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Doug Pedersen is Mr. Tradition

by Margaret Emmetts

Busch Hall Sunday Night began shortly after TR opened and a tradition was begun. At the time it was a chance for residents to gather for ice cream and entertainment provided by fellow residents. The entertainment often consisted of slide shows of residents' trips, sing-a-longs or old silent movies. Doug Pedersen took over as



Doug follows the tradition of calling up first-timers on Sunday night to share their names and where they are from.



File photos

Doug at work writing his article for *The TR Times*.

emcee and manager of the program 27 years ago and the Sunday Night tradition continues to this day. By this time the entertainment had evolved from local talent to professionals with an annual budget of over \$14,000.

In the past 27 years Doug has obtained the entertainment for the Wednesday Night Concert Series, the Sunday Night Busch Hall pro-



Volunteerism is alive and well at TR

by Margaret Emmetts

As we have often pointed out, TR was built on volunteerism. Early residents achieved unbelievable accomplishments through their epic volunteer efforts.

The layout of the Park was designed. Mirror Lake was dug to supply just the amount of soil needed to fill in a swamp to make our beautiful Golf Course. Trenches were dug to install our utilities, buildings were erected and the many, many amenities added. These included the pool, shuffleboard and tennis courts to name just a few.

Although today's volunteers are not in the business of construction like their predecessors, they are still in the process of enhancing the Park.

In the past two years the number of weekly activities available to our residents has increased from just over 100 to about 140. Volunteers are responsible for this increase as they brought their new suggestions to the Board. The Garden Club still keeps the Park beautiful with the gardens by Lake

Margaret and other plantings around the Park. The Waste Management Committee has developed a recycling program that has drastically reduced the amount of trash collected each week.

Our Fire/Rescue group on duty 24/7 keeps our residents safe all year, providing immediate care when an emergency occurs. The list goes on.

The TR Times has made an effort this season to feature and recognize many of the individuals, past and present, who make or have made TR's volunteer program a success. Thank you to all of you who do your part to keep TR humming and do so at minimum expense. It is the efforts of all these volunteers, the time and expertise they bring to TR, that help to make TR both an attractive and affordable place to be.

Volunteers built TR.
Volunteers maintain TR.
Will volunteers sustain it?

grams as well as the annual Showcases held here until the job was taken over by Ken Langell. Doug often worked the sound and lighting systems in Busch Hall and was instrumental in making the update to these systems that occurred several years ago. We are all familiar with his wonderful speaking voice. Did you know that modest Doug has a PhD and was a professor of speech and communication at Penn State College? He also has on occasion filled in as drummer with the band.

Pedersen has for many years been a volunteer on the staff of *The TR Times* submitting articles about the programs he has booked as well as some of the relationships he has developed with the performers.

In recognition of his many years of service to the Park the stage in Busch Hall was named in his honor. A plaque bearing evidence to this event can be found on the front of the stage.

Recently Doug turned over the Sunday night programs to Ken Langell and will be passing on arrangements for the Wednesday Concert Series to Lacy and Kathy Shawver.

The Sunday Night tradition that started 52 years ago still continues. Residents continue to gather on Sunday evenings for ice cream and entertainment. Weren't we fortunate to have such a professionally-trained person to handle our entertainment for so many years? A great big THANK YOU to Doug for being our own Mr. Tradition and keeping our entertainment programs alive and well for the past 27 years.



Doug seems really happy to be behind the drums in a guest appearance with the Travelaires.

File photo

Doug Pedersen appears, center, with members of a former TR Board. The event was the dedication of the Busch Hall stage in Doug's name.

A TR Times thank you

The 2023-24 *TR Times* season has now drawn to a close. We would like to extend a very large THANK YOU to the many volunteers who help to make it possible for our newspaper to be in residents' mailboxes week after week. Fourteen weeks this season!

We cannot thank each and every one of you enough for what you contribute in time and talent to make *The TR Times* a weekly success. Your commitment to doing this job every week is what makes it all possible. Whether you volunteer two hours or twenty each week, your efforts are truly appreciated. It is only with every one of you that this all-volunteer "weekly miracle" comes to pass.

You are awesome. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Margaret Emmetts
Rich Kushman
Karen Waldo
Pam Watkins



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Publication	Deadline	Publication	Deadline
November 29	November 22	January 31	January 24
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January 10	January 3	February 28	February 21
January 17	January 10	March 7	February 28
January 24	January 17	March 14	March 7



Busch Hall Sunday Night presents

TR sings for you

by Sandy and Ken Langell

Sunday, March 24 with free admission, ice cream at 6:15 p.m., announcements at 6:45 p.m., show at 7 p.m. in Busch Hall.

Spring at TR brings us the beautiful song of mockingbirds. It also brings the voices of our talented human vocalists and on Sunday, March 24, they are putting on a show for us in Busch Hall.

The final show of the Busch Hall Sunday Night season will treat us to music from the TR Singing Men, ladies from the group previously known as The Travelettes and a brand new group, the TR Pop Chorus. These are all TR residents and you have heard some of them throughout the season in various programs but

“you ain’t heard nuthin” until you hear them all together on one stage.

Ron Reeves is Musical Director of the show and Dennis Ledbetter is Master of Ceremonies for the evening. They will be presenting some show tunes, some good old-fashioned favorites and a little something for everyone. Some of the songs they will perform include “Dream a Little Dream,” “Motown Medley” and “Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain.”

A special thank you to Mary Beth Coldren for her assistance with this article. Don’t miss this last chance of the season to enjoy an evening of fellowship and entertainment at Busch Hall Sunday Night!

Looking back - looking ahead



by Ken and Sandy Langell

It’s hard to believe we are wrapping up another season of entertainment at Travelers Rest. We want to thank you all for your tremendous support throughout the season; for coming out for the shows, for your patience when things went awry and for laughing (or groaning) at the jokes. A special thank you to Gabriella and Glen Young for service above and beyond while we were indisposed.

Looking ahead we have an exciting lineup on the books for next season. Our shows start in

November and will include two Showcases. In November and December we are bringing back your favorites from this season’s Showcases. In January, we have a rocking Celtic show and an all-day Showcase with the Darlings. In February, Bing Futch returns to our stage and there will also be a Bee Gees show. In March we celebrate Mardi Gras with Cypress Creek Jazz Band and Petrina will wow us with her multimedia show. There’s a lot more in between all this. Come early in the season and stay until the end. Safe travel friends!

Tuesday Night Movies

by Carol and Jim Henrickson

The TNM planned movie schedule is revised as the entire Citrus building will host Presidential Primary Voting on March 19. No movie will be shown that night.

The last movie for the TNM 2024 Season that will be shown on March 26 is the Oscar-nominated inspiring story of world-class swimmer, Nyad. The movie name “Nyad” is the surname of the swimmer.

I have been advised by Guy Weik, TR Activities Coordinator, that all Activities Hosts, like Carol and I, are encouraged to seek alternates willing to learn what is involved in our TNM movie leader activity. Carol and I strongly encourage you to consider this opportunity to become involved.

You are reminded to silence your mobile devices before the

movie starts to make our movie experience enjoyable for all. Those of you members of the TR First Responders are encouraged to use the vibration feature on your phones. If the siren should sound, we will pause our feature underway and clear the way for your important duties to be fulfilled.

Please help yourself to the freshly prepared popcorn as you arrive at TNM. It is available ahead of the show starting time of 7 p.m. Carol has an introduction/commentary just ahead of movie time. Also ahead of movie time, we use the Sonos Audio System to listen to a variety of music to showcase this new SONOS equipment and perform sound checks.

We are hopeful TNM 2025 can even be better still. Safe Travels. Take Care!

The Travelaires thank you

by Pat Daubenmier

A big thank you to all who supported the Friday Night Dances this past season with your donations and your attendance. It wouldn't be as much fun without you! For those of you who missed out, hopefully you'll join us next season. A special thank you to the folks who came to help set up tables and chairs and decorate. There once was a committee that was responsible for Friday Night Dances, but it has disbanded

perhaps with the help of Covid. The responsibility has fallen back to the band, and they honestly have enough to do. It would be great to have someone who enjoys these events to step up and volunteer to be responsible for setting up and decorating next year. Many hands make for light work. Until next season, hang your dancing shoes in a place where you can find them for that first dance scheduled for Friday, Jan. 17, 2025.

TR’s Got Talent



Photos by Bill Bradford

The Cabana Cut-ups, Brode Morgan, Cindy Watson, Andrea Patterson and Dave Murphy appear fresh from their tour of 11th, 12th and 13th Avenues.



Ken Langell narrates on of his favorite Australian poems.



Laura Maragano gives her rendition of “Letting Go.”

Thank you

by Donna Neer, Director

Thank you just doesn’t seem enough to express how truly grateful I am for all the TR folks who contributed to the 2024 TR’s GOT TALENT program last evening. There are so many people who gave of their time, talent and energy, both on stage and behind the scenes to make this yearly event so wonderful.

Next year will be my eighth year and my last as I am currently looking for someone to mentor next year and then take it over completely the following year. It would be a shame to lose this great tradition of highlighting TR talent.

If you are interested, please give me a call at 419-366-0471. I have everything computerized! More photos page 8.



Bruce Richman shows off his electric guitar skills.



Barb Swartz, whose voice is much like that of Karen Carpenter, sang three of Karen’s songs as a Carpenter tribute.



Jeff Duquette, Sally Miller, Laura Harper, Gail Downing, Jean Zigrosser, Louise McRoberts, Jerry McRoberts and Alex Adair comprised “A Chorus Line.”



Information from the Board

by Deborah May,
President/CEO
TR Board of Directors

I am always saddened when the last TR Times newspaper comes out. It is a sign that another season has passed and it is almost time to return north for the summer. This place is so special with all the activities going on everyday and the wonderful friends that we have here. Where have the years gone? Ten years have passed since I first bought my cabana. It seems like just yesterday. Am I aging fast?

In one of my previous articles, I talked about the findings of microplastics and nanoplastics in the plastic water bottles we have been encouraged to buy in order to avoid drinking tap water. In the March 7, 2024 issue of "The New England Journal of Medicine" they talk about the study of microplastics and nanoplastics in regard to the risk factor for cardiovascular disease. In a recent study, 58.4% of studied patients were found to have polyethylene in their carotid artery plaque. Measurable amounts of polyvinyl chloride were found in the plaque of 12.1%

of the patients. When plaque macrophages were placed under an electron microscopy, they revealed visible, jagged-edged foreign particles. What this basically means is that patients with carotid artery plaque in which MNPs were detected have a higher risk of myocardial infarction, stroke or death than patients in which no MNPs were detected. I think I am going to give up reading medical journal findings on microplastics and nanoplastics. It scares me to realize what we are putting inside our bodies by drinking water from plastic bottles. What is more alarming is that we as a society don't seem to be upset by the research coming out. The volume of water and drinks sold in plastic bottles every day is astronomical. Are we so programmed by advertising that we have failed to realize that we are destroying our bodies with these commercial products.

Enough of that, we still have a lot of things going on at TR until the end of March for people to enjoy their days here. Our Down Home Festival: Season-end

Celebration on Saturday, March 16 in The Grove promises to be a great time with live music and food. There will be about eight food and ice cream trucks located down by The Grove. In the morning before the celebration starts at 11:30 a.m., we will have a Yard Sale on the individual sites. Be sure to get plenty of rest on Friday because Saturday will be a very busy day. Wait a minute, isn't every day here very busy? You just have to love Travelers Rest Resort.

As this is my final newspaper article of this season, I just wish to express my thanks to everyone here who helps to make this a "little piece of paradise." A special thanks to all the Board members who worked with me over the past year and the residents who were gracious in extending their expertise to teach me things that I did not know. I miss this place and the people in the summer when I am home and can't wait to return in the fall. If you are traveling home, please be safe and enjoy your summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

From the Manager's desk



RAY HILL

by Ray Hill with Rich Kushman

The "Times" marches on to the final issue of this season. Reflecting on our chats together Ray said being able to share park doings and plans with residents has been a joy. He has received several favorable comments bolstering perhaps our continuing partnership next season.

This week Ray mentioned that the Wood Shop will be getting a new more powerful air compressor helping with cleanup and air tools. The RV South summer weed whacking issue looms as a sore point now that more residents in that area are full time. I was able to put Braxton Lawn Care in touch with Ray so leaseholders in RV South and the Cabana area can arrange for lot maintenance and avoid fines. This ambitious young man's business cards are available in the TR Office.

We touched on the board employing a consultant from International Golf Management with the hope of improving the condition of the Golf Course. I wondered if the thousands spent for this special advice wouldn't buy a lot of grass seed. Ray said give it a chance and let's wait and see what happens. It takes time. Now I have two subjects looming for our next season of chat, Golf Course condition and "Ray's neat idea."

Week after week my visits with Ray have given me a growing appreciation for his knowledge and expertise with the nuts and bolts of operating TR. I find Ray to be a gentleman who cares greatly for the park, the residents and employees. Not long ago Ray was wounded by our Board of Directors but I don't know why. Without a trusting and honest relationship between our elected board and the park manager,

excellence is difficult. Hopefully, considering the desk this comes from, board members will read this column and consider the following concept which Ray found quite appealing.

Appoint our new board member, Tom Maragnano, as the Board Liaison with park management. I count Tom as a friend and I am aware of his considerable talents with construction, electrical, mechanicals and job management. Tom and Ray can speak the same language and metaphorically get down in the trenches together, reach solutions and avoid unintended consequences that perhaps had not been foreseen by our decision makers. A healthy partnership can easily bring results that will help our board reach goals in a constructive and common-sense manner.

Time now for end-of-season thoughts. Ray wants to remind everyone leaving for the summer to make certain your site is secured. Items that the wind could affect like canopies, clamshells and furniture should be properly stowed. Ray also emphasized what a wonderful help to TR the volunteers have been this season. The activities, the gardens, our emergency personnel and our newspaper to name a few. The TR Times volunteers are many from Editor Margaret Emmetts to writers, proofers, photographers and two that I now single out, The TR Times Managing Editor Pam Watkins and Production Manager Karen Waldo. They have worked together to keep our long-standing weekly newspaper alive and well and began the season with Pam needing to work from home in Ohio and Karen here at TR. They unbelievably coordinated the many contributors and corralled advertisers to publish several issues half remotely using phone and Internet before the entire crew arrived. Yeah - they will say with plenty of help, but they carried the flag and deserve the kudos.

That's it from the Manager's Desk this season. Ray and I wish everyone a good summer and safe return when again we can discuss interesting ideas for our community - including, now and forever, "Ray's neat idea."

TR's new Board of Directors



Photo by Pam Watkins

The new Board of Directors for the 2025-25 year are L-R: 2nd Vice President Barry Sellick; 1st Vice Linda Smith; Director Randy Doell; President Deborah May; Director Tom Maragnano; Corporate Secretary Pat Butler; Director Dennis Ledbetter; Director Cathy Locke; and Treasurer Terry Halbrook. Congratulations and best of luck in the coming year to all of our TR Board volunteers.

Pasco County Commissioners' contact information

by President Deborah May
with Pam Watkins

We are in District 1. Ron Oakley is our commissioner and he is also the chair of the Pasco County Commissioners.

Contact information for Ron Oakley:

Address is 37918 Meridian Ave. Dade City, FL. Phone is 352-521-4111. His executive assistant is Lorie Bowman, who may be reached at 352-521-4119.

His legislative assistant is Marie Miller, who may be reached at 272-847-8115 ext. 4638.

The Pasco County Commissioners normally meet at 10 a.m. every other Tuesday, either at the West Pasco Government Center, Board Room, 1st Floor, 8731 Citizens Drive, in New Port Richey or the Historic Pasco County Courthouse, Board Room, 2nd Floor, 37918 Meridian Ave., in Dade City.

A meeting was held in Dade City last Tuesday, March 12, and the next meeting is on Tuesday, March 26 in New Port Richey. If the schedule continues as posted, they will meet again in Dade City on April 10, in New Port Richey on April 23, Dade City on May 7, on May 21, in New Port Richey and so on. The schedule is available online at https://www.pascocountyfl.net/government/agendas_minutes.php

The head of the Roads Department is Chief Project Manager Ainsley Caldwell, who may be reached at 727-834-3611 extension 1017 or at acaldwell@mypasco.net.

The Road Planner and Scheduler for District 1 is Andrea Flaherty, who may be reached at 727-514-3608 or via email at aflaherty@pascocountyfl.net.

More information on road pavement may be viewed online at

https://www.pascocountyfl.net/services/public_works/road_pavement.php

TR's county-owned roads have not been paved in more than 40 years. At the March 4 Residents Forum it was suggested that TR residents write or phone the above-listed individuals or attend a commissioners meeting to express interest in getting TR on the road pavement and maintenance schedule.



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Farewell, adieu, auf wiedersehen, goodbye



What?
Leaving
already?

Hard to believe we are once again at the end of the high season here at TR. How quickly the time flies when we are busy having fun.

To all the snowbirds that will be leaving, have safe travels and a happy and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing you all back at TR in the fall.

To all the residents who remain here all year, please take good care of TR in our absence. Once again with the snowbirds gone you will be able to visit your favorite restaurants without having to wait in line for a table.

This is the last issue of *The TR Times* for this season. We plan to resume publishing on Friday, Nov. 29. If you are an activity chairperson, please mark your calendar to start sending us information about your activity by the Friday, Nov. 22 deadline.

God speed! mre



The Servant's Plow

by Anthony Shipe,
TR Chaplain

There is Good News to remember as we come to the close of another Lenten Season. Palm Sunday is in two weeks. Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem through the Eastern Gate, also known as the Golden Gate. This opening is often called – the gate of salvation.

Psalms 118:19 says, “Open to me the gates of righteousness and I will enter into them.”

Jesus is the gate through which all might enter into the glory of God’s eternal presence.

Gates played a significant role in the lives of ancient people. As civilization moved from primitive huts to more developed communities, cities were born. To protect a city from intruders, walls were built so that the only way to get in and get out was through a gate.

Ancient city gates developed a life of their own. Their primary purpose, of course, was defense. When the gates were closed, attackers had a hard time getting in.

But in peaceful times, they were like open-air malls. They acted as funnels – all the traffic in and out of the city had to squeeze through these narrow passages. As a result vendors would set up shop on either side of the street to hawk their wares to passers-by.

The city gates also served as political arenas. This was where men gathered to gossip and discuss the issues of the day. Proverbs 31 says that a wife’s husband ... “is respected in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.” (Proverbs 31:23)

Of course, for every gate there was a gatekeeper, whose job was to open and close the gate. When it was open the keeper would monitor the flow of traffic and watch for troublemakers.

Jerusalem was a walled city and it’s believed that, at the time



ANTHONY SHIPE

of Christ, it had as many as nine gates. The ones you see today were built later over the ruins of those destroyed by the Babylonians and later the Romans.

To mention a few, there’s the Joppa Gate opening to the road to Joppa, (modern day Tel Aviv), and the Damascus Gate leading to Damascus. There’s the Sheep Gate where sheep were brought in for sacrifice, and the Dung Gate where the garbage was taken out.

The Golden Gate was a double gate and the only one facing the Kidron Valley and the Mount of Olives. This is the gate where Jesus entered the holy city.

But what’s important for us is not the gate He came through, but what He did after He got there. On Thursday evening, He met with His disciples in an upper room to celebrate Passover. It was to be His last supper with them. Afterward, He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, and there He was arrested and taken before Caiaphas, the high priest. The next day He stood before the Jewish Council, the Sanhedrin, who condemned Him for blasphemy and sent Him to be tried before Pilate.

Pilate saw it as a domestic dispute, an internal matter for the Jews to resolve, but he was under a lot of pressure so he accused Jesus of treason and sentenced

Him to be scourged and put to death on a cross.

In the eyes of the world, Jesus’ death was expedient, a simple way of ridding both church and state of a nuisance. But through the eyes of faith, Jesus’ death fulfilled God’s plan of salvation; for, in dying, He gave His life as an atonement for our sins. He died in order that we might live. In so doing, He established a new covenant – a new relationship with God – a relationship based not on judgment and sin and works of the Law, but on forgiveness and mercy and a life of grace and love.

In a word, He opened the gates of heaven for all who would come in. Talk about Good News! What better news could you ask for than this: The gate to heaven is open!

Take with you on the road ahead the blessings of your church family as you leave the gates of Travelers Rest. Have a safe journey home and we look forward to your return in the fall. God Bless.

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Church 10:30 a.m.

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The Siren



by Jean Bjorgen, EMT, Retired

No, however, both are serious and need prompt attention. We are nearing the hotter weather of summer, and because TR takes pride in its 130+ offered activities, one could infer TR residents like to be active. Granted, most activities are indoors where shade or air conditioning is present making the probability of heat exhaustion or heat stroke almost non-existent. However, for outdoor activities, whether those are strenuously physical or spectator oriented, it is a whole different scenario, particularly when paired with age or the use of certain meds such as diuretics, vasoconstrictors to narrow blood vessels, blood

Heat exhaustion vs. heat stroke - same thing?

pressure meds, etc.

So how are heat exhaustion symptoms different from heat stroke symptoms and are they equally serious?

Heat exhaustion symptoms:

- high body temperature (between 101 and 104 degrees F)
- pale skin
- muscle cramps
- headache
- dizziness
- weakness and fatigue
- rapid breathing and increased heart rate
- nausea and vomiting

Heat stroke symptoms:

- high body temperature (between 101 and 114 degrees F)
- dry, red skin
- inability to sweat
- seizures
- dizziness or fainting
- slurred speech
- altered mental state
- confusion, aggression or agitation

Heat exhaustion can be overcome and temperature brought down by drinking lots of fluids, seeking shade and allowing the body time to cool down suffi-

ciently for several hours.

Heat stroke is far more serious because body organs such as the liver, kidneys and brain are beginning to swell, thus the symptoms are more serious in appearance, and permanent damage or death may occur if immediate steps are not taken to cool the body temperature down and obtain medical attention. Furthermore, once a heat stroke has occurred, that person is never able to tolerate hot temperatures again as they did prior to the heat stroke.

Pay attention when you or someone with you is experiencing any of the above symptoms of either heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Here is what to do if those symptoms are present:

- Get into a shaded area or air conditioned building.
- Drink water (if the person is conscious).
- Cool shower, misty spray from a garden hose.
- Ice packs to neck, arm pits and groin area.
- Call 911 if heat stroke symptoms are appearing.

Healthy Tips

The “eclipse” can damage your eyes

by Donna Neer, RN, Retired

Soon most of us will be heading home and our wonderful season here at TR will be over. Many of us will be in the path of the eclipse that will occur on April 8.

What is an eclipse? Well, simply put, “an eclipse is an occasion when the sun looks like it is completely covered with a dark circle because the moon is between the sun and the earth.” (“The Britannica Dictionary.”) What I found to be interesting and special about the 2024 eclipse is the moon lies a little closer to the earth during totality in 2024 as compared to the totality in 2017 and it will appear just a bit larger in the sky; hence the moon will take a bit longer to move in its orbit across the face of the sun. (nasa.gov)

Now that I have given you a lesson on what an eclipse is I would like to tell you about how to protect your eyes if/when you want to view this amazing event. First, the 2024 eclipse has a path from Texas up to and including the northern part of Ohio and some Canadian provinces. Many of us who are going home will have the opportunity to view the eclipse based on our home locations.

Eric Duedenhofer, MD from the Parschauer Eye Center in Sandusky, Ohio cautions people when viewing the eclipse. Dr. Duedenhofer states in his article in the “Sandusky Register” that temporary or permanent injury to the retina can occur leaving you with

a blind spot in the middle of your vision. Now that is scary.

He further suggests that only eclipse glasses or viewers that are compliant with ISO 12312-2 safety standards be used. You are able to look at the un-eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through them for a long time. The article further states that not all eclipse glasses or viewers are safe and that the best eye protections can be, and should be, purchased from your eye care professional. He recommends that you do not use sunglasses or homemade filters as these “are not safe for looking at the sun.”

Is it safe to remove your protective eyewear at any time during this event? According to this article there may be a moment when you can take the eye protection off and this occurs when the moon completely covers the sun’s bright face and it suddenly gets dark. Other articles agree that when even the slightest reappearance of the sun occurs, you should immediately put your protective eye wear back on again.

It is my hope that those of you who are able to witness this amazing event will protect your vision by using only safe eye protection. I know Ken and I will!

Now I want to thank so many of you who have come to me to tell me that they enjoy my articles. I really do enjoy writing these articles and God willing I will be back next year.

THANK YOU

Blood Donor Honor Roll

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at Travelers Rest on Monday, March 4, 2024

Jean Amico	Gina Rose DiPinto	Diana Hill	Tawnya Rowden
Louis Amico	Randall Doell	Robert King, Jr.	Jan Rubino
Gerald Bania	James Doggett	Nan Lance	Robert Rubino
Roxanna Bass	Robert Englert	Christine Lessig	William D. Shade
Teresa Bearman	Thomas Etchill	Eugene Lockhart	Susan Stahley
Terry Bias	Cecil French	Janet Lockhart	Robert Sunde
Bonnie Bigelow	Kathleen Fuller	Robert Luther	Kathleen Van Horn
Diane Bottom	Walter Gilson	Stanley MacPhee	Guy Weik
Rose-Anne Boucher	Gerry Goffinet	Selene Montgomery	Pamella Weisberg
Elizabeth Brown	Jane Gorden	Brandon Myers	William Wise
William Buczek	James Gower	Diann Neer	Samuel Wykoff
William Bunning	Linda Gower	Kenneth Neer	
Kathleen Carlig	Pamela Grew	Jo Oswalt	
Kathleen Darling	Kristel Halbrook	Kenneth Pech	

TR residents roll up their sleeves



Photo by Ken Neer

Selena Montgomery, Nan Lance, Gina DiPinto and Randy Doell ready to give blood.

by Ken Neer

Following the recent OneBlood Blood Drive held on Monday, March 4, the OneBlood people forwarded an Honor Roll List of all who were willing to roll up their sleeves and give a pint. All 53 who stepped up were heroes of which 44 were able to donate.

The most common reason for deferrals is a low iron (hemoglobin) count. This can be age-related since we often don’t absorb iron as well as we get older. It is often identified in blood donors. It is easily rectified by eating more iron-rich foods or as in my case, two to three times a week, taking an iron supplement. If you have been deferred in the past either here or in your home community, whether for medical, medications or other reasons and are unsure of your donation status, please visit the donation site and ask a staff person. Medical and medication deferrals often change with time.

All donors received a wellness check including a total cholesterol count. You can phone in three or four days after your donation to receive results. They also received a St. Patrick’s Day t-shirt and a \$20 e-gift card. We all received the satisfaction of knowing we either attempted or were able to give the “gift of life” to potentially three individuals in need.

The next in-season blood drive will be the first Monday in December. There are two drives each season; the first Mondays in December and March.

On behalf of the surrounding community and particularly the potential 132 patients that were given the gift of life, thank you to all who participated. A special thank you to the First Responders who enthusiastically welcomed all donors into the Station for highly recommended hydration, snacks and a few minutes of conversation with them and other fellow blood donors.

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Two talented Knotty Knitters



Photos submitted by Diane Fisher
Kathy Farler displaying her Best of Show winning afghan at the Ohio Ross County Fair.

by Diane Fisher

Knotty Knitters consists of creative people who knit, crochet and do other needlecrafts. Here are two talented ladies.

Kathy Farler of lot 08-09 has been a member for four years and we have seen her crochet beautiful afghans. Having won first-place ribbons many times at her local Ross County Fair in Ohio, she has strived for years to get the Best of Show ribbon. Well, last summer she achieved this goal getting this coveted ribbon for The Fruit Garden afghan.

If you attended the Activities Showcase, this beautiful afghan was displayed. Here is a picture of

Kathy and we are so happy and proud of her.

Jean Landry was a member of our group for many years creating beautiful knitted and crocheted afghans, hats, scarfs and sweaters for her ever-growing granddaughters. Sadly, she lost her battle to cancer in August and we really miss her smiles and laughter.

Her husband, Robert, generously donated Jean's large yarn stash to us which we cherish and will make something of our liking and think of her when we wear or see it. In Jean's memory we have collected monies to be donated to Daystar Hope Center.



Jean Landry holding one of the children's blankets that she crocheted.

A story about the Goughs and three Wood Shop volunteers



Linda Gough with woodcarvers Linda Murphy and Gene Gough.

by Linda Murphy

During the off season, I was talking with Linda Gough. She told me that their farm has many tobacco sticks that might be of interest to the TR Woodcarvers. I am from Pennsylvania and said that I would like to see what they look like. When Gene and Linda

Gough arrived at TR, they gave me a number of tobacco sticks.

I am the woodcarving instructor and this year we received approval to build a cabinet to store a sharpening system, carving wood and a bandsaw for fine cutting. We have so many talented people here at TR and many of them are willing to help others by sharing their talents. Bud Wuebker volunteered to build the cabinet with the help of his fellow TR Wood Shop members, Dwight Greene and Joe Politsky. The TR Wood Shop people have continually been so kind and helpful to the TR woodcarvers and we owe them a big thank you.

The beautiful cabinet is now completed and we wanted to give the builders something to honor their hard work. The woodcarvers decided we could feed them and their spouses at our season gathering. At the same time, I was deciding what to do with my 100-year-old tobacco sticks. After I carved and painted three small cardinals as walking stick toppers, added a leather hand grip and did some sanding, I had three walking sticks

Michigan Luncheon



photos submitted by Cheryl Novak

by Cheryl Novak

A large crowd of Michiganans turned out for the annual luncheon. We had lots of food, lots of conversations and good entertainment by Doc and Company. Tamara Howe won the door prize.



Activity Affairs

Thank you to our amazing volunteers



GUY WEIK

by Guy Weik

Time sure flies when you're having fun and hopefully it has been an enjoyable season for all of you at TR! Earlier in the season, I encouraged everyone to try to attend or participate in a new activity this year and I hope you've been able to accomplish this.

Gratitude to players and weighers

by Jackie Thackery

Thank you to all card players who visited or regularly attended Five Crowns on alternate Wednesday evenings when Concert Series presentations were not scheduled. With all the personalities, humor and educational moments, it has been a fun season. Cards will continue as long as I am at TR and Citrus West is available, perhaps till the end of April. Stay tuned for the Summer Schedule and location that will be announced soon.

I enjoy most games and attend almost all evenings except Thursdays and Sundays. I wish to thank all the players who have shared games with me this season. I know others echo my happy feelings and thoughts about our many activities and the enjoyment of these throughout this year.

A chuckle from Ray and Rich's past article referencing a Waist Management Committee.

Once again, I want to express my sincerest appreciation to all our resident volunteers who work so hard keeping our more than 100 activities running smoothly. Your many hours of planning, organizing, setting up and performing or teaching, have awakened our dormant creativity and strengthened our aging bodies. There are too many of you to thank by name but please know how much you are appreciated.

If you haven't already done so, please complete your Activity Update for next season and return it to me ASAP. I am trying to complete next season's InTouch-Link, Building and Monthly Special Event Schedules before the end of March. If your activity has a financial account with the TR Office, don't forget to return your financial accounting sheets to Renee Bigelow.

Waist Watchers was established in 2010 and a few regular participants continue to support each other and regularly attend Thursday mornings, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in the Hobby House Porch.

Our goals include not only support but losing and or maintaining weight. Some lose a few or many pounds and continue working to have control and not add pounds all year. Others actually attend to verify maintenance of their goal while away from their weight control plan for the Winter Season. All are welcome; two men have been faithful members. It is a wonderful support and personal accountability group. See you weekly until Thursday, April 4 or in the Fall when meetings resume in November. Thank you members for your participation and your support. Thank you to the writers for the Waist Management mention and the chuckle.

Model Railroad Club News

by Brian Krupicka

WHAT IS THIS??? These are called T-Trak Mini-Dioramas. The design just came out last year as a means of promoting the model railroad hobby to kids. The single-track module's design is very simple. It is constructed on a one-inch foam installation board, painted, straight or covered track glued down and decorated with things kids would have around the house or can be bought at a Dollar Discount Store. Each unit costs less than \$5 to build. These were designed for kids to be built by kids. However, it is a great project for parents and kids to accomplish together. If you have any questions,



Photo by Brian Krupicka
Great for kids to build and operate.

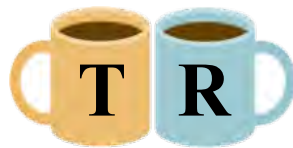
please contact Brian Krupicka at TRTrains@dbcomserv.com or call 630-961-1243.

Now is your chance to be part of our orchestra

by Pat Daubenmier

There was an article in last week's paper that said it was your last chance of the season to practice your dance moves learned in ballroom dancing or in the line dancing classes. That was for the St Patrick's Day Dance. However, I'm wondering if it's your last chance as in forever. The Travelers Orchestra is in serious need of new members. We often practice a piece of music and find that there is no one playing the melody in a section of a song. We are grateful to Phil St. John's arranging and writing skills. He frequently has to write in a new part. Bet you didn't know that! We need to give Phil a break. We need more people to play more parts.

Another little fact you might not know is that there are people in the park who don't know that we have an orchestra. How can that possibility be? We try to get the word out. Maybe you can help with that, too. Tell your friends that we exist. Tell them they aren't too bad, but you know, they need some additional tooters. We are especially in need of low brass, but all are welcome to check us out. It does us very little good to attend the Activity Fair in January because you don't have that instrument with you then. You need to read this article now and bring that horn or woodwind or string with you when you come. Help us keep this activity alive and well.



Red Dotters Kathi and Eric Van Horn enjoy fellowship at the Red Dot Social.

by Susan Stahley

It is time to thank all the Welcoming Committee members and our chairperson Diana Hill for their hard work this season. The

Welcoming Committee

overall feeling at TR is that new guests feel very welcome. Much of the Committee's work is done behind the scenes, however, their presence can be seen out on Golf View delivering Goody Bags. A friendly knock on the door is answered by a new guest a day after their arrival. Questions are answered and the new guests are invited to join in the fun! Members of the committee staff Red Dot tables at group events to answer questions and offer information so that everyone can enjoy their stay. Our wishes are for all TR residents and guests to have a healthy and fun-filled summer no matter where you are. The Red Shirt Volunteers

will be waiting for you all in the fall. We would love to have you join us!



Photos submitted by Susan Stahley.
Andrea Curran enjoying a cup of coffee at the Red Dot Social.



Some history of the Pet Lovers Club

by Amy Peebles

Kim Roberts has been the chairperson of The Pet Lovers Club since March 2022. Under her leadership, the emphasis has been on fun, learning and fundraising to keep the needs and comfort of the dogs and their owners up-to-date. The club meets on the second Monday of the month from December to March. There is a \$10 membership per household.



Photo submitted by Kim Roberts
KIM ROBERTS AND DUKE

There are many fun and informative activities:

- Pack Walks every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. for dog walkers to walk together as a group.
- Free dog training once a week, January through March, taught by TR resident Kathleen Clark.
- A Pet Blessing was recently held.
- There was a demonstration of an apprehensive/bomb detection K-9 organized by Tia Paquette.
- CPR demonstration for dogs, was given by TR First Responder Joe Colao.

Many fundraising events have also been held including:

- The first ever Pup Crawl that was held in January. There were four host homes and guests paid \$15 to participate. The group moved together between the homes to socialize and enjoy the fun décor, food and beverages provided by each host. Plans are in the works for another Pup Crawl next month and one more host house is needed.
- Linda Gower donated a handmade quilt to the club for a free drawing although donations were appreciated when filling out a ticket.
- Former club chair Judy Leister, who currently co-chairs with Tia Paquette, hosted tables at the monthly TR Flea Market and also during the monthly Yard Sales.



File Photo

Pet Lovers Club members Kim Roberts and Kathleen Clark in foreground and Judy Leister and Tia Paquette man their table at the recent Activities Fair.

Everything from collars, leashes, toys, dog clothes, bowls, grooming supplies and so much more can be found at these sales. Items are free but donations are always appreciated.

Kim says the club's future fund-raising goals are to raise funds for a dog splash pad, as well as budget-approved shed and shade overhang for the North Paw Park.

With more than 300 dogs at TR and many using the dog park at the end of 10th Street, it was getting a lot of wear and tear and becoming overcrowded from use. Kim said the first thing on her agenda when she became chairperson, was to work towards the opening of the proposed second dog park. With a lot of negotiation and assistance from a couple of TR board members the second park received approval. Once the fence was installed, the park was open for use in 2023.

At a club meeting this year suggestions for naming the two parks were made from those in attendance. A vote was taken and the names South Paw and North Paw were chosen. Kim says the two dog parks are working out very well and both are popular.

A volunteer sign-up sheet was posted in both parks for ongoing volunteer jobs that need to be done. Tasks included spraying, bug and weed control, cleaning concrete, pavilion and pavers, along with minor repairs and yard work. Kim was very pleased with the response.

On any given day as you are out and about at TR you are likely to cross paths with many dogs of different breeds and sizes accompanied by their owners. They are

out for a walk or making use of the pet amenities which have increased throughout the years thanks to the time and dedication of decades of volunteers making TR a pet friendly park.

The early days of having a dog at TR were very different from today. The Village residents could own dogs because their homes were on individually deeded properties but RV South was restricted to a limited number of dog sites around the perimeter of the park bounded by 10th and 21st Streets. These sites were few in number and were only on the outside edge of the streets identified. There was a dog walk that ran behind these sites but not maintained by the park. It was infested by ant nests that bit both dogs and

walkers. Due to these issues, several dog owners approached the Board with the idea to permit dog walking on 10th and 21st Streets. The request was approved but dogs were allowed only on the extreme perimeter edge and never beyond the middle of the street. There were still the problems of not enough available dog sites and high demand with a five year waiting list.

The Board was responsible for overseeing pet policies at the park until several pet owners approached the members about creating a kennel club which would assume the board's responsibilities pertaining to pets. This was approved by the Board and the Kennel Club was born. Eventually the name was changed to the Pet Lovers Club to be inclusive of all animals although the majority of pets in the park are dogs. As more RV owners were traveling with their pets, the Board approved another change which allowed pets on vacant sites on all other streets with the exception of portions of TR Blvd., 2nd, 3rd and 4th Streets which remain pet free.

Now with many more sites open for lease to pet owners and with the recently founded Kennel Club, a swampy piece of land led to the next improvement for TR dogs. Neighbor Charlie Schwend asked the Board for permission to construct drainage tiles from a swampy portion of his property through a swampy piece of TR property to Vanishing Lake. This portion of his property was a problem for his cattle and TR was not using the piece of land at the end of 10th Street in RV South.

Schwend constructed the entire drainage system at his cost to improve drainage and land use.

Time passed and eventually managers Bob and Barbara White suggested to the Kennel Club that a dog park might be a new use for this previously swampy land. Kennel Club members supported the idea and agreed to pay for the initial fencing which the park installed. While the work was ongoing, a photo in an RV publication was noticed, showing a raised dog bath in a California campground. In true TR fashion, the idea took root in the park and an anonymous donor paid for the materials and volunteers from the Wood Shop built the dog bath. Throughout the years the wood structure deteriorated and the bath was rebuilt. It now features a custom made stainless steel basin and an access ramp.

Currently The Pet Lovers Club meets monthly and is focused on fun activities for dogs and their owners, learning and training opportunities and fund raising to keep the quality of life here at TR a great place for pets to live. With the addition of the second dog park, dogs have even more opportunities to run, play and enjoy all that TR has to offer our four-legged friends. Future club plans include working on the relationships between dogs and their owners and learning how to be safe around other dogs.

Thank you to Doug Pedersen for providing the historical information and Judy Leister for her club knowledge as past chair.

TR Amateur Radio Club had a busy season



by Dan Zile

Our club, which focuses on emergency service and preparedness, has gained new members this season. Some are new to the park and some studied and obtained their licenses while here at the park. Regardless, we are happy to have them as members.

Some people have the opinion the Radio Club is only for guys. It is not! This season we decided to ask some of our "Lady hams" to be our net control operators during the week of Valentine's Day (this is our daily gathering on the radio). The ladies did an excellent job and are also very active in other functions of the club. They are very much appreciated.

The Amateur Radio Club also supports TR by providing coffee and donuts during the Flea Markets and the Yard/Patio Sales. We very much appreciate the residents' support of our fundraisers.

In addition to participating in the Activity Showcase and Hobby and Arts Show, 21 of our members participated in a "Field trip" to Hamcation in Orlando. This is the second largest gathering of Ham Radio operators in the U.S. We all had a good time and will attend again next season.

At our meetings we hold educational programs relating to

emergency frequency monitoring during emergencies and digital applications involving Ham Radio. Our average attendance is over 25, which is great and shows interest in our hobby.

Again this season we had many projects including assembling/raising in the air and testing the big beam antenna as well as participating in the national Winter Field Day for the second consecutive year. Winter Field Day is actually an emergency preparedness activity to help us practice communicating should the park lose commercial power. It was a huge success. Additional projects included assembling an emergency "Go Kit" and installing a "Cross band" radio that will help members with handy talkies communicate from one end of the park to the other. To increase our knowledge and practice using the digital modes, a laptop was purchased. This will also increase our capabilities during an emergency.

This season the club worked hard to upgrade our EchoLink System. This is an Internet-based system that will be advantageous during power outages. We also use EchoLink to stay in touch during the summer months.

So you ask, if TR has no commercial power and the system requires the Internet, how does that work? Well, the answer is direct access to another project — solar power. Yes, the club upgraded our solar power capabilities inside the Communication Center this season and plan to upgrade the

outside requirements next season.

Anyone who might have an interest in becoming an amateur radio operator or would like a tour of the Communication Center, contact me at 618-954-8550 or email wb0ymq@aol.com.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our club members for their participation in the nets and the many projects accomplished this season. It takes a team and we have a good one here at Travelers Rest. Thanks also goes to the residents who support our club as well as the TR Park Management and the Board of Directors.

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More Talent Show photos



Donna Neer, Director of the Talent Show, receives flowers from Ken Langell.



TR's own Cloggers, Lois Allen, Lin Buczek, Linda Gough, Trish Horney, Louise McRoberts, Donna Neer, Andrea Patterson and Bev Weissinger perform to "Ay Caramba."



Tom Brown performs "All American Boy."



Bob Luther lip-synched "It's a Fine Time to Leave me Lucille" with the help of Gary Anderson.



90+ year old Clint Taylor lip-synched "Old Man River."



Husband and wife duo Ron and Ruth Reeve performed a medley of war songs from the 40s.



Chuck Lemke sang "Take Me Home," a tribute to John Denver.

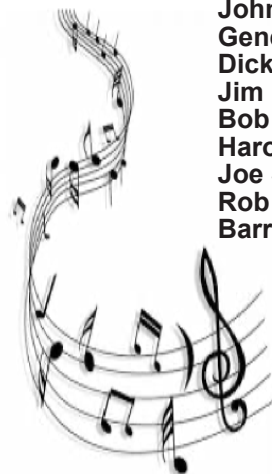


Dave Kat, guitarist, sang "Ode to Jimmy" an original composition in the Jimmy Buffet style.



TR's Singing Men, under the direction of Ron Reeve, are:

- John Daubenmier
- Gene Gough
- Dick Gutridge
- Jim Henrikson
- Bob Jackson
- Harold Keefer
- Joe Shipe
- Rob Werner
- Barry Zimmerman



*Photos by
Bill Bradford*



Laura Maragnano and Laurie Zentmyer sing "Take a Chance On Me" from "Mamma Mia" accompanied by Bruce Richman.



Jeff Duquette performs a stand-up routine.

A beautiful day for a Garden Walk



Amy Grier demonstrates her oil painting.



by Nancy McDowell

The Lake Margaret Garden Club held the annual Garden Walk on Sunday, March 10. TR residents and friends walked the boardwalk, viewing the beautiful results of a season of hard work by all of the Lake Margaret Gardeners. Along the way they heard the dulcet tones of the Dulcimer group, led by Lois Showers and including Dave Murphy, Rick Yoder, Carolyn Place, Betty Brown, Lois Allen and Peggy Biser. Walkers admired the paintings of Amy Grier's watercolor class and the textile art of the Sewing and Quilting groups. Perhaps they had their name written in calligraphy by one of Rich Peebles' students. Phyllis Zitzer demonstrated the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly in the area behind our sedum decorated tree stump. Joe Politsky and fellow wood-workers showed off their creations inside the Bird Watching Building, which was beautifully decorated with sun-catchers made by Kathy Lemke and Kathy Kushman's Beadaholics group. After enjoying refreshments under tents lent by Glenn and Gabriella Young, the Garden Walkers continued to the Lower Garden to hear a music "jam" organized by Andrea Patterson. Musicians included Larry and Shayla Wilson, Doc and Donna Probes, and Cindy Watson. Alan Kenney and the TR Sound Crew assured that all of our talented musicians could be heard. A shout out to the Snack Shack for providing much-needed service supplies. The Garden Club thanks everyone who contributed to enhancing the Garden Walk.



Bernie Gutridge stops to get her name done in calligraphy by Richard Peebles.



The dulcimer group provides some music.



Ladies of the Garden Club set out an array of delicious refreshments.



Chris and Rhonda Bracknell sign their names on the Garden Shed.



Cloie Morgan, Nancy Dejong, Cathy Locke and Barbara Olm pause in the Gazebo in front of one of the beautiful stained glass panels.



Photographer Carolyn Stein snaps a photo of the watercolor paintings on display.



Lots to see and enjoy at the display of paintings provided by TR artists.



The Quilting group displays a garden quilt, one of their textile projects.



It is not a monarch butterfly, it is Phyllis Zitzer.



Bruce and Cherie Richman enjoy the fiddling of Brode Morgan.

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Travel News

by Sharon Gilbert Zile

“Alo-HA!” Anne Marie, our Cruise Director, enthusiastically exclaimed with every announcement aboard the Pride of America. The “Aloha Spirit” of kindness, unity and emoting goodness to self and others is surely present at TR with the return of 58 TR Hawaii Island Hoppers from an 11-day journey to the Hawaiian islands. While there were individual travel plan variations and flight itineraries, the TR Hawaii Island Hoppers flew to Honolulu on Feb. 29 and returned to TR on March 10, just in time for several to participate in the Talent Show. During our time in Hawaii, we enjoyed two nights in a Honolulu hotel before boarding the Pride of America for a seven day cruise taking us from the “Gathering Place” Island of Oahu, to the “Valley Place” Island of Maui, to the “Big Island” of Hawaii, the “Garden Isle” of Kauai and back to Honolulu.



Happy TR residents and *The TR Times* in Maui.

Prior to the Norwegian Cruise Line itinerary, we enjoyed an evening and another full day in Honolulu, staying at the Hilton Garden Inn Waikiki. Located across the street from the open-air International Market Place mall with its many shops and restaurants, the hotel was also a short walk to Waikiki Beach. This part of our trip was intended to allow for much choice of activity. Doug and Cheryl Smith organized a group to spend a full day at the Polynesian Cultural Center where they learned of the many groups of



Marcia and Doug Hatfield keep a good read on hand.



USS Arizona is a must visit.

Polynesian peoples. College students served as guides to accompany the group to each of six Polynesian villages for food, dance, culture and music. The day culminated with a luau of delicious Polynesian food and an action-packed evening show, “HA: The Breath of Life.” The event was ignited by fire, song and costumed dance of more than 100 Pacific Islanders. Dan Zile and Steve Niles led a group who traveled by Honolulu city bus to Pearl Harbor and the SS Arizona Memorial, a memorial honoring those who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Although the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center is a National Park, timed tickets were required to take a boat into the harbor waters to visit the solemn SS Arizona Memorial. In addition to these groups, others made individual choices. Linda Smith, for example, took a commercial tour with 10 stops on the Island of Oahu. Wolf and Kathy Reimann took a small group to the very beautiful Waikiki Elks Club for a sunset dinner. The day was also a day of adjustment to the five-hour difference in time zones, and several dedicated themselves to rest after the long travel.

Sharon had arranged for small buses to take the TR Hawaii Island

Hoppers and their luggage to the pier on Saturday for ship embarkation. A very well-organized NCL passenger check-in process required little waiting, so most were aboard and were calling one of our 29 cabins “home” by 2 p.m. Our concerns for Laura and Bill Apgar, who chose to fly from Tampa to Honolulu on embarkation day, were joyfully alleviated when Laura and Bill easily



Photos submitted by Sharon Zile
Dan Varner and George Varty are celebrated as Pride of America cornhole champions.

The Pride of America is a U.S. flagged ship sailing year-round and round trip from Honolulu, circumnavigating the Hawaiian Islands. Our Freestyle Cruising package provided two-for-one air travel itineraries, dinners at onboard specialty restaurants in addition to the Aloha Buffet, 150 minutes of Internet and options for transfer to and from the airport. The ship’s patriotic décor offered venues such as the Mardi Gras Cabaret, the Gold Rush Saloon, Key West Grill and the Hollywood Theater. With 2,000 passengers and an American crew of 900, the ship also offered



Just “hang loose” was the theme of the trip.



Kathy Reimann, Dan and Sharon Zile, Denise and Harry Link, and Wolf Reimann enjoy a beautiful sunset dinner.

many activity, entertainment and dining options, allowing each TR Hawaii Island Hopper opportunity to make choices.

NCL had numerous shore excursions: Waimea Canyon and Fern Grotto, Volcano National Park, whale watching, beaches and snorkeling, helicopter rides and island tours. Of course, the islands also offered many choices for personally arranged options. For example, Rosie Chattos and John Hann took a helicopter ride, Wolf and Kathy Reimann flew in a small plane and Linda Gavin and Sandra Yeager chose the Grand Circle Island Tour of Oahu by motorcoach. Meanwhile, on the ship, Mary Colao Morello and Joan Colao took a class in making leis, Bill Apgar explored the ship with a Behind the Scenes tour and George Varty and Dan Varner became the Pride of America cornhole champions.

The Aloha Spirit was alive throughout the trip. It was won-

derful to have 58 friends onboard to dine together throughout the week and share activities with those with similar interests. It was also reassuring to know that our very own TR First Responders Joe Colao, Lise Minnick and Warren Sherlock were among us. Each TR Hawaii Island Hopper will have dozens of stories of awe-inspiring views and wildlife sightings, dining experiences and cultural understandings and MANY photos! Hawaii was also the perfect place for the Spirit of TR to thrive and blossom. The Alo-HA Spirit of Hawaii offered the Breath of Life to us with the joy of new friendships among us, and opportunities to support one another with the many challenges of travel. With a very tired body and head that is still rolling with the waves of the sea, I express a beautiful Hawaiian “Mahalo” (expression of gratitude) to each TR Hawaii Island Hopper for the beautiful spirit that we packed for this journey!

TR activities fund receives check

by Diana Hill

At last week’s Forum, I presented Guy Weik with a check from SkyMed for \$504.18 for our Activities Fund.

We had hundreds of people attend our SkyMed presentations this season. Long-time TR resident Bill (JJ) Johnjulio retired in 2023 and I joined the SkyMed team, so we both did presentations in 2023.

TR signed up to be one of SkyMed’s “Network of Parks” partners and our Activities Fund benefits from any sales we make here. The only commitment from TR is that they allow our SkyMed presentations and permit us to

circulate SkyMed flyers and brochures. It’s a win-win.

Please see my ad on page 11 and contact me for more information.



Photo by Pam Watkins
Diana Hill presents SkyMed check to Guy Weik for TR activities.

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Library News

The TR Library has a great season



Thank you volunteers

by Mary Kosbab

Thanks to the generous donation from the Party Planners at the end of last season we were able to purchase shelves for games and puzzles in the Hobby House and looked after by Connie Swanson. We have moved the jigsaw puzzles back to the library. The games will remain in the Hobby House for all to use there or at their sites. Also, thanks to the Party Planners we were able to replace some of our most popular missing books. We are very appreciative of their donation.

Kathy Fuller, Nan Lance and Bert Contractor take care of our DVD collection. As always, weeding out the collection is a necessary job in libraries. Kathy came up with an idea of how to determine which DVDs were being used. Because of this they were able to weed out DVDs not being used, giving us more space.

This is the first year we held our meetings all season at the Snack Shack Pavilion allowing us to eat together and get to know each other better as well as hold our monthly meeting. Many thanks to Loretta Whitfield who made this suggestion. Loretta has left the park this season. She was one of our weekly Library News writers. We will miss her and we thank her for all she has done for our library in the years she was here.

Betty Van Winkle initiated and has planned a field trip for our staff to the Hugh Embry Public Library in Dade City on March 26. We are looking forward to seeing their newly renovated facilities. This library is a wonderful supplement to our little park

library. They help us by taking the books we weed out of our collection to put in their book sales. It is a win-win situation.


As always, the generous donations by residents is a big part of our beautiful little library. We very much appreciate your support.

A big thanks always to the back bone of our library – the volunteers who keep the library organized, up-to-date and looking good. They are a great group of people who go about doing the necessary tasks quietly and efficiently. I have always called them a silent army. Except for monthly meetings we don't see each other often, but we know others have been there because the work gets done.

Unlike many activities at TR the library remains open year round, thanks to our year-round volunteers: Kay Blunda, Amy Peebles and Diane Phillips. We appreciate their holding down the fort for us during the off-season months.

Finally, thanks to my co-chairs, Kay Blunda and Amy Peebles and to the invention of conference phone calls. Throughout the season and through the offseason we three keep in touch with three-way calls. Kay and Amy are great library co-chairs and good friends.

The entire library staff wishes all heading home safe travels. To everyone, we wish a summer of good health and reading.



Please do not take recommended books north with you.

Garden News



by Nancy McDowell

March comes in like a lion and goes out with the park emptying at a fast pace. As a year-round Florida resident, I totally get it. Go to cooler climes. It is the season of human migration. It is also a month of "lasts," this being the last issue of the 2023-2024 TR Times publication schedule.

These past weeks the club members held their annual end-of-season luncheon, last club meeting of the season and hosted their last community event, the Annual Garden Walk (weather permitting because, as we go "to press," the forecast is a bit iffy for March 10). Now it is time to tuck the artwork, signs and flags away. This will be the last we see of all that until the fall. It was the last fully-attended working session in the Garden. It was the last of the displays of the Garden in full bloom and decor.

I have been a Lake Margaret Garden Club member since the beginning of this year. This is my eighth column for the Garden Club in The TR Times. It has been a



Photo by Nancy McDowell
Cindy Watson points out a new chrysalis.

And lastly...with gratitude



Photo by Phyllis Zitzer

Gardener Randy Melville receives a watercolor painting of an amaryllis from Amy Grier.

pleasure working with the other volunteers, who really do the lion's share of the Garden work. It is my privilege to get to know these people and an honor to write about them. Some do not want the attention but their work is so crucial and valued. I hope they all know their efforts are deeply appreciated. Additional effort is expended by the club's leadership. (Four more years! Four more years!). President Stacey Grier, Vice-President Linda Jackson, Secretary Pam Forsyth, Treasurer Laura Lilawski, Artistic Director Amy Grier and Master Gardener Phyllis Zitzer. The extra time they put into Lake Margaret Garden and the club's administration is not always visible to all, but their impact can certainly be seen throughout the Garden itself.

Our volunteers provide the energy that makes Lake Margaret Garden so wonderful and I will do another pitch that "more hands are always welcome." We hold dear all present and past volunteers. One of the last acts this year by our club was to present Randy Melville a framed watercolor of an amaryl-

lis flower. Randy was responsible for updating our irrigation system a few years ago. He also fixed some of the existing benches. See, it is not all about weeding.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." (Sherry Anderson) We will see you all next season!



Photo by Nancy McDowell

Amy Grier and Cathy Holley planting zinnias.



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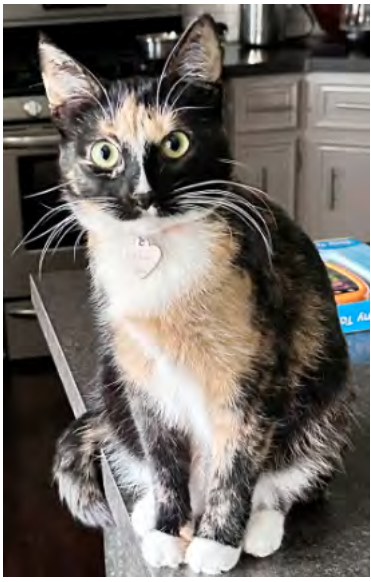



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Pets on Parade



Photos by Helene Werner
CALLI

by Judy Leister

Helene and Rob Werner live right next to the South Paw Dog Park here at TR. They enjoy watching the many dogs that come there to sniff, romp, chase balls and do their business. Their kitty, Calli loves sitting in the window on her cat tower watching all the action. Even the barking doesn't faze her. Her calico coloring, bright white whiskers and huge, sparkling eyes give her quite the vivid appearance.

There was a short time when the Werners said, "No more cats" after they had to put their beloved Lucy down at age 17. That cat traveled with them on an 8,000-mile Airstream adventure,

accompanied them up and down the East Coast, flew on airplanes and even went through a car wash with them. Too many wonderful memories. Nope, no more cats for them.

That thought lasted for about five months. Then one day Helene received a call from their daughter-in-law, who is a doctor. One of her patients had a mother cat with a litter of kittens that were ready to go to their new homes. While Helene was in the middle of that conversation she heard Rob yell out in the background, "Are there any calicos?" Yep, there was an adorable calico. A picture was sent to them online and off they went to get her.

Calli is not quite two years old now and has some very entertaining habits. One is her morning routine that never changes. The instant she hears the alarm clock go off she rubs up against the window blinds, jumps on the bed and walks around and around their heads. She's telling them it's time for her special breakfast treat, a spoonfull of canned cat food placed in her special treat bowl. She winds around their legs until the treat is delivered. At the end of the day, when Helene and Rob are done watching their last TV show of the night Rob says, "Alrighty then" and Calli leaps up and runs to the kitchen for her bedtime snack. She's then ready for bed.

Around the house Calli shows

off her many talents. She easily lands on the kitchen countertop with one leap. If a cupboard door is opened, she jumps in to explore. If she decides she wants to look in a drawer but no one happens to open it, she will open it herself.



Are we there yet?

Riding in the car is one of Calli's favorite things to do. She doesn't want to just lay around on a seat. Just like in the house where she perches on her cat tower to watch out the window, Calli also wants to see where they're going in the car. Her favorite spot is to stretch out on the dash with her paw dangling over the edge right in front of the GPS. I'm sure she is just making sure they don't miss any turns or go in the wrong direction.

We all need a Calli in our lives to keep us smiling.

Birding Activity



The acrobatic omnivore!



Photo by Tom Butler

TUFTED TITMOUSE

by Tom Butler

Sounds like a gymnast moving through the buffet line. Nope! This creature is one of the most common feathered residents in our incredible park. Being extremely chatty, energetic, aggressive and constantly on the move are the hallmarks of this small songbird. The gray color on the back and head includes an impressive tuft much like a cardinal. Large black eyes make the Tufted Titmouse a beautiful creature and easily identifiable. Add a black forehead and rusty coloration down the sides and you have "Baeolophus Bicolor." Who? Tufted Titmouse.

This bird earns its acrobatic description by hovering in mid-air to catch flying insects, hanging upside down on limbs to catch crawling critters and bouncing from branch to branch chasing caterpillars. While the summer diet is heavily dependent on the caterpillars, the winter diet switches to seeds, berries and nuts. But of course, as an omnivore, nothing is really off the diet and the Titmouse is known to cache some of those yummys for another day. Nothing

better than leftovers.

The Titmouse is in the same family as Chickadees, and they will move in large groups together throughout the winter foraging until spring breeding season begins. Things change drastically once these birds pair off and begin preparing for nesting. They become very aggressive and protective of their chosen area. Large trees are a must as most Titmice will nest about 35 feet off the ground on average. Natural openings and deserted woodpecker cavities are used to lay three



TUFTED TITMOUSE

to nine eggs. The normal brood is around five or six and the female incubates these eggs by herself. The male takes care of the food, but will many times receive help from a member of last year's family. Nice! Eggs will hatch in 12 to 14 days and the juveniles will fledge in another 15 to 16 days.

My favorite part of watching the Tufted Titmouse is seeing them fly down to the feeders, grab one sunflower seed and fly back to a limb to crack it open while holding it between their feet. This is generally followed by the common call of "Peter, Peter, Peter." If you get a chance, take a walk and look for this amazing bird. You won't be disappointed.



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Pet Lovers Club

We have a winner!



Linda Gower with the quilt she donated and Tammy Howe, the winner of the quilt.

by Kim Roberts

We have a winner! Tammy Howe was the lucky person to have the winning ticket for the quilt that was donated by Linda Gower to the Pet Lover's Club. All were welcome to get a ticket and many made donations which will go towards the maintenance of the TR dog parks.

The Pet Lover's Club would like to thank everyone who has supported our efforts to keep our

dog parks beautiful. Thank you to the many volunteers that stepped up to help with the chores needed to get it done and keep it going. Please keep up the great work!

We will be putting a shade pavilion with a shed at the North Paw Park. If everything goes as planned it should be there by the time you return next season. YAY!!!

Have a great summer. See you next winter.



Photo by Judy Leister

Tia Paquette, Desiree Croteau and K-9 Ripley are shown at a recent demonstration of Ripley's skills. Ripley is an apprehensive/bomb detection K-9. The dog is 11 years old, now retired, and has had an interesting and honorable career serving his country.

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TR's talent amazes everyone who attends the Annual Hobby and Arts Show



Photo by Sandy Sasuta

Kathleen Kushman shares some of her group's colorful, eye-catching bead projects.



Shelba Tucker finished a happy flamingo wood project with stain and acrylic.



Rootbeer float anyone? Marina Christopher, Mary Beth Coldren, Eleanor Buscher, Pat Daubenmier, Laura Harper or Peggy Biser will be happy to serve.



Mary Kubiniec and Laurie O'Rourke show off some of their painting group's lovely pieces.



Joni Tartalone and Cathy Stuart display one of Cathy's denim throws.



One of these lucky ladies may be going home with a beautiful purse created by Warren Sherlock.



Amateur Radio members Russ Thackery, Eric Youngpeters, John Deegan, Brode Morgan and Harry Link "ham" it up.



Roxy Bass and Marge Cantu are choosing some of Bert Contractor's beautiful photographs.



Knotty Knitters Kathy Farler, JeanAnne Amico, Rachel Brooks and Diane Fisher display some of their warm and cuddly projects.



The people we talk to are all over the world. John Deegan just finished a call with a fellow radio operator in Great Britain.



Vic Bowser's latest project is repurposing old post office boxes.



Mike Schuster and Joan Hyde stop work for a moment to pose for the picture.



Terry Bias begins to flutter and spread this dove's wings.



Donna and Andrea Smith enjoy hearing about Vynette Willbur's process for finding, polishing and finishing her colorful rocks.



Billie Doell's talent with fabric arts is easy to see.



Arya and Toby Joynes like Judy VanSwol's soft rugs. They are visiting their grandparents Roger and Janice Joynes.



Lorraine Gould makes short work of this beautiful mat as her fingers fly through the stitches.

Photos by Pam Watkins

TR Sports

Forget-me-not Scramble



Photo by Susan Stafley

out On Saturday 73 golfers came for fun, food, golf and to help support the Alzheimer's Foundation.

500 Cards

by Pat McCallum

Saturday, March 2

Barb Watson.....	1930
Kathleen Clark.....	1860
Bob Luther.....	1840

Saturday, March 9

Connie Bradley,	
Jackie Thackery.....	880
Nan Lance.....	540

Cribbage

by Bob Luther

Monday, March 4

Dave Adams.....	565
Randy Smith.....	559
Bob Luther.....	542

Highest single hand for the season

Kathy Van Horn.....	28
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See you next year

by George Paquette

Well, here I am writing the final article for *The TR Times* for this year. Where has the time gone? We're so busy here at TR that the days, weeks and months just fly by. It's sometimes easy to forget how lucky we are to be able to spend our winters here in the warm weather and in the company of good friends and neighbors. Our Golf Course, as usual, was well-maintained and a pleasure to play on. The weather was somewhat of a challenge this year with the constant cool, damp climate. When I compare it to our home in Canada however, we wouldn't be playing golf.

Volunteers make the difference and given the challenges we've had with some of the crazy weather patterns from year-to-year, our volunteers are constantly put to the test. The Beautification Team does a wonderful job pruning trees, maintaining and enhancing the gardens and placing potted plants strategically to enhance the beauty of our course. As well, if you looked around, you saw volunteers working hard every Tuesday ensuring the course was in top shape. They work on the maintenance of tee boxes, placement of pins on the greens, divot repair and countless other necessities we often take for granted. Then there are the volunteers that keep the Driving Range up to snuff. Balls are washed every night, carpets are swept and the grass portion of the Driving Range where golfers hit their balls, is

regularly seeded for best performance. We can't forget our golf instructors who are available every Tuesday morning to teach not only beginners but encourage and help all golf students to improve their game. There are also the many fundraisers that help support the costs of the beautification of the course.

I'm sure I've missed a number of dedicated volunteers that quietly and with little recognition, make our Golf Course run smoothly. Volunteers are the heart and soul of TR throughout the park. Whoever you are, know that your efforts are appreciated and we simply wouldn't have this wonderful oasis in the sun if it wasn't for you. On behalf of everyone at TR, a big THANK YOU for all that you do!

On that note, I think we also need to recognize the TRGA and the TR Board members as well as our General Manager Ray Hill and his team, for all the hard work they put into providing the services we receive and the environment we enjoy. These folks put in copious hours to ensure that all is in place for our enjoyment and safety. I think that sometimes we take them for granted. Although it is our responsibility to review and critique their decisions, we also need to recognize that they are our friends and neighbors and that they deserve our support and encouragement.

So there you have it. Keep well, stay safe and we'll see you all back here next fall. Cheers!

Chinese Mah Jong

by Marcia Hatfield

Monday, March 4

Kathy Bocchino,	
Connie Bradley.....	5
Deborah May.....	4
Rose Taggart.....	3
Rachel Brooks.....	2
Nancy Moschler.....	1

Friday, March 8

Elaine Morgan.....	6
Jen Furman.....	5
Janet Baal, Barb Overly,	
Kathy Bocchino.....	3
Connie Bradley,	
Nancy Moschler.....	1

Dominoes

by Linda Gough

Thursday, March 7

Table 1 Winner

Linda Murphy.....	129
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Table 2 Winner

Rob Sunde.....	242
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Bowling

by Lin Buczek

Friday, March 8

9 Pin Tap Results

Men's Scratch High Game

Ken Neer.....	230
Bill Buczek.....	181
Bill Bunning.....	166

Men's Scratch High Series

Ken Neer.....	661
Bill Buczek.....	539
Bill Bunning.....	434

Women's Scratch High Game

Lin Buczek.....	242
Leslie Price.....	190
Kathy Capsolas.....	134

Women's Scratch High Series

Lin Buczek.....	632
Leslie Price.....	550
Carol Schell.....	341

Pickleball Jam

by Laurie Gardner

Tuesday, March 5

Congratulations to the Pickleball Jam Round Robin Winners from yesterday. Thank you to everyone who brought a snack to share.

Mixed Doubles Bracket

1. Ron and Ruth Reeve
2. Rob and Sherrie Grissinger
3. Mike and Kathleen Clark, Randy and Merry Smith

Varied Skills Bracket

1. Denny O'Rourke
2. Craig Miller
3. Bob Trotter, Erna Akers

Novice/Beginner's Bracket

1. Neil Moore
2. Donna Conrad
3. Cathy Capsolas

Ladies' Golf League Tournament winners



Photo by Eleanor Buchser

Tournament winners, Barb Larose, Maureen Peet, Hazel English, Jean Bjorgen, Linda Beausoleil.

by Hazel English

Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7

1st Low Gross

Maureen Peet.....	74
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2nd Low Gross

Hazel English,	
Jean Bjorgen.....	78

3rd Low Gross

Linda Beausoleil.....	82
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Low Net

Barb Larose.....	94
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Men's Golf League Tournament winners

by Hazel English

Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 7

Low Handicap Division

1st Low Gross

Gary Carter.....	64
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2nd Low Gross

Ralph Smith.....	69
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Low Net

Roy French.....	59
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High Handicap Division

1st Low Gross

John Delaney.....	80
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2nd Low Gross

Casey Fisher, Frank Bovenburg,	
Michael Hill.....	84

Low Net

Jim Doggett,	
Frank Bovenburg.....	62



Photo by Eleanor Buchser

Gary Carter, Men's Golf Club champion

Bridge

by Jen Furman

Tuesday, March 5

Janet Baal.....	2860
Connie Bradley.....	2080
Harold Baal.....	2010
Mike Clark.....	650

Thursday, March 7

Janet and Harold Baal.....	3630
Mike Clark, John Cyr.....	2960
Connie Bradley, Ron Hicks..	2430
Tawney Rowden, Jim Weigand..	1570
Jen Furman, Barry Sellick....	1300

Bingo

by Bette Gorman

Monday, March 4

Kathy Ellison.....	100
Cindy Brodeur.....	50
Pat McCallum, Arlene Wykoff,	
Bette Gorman.....	25

Wednesday, March 6

Pat McCallum.....	135
Arlene Wykoff.....	110
Sue Guffy.....	75
Kathy Ellison.....	50

Friday, March 8

Arlene Wykoff.....	200
Sue Guffy, Judy Pech.....	100
Kathy Ellison.....	75

by Bev Weissinger

Saturday, March 9

Rob Sunde	
Joyce Ritzler (2)	
Pat Long	
Jean McKenney	
Emily Fly	
Gayle Sunde (2)	
Linda Beausoleil	
Pat Daboll	
Barb Overly (2)	
Kelly Newbury	
Marie Lupien	
Mary DeWeerd	
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07-09 Pam Brooks
207-341-0002

2017 Cedar Creek \$28,500, 38' one owner, with 3 slides, island kitchen, loveseat & two chairs recline, electric fireplace, 48" TV, residential fridge, king size mattress, central vacuum, silicon gel sealant on roof, new tires and many more features.

03-01 Jerry McRoberts
317-412-5932

10' x 16' Cabana near Busch Hall with a 2017 Coachman Catalina 32' travel trailer. Shed has hook-ups for a washer and dryer. Includes a share of stock. Asking \$72,000.

13-04 Duncan and Pat McCallum
352-424-8071

One metre soling sailboat with cradle. Custom windjammer sails, carrying case with Spectrum DX6i radio controller, four rechargeable life batteries with charger and reader, one main sail servo, two rudder servos and many extras. Asking \$550. Can be seen at lot 03-34.

03-34 Bruce Pemberton
226-526-8303

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04-27 Elaine Scarrow
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03-28 Ron Stillinger
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06-10 Diane Phillips
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An invitation

**Arrivederci...
Till we meet again**

As the seasons change here at TR, many residents come and go, leave and return, but a very special couple will not be returning next season. Glenn and Gabriella Young on 5th Street who have been very active members since 2016 are returning to their home in Stoney Creek, ON, Canada. Many of us have come to know Gabby and Glenn through their activities in Sound Crew, Entertainment Events, and especially the very successful Wednesday night Karaoke.

You are invited to Busch Hall, Friday, March 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. to say good bye and share some memories of their time at TR. Light refreshments will be served, bring a beverage of your choice.

Gabby and Glenn would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation to all their friends and the many residents who have made their time here at TR so special and memorable.



Monday, March 18, 1 to 3 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 19, 4 to 7 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 20, 4 to 7 p.m.
The Nacho Wagon/Kake Shoppe
Thursday, March 21, 1 to 3 p.m.
*Glavich Produce
Thursday, March 21, 4 to 7 p.m.
Spice Corner Hernando
Friday, March 22, 1 to 3 p.m.
*Glavich Produce
4 to 7 p.m.
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*Glavich Produce
4 to 7 p.m.
Hot Off the Press
Tuesday, March 26, 4 to 7 p.m.
That One Jerk Spot
Wednesday, March 27, 4 to 7 p.m.
GoGo Burger
Thursday, March 28, 1 to 3 p.m.
*Glavich Produce
4 to 7 p.m.
Mo'Rock'In Mediterranean
Friday, March 29, 1 to 3 p.m.
*Glavich Produce
4 to 7 p.m.
Taste of New Orleans

Food vendors are located at Oak View Pavilion
*Arrival Time is estimated

Looking Back

by Nan Lance

30 years ago - 1994

- 101 attended TR Times party. "The staff is large enough to put out the New York Times!" gasped one visitor. The staff continues to grow.
- TR Bridge Club held a picnic at Vanishing Lake last Friday.
- 12 squares enjoyed the St Pat's Dance.
- The Cellular Phone Relay Station Tower will be ready in April, which will close the gap in the network.
- Water line blowout quickly fixed. A high pressure leak sprayed a large volume of water on the electrical controls of the principle pump which eventually shut down the entire water system.

20 years ago - 2004

- Ed Zitzer retired after eight years on the Board of Directors. Ed Zitzer was the right man, in the right place, at the right time.
- Co-managers Randy and Billie Doell list "getting ready to leave for the season site/ lot checkout procedures."
- The Tuesday Night Movie chairpersons thank all the TR movie patrons and residents for their contributions to the screen fund. They had an average of 98 people in attendance with a high of 234 and a low of 26.
- RV South dumpsters get a facelift by residents. Clint Taylor worked to upgrade the dumpster area by being the architect for the layout of the bricks. Residents will add plants and bushes.

10 years ago - 2014

- K4TRR rebuilds the antenna tower after a lightning strike. The familiar antenna tower behind the Hobby House was struck by lightning last summer and the K4TRR Amateur Radio Club has been busy all season replacing burned-out antenna and antenna feed lines, rotors and other tower accessories, including the placement of new grounding rods.
- Wood Shop Pancake Breakfast used 100 lbs. of pancake batter and 60 lbs. of sausage. John Lauer, Gunny Gundrum and Bob Herman were the kitchen help.

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