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Pete's Ponderings

By Peter Sims, President TWERC

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Remember —
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MAXIMUM of
two issues be-
fore the
planned event.



It's my pleasure and distinct honor to serve as your new president of TWERC! I appreciate your vote of confidence and look forward to the nitty-gritty of overseeing all the activities here in Tangerine Woods. Liz Summers (a VERY hard act to follow!) has been dropping various things off at my house and I've come to appreciate even more than I did before how devoted she has been to the office of president. While I am no Liz, I will do my best to continue the tradition she has established and am confident the current board officers and members will "hold my hand" during this transition period.

When I bought my home in TW my "up north" friends frequently would ask why I chose Englewood, and Tangerine Woods in particular, out of all the places I could have settled in Florida. Many of you may have had the same experience. I thought for this first Topics article I would share my story of how I ended up here in our little piece of paradise. After graduating from



Butler University in Indianapolis, I got a job teaching high school choral music in Plainfield, IN (a bedroom community of Indy). I stayed at that school for 23 years – long enough to have students that were children of former students! My father's sister and her husband, Shirley and Bob Nelson, retired from their jobs in suburban Chicago (where I was brought up) and moved to TW in the early 80's. Over the ensuing years, on several of my spring breaks from school, I would fly down here and stay with them for a week. I remember thinking "this is a sweet lifestyle – maybe when I get 'old enough' I could live down here." Flash forward 20 some years and I was in a position to think about upcoming retirement, hoping to purchase my aunt's

home. She passed in 2008 and the timing was not right. In 2014 I flew down, rented a room at a local motel, and spent a week getting to know Englewood and working with Sandra Newell, hoping to find a home here in TW that had a big enough living room for my grand piano! Like many of you, I'm sure, I found the perfect place on Cascade Court. Over the years, I've made it my own and while I still have a home in northwest Michigan my little house here in TW is my "happy place!" I am now a Florida resident and am here from mid-October to mid/late May. Even though I retired in 2016 from my job as full-time music director at First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs, MI, when St. John's Episcopal Church in Harbor Springs offered

TW ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LeeAnn's Musings

LeeAnn Magner

It might be too late in the season to be mentioning the rules and regulations that we signed on for when buying into our community. Of course, with all our new residents, it might be appropriate. We all seem to break the rules because we don't read the information we get when moving into TW. The first rule that seems to be broken by many is going faster than the 20 mph speed limit that is posted. There are many walkers, bikes, pets, wild life and golf carts on the streets at almost any time of the day. Please slow down, every life is important and valuable. Then there is the rule that any changes to the exterior of any property requires a permit. These are available in the lobby of the clubhouse. These changes can include painting the home, any landscaping or roofing and a multitude of other possible changes. Parking is a complex issue. There is no parking allowed on the grass, and that includes golf carts. Street parking is not allowed at night in order to keep streets clear in the event of an emergency. RV parking is restricted to the RV lot. There is a little leeway for loading, unloading, refilling tanks and charging batteries. The overflow parking area is reserved for cars. The owners of these vehicles must display their name, address, and phone number prominently in the event of a problem or necessity of moving all vehicles. If you need an RV space or one for an extra vehicle, call Mike Gineo 941-716-6318. There are spaces in the parking areas around the clubhouse for both cars and golf carts. Please park accordingly. We have a great number of golf carts in the community and the grassy areas around the clubhouse should take care of the excess when they all show up for any event. Golf carts should not be parking in areas marked for cars. While on the subject of vehicles, bikes follow the same rules as cars in that they should be ridden on the right side of the road. Walkers should walk facing traffic. Then there are the rules concerning pets. Our pets need to be under our direct control at all times especially in the common areas. We can allow our pets to run free on our property as long as they are under our control. When walking your pet you are required to clean up their feces and dispose of it properly. Our homes are required to be power washed yearly and painted every 10 years or as necessary. There are rules requiring yard maintenance and watering. Sarasota water district rules indicate that even numbered homes should water lawns on Tuesdays only and odd numbered homes water on Thursdays. If you have new lawns or growth in your yards, the rules are relaxed a bit so that the new plantings may get a good start. There are rules concerning contractors, the pool and its use and many more too numerous to mention. So, read the document that you received when moving into TW and save yourself a letter from the office. Those rules and regs are there to keep our community working and looking as great as it did when we all were attracted to it.



Pete Sims

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me the part-time job as their music director, I couldn't say no. The church is only open for 12 weeks in the summer – a perfect fit for a snowbird like me! For those of you that I have yet to meet, I look forward to hearing **your** TW story!

SPRING BRIDGE PARTY

Jacque Cottingham

All levels of players and spouses are welcome. Sign up sheet is in the card room. The main dish and iced tea will be provide. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The event will take place at the TW Clubhouse on March 20. Dinner will begin at 5 PM and Bridge will begin at 6 PM. Call Jacque at 941-473-2039.



PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Blessed are they who understand
 My faltering step and shaking hand
 Blessed, who know my ears today
 Must strain to hear the things they say
 Blessed are those who seem to know
 My eyes are dim and my mind is slow
 Blessed are those who look away
 When I spilled tea that weary day
 Blessed are they who, with cheery smile
 Stopped to chat for a little while
 Blessed are they who know the way
 To bring back memories of yesterday
 Blessed are those who never say
 "You've told that story twice today"
 Blessed are they who make it known
 That I am loved, respected and not alone
 And blessed are they who will ease the days
 Of my journey home, in loving ways
 (Author unknown)

FEBRUARY VALENTINE'S DANCE

Join us for our February Dance to be held Saturday, February 12th from 6:30 – 9:30 P.M. Put on your dancing shoes for music provided by "Fawny Frost."



Tickets will go on sale before morning coffee on Saturday 2/5/22. Cost of tickets is \$10 per person.

Todd & Kathy Wiseman Committee Chairs
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NEW RESIDENTS

Robert Cosler & Kendal Cohen
739 Summersea Ct.
Richard & Lisa Wilcox
806 Heathercreek Ct.
John Walonski, Jr. &
Susan Davison
749 Tangerine Woods Blvd.
Glenn & Laureen Jette
728 Tangerine Woods Blvd.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2.Cathy O'Neill, Lisa Clark, Renee Jones
3.Denise Faudree
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5.Nancy Slaubaugh, Bob DeCotis
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14.Linda Dishon
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17.Elaine Fillion, Jana Hollingsworth
18.John Badowski
19.William Minion, Louise Glose
20.Elizabeth Hibbard
21.Jane Griffin, George Kress, Richard Quirk
22.Jim Lobozzo
23.Lauren Jette
24.Sherry Doerr
24.Michael Fuog, Rand Bailey
25.Pat Johnson, Bruce Healy
28.Joanne Worden
29.Butch McGuerty



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2.Chuck Krausmann & Trish Long
7.Ken & Dee Rosier
14.Del & Brenda Sahr
15.Paul Healy & Pat Baumann
25.Arthur & Rosemarie Zazzi

IN MEMORIAM

Joe Santoro
December 29, 2021



Helping Neighbors!

Marj Timmerman



We have such a wonderfully caring community here at TW and when neighbors need help, we do want to help them. However, when

a **medical concern** arises such as a fever, sudden confusion, weakness, or other change in condition and a neighbor calls you to come over, we strongly suggest that 1) you mask before you go, 2) call 911 and ask them to come and assess the situation, 3) you do **NOT** take them to the hospital or a med center yourself, 4) you stay masked and do not leave them alone until EMS arrives, and 5) if you are able, please call their family or ask the TW office to call. There have been a few situations where people have meant to be helpful but have put themselves and/or their neighbor at additional risk. Thank you!

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Cornhole

Sandy Hayward &
Elaine Ferreira

Looks like Cornhole is off to a good start again this year! Actually we've grown! We have 43 teams playing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. **The competition is getting fierce!** Our veteran players are back and some new talent has emerged to make the games exciting and fun! We could use a few more people to put on the sub list. So if you would like to play sign up in the card room and don't forget to include your phone number!

A gentle reminder to those who are playing in the last slot in the afternoon. Please put all the equipment back in the storage closet. And don't forget to call your opponents to reschedule if you cannot play on your given day. Thanks! And have fun! For more information call 941-460-6189.

LAZE DAZE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Jim Carrey

The next pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$7.00 per person. On the menu: scrambled eggs, sausage links, all-you-can-eat pancakes, orange juice, and tea or coffee. Please purchase tickets at coffee on Sat., Feb. 12th and 19th or at the door Sunday. For information call 941-999-3005.

See you there!



TW Home Tour for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

After much discussion and consideration given to the health and welfare of our community, a decision was made to postpone the February 6, 2022 Home Tour fundraiser at this time. Thank you for all your help and input and all the owners who so graciously agreed to host. The plan is to do this at a future date. Stay tuned.

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TW LIBRARY NEWS

Pat Molt

For those of you who don't yet know, I am the new TW Librarian! I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Mary Wright for all she's done for our beautiful library! I would like to wish her well as Mary moves to her next adventure, and I'm honored to start 2022 where she left off.

As the new librarian, I would love to hear from residents! Feel free to contact me with your questions or ideas; tell me what you like best about our library or something you might like to see added. You can call, email, send me a Facebook message or drop a note in the suggestion box (located in the library).

Would you like to help out?

Please consider signing up to help shelve books. There is a sign-up sheet in the library.

I've gotten a lot of questions about how books are selected for the White Elephant section of the TW Flea Market. For this year, I used the same process as has been used in past years. In general, we sell books with a copyright date that is more than 10 years old (with some exceptions). Starting in 2022, we will be tracking the books that are being borrowed and will use that to help decide which books to keep and which to sell in 2023.

For more information call 914-456-5798 or email pemolt@yahoo.com

We have a wonderfully active library! HAPPY READING!!



Lazy Daze

John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors!
Wow! 2022, whoever would have thought that we all would be enjoying our little piece of "Paradise" at this point in our lives! Happy New Year to all from the men of Lazy Daze. We are back in full force and trying to maintain our beautiful community.

LeeAnn Magner has notified me that her group will be putting on a brunch for us on Monday, March 7th, and that is always a great day filled with delicious goodies. We can't wait!

I would like to thank Richard Hardman for coming up with the idea of setting up a data base for all Lazy Daze workers. This entailed a lot of behind the scenes work and we are grateful for his expertise. For more information call 941-474-4788.

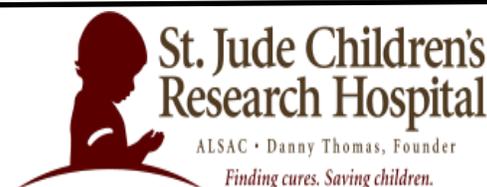
Until next month, please stay safe and healthy.



2022 Coffeehouse

Judy Goodrich

The Memoirs Group will hold the Fourth TW Coffeehouse on Sunday, February 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. You will hear personal accounts, essays, storytelling and poetry written by our members interspersed with music and view beautiful artwork by some of our TW residents. Come and enjoy some refreshments and support our local talent. Get your free ticket before Saturday morning coffee in February for this event. The number of tickets given out will allow us to plan on the number of guests. If you have a special hobby or project you would like to share in the display case or on an easel for the night of the event, please contact Judy Goodrich at 231-620-6727.



St. Jude's Luncheon

Jan Chard

St. Jude's Charity Soup Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 24th. The doors will be open at 11:00 am and lunch will be served beginning at 12 pm. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby for breads, desserts or soups. Please sign up as soon as possible. Deliver your food donation to the clubhouse at 10 am as it takes a while to get all the serving tables set up properly. Prize donations of gifts, money cards, gift baskets, etc. can be dropped off at Jan or Denise Chard's. Cash donations are also an anonymous way to support this very special children's charity. During the weeks before the luncheon, Bingo is selling special playing cards that also brings in a bit of money for the charity. Please join us for these fun games and the Soup Luncheon, too.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 and are being sold at coffee on Saturday February 5th, 12th, and 19th. For any questions or further information, call Jan Chard at 727-255-1493 or Denise Chard at 269-873-5125.

ANOTHER CHANGE

LeeAnn Magner

Our advertising manager, Neil Sheehan, is moving and leaving his position with the Topics. We thank him and wish him all the best in his new home. Butch McGuerty will be taking over the position of ad manager immediately. Butch, not inexperienced, having a similar but a paid position with like duties in his home state of New York. Welcome and thank you for stepping up.

2022 BOCCE LEAGUES Len & Jane Warburton REMINDERS



The teams playing the first match of the day are responsible for bringing the equipment to the court and the teams playing the last match of

the day are responsible for putting the equipment back in the equipment room. All participants are expected to make sure the court area is clean after their matches.

Make up games, if necessary, should be made up as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the individual teams to schedule make up games. Calendars for scheduling make up games are posted in the equipment room. Scheduled league day games have 1st priority for the court and all league make up games scheduled on the calendar have 2nd priority.

Walk on the court as little as possible, wear smooth soled shoes and use the 90 degree rule.

Please do not add or remove material from the Bocce section of the bulletin boards in the card room or the utility room. If you have suggestions for additions or deletions, call us to discuss. If there is any question as to whether a match will be played, other than a make up which is to be scheduled by the teams involved, please call us to get the status.

HAVE FUN!!!

**REMEMBER
VALENTINES
DAY
FEBRUARY 14**



RELAY FOR LIFE SPAGHETTI DINNER

Gineos & Autoores

Save the date! A delicious spaghetti dinner, with meatballs, sausage, bread, salad and of course dessert and beverage. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Date: March 12

Time: 5:30 PM

Tickets go on sale February 26 and March 5th at coffee (LIMITED TO 200). Please plan on attending for a good cause. For more information call Gineos 941-475-1523 or Autoores at 860-384-4165.

TIKI FRIDAY

Mike and Charlene Gineo

We hope you all enjoyed the first Tiki Friday of this year. So, mark your calendars again for the second one on **FEBRUARY 18**.



Same time: 2:00 - 6:00 pm.
Same place - Lanai & pool area.
Bring lawn chairs and extra money for two 50/50 raffles.

Trivia Night

Jane Patenaude

We will hold TW Trivia Night at the clubhouse almost every Sunday evening at 7 PM. Come test your knowledge. Bet you know more than you think you do! Cost will be \$2 pp. Maximum team size is 6. This is a new program, come give it a try. Call 508-863-3375.

ANGIE'S NOTES

Angela Sasser



Hello Tangerine Woods! The season is a third of the way through and I am happy to see so many people have returned to Florida this year. I will have been

here for two years and thanks to Covid I am still getting to know many of the residents. I have thoroughly enjoyed working here at Tangerine Woods and am looking forward to many more years. I would like to thank all the residents for being cautious and making sure to distance yourselves when not feeling well. We have been very fortunate within the community, and I feel like we have a good group of people who do their part.

I know that there have been a few changes in procedure, and many people do not like change. Please know that any changes we have made in the office were to make sure that we are following the State Laws regarding COA's. These changes may seem to be unnecessary to you. However, we want to make sure the office is following proper procedure and staying in compliance with the laws. We appreciate those who are being patient with us and allowing us to get things in proper order.

Please know that if you ever have any questions or concerns you can come and speak with us in the office. We are here to help and will do whatever we can to assist you. The office hours are Monday – Friday from 8AM – 3:30PM. Thanks again for making this a great place to work.



TW Writer's Page



WHAT TO CELEBRATE IN FEBRUARY (Copied and Edited from the Internet)

FEBRUARY is more than just chocolate, roses, and romance. Even though it's the shortest month of the year, there are still plenty of reasons to celebrate in **FEBRUARY**.

Fun Fact

Every four years is a leap year! **FEBRUARY** gets an extra day, the 29th, to give the year 366 days. This helps keep the calendar in sync with the earth's trips around the sun.

Here are 28 reasons to celebrate during the month of **FEBRUARY**.

FEBRUARY 1: National Baked Alaska Day: Baked Alaska was first prepared to commemorate the purchase of Alaska in 1867.

FEBRUARY 2: National Tater Tot Day: Sometimes they're paired with eggs, wrapped in crispy bacon, or smothered in melted nacho toppings

FEBRUARY 3: National Carrot Cake Day: Today's the day to eat your cake and veggies together. It's said that carrot cake originated centuries ago when the vegetable was used as a substitute for more expensive sweeteners.

FEBRUARY 4: National Homemade Soup Day: In the depths of winter, National Homemade Soup Day is the perfect holiday for a warming meal.

FEBRUARY 5: World Nutella Day: Nutella, the world's most beloved chocolate spread, was invented during World War II when cocoa was hard to find. In a stroke of genius, Pietro Ferrero, the creator of Nutella, added sugar and hazelnut paste to what little cocoa he had to stretch out the supply.

FEBRUARY 6: Pay a Compliment Day: We can all use a little extra loving.

FEBRUARY 7: Rose Day: Take time to stop and smell the roses today.

FEBRUARY 8: Opera Day: Enjoy a bit of culture today. Celebrate Opera Day by listening to opera in any form, from classic to modern rock.

FEBRUARY 9: National Pizza Day: Maybe you already have a regular pizza night, but today's the day you definitely should grab a slice in honor of National Pizza Day.

FEBRUARY 10: Teddy Day: Teddy bears may be popular gifts on Valentine's Day, but they have their own day, too.

FEBRUARY 11: National Clean Out Your Computer Day: You clean out your refrigerator, closets, and garage. But have you ever really cleaned out your computer?

FEBRUARY 12: National Plum Pudding Day: While plum pudding is traditionally served on Christmas, it gets a special day to itself in **FEBRUARY**.

FEBRUARY 14: Valentine's Day: Today's the day that celebrates love. Although the holiday has a history of unusual matchmaking and fertility rituals, the day has evolved into sharing anything that expresses love, including cards, red

hearts, flowers, and chocolates.

FEBRUARY 15: Susan B. Anthony Day: Celebrate Susan B. Anthony's birthday by learning about this legendary women's rights activist.

FEBRUARY 16: National Almond Day: Whether you eat them by the handful, piled on top of pastries, ground into homemade almond butter, or even distilled into a decadent liqueur, there's no wrong way to eat almonds.

FEBRUARY 17: National Cabbage Day: Although St. Patrick's Day is a month away, use today to experiment with cabbage recipes.

FEBRUARY 18: National Drink Wine Day: What better reason to kick back, relax, and enjoy a glass than National Drink Wine Day? The day is meant to spread awareness of wine and its health benefits.

FEBRUARY 19: National Chocolate Mint Day: Chocolate mint is a popular flavor of Girl Scout cookies, ice cream, candy, and decadent cocktails.

FEBRUARY 20: National Love Your Pet Day: Every day seems to be Love Your Pet Day, but today is the official day to give your pet some extra affection.

FEBRUARY 21: National Sticky Bun Day: This tasty treat combines cinnamon and sugar baked into a hot, doughy breakfast roll. It is also President's Day this year!

FEBRUARY 22: National Margarita Day: If the winter weather has you feeling down, whip up a margarita to remind yourself that summer is only a short time away.

FEBRUARY 23: National Banana Bread Day: Save your brown bananas to bake with for National Banana Bread Day. The browner the bananas, the better your bread will be.

FEBRUARY 24: National Tortilla Chip Day: Tortilla chips became popular during the 1940s when a Los Angeles deli owner decided to fry misshapen tortillas and sell them as snacks to cut down on the waste. The creation was an immediate hit.

FEBRUARY 25: National Clam Chowder Day: Whether it's creamy and with a strong hint of salt-pork (New England), or tomato-based and lighter on the calories (Manhattan), a bowl of these briny soups on National Clam Chowder Day helps to keep you warm.

FEBRUARY 26: National Pistachio Day: Use National Pistachio Day to learn all about these little shells of goodness that are packed with nutrients. You can get your daily dose of heart-healthy fats, copper and vitamins in several ways.

FEBRUARY 27: National Retro Day: Once upon a time, telephones had dials and roller skates had wheels, TVs had antennae and a paper road map helped you plan your route.

FEBRUARY 28: National Science Day: We have a lot to thank science for, including medicine, the steam engine, the pasteurization of foods, and the understanding of gravity. Take a few moments today to reflect on how far society has come because of scientific discoveries.

All interesting but not much excitement this month!



TW Writer's Page



The Fire Ant

Don Steele

Of all the creatures that can disrupt living in Florida, the Fire Ant is at the top of my list. We avoid alligators, rattlesnakes, pythons and other things because we usually see them in time. Fire ants are different. When a fire ant mound is disturbed, they emerge aggressively, crawling up vertical surfaces. Then, as though issuing a command they bite all at once. You're standing there enjoying your surroundings when you feel a bite. Look down, you may see nothing. When you look harder you see many tiny spots clinging to you. Fire Ants were accidentally introduced from South America arriving in Alabama. They spread aggressively, remaining primarily in the Southeast because they don't live in cold climates. A fire ant is 1/8" to 1/4" long. The mounds we see around Tangerine Woods are about 10" round and 3" high and appears to be a pile of loose soil, inactive with no apparent life, seldom are the ants visible. Until disturbed.

See the video that was shot in Tangerine Woods: <https://tangerinewoods.org/images/FireAnt.mpg> Unlike other ants, which bite and spray acid, fire ants bite only to get a grip and then sting from the abdomen injecting a toxic alkaloid venom called solenopsin. For humans, this is a painful sting, a sensation like what one feels when burned by fire (hence the name). The venom is mainly composed of oily alkaloids mixed with a small number of toxic proteins. An allergic reaction can cause a life-threatening reaction requiring emergency treatment using an EpiPen. The stings swell into an itchy bump then into white pustules the next day. It is important to resist the urge to scratch due to infection risk. They will go away if left alone. Just writing this makes me itch.



REMEMBER THAT LAZY DAZE COLLECTS AND SELLS ALL ALUMINUM AND USES THE FUNDS FOR PROJECTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO, INSTEAD OF PUTTING YOUR ALUMINUM CANS OR OTHER ALUMINUM IN WASTE MANAGEMENT'S RECYCLE BINS, TAKE THEM TO THE RV LOT TO BE CRUSHED OR STORED.

TW QUILT CLUB RAFFLE

Colleen Walker

Wouldn't this "Morning Sunshine" Queen/King Size Reversible Quilt look wonderful in your home or as a gift?



The TW Quilt Club has made a lovely quilt to raffle off on March 5th, 2022. The quilt is an X-tra Long Length. (for pillow tuck over) Queen Size (79" x 104"). This quilt can be used on a King size bed if the top side is placed sideways, offering lots of options for use.

The fabrics are very colorful. All of the club members sewed the squares for the quilt. Raffle tickets are available from any Quilt Club member and will also be sold at various times/events in TW, including Saturday morning coffee gatherings.

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 feel free to contact any quilt club member if you have any questions:

Colleen Walker @ 315-935-5972 or Roberta Begley @ 231-373-2979.



TWERC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

The annual election of TWERC board of directors took place on January 8th. Liz Summers has retired from the position of President after serving tirelessly for 5 years. Her position will be filled by Peter Sims. He has big shoes to fill. The other two positions that were up for re-election were that of Treasurer which will be filled by Judy Tremblay who has been ably filling this position for nigh on to ten years. The other office being filled is one of director. That job will be filled by returning director Jane Patenaude. We wish them good luck and cooperation from the community and the entire board. Thanks to those who chose to run for the positions and did not achieve that goal this time. Volunteerism is the lifeblood of the community.



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The Fine China Judy Goodrich

The fine china sits on a shelf away from our view – just part of the memories of days gone by and special occasions. The silver serving dish with covered lid; the butter plate with the tarnished edges. I do not know the last time they were used or the people sharing conversation and all the food so lovingly prepared.

Should we use it one more time and set the table to mark this special event?

Use the fine crisp linens and iron the tablecloth, polish silver napkin rings for the pink-rolled lace-edged cloth napkins set across the rose-covered plates of Grandma Emma's china, purchased with saved money from Montgomery Ward on Front Street just one more time? Service for 18 of plates, 12 of bowls, lots of cups and saucers. A meat platter glued together that held the beef roast or fried chicken with only two legs, that she trudged to the corner store to buy the day before? The oval serving dish with the gold narrow rim around the top filled with mashed potatoes, another with green peas she picked from her garden, shelled

and cooked on the old stove, next to the hand pump that brought the water from the well; the aroma of fried meat with pepper and salt, the only two seasonings she used.

Her apron removed just before sitting down with her hankie peeking out from one of the pockets; the edge of the apron used to wipe her wet hands and the sweat from her brow while spending the afternoon in front of the hot stove.

After her eyes took in her dear loved ones gathered around the table sitting in old wooden chairs with peeling paint and pulled in close, she slowly and serenely bowed her head . . . her only quiet time that day.

Do we take time to honor her memory and use everything one last time before it leaves our house? Heirs do not want; they now use paper plates and bamboo silverware.

Does it all go to Goodwill or the church sale, or smashed into small pieces for a mosaic design cemented into a colorful patio stone for a path in someone's overgrown garden?

Then all we have left will be memories of Sunday dinners and annual holidays together gathered around the table, holding hands to ask the blessing for the good food and family once again, and a paper napkin to wipe away the lone solitary tear from our upper cheek.



ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are 7 members on the Board of Directors. All are volunteers and serve 2 year terms. Like all governing bodies, not all are up for election at the same time. Some years we vote for three members, some years we vote for four. This year we voted to replace or re-elect 3 board members. Additionally, Ken Keyes retired and the Board chose Gordon Laflin to fulfill the one year remaining of his term. Gordon, Alice Armao, and Mary Maloney will be serving as board members. Bill Bower will be resuming his position as president, Roberta Begley will serve as vice-president, Barbara Weatherhead as secretary and Mike Muzzey will assume the job of treasurer. Congratulations to the newly elected members and a huge thank you for assuming this incredibly thankless and important job. A huge thank you to Ken Keyes for guiding us through the most trying time of our existence and best wishes to the new board.

BOOK CLUB

Audre Sautter

The Book Club choice for February is *The Girl With the Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee. (This is an autobiography of a young girl's daring escape from North Korea in the 1990's.) We'll meet Thursday, February 18th at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

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TW Writer's Page



WELCOME TO KAYAKING

Bert Noyes

Welcome to TW's 2022 season of kayaking. Many of our residents have experienced paddling the waterways of Nokomis, Venice, Sarasota and Placida together. In 2021, we conducted a Safety and Instruction class in January prior to beginning our scheduled tours. We enjoyed trips up Curry Creek in Nokomis, through the canopied Woolverton trails of Placida, along the waterways of Boca Grande and on our first-ever Full Moon Paddle from Spanish Pointe. Each trip on our schedule is to a different site. If you have not tried kayaking, please consider joining us. It is much easier than you might think. We use all "sit-on-top" kayaks to make getting in and out safe and relatively easy. The Safety and Instruction class provides an excellent introduction through instruction and on-the-water practice time. This is a hands-on, on-the-water course and it takes only a couple of hours for you to become a safe and efficient 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, often with a break midway.

Tony Nakonetschny of A Silent Sports provides our rental equipment and Jeff Gillette serves as our tour guide. Our goal is to include everyone who would like to try the kayaking experience. None of us are pros and the company is great. Contact Bert or Debby Noyes (978-423-1255 or 978-479-3627) with any concerns, questions, or for additional information. We look forward to having you join us for a season of fellowship, fun, and safe paddling.

Thank You To The Sheehans

Bert Noyes

Jean and Neil Sheehan came to TW from Chicago in 1999 to visit their friends, the Freerksons. Retired educators, they rented 817 Seabrooke Dr. and soon purchased that home in 2001. They became huge contributors to the well being of our community, each volunteering for many committees, activities and crews.

They demonstrated their organizational skills & concern in countless ways. Neil, however, discovered his passion while staring into his backyard upon many Brazilian Pepper Trees. He was irked by the proliferation of this invasive plant. He initially joined an established crew but soon created his own crew consisting of his neighbors. They formed the Brazilian Pepper Tree Eradication Crew. Their mission was to remove this plant from the entire property and ensure that it would not return. His initial focus was a specific area, the Nature Trail. His work garnered 6 grants from The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. The first grant was used to purchase a chainsaw to aid his crew. The area named the "Meadow" and the first bench are just two of his crew's accomplishments. His work was instrumental in establishing the Nature Trail and returning that area to a source of pleasure and enjoyment for the entire community.

Because of Neil's work, the TW Board of Directors established the Nature Trail Preservation Committee in 2014. This committee utilized the community and county as well as the state resources to return this area of TW to its natural condition using native plants and good horticultural techniques. The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society presented a Certificate of Recognition to Neil and his "Pepper Busters" for "outstanding work in eradicating Brazilian Pepper growth."

The removal of the Brazilian Pepper Trees is nearly complete and Neil's vision is close to fulfillment.

Jean Sheehan passed away in 2019 and Neil is now leaving us for Bay Village in Siesta Key. Their years of devotion to the welfare of all of us here in TW is very much appreciated. Thank you!

HORSESHOES: COMPETITIVE AND FUN

Bert Noyes

Horseshoes can be very exciting, but is mostly just fun. Last season we had 24 regular players plus subs, 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.

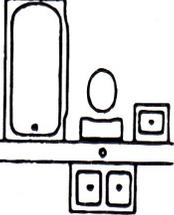
The TW Horseshoe League plays co-ed doubles (two-person teams). The teams are formed through a rating system to take advantage of each person's ability. We play a 10 week rotating schedule competing against each of the other teams. All games are played on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you would 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 one week 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. The signup sheet is posted in the glass bulletin board outside the entry to the Clubhouse or just call Bert Noyes (978-423-1255) or Barry Gottshall (240-462-3683) if you are interested or have any questions. We would love to have you join us.

CHORUS

Ken Kremer

Come join us at 6:30 on Monday evenings for fun and exercise. Yes, I said exercise. Singing has been shown to be a great exercise and brain stimulant. It's also fun and a way to share your talents with others and eventually to entertain TW residents at our March shows. The music this year was chosen from the shows *The Sound of Music*, *South Pacific*, *Chicago*, and *My Fair Lady* just to name a few. Looking forward to having YOU join us.





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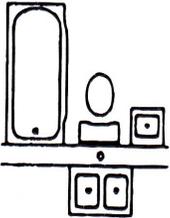
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NOT MUCH HAPPENS IN FEBRUARY

Ginny Drew

The month of February doesn't really have much going on (unless, of course, your birthday is in February). When I was growing up in Connecticut, after I outgrew the joys of sledding, I found it to be the most depressing month. Cold and dreary with no signs of spring.

The only real celebrations during February are Groundhog Day (Feb. 2), and Valentine's Day (Feb. 14). So this month we will talk about them.

Groundhog Day:

The idea of Groundhog Day comes from an ancient Christian celebration known as Candlemas Day, which marked the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, according to the National Centers



for Environmental Information. On Candlemas Day, clergy would bless candles needed for winter and distribute them to the people. Superstition held that if the day was sunny and clear, people could expect a long, rough winter, but if the sky was cloudy, warm weather would arrive soon.

The Groundhog Day celebration started in Germany and was brought to this country by the Pennsylvania Dutch. The original forecasting animal was a badger. Actually, it was originally a bear, but as bears started disappearing in Germany they switched to the badger.

The earliest mention of Groundhog Day is an entry on February 2, 1840, in the diary of James L. Morris of Morgantown, in Pennsylvania Dutch Country. The first official ceremony was in Punxsutawney, PA in 1886. The movie Groundhog Day helped publicize the event, and the average attendance swelled from 2,000 to 10,000. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where crowds as large as 40,000 gather each year.



St. Valentine's Day:

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

There are disputes as to the origin of the Valentine's Day celebration. Some say that it commemorated the death of Valentine (choose your own Valentine), and others contend that the Christian Church put it in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia, which is a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture.

However it started, it provides a bright moment in an otherwise dreary month. Happy February to all!



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