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BY APRIL 12**



Remember —

articles for the Topics will be included in a **MAXIMUM of two issues before the planned event.**



Colleen's Corner.....TWERC President.

The first of April., where did this past season go? The TWERC BOD has had an aggressive winter with almost 80 activities in the rearview mirror once again this season. There have been many participants, many spectators, lots of gatherings and much laughter! Our ability to “reload” our activities and entertainment and hear the chatter among our residents brings great joy and appreciation to both of our Boards of Directors. If you think it through, this is the first time we have had this opportunity in over three years. First with the isolation and response effort to the rampant COVID virus, immediately followed by the impact of a direct hit by Hurricane Ian in 2022. We operate and maintain all these activities in TW with volunteers. We are a very lucky community to have such an amazing group of volunteers. The TWERC team is proud to be part of the recovery process and even happier to see our community functioning within the rhythm that we have become accustomed to living. It is with our heartfelt thanks that our TWERC Board accepted the resignation of our newsletter production editors, Lee-Ann Magner and Jane Simpson, effective with this April issue of our TW Topics!



They have charted the communication course for the last 5+ years. We have truly appreciated the effort and dedication that they have devoted with their articles and information exchange. We wish them both well and happy travels as they lay down their keyboards and outlines to explore their own personal pleasures and travel itineraries. A new team of Topics editors will start immediately to pick up the reins and continue the production of our TW Topics. Please help us to Welcome Susan Davison, Barbara Coulter and their team of residents who will start production for our MAY issue of the TW Topics. We are very pleased to announce this transition and hope that you all will do your part to support our new editors. Tangerine Woods sponsors three charities with our donations of labor, fund raising and organization. They include: Adopt a Family, which takes place in the fall, St. Jude Children's Hospital and The American Cancer Society, both of which takes place in the spring.

When you are planning your social calendars please keep these events in mind as well as the many TWERC activities that are available. I hear that the dances and shows lined up for 2025 are top-notch and our Social/Entertainment teams have announced those activities and dates in this issue! (See page 7.) Everyone can look forward to a fun-filled season next year. We hope to have all activities (and maybe some additional things to do) as well as entertainment in full swing. These are opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of new as well as old friends and residents. Tangerine Woods is an awesome place to live with a great group of volunteers and we look out for each other in ways that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Lastly, please stay safe and healthy everyone. Enjoy your time with “summer” friends and family, wherever your travels take you. Most importantlybe KIND to one another. Remember**Together Everyone Accomplishes More!**

TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The End of Our Topics Endeavor

By Jane Simpson

After five years of putting together the Topics, LeeAnn and I have decided it's time to step aside and let another team of TW neighbors try their hands (and eyes) at our monthly (October through April) newsletter. We're hopeful that everyone in TW enjoyed the articles over the last five years.

We want to thank all of those who contributed their columns about activities and subjects of interest. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have much of a newsletter.

We're sure the new team will do a great job! We wish them much luck!

LeeAnn will now concentrate on traveling more and I will concentrate on golfing and walking Hunter.

Have a terrific summer and be on the lookout for the first Topics under the new team.

LeeAnn's Musings

LeeAnn Magner

Jane and I have enjoyed putting together this newsletter for seven months of the year for the last five years. It has been a challenge and a learning experience that we were happy to experience. We learned that computers have a mind of their own and sometimes they think they know what you are trying to say or do. We have also learned how to defeat their attempts to create a product that wasn't ours. We learned that while a lot of people like to write, they are not always interested in sharing that gift with their neighbors. Most months we have had to beg our neighbors to submit the information that they not only wanted to have broadcast but needed to inform their neighbors of the activities that were planned.

For years, long before we assumed the volunteer job of editors of the Topics, the current president of each of the Boards of Directors (Owners Board and TWERC) have conveyed their ideas, plans and coming activities to the community on our front page.

They have kept us informed of what will and has happened along with any plans for future development.

The neighbors who have volunteered to write monthly or occasional columns have, at times, kept us entertained and often educated. Those who have contributed humorous anecdotes, poetry, jokes and information on the unobserved rules and regulations are greatly appreciated. The occasional contribution by our very busy community manager have kept us informed of the actions of the Board. All of these contributions to the success of our time putting together this newsletter have been greatly appreciated. We wish the new volunteers taking over the editorial jobs have great success and enjoy the challenge as we have.

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Angela Sasser

Another successful season! This was my third season at Tangerine Woods, and I was finally able to see a full season. The residents coming together and enjoying themselves in all the different TWERC events. Walking people through the community as they try to decide if this is the environment they want to move to has become so easy. All I have to do is begin talking about volunteerism and the mass amount of activities that are available. As we walk through and around the clubhouse there is always something going on to back up what I am telling them about. The residents here make it easy to get people interested in joining us each season. Over two-thirds of our residents are seasonal residents, many of whom are new this year. I wanted to give a few helpful hints of things to do before you leave for the summer:

Englewood Water Dept. – Call 941-474-3217 to have water turned off at the street, make sure water to washing machine is in off position. (Call 3 days prior to returning to have water turned back on.)

Outside Awnings – Down and locked.

A/C Thermostat - Set thermostat on 80 and humidistat on 60 to prevent mold and mildew.

Hot Water Tank – Turn off at switch.

Lanai and Exterior Areas – Bring in furniture and any other loose items; it could become a missile in a hurricane.

Electric Plugs – Unplug washer and dryer and all unnecessary plugs, but make sure to leave the refrigerator plugged in if you plan to leave it running for the summer.

Bathrooms – Seal toilet seats and inside the cover of the tank with saran wrap. Plug sinks and put something over shower drain. These actions prevent animals from coming into the house through pipes.

Drawers and Closet Doors – Leave slightly open for ventilation.

Pest Control – Have it done just before you leave.

Tools and Equipment – Bring into house to prevent rust.

Mail Forwarding Forms – Complete form which is available at the post office at least ten days prior to leaving, also inform the forwarding post office at the same time.

Electric – Leave on for A/C but remember to unplug appliances not being used. Be sure to leave circuit breaker with outside light post on.

Maintenance – Make arrangements to keep your yard maintained.

We hope you enjoyed the season, have a safe trip home and we will await your return.

TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1. Robert Walker
2. Tom Shambarger, Rick Chard
3. Trish Woolpert, Debbie Russell
4. Kent Broecker, Aileen Kimball, Priscilla Adams, Kimberly Calverase
5. Kathy Rohrer
6. Nancy Pennington
7. Jim Kassimer, Leigh Lewandoski
8. Leslee Amnott, Craig Vandercook
9. Andy Weatherhead
10. Mary Weatherhead **HAPPY 101st**, Doris Schmidt, Ed Robinson, Brian McGuerty, Mary Ehlers
11. Joanne Backus
12. Terry DuBois, Ruth Hilfiker **HAPPY 94th**, Barbara Turnbull
14. Lillian Johnson
16. Charlene Gineo
17. Alice Armao, Linda Bolduc
18. Clem Rossi, Rick Wilcox
19. Kathy Fliess
20. Bill Brown
21. Linda Lamb, Audre Sautter, Dennis Cimmino
22. Abe Eashoo **HAPPY 96th**, Kathryn Smith
23. Terry Sitzer, Bill Matteson, Erik Michelson
24. Cliff Patenaude
25. Larry Cutsinger, Cindy Olyer, Beate DuMouchel
26. Dan Allen
28. Gary Siegel, Mimi Wismer
29. Barbara Coulter
30. George Clinger, Dave Flemma, Ted Freas, Nancy Rushlow **HAPPY 92nd**



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1. Ralph & Carrie Autuore
3. Rick & Denise Chard
17. Bill & Cathie Shaw
21. Mark & Cindy Kaszowski
23. Kent & Betsy Broecker, Tom & Rosemarie Roberts
24. Ken & Mary-Jean Leary
26. Bill & Velma Brown **HAPPY 67th**

Welcome To The Neighborhood



Bill & Sue Reese
804 Tangerine Woods Blvd.

Doug & Sue Stafford
843 Seabrooke Ct.

IS YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY MISSING FROM THESE PAGES?

Sometimes the information does not get to us. We cannot print the information that is not provided to us. Sometimes the person whose information is missing, failed to provide it on the form provided when you bought your home. Sometimes mistakes are made in the transmission of this information. Contact the editors to correct this oversight.

B-I-N-G-O.....

Cindy Kleinschmit

Come feel the excitement of yelling bingo Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Please arrive BEFORE 6:15pm to get your games set up and find your seat. In March, we had at least 80 players present. Games paid at least \$30. With the final game paying \$150.00. We had two hot balls of \$250.00 with a 3rd one a possibility. What that means is if you bingo on the HOTBALL NUMBER you could win \$250.00, PLUS the payout for that bingo. Cost is \$4.00 for a 6 card packet or \$6.00 for a 9 card packet. PLUS \$1 for the Hot ball. So please come. Bring your drinks and snacks if you would like.

AND YELL BINGO!!

LAZY DAZE

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Dave Flemma

Come one, come all!

The last pancake breakfast of the season will be April 21st from 8-11a.m. Karl Mortenson will entertain you as you dine on scrambled eggs, sausages, orange juice, coffee, tea and of course, all you can eat pancakes for just \$7. Super seniors (90+) receive complimentary breakfast. Lazy Daze/Daizies will be happy to escort and serve you. Doreen Anderson will make deliveries to shut-ins. Don't miss a good time!

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR
CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR
DOG!**

IT IS THE LAW!!!

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LIBRARY UPDATE

Pat Molt

It's that time again, when many of our residents will be heading north. I would like to encourage everyone to stock up on books for your summer reading pleasure! Our library is jam-packed with all kinds of books. Maybe there are some you've always wanted to read but didn't have time. Throw it in your suitcase! Over the summer, I will be doing some weeding out in preparation for next year's flea market. So get 'em while you can! Lastly, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful, safe and healthy summer. See you all in the fall.

BOOK CLUB

Audre Sautter

Hello Readers! March 21st was the last book club meeting of this season. We will resume again in November with the book, *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. This book is a treasure! It's a saga that follows a family's joys and afflictions through three generations in India from 1900 to 1977. Alert: This novel is 700 plus pages long, so start reading it early. However, as long as it is, I didn't want the story to end. It's powerful and hard to forget.



TW QUILT CLUB

Colleen Walker

The TW Quilt Club made a lovely quilt to raffle off for 2024. This year's theme was: "OH MY STARS."

Douglas Stafford from Seabrooke Court

went home with this beautiful quilt on March 2nd. The fabrics are very colorful and our 2024 quilt serves as a



reminder of this Country and the freedoms we share. Most of our club members had a hand in design and creation of this lovely quilt. Congratulations to the Staffords!

We thank the community for their unwavering support and generous donations.

All proceeds go to TWERC.

The 2025 raffle quilt is underway and will be another work of art from our ladies in the TW Quilt Club. Many thanks to all those who purchased raffle tickets, and all the kind words, from the QUILT SHOW that was presented for 2024.

In addition to everything else done this year, our Quilt Club donated nine beautiful child-sized quilts to Project Linus. The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets.

We plan to continue working with this organization next season.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More!!! TEAM WORK !

MOVIE NIGHT

Judy Goodrich/Pat Molt
The 2023/2024 Movie Night was a huge success! We started in October with the plan to show 2 movies each month. Attendance was fabulous. As interest increased, we offered to show a couple of longer (3hr or more) movies on Sunday afternoons. That resulted in both "Killers of the Flower Moon" and "Oppenheimer" being shown. We were amazed at the number of people who showed up! It was a full house. Initially, we had just the clubhouse chairs. Then we started bringing in the wheeled chairs from the card room and for the longer movies, we even moved the couches up to the front. People brought their own drinks and snacks. There were blankets and pillows to make it even cozier!

Movies shown this season: Young at Heart, Julia, 12 Mighty Orphans, Christmas with the Kranks, Soul Surfer, Barbie, On The Basis of Sex, The Boys in The Boat, CODA and Hidden Figures. On April 12, at 6:30pm we will show the last movie of the season. It is "NYAD", starring Annette Bening and Jody Foster. This is the true story of how Diana Nyad, the famous marathon swimmer, planned to swim across the Florida Strait (the waters between Cuba and Key West) at age 64! Don't miss it!

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LAZY DAZE/DAIZIES

John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors! I have tried to highlight our various crews and time is running short to mention each of our 16 crews that represent Lazy Daze/Dazies.

The pressure washing crew is lead by Rick Chard and their job is to make sure the clubhouse, surrounding areas, the pool fence, furniture in the pool area, and now the neighbors fence that borders Butterfield is free of mold, dirt, etc.

This is another thankless job that gets overlooked by many. Another crew is our carpenters which is lead by Bob Summers. The carpenters continue to amaze me with their talent and ingenuity. They just completed the installation of our new cabinets in the cardroom, as well as putting in our new bulletin board outside the clubhouse. They have continuing projects and are always ready to lend a hand.

The last crew to mention now is the electrical crew which is lead by Rudy Hroziencik and Craig

Vandercook. Their work starts at the entrance to TW

with the lights at our sign and various other electrical issues throughout TW which are too numerous to mention.

Until next time stay safe and be healthy!



ST. JUDE UPDATE

Sandra Hardt

The St. Jude luncheon was a huge success due to all of the generous people of TW.



To those that so willingly opened their homes for the tour, came to the luncheon, bought raffle tickets, made a delicious soup, donated cookies, bread, gift cards, baskets, money, as well as your time to help serve, we are **SINCERELY GRATEFUL!** This would not be a success without your help and support. I especially want to thank my committee, Jana Hollingsworth and Louise Glose, tour coordinators, Judy Goodrich and Pat Molt and all those that volunteered their time to make this event happen.

We made \$1,730 on the home tour and \$5,460 on the soup luncheon. A check was sent to St. Jude's for a grand total of \$7,190.

Congratulations TW! Your light continues to shine!

“Always keep in mind that something special will be happening. Do not take any day for granted with the ups and downs of life. Smile and love the trivial things and do not forget to hug those you actually love.” **SNOOPY**

“OUR PADDLES KEEN AND BRIGHT...”

Bert Noyes

Twenty-two Tangerine Woods kayakers began the season by paddling up Coral Creek in Placida, followed by dinner at Ken and Barb's. The next tour, led by Diane Laderoute and Kevin Parker, explored the twists and turns of Oyster Creek in Englewood. The third kayak adventure flowed through the canals and the Intracoastal Waterway of downtown Boca Grande with some paddlers later dining at Smoky Joe's on the island. The Full Moon Paddle set out from Evie's Spanish Point Grill in Nokomis and proceeded to Midnight Pass Beach to view the sunset. TW kayakers then passed through a lighted mangrove tunnel on our return to the launch site.

We look forward to the excursion from Don Pedro State



Park to Don Pedro Island, on Thursday, April 11. The island offers a beautiful beach and a large-group kiosk. Don Pedro Island can be reached only by boat or kayak/canoe. All Tangerine Woods residents and their guests are invited to attend. Wishing you smooth waters, Bert, Debby, Diane and Kevin.

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2024 - 2025 TW ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

10/26/24 (Saturday) Halloween Dance – 06:30 – 09:30 P.M.

Band – Beat Street

Chair: Jane & Cliff Patenaude

11/16/24 (Saturday) Welcome Back Dance – 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Band – Coastal Jamz

Chair - John & Barb Badowski

12/8/24 (Sunday) Christmas Dinner Dance – 5:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Band – Taylor & Taylor

Caterer - Gary Miller

Chair – Barry & Pat Gottshall

12/31/22 (Tuesday) New Year's Eve Dance - 5:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Band – D.J. Lee Hale 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Chair – Cindy Kleinschmidt

1/18/25 (Saturday) ENTERTAINMENT - 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Rich Wilson – Singer

Elliott Smith – Comedy/Magician

1/24/25 (Friday) Tiki Friday

2/15/25 (Saturday) February Valentine's Dance – 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Band – Robert & Wolfe

Chair – Nila & Mark Seibert

2/21/25 (Friday) Tiki Friday

2/22/25 (Saturday) ENTERTAINMENT – 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Leesah Stiles - Singer

John Rathborn – Comedian

3/14/25 (Friday) Tiki Friday

3/15/25 (Saturday) Spring Dance 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

Band – Latitude

Chair – Greg & Bonnie Busch

3/21/25 (Friday) ENTERTAINMENT- 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Jonny Bird – Musical /Comedy Show



COPY OF LETTER TO SARASOTA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, STORM WATER UTILITY BY DON STEELE

I am a resident of the Tangerine Woods community on N. Indiana Avenue in south Sarasota County. This letter is a request to please service the North Englewood Lateral. The Sarasota County Public Works, Stormwater Utility maintains the North Englewood Lateral and has a right-of-way easement to maintain the canal. This canal has been badly choked with fallen trees since hurricane Ian. The canal surface is now nearly covered with vegetation. The culverts at the east end at the power lines are no longer visible due to vegetation growth. The banks are mowed twice a year. Herbicides used to be applied but have not for several years. The result is that wildlife that was so abundant here is now gone and the drainage canal is so choked, I do not believe it will be functional should a large rain occur. Can the county please evaluate this and hopefully perform the required maintenance?

(Editor's note: Don Steele has been looking after the lateral since he moved here. We have a contract with a Lakes maintenance company and Lazy Daze does what it can to maintain it but because of Ian, the work load has increased to the unmanageable. Monday mornings have seen Lazy Daze men doing a lot of land clearing instead of maintenance.)

INDIAN MOUND GATHERING

April 8, 1:00 pm

Steph Hedrick and Cathie Shaw

This date was chosen because the Solar Eclipse will be traversing the US skies from 12-2pm. Not visible to us in south Florida, but Eclipses were very significant to Indigenous cultures and can be felt in the atmosphere. This mini/TW style ceremony is held at Indian Mound Park in the fall and spring each year to offer our gratitude for this land we have inherited from the cultures who came before us.

We would also like to include DOGS in our circle this time! Dogs on leashes are allowed at Indian Mound Park and our beloved pets can carry the good vibes and gratitude home to TW with us.

Bring a chair, dog on leash, drums, guitar, shakers, etc., to join in a full circle on Monday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. If new residents want more information or anyone has any interest in local native legend and history and would like to help with the 14 year Tangerine Woods tradition; please call me (1-307-250-7945) or Cathie Shaw (1-716-418-2666.)



SOLAR ECLIPSES

Virginia Drew

On April 8 there will be a total solar eclipse. Unfortunately, we are not in its path, but it got me to thinking about what superstitions and traditions surround this unusual event. Around the world, solar eclipses have inspired a wide array of traditions and beliefs, reflecting the diverse ways different cultures interpret this dramatic celestial event. In Vietnam, for example, folklore suggests a giant frog is responsible for swallowing the Sun, prompting the local community to make noise or offer sacrifices to encourage the frog to release the Sun and restore daylight. Similarly, in Javanese mythology from Indonesia, the eclipse is caused by Batara Kala, the god of darkness, who engulfs the Sun. In response, villagers engage in loud drumming, hoping to make Batara Kala spit out the Sun, thereby ending the eclipse. This tradition reflects a common theme among many cultures: the eclipse as a struggle between a celestial being and the Sun.

In the Andean region, a puma that devours the Sun is the folklore's answer to the solar eclipse. The local mythology prompts actions such as children screaming and animals making noise to scare away the puma and save the Sun from being consumed entirely. This reflects a wider belief in the power of human and animal intervention in celestial events.

North American traditions also offer rich stories related to eclipses. The Choctaw Nation narrates a tale of a mischievous black squirrel that bites the Sun, leading to an eclipse. In response, certain rituals or actions might be taken to ensure the Sun's quick return. Meanwhile, the Po-mo people have a more confrontational tale, imagining an eclipse as a celestial argument turned physical, where a bear bites the Sun, prompting efforts from the community to resolve or wait out this celestial conflict.

Chinese traditions offer a different perspective, attributing the eclipse to a celestial dragon's attempt to consume the Sun. The community's response involves making loud noises with drums and other instruments to scare the dragon away and save the Sun from being devoured. This idea of a celestial beast threatening the Sun or Moon is a recurring theme in eclipse mythology globally.

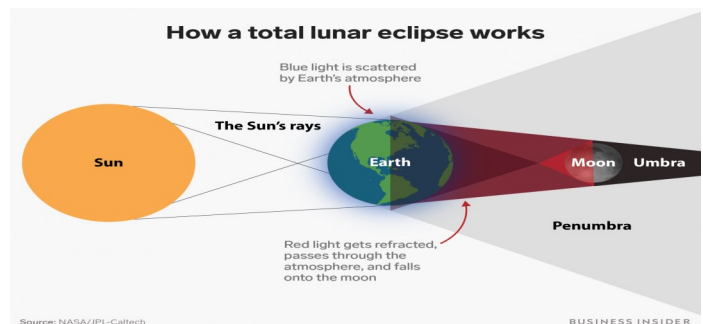
Navajo traditions, emphasizing respect for the natural order, instruct people to remain indoors

and refrain from looking directly at the eclipse, reflecting a deeply held respect for the Sun and its powers. This practice is about maintaining harmony and balance during what is considered a significant cosmic event. In Australian Indigenous Ewahlayi traditions, the eclipse narrative involves a love chase between the Sun, a woman named Yhi, and the Moon, a man named Bahloo, adding a romantic dimension to the celestial phenomenon. This story underlines the interconnectedness and dynamic relationships between celestial bodies.

Reflecting on a different aspect of celestial anger, the Inca believed that solar eclipses were a manifestation of the Sun god Inti's wrath, signaling his displeasure with the people on Earth. Such interpretations underline the role of celestial events in understanding or reading divine will and intentions.

The Batammaliba people from Togo and Benin view the eclipse as a metaphor for conflict resolution, believing it to be a quarrel between the Sun and the moon. They use this time to encourage peace and reconciliation among their community members, mirroring the celestial bodies' actions.

In conclusion, the traditions surrounding solar eclipses are as varied and rich as the cultures they come from. They represent an intersection of astronomy, folklore, and spirituality, offering a window into how humans across time and space have grappled with the mysteries of the cosmos. Whether through prayer, noise-making, communal gatherings, or symbolic acts, these traditions reflect a shared human instinct to seek meaning and protection in the face of the profound and the unknown. As we continue to advance in our scientific understanding of solar eclipses, these cultural practices serve as poignant reminders of our ancestors' attempts to comprehend the celestial dance above them, binding us across generations through shared awe and wonder.





TW WRITERS PAGE



THIS IS A STORY FROM MY YOUTH

By Donald Steele



I was a recreational athlete. That means that I loved to compete but knew I was never going to be “The Champion.” In 1968 I was 20 years old and a member of the Muddy Water Aristocratic Racing Society, or MARS car club (drag racing) in Watertown, Massachusetts. As a club, we joined the local slow pitch softball league. They even provided an umpire to call balls and strikes and other such calls that he could see from his place behind home plate. This is not about that season, that game or how I hit the ball, or not. This is about the short time that it takes to run the 65 feet from third base to home plate. I was the catcher in this story, not the runner. There was one out in some unimportant and unmemorable mid-game inning. They had a runner on third, awaiting his opportunity.

Slow pitch softball rules in those days required that the pitched ball have an arc of more than 3 feet as it traveled the 50 feet from the pitcher to home. This makes it pretty easy to hit the ball. Strikeouts and walks were rare. When I pitched, which I usually did, the arc was greater. My goal was to have the ball travel through the strike zone from top to bottom, rather than the usual front to back most baseball viewers are familiar with. At the time this occurred, I was the other half of the battery, the catcher. Action: The batter hit an average fly ball to right field. The right fielder, Al True (MARS president), was positioned at the right spot. The runner easily analyzed the situation and knew that with only one out, it was a classic tag up and was ready to run for home the instant the ball was caught. He knew the umpire was watching and could not leave early. Al caught the ball and made a mighty throw to home. I expected that much. As he did, I saw the anonymous runner take off. Now it was time to analyze my possible actions. It looks like a great throw from Al. I

knew a decent runner had an excellent chance of beating the ball to home, so I had to do something, anything to slow him down. In slow pitch softball, the catcher cannot obstruct a runner from reaching home. We all knew that. So, I stepped directly into his path, showing him that I was an obstruction and blocking his path. Meanwhile, I was slamming my fist into my glove in preparation for the ball’s arrival. I heard the runner coming at top speed, heading directly at me. It will take about 4 seconds for the ball and runner to arrive. I can hear him getting closer. Al’s throw from right looked dead on target. Just before the ball arrived, I stepped forward about one foot getting out of the runner’s path and removing myself as an obstruction. My hope was that my action had perplexed him and slowed him a millisecond or two while he considered the rules. I never looked at the runner as he approached, keeping my eye on the ball, locating my glove at its target. As the ball arrived, I swept my glove back. Essentially, simply placing my glove between the arriving ball and the runner’s leg I hoped was there. He slid into home just behind me. I had no idea if he was there or not, but then, my glove hit him somewhere. Still, I did not know if his foot had made it



home in time. When the umpire shouted “OUT” I was so bewildered that I never even turned around to enjoy the scene. I just trotted to our bench next to first and rolled the ball to the pitcher’s mound for their pitcher to use next inning. It was a double play; the inning was over. The only thing I recall hearing was Al saying “What was that?” I don’t recall answering.



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