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## TANGERINE TOPICS

### Pete's Ponderings By Peter Sims, President TWERC

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Topics will be  
included in a  
**MAXIMUM** of  
two issues be-  
fore the  
planned event.



Late last fall I was asked by a fellow singer in the Venice Choral to consider joining her church choir as they were planning a special holiday concert accompanied by a full 30-piece orchestra.

When she told me the name of the director, Ken Cox, I realized that he was someone I had sung with in the Indianapolis Opera Company forty years ago! He had quite a career as an outstanding bass soloist and he and his wife had retired to Venice, FL and settled in Pelican Point, as Ken is an avid golfer and always wanted to live on a golf course. The choir members were inviting and the senior pastor consistently delivered fine messages. I've made Venice Presbyterian Church my Florida home since that concert, occasionally playing the piano in worship and even substitute directing one Sunday. Flash forward to today, March 12 – I showed up early this morning to sing and saw that we had a guest preacher in the pulpit. If you're like me and enjoy your senior pastor, you dread those Sundays when he (or she) is away. But how wrong I was on this occasion! The title



of the guest preacher's message was "When You Get Old: The Fourth Quarter of Life." Needless to say, the title intrigued me! He is coming up on age 85 and I must say, I hope to grow to be as strong and vital as he is when I reach that age. The four quarters he referred to were Youth, Preparation (schooling), Career and Retirement. As we are in the church season of Lent, we were challenged to realize that while our days in life are numbered (as were Jesus' days) we need to step forward with resolve and engage in whatever lies ahead. He asked us what our role was in life, and how it connects to our soul. We all need meaning and purpose in life and are willing to be "used" for the betterment of others – the fund raisers for St. Jude's and Adopt-a-Family are just two areas that come to mind. The preacher encouraged us to celebrate life when

we can, despite the many trials that this "fourth quarter" presents: chronic health issues, fading memory capability, family difficulties and financial insecurity. And currently we can add all the complications of surviving Hurricane Ian to that list. We should ask ourselves how we can be used to serve others, as that is what can make our lives truly fulfilled. I was struck by how many people I know here in Tangerine Woods who live their lives with meaning and purpose. But here's the thing: we're not home YET, so we need to keep chugging along doing the best that we can. I'll close with some lyrics from music written by Leonard Bernstein from his show *Candide*. "And let us try before we die to make some sense of Life. We're neither pure nor wise nor good; we'll do the best we know. We'll build our house, and chop our wood, and make our garden grow." May all our gardens grow!!

# TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *TW ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE FALL 2023 – Spring 2024*

**Halloween Dance** – 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
10/27/23 (Friday)  
Band – Beat Street  
Chair: Jane & Cliff Patenaude

**Welcome Back Dance** – 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
11/18/23 (Saturday)  
Band – Music Box Duo  
Chair - Gary & Sandy Hardt



**Christmas Dinner Dance** 5:00-9:30 P.M.  
12/9/23 (Saturday)  
Band – Twice As Nice  
Caterer - Gary Miller  
Chair –



**New Year's Eve Dance** - 5:00 – 9:30 P.M.  
12/31/23 (Sunday)  
Band – DJ Lee Hale  
Chair – Cindy Kleinschmidt

**Tiki Friday**  
1/12/24 (Friday)



**ENTERTAINMENT** - 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.  
1/13/24 (Saturday)  
Entertainment Revue– Musical Variety

**February Valentine's Dance** – 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
2/10/24 (Saturday)  
Band – TAT2  
Chair – Colleen & Bob Walker



**ENTERTAINMENT** – 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.  
2/17/24 (Saturday)  
Comedian – Jimmy Travis

**Tiki Friday**  
2/23/24 (Friday)



**Spring Dance** 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
3/16/24 (Saturday)  
Band – Fawny Frost  
Chair – Louise Glose

**Tiki Friday**  
3/22/24 (Friday)



**ENTERTAINMENT**- 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.  
3/23/24 (Saturday)  
Ken Block – Musical Variety Show  
Sid Davis – Comedy

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL TW RESIDENTS

By Bert Noyes

The new Tangerine Woods storage building is finally completed. And a fine looking building it is! The acquisition of this facility should serve the storage needs of Tangerine Woods organizations for many years.

Discussion regarding the need for such a structure had been ongoing for some time, but became more serious in the Spring of 2017. The deteriorating condition of our multiple storage units in the RV lot had resulted in the loss of several Christmas decorations and stage props which had been protected in these buildings and there was general concern about how to repair/preserve these structures. The Buildings and Grounds Committee began exploring alternative ideas and researched replacing the many units with ONE building that would best solve the storage problem for our numerous TW organizations. The new edifice would need to be large enough to hold a variety of equipment, decorations, tools and supplies; be reasonably attractive (as storage buildings go); meet hurricane proof requirements; and be able to be secured. Such a structure was found and TW residents voted to approve the purchase. In December, 2018, the purchase contract was signed and the erection company we hired said they could have the building installed and completed within ten weeks of its arrival. A lengthy permitting process ensued, by December 2019 all permits were finally secured and construction soon began.

Thank you to the members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the TW Board of Directors, and all those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this happen. And a special thanks to the people of TW for your much appreciated patience in this endeavor. And Congratulations!

## 2023/2024 BOCCE LEAGUES

Len and Jane Warburton

The 2023 Bocce leagues were not completed in time to be included in this month's Topics. Results of the playoffs will be reported in next month's issue.

Jane and I would like to thank all of the players for their help and cooperation which made for a successful season.

Bob Walker, Art Napolitan and the maintenance crews are to be commended for a great job keeping the court in excellent playing condition. Also, thanks to Marcia Kiestlinger for maintaining team records. Kevin Parker and Lisa Wilcox have volunteered to run the leagues in 2024, thank you both for stepping up to take over, we know you will do an outstanding job. Sign Up sheets for 2024 leagues will be posted in the equipment room the first week of April.

Its been a pleasure working with everyone and we wish you all an enjoyable summer and a Great 2024 season.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy Anniversary!*

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1. Ralph & Carrie Autuore
3. Rick & Denise Chard
4. Loyd & Debra Crump
13. Bob & Shirley DeCotis
20. Al & Sharyn Teachout
21. Mark & Cindy Kaszowski
23. Kent & Betsy Broecker,  
Tom & Rosemarie Roberts
24. Ken & Mary-Jean Leary
26. Bill & Velma Brown **HAPPY 62nd**



## NEW RESIDENTS

- Kimberly & Donna Calverase  
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Steve & Kimberly Grafuis  
748 Tangerine Woods Blvd.  
Edward & Mary Kubicki  
829 Briar Glen Court  
Tom & Lois Malmgren  
744 Portwine Court  
Martin & Eve Schlafley  
804 Tangerine Woods Blvd.

## THE TW QUILT CLUB

We are happy to present to the winning ticket holders, TW residents, **Deb and Todd Hopps**, 2023's Quilt Raffle "Bahama Breeze."

Thanks to all for the help and support given to this fundraising event for TWERC. All proceeds go to the benefit of the residents in Tangerine Woods. The opportunity for our club members to showcase the amazing work they do is greatly appreciated. Be on the lookout for the 2024 raffle quilt to be coming soon!

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3. Trish Woolpert, Debbie Russell
4. Kent Broecker, Aileen Kimball,  
Priscilla Adams, Kimberly Calverase
5. Kathy Rohrer
7. Jim Kassimer, Leigh Lewandoski
8. Leslee Amcott, Craig Vandercook
9. Andy Weatherhead
10. Mary Weatherhead **HAPPY 100th**,  
Doris Schmidt, Ed Robinson,  
Brian McGuerty
11. Joanne Backus
12. Terry DuBois, Barbara Turnbull  
Ruth Hilfiker **HAPPY 93rd**
14. Lillian Johnson
15. Loyd Crump
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 92nd**,  
Kathryn Smith
23. Terry Sitzer, Bill Matteson
24. Cliff Patenaude
25. Larry Cutsinger, Cindy Olyer,  
Beate DuMouchel
28. Gary Siegel, Mimi Wismer
30. George Clinger, Dave Flemma,  
Ted Freas, Nancy Rushlow

## LAZY DAZE

John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors!  
Our ongoing commitment continues in TW as we are clearing properties of debris on a weekly basis. If you get a chance, check out our mountain of aluminum at the RV lot. We take a load a week to the scrap yard in Venice, but the "mountain" continues to grow every day! Residents may pick through the aluminum to get their homes back in shape; we only ask that you take caution and try to be careful! We still take calls to pick up aluminum and we are still taking cans which you can drop off at the RV lot. I would also like to thank the person that returned our lawnmower. It was greatly appreciated. Until next time, be safe and stay healthy.

## Tangerine Woods 40 years ago

Liz Summers

The land for Tangerine Woods was purchased on January 14, 1983 by Inland Steel Development Corporation. The planning, zoning, and approvals were already in place under the name of "Audubon Woods."

During the permitting process, the name was changed. A single Tangerine Tree was discovered growing (with fruit) along the north bank of the Englewood lateral that bisects the development. So the development became, "Tangerine Woods!"

There are many stories about the beginning of TW. Some of our current residents have memories that should be shared. If you have a story or memory that we could include in our walk down memory lane, please contact Liz Summers or Joyce Carney.

## THANK YOU FROM THE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET TEAM

Steph Hedrick

I am writing this on March 12, before the March 18 SALE. We know we can't say "it was a great success," YET...since we have a few days before the SALE happens, but we can say that having the extra time to prepare for the sale WAS a super success. The volunteer team had fun and did everything to move a LOT of donations, bravo team! The Baskets were tons of fun.

Also, a success was that the stars aligned and thankfully we were able to use the Clubhouse before construction began. We had March to ourselves for rummage sales in the area. Weather, as of today, we are not sure what to report. This year's SALE was epic no matter what the weather throws at us! Super thanks to all the residents who so generously donated and purchased each other's donations. Let's do this again next year!

**TW Strong!**



# TW Writer's Page



## Ramblings on Invasive Species

By Donald Steele



There are rules that address planting "invasive species" here in TW. In TW we are not allowed to plant invasive plants, or at least we are not supposed to. For trees, there are lists of those allowed and not allowed found on the TW website at [www.tangerinewoods.com](http://www.tangerinewoods.com). If you can't find the tree you want on any of these lists, get approval first. For "smaller than a tree" plants, I do not know the rules. Let logic dictate or ask the office.

In the Nature Preserve, I battle several invasive species, such as Air Potatoes, Caesar Weeds, and Brazilian Pepper trees, with my goal being to eradicate them. This is not a battle I think I will win, but periodic culling seems to keep them at bay. This plan was working but was put on hold due to hurricane Ian. While I was busy with other things, those plants continued spreading. In fact, they have taken advantage of Ian to spread even faster, at least it feels that way. These three species are the ones I have been concentrating on. The invasives that I battle are the ones we don't like. It's human nature to want to eliminate what we don't like and keep what we feel is pretty or pleasing. Florida battles animal invasives too, such as pythons, lizards and other species that humans introduced. Florida puts up with huge toads, walking fish, and many more I am not familiar with. Let's not forget about the feral pigs.

What is an invasive species? Google says an invasive species is an organism that is not indigenous and may cause harm. Even the same species, when separated from each other for a long period, evolve differences and when they are brought together again can cause unintended harm to each other. Native Americans were here in North America before us, so are we invasive? I guess we were, sort of. We did invade and cause them harm. When Europeans came to North America, the indigenous Americans were unable to cope with the diseases introduced. But we were the same species, we

were just non-indigenous in the Americas. Where is the line between invasive and indigenous? It is not only a rather fuzzy line, but they are also different things. Some writers keep the line fuzzy by using the terms interchangeably. Some non-indigenous species blend in well and we really like them; such as tulips and horses. The Monk Orchid which we find along the Nature Trail and in the Nature Preserve is considered invasive. It is from Africa, but it is unknown how, or when it arrived here. Some believe it arrived naturally via South America. Others, that it was imported on early ships. Yet, it has been here for hundreds of years and as far as I know, it does no harm.

Nothing stays the same but change, and yesterday's change is now the new same. Yesterday's invasives eventually become today's indigenous. There, I just used the terms interchangeably. It seems to me that invasives are introduced by humans, while indigenous got here on their own. Also, once invasives arrive, complete their damage and nature is again in balance, they may have earned the title of indigenous. We can fight it, or we can evolve with it and hopefully enjoy a better place.

I try to present truth, entertainment, enlightenment, and evoke thought in my columns. Should you want to offer comments please feel free to email this writer at [TangerineWoodsman@gmail.com](mailto:TangerineWoodsman@gmail.com).

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## Lazy Daze Pancake Breakfast

Jim Carrey

THANK YOU to all the Lazy Daze members (set-up and take-down crews, cooks, servers, greeters, ticket sellers) who ensured the success of our one-and-only Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to Doreen Anderson who delivers meals to shut-ins and to our very own Karl Mortenson who provided terrific music to dine by. Lastly, this event could not happen without those of you who purchased tickets and attended. **Thank you one and all!**

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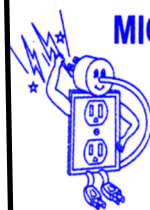


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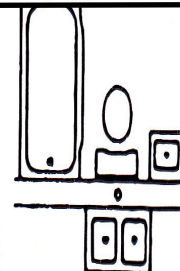
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