLACK BELLIED WHISTLING DUCK

divers which have their legs towards the rear to facilitate underwater swimming, the dabblers have their legs around halfway back which makes it easier to rotate on the surface.

There are four dabblers resident year around in Florida that we see at TR: Mallard, Mottled Duck, Wood Duck and the one that is strangest when you first see it, the Black-bellied Whistling Duck. These ducks usually arrive in a small flock. They do whistle in flight and they look as if they are carved from wood and then painted. They only live in northern Florida and around the Gulf and Mexican coastlines. This is the same range as for the Mottled Duck which tends to look like a Mallard to first-time visitors from the north. Check it out in your bird guide. The winter migrants we see are more unpredictable than the residents. Teal, Wigeon or Gadwall or Shoveler may put in an appearance but frequently only stay for a very short time.

Enjoy your birding over the holiday period - there is almost always *something about*.

Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

I am sure many of you remember Sandy and Ken Langell's Ace. He was the cute mid-sized tan colored dog they had at TR for several years. Sadly Ace went over the Rainbow Bridge leaving a blank spot in their hearts. At first they were just not ready for another dog. Sometimes we all need time to heal our sad hearts. They even gave some thought to doing a bit of traveling without a dog. Before too long they both knew it was time to go in search of a new four-legged family member.

The Langells are strong believers in buying from a reputable breeder or rescuing a dog that needs a home as opposed to buying from a pet store or backyard puppy mill.

This time they felt a rescue dog would fit the bill perfectly but that turned out to be an extremely hard wish to fill. None of the shelters or rescue groups wanted to work with them. Those shelters or rescue groups do a great job and we appreciate all their efforts. However, they are missing out on the idea that everyone who adopts a pet does not have to live in a house with a fenced-in backyard. Someone who travels can offer some great experiences for their dogs.

Sandy and Ken were turned down by one rescue group after another. No one wanted to work with people who traveled. When told a home inspection had to be done Ken even offered to drive their Airstream home right to their doorstep. Nope, still got turned down.

They were really prepared when they approached one more rescue group. They told them all about the wonderful community at Travelers Rest, the popular Puppy Park, the Pet Lover's Club and the great area veterinarians. Finally someone was starting to understand that people who do some traveling can be good dog parents too and they were willing to talk. They came to do the home visit where the Langells were camped in Sandy's mom's backyard in Indianapolis. This time they passed.



Photos by Judy Leister
CEE CEE

A tiny little chihuahua had been on the run for quite some time. Reports had been coming in of sightings of her dashing around town. The rescue group spent 42 days trying to catch her and finally had success. From there she went into the care of a foster family where this brave little pooch happily romped with their huge pit bull. The day the rescue group delivered her to the Langells they brought a birthday cake and celebrated what was now going to be 4 year old Cee Cee's new birthday. Wow, talk about a change.

Ace had weighed 65 pounds. Cee Cee is all of 6 pounds. Ken said she is the most adorable dog they have ever had. She started out a little timid but is now getting much more social. She loves her toys and especially likes it when human food is shared with her at dinnertime. It is easy to see how well she has bonded with her new family. Cee Cee, welcome to your new life.



Ken and his new adopted dog Cee Cee.

First meeting of the Pet Lovers Club is Monday Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Puppy Park.



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TR's Christmas Golf Cart Parade kicks off the holiday season



Eleven TR veterans start the Christmas festivities with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at our Veterans Memorial Walk.



Mr. And Mrs. Claus, Jean Martin and Walt Gilson, take on their traditional roles.



Our Fire Truck leads off the parade. . .



Photos by Pam and Bill Watkins



. . . Followed by a cart with a large Grinch riding atop.



Wayne and Dee Branchaud and Shirley-Ann Appleby's message for the day is "Oh what fun!"



Dave and Dawn Pulleyn pose with a roving dinosaur. A Rudolph costume may have been delayed due to "supply chain issues."



Linda Spencer joined Michele Wilkins for the parade.



Judy and Mark Leister brought Fendi along for the ride.



Hal Larose, Barry and Hazel English and Barb Larose shared a cart.



Michelle and Dave Napoletano sport matching red hats.



Are Joan and Joe Colao holding hands?



Diana Hill brought Skulley Santa along with her.

*Christmas
Parade
continued*



Betsy and Gary Behler's cart sports a colorful star.



Leslie Ewing brought her two canine friends.



No parade is complete without spectators. Al and Joy LeCuyer and their dog Sophie enjoy watching.

*Photos by
Pam and Bill
Watkins*



Ken Hankinson and Anthony Shipe man the grill for the take-out hot dog social following the parade.



Marlene and Harold Hughes pick up their meal.

TR Sports



Ladies Golf League results for Dec. 1

by Laurie Gardner

Laughter could be heard all over our beautiful golf course this morning as the ladies enjoyed another beautiful golfing day. We had 24 golfers play today and we expect that number to continue to grow each week.

Low Handicap 0-12

- Low Gross**
 1. Hazel English 36
 2. Sylvia Cole 39
 3. Del Duplessis 40

- Low Net**
 1. Laurie Gardner 32
 2. Dee Branchaud 35
 3. Shirley-Ann Appleby
 Joan McLean
 Laurie Zentmyer 37

High Handicap +13

- Low Gross**
 1. Pat Daubenmier 45
 2. Betty Colborne 47
 3. Sara Schafer 48

Low Net

1. Cathy Holley, Pat McCallum
 and Beannie Wise 35
 2. Janet Stevens 36
 3. Pat Butler and
 Betty Gilson 38

Fewest Putts: 13

- Linda Beausoleil
 Del Duplessis
 Laurie Gardner

Birdies:

- Sylvia Cole
 Del Duplessis
 Hazel English
 Laurie Gardner
 Dawn Pulley

Chip-Ins:

- Jean Bjorgen
 Laurie Gardner
Closest to #3: Pat McCallum
Closest to #5: Hazel English



Men's Golf League results from Dec. 9

by Bill Harkins

Today was our 3rd round of the Men's League. I would like to welcome all those who have returned to Travelers Rest. These results will count towards our season for average scores. Please let your friends know that the Men's League has started. Remember to count all putts and circle all birdies. If you hand in an incomplete card, I can't enter accurate scores.

ALL HANDICAPS ARE BASED ON LAST KNOWN STATS DATED DEC. 1, 2021.

Low Handicap (0-8)

- Low Gross**
 1. Gary Carter 32
 2. Lynn Meyers 34
 3. Bruce Anderson 36

- Low Net**
 1. Bill Holley 31
 2. Gary Wintle
 Ken Neer 32
 3. Steve Niles 33

High Handicap (9-25)

- Low Gross**
 1. Dave Kat 40
 2. Bill Apgar 41
 3. Ron Haas 42

Low Net

1. Rick Yoder 31
 2. Mark Cable 33
 3. Neil Jillson 34

Birdies

- Gary Carter 3
 Lynn Meyers 2
 Bruce Anderson, Gary Wintle 1

Chip-ins

- Lynn Meyers 1
Putts
 Gary Carter, Ken Neer 12



Yacht Club

by Bill Wise

Wednesday, Dec. 1

DragonFlite 95 Class

1. Barry Sellick
 2. Jay Matthews
 3. Bill Holley

Soling Class

1. Barry Sellick
 2. Jay Matthews
 3. Bill Wise

Saturday, Dec. 4

DragonFlite 95 Class

1. Jay Matthews
 2. Bill Holley
 3. Barry Sellick

Soling 1M Class

1. Barry Sellick
 2. Chuck Lemke
 3. Jay Matthews

Bowling Results

by Lin Buczek

Friday, Dec. 3

Men's Scratch High Game

- Bill Buczek 233
 Marc Horowitz 223
 Steve Niles 210

Men's Scratch High Series

- Steve Niles 593
 Marc Horowitz 580
 Bill Buczek 552

Men's High Average

- Steve Niles 197

Women's Scratch High Game

- Lin Buczek 194
 Leslie Price 166
 Deb Niles 157

Women's Scratch High Series

- Leslie Price 463
 Lin Buczek 452
 Deb Niles 423

Women's High Average

- Leslie Price 154



Boat Racing returns to TR

by Dean Peters

We welcome back all of our Mirror Lake Yacht Club Captains for another exciting season and invite any TR residents to join us.

This activity has a long and colorful history on the lake and while the craft are small the enthusiasm and fun come in large quantities. There are really two activities: Sailboat racing which is highly strategic just as it is with big boats and powerboat racing which tends to be wide open throttle and mind the wake. Both require skills which are acquired quickly, particularly given the abundance of advice and guidance that is available from your fellow racers.

The two classes of sailboats, DragonFlite 95 and Soling, have some very different sailing characteristics as well as different initial and operating costs...both of which are quite reasonable. Powerboats also have two classes, Power V's and Stealthwakes. The former is somewhat easier to operate.

A new feature in powerboat racing this year is the Home Fleet. There are six Power V boats that have been generously given to the Yacht Club and are available on a trial basis, at no cost, to anyone who wants to try out this fun activity. You will have a seasoned Captain to help you learn the basics e.g. port, starboard, etc., as well as clinics later in the season for tips on racing, maintenance and purchasing a new boat if you wish.

Sailboat racing for this season began in early December, Wednesday and Saturday mornings, and unofficial powerboat racing will begin the week of Dec. 12 on Monday and Friday mornings.



Photo by Dean Peters

Speed boat leaving a wake across Mirror Lake.



Photo by Pam Watkins

Bill Holley on his way to a sailing voyage.

For more information, call Barry Sellick, 828-553-8692, lot 18-32 (sailboats) or Dean Peters, 813-317-3269, lot 09-09 (powerboats) or Commodore Jerry McRoberts at 317-412-5932 or lot 70-03.



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Holiday Greetings



All the best wishes to everyone at TR for a very Merry Christmas & a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Sharron Motycka
Lot 2516

A wish for a festive holiday season, filled with love, peace and joy. Let the love you feel this holiday season carry your heart through the coming year. Stay safe and always remember you are loved, wanted and cherished - Travelers Rest can't be a paradise without you.

Always,
Phil and Linda Spencer
Lot 16-35

To all our friends at Travelers Rest. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sandi and Jim Walsh
Lot 18-28

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Festivus, Happy Solstice and any other holiday that comes around this time of year.

All the best to all of you and yours, from ME and MINE!!

Jim and Diane Doggett
Lot 05-13

Merry Christmas from the Marlowes - Debbie, Russ, Theodore and Zuzu! We're so happy to share this little piece of paradise with you all.

All our best to our TR family this holiday season and 2022!

Russ & Debbie Marlowe
Lot 10-49

To all our TR Times volunteers

To all of you who write, photograph, edit, proof, polish, create pages, lead production, pay bills, sell ads, pick up deliveries, distribute papers, archive copies, recycle and generally keep our office running - We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy 2022. May you have joy in your heart and peace in your soul this holiday season. Thank you for the countless hours you contribute to making our weekly miracle a success.

Margret Emmetts, Jane Harrold, Rich Kushman, Karen Waldo and Pam Watkins

Merry Christmas to all of our wonderful TR friends and neighbors! We thought 2020 was a little bit crazy! Who knew that it could get even crazier! We love TR! Thank you all for your kindness!

Terry and Cathy Locke
Lot 11-11

Obituaries

PATRICIA DIANE (EVANS) GREEN

Patricia Diane (Evans) Green, age 75, passed away May 6, 2021. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1964 and worked for many years in Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) which is data forwarding technology that increases the speed and controls the flow of network traffic.

She and husband Jeff lived in Bloomington, Minn. before moving to Travelers Rest in 1999. Jeff still resides in their original location on Lot 4-41.

Pat proofread for the TR Times and ran the TR Store with Jeff's help for several years when it was located where the Library is now in Busch Hall.

Her survivors include husband Jeff, son Russell David, daughter Suzanne (Dan) Infante and grandchildren Jadeane and Danny.

DEAN A. SARBOUGH

Dean A. Sarbaugh, 75, of Lakeland, Fla. passed away at home on Aug. 2, 2021 from Pancreatic Cancer. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio.

During his teaching career, Dean was a teacher, Principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools for the Tri-Valley Local School District. He also taught Student Teaching at the Ohio University Zanesville Campus.

Dean enjoyed woodworking,

remodeling houses, camping, traveling and rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes. He and Tacy, his wife of 55 years, resided in the Village on Lot 2650 for several years and were involved in many of the TR activities.

IVAN E. ZASTROW

Ivan E. Zastrow 86, of Killingworth, Conn. passed away on Sept. 1, 2021. He was born in Leaf Valley, Minn. on June 27, 1935 the son of Edward and Florence (Kalpin) Zastrow.

Ivan received a wrestling scholarship to attend the University of Minnesota and later enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. While stationed in Reno, Nev. he served as a survivalist trainer. After completing his time in the military he was a tool and die maker for Carling Technologies in Plainville, Conn. for many years until his retirement.

He enjoyed being active, climbing the Grand Teton Mountains every summer, golfing and playing tennis. In 2014 he was inducted into the Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Minnesota and was an avid Minnesota Viking fan.

He loved traveling cross-country with his wife Gertrude "Trudy" in their RV and resided in TR on lot 14-42 for several years.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years Gertrude, son Ivan A. Zastrow and partner Penny Harrah and daughter Jacqueline (Preston) Jazo.

Classifieds

Serta Elite California King mattress, like new, very little use. \$200.

04-32 Loretta Whitfield
226-668-9590

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

Small dog crate, 18' long x 12' wide x 14' high. List \$17, sell for \$8.

2551 Phil Simmers
330-533-3820

1999 Franklin with roof over, on shady lot 06-18. Older dryer and brand new washer in trailer, step in tub with corner bench, lots of storage, flower gardens, full size fridge in shed, revised price \$23,000. For showing, call Marijo Noll at 573- 286-7427.

Linda Jackson 315-729-6952
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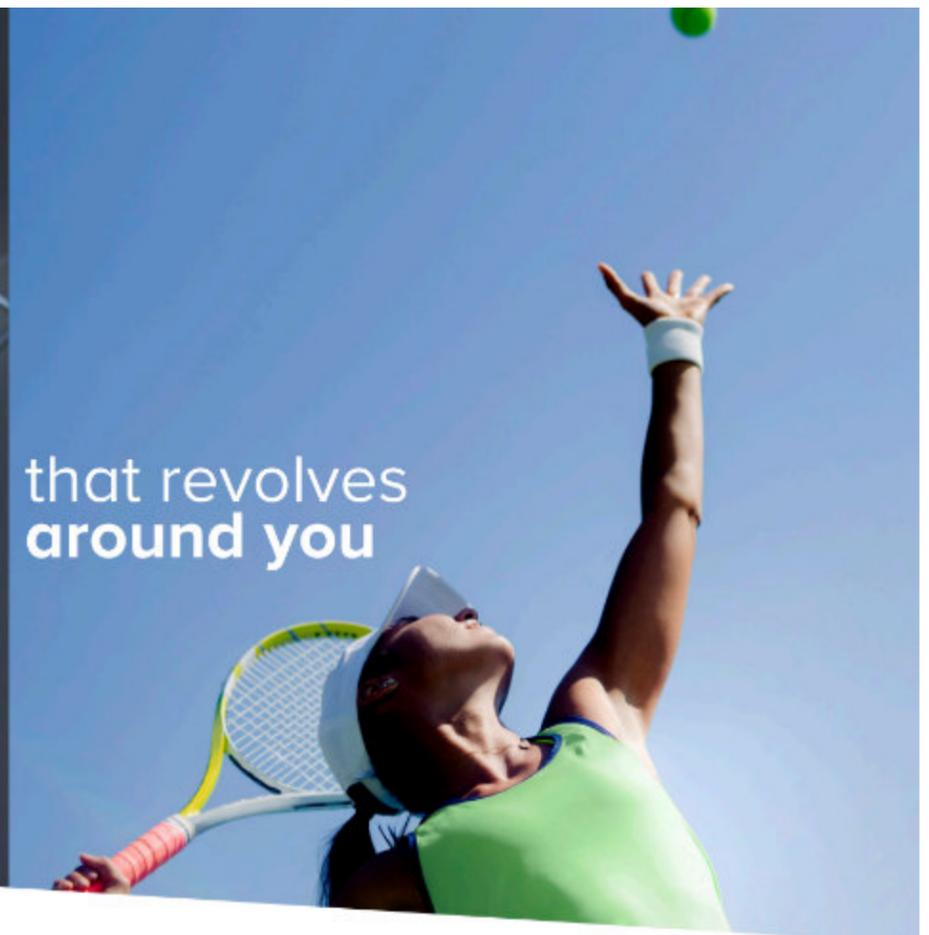
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