



# TANGERINE TOPICS

## My Year as President in Review By KEN KEYES President, TWOAI

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It would be difficult to offer an individual “thank you” to all who worked tirelessly and endured the many inconveniences of this last year but to everyone who volunteered and stepped forward in good and rocky times, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

In February, 2020, Sarasota County finally issued a building permit for erection of the Lazy Daze Building. Shortly thereafter the contractor went out of business, leaving TW with a partially completed building.

In March, Angie Sasser came aboard as community manager. The Board of Directors held one outdoor meeting before changing to virtual meetings.

In retrospect, I think the most difficult decision I had to make was to settle the dispute over the painted lines for pickleball placed on the tennis courts. This had been a bone of contention for some time and the matter needed to be brought to a conclusion.

As Covid became more worrisome, the Board felt obligated to invoke temporary rules of precaution while allowing as many amenities as possible to continue. This

included the use of pool monitors, restricting activities within the clubhouse and requiring wearing of masks. Regular meetings were held with TWERC to review changing conditions as more was learned about the virus. It is my belief executing the temporary rules is one reason TW has so few infections from Covid-19.

As part of a long range plan, I introduced implementing the use of photo I.D. badges so pool monitors, and others could identify residents and visitors approved to use amenities. The intent is to expand this system to open magnetic locks for front gates as a better means of controlling privacy and entrance to this community.

Eleven diseased and rotted trees were cut from the common property that were posing a danger to homes on Seabrook Drive.

A contractor was engaged to enlarge the drain opening and install a larger grate on Butterfield Circle that has been causing flooding issues with residents’ homes for several years. This was completed in November.

By summer’s end, le-

gal issues concerning the Lazy Daze building had been resolved and Angie began contacting contractors to complete the project. A dozen looked but only one, Mack David Erectors, gave us a price to complete the work. Bill Bower and I visited a million dollar plus building completed by Mack David, who was given an excellent recommendation. The contract was signed, deposit given, materials delivered and the job started December 28th. After more than two years in delays by the county and original contractor going out of business, the Lazy Daze building was completed January 7th, 2021.

In late December, a new receptionist, Debbie Berard, was hired.

Not every decision was popular and a few folks made their dissatisfaction known. My hope is residents understand that all decisions were made with the best interests of the community in mind.

Before ending this soliloquy, it must be said, without the total 100% cooperation and trust from each of my colleagues on the TW Board of Directors, few of these  
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# TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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things could have been accomplished. Every decision made was supported by them. Thank you, all!

Thus ends my year as your president and it has been bittersweet. Little could anyone have guessed what a challenging year 2020 was for everyone on such a wide variety of issues. I will continue to work with and for this community and my wish is we all have many more years together to enjoy this wonderful place Judy and I call home.

## LeeAnn's Musings

By LeeAnn Magner

Here we are, already into the second month of 2021 and it being "the season" all activities are full speed ahead. If you haven't been paying attention, Angie, our CAM, sends out weekly updates about the happenings in our community. Most of the updates are about the activities offered but every so often there is an admonishment about happenings that should not occur. One of those "happenings" is the disappearance of property. We are all adults and we should have learned in childhood not to take things that did not belong to us. In the event that you do not realize it, the RV lot is used by Lazy Daze to store equipment and materials needed for their community upkeep activities. Appropriation of these items will just result in your homeowner's fees increasing. Speaking of Lazy Daze, you can help them out in other ways. Don't put your aluminum beer and soda cans in the Waste Management recycling bins. Take them to the RV lot and place them on the table just inside the gate. Lazy Daze collects any aluminum items such as shutters or other items that you might be replacing from your remodeling. Additionally, all men are invited to volunteer to join this ambitious group who work every Monday morning in the upkeep of common grounds. We all have skills that would be useful to the community, so if you are not already volunteering, do so and use what you know to keep this place in good order. Stay safe, keep healthy, and keep following the Covid protocols.

## Our TW Pool



Covid has changed lots of things in our lives... especially when it comes to our normal TW activities and amenities. We're missing our dances and our entertainment nights; our Tiki Friday parties, and we approach gatherings with understandable caution. One of the things that we are grateful for, however, is our ability to use our pool. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who volunteered as monitors during the Covid restrictions. Special thanks are due the Sarines, Don Frieberger, Jan Chard and Beate DuMouchel for stepping up and managing the scheduling of monitors and Alice Armao for managing pool protocols. Now that the Board has loosened restrictions, we will be responsible for taking our own temps, social distancing and remembering quarantine guidelines. **Thank you!!**

## Meet Our New Office Assistant

This is Debbie Berard, the new assistant to our CAM, Angie Sasser. Debbie comes to us after retiring from a position that included receptionist, bookkeeping, accounting and general office duties. She found us in an ad on Craigslist and applied immediately.



Born in St. Louis, MO, she has lived in many areas of the country including New Orleans, LA. After retiring, Debbie moved to Florida and stayed with a friend of 30 years. Eventually, she found a place of her own just off Dearborn. A single lady, she is happy to be here and sharing her home and life with her pet dog, a Havanese. Welcome to the TW Family.

## 10-S N-E-1?

By Ed Tarney

The tennis activity at TW is in a unique position this season. Because of safety concerns and uncertainties, we won't be playing in the Venice tennis league. All our play will be internal among residents. If you have thought about playing, but you weren't sure you wanted to be involved in a competitive league, this is the perfect time for you to dust off your racket and come out to join your neighbors on the court. We also have a few extra rackets to lend, if you want to try it out.

Without league play, we have opportunities for some expanded play among ourselves. Men will play Tuesdays, women Thursdays, and we will have open play for everyone on Saturdays and Sundays. Check the bulletin board by the courts for details. We will be adding instruction to some of the group sessions. We hope to add some round robins and other organized fun play for the groups.

At the end of last season, we added a backboard to the courts. It's available for walk-on use any time the courts are empty, or it can be used by reserving that court. We have adopted safety precautions from the USTA and TW, including social distancing and mask usage, to make play safer for all. The standard TW facilities quarantine period applies to returning residents and visitors alike. Note that court shoes are required for safety and for court surface protection.

We would love to see some new faces on the court. If you have thought about it at all, now is a great time to come on out. For more information, contact Barb Weatherhead 616-308-0440.



# TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Our Events Calendar

By Denise Chard



We want to thank Charlene Gineo for all the great years of service on the calendar. She

has decided to retire and I will try to fill her shoes. Please call me at 269-873-5125 to schedule all your events for the 2021-2022 season. It really isn't that far away, so please plan ahead. The calendar appears on the last page of the Topics each month.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2. Cathy O'Neill, Lisa Clark, Renee Jones  
 4. Eileen Quirk  
 5. Nancy Slaubaugh, Bob DeCotis  
 6. Roger Wolf, Marv Schiefer, Dick Easley **HAPPY 91**  
 7. Virginia Pogasic  
 8. Ralph Autuore  
 9. Burt Miles, Wayne Studaker  
 10. Klaus Schmidt, Shirley Okelly  
 11. Mike Mikota  
 12. Sharon Hehn  
 13. Shirley Schiefer  
 14. Linda Dishon  
 15. Jane Healy, Laura O'Brien, Jeff Poznick  
 16. Debby Noyes, Judy Verani, Carol Porzadek  
 17. Elaine Fillion  
 19. William Minion  
 20. Elizabeth Hibbard  
 21. Jane Griffin, George Kress, Richard Quirk  
 22. Jim Lobozzo  
 24. Michael Fuog, Rand Bailey  
 25. Pat Johnson, Bruce Healy  
 28. Joanne Worden, John Walonski **HAPPY 91**



## IN MEMORIAM

Shirley Westenberg-11/16/2020



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

7. Ken and Dee Rosier  
 14. Del and Brenda Sahr  
 15. Paul Healy and Pat Baumann  
 21. Jim and Bev Rayner  
 25. Arthur and Rosemarie Zazzi  
**HAPPY 56th**

**Editor's Note: If, by chance, your birthday or anniversary is omitted or incorrect. Please let us know. This happens because our records are either incorrect or missing. Call Lee-Ann Magner at 941-483-0925 with corrections.**



## HORSESHOES

By Bert Noyes

Horseshoes can be very exciting, but is mostly just fun. Last season, we had 24 players, both male and female and we would like to have even more this year. We are not professionals and play for the enjoyment and camaraderie. We make good friends.

The TW Horseshoe League plays co-ed doubles (two-person teams). The teams are formed through a rating system to take advantage of each person's ability. We play a 10-week rotating schedule competing against each of the other teams. All games are played on Mondays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you would like to play but have little or no experience, we will teach you the fundamentals and provide practice opportunities. We also maintain a list of substitutes who fill in for those who are unable to play because of illness or an unanticipated situation. If you cannot commit to a full schedule but would like to play, consider becoming a sub for our league. We encourage all, both men and women, who would like to play to join us.

## Lazy Daze

John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors

This time of year Lazy Daze is normally in full force, but as you all know there has been nothing "normal" since March of 2020! But rest assured we at Lazy Daze will continue to do everything we can to keep Tangerine Woods the special place it is. Now let me introduce to you three more of our crew chiefs:

Tom Shamberger and his crew are responsible for all common areas at the "outer perimeter" of our community. Their tasks include tree and limb cutting, clearing of brush and maintaining these areas that require a tremendous amount of hard work. Thank you doesn't seem adequate for the amount of work they continue to do on a weekly basis, so please try to recognize their efforts going forward.

Art Napolitan is the crew chief of our Painting Department. On any given Monday you will see this group of men painting street signs, fences, benches, curbing and the clubhouse area, including the parking lots. The intense heat from the sun fades everything so fast it is a full time job to make all of this look fresh and clean. Kudos to Art and crew for staying on top of everything.

Dick Sarine and his crew are responsible for all the pressure washing that takes place in TW. They maintain the exterior of the clubhouse, the sidewalks and postal area, the pool fencing and furniture as well as the Lanai. You may also see them at the front entrance and along the Boulevard cleaning the gutters and curbing. Thank you Dick and crew for a job well done.

Unfortunately, many of our men have not arrived, or will not be arriving in TW this year. So if you have a few hours on a Monday morning from 7-9 call me at 941-474-4788 or just show up at the RV lot.

**Until next month, please stay safe and healthy.**



## St. Jude Fundraiser

By Denise Chard  
There will be a gift raffle event on February 16 at 1 PM in the clubhouse parking lot. This is replacing our soup luncheon. So, please remember the children by making donations of gifts to raffle. Money donations are also greatly appreciated. Please contact Jan Chard at 727-255-1493 or Denise Chard at 269-873-5125 with any questions or donations. Thank You!

## TWO BOARD MEETINGS

The first of 2 Board meetings was a members' meeting where we elected the new Board Members who will represent us during the next season. Bill Bower was elected as President, Bill Minion as Vice President, Alice Armao as Secretary, Ken Keyes as Treasurer and serving as Directors will be Carmen Loudon, Barbara Weatherhead and Mary Maloney.

The second meeting was a regular Board meeting. The new Board made the following decisions:

1. Self-quarantine no longer necessary for residents making overnight trips and staying in Florida.
2. Masks will no longer be required while exercising in the clubhouse.
3. Pool Monitors will no longer be necessary. This decision is made on a trial basis.

These decisions were made with the hope that we are all responsible and follow the social distancing and mask requirements that have been in place during the pandemic.



## DID YOU KNOW:

By Marcia Napolitan

That the exterior of your unit is to be cleaned or washed yearly. Many homes have green mold on them from the heat and humidity. It can be hand washed or power washed to clean it up. Owners have been seen doing theirs already. Have you looked at the outside of yours?

Weeding is to be done regularly by you or someone you have hired. Those weeds pop up at the darndest times.

Remember that if you signed up for shuffleboard, bocce, cornhole or horseshoes, the games are played in all weather conditions except rain. If you cannot make your game, it is your responsibility to call your opponent for a time and day of make-up. We do not cancel games for hot or cold--just dress appropriately.

That you are not supposed to loan your home to a relative or friend without being present yourself. #10.6

That ALL dogs OFF your property are to be on a leash no matter how well behaved or trained they are. Dogs change their minds too and can easily knock a senior citizen down; especially a larger or over-exuberant dog. #10.4

## Cornhole

by Sandy Hayward

We've had a good start this year. Lanai furniture has been moved around, pool lounge chairs have been removed and the floor was power washed so here we come! There are 28 teams tossing in 4 leagues: Tues pm, Wed pm, Thurs am and Thurs pm. And a big thank you to all of you for wearing your masks and sanitizing the bags and boards after your matches are finished. We love our little game and we want all our players to be safe.

If you missed the sign up period and would like to try and play, call me at 941-460-6189 and we'll put you down as a substitute. Or just come and watch! We can be very entertaining!



## Exciting New Development In Tangerine Woods

By Ken Kremer  
President of TW Flag, Inc.

Last year over 40 TW home owners formed TW-Flag, Inc. We bid and won 7 acres previously owned by Sarasota County. The property adjoins the TW subdivision for about 1100 ft. along the western border. Previously this property was occupied by homeless people. They had wild parties at all hours of the night and started 7 fires in the last 6 months resulting in the fire department having to be called. TW-Flag posted Keep Out signs, etc. resulting in getting the homeless to vacate. We then cleared 2 entrances to the property, began clearing trash, provided paths for firemen to enter, created golf cart and walking trails. All TW homeowners are invited to enjoy these new trails. You can enter from the nature trail at the Arbordale Ct. cul-de-sac and/or along the creek. Also, there are entries on 776 near the holding ponds as well as along the holding ponds. You are more than welcome to join us on Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the cul-de-sac for one to two hours to continue our clean up. Bring trash bags and gloves.

TW-Flag, Inc. was formed to provide a buffer from future fires and other mishaps and to keep a green space for the future. We have accomplished this goal. We have sent a letter to the TW Homeowners Association offering the sale of these 7 acres. We hope the Board will begin discussion about procuring these 7 acres from us.

## Cooking Class-Will Be Back in 2022

By Celia Connolly

Here are some foodie tips to keep you interested.

It is worth the money to buy organic celery. Just wrap it in foil. It will keep fresh in the fridge for a month. Courtesy of Shirley Sabo.

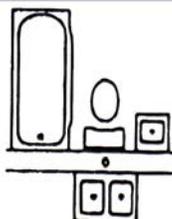
Seafood dishes love a pinch of nutmeg. Pizza should be warmed in the microwave on defrost.

Keep bread in the freezer and use as needed.

Tomatoes should NOT be kept in the fridge. Refrigeration ruins the taste of tomatoes. Courtesy of Jane Newcomb.



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# TW Writer's Page



## A DAY AWAY Calypso Queen Lunch Cruise

By Susie Hale

Good news!! Your Board of Directors has approved our Calypso Queen Lunch Cruise for this year. This trip was originally scheduled for St. Patrick's Day last year and was sold out. Because of Covid, it was rescheduled for St. Patrick's Day this year. If you purchased tickets last year and are unable to attend, or have tickets purchased for guests who can no longer use them, please call me as I may have a buyer for you. You can also sell your tickets to another resident, but **PLEASE** let me know who you are selling the tickets to, so I have a list of who is going on the trip.

There are 29 new residents since last year. Some of these people may like to go on this trip. If you are a resident of TW and did not purchase tickets for this trip last year, please call me and I will put your name on the list to buy tickets as they become available from those who purchased last year. It will be on a first come, first sell basis.

This is a lunch cruise on the Calypso Queen in Clearwater Beach. The Calypso Queen is a 65-foot triple decked ship, specifically designed for cruising in the intracoastal waterways. It is a colorfully appointed vessel with a Caribbean theme and boasts 2 enclosed air-conditioned dining levels. The third level is an open-air deck that serves a variety of functions and provides beautiful views of the passing waterfront. The vessel is complete with restrooms on both dining levels, two full service bars, full service galley and state of the art sound system. Experience the beauty of the smooth waters of Clearwater Harbor and the Intra-coastal Waterway on a tropical party cruise. The cruise departs from Clearwater Beach Marina and features live Captain's narration including points of interest and the history of our picturesque region. The tour includes bus transportation, 1 ½ - 2 hours cruise, Tropical Island Style Buffet, **complimentary** beer, wine and rum punch.

The cost for all this is just \$61 per person. The bus will depart Tangerine Woods at 9:30 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for this trip will have to be purchased from a resident who bought their tickets last year and for some reason cannot make the trip this year. The trip will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2021. Please call if you want to either sell your tickets or purchase tickets for this event. Susie Hale (317) 727-2174 or precious2001@outlook.com.



## Welcome to Kayaking

By Bert Noyes

Welcome to TW's 2021 season of kayaking. Many of us have enjoyed skimming across the waterways of Nokomis, Venice, Placida and Sarasota together. In 2020, we conducted two Safety and Instruction classes and twenty-three kayakers toured Shakett Creek in Nokomis before our season was cut short by the outbreak of the Covid 19 virus. Although we were forced to cancel our first ever full-moon paddle, we have rescheduled it for Thursday February 25, 2021. We try to keep our outing sites interesting and memorable by varying our trip itinerary.

If you have not tried kayaking, please join us. It is easier than you might think. We use all "sit-on-top" kayaks which makes getting in and out safe and relatively easy. We have scheduled a safety and instruction class for Saturday, February 13, 1 PM. These sessions provide an excellent introduction to kayaking through instruction and on-the-water practice time. This is a hands-on course which takes only a couple of hours, but helps you to become a safe and proficient paddler.

You will be accompanied on our outings by friendly, sociable and always helpful Tangerine Woods neighbors who take care of each other both on and off the water. Each tour lasts two hours on the water, sometimes with a break midway. Tony Nakonetschny of A Silent Sport provides our rental equipment and Jeff Gillette serves as our tour guide. Kayak fees are \$40 per person. Fees include the Kayak, the paddle and guided tour. If you have your own Kayak, the tour is \$10 per person.



Contact Bert or Debby Noyes (941-445-6905) any time for additional information or to answer any questions. We look forward to having you join us for a season of fellowship, fun and safe paddling.

**BE KIND AND SAFE, WEAR YOUR MASK!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
THERE ARE NO DOGS ALLOWED IN  
THE MAILROOM**



## Florida's Most Undesirable Trees

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Becky Copenhaver

This article was written in response to a question about a row of bushes that the homeowners loved because of their ease of care and appealing features. They couldn't believe their neighbors were insisting that they remove them completely. So, this is part of what the author wrote in response.

I'll bet the trees that are in question are Brazilian Pepper Trees. This tree belongs to the same family as poison oak and poison ivy. It was brought to Florida somewhere around the mid-1800s from South America and grown as an ornamental. It was very popular because it is attractive, grows quickly, and is very pretty. Little did anyone foresee what an invasive pest this plant would become. But the ease of growth is the very nature of the problem. They start from seed and spread quickly, filling open spaces with very little effort. They are spread by birds and other mammals that eat the seeds and distribute them wherever nature calls. Because of this, Brazilian Pepper has become the most problematic invasive plant in the state.

It is believed that this plant can be found in 90% of Southern Florida's environmental preserves. Brazilian Pepper is on the Category 1 invasive species list for Florida, which means it is illegal to plant or cultivate. As one of the most aggressive, undesirable plants in Florida, it has become the poster child for invasive species. They grow so quickly and thickly that they literally choke out almost every other living plant near them. Native species don't stand a chance against them. This in turn affects native wildlife that depend on them for the diversity of plants for survival. No natural environment can survive when there is only one variety of plant available for food and shelter. The state of Florida is spending billions on Pepper Tree eradication but it is still a losing battle. The trees resprout from cuttings in a matter of weeks and the seeds pop up in weeks as well. No deterrent is 100% effective.

That is where the general population comes in. We just have to identify and get rid of those trees. They may be easy to care for and look nice in our yards but that hedge will produce thousands of new pepper trees a year. Don't fool yourself into thinking that you can control this monster. You may be able to control their growth on your property but you have no control over where the birds and other critters deposit the seeds. The idea of Southern Florida with no cabbage palms or palmettos, no grasses, wax myrtle, pines or oaks, just miles and miles of Brazilian Pepper trees as far as the eye can see is frightening. But if we don't step up, that is exactly what will happen. Just imagine the world around you without the variety of birds and wildlife that makes your days so much fun. Without the native trees, plants and grasses, those critters that make life enjoyable, will disappear.

There are other invasive threats to our environment. There is the Melaleuca tree, carrot tree, earleaf acacia, Chinese tallow, and Australian pine just to name a few. The idea is to identify these plants in our yards and communities and eliminate them. Also, when planting new shrubs or trees, make sure they are native,

non-invasive and won't hurt the environment. So, it is in our best interests to be vigilant while beautifying the world in which we live.

Becky Copenhaver is a Charlotte County master gardener, Certified Horticulture Professional and Certified Landscape Designer.

(Editor's Note: This article suggested by Bert Noyes)

## 2021 BOCCE LEAGUE

By Len and Jane Warburton

The Bocce leagues began on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 and are currently in full play. All regular league games must be completed by Sunday March 21, 2021. League and championship playoffs will be held the week of March 22, 2021. Calendars for scheduling make-up games are posted in the equipment room. When scheduling make-up games, please print clearly and include the following: regular assigned Team Day, Team Number, time you will be playing, and the name of at least one of the Teams' captains. Please schedule make-up games as soon as possible.

Remember to bring your own water/drinks and game towel.

A reminder to those using the equipment and courts during the off-league times, please clean/disinfect whatever you use.

If you would like to be a substitute, you can add your name and telephone number to the Substitute Sheet posted in the equipment room or call us at: 941-681-2609.

Be mindful, courteous and respectful to all including the equipment. Let's continue to have a FUN/competitive season.

Play responsibly! See you at the Court.



## QUILT CLUB RAFFLE

By Roberta Begley

Wouldn't this Tropical Batik Queen Size Quilt (76" x 86") look wonderful in your home or as a gift?

The TW Quilt Club has made this lovely quilt to raffle off on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The fabrics are very colorful tropical batiks. All of the club members sewed the squares for the quilt. Lynn Ann Siegel provided the machine quilting.

Raffle tickets are available from any Quilt Club member and will also be sold at various times/events at TW.

Please get your tickets ASAP and remember, all proceeds go to TWERC.

A special thank you to all involved in making the quilt and to those who purchase tickets.

Please contact me if you have any questions, Roberta Begley 231-373-2979.



# TW Writer's Page



## Celebrations of Love Around the World

By Ginny Drew

On February 14 we celebrate St. Valentine's Day with candy, flowers and cards, along with romantic dinners.

But, how (and when) is true love celebrated in other countries?

First, who is this Valentine and what did he do to earn this celebration? According to History.com there are at least 2 men named Valentine who could have been the origin of the holiday.

One lived in 3rd century Rome. At the time, the Emperor Claudius II banned marriage among soldiers, because he thought it was too distracting for the young men. Valentine was a priest who defied the Emperor's ruling and illegally married couples. Eventually he was arrested and sentenced to death.

There was another legend about a man named Valentine (also in Rome) who helped Christians escape prison. He was arrested and, according to the legend, he sent the first "valentine" message himself while in prison. It was signed "from your Valentine". Many countries celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Feb 14, but others have different dates and names for their celebration of love.

In Romania, it is called "Dragobete", and is mostly celebrated just in the cities, on Feb 24. It is a celebration of both love and the beginning of spring. Dragobete was the son of an ancient feminine figure who brings the spring back every year. It is also a day couples reveal their relationships. They pick flowers, chant songs or dance the 'hora', a Romanian folk dance.

In Argentina they celebrate an entire week (during July), called the "week of sweetness". It celebrates both love and friendship with the exchange of chocolates and other sweets. The last day of the week is called Friendship day.

It is believed that the first Valentine's Day card was sent in France. Charles, the Duke of Orleans, sent love letters to his wife from prison. The French village of "Valentine" gets all decked out for the celebration from Feb 12 to 14, with homes decorated with cards, roses, and marriage proposals.

South Korea could be the king of all Valentines, because they celebrate on the 14th of every month! They each have different names, too. In May it is "the day of roses", in June it's "the day of kisses", and in December it is "the day of hugs". On Feb 14 women give chocolate to men. The men return the offering on March 14, and on April 14, single people who did not receive any sweets celebrate "the black day" by eating black noodles.

In The Philippines, on Valentine's Day the government sponsors a gala event where couples can marry. It is one of the most amazing Valentine's Day celebrations.

Ghana is one of the largest cocoa producing countries in the world. In 2007 the government established "National Chocolate Day" on February 14 to increase

tourism. They have performances, musical events and themed menus in restaurants.

One of my personal favorites is Bulgaria. On February 14 they celebrate the "day of winemakers" (San Trifon Zartan). Couples celebrate their love with a glass of local wine.

Called the "Day of San Dwynwen", Wales' celebration of love occurs on Jan 25. Lovers exchange beautiful handcrafted wooden spoons. The tradition dates back to the 16th century.

The Feast of Saint Dionysus is Spain's day of love and is celebrated on October 9. Men create 'macadora', which are marzipan figures, and gift them to their "special someone". They also have colorful parades.

"Sisters' Meal Festival" is celebrated in Miao (southwest China) on March 15. Women wear beautiful dresses with silver accessories. They cook dishes of colored rice and offer it on silk fabric to young men. They put gifts inside the rice to convey a message to the man. There are several items which may be there. Two of them are Chinese parsley, which means she wants to marry the man, or a clove of garlic, which means that she doesn't want him to contact her again.

Valentine's Day is relatively new to Denmark, having been started in the 1990's. Along with chocolates, the Danes exchange handmade cards with pressed flowers in them, called Snowdrops.

In Estonia they celebrate a very inclusive Valentine's Day on Feb 14. It is a friendship day called "Sobrapaev". Everyone is included... couples, singles, and family members, who all exchange gifts to celebrate their love.

In Japan, on Feb 14 women buy gifts and chocolates for their male partners. The men give gifts in return on March 14, which is called "white day".

In the Czech Republic Valentine's Day is celebrated on May 1, when young couples travel to the statue of the poet Karol Hynek Macha and kiss under the cherry trees.

In Taiwan they celebrate twice a year, on Feb 14 and July 7. According to tradition, men give bouquets of flowers to their beloved. There is a twist, though. The number of flowers in the bouquet is significant. They always use red roses, with 99 roses representing eternal love. For a marriage proposal, the bouquet contains 108 roses.

And, Slovenia has an interesting tradition. St. Valentine is one of the patron saints of spring. They believe that on February 14 plants start to regenerate for the coming spring, and it is the first day of working in the fields. They also believe that birds propose to each other on this day, and in order to witness that people have to walk barefoot through the fields (which are often still frozen).

So, whether is cards, chocolates, kissing under the cherry trees or trudging barefoot through frozen fields, love is celebrated all over the world. What are you going to do on Valentine's Day?

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# Tangerine Woods Calendar

## February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Zoom TWERC Info Meeting 9:00
7 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Tennis	8	9	10	11	12	13 Zoom TWERC Info Meeting 9:00
14 9:00 Tennis 11:00 Pickleball	15 St. Jude Gift Raffle 1:00	16	17 TWERC Meeting 9:00 Nurses Meeting 10:00	18 Zoom Board Meeting 9:00	19	20 Community Sale 10-3 Zoom Info Meeting 9:00 9:00
21 Community Sale Rain Day 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Tennis	22	23	24	25	26	27 Zoom TWERC Info Meeting 9:00 Blood Pressure Checks 10:00
28 9:00 Tennis 11:00 Pickleball						

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15 Tone and Weight	8:15 Strength & Firm	8:15 Tone & Weight	8:15 Strength & Firm	8:15 Tone & Weight	
9:00 Chair Yoga	9:00 Chair Aerobics	9:00 Chair Yoga	9:00 Chair Aerobics	9:00 Chair Yoga	
	9-4 Bocce	9-4 Bocce	9-4 Bocce	9-4 Bocce	
9:30 Pickleball	9:00 Men's Tennis Practice	9:00 Pickleball	9:00 Women's Tennis Practice	9:00 Pickleball	
			9:00 Corn Hole		
10:00 Fast Walk-20	10:00 Fast Walk-20	10:00 Fast Walk-20	10:00 Fast Walk-20	10:00 Fast Walk-20	10:00 Bingo Card Sales
10:00 Shuffleboard	11:00 Water Aerobics	11:00 Water Aerobics	10:00 Ceramics	10:30 Quilting	10:00 Tennis Open Play
11:00 Water Aerobics	12:30 Corn Hole	12:30 Corn Hole	11:00 Water Aerobics	11:00 Water Aerobics	
12:00 Shuffleboard	1:00 Line Dancing	1:00 Woodworking	1:00 Aqua Jogging		1:00 Aqua Jogging
	1:00 Aqua Jogging	7:00 Bingo			