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Flea Market

With coffee and donuts, Saturday, Jan. 6, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Praise and Worship

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Busch Hall Sunday Night

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Snack Shack

Opens Monday, Jan. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Jan. See pg. 5.

Resident Forum

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Activities Showcase

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Karaoke Night

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

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Can we maintain the spirit?

by Margaret Emmetts

In the past few years we have had many new families come to TR. Much of the "Old Guard" which was comprised of the founding fathers of the park has passed away. Unfortunately, some of the spirit that motivated the park founders has passed with them.

TR began with the dream Jacob Busch had to develop an Airstream Park. Surprisingly he convinced a number of people to help finance his dream. Along with Paul Ruth he found this property where we now reside. It was a farm with swampland where our golf course now exists. He then convinced a number of Airstream

owners to help him bring his dream to fruition. Money was tight so everyone pitched in and did what needed to be done, be it clearing the land or digging ditches for plumbing. None of these workers were paid despite the fact that they worked at least eight hours every day doing strenuous physical labor. The name of the game was volunteerism.

Over the past 50 years of TR's existence, volunteerism has made the park what it is today. We have a Garden Club that maintains the beautiful garden by Lake Margaret as well as other areas of the park. The "divots" group goes out every Tuesday morning with their

buckets of sand and seed to repair any divots on the golf course. They are volunteers.

There are over 100 activities available for everyone to enjoy each week. We do not hire people to run these activities. Each is led by a volunteer.

TR is fortunate to have its own Fire Department and First Responders, again, staffed by volunteers.

The philosophy of Busch and Ruth was to save money by doing whatever work possible with volunteer labor. Today's generation is more prone to hire someone to do whatever needs to be done. If TR were to hire people to complete the many tasks done by

volunteers, it is likely that most of us could not afford to live here. Volunteerism definitely benefits our pocketbooks.

Someone said "volunteering brings out the best in everyone."

TR is also noted as being a friendly place. We wave to everyone and say hello even if we do not know the individual. Even the FedEx and Amazon drivers have begun waving. It all adds to our strong sense of community.

We hope all you "newbies" will help maintain the park spirit. Wave to everyone, say hello and most important, remember to volunteer to share whatever talents you have.

Volunteers maintain TR's Christmas spirit at Sacred Heart Church

by Margaret Emmetts

We will be starting a series of articles highlighting past and present residents of TR who truly embody the spirit of the Park with their volunteerism.

If you have driven past Sacred Heart Church in San Antonio you are probably familiar with the large wooden Christmas cards on display near the Church. One of these cards is from TR and has been on display seasonally for many years. The card was originally painted by former TR resident and artist Laura Kennedy.

For many years Gloria and Larry Polzin have been seeing to putting the card up. They have also quietly been paying the annual fee for the electricity used to light the sign.

Just another example of the "behind the scenes" volunteerism that goes on at TR.

I don't know how the tradition started of putting up wooden cards. But, if you have had the opportunity to visit Church Street Christmas in Dade City you will find many wooden cards on the lawns of various houses.

I often wondered how TR got a card placed at the San Antonio Church, thinking it was probably done by Ray Hill and the



BILL BIGELOW, JIM CONANT AND LARRY POLZIN

Board. Who knew it was the Polzins all along.

You might recall Gloria is also the person who creates all the great costumes for the Little Theatre productions as well as those used by the Choir for their Christmas Cantata. Not only does she make spectacular costumes, but she does it on a budget. Larry has served on our Fire/Rescue Department for many years.

Thank you Gloria and Larry.



DAVE BASS, BILL BIGELOW AND JIM CONANT



JIM CONANT AND DAVE BASS

Photos by Roxy Bass



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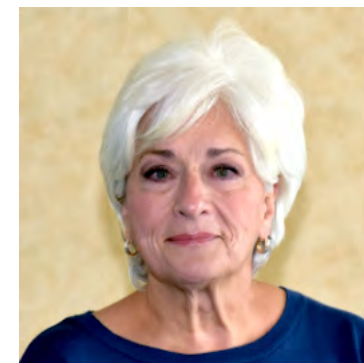
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BUSCH HALL

Sunday Night
presents

Cypress Creek Jazz Band



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THE CYPRESS CREEK JAZZ BAND

by Sandy Langell

Sunday, Jan. 7 we kick off the new year with Dixieland jazz! Cypress Creek Jazz Band has been opening our season in November for several years now, and we heard a lot of complaints from people that don't arrive at TR until January - so, here they are in January!

It is impossible to sit still and listen to this music. Your toes will tap no matter how hard you try to control them. Cypress Creek Jazz Band is led by Robin Jodoi. They are a top-notch local band, and recently released their first Christmas album.

The show is in Busch Hall, and there is no admission charge. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. for the ice cream social, announcements are at 6:45 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m.

Announcing the dates for TR Celebration

by Donna Probes

Dedicated to making our park the best place to be when the snow flies up north, the Travelers Rest Board along with Ray Hill have paved the way for a new tradition. It's called "TR Celebration!"

This season will feature two celebration events. The first will be a Mexican Fiesta on Friday, Feb. 23. This event will be an expansion of the Friday Afternoon LIVE offering.

Mark your calendar for a start time of 2:30 p.m. All residents are invited to bring a Mexican potluck snack item to Busch Hall - such as salsa, chips, guacamole, bean dips, tortillas, sour cream, veggies, cornbread, tamales, etc. At 3 p.m. the highlight of the afternoon will be a live mariachi band.

Many folks have heard this authentic ensemble at Los Valarta's Mexican restaurant in Wes-

ley Chapel. These eight outstanding musicians will stroll the hall as everyone enjoys the snack potluck. Bring your favorite libation.

Immediately following the mariachi band at 4 p.m. Doc and Donna Probes will present a live concert of Spanish and Margaritaville music on the Busch Hall stage. As many know, Doc is multilingual and he is fluent in Spanish. He will feature some of his favorite Spanish songs along with your Jimmy Buffett favorites.

Food trucks will be available so that you can purchase a full meal if you wish as the afternoon goes on.

The second TR Celebration event will be a gala, season-end afternoon on Saturday, March 16. This year's theme will be a Down-Home Festival with three bands and plenty of toe-tapping music. Mark your calendar for 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Watch for more exciting details to come. But don't forget to make a note of these two times now so that you won't miss out on the fun.



Tuesday Night Movie



by Carol and Jim Henrikson

Tuesday Night Movies [TNM] opened on Tuesday, Jan. 2, with the 2023 movie *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*. We are pleased to announce that the TR InTouchLink Community app is currently posting the January movie schedule. Once underway this information will be updated to provide the movie listing a month ahead. Previews of all the movies to be presented are also available on InTouchLink. Additionally, more information on TNM movies can be found in *The TR Times*.

We will have new signs saying MOVIE TONIGHT placed strategically around Travelers Rest each Tuesday morning reminding residents and friends that a movie is being shown that evening.

By request, we have purchased *Killers of the Flower Moon* to be shown in March. The much-acclaimed *Barbie* and recently released *Maestro* will be included in the February slate. Take care!

A Sonos Audio system is installed in Citrus East. Sound checks are underway. I believe you will enjoy the upgrade in the clarity of sound and in improved listening dynamics.

We have yet to find a volunteer to prepare popcorn for your TNM evenings. Popcorn will be available once we have volunteer help. Please text or phone us at (352) 760-1150 if you can help in this effort.

Hope to see you at TNM.

Wednesday Night Concert Series



Jan. 17,
Captivating Keyboards,
Alan Tripp and Scott Griffin



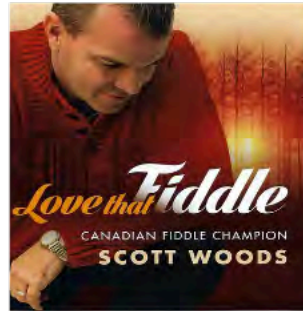
Feb. 7, We've Only Just Begun:
Carpenters Remembered
Annual Spectacular



Feb. 21,
Stephen Ditchfield and
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March 6, Scott Woods
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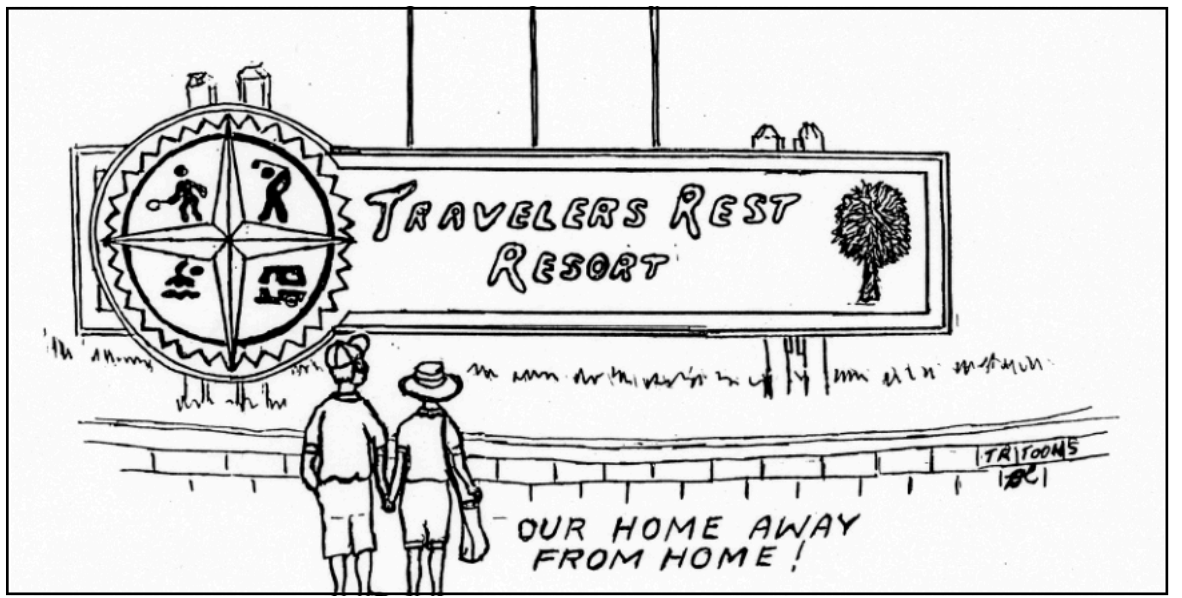
As we start a new year we often wonder what that year will bring for us. Many years ago a radio psychologist said that we write our own life script. What did she mean by that?

Think about your many friends. How does each one face the future? Do they anticipate everything will go wrong or do they expect things will go well?

I would suggest the psychologist is right. You get what you expect. If you view the glass as half full, things will be rosy. On the other hand, if you view the glass as half empty, you tend to get what you expect. If you think about it you will realize that for some individuals everything seems to go wrong, while for others they breeze through life with few problems. Bottom line, we tend to get what we look for.

We are on the threshold of a new year, 2024. I hope that you will be one of the people who view the glass as half full and look forward to a wonderful year full of new experiences and new friends. We all know that TR is just the place for people with positive expectations.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year. *mre*



The Servant's Plow

The Sages of heavenly wisdom

by Pastor Anthony Shipe

We have been on a rewarding journey over the last few weeks with the conclusion of Advent and embracing the New Year ahead. The story of Anna and Simeon in the Bible offer us some comfort and perspective for the road ahead.

Luke's introduction of Simeon and Anna makes a point of highlighting that both were righteous, devout, associated with the temple and described as maintaining the commandments of the Lord.

Simeon is presented as a leader filled with the Holy Spirit and faithfully awaiting the consolation of Israel. As John Carroll notes, the noun *paraklesis*, translated as "comfort" or "consolation," reminds readers of Isaiah's proclamation of approaching salvation for Jerusalem and the comfort that has been granted (Isaiah 40:1-2). Within its literary context, the suggestion that Simeon was waiting for the consolation of the nation reveals that he lived not so much for himself but for others in the nation.

Simeon's declaration that he will now go in peace, having met Jesus, reminds readers of the peace the great company of the heavenly host announced to people of good will (Luke 2:14). Simeon's peace comes not from thinking that everything will be peaceful in light of Jesus' arrival—it will not be—but from deep awareness that Jesus will challenge the Roman Empire that offered its own version of peace and reserved it for a select few. Simeon's peace comes from the assurance that everyone will benefit from that challenge to the empire and from redemption.

Simeon's emphasis on the theme of salvation to all nations is important within the canonical



ANTHONY SHIPE

context. The prophet Isaiah introduced the theme in Isaiah 40 and 49:13. But Isaiah's vision of salvation is extended to the gentiles as well (Isaiah 49:6). This theme of salvation to both communities—rather than one or the other—plays out in the rest of the Gospel and in Acts.

Simeon predicts that the Christ Child will cause the falling and rising of many and suggests that Jesus will disturb the existing structures that are hierarchical and will consequently face resistance. He will become a stumbling block to many in the nation.

Simeon's prediction that a sword will pierce Mary's own soul is intriguing for at least two reasons. Both Joseph and Mary appear in this story, but Simeon's words are addressed to Mary alone. As with previous sections, Joseph remains in the background as Luke introduces Mary as the central figure who will walk with Jesus on this journey. Within this literary context, Simeon offers Mary a realistic warning about what awaits her now that her life is intrinsically connected to Jesus' mission of challenging the powerful.

Simeon offers a slightly different and necessary perspec-

tive on the life of Jesus. He speaks about the peace and salvation Jesus brings, but he also speaks about the resistance and violence they will experience. His eyes have seen salvation, but he also sees a sword that will afflict Mary. The Gospel certainly means good news to some and bad news to others, but at times it brings joyful news and challenging times for the same group of people.

Luke consistently makes observations about Mary's response in all key encounters. Mary posed pointed questions to Gabriel but responded affirmatively at the end of her conversation with the angel. Mary sang about the mission of her Child after her meeting with Elizabeth and "treasured up all these things" and "pondered them in her heart." But this time Luke says little about how Mary responded to Simeon's prophecy that a sword would pierce her own soul. Mary rarely responds with silence, but this time she chooses silence. Jesus' work of confronting structures of power will bring redemption, but it will also put Mary and others in harm's way.

The dedication of Jesus to God at the temple sets Jesus on the way to his work of redemption.


Simeon and Anna thus become spokesman and spokeswoman for the salvation and redemption that is to come through Jesus. Simeon gets a glimpse of the salvation that one day the whole world ("all flesh") will see which is the forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. That is the ultimate meaning of Christmas, the incarnation of the Son of God.

May your journey ahead this year be blessed with the wisdom from the old Sages and a desire to seek the things from above.

TR Church Association

Choir Rehearsal Friday, 8:45 a.m.
Bernie Gutridge
Bible Study Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Hymn Sing ... Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Barb Swartz
Worship Service
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Anthony Shipe
Holy Communion 2nd Sunday of
the month.

Praise and Worship
1st and 3rd Saturday of each
month
Praise and Worship Service
1st and 3rd Saturday, 4:30 p.m. in
Busch Hall



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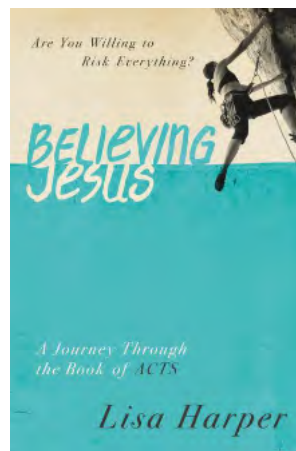
A journey through the Book of Acts

Tuesday, Jan. 9 through Tuesday, Feb. 27,
3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

This eight week study's session titles are as follows:

- ▶ The Declarations That Define Us
- ▶ Earth, Wind and Celestial Fire
- ▶ Checkered Pasts Can Make Incredible Preachers
- ▶ What's Mine Is Yours
- ▶ Loving More People, More
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- ▶ Turning Your World Upside Down
- ▶ Bearing the Chain Because

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The Siren



by Jean Bjorgen

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between an Urgent Care Facility and a Hospital Emergency Room?

We've all grown up knowing an ER is where you go when there are heart attacks, strokes, multiple wounds from a motor vehicle accident, sudden and/or severe unrelenting abdominal or head pain, falls with head/neck injury and other such obvious issues requiring immediate medical intervention by highly trained medical teams with access to multiple diagnostic machines. The Hospital Emergency Room is designed for **life-threatening emergencies**.

How Urgent Care Facilities are different than Hospital Emergency Rooms

"Urgent care" to me has always been synonymous with "emergency care." It sort of sounds the same. Something needing urgent medical attention was the same as a medical issue needing emergency care or so my brand of logic interpreted it. However as I became aware of the numerous Urgent Care Facilities popping up all over, I was never quite sure which place to go in the event a medical event needed faster evaluation than making an appointment with my regular doctor.

Urgent Care Facilities and Hospital Emergency Rooms are not the same and it has to do more with the level of medical care than it does with speed.

Urgent Care is designed to treat:

- Colds
- Flu
- Allergies
- Fever
- Rashes
- Sports, school and employee physicals
- Annual wellness check-ups
- Diagnostic X-rays (not at all

facilities)

- Broken bones can be set and casted (though not all facilities offer this service)
- Immunizations
- Minor cuts and abrasions
- Other various non-life-threatening ailments

Walk-ins are welcome, but persons with appointments have priority. Appointments are encouraged. (FYI: Walmart in Zephyrhills has just opened one in that store.)

Payment is expected at time of service and a variety of insurance plans are accepted.

The cost runs similar to a doctor's office visit.

By law, ERs are required to treat a patient, regardless of ability to pay.

At a minimum, an ER visit starts at about \$1,000 and can escalate substantially according to care provided.

ALERT: TR First Responders will be providing CPR and AED Training Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Busch Hall. The training session is open to all residents and guests.

Healthy Tips

Volunteerism - a healthy benefit

by Donna Neer, RN (retired)

The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines "volunteer" as a noun, an adjective and as a verb. As a noun, a volunteer is someone who willingly "offers to do something without being forced to or without getting paid to do it." Used as an adjective, to volunteer is to engage in an activity. As a verb, to volunteer refers to the activity of giving of one's self to a program or function. As a noun, being a volunteer can describe you!

Isn't it interesting that this nine-letter word can be used in so many ways? You might be wondering what prompted me to write this article discussing the health benefits of volunteering? Truly, it was quite simple. I will explain, but first I would like to share experiences Ken and I have had with volunteering, both at home and at church here at TR.

When we first arrived here at this little bit of paradise we knew, absolutely KNEW, that TR was going to be our winter home. Our first season at TR, although we were here for only 3½ weeks, we made many acquaintances. Through these residents we saw that the spirit of volunteering was (and still is) what makes TR such a special place. Our second season, we were here for three months and we "got involved." Ken as a golfer volunteered for the divot patrol group on Tuesday mornings which subsequently led to him signing up to be a starter at the Golf Shack. He read that help was needed to prepare the Snack Shack for the season and before he knew it he was on the Thursday crew. He now leads the two Blood Drives which are held at TR every season.

Me...what can I say? That second season when I was sitting on my patio a lady came down the street on her bike and asked me if I wanted to learn to clog? Heck, I had no idea what clogging was, but now 16 years later I am passionately involved with clogging and am blessed to teach teams here in TR and at home in Ohio (both of which I volunteer to teach). Thank you, Diane Phillips, for introducing me to the world of dance at age 60!

HEALTHY TIPS has been a column that I have enjoyed writing over the years for *The TR Times* (which by the way is completely staffed by volunteers). I can't

forget the TR Talent Show. My goodness, I had never ever done anything like that in my life until Doug Pedersen asked me to direct it and I have had so many "behind the scenes" volunteers that have made the Talent Show such a huge event here at TR every year.

Now, let me get back to the subject at hand.....VOLUNTEERISM. Why volunteer? Well, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service "the first and biggest benefit people get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country." The article further states that pride, satisfaction and accomplishment are worthwhile reasons to serve. When we share our time and talents, we feel a sense of satisfaction.

Stephen G. Post, PhD, professor of preventive medicine and author, states that volunteerism has lasting physical and psychological benefits. Those who volunteer regularly have healthier hearts, less chronic pain and bolstered immune systems. Older volunteers are most likely to receive greater benefits from volunteering due to the greater sense of "purpose." A volunteer establishes a stronger relationship with others, increases functional physical abilities and can lower rates of depression. By volunteering we shift our attention to the needs of others rather than ourselves, while our cortisol (stress hormone) levels decrease. A 2013 study of over 1,500 adults found that those who volunteered at least 200 hours per year (4 hours a week) were 40% less likely to develop high blood pressure as compared to non-volunteers.

Here at TR, volunteers are critical. I look around and I truly marvel at the volunteering spirit that helps to make TR what it is. A look into *The TR Times* Bulletin Board section speaks to the heart of the success of our park. By volunteering here at TR you would not only benefit your overall health status, but you would make new friends and continue the traditions/activities that we all enjoy. Think about it and make volunteering here at TR your New Years Resolution!

(References: Web MD, Corporation for National & Community Service)

Snack Shack to open

Happy New Year and welcome back! Opening day for the Snack Shack is Monday, Jan. 8. The Snack Shack's hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The current menu and prices are listed below.



Burgers/Dogs:	Beverages:
Beefburger.....4.25	Soda......75
Cheeseburger.....4.50	Iced Tea......75
Dbl. Beefburger.....5.75	Bottled water......75
Dbl. Cheeseburger.....6.50	Hot Tea......75
Hot Dog.....2.25	Coffee - Reg. & Decaf... .75
Italian Sausage.....4.00	Potato Chips......75
Chicken Breast.....4.50	
Sandwiches:	Daily Specials
Ham & Cheese.....4.00	Mon. - Chili.....3.25
Turkey.....4.00	Tue. - Soup.....2.50
Salad Plate:	Wed. - Chili Dog.....2.50
Ham.....5.75	Thu. - Chowder.....3.25
Turkey.....5.75	Fri. - Tuna Salad.....5.75
Veggie (no meat).....4.50	Fri. - Tuna Sandwich....3.75
New:	Fri. - Grilled Cheese.....2.25
Grilled Chicken Breast	
Salad.....5.75	
Extras:	
Slaw, cheese, beans......50	
Extra slice of cheese......50	
Grilled onions......50	
Sauerkraut......50	



What to do when the power goes off

by Margaret Emmetts

It was Christmas Eve many years ago. My children were still young and my in-laws were staying with me for the holiday. I had done my baking and cleaning, the tree was decorated, I had cooked dinner and it was now time to clean up. In a word, I was tired.

As we began to load the dishwasher, the electricity suddenly went off. The fault was not in our house. The whole neighborhood was without power.

It was Christmas Eve crunch time. Our initial reaction was that this was a terrible time to have no power, there is so much yet to do. We were forced to postpone all the chores we had planned. But, what could we do?

We found a perfect solution. We lit some candles, gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols.

Surprisingly, all the chores did get finished - eventually. In the meantime, we had a wonderful break that emphasized the real meaning of the season.

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Activity Affairs

Busy week starts the new year!

by Guy Weik

There will be no rest for any weary New Year's Eve revelers at TR this week. Tomorrow morning, Jan. 6, is our first **Saturday Flea Market** with Coffee and Donuts, which runs from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Busch Hall.

Praise and Worship also is scheduled on the first and third Saturdays in Busch Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8, is a day all residents look forward to - the opening day for the **Snack Shack!** The Snack Shack is open for lunch weekdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8, is also our first **Resident Forum** for 2024. It starts at 3 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, is the day of this season's fun and informative **Activities Showcase**. Come check out all the activities being



GUY WEIK

offered at TR this season. The Showcase is open for visitors from 9 to 11 a.m. in Busch Hall. Tables will be set up Tuesday afternoon for exhibitors to set up late that afternoon or at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Please sign your activity up if you haven't done so already. You can sign up on the

Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall or email Guy Weik at activities@travelersrestresort.com.

You might want to take a short nap Wednesday afternoon so you can participate in **Karaoke** that night in Busch Hall. It's going to be a fun Margaritaville night at Karaoke! Come sing your favorite sun-and-sand song and wear your best island shirt! Let's honor Jimmy Buffet with a full crowd at Karaoke, 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

These are just the special events that are nestled in among all our regular daily activities at TR. You can view them all in your TR Directory under the Building Schedules, the Additional/Outdoors Activities Schedule and the Monthly Special Events. You can also find them listed in the InTouchLink schedule online.



TR Directory updates

by Guy Weik

Every year, for various reasons, some schedule changes are made after the *TR Directory* has been sent to the printer. I will make note of the changes here, so you can make the corrections in your directories.

Building Activities Schedules

1. (Sunday): Busch Hall: Church Association new times: Choir Practice (8:45-9:30 a.m.); Bible Study (9:30-10:15 a.m.); Hymn Sing (10:15-10:30 a.m.); Church Service (10:30-11:30 a.m.).

2. (Thursday) 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Change Zumba from JMAB to Citrus West.

3. (Thursday) Red Dot Socials: Start at noon. Welcoming Committee meetings still start at 11:30 a.m.

4. Rock Painting (Wednesday) is starting a half hour earlier, so it is now 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the JMAB.

5. (Thursday) Add RV South Happy Hour during inclement weather, 4-5:30 p.m. in Citrus West.

Additional/Outdoor Activities

New times for RC Sailboat Practice on Tuesday (9-11 a.m.); RC Sailboat Races on Wednesdays and Saturdays (9-11 a.m.).

Activity Contacts (phone numbers in directory):

1. Brass Ensemble (#16): Cross out Steve Bowman's name and contact information.

2. Flea Markets (#51): Rick and Amy Peebles.

3. Genealogy (#55): George Adamson.

4. Habitat for Humanity (#58): Charlie Mason.

5. Singing Men (#105): Change Dennis Ledbetter to Gene Gough.

Dining with Friends

by Marlene Hughes

Dining with Friends will meet Saturday, Jan. 13, at 5 p.m. in Busch Hall for the first time this season. Harold and Marlene Hughes are your hosts for the season. We were excited to see such a great turnout last season and hope we will have a repeat turnout this season. We met old friends and made new ones as we shared food, fellowship and some great music. We would like to request you bring



your family's favorite dish this time to share. This should ensure great food and maybe insight into your family's favorites. Everything else is furnished except your beverage. There is a signup sheet on the Activities Bulletin Board in Busch Hall.

We are looking forward to seeing you Jan. 13 at 5 p.m.

TR Quilt Guild offers a sneak peak at Quilt-A-Rama



Photo submitted by Joan Ledbetter

Pat Greene, Susan Slagle, Carol Luther and Shala Wilson showing a quilt top.

by Joan Ledbetter

The TR Quilt Guild has begun preparations for this season's Quilt-A-Rama being held on Tuesday, Feb. 27 in Busch Hall.



File photo

McKinley Brown is excited to help with Quilt-A-Rama.

Activities Showcase WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, 9 to 11 a.m.

Waist Watchers continue to meet

by Jackie Thackery

Every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Hobby House Porch weigh-in begins and our meeting does not last more than 45 mins. If you are interested only in maintenance, including not gaining or losing weight, join us for a weekly power boost, not caloric or exercise during this time, but encouragement and support.

New members are always welcome without judgment or fees. We share smiles and ideas. Come join us. All are welcome.

Beadaholics will meet on Mondays

by Kathy Kushman

Beadaholics, TR's beading activity group, will meet on Mondays now through March, starting Jan. 8, at 10:15 a.m. to noon in Citrus East.

We welcome you to join us and no experience is necessary. We give instruction, help each other and have lots of fun. Come to a meeting and see what we're all about.

For more information contact Kathy Lemke at 847-456-5824 or Kathy Kushman at 860-608-8668.

Travelogue schedule for 2024

by Bert Contractor

We are urgently looking for volunteers to share their travel investment with fellow TR friends. Travelogue presentations are scheduled in the months of January, February and March. This season the presentations are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Citrus East. Unfortunately due to a schedule conflict, the Travelogue on Jan. 10 is canceled.

Travelogue schedule:

- Jan. 24 Alan Kenney
Mexico Airstream Caravan
- Feb. 14 Bert Contractor
A Taste of India
- Feb. 28
- March 13
- March 27

The dates of Feb. 28, March 13 and March 27 are currently open. Please contact me via text or call 980-334-5050 if you are interested in sharing your travel adventures. If you need assistance with preparing your slideshow I will be glad to help.

The first travelogue of the season will be presented by Alan Kenney. Please mark your calendar on Wednesday, Jan. 24,



Photo submitted by Alan Kenney

Colorful dancer in Mexico.

from 3 to 4:30 p.m. for this exciting and colorful presentation. The following is a description in Alan's own words of what you will see and hear.

"Since the inception of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI), caravans into Mexico have been a big hit with Airstreamers. The first WBCCI caravan was held in the

winter of 1952-53. The last WBCCI caravan, dubbed Copper Canyon Piggyback was held in 2004. Since that time no new excursions into Mexico had been scheduled. As interest grew among baby-boomers to caravan into Mexico the Caravanas De Mexico RV Tours agency offered a seminar at the 2019 WBCCI International Rally in Doswell, Va. Approximately 25 WBCCI members signed on for an adventure of a lifetime. The rest is history.

"On a crisp morning in 2020 those adventurers arrived at the Desert Diamond Casino in Tucson, Ariz. to meet and greet. After safety checks and organizing of paperwork for the impending border crossing, motors were started and the caravan began. The best 200 photos and videos of over 2,200 taken will be shown at this Travelogue. Key points of interest will include the Sea of Cortez, the El Chepe Railroad into Copper Canyon, several cities including Mexico City, parade floats from the Carnival celebration in Mouzalon and many photos taken along the way."

Join the Woodcarving Club on Wednesdays

by Linda Murphy

The Woodcarving Club meets weekly on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon in Citrus West now through April 3. Everyone from observers to the most experienced carvers are welcome.

Club members with carving experience will carve whatever they desire. We will provide several classes for the less experienced where we systematically go through a project step-by-step. Our first project this year will be a simple comfort cross to learn the basics of using a knife and pattern.

During the first meetings we will discuss types of cuts, working safely and how to sharpen your tools. We will do carving at each meeting. We will have a required glove and knife available at cost or you can bring your own if they are correct.

Required things you will need: knife, glove, wound seal if you are on blood thinners, band aids, pencil and eraser.

- Suggested things to bring if you have: Compass for making circles, not finding your way out of the woods.
- Other projects we may or may not have depending upon interest: shorebirds (plover, egret or heron); fish (yellow tang or angel fish); basic face and Jesus at the gate.
- Experienced carvers are encouraged to carve their desired project.
- For more information: see Linda Murphy at lot 13-28 or call her at 717-968-9306.



File photo

Learn the art of woodcarving.



TR resident wins blue ribbon at local gingerbread house contest



Photo submitted by Rich Kushman
Bard Fuller with his winning entry.

by Pam Watkins

TR resident Bard Fuller won first place for his gingerbread house entry in the 2023 Dade City Gingerbread House Contest that was part of the town's annual Church Street Christmas event. Contest entries were on display at the Dade City United Methodist Church from Dec. 21 through 23. It was sponsored by several local businesses for the Dade City Center for the Arts.

There are both adult and children's categories in the contest with cash prizes being awarded. Contestants are judged on their overall workmanship, but also in originality, creativity, technical difficulty and theme continuity. Fuller, and his sister Nancy Clemmons who lives locally, have a friendly sibling rivalry each year with their culinary creations. Competition was tough this time with several beautiful entries. Although Fuller's outstanding, Dutch-style windmill swept first place, Clemmons' stunning "North Pole Candy Factory" wasn't far behind bringing home the second-place red ribbon.

Congratulations to our neighborhood bakers.



Photo by Alan Kenney
Sister Nancy's entry with second place ribbon.

Free spirits visit Impressionist's display



Photo by Jackie Thackery
FREE SPIRITS

by Jackie Thackery

Wednesday, Dec. 13, eight members of the TR Hatters toured the Tampa Museum of Art near Ashley Dr. The Impressionist's display was the center attraction of the permanent display at TMA. In 2024, the term Impressionism celebrates its 150th anniversary. Such a significant occasion inspires reflection on the profound impact that a relatively small group

of artists in Paris made by posing a new mode of painting: one that favored painting outdoors over in a studio, immediacy over planning, the everyday over the grand, and the fleeting over the eternal. In doing so, the Impressionists upended centuries of traditions in European art. This exhibition explores the radical impulses behind Impressionism and its seemingly endless adaptability, as artists from around the world came to Paris to study and returned to their homelands, assimilating what they had absorbed and propelling the movement further. So if you have not viewed this collection, you have time until Jan. 7, to do so.

Several were in awe of the antiquities display including artifacts from Greece and the Roman Empire. Also presented were a Mexican Artist Pepe Mar and a Haitian display. All were perused as we walked through the large gallery. Employees were in each area to answer questions.

Camille Pissarro in early 1900 had many female models, but this small presentation of a peasant working woman was entrancing. Max Slevogt's painting demonstrated the dot paintings some were expecting. This one included a gnarley tree and water in vibrantly

unique colors of golden yellow, puce green and turquoise. Clemencia Arce (Lipka) and I shared the very unusual drawing of A Home-made Submarine. She helped me translate some of the artist's notes scattered sparsely around the vehicle, such as, "It can't say my grandmother's name." I got that one, so I remembered and wonder why not?

Sue Wendt, Sue Brackin, Kay Blunda, Barbara Colson, Patricia Sciarappa, Tara Sciarappa, Clemencia and I traveled SE to the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City established in 1905. We enjoyed various lunches, including Tapas (appetizers-fried shrimp or crab-cakes) while others enjoyed salads with and without shrimp, and several had Boliche 'Criollo'-Roasted eye round of beef stuffed with chorizo and roasted in flavorful gravy served with black beans, rice, yucca and plantain. Almost all were satiated with Cuban bread, though it was demonstrated that a gluten-free menu is easily maintained at this restaurant.

Everyone was entertained by this interesting outing and look forward to whatever is planned by someone else. It is not difficult to be a chairwoman in this group when others share the planning.

Model Railroad Club



Photos by Brian Krupicka

by Brian Krupicka

The TR Model Railroad Club will hold its first meeting of the 2024 season on Friday, Jan. 5 in the Jeri Miller Activities Center from 9:30 a.m. until noon. All are welcome. Several members have completed new, even more inter-

esting displays for your enjoyment. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243. We are looking forward to getting this season off to a great start.



TR Amateur Radio Club News



by Dan Zile

Welcome back. The TR Amateur Radio Club (TRARC) plans another busy season of improvements and activities. Although much of our "busyness" may not be seen by the public, club members are quite active.

We plan our second annual participation in Winter Field Day. This is an exercise to see if our club members can install and power a Communications Station in an emergency situation without using the electric grid. We do so using only solar power. Last season we made over 160 contacts throughout Canada, Mexico and the U.S. Our goal is to exceed that number this season. Behind the scenes we worked with the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center to test that the TR Communications Center can maintain contact with them in the event of an emergency. Our testing was successful last season. Last season we completed renovations to our main tower to ensure that communications remain successful. Ongoing technical training for members occurs throughout the season.

In the Park, TRARC members can be seen selling coffee and donuts at all of the Flea Markets in Busch Hall and the Parkwide Yard Sales. These goodies always go quickly which is evidence of your support. We thank you. Members also participate in the Activity Showcase as well as the Hobby and Art Show. This is an opportunity for residents to meet our members, discuss TRARC and ask questions.

Many club volunteers spend hours teaching others about different aspects of Amateur Radio which improve our technical abilities. We have a great group of members who give selflessly of their time to help others. If you think you might have any interest in learning about Amateur Radio or getting your Amateur license, please contact one of our members, Dave Baur at 207-650-8384 or baurdelta@icloud.com or Dan Zile at 618-954-8550 or WB0YMQ@aol.com.

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Christmas at TR begins with the Annual Golf Cart Parade



Terry and Molly Flores created a sleigh pulled by a reindeer. Their design won first place.



TR's own fire truck led the parade.

After lining up on Snack Shack Road the carts toured The Village then paused at the Veterans Memorial for a brief ceremony.



Darold Long recites a poem as part of the Veterans' tribute to our Service Personnel while Santa kneels in respect.

Photos by Val Schmal and Karen Waldo



The spirit of Christmas

by Marty Schencke

How many volunteers does it take to put on a parade and large reception? I would say the whole community including all the organizers and participants.

My small piece of this huge event was the entertainment. A whole host of folks helped contribute to its' success. I want to extend to them my appreciation for a job well done and to let the readers know just how hard they worked in this production.

Many of the band members also sing and play for the TR Church Association Contemporary Praise and Worship Services held on the first and third Saturdays of each month in Busch Hall. Harold and Susan Keefer along with Chuck Lemke have been part of the Praise Team for over four years. Joining us at the Sing-along was Phil St. John on bass. Phil is also a member of the TR Church choir. This group of volunteers spent numerous hours preparing for the Christmas event, organizing and practicing 20 different Christmas songs. To this team I say thank you for taking the time to

learn to play and sing these songs; I really appreciate you.

No one can hear the voices and instruments without a highly trained and skilled group of audio-visual technicians. The team led by Alan Kenny did a superb job of seeing to the sound equipment and introduced to TR, I think for the first time, slides on the monitors with the sing-along lyrics. The team members were Ken Hankinson, Rick Yoder, Bob Waldo and of course, Alan Kenny. They arrived early and were there well after everyone else left the building (including Elvis). I appreciate these guys and all they do for TR. Thanks again for a job well done.

I would also like to thank everyone for making such delicious cookies. All I can say is Wow. It was hard to choose a favorite. The band would also like to thank the ladies that brought a special plate of cookies to share with them after the show. It was very much appreciated.

All of these folks show that the spirit of Christmas truly lives at TR.

After the memorial ceremony the carts proceeded through the Cabana and RV South sections of the park.



Marcia and Douglas Hatfield sport big smiles while the rear of their cart is full of Christmas gifts.



No parade is complete without spectators. Some neighbors join the Guttridges in front of their home.



RICH KUCHARICK



Tia Paquette and Diane Dujuy brought Cooper along.



GEORGE AND BRENDA VARTY

The days festivities conclude with music, cookies and cocoa in Busch Hall.



Busch Hall's large Christmas tree sets the mood for the day.



Chuck Lemke provides some music for the occasion as does Susan Keefe.



A selection of home-made cookies awaited the parade participants at the conclusion of the event.

Photos by Val Schmal and Karen Waldo



Activity Director Guy Weik and Michele Wilkins are shown in the kitchen dispensing cocoa.

Looking back . . . sometimes the back of the carts held more decorations than the front of the cart



DAVE AND MICHELLE NAPOLETANO



BRIAN AND LORETTA WHITFIELD



GARY AND BETSY BEHLER



ELIZABETH KAZYMIRCZ



MARK AND JOANNA WALTZ



Beyond the Resort

by Linda Spencer

Friday, January 12, 2 to 10:30 p.m., The Dade City Armory welcomes **WWE NXT Live**. This is a developmental branch of World Wrestling Entertainment, which has quickly become one of the company's most respected and followed WWE subsidiaries in the game. Tickets are available for \$35.87 to \$41.52 per person. Location: Dade City Armory, 38017 Live Oak, Dade City. Approximately 10 miles from TR.



LINDA SPENCER

was developed. Tickets are \$10. Location: 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, Dade City. Approximately 9 miles from TR.



Friday, Jan. 12 and Saturday, Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Zephyrhills will hold its **Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival**, hosted by the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce. This is a lively event filled with delicious food, entertainment and activities suitable for all. Location: Zephyrhills Municipal Airport, 39460 South Ave., Zephyrhills. Approximately 16 miles from TR.



Saturday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Pioneer Florida Museum and Village presents **The Raising Cane and Moonshine Festival**. Immerse yourself in the mesmerizing process of live sugar cane syrup making at the fully operational cane mill. Tour the museum and discover how the area



Saturday, Jan. 20, 4 to 7 p.m., **The New Port Richey Craft Beer and Wine Festival**. Sample craft beer and wine in downtown New Port Richey's Historic Sims Park as they kick off the city's 100th Anniversary. Tickets are available in advance for the three-hour event on **Eventbrite.com**. for \$30. Approximately 51 miles from TR.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., **The Annual Kumquat Festival**. Come and enjoy this unique, quaint, "old fashion" festival—it is one of a kind. You will have the opportunity to listen to music, eat delicious food and visit hundreds of art and craft vendors. Location: Downtown Dade City. Approximately 8 miles from TR.

Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile
TR Tour Director

Historically, Travelers Rest has been a winter home to travel enthusiasts. Traveling was such a focus that at one time TR even had its own bus to transport the resident snowbirds to numerous Central Florida attractions. Today there is no park-owned bus, but we do have a wonderful bus company, Small World Tours, that plans exclusive adventures originating from Busch Hall. As your volunteer TR Tour Directors, Sharon and Dan Zile collect and forward all paid reservations to the bus company and escort the tours.



DAN AND SHARON ZILE

travelers the opportunity to walk through the beautiful gardens, enjoy the carillon concerts and explore the historic home, El Retiro, as well as learn the history of Bok Towers in the Visitor Center, shop in the Gift Shop and enjoy lunch on the patio.

Just yesterday three additional day trips were announced at an early morning Travel Seminar in Busch Hall. You may make a paid reservation for one or more of these trips by sending a check made payable to Small World Tours to Sharon Zile, lot 2540.

The St. John's River Cruise on the Barbara Lee will be our day trip on Wednesday, Jan. 24 and has an Activity Level 1. Scooters and other assistive devices are welcome. The trip departs from Busch Hall at 8 a.m. and returns by 5 p.m. The Barbara Lee is a 107-foot authentic paddle-wheeler, featuring a Victorian theme with chandeliers, brass and wood accents and plush seating. The large picture windows throughout the dining area give beautiful views of this Northern Florida river and Lake Monroe while the captain's informative narration tells of the area's history and ecology. Meals are freshly prepared on board and include 6 lunch choices and their famous cinnamon rolls. A wonderful DJ will sing and play music. Dancing is encouraged! Cost is \$135 pp. Reservations due by Jan. 13.

New to TR's travel itineraries is the Ybor City Tour and Columbia Restaurant on Thursday,

Feb. 22, also Activity Level 1. Our docent-led bus tour will step back in time to visit the Latin Quarter of Tampa, one of only two National Historic Landmark Districts in Florida. We'll enjoy a stop at a Cuban Bakery and have lunch at Florida's oldest restaurant, The Columbian Restaurant, founded in 1905. If all this is not enough, we will experience the culture and dance traditions of Spain as we watch a special performance of Flamenco dancers. A Florida **MUST do!** Cost is \$139 pp including bus transportation, lunch, performance, tax and gratuities. Reservations due by Feb. 8. Departure at 8:30 a.m., return to Busch Hall by 3:30 p.m. Sign ups have begun.

Our Wednesday, March 13 day trip will find TR travelers taking a VIP tour of the Daytona International Speedway. With our 8 a.m. departure, we'll enjoy lunch at Bahama Breeze before we enter the World of Racing. More details in a future article, but race enthusiasts will not want to miss this unique tour. Activity Level 2 – walking involved. Cost is \$149 pp and includes the VIP tour, lunch, bus transportation, tax and gratuities. Make your reservation today!

Also on the agenda for 2024 is an Hawaiian Cruise, March 2-9. The 58 TR cruisers will have an Hawaiian-themed get-acquainted party on Wednesday, Jan. 10 in Citrus East. This party, planned for and by an enthusiastic group of travelers will feature TR musicians, Hawaiian-themed heavy hors d'oeuvres and a brief bit of information about the trip. Rumor has it that there just may be some authentic dancing, too! Suggested donation \$5 pp.

With this active TR travel season, all bus trip reservations are transferable should you discover that you need to cancel your paid reservation. Just give Sharon a call at 740-360-3819.

"Hawaii is the only place I know where they lay flowers on you while you are still alive." Will Rogers



Photos submitted by Sharon Zile
Carolyn Place chats with two young carillonists who played the many bells within Bok Tower.

A recent excursion to Bok Tower and Gardens, near Lake Wales, was an enjoyable bus trip for 32 TR residents. The perfect weather made for an outstanding day to launch the 2023-24 TR travel season. Bok Tower and Gardens rests on the crest of Iron Mountain, the highest point on the peninsular of Florida (298 feet above sea level). A beautiful carillon tower forms the centerpiece of the lush 157-acre sanctuary for birds, animals, plants and people. The beautiful sounds of Bok Tower's 57 bells could be heard throughout the surrounding



Guests watch a live feed of the afternoon carillon concert at Bok Tower.

landscape. Created by the legendary Dutch-born American editor and *Ladies Home Journal* publisher, Bok Tower and Gardens became one of Florida's earliest tourist attractions and gave TR



The inspiration of Edward Bok was apparent throughout Bok Tower and Gardens.



Herbs and vegetables were featured in the household garden at El Retiro.



Donna and Roy French with a begonia Christmas tree at El Retiro.

Barbara Lee River Cruise


Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024

Join us for a wonderful day on the water! Elegant decor, fine dining, an ever-changing water view on the St. Johns River all combine to make a luncheon cruise aboard the "Barbara Lee" a truly memorable afternoon. This is one of a very few authentic paddle wheelers in the country. This 107-foot vessel features a Victorian theme with chandeliers, brass and wood accents, plush seating and large picture windows throughout the dining areas. On our 3 hour cruise, relax on the outer decks while an informative narration of the area's history and present ecology is provided by the captain. A fantastic DJ will sing and play music, dancing is encouraged as well! A full sit-down luncheon service with a choice of six mouth watering entrees is provided with all meals freshly prepared aboard ship in the galley. Get your friends together and experience this fun-filled cruise departing from Sanford, Florida. Activity Level 1.

Full payment due at time of reservation
No refunds after 01-10-24.
Tickets are transferable
Contact: Sharon Gilbert Zile TR#2540
Phone: (740) 360-3819
Email: sgilbert1081@gmail.com

Motor coach departs Busch Hall at 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

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Library News



TR Avid Readers

by Loretta Whitfield

I had the pleasure of meeting Kay Blunda at the TR library to learn more about one of our longtime residents. Kay is so knowledgeable about books and authors, fiction and nonfiction, that she couldn't narrow her favorites down to a short list. While looking through the shelves, Kay did recommend *Bauve Binchy* as good reading.

Kay is a key volunteer that looks after our book collection over the summer, but with her knowledge of books and authors, she is heavily relied on to help with making sure favorites and the classics are kept when we need to thin out the shelves.

Kay grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her mom loved books, often read to her and frequently took her to the library where Kay enjoyed the librarian's little gifts, such as books, necklaces and book markers, as well as the storytelling sessions.

Kay always wanted to be a nurse. Her mom was concerned about her working the shifts and her safety at night. Kay first went into teaching, but later on she trained as an RN. She continued to occasionally teach as a spare teacher while nursing.

Kay was asked once what her first adult book was and she clearly recalls *I Married Adventure* by Osa Johnson. She learned about Travelers Rest at a flamingo party for Airstreamers and has been a part of TR for 17 years. What good luck for TR.

New arrivals

Winning Your Blood Sugar Battle (2019) by Richard Furman MD FACS is a recent non-fiction addition to the library. It begins by describing what diabetes and prediabetes are and how they affect the heart, brain and insulin. The second part discusses defeating diabetes and shares advice about our lifestyle choices involving food, weight and exercise. It is written in a very easy to read style. Dr. Richard Furman is a vascular surgeon with over 30 years experience saving lives and addressing the problems that kill over half of all Americans.

Before I Forget (2016) by husband and wife, B. Smith and Dan Gasby, is a non-fiction book recently added to our library. The authors share their journey after B., a successful model, speaker and restaurant owner, is diagnosed with Alzheimer's. They chronicle the early signs, the available resources they discover and the hurdles encountered as they seek guidance and medical advice, to cope with the changes in their family life. They openly and honestly share their ups and downs with the reader.



Photo by Amy Peebles
Kay Blunda.

Garden news



by Leslie Ewing

Lake Margaret Garden Club is preparing for the start of its season in January which means planning for the frosts and possible freezing that are expected in January or beginning of February. The club monitors weather predictions on a daily basis. When the temperature forecast is 33 or 34 degrees, plants need to be protected with cloth coverings. Members work in crews in order to get this task done quickly.

Many members are unable to tolerate being outside for any length of time in cold weather. This is why we are in Florida, right? When temperatures drop below 60 degrees gardening sessions can be called off. These decisions are made at the last minute. Whenever possible, members will be notified by text, email or social media.

During an average winter the banana plants suffer damage because they are just too tall and fragile to be able to be covered. One year the cold weather damaged them almost to the roots. Every summer they recover. This season we have more banana plants and they are spectacular! The banana plants beside the boardwalk create a very tropical forest feeling. Come to the Garden to enjoy these plants before the cold weather arrives.

Cold weather is coming



Photo submitted by Leslie Ewing

Garden Banana Plants

For many years club members return for the winter just to dread looking at the wild potato vines that try to take over the Garden in summer. Many long hours have been spent pulling the vines off the plants. Some plants were even destroyed by the vines. This is no longer the case since the club ordered wild potato vine beetles a few years ago from the State of Florida.

These beetles specifically eat wild potato vines. The vines aren't totally eliminated from the Garden by the beetles. What remains is easily removed. The beetles are active in summer. They spend the winter under the cover of leaves which is why the club uses leaves as mulch in the Garden.

Wild potato vines have glossy green heart-shaped leaves that are actually beautiful. They get the name potato vines because down at ground level they have small brown tubers that look like tiny potatoes. The beetles eat the leaves

and kill the vines. Club members remove the remainder of the vines completely from the Garden in order to prevent them from growing back.

Wild potato vines are not limited just to Lake Margaret Garden. They are found throughout Florida and throughout TR. They are especially prevalent along the creek between 13th and 14th St. The potato vine beetles are reproducing and starting to spread beyond the Garden. Residents who want to prevent wild potato vines from attacking their plants can encourage potato vine beetles to stay at their place over the winter by providing some leaf litter or using leaves as mulch around their plants. Residents should wear gloves when pulling these vines off their plants and then remove the vines from their site.

Enjoy the holiday decorations in the Garden. They will remain in place until Jan. 9.

Happy New Year, see you in the Garden!

Interesting

It may surprise you to know that the Sunshine State is home to many carnivorous plants, including sundew, pitcher plants and more. These plants love to eat insects. Though they're mostly native to the Panhandle, carnivorous plants have been spotted in bogs around Central Florida.

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Birding Activity



by Tom Butler

It seems like a ridiculous question to ask but, when we are talking about Passerine birds, this is important information. All Passerines are considered perching birds and are equipped with three forward facing toes and one backward facing toe for a total of four. If this description matches your tally, you could be a perching bird, but probably not. These four toes lock in place on branches allowing passerines to sleep without falling. Amazing! Let's discover more about the "Perching Birds."

Our vast world is host to over 10,000 species of birds but the Passeriformes group makes up 60 percent of all birds. With 6,500 passerine species worldwide, you can begin to understand how diverse this group is. In the word Passeriformes, Passer is Latin for Sparrow and Formes simply means shape. The shape of a Sparrow. That seems rather simple, but we know there are many other similarities we should look at. What other characteristics, besides having four toes and perching capabilities, do these passerines share? Let's see.

Most passerines are omnivores, which means they will eat nearly anything, but prefer insects, seeds and small creatures. The size and shape of the bill is a major factor in dietary preferences. Cracking seeds, capturing insects or sipping on nectar all require specialized beaks. Moving on we find that most passerines lay eggs in a variety of colors and speckles, as opposed to mostly white eggs of non-passerines. The chicks are born altricial which means they are featherless, blind and helpless. Though development occurs quickly, it makes for a lot of work for mom and dad. That is no surprise to any parent. Singing is another characteristic that is common to perching birds. These

How many toes do you have?



Photo by Tom Butler

SAVANNAH SPARROW

songs can vary from a few simple notes or whistles to incredibly complex tunes in a variety of volumes. Identifying passerines from their song is a fun skill to develop while birdwatching, that is, until you run into one of our mimics. The Northern Mockingbird has certainly earned its name with replications of songs that are good enough to fool apps such as Merlin. This song identification app carries disclaimers that the Carolina Wren you think is singing for you may actually be our resident mimic. Mockingbirds can even mimic a lawnmower. Tricky!

Perching is the defining ability that sets this group apart from others but not all species choose to use this skill on a regular basis. Larks and Pipits, for example, are largely terrestrial and have feet that are slightly modified for walking. Longer toes provide additional balance on flat surfaces. Dippers maintain the passerine foot while being semiaquatic. With the ability to swim, walk and perch, this species is extremely versatile when hunting for food. Swallows

have smaller and weaker feet because of the time spent soaring in the air while Woodcreepers and Nuthatches have strong and sharp toenails allowing them to cling to vertical surfaces.

Passerines – what an amazing and diverse classification in the bird world. Sharing common traits and yet adapting to the needs of each species. From the largest passerine, the Thick-billed Raven, to the tiny Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant the world is full of incredible beauty known as birds. Get out there and enjoy these blessings.

P.S. If you need assistance, I know someone!



Pet Lover's Club



by Kim Roberts

We had our first Pet Lovers Club meeting on Dec. 12. We have completed a lot.

- Cedarcide Bug Control - we will be testing to see if we get results. It is not harmful to dogs or humans.
- It was decided to use garden vinegar on the weeds between pavers and bricks.
- New sprinkler timer for the old Puppy Park has been purchased and will be put in place soon.
- Ray has ordered signs for entrance to the dog walk at 1st St. and Johnston Rd. and is closing the walk to golf carts.
- Feral Cats – Pasco County will help with sick feral cats by either vetting or euthanizing at no cost to the park. We must have them in a carrier and once they take the cat it becomes the property of the county.

In the new dog park:

- We have installed a bowl with water.
- 100 ft. hose is also installed.
- New flag and donation boxes. Please don't forget to donate. These donations help us keep up our dog parks.
- Other ideas being considered.

We also need volunteers to help at the parks to help apply the bug control and weed control. Also, if everyone can just chip in while visiting the parks it would be appreciated. Take dirty towels home and wash them and throw away old toys, dead balls, etc. Thank you for your help.

The next Pet Lovers Club meeting is Monday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. at the Jeri Miller Activities Center. Meeting minutes will be posted at Busch Hall on our bulletin board.

Any suggestions, ideas or to volunteer please contact Kim Roberts at tgrdogpark@gmail.com. Happy New Year!!

Pets on Parade



by Judy Leister

Earlier in history Greyhounds were used to chase down wildlife in the Middle East and Africa. Their aerodynamic build allows them to run up to 50 m.p.h. They are the fastest known breed of dog and only surpassed in the world of animals by the cheetah. Even the Greyhound Bus was named after this lightning fast breed.

Dog racing started around 1919 in California and soon was very popular throughout the U.S. Unfortunately some dogs were injured while racing and it was discovered that many breeders kept their dogs in deplorable conditions. This led to rescue groups stepping in to save the Greyhounds and eventually dog racing was banned in most of the U. S.

Denise and Jay Matthews have had rescue Greyhounds for 23 years but before getting their first one they knew nothing about the breed until their next door neighbor in New York had two of them playing in the backyard. They went over to the fence to pet them and one slurpy Greyhound kiss was all it took. This was going to be the breed for them.



Photo submitted by Denise Andrews

KHLOE

They worked with a great rescue group for their first three Greyhounds but with fewer race tracks there were fewer Greyhounds available. They were still popular in Ireland and some of the rescue groups were importing them.

After losing their last Greyhound Denise started looking for a small dog online with *Pet Finder*. Maybe it just wasn't time to make the change to another size or breed of dog because an adorable picture popped up of Braska Khloe. She was a Greyhound and had been racing in the Tampa area at Derby Lane. By law dogs could only race until they were five and Khloe had just aged out of the program.

Khloe captured their hearts and they started the adoption process. There were a lot of hoops to jump through. They had to qualify and even go through a home inspection but they passed with flying colors and Khloe joined their family.

There were some adjustments. At first Khloe didn't have a clue what toys were all about. Now she loves them. Greyhounds have very sleek hair. Even though this is Florida and generally quite warm, Khloe needs a coat for some of those chilly days. Denise is in the process of making her another one. Most race track dogs are fed in large groups. The food is dumped out for all of them to gobble up. Her eating habits caused her to get a little chubby but their vet suggested a more nutritional diet and her doggy figure soon returned to that sleek racing silhouette.

Khloe is quiet and sweet, making her a wonderful pet.



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TR Sports

Ladies' Golf League



by Kathy Reimann
Wednesday, Dec. 23

We finished out the 2023 TRPGA season with 16 eager golfers. Although there were no closest to the pin or birdies, Shirley-Appleby managed to chip in and win all the money collected from the last three weeks. Congrats to her!

Low Handicap 0-12

Low Gross	
Marijo Noll.....	41
Lorraine Gould.....	41
Low Net	
Kathy Reimann.....	30
Chris Marsh.....	33
Fewest Putts:	
Lorraine Gould.....	13

Chip-Ins:

Shirley-Ann Appleby

High Handicap +13

Low Gross

Sandy Pemberton.....	43
Dee Branchaud.....	46
Low Net	
Karen Waymouth.....	31
Pat Butler.....	34

Welcome back!



by George Paquette

If you are Snowbirds like we are, the warmer weather at TR is a welcome change from the weather up North. As I write this article the golf course was reopened after overseeding. I have been out a few times and it looks good. When you arrive remember there is a grace period of one week to purchase your Season Pass for golf. The Pass can be purchased at the TR Office during office hours on any day.

Volunteers that have arrived at the Park have already been out on Tuesday mornings working on the golf course. They are fewer in number right now but the numbers are sure to increase once everyone is back. Even so, we never seem to have enough volunteers from one year to the next for a number of reasons. If you are looking for a worthwhile cause and would like to make some like-minded friends in the process, why not join the group on Tuesday mornings and see what it's all about. For more details please consult the Travelers Rest Information Directory. There is a section entitled *TRGA Committee Chairpersons*. Under this heading the main volunteer groups for Tuesdays are Horticulture and Fairway Improvement. The responsible Chairs are listed and

can be contacted for more information.

Before you start your golf season one of the first and most important things to do is to prepare physically for the season. Rotational flexibility, hip flexibility, lower back muscles and shoulder strength all play a role in every golfer's swing. You can perform a number of exercises right at home during the day or in the evening in front of the television. It doesn't have to be strenuous. Try the following exercises: abdominal crunches, gentle trunk rotations with legs bent, gentle torso twists, lower back stretches such as "cat" arches and hunches, hamstring stretches and side rotations.

It is important to begin exercising gently. You don't want to overdo it at the beginning and injure yourself causing you to push back that first tee-off date. Begin each session by some type of warm up exercise like walking for a short while and then move on to the suggested exercises. Of course you should check with your doctor before trying anything too difficult. If you're not sure how best to perform a specific exercise I have found YouTube helpful in describing the proper method.

So get ready because the TR golf season is upon us. Enjoy!

TR Bowling results



by Lin Buczek
Friday, Dec. 22

Men's Scratch High Game

Bill Buczek.....	212
Ken Neer.....	200
John Schell.....	109
Men's Scratch High Series	
Bill Buczek.....	578
Ken Neer.....	529
John Schell.....	292

Men's Handicap High Game

Ken Neer.....	265
Bill Buczek.....	245
John Schell.....	219
Men's Handicap High Series	
Ken Neer.....	724
Bill Buczek.....	677
John Schell.....	622

Men's High Average

Bill Buczek.....	191
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Women's Scratch High Game

Lin Buczek.....	187
Leslie Price.....	171
Linda Smith.....	131

Women's Scratch High Series

Lin Buczek.....	514
Leslie Price.....	469
Linda Smith.....	356

Women's Handicap High Game

Lin Buczek.....	272
Linda Smith.....	244
Leslie Price.....	240

Women's Handicap High Series

Lin Buczek.....	769
Linda Smith.....	695
Leslie Price.....	676

Women's High Average

Leslie Price.....	156
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Wizard results

by Imma Smith
Tuesday, Dec. 12

Table 1:

Game 1	
1 Jackie Thackery.....	220
2 Kathy Prockett.....	190

Game 2

1 Elaine Schwartz.....	210
2 Linda Beausoliel.....	190

Game 3

1 Linda Beausoliel.....	260
2 Imma Smith.....	250

Men's Golf League



by Barry English
Thursday, Dec. 14

Twenty-one golfers participated in this week's men's league with very low birdies to be had. Thanks to Ralph Smith for running things in my absence, also thanks to Gary Wintle and Jay Jager for agreeing to keep things running over the holidays.

Low Handicap (0-8)

Low Gross	
Gary Carter.....	35
Roy French.....	37
Ken Person.....	37
Ralph Smith.....	37
Low Net	
Steve Niles.....	32
Rob Prophet.....	32
Don Buchser.....	33

Closest to pin #5:

Al Horney.....	7'6"
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Birdies:

Ralph Smith.....	1
Gary Wintle.....	1

High Handicap (9+)

Stan Motycka.....	42
Terry Halbrook.....	43
Ken Neer.....	43
Wayne Schacht.....	43

Low Net

Bill Apgar.....	33
Bob Luther.....	35
Steve Jackson.....	37
Neil Jillson.....	37

Closest to pin #3:

Ken Neer.....	27'
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National Mah Jongg League



by Bette Gorman
Monday, Dec. 11

Diane Phillips.....	50
Bette Gorman.....	50
Pat McCallum.....	25

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Pat McCallum.....	50
Bette Gorman.....	25

Friday, Dec. 15

Bette Gorman.....	200
Pat McCallum.....	50
Cherie Richman.....	25

Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield
Friday, Dec. 15

Deb May.....	6
Pat Politsky.....	4
Barb Aubrey.....	3
Marcia Hatfield.....	3
Betty Brown.....	2
Barb Overly.....	1

Monday, Dec. 18

Betty Brown.....	6
Deb May.....	4
Marcia Hatfield.....	4
Barb Aubrey.....	1
Barb Overly.....	1

Friday, Dec. 22

Loretta Whitfield.....	2
Betty Brown.....	1
Pat Politsky.....	1

Friday, Dec. 29

Loretta Whitfield.....	4
Betty Brown.....	4
Barb Overly.....	3
Marcia Hatfield.....	3
Rachel Brooks.....	1
Brian Whitfield.....	1

Bingo

by Linda Smith
Saturday, Dec. 16

- Betsy Behler
- Mark Hawkins (4)
- Linda Beausoliel
- Robert Sunde
- Neil Jillson
- Linda Smith (2)
- Debi Newbury (2)
- Deb Englert
- Imogene Wood
- Frank Blunda
- Pat Long
- Joyce Ritzler
- Deborah May
- Marijo Noll



Mirror Lake Yacht Club

by Bill Wise
Wednesday, Dec. 13

DragonFlite 95 Class

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

Soling Meter 1 Class

- 1 Jay Matthews
- 2 Barry Sellick
- 3 Jerry McRoberts




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Obituaries

BEREND "BERNIE" BERGSMA

Berend "Bernie" Bergsma passed away on Nov. 18, 2023 at the Muskota Shores Nursing Home in Gravenhurst, Ontario. His family reported that after several years of battling Parkinson's Disease, "the Lord took home to Himself our dear husband, father and grandfather."

Bernie was born on Sept. 24, 1942 in Oldeboorn, Friesland, The Netherlands to Jan and Tryntje (née) Knijpstra. His parents immigrated to British Columbia in 1952 when Bernie was only 9 years old along with his four other siblings Jim (deceased), Jenny, Esther and Margaret (deceased).

In 1963 Bernie decided to go on a holiday to Ontario where he met his wife-to-be, Margaret. They married in 1965 and had four children, Laura, Johnny (deceased), Edward and James.

At age 60 he became a proud grandfather "Pake" to grandchildren Brooke and Tyler.

He praised the Lord by singing in the Correlators Male Choir for many years.

After retirement he and his wife of 58 years, Margaret, enjoyed winters in Florida at TR. They resided on lot 14-21 for several years where he sang in the church choir and was involved in several plays. In 2017 they moved to Gravenhurst to be closer to their families and the cottage where they loved to spend their summers.

JOHN P. DENNISON

John Dennison age 73 passed away Nov. 12, 2023. Beloved husband of 29 years to LaVerne (née Zidek).

John proudly retired from Ford Motor Company after many years in their service. He and LaVerne were known by their northern friends as Florida Snowbirds due to their years wintering at TR on lot 16-23. He was an avid golfer and said to tell the best stories as he dabbled in the kitchen as a "Chef." He was truly a Jack-of-all-trades.

He and LaVerne had two children, Michael (Thomasina) and Matthew (Lucy) and he was "step-dad" to Tracy (Mike) Lester, Lisa (Andy) Bitner and Holly (Dave) Carpenter, "Poppy/Poppa John" to 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

KAREN FREED

Karen Freed, 76, passed away on July 13, 2023 from the fast moving effects of Alzheimer's disease. Her beautiful smile and wonderful laugh brought joy to everyone she met.

Karen Jo Bennett was born in St. Paul, Minn. on May 1, 1947 to Rose Marie (Boehm) and Paul Clement Bennett. She & her father were very proud of their Danish heritage, including his birth name: Herluf Poul Debel Klokker. She traced her Danish family heritage back to her great-great grandfather Count Christian Johan Frederik Ahlefeldt-Laurvig (1789-1856) and enjoyed being a Countess.

Karen lived in Edina, Minn. until marrying Larry Schroeder. Several years later, they moved to Columbus, Minn. During this time, she worked as a grocery clerk in Forest Lake. After Karen and her second husband, David E. Mattson were married, she worked as a restaurant server and then chiropractic assistant. They then owned Hardwood Construction & Hardwood Handlers, which built and sold houses and processed lumber for building materials suppliers.

Karen and John Freed blended their families when they were married in 2001 and lived in Columbus, Minn. The two of them enjoyed spending winters at their home in Travelers Rest with many good friends.

She was active in the Lakes Area Business Association in Forest Lake since its inception in 1994, serving as its secretary. She enjoyed getting to know other area business owners who worked toward a better business climate together.

Karen enjoyed outdoor activities like hunting, camping, horseback riding, walking and cutting wood. She was proficient with firearms and enjoyed teaching gun safety to girls.

It was always special to get family together to make the Prussian heritage recipe for kasnip and to play Shanghai Rummy. Karen loved celebrating holidays, especially hosting the annual Labor Day party with John. They enjoyed traveling, including a trip to Denmark to trace Karen's family heritage and a cruise to Alaska.

Karen loved to sing and dance at Travelers Rest and enjoyed leading a Bible study there for several years. For nearly 20 years she worked at From the Heart Bible and Gift Store in Forest Lake and was blessed by its service to the community. The owners and her coworkers, were close friends in Christ. Karen's strong Christian faith was very important to her and she is now in her special room in Heaven as the Bible promised.

Karen is survived by her loving husband, John and her wonderful children, Steve (Wendy) Schroeder, Michelle (partner Peter Gaylord) Schroeder, Rob (Mindi) Schroeder and David P. (Jessica) Mattson. Her 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren brought her so much joy. John's children, Josh (Jenny) Freed, Becky (Corey) Brown and Matt (Pippin) Freed and his 8 grandchildren were also such a blessing.

Karen is also survived by her sister Patty Knoblauch, mother-in-law, Dorothy Freed, and special nieces Sharon Bloom, Susan Lamb and Lee Hanson & her daughter, Shylah Maus. Good friends, Bonnie Tschida and Carol Carlson and many nieces and nephews also enriched her life as did John's extended family. She cherished the friendship of the Bags, who were her coworkers at the chiropractic clinic for many years.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, brother Robert Bennett, sisters Doris Van Handel, Joyce Brommer and Janice Mueller and her previous husbands, Larry Schroeder and David E Mattson.

Our family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Parmly on the Lake and the special hospice staff for their heartfelt care for Karen and her family.

A Celebration of Life service will be held in Citrus East at TR on Saturday, Jan. 13 with visitation at 10:30 a.m. and the service at 11 a.m.. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in Citrus West.



Phyllis and I want to thank Lise Minnick, First Responder and RN Retired, for helping me last Sunday remove and put on new bandages on Phyllis' head. Phyllis had Mohs surgery last Friday. Also, thank our neighbors for the food they brought in and all of the cards that were sent.
Phil Simmers Lot 2551

Help Wanted

by Linda Spencer

I love to keep busy gardening and being of help here in the park, but because of an illness that is taking most of my time and energy, I'm looking for one or a few people to take over my responsibilities.

some weeks and take little to no time others.

2. Facebook pages, TR Beyond the Park and TR Creative Arts: These are year-around sites for our full-time residents and TR Creative Arts followers. Each page takes approximately an hour a week.

Thank you in advance for considering my request. I won't do anything if I can't give it 100 percent and I can't at this time. If you have any interest in these volunteer opportunities, please call me for more details 352 424-9604. Thank you.

1. Creative Arts Group: This group meets on Wednesday afternoons in Citrus Hall. The group was created on the premises of sharing/teaching each other new skills. Group size varies depending on which form of art we are working on that week. Instructors and ideas come from within the park. This can be time-consuming

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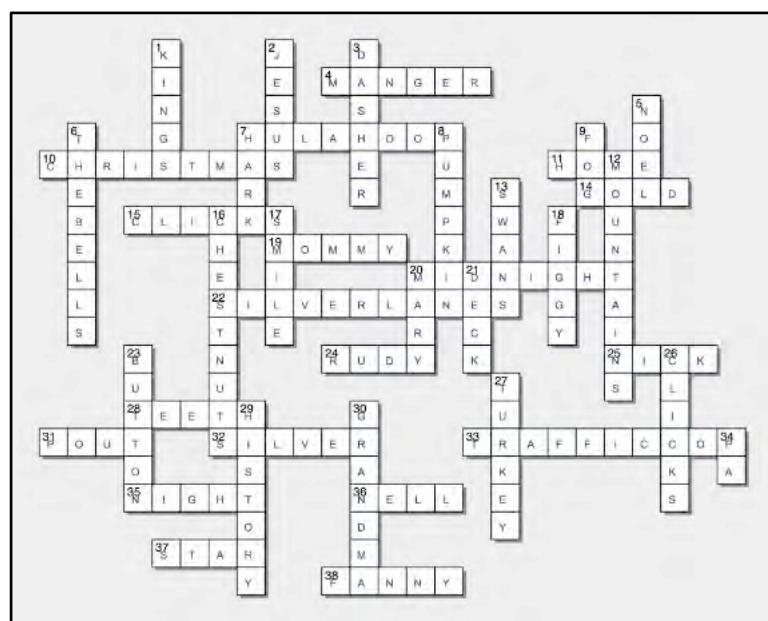
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Across

- 4) Straw-covered bed [MANGER]
- 7) On one chipmunk's wish list (two words) [HULAHOOP]
- 10) Either white or blue in song [CHRISTMAS]
- 11) The place for the holidays [HOME]
- 14) For kings, rings and decorations [GOLD]
- 15) Three of these heard on the housetop [CLICKS]
- 19) She was caught kissing Santa [MOMMY]
- 20) It was clear when it came [MID-NIGHT]
- 22) These glow alongside the candy canes in the Five and Ten (two words) [SILVERLANES]
- 24) The red-nosed reindeer perhaps? [RUDY]
- 25) The old, sainted giver for short? [NICK]
- 28) I want two this year [TEETH]
- 31) This facial expression is sure to keep Santa away [POUT]
- 32) Christmas Day is soon when these bells ring [SILVER]
- 33) Frosty only paused for him (two words) [TRAFFICOP]
- 35) It can be silent and holy [NIGHT]
- 36) The girl who wants a dolly in her stocking [NELL]
- 37) What the night wind told the lamb he saw [STAR]
- 38) She sat beside him in Jingle Bells [FANNY]

Down

- 1) Three traveling partners [KINGS]
- 2) It's his happy birthday [JESUS]
- 3) That first reindeer you know [DASHER]
- 5) Angels came on the first one [NOEL]
- 6) What I heard on Christmas Day (two words) [THEBELLS]
- 7) Pay attention to the singing angels [HARK]
- 8) A popular Christmas pie [PUMPKIN]
- 9) Weather that made Rudolph famous [FOG]
- 12) These reply to the angels' joyous strains [MOUNTAINS]
- 13) My true love's gift on the seventh day [SWANS]
- 16) Roasted on an open fire [CHESTNUTS]
- 17) Mr. Grinch's home for termites [SMILE]
- 18) A pudding demanded by carolers [FIGGY]
- 20) Did she know? [MARY]
- 21) 52 cards the hall [DECK]
- 23) Frosty's nose [BUTTON]
- 26) Three of these heard on the housetop [CLICKS]
- 27) Christmas fowl [TURKEY]
- 29) Rudolph's best subject [HISTORY]
- 30) Relative flattened by reindeer [GRANDMA]
- 34) Home to which st. for home-made dessert [PA]



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Spaggett About It—Wednesday, Jan. 10, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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The Christmas season at TR ends with the traditional Christmas Feast

Welcoming Committee

by Susan Stahley

The Welcoming committee "Meet and Greet Table" was overflowing with new faces, laughter and cheering at the annual Busch Hall Christmas Dinner. By the end of the event there were 30 new smiling faces and just as many full bellies sitting at the big table. Thank you to Diana Hill for hosting the table.

A special thanks goes out to Louise McRoberts and Phyllis Zitzer who provided the lovely table decorations. The decorations were beautiful adding a festive note to the event. It is remarkable that a bunch of new folks could win first place in the TR Trivia game!! How did that happen?? Anyway, the cheers from the table were quite loud as the team designee continued to correctly answer trivia questions about the resort.



TOM AND BETTY BROWN



BILL AND DEBBIE WOODFORD



GLENN AND GABRIELLA YOUNG



Each table was festively decorated by the people who sit at that table. Did you know that years ago competitions were held for best décor with prizes awarded.



A total of 185 people attended the feast, 30 of which were newcomers to the park, some of whom are shown in the above photo.



MICHAEL BLY



**RHONA AND RUSS FULLER
GAIL AND WILEY DOWNING**



DIANA HILL



More festive table decorations.



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