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# TANGERINE TOPICS



## BILL'S BULLETIN

By Bill Bower, President, TWOAI

Hello All,  
Another “season” is quickly approaching and for those of us who spend summers in the North we will be excited to return to TW. You who are permanent residents are probably not as excited to see all of the “snowbirds” return bringing an end to “summer rules!” One thing I am sure we all agree on; TW is a slice of paradise and we are lucky to have such a great group of people in our community. Speaking of good people I want to welcome John Fliess to the BOD. John is replacing Roberta Begley who resigned in the spring. Roberta did a great job on the Board and we thank her.

I don't have a great deal to report regarding summer news, however a few updates come to mind. As you recall new mailboxes were ordered in the spring and they have arrived. Installation of the boxes will take place when our Lazy Daze crew returns. During the time of installation the mail will be held at the Post Office, to be picked up at your convenience. We are sorry for any inconvenience but hopefully installation will only take three or four



days. The BOD also purchased “speed humps” in an attempt to slow traffic down on the boulevard and Watersedge. We will attempt to place the “speed humps” so as not to cause residents problems entering or leaving their property yet effectively help control speed of vehicles.

There is very little encouraging news regarding the final permitting of the storage building. Len Warburton has been working toward a meeting with a representative of Sarasota County but at the time of this writing (08/25/2022) he has had little luck. We have beat this horse for almost three years trying every avenue only to reach a dead end. I pledge to you the BOD will continue to knock on every door at the County level to reach a conclusion to this ongoing nightmare.

In other news, TW has purchased All Rights to the TW website. Pat Finkenbine, a past resident, started and served as our web master for the past several years. Mrs. Finkenbine left the community a few years ago but continued to own the rights to the website. The BOD felt it was in our best interest to purchase full rights to the website and train our staff to provide the inputs. As the end of October approaches the Budget Committee will begin work on the 2023 budget. We all know how costs for goods and services have risen dramatically so please understand we will all (each household) have to help incur the increases. Just one example of increased costs is in tree maintenance.

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# TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

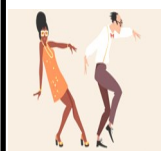
## LeeAnn's Musings

By LeeAnn Magner

Another season has begun. Our absent residents are beginning to return from their summer homes and travels. Welcome back to paradise. Among those returning are some new residents. There are so many things for them to learn about their new community. First of all, this is a community, not a trailer park. Our homes in this community are permanent structures not moveable trailers. We have a book of rules and regulations that guide us for the purpose of keeping this property one of the most desirable communities in our area. Please spend some time studying this booklet. In addition to the written rules for upkeep and allowed activities, there are the unwritten guidelines. These are what make us a community of volunteers. Except for our paid employees and certain services, every committee member is a volunteer. From the officers who make up the Owners Board and TWERC to every committee performing some activity are volunteers. There would be no dances, no games, no tennis, pool exercises, or exercises of any kind as group activities. There would be no celebrations of National Holidays. In fact, there would be no parties of any kind. There would be no ceramics club, bingo, quilt club or card playing in the clubhouse or any of the games we enjoy in TW. The charitable work that supports St. Jude's, American Cancer Society, or the local children who get new clothes for school and Christmas dinner would have no one to encourage supporters. There are so many things that would disappear without volunteers. There are too many activities to mention if we didn't have such a community so generous of its time and experience. The largest group of volunteers is our Lazy Daze group of men, who volunteer at least a couple of hours every week doing jobs that save us money as well as keep our community a desirable place to live. They save us money because if we had to contract these jobs out, we would be paying for them with increased dues. And finally, our largest fundraiser for our community is our annual flea market. This group of volunteers is huge. The point of all the rambling is to inform and encourage all of you to say yes when someone asks for volunteers. Every job that you volunteer for is appreciated and is rewarded with smiles and thanks.

## SAVE THE DATE

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST**  
**FEATURING: COASTAL JAMZ**  
**QUESTIONS?? CALL-**  
**CINDY KLEINSCHMIT**  
**419-351-1053**



## FALL 2022--SPRING 2023 TW ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

**10/29/22 (SATURDAY)**  
**HALLOWEEN DANCE-- 06:30-09:30 PM**  
**BAND--BEAT STREET**  
**CHAIR--Jane & Cliff Patenaude**



**11/19/22 (SATURDAY)**  
**WELCOME BACK DANCE 6:30-9:30 PM**  
**BAND--TAT2**  
**CHAIR--Gary & Sandy Hardt**

**12/10/22 (SATURDAY)**  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE**  
**BAND--Twice As Nice**  
**5:00--9:30 PM**  
**Caterer--Gary Miller**  
**Chair--Pat & Barry Gottshall**

**12/31/22 (Saturday)**  
**New Year's Eve Dance 5:00--9:30 PM**  
**BAND--Coastal Jamz 6:30--9:30**  
**Chair--Cindy Kleinschmit**

**1/20/23 (Friday)**  
**Tiki Friday**



**1/21/23 (Saturday)**  
**ENTERTAINMENT--7:00--9:00 P.M.**  
**Entertainment Revue- Musical Variety**

**2/11/23 (Saturday)**  
**February Valentine's Dance-6:30-9:30 P.M.**  
**BAND--Music Box**  
**Chair--Colleen & Bob Walker**

**2/17/23 (Friday)**  
**Tiki Friday**



**2/18/23 (Saturday)**  
**ENTERTAINMENT--7:00-9:00 PM**  
**Jimmy Travis -- Comedy**

**3/17/23 (Friday)**  
**Tiki Friday**



**3/18/23 (Saturday)**  
**ENTERTAINMENT--7--9 PM**  
**Ken Block Musical Variety Show**  
**Sid Davis--Comedy**

**3/25/23--(Saturday)**  
**Spring Dance 6:30--9:30 PM**  
**BAND--Fawny Frost**  
**Chair--Louise Glose**





## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2. Wayne & Deborah Warburton
6. Tony & Diane Leitao
8. Rod & Pat DeGraw **HAPPY 60th**, Clinton & Jennie McQueen
9. Mike & Pamela Fuog,
- Dick & Dottie Reading
10. Jim & Carol Kassimer
11. Jim & Janice LeBlanc,
- Ed & Carole Tarney
12. Ted & Bonnie Freas
13. John & Judy Charneski,
- Richard & Eileen Quirk
14. Len & Cathy Weber
15. Tom & Patti Brzezinski
16. Arn & Marj Timmerman
20. Barry & Pat Gottshall
25. Pete & Barb Weatherhead
27. Wayne & Christine Studaker
31. Jim Urban & Marsha McElroy



Tangerine Woods will be honoring **ALL of our veterans** November 11 whether you are in attendance on that day or not. So, if you are a veteran or know of a member of our community who is a veteran please contact Cindy Kleinschmit. We want to honor **ALL OF OUR VETERANS**. Those veterans who will be attending will be recognized but those who will not yet be in residence will be mentioned as well. We do not want to leave any of our brave veterans out of our special ceremony. Please call Cindy at 419-351-1053. Ceremony at 11 am. Pot-luck will follow .



## SINCE OUR LAST TOPICS WAS PRINTED, WE HAVE ADDED MANY NEW RESIDENTS: PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW NEIGHBORS:

- Jeff & Patti Becherer  
731 Tangerine Woods Blvd.
- Rich Cyrgalis  
720 Watersedge Court
- Pam Kmiecik  
758 Butterfield Court
- Ron & Ardy Krueger  
820 Manchester Court
- Ed & June Leininger  
735 Watersedge Street
- Tala Mathys  
742 Summersea Court
- Clint & Jennie McQueen  
768 Tangerine Woods Blvd.
- Steve Morgan  
881 Cascade Court
- Maryann Van Horn & Dave Murphy  
816 Tangerine Woods Blvd.
- Alan & Tammy Riegsecker  
733 Tangerine Woods Blvd.
- Debbi & Vicky Russell  
823 Briar Glen Court
- Kelly Sheehan  
817 Seabrooke Drive
- Wayne & Debbie Warburton  
761 Tangerine Woods Blvd.
- Andy & Cathy Weatherhead  
813 Seabrooke Drive
- Robert & Deborah Wilson  
822 Tangerine Woods Blvd.



- Bill Hodgkins, April 23**  
**Dale Slaubaugh, May 30**  
**Former resident:**  
**Eva Rushlow, March 18**



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Jim Callanan, Jacque Cottingham, Dale Fillion
2. Ann O'Neil, Barbara Zen
3. Ed Tarney
4. Clinton McQueen
6. Betty Riedel
7. Oleta Conklin
10. Bob Friede, Rich Cyrgalis
11. Maureen Martelle
12. James Hollingsworth, Mary Skoglund
13. Bill Miller, Marilyn Rathbun **HAPPY 92nd**
14. Uwe Kellner, Bob Summers, Lanta Smith, Curly Yannaci, Ghislaine Cyr, Susan Hall-Burbine
15. Ken Keyes
16. Dave Cade, Kathy Shambarger, Ken Rosier, Rob Fontaine
18. Dorothy Stillabower, Brownie Brown, Pam Kmiecik
20. Bonnie Phillips
21. John Charneski
22. Sue Mimken
23. Mike Gineo, Margot Kidman, Dan Kiestlinger
25. Diane Gilroy, Pat McDonald, Ronald Erway, Robert Risher
26. Pat Gottshall
27. Geri Stevens
28. Susie Hale, Kendal Cohen
29. Mary Tulik, Cathy Weatherhead
31. Jean Flewelling, Patti Brzezinski

## TO ALL TW ARTISTS

By Jim Connolly

After looking at a bare wall for almost a year, we decided to resurrect the wall once used as a display of art produced by people living at TW. Some artists came forward with their work. If you are willing to display one, two, or more pieces of your art, contact Jim Connolly at 941-474-2929. Let's revitalize our art program at TW.



# TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BILL BOWER

Cont'd from Page one

TW takes care of trimming 185 trees on common grounds. Last year we paid \$22 per tree for trimming. The bids Angie is getting this year range from \$35 to over \$40 per tree. Doing the math means we paid \$4,070 last year and at \$35/tree this year we will pay over \$6,475. That is a \$2,405 increase. As you can imagine this is only one example. All other goods and services are increasing by similar percentages. Don't shoot the messenger, but please understand it is going to cost more for the same lifestyle we enjoy at TW.

Now that I have dispensed all of the less than happy news I look forward to seeing all of our friends upon their return to TW. I anticipate a great "season" enjoying the entertainment, dances, recreation activities and the fellowship. Please remember to "sign in" at the office upon your return and safe travels to everyone.

## Lazy Daze

By John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors

It has been a few months since our last bulletin and I want to update everyone on the status of the Lazy Daze crew! First of all, I would like to publicly thank Tom McNamara for stepping up in my absence this summer. Tom and the guys have stayed busy keeping our little piece of paradise in the pristine shape we have all come to appreciate. We have a long "Honey Do" list that we will start to tackle as more men return. Please think of us when remodeling as we recycle all aluminum, including cans. For all of you heading back, safe travels and stay healthy.



## CERAMICS

By Laurie McNamara

Ceramic classes will start Thursday morning, October 27th at 10 a.m. until 12 noon in the Arts & Crafts Room. For more information please call me at 413-246-0654.

## COME YELL BINGO!!

By Cindy Kleinschmit

Play Bingo with us every Wednesday evening at 7PM. Please arrive BEFORE 6:45.

We play \$3 & \$5 packs and you may purchase as few or as many as you want. There are 3 special games one of which is a TAG-A-Long for \$1 each card. The Tag-a-long has been paying \$50-\$70 this summer but promises as much as \$100 during season. We also have a "HOT BALL" that pays about \$100 now but during season can pay as much as \$250. If you are lucky enough to call "BINGO" on the Hot Ball, you win both the bingo amount and the Hot Ball amount. That's a lot of cash!!! So, come on any Wednesday, relax and play Bingo. If you have questions, call Cindy Kleinschmit 419-351-1053.

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

By Jane Patenaude

It's that time of the year when the ghosts & goblins come creeping around. Let's pull out all the stops! Get out your costumes for this years Halloween Dance. Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 9:30, music by Beat Street Band. Tickets will go on sale October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> before coffee, \$10 pp. Any questions contact Jane Patenaude 508-863-3375.

## SHUFFLEBOARD

By Denise Chard

Please sign up for Shuffleboard teams in the card room or sports equipment room. I only have openings on the Monday league at 12 pm or the Tuesday league at 12 pm. Also, if you need to make changes to what you signed up for earlier in the year, please contact us. Rick & Denise Chard at 269-873-5125.

## MEMOIRS WRITING GROUP

By Celia Connolly

The first meeting of the Memoirs Writing Group will start on Tuesday December 6th. We will meet in the card room at 10 a.m.

Looking for new writers and those who would like to read stories from their lives.

Or come and listen and maybe new ideas for stories will emerge!

Questions, call me at 941-474-2929.

## 2022/2023 BOCCE LEAGUE

By Len and Jane Warburton

October is here and it is time to start planning for the 2023 season.

But first, since the league playoffs of 2022 were not complete in time to report the results in the April 2022 TOPICS, I would like to recap:

TW's 2022 "FINAL FOUR" were:

Tuesday - Mike & Robin Miko-ta, 9 wins, 1 loss

Wednesday - Bob Walker & Barry Gottshall, 10 wins, 0 losses

Thursday - Dave Regiec & George Ruiz tied Charlene Gineo & Diane Laderoute, 8 wins, 2 losses. Dave & George won the tie-breaker match.

Friday - Bob Dishon & JP Pitts, 10 wins, 0 losses.

The "FINAL FOUR" Playoffs were held March 22, Tuesday vs. Friday and Wednesday vs. Thursday. The winning teams were: Friday, Bob Dishon & JP Pitts and Wednesday, Bob Walker & Barry Gottshall.

The Championship round, which was the best 2 out of 3 matches, was played on March 25. The overall 2022 BOCCE champions were Bob Walker & Barry Gottshall. Second overall were Bob Dishon & JP Pitts.

The ten week 2023 leagues will be starting on Tuesday January 10 and run through Friday, March 17 (Happy St. Patrick's Day), with playoffs to be held the weeks of March 21 and/or March 28. Schedules are being developed and will be available no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> week of 2023.

We are planning to have two introductory/refresher/practice sessions in December for anyone who wishes to learn more about the game or practice their skills, schedule to be determined. For more information call Jane or Len Warburton 941-681-2609.



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# TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WINGS

By LeeAnn Magner & Jane Simpson



Several years ago, four recent widows "found" each other. They gravitated to one another out of a common grief. Their loss and need for companionship brought them together. Having found one another, they realized that what they had together was a blessing and should be shared. There are about fifty widows in Tangerine Woods. So, they decided to form a widows group to benefit others in the same situation. They worked on choosing a name and came up with **WINGS**, the letters meaning: **Widows Inspirational Neighborhood Group Support**. Originally, they had dinners every four weeks. They would have cocktails, dinner, and some fun activity. The ladies who joined were enthusiastic and really enjoyed getting together and sharing time together. After the first year, it was decided to have these functions every six weeks to give them more time to plan and a little breathing room between events. After a couple of events, the originators requested sponsorship from TWERC. This was granted. **WINGS** is self-supporting because the ladies pay \$5 for each event they attend. The get-togethers are held on weekends which in some ways makes it feel more festive. There are many new residents in our community and it is possible that a widow or so may have not been asked to join. If you happen to be in this category, please let either Jane Simpson 508-265-4527 or LeeAnn Magner 941-483-0925 know so that you receive an invitation. The first get-together this season is October 21<sup>st</sup>. Those widows who are already on the list will be given an invitation a couple of weeks before the event. **All widows are welcome.**

## INTERESTING SIGNS SEEN ALONG OUR STREETS, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life are pointed away from Earth?

I don't understand why people have to "get ready" for bed.

I'm always ready for bed.

If I waited until I had all my ducks in a row, I'd never get across the street. Sometimes you just have to gather up what you've got and make a run for it.

I don't know how to use TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands.

Now that I've lived during a plague, I understand why most Renaissance paintings are of chubby women laying around without a bra.

Some call it multi-tasking, I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place.

I tried the Japanese method of decluttering where you hold every object that you own and if it does not bring you joy, you throw it away.

So far I have thrown out all of the vegetables, my bra, the electric bill, the scale, a mirror and my treadmill.

## NAME BADGES

By Shirley OKelly

How to order your Magnetic Name Badge

Contact: Shirley OKelly  
875 Fawn Spring Ct.  
435-260-9035

Cost:: \$9.00 (prefer cash)  
Orders will be placed twice a month during season.

Badge will be delivered to you.

## CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023 SEASON

By Denise Chard

Now is the time to schedule your events on the Season Calendar. Dates are filling up fast!!

Also, remember if you change your mind or cancel your event, it is very important to let me know.

Thank you,

Denise Chard, 269-873-5125





# TW Writer's Page



## The Lateral

By Don Steele



Much as TW Blvd. is the backbone of the TW community, the Lateral is the backbone of TW's natural community. Most of us only see the lateral as we drive over the TW Blvd. bridge just south of the 4-way stop intersection.

The lateral is an extensively dredged and channelized replacement of the natural drainage patterns west of Gottfried Creek. Many of Sarasota County's drainage projects were completed through WPA (Works Progress Administration) projects between 1935 to 1943. I am assuming our lateral was dug about 1940 to reduce flooding and turn wetlands and swamp into land suitable for agriculture and cattle farming. It is unlikely that a project like this could happen now with today's more environmentally conscious culture.

Common in our area are coastal-plain willow, wax myrtle, saw palmetto, and Brazilian pepper which can be found along the banks. Adjacent undeveloped habitats include mesic hammocks dominated by oak, slash pine and palms.

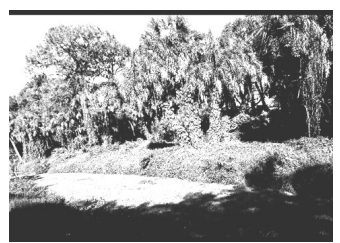
We refer to our lateral by many names; the Lateral, the creek, stream, ditch and such. Some proper names include Gottfried Creek and Goldfish Creek. Officially, it is The North Englewood Drainage Lateral, a drainage channel. The property, 100 feet wide, containing the waterway and the abutting land is owned by the TWA but Sarasota County maintains a 100 foot drainage easement. This includes the waterway and land on both sides.

During average conditions, the water surface drops about 1.4 feet from SR 776 to TW Blvd., then another 0.7 feet to the double bridge at the powerlines on its way to Gottfried Creek and Lemon Bay. The state tests the water periodically and the county sprays the surface

vegetation and mows the banks about twice a year. Reports online state that the water quality is "fair to poor." I heard rumor that the county dredges the lateral every three years, and hope they remove what they dredge.

All this maintenance causes trauma to the local wild plants and animals, but it is needed and we just have to live with it. Without it, flooding would pose a real threat to us. It is important that we do not feed the animals or birds. It is especially important that we do not feed the alligators. Doing so trains them to connect food with humans, and that is very bad for the alligators as they will be removed and killed if they become threatening. My hobby is photographing nature along the lateral area; watching wildlife swim, fly, roost, search for food and multiply. My alias is Tangerine Woodsman.

I hope that all TW residents, their families and guests will take time to walk this area or ride your cart (where permitted). You can access our green spaces from TW Blvd. at the lateral bridge or from the end of Arbordale Court. While walking the Lateral easement, be sure to include the Nature Trail, Nature Preserve and the huge FLAG property which connects to the far end of the Nature Trail. Having these green spaces so close to us is a real blessing.





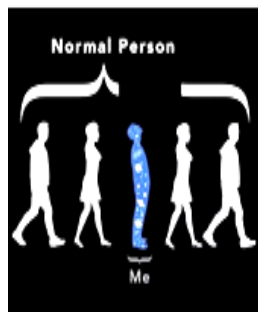


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## HAPPINESS IS ALWAYS LOOKING UP PART 2

By Gary Siegel

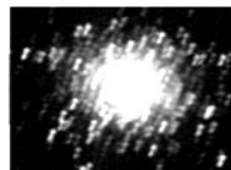


In my last article I talked about my interest in astronomy and how it began. This time I'd like to talk about what's involved in taking Astro pictures, the images you might have seen on the TW Facebook group page.

There are many different types of astrophotography, from wide-angle sky, Milky Way photography, Landscape astrophotography, Time-lapse astrophotography, Solar system "planets" photography, to deep-sky astrophotography through an astronomical telescope. The basic elements of this hobby include the understanding of timed "long" exposure images, proper focus, and image processing. The challenge of deep sky photography is the setup required to capture nebulae, galaxies, and other astronomical objects. All require the use of a dedicated camera, solid equatorial mount, telescope, computer/laptop, and specialized software.

There are simple ways to get started in astrophotography that don't require a large investment of time or money. For instance, with a basic DSLR camera and a tripod, landscape images of the Milky Way and the Planets are well within your reach. Whether you're shooting a full moon, lunar eclipse, meteor shower or a favorite constellation of stars, the sensitivity and control of modern camera sensors are well suited for astronomical imaging. If you think of astrophotography as you would any new hobby, you need to practice and be patient. Practice finding objects, tracking them and experimenting taking different exposure lengths in light polluted skies. You need patience while learning the limits of your gear, (what you can and cannot image in certain locations), how complicated

imaging software works, and waiting for that clear non-windy or moonless night to photograph. Astrophotography is a skill that needs to be developed and that takes time. I'd like to think that astrophotography builds character. For me, my passion lies in deep-sky astrophotography using a dedicated astronomy camera and a telescope. It evolved over the years from casual viewing with an eyepiece to capturing long exposure images. There's so much more detail that comes from an image than looking through an eyepiece.



I was hooked with my first Astro image (which wasn't very good) but it opened my eyes to what I can see. My pictures may have been fuzzy, blurry blobs of light, but I knew that I was photographing another galaxy millions of light years away and that just blew my mind. The ability to capture incredibly detailed portraits of deep-sky objects such as a nebula, galaxies, supernovas really got my heart racing. The learning process never ends. The small milestones and gradual progress along the way are what motivates me to continue pushing forward. One look at a typical deep-sky imaging setup may seem a little complex and have you scratching your head at first but my backyard setup did not happen overnight. In my next article I'll go into what I use.





## CRAFT WORKSHOP

By Colleen Walker

Learn how to make YARN GNOMES (as posted previously on TW NEIGHBOR's page)

When: MONDAY OCTOBER 10th

TIME: 2-4 PM

PLACE: TW CLUB HOUSE

RSVP please by October 8th

Colleen Walker cagates@yahoo.com or  
315-935-5972

Material List (please bring the following with you):

2 empty toilet paper rolls

Glue Gun and glue sticks (If you own a glue gun please bring it with glue sticks)

PLASTIC WORK MAT - (if you have one) or a couple sections of newspaper will work

YARN - share with your friends, inexpensive yarn NO baby weight or chunky

(I will have SOME yarn and plenty of white for beards....it does not take much yarn)

SHARP SCISSORS (a must)

A dozen cotton balls

Small Fall/Christmas embellishments for gnome hats

(I will have several available...if you have something special you would like to use please bring it with you.)

I WILL SUPPLY GNOME noses (for future reference these are 3/8th inch wooden balls)



## LUMINARIES

By Beate DuMouchel

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is now time to start thinking about our wonderful TW tradition of placing Luminaries outside on Christmas Eve (weather allowing).

I will be back on Sept. 30. LAST YEARS VOLUNTEERS please contact me ASAP and let me know if you are willing to take orders again.

I am also looking for some VOLUNTEERS to pick up the bags on the Common areas on Christmas morning. I have a map and you would be assigned an area.

All of us working together has helped make this a joyful tradition around the holidays. Thank you in advance for your help again this year. Updates to follow.

You can email me at [bdumouchel10@gmail.com](mailto:bdumouchel10@gmail.com) or call me at 860-716-8570.



## THE KING AND I

By Jim Connolly

Mr. Byers, principal of the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic in Bridgeton, Barbados, where I taught Technical Drawing as well as Science informed me that my classroom would be one of the places that the Duke of Windsor would visit. My classroom was a single small building set among others on the campus adjacent to Deep Water Harbour. There were 20 drafting desks, a huge chalkboard at the front of the room, and two doors to the outside and many windows. I prepared teaching materials for my students so that they could be busy working when the Prince visited.

Mr. Byers who was always dressed in khaki shirt, shorts, white socks up to his knees and a small white towel around his neck to sop up his sweat to prevent soiling his collar gave me some instructions: "Do not speak unless spoken to, if he asks a question you can't answer make one up or lie."

My students were in place along with my 8 year old son who asked if he could go with me on my bicycle. The Prince arrived through the doorway with Mr. Byers and a small entourage of security people. First thing he sees is me. "And who are you?" he says. All dressed in Irish green, I reply, "James J. Connolly, American Peace Corps Volunteer. Welcome to the Polytechnic, Sir."

He puzzlingly asks, "Did you choose to come here or were you sent?" "Both," says I.

As he stood next to me I noticed what we call peach fuzz indicating that he wasn't shaving yet.

The Prince spent some time with the students asking about their assigned work. Walking to the rear of the room where my son was standing by my desk he asked, "Who is this important young man?" My son snapped to a rigid attention and loudly replied, "Kevin Connolly your Majesty."

Wow! He acted more properly than his old man. If allowed, I would have shaken the Prince's hand with my left since I shook President John Kennedy's with my right.







# TW Writer's Page



## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By LeeAnn Magner

Meet Millie Spinelli, a resident since 2000. Millie is a widow with six children, three girls & three boys. Her family also includes 13 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.



Originally from Long Island, NY, four of her children still reside there. One lives in Pensacola and one in Rotunda. Millie is all about family. She recently returned from spending ten weeks of her summer vacation with them in L.I. She spends at least half of her summer with family.

A note in her yearbook inspired her to raise her children with the goal of going to college. A teacher had urged her with these words, "Seek education, for that is life." This in turn was passed on to all six children. Each one took these words to heart and put themselves through college and each has a successful career. Millie is extremely proud of each of her children with very good reason.

Millie has led a life of highs and lows. She was raised in a large loving and supportive family. Unfortunately, she married an abusive man and gained the kind of mother-in-law that we all love to hate. She and her husband lived with the in-laws for most of their marriage, an untenable situation. After living in this situation for 40 years, she had enough. This coincided with her job being eliminated. At about the same time, her mother was diagnosed with emphysema. Millie needed a home and mom needed help so she moved in with her Mom to care for her. Millie had been coming to Florida for many years, alternating between her 2 sisters, one in Miami and the other in this area. She loved this area and even dreamed about living here 2 years before coming to TW. When she looked to buy in TW, she was shown the home she lives in now, literally her dream came true. She hadn't decided to buy that home until as they were leaving, she spotted a picture over the exit door. It pictured a dilapidated home very much like the one she had dreamed about owning. Right then and there, she decided that was where she was meant to live. It was like a gift from God.

Not long after that her Mom became a snowbird joining Millie in the summers. They had many years of companionship together in Millie's home on TW Blvd.

Millie joined the Englewood United Methodist Church's Singles Club where she enjoyed group activities and the friendship of others in the same situation.

Along the way, she met a wonderful person who in time became the love of her life. They had many happy years together doing the things that happy families do. They traveled to foreign and local lands and enjoyed each other's

company. She lost him 5 years ago and was blessed with a relationship with a kind and loving man.

Since Tom's passing, she has become more involved and active in community activities and made many more friends within our community. She enjoys Bocce, Bingo, cards, cornhole, widows group and more. She seems to never be idle. Since living in TW, she has worked at Beall's and other short term jobs. But she has many other activities and other interests to occupy both her mind and her life.

She is a Eucharistic Minister and serves communion at St. Francis of Assisi church. She helps with the homebound and is active in the Women's Guild. She is actively involved with their fundraisers that raise funds for grants for children.

She has an active practice in the Oriental Healing Art of Reiki. Wikipedia describes Reiki this way: Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. It is administered by "laying on hands" and is based on the idea that an unseen "life force energy" flows through us and is what causes us to be alive. While Reiki is spiritual in nature, it is not a religion. It has no dogma, and there is nothing you must believe in order to learn and use Reiki. In fact, Reiki is not dependent on belief at all and will work whether you believe in it or not. Millie is obviously a very active and involved woman. She is always willing to help and if you know her, it seems she rarely says "no." It seems that she is constantly on the move, yet always available. Somehow, that is hard to believe because while busy with community activities, church involvement, Reiki and friends, she still has all the time in the world for her family.

When spending the summers with her family in Long Island, New York, she divides her time by spending the weeks going from one family for a week at a time so she doesn't miss anyone. She says that the objective is that "she wants all the families to 'know' her."

Speaking about living in TW, she says that "this feels like home, and that she 'Belongs.'" Additionally, Millie admitted that "this is the happiest that she has ever been."

If you don't already know Millie, get to know her, she is a remarkable person!

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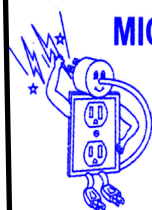
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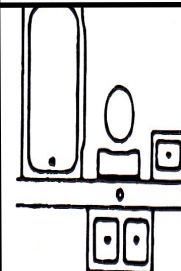
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## "TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT"

By Pat Molt

Do you remember that old TV commercial that encouraged us to "try it, you'll like it?" That phrase has stuck with me most of my life and has often been the impetus to try something new. I've traveled to some interesting places and tasted strange foods. I wasn't quite prepared, though, for what life had in store for me.

When I was newly widowed, I came back to Tangerine Woods with a much different feeling than when Chuck and I had bought our retirement home here. Knowing I had to find a way to stay busy, I joined a couple leagues and clubs. Mostly, it was stuff I felt fairly comfortable doing. But when Barb Weatherhead asked me to play tennis, I was a little taken aback. This was out of my comfort zone. I had never played before. I don't consider myself athletic. I didn't own a racket. I didn't have the right kind of shoes. What if I made a fool of myself? Recalling that old adage, I told myself to at least "try it." Turns out I wasn't terrible and I really enjoyed it!! The others who played were incredibly encouraging. Taking up a sport like that at my age did present a few challenges and I'm still working those out, but it was FUN!!! I tried it and I liked it!! I hope I can work out the kinks and be ready to give it another go next season.

When I couldn't play tennis, I started looking at some of the other activities here at TW and became intrigued by the wood carvers club. I wondered if it was one of those "he-man, woman-haters" club; a place where men used sharp objects and tools that I knew nothing about. Judy Goodrich told me that her husband Don belonged and that he would help introduce me, if I was interested. I was. And he did! I felt super awkward showing up at that first meeting. I had no idea what to expect. What I found was a small, welcoming group of guys that were very happy to share their knowledge with me. They made me feel so comfortable that it completely changed my preconceived notions of their "club". They got me set up with a borrowed set of tools and a beginner's project of carving a boot out of a block of wood. I have to admit, I thought the boot was kind of a silly project. I kept wondering WHY would they have me carve a boot, of all things? I soon realized that the boot was the perfect starter. It taught me how to make a sharp corner, how to round an edge, how to add texture and details, how to turn a block of wood into something easily recognizable. I learned so much from that simple boot!! It made me want to do more but the season was ending. I asked if I could hold onto the borrowed tools for the summer. My son, hearing that I had joined the club, sent me a BOX full of small red cedar logs from a tree he had cut down! I felt a little like Rumpelstiltskin, being given something simple like straw and expecting me to turn it into something valuable like gold! Well, ok! Challenge accepted!

I started searching the internet for ideas. I came upon one that seemed perfect. Small and simple and

something I could send back to my son as a thank you for his vote of confidence! Bob Summers helped me saw those small logs into slices and I went to work, whittling. I carved a little every day. I found it very meditative. As I whittled, I thought of the things I had learned from the boot project. I thought of the hints and tips those guys had shared. Slowly my project took shape. Two simple stick figures that fit together, a man and his dog. I sanded and polished and gave it a good coat of shine, then mailed it off to my son. He loved it. I loved creating it. But I never would have been able to do so if I hadn't "tried" something new. Our Tangerine Woods community has SO much to offer us! The people in our community are so encouraging! When the next season starts, what new thing will you try? What new club will you join? I can say from personal experience: TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT! (and if you don't, just try something else! Hahah!)



## BOOK CLUB

By Audre Sautter

The Book Club will resume Thursday, November 17th, at 3 PM in the Card Room at the Club House. Meetings are the third Thursday of every month through March. **All book lovers are welcome!**

November's book is **The Four Winds** by Kristin Hannah

December's book is **A Land Remembered** by Patrick Smith

Both are excellent reads.

For Book Club information call Audre Sautter at 952-474-1360

## COOKING CLASS

By Celia Connolly

Our cooking class participants have enjoyed the three offerings. We will resume again in January 2023. Classes will be held in January, February and March.

Meanwhile, please enjoy the recipe below:

### ELEPHANT STEW

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 grey elephant (medium size)

Salt & pepper

Canned brown gravy

2 Rabbits (optional)

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Cut elephant into bite size pieces. This will take a bit of time so plan accordingly.

Place in large pot

Add enough brown gravy to cover

Cook over a kerosene fire until gravy boils (this will take about 4 weeks)

Serves 3800—3850

If you expect more people, the 2 rabbits may be added. But do this only if necessary as most people do not like to find a little hare in their stew.

