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Flag Retirement Ceremony

Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m., at the Fire Pit area. See page 5.



Rich Wilson sings gospel

Sunday, March 20, 4 p.m. in Busch Hall. See page 2.

The Humdingers

Sunday March 27, 4 p.m., in Busch Hall. See page 2.



Veterans Group Tour

Museum tour and lunch planned March 23, 11:30 a.m. See page 6.



Friday Afternoon Live

Doc and Donna last 2 shows March 25 and April 1, in the



Golf Scramble

Canada vs U.S. March 26, 8:30 a.m., at the Starter Shack. See page 14.

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2022 AGM is well attended

by Margaret Emmetts

The 2022 Annual General Meeting was held in The Grove on Tuesday, March 8. Present on the stage were all the current Board Members, Manager Ray Hill and the Board Attorney. Absent was the Board Accountant.

Walt Gilson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an Invocation by Chaplain Anthony Shipe.

Board President Kathy Shawver announced that there was a quorum present, denoting that the meeting was official.

Treasurer Jim Weigand gave an extensive report on the park's finances. He noted that a government small business loan received a couple of years ago, which did not require repayment, placed the park in a position where we were better able to withstand the COVID epidemic. Due to the uncertainty generated by COVID, the Board opted to keep capital expenses to a minimum.

Looking to the future, the Board anticipates employee salaries to increase. They are making every effort to gain and maintain quality workers at a time when wages in general are on the rise. It is also anticipated that there will be an increase in the cost of



American and Canadian flags fly over The Grove during the meeting. A photo of the new Board members was not available as a final vote tally for those candidates had not been reached at the time of our publication.

supplies, etc. due to supply chain problems. It is therefore anticipated that next season will generate an overall loss of about \$165,000. These funds will be taken from our current surplus, reducing the surplus to about \$190,000 which was the level of the account several years ago.

Major capital expenses this year included the new pickleball courts. As always, the Board is looking to the future to keep TR financially solvent.

Deborah May, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that there were four candidates approved to fill the three vacant seats on the Board of Directors. Kathy Shawver made three calls for further nominations from the floor and none were forthcoming.

Sandy Nelson, Head Teller, reported that there were over 500 ballots cast, well over the 334 needed for a quorum. At the close of the meeting

Photos by Pam Watkins



Head Teller Sandy Nelson with helper Dee Cowen.



Patricia Daboll casts her ballot as Douglas Smith handles the ballot box.



Jean Cobb admires the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented to her in recognition of her services as Infection Control Officer during COVID.



Cheryl Smith and Bill and Bev Weissinger registered voters in the Snack Shack Pavilion.



Susan Craig, Kathy Lemke, Kay Blunda, Deb Marlowe and Barbara Barthle display the blue hands received from serving blue cupcakes.

the Tellers were still counting ballots and it was stated that the results would be announced at a future time after all ballots had been counted.

At the time of this publication, the results for the Board candidates had not yet determined. However, concerning the Resolutions, the first 5 were defeated but number 6 was overwhelmingly approved.

Jean Cobb was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her services as Infection Control Officer during the COVID epidemic.

Dave and Tyler Neapolitano were recognized as new members of Maintenance.

Doc and Donna Probes, Ken and Sandy Langell and Doug Pedersen were also recognized for their contributions to the park's entertainment program.

Kathy Shawver briefly addressed the audience regarding Board achievements during the past season which included the installation of the new Spectrum system.

The floor was opened to questions and answers, but only as they pertained to matters of the AGM.

A resident questioned if a committee should be developed to generate a new and more efficient waste management system.

The Treasurer was questioned about the approximately 25% increase in salaries for the coming year. He reiterated that the park was making every effort to maintain quality employees in a time when better paying jobs were readily available.

A question was asked about the philosophy of the park maintaining a benchmark status. It was suggested that more attention should be directed to maintenance of the golf course. A maintenance worker replied that maintenance of the golf course relied on the cooperation of everyone. All golfers should be responsible for filling divots they created and raking sand traps.

Another resident commented on the crumbling status of The Village roads.

At the close of the meeting Evelyn Guth was recognized on the occasion of her 100th birthday. To celebrate cupcakes were enjoyed by all present.



100th Birthday Girl Evelyn Guth.



TR Times 2022-23 Publication Calendar

Publication	Deadline	Publication	Deadline
December 2	November 25	February 3	January 27
December 9	December 2	February 10	February 3
December 16	December 9	February 17	February 10
January 6	December 30	February 24	February 17
January 13	January 6	March 3	February 24
January 20	January 13	March 10	March 3
January 27	January 20	March 17	March 10

Sunday Showtime

Rich Wilson sings classic gospel on Sunday, March 20

by Ken and Sandy Langell

This is the last TR Times publication of the season and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Sunday entertainment program. We are all very fortunate to be here at Travelers Rest. Many of the acts we enjoy free of charge are available at other venues with ticket prices of \$25 or \$30.

As entertainment coordinators, we have been proud to tell agents and performers that shows at Travelers Rest continued with very little disruption due to COVID. It is no exaggeration to say that most other Florida venues simply shut down. This is all due to the skilled management and cooperation of our Board of Directors and Park Management Team. We are looking forward to the 2022-23 season. Although some performers were unable to overcome the loss of income caused by the pandemic, new performers are becoming available and some old favorites are returning to the stage.

We are happy to say that starting next November all of our Sunday acts are booked for 7 p.m. in Busch Hall and we celebrate finally being able to get back to Sunday Night in Busch Hall!

Enjoy the inspirational music of Rich Wilson as he sings incredible gospel favorites that will have you singing along. Let's enjoy songs like *Amazing Grace*, *The Old Rugged Cross*, *In the Garden*, *How Great Thou Art*, *Lead Me, Guide Me*, *Peace In The Valley*, *There Is No God, but God* and so many more!

This show will be in Busch Hall. Announcements will be at 3:45 p.m. and the show begins at 4 p.m. Ice cream will be available for purchase 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.



RICH WILSON



The Humdingers take the stage on Sunday, March 27



members has had to cancel. The GOOD NEWS is that we were able to book a different configuration of the group known as The Humdingers. They bring great singing, comedy and routines plus the Deagan organ chimes they play in their act at Disney World.

We recently announced that Main Street Barbershop Quartet would be performing on March 27. Unfortunately, one of their

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Concert Series ticket renewal process

by Doug Pedersen

Each year about this time Concert Series season ticket renewal coupons are sent to current ticket holders. Those wishing to retain their seats for another season are given the opportunity to do so and a group of volunteer box office friends gather to manage the renewal process. Requests received through TR mail are confirmed as current ticket holders and new tickets for the same reserved seats are issued. The cost is the same as if you paid at the door for all six programs for 2023.

You may wonder why that is done in March when programs do not begin until January. As an RV resort, many of our season ticket holders do not arrive until after the holidays leaving very little time to conduct the ticket renewal process before the first program of the Concert Series in early January. The advance purchases also provide funds needed for program deposits and other related costs. The series is self-supporting and our loyal reserved seat ticket holders are much appreciated. Sales of remaining available seats will be held at future times to be announced.



Travelogue resumes next season

by Bharat Contractor

Due to COVID 19 concerns it was decided that the Travelogue not be scheduled this season. Now that the country is slowly opening up I plan to resume the Travelogue activity next season. As you travel during the summer and fall, please keep a Travelogue presentation in mind. Contact me to schedule your presentation for the coming season. You can reach me at bertcontractor@sbcglobal.net. If you need assistance with preparing your slideshow, I will be glad to help.

The Travelogue presentations are scheduled for the months of January, February and March on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 3 to 4 p.m. All of us at TR look forward to you sharing your travel adventures with us.



Two more Friday Afternoon LIVE! shows

by Donna Probes

Before we pack up the car and head north, Doc and I are looking forward to enjoying two more Friday Afternoon LIVE! concerts with you on Friday, March 25 and Friday, April 1.

For our last two shows we are going to do some of the sweet songs we haven't had a chance to do this season, including a few that you might have heard in a coffee house in the 60s and 70s.

When I was in college at the University of Detroit, I used to go to the Checkmate Coffee House and the Raven Gallery in Detroit. I saw Chuck & Joni Mitchell and Ian and Sylvia before they hit the big time. I also remember seeing the Kingston Trio. Those were the years that forged my interest in folk music.

We will try to go out with a bang on April 1 by rocking the house with a little Queen, Steppenwolf, Beatles, The Turtles, The Byrds, Creedence Clearwater Revival and Van Morrison.



DONNA, KELLY AND DOC

There is a pretty good chance our daughter, Kelly, will be able to join us for that show. She has an angelic voice. You will get a chance to sample some of our Cherry Blossom Ramblers Family Band repertoire.

It has been such a fun season of music at TR. We've loved playing with Dave Murphy, Andrea Patterson, Ken Langell and Brode Morgan. If only the season were longer, we would have more time to work up more music with some of the other fine musicians in the park. We look forward to another season of music when we return in November. Watch for some exciting new shows.



Tuesday Night Movie closing news

by Carol & Jim Henrikson

This season of Tuesday Night Movies (TNM) was delayed due to COVID restrictions. Since starting in mid-February our attendance has been increasing steadily. Those in attendance had an opportunity to see high quality films. For many of these films the audience showed their appreciation with applause. Carol and I thank you for your support in our continuing effort to screen outstanding film productions.

We used the 83-inch 4k UHD Smart Samsung TV in Citrus East. The Sonos "Playbar" offered theater quality sound. Due to changes in the TR Internet service, we were unable to fully utilize all the SONOS equipment. Efforts are currently ongoing to have Spectrum service compatible with our

SONOS system. We expect to have this work completed by the start of TNM next season.

In a rather exciting development for TNM, you will be viewing movies projected on a screen that is more than twice the size of the current 83-inch TV. With the SONOS full high-quality surround sound and larger viewing surface, we expect a most enjoyable movie experience next season and for many years to come.

We encourage you all to make movie recommendations to us for next year. Our best seasons are those where you actively participate in the movie selections. There are only a couple of more TNM movies to see in 2022 at the time of this writing. Stay Well! Drive Carefully! See you next year!

A rerun of the 2011 Talent Show is planned

by Jackie Thackery

An opportunity to enjoy a rerun of the 2011 TR Talent Show will be presented from DVD at Busch Hall in early April. You can share in the joy of recognizing old and current friends of TR who volunteered to create such a joyful evening for all of us. Watch for announcement of the show's date

and time in the Post Office Lobby and on Facebook.

Some highlights will include the well-remembered men's **TR Trio** consisting of Winston Pike, Don Cain and Phil St. John, Comedienne **Ozella Whitebird** presented by Brenda Cribbs, a belated contribution to the Style Show and the surprising

TR Senior Synchronized Swim Team brought by Joe Colao and Friends. You will enjoy this one even if you saw it the first time. But don't miss it if you haven't seen it. Ask the Long-Timers or the Long-Islanders!

Special gratitude to Alan Kenney for his technical assistance and Guy Weik for scheduling the

event. There will be a memorial remembrance of Chuck Mears the videographer and copy maker. Blessings to all the organizers and participants past and future who make these events so wonderful. Congratulations Donna Neer for your sixth year of coordinating successful shows that we will all enjoy reviewing in the future.



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Message from the President



KATHERINE SHAWVER
by Katherine Shawver
TR President and CEO

It is hard to believe this is the final issue of the *TR Times*! We must give the *TR Times* volunteers a round of applause for all the hard work they do to produce a weekly paper for our community.

As the Board of Directors wraps up the 2021-22 season of Board meetings at the end of March the work will not stop. The Board of Directors will meet monthly April through October as there is much work to do and willing hands to do it.

TR Office news

by Tina Hall,
TR Office Staff

What a great season it has been with so many people coming back to TR, so many familiar faces as well as new ones. With that in mind let's catch up on a few things.

Trust me when I say we love our fur babies. We want them to have as much fun as you. but there are rules too. Pets are not allowed in **any** of our buildings. We do this for the people who are allergic to the pets. So, please be respectful. We want everyone to be as comfortable as possible. The same rule applies to No Pet Streets. I hope it goes without saying pets are not permitted on the Golf Course as well.

Let's touch base about the Post Office. You should know that the TR Post Office is a great and safe place for your mailing and package needs. We can take your international letters that have the proper postage. However, if it is the size of a magazine or larger than a bread box, we cannot help. For those that are looking for 2 or 3-day shipping, we are very sorry we cannot offer that. We recommend you take those items to the Dade City Post Office. The staff will help you in ways we cannot.

The TR Post Office can only take cash or check which means no debit or credit cards. The register is closed at 4 p.m. and the door is locked at 4:30 p.m. If you plan on heading back to your "home away from TR home" you will need to inform the Post Office if there are any changes to your home address. Please make sure we have enough forwarding labels for you. If you do not have labels TR can make them for you for a \$2.50 charge to your existing account.

When you are ready to come back to TR we have a few recommendations. When doing your mail forwarding we ask you to start it two weeks before your arrival. Then please call the TR Post Office so we may open your box and collect your mail. This will eliminate a few things.

1. You will be able to make sure the forwarding request went through and has started when you asked.

2. Your mail should be here when you arrive.

You are here to have fun, relax and enjoy your time, not worry about your mail.

As some of you know from time to time we have issues with

I want to thank the Board members for all their hard work. When there was a tough task in front of us everyone worked hard to accomplish the objective. When asked to take on extra responsibility or help in any way each one rose to the occasion.

I heartily thank each Board member for their dedication to the governance work necessary to keep this beautiful resort financially sound and operationally efficient. Thank you!

The Board is grateful for our dedicated General Manager, Ray Hill, the efficient Office Staff and everyone on the Maintenance team who tirelessly labor to keep our community functioning and beautiful.

To everyone leaving Travelers Rest for the summer, please travel safely and know that we look forward to your return in the fall for yet another season of fun, friendship, learning, sharing and caring!

Jeri Miller says thank you



JERI MILLER

by Jeri Miller

This has to be one of the most difficult articles I've ever written. How can I ever say THANK YOU for such an honor? Maybe take you all to lunch or buy candy? Never in my life did I think that I would have a TR building or any building named after me. Thank you! I do wish for one change, however, and that would be a bigger plaque because I would love to have the words "and friends" added to it. I have always said for the 22 years I've served as Activity Coordinator that I only get by with the help of my friends.

The TR Quilters honored me with my best gift ever. A quilt with all of the TR activities stitched into it. Believe this - I get to say good morning and good night each day remembering all of you and the activities we've enjoyed over the years. Thank you and thank you, TR Quilters for the work and love you put into this gift for me.

Life's truest happiness is found in the friendships we make along the way. I am betting that you would need two hands to count the number of friends that you have made just this year. I wish I could personally thank all of you but you will just have to consider that done. Thank you!

UPS or FedEx delivering packages to the wrong site. The drivers who know the park do great but we get a new driver once in a while. The good part about it is we have a wonderful little town and everyone looks out for one another. If you are not able to find the person whose name is on the package, you can always give the TR Main Office or Post Office a call and we can look up the lot number for you. You may also call UPS or FedEx to inform them there was a mistake.

If you need any help or information feel free to call or stop by the Main Office at any time Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We would love to hear from you.

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responsibilities may be shared with an assistant.

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Lynne Lewis honored with quilt



Photoby Pam Watkins

The quilters presented Lynne Lewis with this quilt to thank her for directing the Quilt-A-Rama for the past 19 years. It was estimated that the group produced more than 700 quilts for charity. Floyd Bell, Lynne Lewis and Ethel Polsdofer are shown.

Thank you from the Careys



Jack Carey holds plaque inscribed with thanks and recognition of his volunteer service. It was presented by TR President Kathy Shawver.



Jack and Jane Carey are ready for the drive-by good-bye parade at their home in the Village.

To all of our friends at TR,

We want to say thank you for your friendship and being wonderful neighbors and family to us during the past 21 years. The parade on Wednesday was such a surprise and we just can't find the words to express the depth of our appreciation. It was yet another example of why TR is such an incredible community. We want to say a special thank you to those of you who organized it. We are going to miss everything about TR: bingo, ice cream, suppers, gatherings, church and the Snack Shack to name a few. More than anything, we will miss seeing and visiting with all of you. The memories we take with us will be with us forever and are truly priceless. We wish everyone the best and look forward to keeping up with many of you and enjoying neighborhood activities through the FaceBook page so please post lots of pictures! May God bless each and every one of you and may He watch over you all until we meet again.

Love, Jack & Jane



Photos by Pam Watkins

Bill "burger" Kusky, Tacy "bingo" Sarbaugh and John "chowder" Cowen lead the parade pass the Carey's home.

Trash talk at TR



by Dean Peters

As we contemplate the end of our season in the sun, memories of renewed friendships, great events like the Talent Show and the Hobby and Art Show as well as sunrises and sunsets will come to mind.

One vision that most of us won't want to carry home is that of overflowing trash bins.

My sense is that there is a significant interest in doing better. A draft resolution will be taken to the next Board meeting seeking support for a Residents Waste Management Committee whose purpose is to develop a program

over the summer months for approval and implementation in the 2022/23 season.

Anticipating the support for this committee, I have begun collecting names of people who are interested in helping develop the program and/or helping to implement it in our resort.

So far I have one individual whose first program was in 1964 at Michigan State. Another built landfill sites around the world. I have experience with a comprehensive program in Northumberland County east of Toronto. I also have a list of the 25 people who supported John Freed's recent posting in Facebook recommending signage for the trash bin area.

We have been promised a file containing details of a recycling program from about 12 years ago, including some of the challenges those volunteers faced.

If you would like to help us do better, please contact me. We can do some research before the season ends and establish our communication links for the summer months most of which will be via e-mail or zoom.

I look forward to talking trash with all those who care.

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Goodbye for another season

It is hard to believe that we have already come to the end of the season for *The TR Times*. This is our final issue until next fall.

This season has been one of transition from the total lock-down of last year to a gradual return to normalcy. We hope that things will be even better next year and that our Canadian friends will again be able to join us.

We wish each and every one of you good health and safe travels wherever your paths may take you.

To those of you who stay at TR, please take good care of our park. We look forward to rejoining you soon.

Have a wonderful summer. 'Til we meet again, God speed. *mre*

Letter to the Editor

We want to give a big thanks to all who worked on *The TR Times* this season. With many groups not holding regular meetings and events, the extra duty of writing articles to fill pages often fell on the core group of volunteers who already work many hours every week to produce the paper.

Margaret Emmetts, Pam Watkins, Karen Waldo and Rich Kushman deserve much credit for getting the paper out every week. And we know Jane Harrold continued to work on the paper even though she is 1,200 miles north of us.

We really enjoyed reading the many articles on the history of TR for TR's 50th anniversary. Thanks to Margaret Emmetts for "coming through as she always does" to help fill the empty spaces with interesting and informative articles.

Every week we looked forward to reading Nan Lance's *Looking Back*. It is fun to see what was happening each of the decades previous to ours.

There are a number of other contributors to the paper who helped fill the pages with very informative articles about their groups or about information pertinent to all of us at TR.

Putting out the weekly paper is a lot of work. All of the above mentioned people plus all those whose names are on the Masthead deserve a lot of credit for continuing this very unique asset to Travelers Rest. How many other parks have a weekly newspaper?

Mary and Dick Kosbab Lot 01-19

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The Servant's Plow

Two by two

by Anthony Shipe

The closing of our winter season at TR is upon us once again. Some of our residents will make their way back to the "Northern Territories." Some will travel one by one, some two by two.

I remember the planning and course of action my grandfather Don Shipe took for many years to get back and forth from Ohio. I enjoyed travel with him over the years during his eighties. I would help drive the miles much of that time and certainly in his nineties I was deemed the designated driver.

Don had many boxes to pack complete with inventory, lists and some notes scratched in ink on the box tops. There were woodworking tools stashed under the seats in the van. He even plugged in a mini-refrigerator in the rear of the van to take items like a half-gallon of milk, salad dressings, meat and cheese for sandwiches. He never let anything go to waste.

One of my favorite stops along the way was Tamarack, W.Va. on I-77. We would use the facilities and sit down to eat a fried green tomato sandwich complete with bacon and cheese. The sandwich was incredible and at last remembrance was about \$13. I would buy Jodie a book or two in the bookshop about ghost stories in the hills, mines of West Virginia or Civil War mysteries. Grandpa was always amazed that at our next stop after the Tamarack, I would fix two peanut butter sandwiches. He said it was wiser to pay me for the drive than buy my food. We had many wonderful thought-provoking discussions and a few arguments along our travels. Oh yes, there was plenty of southern gospel for our journey.

Some food for thought on travel, spiritually speaking...

Why did Jesus send out his disciples two by two?

The Gospel writer Mark gives evidence that Jesus designed the ministry of his disciples to be a team effort. Mark wrote, "Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits." (Mark 6:6-7)

Luke also records that Jesus even sent a large group of 72 of his followers out by twos. "After this the Lord appointed 72 others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go." (Luke 10:1)

Why did Jesus do this? Was there a reason? What was his plan?

Here are four strategies of Jesus to consider.

1. *Sending People Two at a Time Is Powerful*



ANTHONY SHIPE

Jesus sent his disciples out by twos as a training exercise.

His purpose in sending them out together was for spreading the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God. This teamwork approach shows that people can encourage and empower those they travel with. It is obvious that Jesus used the power of influence, encouragement and mutual learning to train his disciples.

Luke tells about this action of Jesus too.

"One day Jesus called together his 12 disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. "Take nothing for your journey," he instructed them. "Don't take a walking stick, a traveler's bag, food, money or even a change of clothes. Wherever you go, stay in the same house until you leave town. And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate." (Luke 9:1-5)

2. *The Witness of Two People Is Trustworthy*

Two people provide a valid witness. Why is the witness of more than one person important? The Old Testament book of Deuteronomy supports the principles of multiple witnesses.

"A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established." (Deuteronomy 19:15 ESV)

Instead of just sending out one person, Jesus created a support system by sending out two disciples together.

3. *Working Together by Twos Multiplies Strength*

Jesus gave the disciples authority when they worked together.

"Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits." (Mark 6:7) They held each other accountable. Jesus' teaching and training is also supported by the book of Ecclesiastes.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow... and though

a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him — a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). One might say, I travel alone, but when you travel with God, two are present.

4. *Supporting Each Other By Twos Is Rewarding*

Jesus showed that sending the disciples out by twos helped them to support one another in the things they witnessed and the observation of many miracles. God's fingerprints are all around us as we travel the highways and byways.

A powerful story about supporting one another can be found in the Old Testament book of Exodus. The Israelites were in a battle with Amalek. Moses was commanded by God to stand on the mountainside and hold his hands upward toward heaven.

"The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

So, Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up — one on one side, one on the other — so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So, Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword." (Exodus 17:8-13)

One last custom my grandfather always did before turning the key in the ignition was to grab my hand and have prayer for the journey ahead. Lifting our hands toward heaven always proved to be good practice. May God bless you on the journey.



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The Siren



by Jean Cobb,
RN, EMT and First Responder
Well, the 2021-2022 season of *The TR Times* is complete! Soon many will be headed back to their summer home. Of course, I always write about travel safety and I will do that again. The difference this year is that we continue to stay, travel, or go to our summer home under the potential cloud of new COVID-19 variants. Some have gotten their vaccine and boosters, others have not; some states are lifting restrictions, others not so much.

The SAFETY message is to "Be Safety Conscious" when you move about - whether you are in a golf cart, on a bicycle, or in a car, in the park or on your way to your summer home. Don't let an accident sneak up on you!

As you travel on the highways, it is always a challenge to stay alert, deal with road congestion and construction and avoid other crazy drivers on the road. As you deal with other drivers who drive erratically, text, or are inattentive, it is a great idea to let your passen-

The accident or illness that doesn't happen!

ger answer your phone, handle text messages and do the navigation. Whether you are driving, with or without an RV, devote your full attention to the road.

Also, be sure that you are alert and rested for every mile you drive. Stop every hour or so and walk around for a few minutes. A little exercise keeps blood from pooling in your legs and improves mental acuity as well. Avoid heavy meals on the road that make you sleepy at the wheel, but don't skip meals which can lead to low blood sugar and potential trouble. If you find your attention wandering, you start yawning, or notice other signs that you need a break - take one! It is likely that a few minutes of rest over the long haul of your trip will not be a problem. Finally, plan your travel days to allow for leisurely meals and restful overnight stops and share driving with another driver if possible. Retirement is precious - don't risk your safety on the road.

The WELLNESS message is "Be Well - Stay Well." Please be smart when you travel home. When you stop at a rest area, gas station, restaurant, campground or motel, you may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We know folks, including you, can be COVID positive and contagious, feel fine and not know they can spread the disease.

Don't let your guard down. Wear your mask. Exercise "social

distance" of 6 feet from others. Cleanse your hands after contacting surfaces or wear disposable gloves. In motels, wipe down doorknobs, TV controls, light switches, sink and tub hardware and other frequently touched areas as soon as you check in. Take your own pillow and several pillowcases so you can change between stays. Leave your personal items in suitcases or plastic bags. Remove yourself from the presence of anyone who appears to be ill. If you are nervous about eating in a restaurant, eat on the patio, or order a meal to carry out and eat in your motel or camper. If you have to shop, do it very early or very late when customers are fewer.

Finally, if you do become ill while you are traveling, seek emergency care if your fever, cough or sore throat is accompanied by shortness of breath. If you think you have been exposed to COVID, wait 3 to 5 days and test, wearing a mask and staying away from folks (and family) until you are sure you don't have COVID.

Drive Smart - Stay Well - Arrive Alive and Healthy!! Have fun this summer and be safe. See you in the fall! A special message to our Canadian friends who were finally able to join us this year: Stay safe, stay healthy and come back in 2022-23. WE MISSED YOU last year and we want to see you again next year!!

Blood Drive a huge success



Photo by Bill Watkins

Giving blood are Dave Perell, Bill Punning and Alex Adair.

by Ken Neer

The recent TR Blood Drive on March 7 was very successful with 58 potential donors attempting to donate. That was a record number of potential donors for my time as Blood Drive chairman. OneBlood had a goal of collecting 30 units and wound up collecting 47 units with 11 deferrals. On behalf of the potential 141 patients (each pint of blood has the potential to help three patients) who may have received your Gift of Life, THANK YOU!

All who showed up and attempted to give are of course winners and were entered into the drawing to win one of four free lunches donated by our TR Snack

Shack. The four winners chosen from a receptacle with the 58 names and drawn by Mary Hunter were: Walt Gilson, Nan Lance, Richard Kushman and Gina DiPinto. All who were able to donate should wear their OneBlood t-shirt with pride, should go online to redeem their \$20 gift certificate and call in to get their total cholesterol.

During the winter season (Nov. thru March) our TR Blood Drives are held on the first Mondays of December and March.

The first summer drive coordinated by Peg Stevens (lot 1031, 352-807-3788) will be held May 9.

Thank you so much

by Darold and Marilyn Long,
Special Ministries

Special Ministries would like to give TR a great big hug. Since we can't, we will just send a great big THANK YOU! This year you have shared sooo much with other people. There have been two food drives, gift cards at Christmas, Souper Bowl, Habitat for Humanity, art supplies, pillows and quilts, Happy Hour gifts for others, all the gifts of food and money. Also, all

the times you have filled the TR trailer with your "treasures." You do this year round. We are blessed to have your help with all of this.

Daystar Hope Center Food Pantry, Sunrise Domestic Violence and A Helping Rock send you a sincere thank you! As is stated on the TR trailer "TR residents making a difference!"



Spring food drive

Special Ministries will have one more food drive this month. This is to help you people who are leaving us to go back north. Clean out your pantries and bring to church on March 20; OR we will pick up your food Tuesday, March 22 in front of your homes between 8:27-9:03 a.m. We can take frozen food also. Just call us to make arrangements. You can bring food to the trailer at any time.



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Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled

by Pam Forsyth

This year's TR Flag Retirement Ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Fire Pit area next to the Snack Shack.

Due to COVID, this ceremony has not been held for the past 2 years resulting in a large quantity of flags that require disposal. Plans for this year are to dispose of a larger than usual quantity of flags and carry some of the previously collected flags over to next year.

Our program and ceremony will be slightly different from previous years but we will still symbolically burn one flag as a part of the actual ceremony. The remaining flags will be burned after the official part of the ceremony concludes.

The planning and coordination of the ceremony has recently had a change of command from

Fred McGoldrick to Ken Hankinson, another member of TR's Veterans Group. Many thanks go out to Fred for his efforts and many years of service with the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

The participation of a local youth group and serving of light refreshments is another change to this year's program. Hot dogs, chips and water will be served after the ceremony concludes.

Flags requiring proper disposal may be dropped in the Flag Collection Box outside the entrance to the Post Office prior to Tuesday, March 15.

We look forward to having all TR Veterans, residents, visiting friends and family members attend this special event.

Please direct any questions concerning the Flag Ceremony to Ken Hankinson, lot 2609, 860-377-5299.



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Activity Affairs

by Guy Weik

This being the last edition of *The TR Times*, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all our volunteers for so generously sharing your time and talents this season. Many of you have been chairpersons for several years, and if given the opportunity, you might like to take a break. As we look ahead to next season, I encourage participants in all our activities to show your appreciation to your chairperson by offering your assistance in any way that will help lighten his or her load and keep a popular activity running.

End of Year Gatherings: If you are planning an end of season event, don't forget to schedule a time for using a building, the Fire Pit or either pavilion. If you are using grills available in or at the pavilions, please clean them



GUY WEIK

thoroughly when finished so they are ready for the next user.

ACTIVITY UPDATES FOR 2022-2023: Update forms should be completed for all Activities, Special Events and Continuing Approved Fundraisers. In addition to chairperson contact information, don't forget to include target dates for starting and ending your

activity. If there is a scheduling conflict with a projected fundraising event, such as a dinner, I will contact the organizer soon to work things out. There is also a box at the bottom of the form for a description of your activity for the online Activities Calendar. Please return these forms to Guy Weik, lot 10-37, before leaving TR for the season. Update forms are available in the Post Office Lobby, near the door leading into Busch Hall, in case you didn't receive one in your mailbox.

Activity Financial Statement: Please remember to return your Activity Financial Statement to Renee Bigelow in the TR Office before you leave for the season. If you did not receive a statement from Renee earlier in the season because your activity is new or you are a new chairperson, please contact Renee or Guy Weik.

Continuing Activities for all Residents:

Bingo: Saturdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East. The final day for Bingo is April 2.

Harmonicas are back! Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. through March in the Hobby House.

Retirement of Old and Tattered U.S. Flags: Saturday, March 19, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fire Pit.

Canceled Activities: Basketweaving: Canceled for this season.

Chair Yoga: Canceled for this season.

Coffee Socials: Canceled for this season.

Drawing Human Figures: Finished for the season.

Dulcimer Jam: Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Citrus East is canceled. Dulcimer classes on Monday are still on.

JuBELLation: Canceled for this season.

Karaoke: Canceled for this season.

Learning your iPhone: Canceled for this season.

Poker Ladies Night Out: Canceled for this season.

Travelogue Slide Show: Canceled for this season.

Woodcarving: Canceled for this season or postponed until a temporary chairperson wants to take charge for the remainder of this season.

Zumba: Canceled for the remainder of this season.

Continuing Activities updates: American Civil War: Started Tuesday, March 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m., in Citrus West. (Replaces Drawing Human Figures.)

Ballroom Dancing: Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Bridge: For beginning and intermediate players. Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Party Bridge: Now open to anyone with or without a partner. Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Dulcimer: Beginners on Mondays, 9 to 10 a.m. in Citrus West. Experienced on Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon in Citrus West. Dulcimer Jam postponed.

Genealogy: Not being taught, but open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

Geocaching: Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Hobby House.

Joker: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. in Citrus West and Fridays, 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Line Dancing: Daytime classes Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East; Nighttime classes Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Mahjong Chinese: Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.

Model Railroad Club: Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon in the Activity Center.

RC Motorsports: - Airplanes: Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Busch Hall. Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall (unless there is an event scheduled in Busch Hall. Check the online schedule).

- Powerboats: Race Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. on Mirror Lake.

- Sailboats: Race Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. on Mirror Lake.

- Truck Racing: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at their track near the Snack Shack.

Stained Glass: Mondays, 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. in the Activity Center. Beginners on Wednesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. in the Activity Center. Experienced on Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Table Tennis: Starting up again! Mondays and Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. in Citrus East.

TR Road Riders: First Monday, 7 to 8 p.m., moved to Hobby House.

Watercolor Painting: Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus East.

Wizard: Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Yoga: Pickleball Yoga only this season on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. at the Upper Courts.



Amateur Radio Club wraps up another season



by Bill Howard, N4MU

Well it's all over except the shouting. Actually there wasn't a lot of shouting but lots of "See you again soon."

It has been a busy year for the Club. The *Echolink* project was completed as planned and will allow members to stay in touch all year no matter where they are as long as they have Internet or cell-phone access. A virtual meeting will take place weekly throughout the summer and until the Club resumes normal in-park communications.

The Club also gained several new members throughout this season. Some were not licensed hams when they joined but they have taken and passed the exam for a license and can also keep in touch through *Echolink*.

Of course I couldn't forget our participation with the 50th Celebration. We had two stations operating and made many contacts in several states and then it rained. That certainly wasn't supposed to happen.

At the meeting held on March 10 nominations for officers were solicited. The results were: President, Dan Zile, WB0YMQ; Vice President, Brian Krupicka, KD9PWM and Secretary, Stan Patterson, KK4PF. The office of Treasurer has two candidates at present and that office will be voted on at our next meeting on March 24.

I have stepped down from the position of President in order to use my new spare time to pursue my interest in POTA or *Parks On The Air* on amateur radio. POTA allows hams to set up portable stations in national, state and local parks and make contacts with other POTA members. It's just one aspect of an exciting and varied hobby.

The Club's new officers will also be formulating updated policies that will be followed in the future to better reflect the current needs of the Club. Current policies although only a year old, need to be revamped largely due to greater member participation with diminished COVID safety requirements.

Model Railroad Club

by Brian Krupicka

The Model Railroad Club was a great success this year due to the overwhelming interest of the TR community and club members. We brought together over 20 different custom modular landscapes and dioramas. All were constructed at home and transported to TR. Next season will bring many more new and interesting ideas. Some will capture TR themes. Next year's layout will be expanded in size and interest. All are welcome to attend and all skill levels are welcome to participate. Our primary goal is to foster companionship and help each other. If you have any interest please feel free to call Brian Krupicka at 630-961-1243 or email at trains@dbcomserv.com.

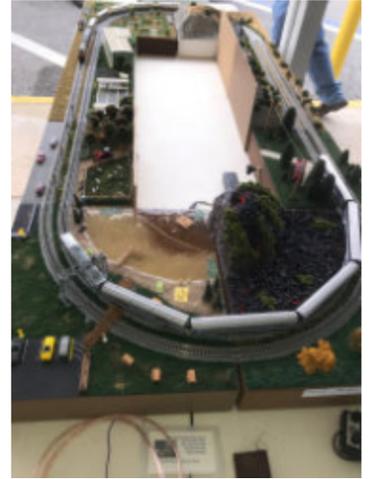


Photo by Brian Krupicka

One of the many custom modular landscapes and dioramas.

TR Creative Arts Group

by Linda Spencer

I could start this article utilizing language from two famous speeches, "I had a dream" or "Together we are stronger and wiser." I watch my neighbors here at Traveler Rest and I wonder what was their life like, who were/are they? For example, I am a Published Poet, a Project Manager for an International Firm and developed the Construction Protocols for all National and International Construction.

I had a dream last year that I would start a group here at TR that would share skills, stories, ideas and talents. Something beyond what we already have here. A group we could all learn from and enjoy. It would serve as a social group. I put Art in the title, because it has a wonderful definition, "the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically enhanced by one of the five senses." I have always found Art in hundreds of places others may not appreciate, cooking, baking, decorating, flowers, painting, science, history, etc. My dream was to find others at TR that found art in some of the places that I have never been exposed to, and want to share some of those with a group here at TR.

I am not an artist or a teacher by any means. I started the group this year with sharing hobbies. We have others within the group doing the same. Next season I plan to expand our resources to include baking Christmas cookies from



around the world, cooking class, sweet grass basket weaving class, upholstery, revisit pour painting, silk painting and creative photography instructed by a professor of art from USF and my hidden skill, broom stick crocheting. I hope some of these topics are of interest to you. If you have a talent, hidden

or not, please contact me. I would love to add you to the lineup. Our group socializes the entire two hours we are together. Some days we do not get our project completed and it takes more than one session. We are learning new concepts and having fun. A ton of smiles, that's art to me.

TR Veterans plan museum visit

by Harold Hughes

The Travelers Rest Veterans Group is planning a luncheon and tour of the Zephyrhills Museum of Military History. We will meet Wednesday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Golden Corral in Zephyrhills, followed by a privately arranged tour of the museum. Everyone is invited to attend. You do not need to be a veteran, just someone who is interested in military history. You will be amazed at the memorabilia and items on display almost in your backyard.

Make your plans to attend now by signing up in Busch Hall at the Veterans Bulletin Board. The Veterans at Travelers Rest are looking forward to a great turnout of support.

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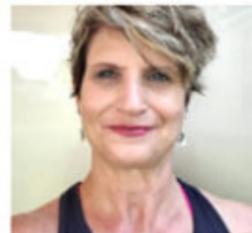
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Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer

It has been a pleasure providing my TR Family with up-to-date information on activities beyond our borders. For those of us remaining at TR, please check my Facebook site, *Beyond The Park*, I will continue to provide updated information about current activities beyond our borders.

Friday, March 18, **Lead Foot City**, a TR neighbor, sponsors All Things Automotive including a Bike Meet, a Truck Meet and a Car Meet all with burn outs, brews and music. The events take place 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and feature Country Line Dancing, Food Trucks, Live Music with a Country DJ and Bar. Call 844-532-3366 or visit *Lead-foot.com* for more information. Lead Foot is approximately 15 minutes from TR at 17109 Old Ayers Rd. This event is a normal Friday Night activity.



LINDA SPENCER fine artists and crafters. One-of-a-kind restaurants and bakeries, boutiques and shops will ensure a full day of discovery and creativity for visitors. You can visit *spongedocks.net* for additional information. The venue is located at 735 Dodecanese Blvd. in Tarpon Springs. Approximately 60 minutes from TR.

There are hundreds of beaches within 50 minutes of TR, between us and Clearwater Beach, which has been ranked #1 Beach in the U.S. I have listed the site below to obtain information about these beaches. I have listed several below. Beaches with * have facilities and specific areas for dogs. I have also added a list of special beaches for our fur friends. *Floridastateparks.org*.



Saturday, March 19, Pasco County, and Dade City present **Dog Days in Dade City**.

This event takes place at the Agnes Lamb Four Seasons Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will be filled with fun events: 10:30 a.m. is the Dog Wagon Parade, 11 a.m. is the Dog Costume Contest, 12:30 p.m. is a Canine Talent Show and the event closes with an Ice Cream/Yogurt Eating Contest. Additionally there will be informative events for both dogs and owners you will not want to miss. The venue is approximately 10 miles from TR in downtown Dade City across from Edwinola on Meridian.

Saturday, April 2, **Suncoast Broadway Theatre** presents *The 3 Redneck Tenors*. The group will have two shows one at noon and 6 p.m. *The 3 Redneck Tenors* are a new breed in the "tenor genre." Their musical comedy, which features classically trained veteran artists, is like Duck Dynasty goes to Carnegie Hall - down home laughs with big city music. It has been said that if Larry the Cable Guy, II Divo and Mrs. Doubtfire had a baby, that child would be *The 3 Redneck Tenors*. They were top finalist on "America's Got Talent" and have been thrilling audiences since 2006. For tickets or additional information please call the box office at 727-863-7949 or email questions to *Box-Office@ShowPalaceTheatre.com*. The Suncoast Broadway Theatre is located at 16128 US 19, Hudson. Theater is approximately 35 minutes from TR. Handicapped seating is available.

Saturday, April 9 through Sunday, April 17, **Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks** present *Springtime Art & Craft Festival*. Time Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The docks of this historic Greek Village will be filled with thousands of creations from local and visiting



*Fort Island Beach, Crystal River, 16000 West Island Trail, approximately 90 minutes.

*Robert Strickland Memorial Beach - Hudson, 6345 Clark St., approximately 43 minutes.

*Alfred McKethan Pine Island Park, Spring Hill, 10800 Pine Island Dr., Approximately 45 minutes.

Hernando Beach, Spring Hill, approximately 46 minutes. SunWest Park, Hudson, 17362 Old Dixie Highway, approximately 40 minutes.

*Ben T Davis Beach, Tampa, 3025 North Rocky Point, approximately 50 minutes.

*Anclote Key Preserve State Park, Tarpon Springs, approximately 30 minutes.

*Honeymoon Island State Park, Dunedin, One Causeway Blvd., approximately 38 minutes.

*Robert K Rees Memorial Park, New Port Richey, 3503 Green Key Road, approximately 25 minutes.

*Sunset Beach, Tarpon Springs, 1800 Gulf Road, Dog Park, approximately 65 minutes.

*Picnic Island Beach Dog Park, Tampa, 7409 Picnic Island Blvd., approximately 40 minutes.

*Davis Island Dog Beach, Tampa, 864 Severn Ave., approximately 52 minutes.

*Indian Rocks Beach Dog Park, N. Indian Rocks Beach, 107 10th Street, approximately 50 minutes.

Travel News

by Sharon Zile

Our TR group travel season has included three different day trips: a Gadabout tour of chocolate with an authentic German bakery and a winery, Kennedy Space Center with our TR "rocket scientists" and a guided tour on Tampa By Land and Sea. Each tour involved about 40 TR travelers. The tours were quite varied in their focus, but all were planned and organized by our wonderful new-to-TR travel tour operator, *Small World Tours & Cruises*. Bus transportation from TR was provided by *Small World Tours* in beautiful Prevost motorcoaches with courteous driver-operators who drove them expertly. Dan and I found *Small World Tours & Cruises* to be very responsive to our requests and most professional with all monetary policies and procedures. It was a good year to resume group travel!

Already, we have initiated planning for next year's day trips. With over 300 trips designed by Holly Griggs, Tour Director at *Small World*, Dan and I found it challenging to make selections for TR travelers - we were like kids in a candy shop! Holly is working out the contracts for our selected trips, but we are not yet ready to reveal the details until plans are finalized.

But it's so much fun to offer a few hints! Two of our monthly day trips will include a Christmas theme or St. Patrick's Day theme. We will enjoy Italian, German and Irish food on tour and live music on several occasions. There will be several boats, at least one performance and lots of ice. Any guesses? In addition, we'll have an encore tour of the very popular Tampa By Land and By Sea tour in March. Mark your calendar: Holly Griggs will visit TR at the Jan. 12 Coffee Seminar to present our 2022-23 day trips with Power Point pictures and descriptions. Sign-up will begin that morning, so bring your checkbooks!



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

We WILL have a trip in December 2022. The current selected date is Thursday, Dec. 15. Details of this trip MAY be announced before this month ends, but will certainly be shared in the following ways: Facebook Residents and Friends group and the first issue of *The TR Times* in November. *The TR Times* is available online within the Resident Dashboard of *TravelersRestResort.com*. Payment for the December trip only will be by mail and should arrive to our TR address by Nov. 30.

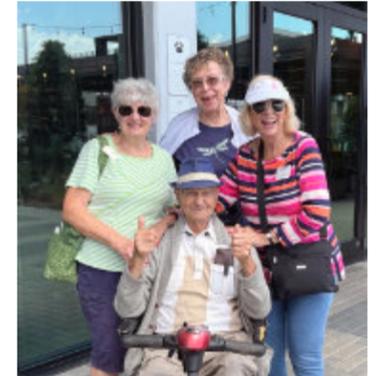
We are optimistic that future trips will not require any COVID waiver forms or mask rules and that we can begin to consider multi-day trips and even a cruise. It is never too soon to dream of future trips, especially the more expensive Big Deal trips! We are grateful that TR day-trippers have remained healthy on this season's trips. We're also apprecia-



Our tour guide shares that the former Tampa Bay Hotel, now home to the University of Tampa, was built in 1891 by railroad magnate Henry B. Plant. The building is an example of Turkish and Moorish architecture.

tive that the payment timeline has resulted in very few cancellations. Our partnership with *Small World Tours* has been extremely positive, and we love traveling with our TR residents and friends. TR travel has been a vehicle for us to replace routine with new places, new adventure and new thought. Thank you all for an awesome post-pandemic TR travel comeback!

Tampa by Land and Sea highlights



Photos by Dan Zile

Gus Sbrogna and his lady friends, Ann Chalk, Carolyn Place and Billie Doell.



Sue and Marty Brackin enjoy a relaxed conversation with Bard and Kathy Fuller at lunch.

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ACOUSTIC JAM SESSION

PICKIN' & GRINNIN' - 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday of month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2nd Monday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hobby House.

Rob Werner
Harold Keefer

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
Stan Patterson

AQUATICS - POOL (WATER AEROBICS)

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

Linda Smith

BALLROOM DANCING

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

Jeffrey Duquette

BASKET WEAVING

Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus **CANCELED**

Nancy Polito

BEADAHOLICS

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

Kathy Lemke
Kathy Kushman

BEADAHOLICS, TOO

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

Dot Brenn

BIBLE STUDY - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Rosita Williams

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

BINGO

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

Linda Smith

BIRDING

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

Tom Butler
Norm Eden

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

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

BONFIRE/MONTHLY

Dates and times will be posted in **CANCELED** are scheduled.

Phyllis Zitzer

BOOK BROWSERS

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

Nan Lance

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

BRASS ENSEMBLE

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

Bill Watkins
Steve Bowman

BRIDGE CLUB

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

Connie Bradley

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

Doug Hatfield

BULLETIN BOARDS IN BUSCH HALL

For information or help with a notice or ad contact:

Betsy Behler
Guy Weik

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. **CANCELED**

Donna Smith

CHRISTMAS FEAST

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

Pat Butler
Beannie Wise

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

Choir Practice

Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Sundays 8:30 a.m. in

Busch Hall. Join us.

Bernie Gutridge

Praise & Worship

Contemporary Church Services - Saturdays, 4 p.m. in The Grove, weather permitting.

To join a leadership team and to recommend songs or other ideas contact Barb Swartz or Marty Schencke.

Marty Schencke
Barb Swartz

CHURCH COMMITTEE

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

Chairperson needed

CLOGGERS OF TR

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m. for beginners and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for continuing students in Citrus East.

Donna Smith
Donna Neer

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

COFFEE SEMINARS

Thursdays, 8 to 9 a.m. in Busch Hall. Watch *The TR Times* for updates. **CANCELED**

Guy Weik

COFFEE SOCIAL

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

Jim Matkovich

CREATIVE ART GROUP (CAG)

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

Linda Spencer

CRIBBAGE

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

Chairperson needed

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - CAMERA

Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon in Golf View Pavilion.

Carey Box

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - POST PROCESSING

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

Carey Box

DINING WITH FRIENDS

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

Chairperson needed

DISPLAY CASE IN POST OFFICE

Diana Hill

DOMINOES

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

DRAWING HUMAN FIGURE

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

John Hice

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.

Lois Showers

ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAYS

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

Ken and Sandy Langell

EUCHRE

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

Jan Werner

EUCHRE/BID

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

Barb Nelson

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

FIRE RING SCHEDULING

Guy Weik

FIVE CROWNS

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

Jackie Thackery

FIVE HUNDRED - CARDS

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

Pat McCallum

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 and Walt Gilson

FRIDAY AFTERNOON LIVE!

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

Donna Probes

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

GAMES NIGHT

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

Linda Smith

GARDEN CLUB

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

Richard Fischer

GENEALOGY

Open for individual research, Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.

No chairperson

GEOCACHING

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Hobby House.

Bill Bradford

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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

Vicki Brooks

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Contact Office

GOLF - LADIES LEAGUE

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

Laurie Gardner

GOLF LESSONS

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

Hazel English, Bill Harkins, Joan McLean

Lynn Meyers

GOLF - MENS LEAGUE

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

Bill Harkins

GOLF - SCRAMBLES

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

Tom and Pat Butler

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Fund raiser only.

Vince Smith

HAND AND FOOT

Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in Busch Hall. Come learn this easy game.

Deborah May

HARMONAIRES

Bring your harmonica and play with us. Beginners welcome. Thursdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Paul Rife Room. Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Hobby House.

Don Sides

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sundays, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. Busch Hall.

Rosita Williams

IPHONE CLASS

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

Susan Stahley

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JOKER

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

Deborah May (Fri.)

JUBELLATION HAND BELL CHOIR

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

POSTPONED

Jean Cobb

KARAOKE

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

Glenn and Gabriella Young

KITCHEN USAGE

Guy Weik

KNOTTY KNITTERS

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

Jackie Gage

LIBRARY

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

Mary Kosbab

Kay Blunda

LINE DANCING

Mondays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Citrus East.
and Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Activity Center.

Alex Adair

LOCATOR BOARD

Kit and Dick Wheatley

MAH JONG CHINESE

Mondays and Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West.

Marcia Hatfield

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

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

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

Pat Dellamuth

MIRROR LAKE YACHT CLUB

Radio Controlled Sailboat Racing -

Practice, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon at Mirror Lake.
Racing, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Mirror Lake.

Barry Sellick

Powerboat Racing - Mondays and Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m. at Mirror Lake.

Dean Peters

MODEL RAILROAD

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

Brian Krupicka

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING

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

Pat Gallagher

Nancy Rogers

PARTY PLANNERS FOR TR

Mary Hunter

Linda Smith

PET LOVERS OF TR

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

Judy Leister

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

PINOCHLE

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

John Delaney

POKER LADIES NIGHT OUT

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

CANCELED

Gina DiPinto

POKER TEXAS HOLD'EM MEN AND WOMEN

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

Jack Davis

POM-POM DRILL TEAM

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

Donna Neer

PRODUCE STAND

Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oak View Pavilion near Busch Hall.
Everyday at their Dade City location in Walmart parking lot.

Rosita Williams

QUILTING

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.
2nd Thursday Guild Meeting/Show and Tell.

Ethel Polsdofer

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

RC MOTORSPORTS

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

Scott Tartaglia

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

RUG HOOKING

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Hobby House Porch. A small avid group. Join us and make something beautiful.

Tawnya Rowden

SCRABBLE

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

Jeffrey Duquette

SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING

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

Denise Matthews

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

SHUFFLEBOARD

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

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

Richard Von Qualen

SNACK SHACK

Monday thru Friday, 11:30 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.

Jack Carey

SNACK SHACK PAVILION USAGE

Requests to use after hours contact:

Guy Weik

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

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

Laverne Dennison

Instructor - Sherry Harbert

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

TENNIS

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 11:00 a.m.

Guy Weik

TONE & TIGHTEN

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

Betty Clark

TR ROADRIDERS (MOTORCYCLE CLUB)

1st Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. in Hobby House.

Gene Cribbs

TR SINGING MEN

Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Snack Shack Pavilion. All men are invited to sing along.

Steve Gorden

TR TRAVEL

Sharon Gilbert Zile

TR TRAVELAIRES Ochestra

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

Gene Cribbs

TRAVELETTES/WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

Mary Beth Coldren

TRAVELOGUE SLIDE SHOW

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

CANCELED

Bert Contractor

TUESDAY NIGHT MOVIES (TNM)

Tuesdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., movie will start at 7:15 p.m., in Citrus East. Masks required.

Jim and Carol Henrikson

UKULELE STRUMMING

Small groups will be held on select Tuesdays. Contact Donna by email only.

Donna Probes

VETERANS MEETING

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

Vince Smith

Darold Long

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

WALKING AEROBICS

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

Gloria Polzin

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

Pat Miller

WEIGHTS & STRETCHING

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

Sheila Schencke

WIZARD

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Debra May

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

WOODCARVING

Wednesdays in Citrus West.

Beginners - 8:45 to 10 a.m.

Advanced - 10 a.m. to noon

POSTPONED

Linda Murphy

YOGA

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 -9 a.m., Upper Pickleball Courts.

Jean Renee DeTar

ZUMBA

Thursdays 8 to 9 a.m., upper Pickleball courts.

Bev Weissinger

PLEASE NOTE:

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Library News

by Mary Kosbab

My last article for every season is about what Timothy Healy, Former President of the New York Public Library said is the most important part of any library – the staff.

Every year we receive many wonderful donations which keep our library collection up-to-date and diversified. However without the volunteers who put all these donations in order and maintain the shelves and discards, our library would be a very chaotic place.

This year we were very fortunate to add several new volunteers to our staff. The old saying, "Many hands make light work" is definitely true in our library and our new volunteers helped prove the truth of this adage. We are so thankful these people chose to become part of our staff.

The book collection is maintained by 18 dedicated volunteers whose teamwork and dedication is the true backbone of our library. My sincerest thanks goes to each one of them for all they do.

Kay Blunda is my co-chairman. Her love of books and our Library is always so very apparent. I greatly appreciate her enthusiasm and dedication to our library.

Bert Contractor, Nan Lance and Kathy Fuller take charge of the very popular and extensive DVD section. I cannot imagine what that section would look like without their help.

Over the past summers three ladies have been very instrumental in keeping the library in order. They are Kay Blunda, Marilyn Long and Diane Phillips. This summer Leo and Susan Lejeune have volunteered to help us out. This will be a big help to our limited staff who hold down the fort for us during the summer months.

There are several audio CDs in the library which you are welcome to take home to help pass time on your drive. These can be passed on to people at home who would also enjoy them.

We DO ask that you DO NOT take any recommended books home with you for the summer. It is so easy to pass along these good books to family and friends and often they do not find their way back to TR. These are books we really want to keep in our Library.

On behalf of the entire Library staff I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and much good reading. We look forward to seeing you again next season.

Garden News

Oh those butterflies

by Leslie Ewing

Garden Club volunteers will be busy for the last two weeks in March. Plants need mulching and fertilizing so they can be put to bed for the summer. The irrigation system needs some work. The stained glass panels in the gazebo will be taken down and stored, along with the rest of the breakable Garden art. The fish pond needs to be set up for the summer.

This is a lot of work. The Garden Club appreciates everyone who will be helping us pack up for summer and all the folks who worked so hard during the season. The Garden is very labor intensive. We hope we have recognized all of our volunteers in this column over the season. Thank you everyone.

The Club thanks all those who participated in the Garden Scavenger Hunt which is still going on as this column is being written. We enjoyed putting this event together. By the way, the number 9 was not assigned to any plant. We omitted it – in case anyone was wondering!

There has been a tradition of TR residents bringing potted plants to the Garden before they go away for the summer. Garden Club members leave as well, so

please do not bring any plants to the Garden. We don't have anyone to take care of them.

We can't sign off for the season without a discussion of butterflies. Lake Margaret Garden, otherwise known as TR Garden, has two registered Monarch Waystations. Several TR residents have planted milkweed and nectar plants to provide food and shelter for Monarch Butterflies. Monarchs are ecologically important because they pollinate food crops and ornamentals.

An article in the Sept. 21, 2021 issue of *The New York Times* describes a surprising behavior of milkweed butterflies, a category that includes Monarch Butterflies. Milkweed butterflies eat their young. Two young men, a graduate student studying insects and a naturalist have documented this behavior with photographs published in a scientific journal, *Ecology*, according to this article.

Milkweed butterflies have claws on their feet which they use to scratch their own caterpillars in order to consume their bodily fluids. Some caterpillars survive this predation. Will you ever look at Monarch Butterflies in the same way as you did before reading this?

Garden Scavenger Hunt



Photo by Leslie Ewing

Pat and John Daubenmier pause for a moment during their hunt.



Photo by Bert Contractor

Sisters Susan Stahley, Cindy Watson and Sandy Conolly discuss their findings at the Garden Scavenger Hunt.

Geocaching - a season of fun and eating



Photos by Barbara Colson

THE GEOCACHING GANG

by Barbara Colson

Geocaching has started out slow this year. Perhaps the pandemic is still a problem for some folks. Perhaps you are thinking you will be walking long distances in the woods. Perhaps you feel you are not smart enough to use that smartphone your grandchildren got you for Christmas. Fear not, we are here to help you along the way.

This year we are concentrating our caching outings around a new partner to geocaching. It is called Adventure Lab and you can download the app to your smartphone. Just sign in with the same User Name and Password you do for geocaching. They will link together and you will receive points for doing the Adventure Lab in your geocaching.

You never have done Geocaching? Come join us on a Tuesday. You will have fun, meet new people and see places you never knew about. This year we have gone to Brooksville and learned much of its history through two Adventure Labs. We also found two regular caches and had a fantastic lunch at the Coney Island Hot Dog Restaurant. That was a treat in itself.

Our next adventure took us to Ybor City where we did an Adventure Lab and an Earth Cache in a cold, light rain. Lawrence Northway was amazed that there were chickens in the street. It

of the caches. The highlight, other than the Pearl, was the *bigbathouse.com* and a huge canoe.

Feb. 2, 2022 I thought should be special, so we attended a Meet and Greet outing. Meeting other cachers from the area at Mel's Hot Dog in Tampa. We stayed quite a while catching up with other geocachers.

Feb. 8 was a cold, dreary day. We met in the Hobby House and learned how to add tractables to our geocaching account. Every once in a while you need to take a break and stop and let everyone catch up.

Feb. 22 we went back to Tampa to do the Tampa River Walk along the Hillsborough River. We did the Adventure Lab that starts you at Ulele's Restaurant and goes all the way down to Bayshore. You can bike, use scooters, run or walk this impressive River Walk. You can watch the YouTube of Ulele Springs at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsn3LXbx6fl>. Lunch was at the Shrimp & Company across the street from the Columbia. Betty Gilson and I enjoyed the fried catfish and the hush puppies were super. We all received a special souvenir for finding a cache on this once-in-a-lifetime date. There are five twos in the date 2/22/22.

Two of us decided to check out an Adventure Lab for the group to do at a later date. This took us to Richloam, a town that was started in 1902. The town is noted for its lumber mills, turpentine and railroad. The General Store, which is still owned by the same family, is open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check it out.



Geocaching group at Cattle and Vaqueros.

You'll be amazed. The Richloam Post Office was combined with Webster. You can check out the Richloam General Store on the Internet.

This past Tuesday, we headed to Wildwood/The Villages to do a couple of Adventure Labs around Brownwood Paddock Square. It is such a lovely place. The Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center has a wonderful display of mostly WWII items, many donated by the residents of the area. It's worth your time and it's free. We lunched

outside at the City Fire American Oven & Bar.

Want to join this fun group of adventurers? Bring your smartphone. We are a helpful group. Don't have a smartphone? We probably have one we can loan you and show you how to use it.

We try to do a minimal amount of walking, but you are free to bring your walker, cane, bike or trike. I will let you know where we are headed a few days before each outing. I know TR is a busy place and this is another fun activity.



Geocaching at the Richloam General Store.



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Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

Just think of all the ways you might use the word “trouble” in everyday conversations. “That was so much trouble,” “He’s a trouble maker,” “You’re asking for trouble” and the list could go on and on. Most of the time the situation isn’t the greatest, so you pull out your “trouble” descriptions.

When I asked Kathy and Chuck Lemke if I could do an article about their cute seven-year-old cocker named Trouble, my mind got way ahead of me. Maybe there were going to be stories about a naughty dog. Maybe they were going to tell me he lived up to his name. Nope, it was quite the contrary. He was such a good boy just quietly hanging out while we chatted and I learned lots of interesting facts about him.

Chuck and Kathy had three other cockers prior to Trouble. They suddenly lost their last two within a few weeks of each other from chronic health issues. They were so lonely without a dog. A couple of months later someone happened to see an ad on Craig’s List for a two-year-old purebred part Cocker Spaniel. They told Kathy and Chuck and he soon became theirs. His owner was a college student from France going to school here in the states. When she graduated she was going on a tour all over the U.S. before returning to France. Although she was very attached to her dog, she knew she had to find him a new family because she couldn’t take him on that long, extensive tour. That’s when Trouble joined Chuck and Kathy.

It’s Trouble



Photo by Kathy Lemke
TROUBLE

Another interesting fact I learned about Trouble is he has a passport. Hmmm, I don’t even have a passport but Trouble does. Since he started out his life going between France and the U. S., he had to have the doggy paperwork. Guess Chuck and Kathy will have to make sure their passports are up to date and take Trouble on his own world tour.

Trouble’s name was not always Trouble. He started out as Charlie but then he moved in with someone that shared the same name. Not only was there the Chuck Lemke we all know but their family had a lot of Chucks and Charlies. It was just too confusing to have a dog with the same name. The old saying, “Trouble follows us everywhere” fit perfectly because their new pooch did follow them everywhere and the name stuck.

Trouble has his own bed on

the floor of their bedroom and that’s where he starts out every night but by morning when they wake up, guess who’s in bed with them. You got it, Trouble. He’s right between them with his head on a pillow. Luckily he shares the bed well.

Trips to the TR Puppy Park are popular with Trouble. He gets to see all of his friends. If no one else is there he will chase a ball until Chuck or Kathy’s arm is ready to fall off. At home he loves to lie in the window and watch for squirrels or other passers-by. Walks around the neighborhood are popular too. Trouble is an all around good guy. He loves other dogs, loves kids and after a quick woof at someone new coming in he quietly lies down and enjoys the company.

Right before I was wrapping up my interview I asked Chuck what Trouble thought of his guitar playing and singing. I guess what prompted me to ask that was because I have known some dogs to sit inside the guitar case while the owner played. I wondered if Trouble might do the same thing. I couldn’t keep from giggling a little at Chuck’s reply, “Nope, Trouble isn’t much of a John Denver fan.” For those not aware of it Chuck is TR’s own tribute to John Denver.

Chuck’s talent doesn’t stop with the strumming of the guitar. After having four cockers that needed to be groomed he taught himself how to give Trouble a professional looking haircut. So not only is Trouble a very sweet dog, he’s also a very spiffy looking one too.

Pet Lovers Club

Bye-Bye for now



Photos by Judy Leister

BEST FRIENDS

by Judy Leister

Wow I can’t believe this is the last issue for the season. Many TR pets will be going home with their humans. Mark and I are Snowbirds living six months in Ohio and six months at TR. It seems like just yesterday we were arriving here and unpacking. Now in just a little over a month it will be time to make our journey back to Ohio. Maybe it’s because I’m getting older but it sure seems like time flies by way too fast.

Don’t worry even though the TR season is winding down there are still some fun things to do with your dog. Don’t forget the Pet Lovers Club annual picnic Monday, March 21 at 3 p.m. We will be meeting at the shelter house on Golf View (The Hill) for a potluck. Bring a dish to share, your own table service, a beverage and a chair. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

We actually won’t eat until 4 p.m. but starting at 3 p.m. we will have a photo session for our pets. Bring them along and have their picture taken to receive a 5 x 7 photo from the club. Then the pets can go home and you return to eat.

Another big fun event is coming up on Saturday, March 19. Dog’s Day in Dade City is returning after a two year break because of the pandemic. It will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Agnes Lamb Park. Their parade, costume contest and talent show are always fun. There is even an ice cream/yogurt eating contest for the pooches. Lots of vendors and rescue groups will be there too.

For those who will soon be returning to your summer homes or will be traveling for the summer, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you next fall. For all the full time TR pet families who remain here after the snowbirds go home, it will get a lot quieter.

Stay cool and rest up. We will be back.



It looks like these friends are enjoying a good joke.

Birding Activity



Good birding for all at TR and ‘did you know?’

by Norm Eden

The birds to be seen at TR are an ever-changing feast. Although the winter season will all too quickly be over, the Tuesday morning walks with Tom Butler, at 8 a.m. from the Post Office Veranda, will continue through April. Tom will still be birding during the summer and you can contact him for details or bird information at 863-651-7526 and at lot 14-07.

This winter has been a great success as an enlarged group of Tuesday walkers has recorded several really interesting ‘best-birds.’ Hopefully many of the walkers will also have recorded a few personal first-time sightings - or ‘lifers.’ Notable has been the Ovenbird an unusual warbler, the Orchard Oriole an uncommon to rare bird in this part of Florida and another distinctive warbler the Northern Parula. Many thanks and much appreciation is due Tom Butler for creating, developing and maintaining the new birding trail with feeders in strategic locations, and did you know?

TR winter sightings are now an amazing 120 species and the renowned Cornell University Laboratory notes us as a birding hotspot with the potential to record 150+ species!

One of the most valuable books in the world is a bird guide as the last sale of a copy was over \$11 million!

Birds of America was originally published in parts as a series between 1827 and 1838. Written and illustrated by John James Audubon just 120 copies are known to exist. The National



Photo by Tom Butler
OVENBIRD

Audubon Museum is on the Ohio River in Hendersonville, Ky., just over the bridge from Evansville in Southwest Indiana. It is in a small State Park with a nice campground. Well worth a visit if you are within reach as there is a copy of his book there. Audubon lived in that area for some years.

Nuthatches are the only birds that can walk frontwards down a tree. Woodpeckers, creepers and some warblers that feed on insects in tree bark all start at a low point and work their way up.

Hummingbirds can fly backwards.

Bald Eagles are not perfect parents like our Sandhill Cranes. When the young Eagles fledge and are ready to fly, they fall or fly from the nest, and the parents then ignore them. The juvenile has to learn how to hunt and some attach themselves to the local Vulture group who find the carrion for them. Others sometime starve to death.

Some birds migrate by walking! In California the Mountain Quail spends most of the time foraging and generally living in small flocks on the ground of the high Sierras. Then in the fall when

temperatures start dropping it walks down the mountain a little more each day until reaching the lower levels for winter. A ranger told me this but not whether the birds walk or fly back up the mountain in spring.

The only endemic - not found anywhere else - Florida bird species is the Scrub-Jay. It is not at all easy to find as the population has reduced due to habitat erosion and it is now a vulnerable species.

Hummingbirds are special. Apart from wing speed and the ability to fly backwards a human would have to eat around 280 lbs. of meat per day to match the metabolic rate of a Hummingbird! The Sword-billed Hummingbird has a beak that is longer than its body because it has to get nectar from deep inside trumpet-type passion flowers in the South American Andes Mountains.

Guard Ducks. Some ducks can sleep with just one eye open and working so they are positioned around the flock and then they quack when the open eye registers something!

The Californian Condor has a wingspan of up to 9.5 feet. They have been mistaken as small aircraft.

Owls cannot swivel their eyes but can turn their heads 180 degrees, in either direction, to see behind them.

There are more fake Flamingoes in the world than real ones.

Some people suffer from, Anatidaephobia - which means they believe a duck or goose is constantly watching them causing anxiety problems. Good birding over the summer and fall!



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The Hobby and Art Show returns to Busch Hall



A lady of many talents, Billie Doell displays a variety of art projects.



Pat Dellamuth makes mats for the homeless from plastic bags.



Brian Krupicka and Bill Watkins take a close look at the model railroad display.



No Hobby and Art Show is complete without our Travelette's famous root beer floats, being enjoyed here by Cindy and George Collister.



Sally and Vic Bowser make beautiful tops from exotic woods.



Tony Olm "hams it up" in front of the Amateur Radio Club table manned by Dave Baur and Stan Patterson.



Bob Landry creates these beautiful pots on his porch.



Jerry McRoberts, Commodore of the Mirror Lake Yacht Club, joins Kelly Newbury and Barry Sellick.



James Morrow shows off his remote control Parlor Flying Airplane.



Linda Murphy with examples of her wood carvings.



Tom Butler has a display of his colorful bird photos, all of which can be found at TR.



Harry Strickler inspects a walking stick created by the woodworkers.



Vince Smith, Paul Harper, Joe Politsky and Dwight Greene's display included samples of the exotic woods used in their woodworking.



Bert Contractor poses with an enlarged copy of a heron photo he took at the Circle Bar B Ranch.

Photos by Pam Watkins

More Hobby and Art Show photos



Mary Beth Baur is intent on her rug hooking project.



Judy Sherlock stands with her black and white oil paintings.



Kathy Carlig, Betty Clark, Jean Landry and Rachel Brooks standing are members of the Knotty Knitters and Crocheters.



Debbie Woodford, on the right, looks over the beautiful painted rocks produced by Diana Hill.



Ken Langell has a variety of hobbies, fly tying, weaving and woodcarving.



Inabelle Sides shows off her unique jewelry to Sandy Sasuta and Gail Downing.



Chuck Manos points to a dulcimer held by Sandy Langell as Lois Showers looks on.



Dennis Ledbetter makes beautiful copper bracelets.



Michele Wilkins, Elaine Trescott and Sue Froyd display their "pour art" creations.



Denise Anderson represents the Genealogy Club that is looking for a new leader.



John Hice's colorful art work took up a whole table.



Photos by Pam Watkins



Dave Pulleyn watches as Brian Krupika works to get one of the "N gauge" trains back on track.



Joan Hyde discusses how she creates her wooden sculptures with Esmerelda and Jay Starbody.



Kathy Lemke and Dee Manos, members of Beadaholics, show off their sparkly creations.



Don Sides, Gus Sbrogna, Joe Shipe and Rob Werner, members of the Harmonaires played throughout the show.

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Steve Gorden, Chaplain Anthony Shipe and John Daubenmier represent the Church Association.

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Steve Gorden, Anthony Shipe, John Daubenmier, front row, listen as the Harmonica players, Joe Shipe, Gus Sbrogna, Don Sides and Rob Werner come over to serenade them.

TR Sports

Canada vs USA Golf Fun Scramble



by Shirley-Ann Appleby

On Saturday, March 26 be at the Starter Shack at 8:30 a.m. for the tee off at 9 a.m.

Wear your country colours and decorate your cart as well. The sign-up sheet will be at the Starter Shack on Sunday, March 20. Everyone is welcome. Come on out and represent your team.



Bowling results

by Lin Buczek

Friday, March 11

Men's Scratch High Game

Steve Niles 192

Mike Hardison, Don Markle.. 172

Dave Couture 168

Men's Scratch High Series

Steve Niles 558

Mike Hardison 495

Ken Neer 447

Men's Handicap High Game

Dave Couture 258

Mike Hardison 249

Tom Maragnano,

Don Markle 232

Men's Handicap High Series

Mike Hardison 726

Tom Maragnano 684

Dave Couture 637

Men's High Average

Steve Niles 204

Women's Scratch High Game

Debi Niles 167

Pat Markle 163

Donna Neer 144

Women's Scratch High Series

Debi Niles 457

Donna Neer 397

Pat Markle 390

Women's Handicap High Game

Donna Neer 259

Debi Niles 245

Pat Markle 242

Women's Handicap High Series

Donna Neer 742

Debi Niles 691

Pat Markle 627

Women's High Average

Lin Buczek 158

A new garden



PARADISE PALM GARDEN

by Vicki Brooks

The new Paradise Palm Garden at the Starter Shack is officially complete. I feel like it is a great addition to our beautiful park. Not only the golfers but everyone who passes by can enjoy it. I would like to thank those who helped me get this project done. Thank you Bruce and Sylvia Cole, Patricia Bogdan, Paul Carr, Gary Carter, Ken and Kelly Person, Sandy and Bruce Pemberton, Gina DiPinto, Lorraine Gould, Marta

Sellick, Walt Gilson, Jim Colborne, David Schafer, Del Duplessis, Jacques and Germaine Savoie, Michael Bly and the many others who stepped in when we needed extra help. Also thanks to Eleanor Buscher for making sure we had water or coffee as needed. It takes a lot of effort to do what these people do but they do it because they love this golf course and resort. So if you see one of them, thank them for all they do. Enjoy the new garden!



500 Cards

by Patricia McCallum

Saturday, March 12

Pat McCallum 1820

Connie Bradley 1730

Debbie May 1510

A maritime connection

by John Goodger

The ladies' winner is Sylvia Cole from PEI, Canada. The men's is Ron Duplessis from NB, Canada

Great job and congratulations to Sylvia & Ron!



Photo by John Goodger

RON DUPLESI
AND SYLVIA COLE

Chinese Mah Jong continues

by Marcia Hatfield

We will continue to play on Mondays and Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. in Citrus West until Friday, April 8.

Next season we will begin playing in early December. In the meantime if someone is here year round and would like to borrow a set of tiles so you can play I will be happy to loan you one of our Mah Jong activity sets. I can be reached at 614-946-4411.



Table Tennis

by Ann Chalk

Monday, March 7

Carey Box, Ron Hicks 5

Barry Sellick, Dave Bass 4

Andy Beach 3

Ann Chalk 2

Mark Fedus 1

Thursday, March 10

Carey Box, Ron Hicks 5

Ann Chalk 4

Barry Sellick 3

Tom Etchill 2

Andrea Patterson 1

We would love to see more players. Please join us on Mondays and Thursdays at 3 p.m.



RC Motor Sports thank you

by Mark Leister

Thank you Scott Tartaglia, Gary Grenier and John Toombs plus Ray Hill and the TR Maintenance Crew for all their work on the new race track. "Teamwork makes the dream work!"



Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise

Wednesday, March 9

Sailing Boat

Championship Race Winners

Gold Fleet

DragonFlite 95 Class

1. Barry Sellick

2. Jay Matthews

3. Rick Yoder

Soling 1M Class

1. Barry Sellick

2. Jay Matthews

3. Chuck Lemke

Silver Fleet

DragonFlite 95 Class

1. Jamie Hyde

2. Jim Trescott

3. Bill Wise

Soling 1M Class

1. Shawn Liaguno

2. Bill Wish

3. Jamie Hyde

Power Boats

Friday, March 11

Championship Race Winners

Power Vee Class

Gold Fleet

1. Jerry McRoberts

2. Denny McMann

3. Dean Peters

Silver Fleet

1. Chris Farler

2. Jeff Best

3. Bob Troyer

Stealth Wake Class

1. Howard Best

2. Dean Peters

3. Jerry McRoberts

Traxxas Blast Class

1. Bob Troyer

2. Dean Peters

3. Jerry McRoberts

Hole-in-one

by Pat Butler

Congratulations to Neil Jillson for his March 6, 2022 hole-in-one at pin #5.

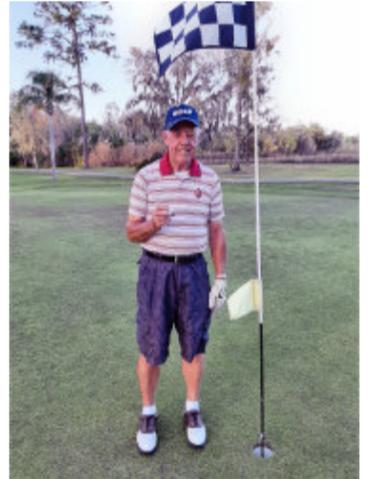


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NEIL JILLSON

Bingo

by Linda Smith

Saturday, March 5

Pat Long 1

Terry Halbrook 2

Mary Veenstra 1

Bill Weissinger 1

Pat Markle 2

Dan Varner 1

Linda Johnson 2

Darlene Livengood 1

Sue Staley 1

Jean Clarkson 1

Louise McRoberts 1

Sandy Dinkledine 1

Donna Kusky 1

Maxine Doran 1

Joyce Ritzler 1

Pat Houghtaling 1

Bill Houghtaling 1

Linda Smith 1

Marla Varner 1

Saturday, March 5

Jean Martin 1

Dan Varner 2

Sue Amico 1

Debi Niles 1

Kristel Halbrook 1

Betsy Behler 1

Danny Hatchel 1

Joyce Ritzler 1

Linda Smith 3

Frank Keiffer 1

Lori Glover 1

Marla Varner 1

Jim Gower 1

Pat Houghtaling 1

Bill Weissinger 1

Ted Smith 1

Angelo Amico 1

Party Bridge

by Douglas Hatfield

Tuesday, March 8

Connie Bradley 4360

Doug Hatfield 3510

John Cyr 3320

Thursday, March 10

Jim and Tawnya Wiegand 4180

Connie Bradley and

Ron Hicks 3000

Jen Furman and John Cyr 2120

Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

Monday, March 7

Connie Bradley 3

Barb Aubrey, Kathy Bocchino,

Nancy Moschler 2

Jen Furman, Doris Lewis,

Marcia Hatfield, Judy Pech 1

Friday, March 11

Marcia Hatfield,

Connie Bradley 3

Betty Brown, Jackie Gage,

Jen Furman 2

Nancy Moschler 1

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... while waiting for my Mom to get off work says Drew Emmetts.



... on the way home from the Post Office says Barb and Jeff Swartz.



... on the way from Busch Hall says Debi and Kelly Newbury.



...while on a tour says the Gadabout group.



... while riding the bus to the next tour stop says Dick Bartram.

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...when the last paper is out-the-door says *The TR Times* staff.

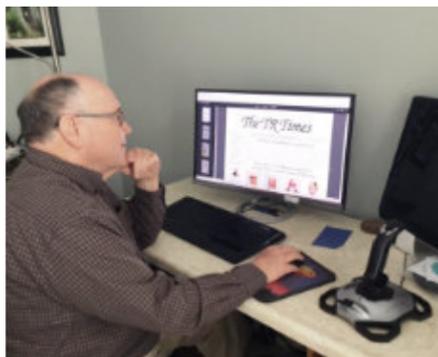
Thanks to all of the volunteers who make the "weekly miracle" possible and to all of you who enjoy reading *The TR Times* each week.



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My daughter Cheryl and granddaughter Denise had a party for me and I would like to thank them for that and thank everyone for helping me celebrate my birthday. TR is a wonderful place to live with all the wonderful people.

Evelyn Guth

An end-of-season thank you

by Rosita Williams

This has been a remarkably interesting year of transition here at TR. We suffered and agonized through two years of uncertainty, restrictions, fear, loss and a multitude of other emotions and thoughts. At times we found ourselves to be at odds with each other over what was right and what was not so right, depending on which side of the argument you found yourself.

But as our season is coming to an end and many of us are getting ready to head out I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our many residents and guests for what they did to keep us on track, reminding us that Travelers Rest is a wonderfully caring and kind community. We would not have existed for the past 50 years without us all working together, in spite of differences in thought, education, or culture to make this our little piece of paradise.

Thank you to our residents and guests who reached out to assist their neighbors who needed help with grocery pickups, airport trips, rides to medical facilities or home maintenance issues.

Thank you to our residents and guests who volunteered to assist in site cleanup for their neighbors who were unable to do it themselves.

Thank you to our residents and guests who reached out to lend aid to our Maintenance Crew during the times when they were short-staffed due to unforeseen circumstances beyond their control.

Thank you to our residents and guests who voluntarily work behind the scenes to keep our activities going.

Thank you to our residents and guests who did all they could to spread positivity during times when it seemed almost impossible to do.

Thank you to our First Responders who responded to every call for assistance from our residents and guests despite the risks to their own health and well being.

Thank you to our clergy staff for making themselves available to any of our residents and guests in need of their services.

Thank you to *The TR Times* staff for making sure that not only historic information but also current and vital information was disseminated as quickly and accurately as possible to our residents and guests.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and volunteers who strived to do the best they could to ensure the safety of all our residents, guests and staff.

Thank you to our General Manager, Ray Hill, for almost 28 years of service to TR, working tirelessly often under extremely trying circumstances to keep our operation running as smoothly as possible.

I am feeling hopeful that next season will bring us even closer to normal with our activities all up and running, loads of fun times at our events and more of those friendly smiles and TR waves. I wish you all a wonderful time at your homes, safe travels on the road and good health throughout your days.

God bless until we meet again.

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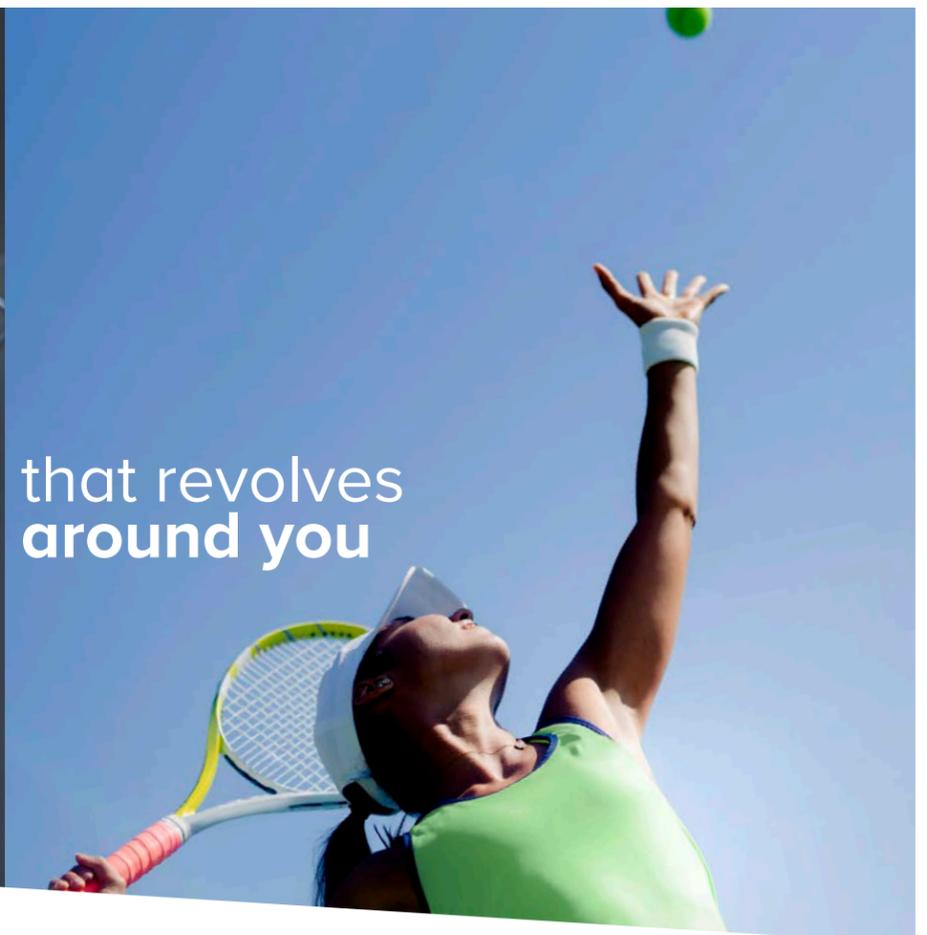
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