

## Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

New to 262 Jamaica Dr. are **JANET and DENNIS WEBER** from Reese, MI. They will be part-time residents here in Tropic Isles. The Webers have two daughters—Janell (Medina, Ohio) and Nicole (East Lansing, MI) and two grandchildren—Owen (10) and Ella (8).



Janet's mother wintered in Sugar Creek Estates in Bradenton for 18 years and Dennis and Janet owned a mobile home there, but were looking for a 2-bedroom home and came across Tropic Isles. Dennis and Janet own Dennis Weber Homes and Renovations, a custom home building company, where Janet works as the office secretary. Dennis is also the Denmark Township Treasurer and Janet is the Deputy Treasurer. Back home in Reese, Dennis coaches the Reese High School varsity girls' softball team and has done this for the past 24 years. He is a pilot and enjoys flying their 182 Cessna, besides doing a little golfing and fishing in his spare time. The Webers also enjoy going to the movies, walking, biking, and kayaking. They hope to purchase a boat once they decide what type of boat to buy.

Dennis and Janet look forward to using the many wonderful amenities that Tropic Isles has to offer and joining some groups like the Shufflers and Boat Club. Please offer a warm, Tropic Isles welcome to Janet and Dennis Weber.

Look for these two new faces at 289 Nassau Dr. They are **MARY and DANIEL ROBICHAUD** (pronounced Row-be-show), who will be part-time residents from Moncton, New Brunswick. Dan has been a licensed Denturist in Canada for the past 30 years. He has 8 family members who work in the same field which was legalized 46 years ago.



Dan enjoys gardening and golfing. Mary serves as a Hospice volunteer and is a certified Contemplative End-of-Life Counselor. She is also a commercial artist and restaurateur. They both enjoy traveling, cooking, sewing, and their dogs. They share their home with two Shih tzus—Dolly (10) and Hazel (4).

Mary and Dan rented a unit from a friend, Deane Corneil, on Montego Dr. this past winter (2016-17) and loved the park. They decided to purchase their own "winter cottage" in the spring of 2017. Please welcome Mary, Dan, along with Dolly and Hazel to Tropic Isles.

It is my pleasure to introduce you to **ROBERT (BOB) and ELIZABETH (LIZ) KRAMER**. They will be part-time residents at 226 Bimini Dr. Bob and Liz are originally from Albany and now live in Saratoga, NY. They have one son, Jared (27), who lives in Rochester, NY.



They are proud to say that he served in the Air Force and had one tour in Iraq in 2008-2009. Liz continues to work as a secretary in the counselor's office for the Saratoga School District middle school. She has worked there for the past 10 years. Bob has been self-employed since 1990 as a licensed, commercial plumber and is semi-retired.

They both enjoy fishing and boating. Bob enjoys a game of poker and Liz also enjoys time on the water--crewing and kayaking. They share their home with Adrian, a 14-year old Persian cat.

Bob's mother has lived in Bradenton for the past 25 years and while visiting her, they searched online and drove around the area looking for places on the water. It was on one of those visits when they discovered Tropic Isles. Once they fully retire, they plan on spending more time here. Please welcome Bob, Liz, and Adrian to Tropic Isles.

## Home of the Month



February's "Home of the Month" belongs to George and Caroline Johnson at 54 Montego Dr. What great "curb appeal"! Congratulations!

## ~~ Thought For The Day ~~

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter,  
 That tells what kind of life you have lived.



## Here's What's Happening!



*The Shuffle Club had their first Turkey Shoot of the season. What a challenge it was!*



*The first Movie Night had a great turnout of about 100 residents to see Hidden Figures!*

## Oh, The Places You'll Go!



*Tina and Doug Woulf, Jeff and Cindi Wallace, and Karen and Lance Linke took a cruise to Cuba this December and what a trip it was!*



*Trish and Dave Spangler along with their older son, Kevin, and daughter-in-law, Chea, went to visit their younger son, Brian, who lives and works in New Orleans!*





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## Letter From the Editor

This past year, we have had many new people take up residence in Tropic Isles. With that, comes new faces, new energy, and new ideas. In my interviews with new residents, I often hear that one of the reasons they chose to live in Tropic Isles is for the many amenities and activities that we have to offer. Those activities cannot continue to go on without the help of many volunteers who step forward to help and sometimes lead. We are at a crossroads right now. We have a few long-standing activities that are at the verge of ending because no one is stepping up to volunteer. The hard-working people who have been organizing and running these activities for many years are getting tired and would like to step down, but there is no one who is willing to volunteer and take their place. We all enjoy coming to these many activities, but we take for granted that they will always be there. They will not continue to be there without **YOUR** participation.

We have already lost the wonderful Arts and Craft Fair that was scheduled for February because no one wanted to carry on. Due to the lack of volunteer participation, the Michigan Dinner has been cancelled. More may be lost if you don't step up and take action NOW.

The Golden Circle Dinner is one of those special occasions where we celebrate those couples who have been married 50 years or more, but we are on the verge of losing it because no one is willing to volunteer. That would be a real shame!

We need new people to step forward for these wonderful activities to continue. You can take on a small role at first and learn the ropes, before possibly stepping into a leadership role, but you need to act NOW. Don't be complacent and say, "someone else will do it". Grab a friend and jump in. You will meet a lot of wonderful people, make new friends, and feel good about participating. It only takes one person to take the lead and others will follow. You can be that person! So, if you want Tropic Isles to remain an awesome place for many years to come, **WE NEED YOU** to participate. **DON'T WAIT! DO IT NOW!**

A VERY special "thanks" to all the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the years in many different capacities. You made Tropic Isles what it is today!

Note: If you are interested in submitting an item to be published in the Breezes, please send it to [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com) **before** the 10th of the month to be placed in the newsletter for the **following** month.

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## Corrections for the Directory

Please make these corrections or additions to your directory. If you have a change to submit, please send it to [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com) or call Cindy Shaw at 941-722-4037. Interim changes will be posted in each newsletter until the next directory is published in the Fall of 2018.

### Community Listings:

- Brady, Morris & Carolyn**...add 423-415-5945, northern address and phone number  
312 Sub Rd. Cosby, TN 37722,  
423-487-5800
- Bowman, Lynne**.....remove723-0120
- Castellana, John** .....remove 941-729-0367
- Novak, Sherry**.....correct the spelling of her first and last name.  
add northern address and phone  
5523 Bondy Rd. Homeworth, OH 44634  
330-428-6005
- Gerstenslager, Jan & Jeff** add home phone 330-644-7193
- McCormick, Michael/Vernau, Leslie**  
add 40-760-1158
- Metzler, John & Kathleen** remove 215-497-9068,  
add 215-530-4857(J), 215-530-4290(K),  
add northern address and phone  
number 36 Old Hickory Dr. Richboro,  
PA 18966
- Mobley, Terry** .....remove 301-4950 and add 941-981-5482
- Schuss, George** .....630-946-9993
- Spycher, John & Carol** ...remove 721-8372, add 517-260-7270

### Email changes:

- Brady, Morris & Carolyn ..... [brady312@comcast.net](mailto:brady312@comcast.net)
- Bowman, Lynne ..... [eyulebow@ford.com](mailto:eyulebow@ford.com)
- Fuller, Carol ..... [pudful@yahoo.com](mailto:pudful@yahoo.com)
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(In case you were wondering, PCI Communications, the publisher of the resident phone book, has said that each resident can have no more than 2 phone numbers listed on each line for local numbers or northern numbers.)

## From the Manager's Desk

### ADA Doors and FOB Security System



The new ADA doors at the Auditorium, Yacht Club, and Office are now working. As our current keypad security system is not compatible with the ADA doors, we are installing a FOB security system. The FOB's are small and can easily go on your key chain. They are waterproof and do not require a battery. Our goal is to go live with the FOB system by February 1st. At that time, you will no longer need your codes.

There will be a maximum of two FOB's assigned per household. **The first FOB will be free, and the second FOB will cost \$5.00. The cost to replace a FOB will be \$10.00.** When a FOB is assigned to a household, we will be able to identify that FOB when it is used to enter the Auditorium or Yacht club.

**You will be able to pick up your FOB on Monday, January 29th from 9 AM to noon in the Auditorium and Tuesday, January 30th from 2- 4 PM in the Auditorium. If you want the second FOB, please bring your \$5.00.**

If you are renting your home, we will ask that you complete an authorization form to issue the FOB's to your tenant. These forms are available at the Office.

Once the FOB system is live, the doors at the Auditorium and Yacht Club will be locked 24/7. We will revisit this policy in April.

I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience while we go through this transition.

*Paul Smith, Manager*

## Tropic Isles'

### 2017-2018 Resident Directories

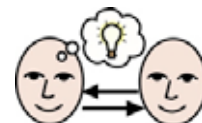
The new 2017-2018 phone directories were distributed in November to residents, one per household, by the Block Captains if you are listed in the directory this year. If your residence looks unoccupied, it was returned to the Office. **Please pick up your copy from the Office at your convenience when you return to TI and sign in.**

Once you receive your new directory, please check to see if your information is listed correctly. If you find an error in the directory, please contact me by calling 941-722-4037 or send an email to [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com) with your correction. I will be happy to print the correction in next month's issue of the Breezes and make the change in the directory for next year.

If you are a **new resident to Tropic Isles** and are not included in this year's directory, please complete an Information Form and your information will be included in next year's directory and in the next issue of the Breezes in the interim. Forms can be picked up in the Office.

**If you are a resident who has had NO changes to your information, you DO NOT need to complete a new form.**

*Cindy Shaw, Editor*



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## Farewell Message

Dear Board of Directors and Residents of Tropic Isles Co-op,  
I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to work with and for you. It has been a pleasure being here and sharing your little piece of paradise. I am moving on to new adventures and challenges and wish you all the very best. Perhaps my retirement years (which can't come soon enough) will lead me back to Tropic Isles.

Sincerely,  
Jody Lawman  
The Office of Tropic Isles

## Rx Drug Disposal Sites

Do your part for a safe community and a safe environment! Bring your unused medications to these locations for disposal. Liquids and needles are not accepted. Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash is hazardous to humans, animals, and the environment.



- Palmetto Police Dept. 1115 10th St. W. 24/7
- Manatee County Sheriff's Office 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 202 24/7
- City of Bradenton Police Dept. 100 10th St. W. 24/7



## Cook's Corner CHICKEN AND RICE CASSEROLE



### Ingredients:

- 1 cup raw rice, regular or brown
- 3 boneless and skinless chicken breasts (can be used with pieces of cooked chicken or turkey)
- 1 package of dry onion soup mix
- 1 can of Cream of Mushroom soup
- ¾ onion, roughly chopped
- 1 package of fresh mushroom, chopped (optional)
- 1 bundle of spinach, chopped (optional)
- 2 cups of water
- 1 tsp. each salt and pepper

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 320 degrees. Lightly grease a 2-quart casserole dish and place your raw rice evenly in it.  
Slice the chicken and place it over the rice.  
Add the chopped onion. If you are going to use mushrooms and spinach now is the time to add it. If you don't like mushrooms or spinach, try other veggies instead. If you use tomatoes or zucchini, remember that they will add extra liquid to the casserole.  
Mix the Cream of Mushrooms soup, the dry soup mix, and the 2 cups of water together and pour mixture over the rest of the ingredients.  
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NEW~~

## Saturday Morning Coffee Hour TIME CHANGE TO 8:30 AM

Tropic Isles "Coffee Hour" is a weekly event held on Saturday mornings. All residents, newcomers or long-timers, are encouraged to come join us at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium. Coffee Hour is the longest, continuously run park activity. It creates an opportunity to meet with your neighbors, greet/meet and welcome new residents, and serves as a core hub for sharing news and promoting park festivities and ticket sales. For the price of \$1 you can enjoy coffee and tea, sweet rolls, donuts, hard rolls, and some good ole fashioned table talk. Attendees need to bring a coffee cup, small plate, and pocket change for a 50/50 ticket. Coffee Hour is hosted by various park clubs who use their portion of 50/50 money to help fill their club treasury. Hope to see you there!



*Kay Lynn Duncan, 722-0240, Coffee Hour Chair*

### Coffee 'N Conversation



Please join us on Monday, February 5, for Coffee 'n Conversation. The conversation begins at 10 AM in the Auditorium with the Palmetto Mayor--Shirley Grover Bryant, the City Commissioners, and other City officials.

Mark your calendar and plan to arrive a few minutes early for coffee and doughnuts. Find out what's going on in the City and get your questions answered. Hope to see you there!

### "Coffee Talk"

This feature will be run throughout the year, sharing the names of those people who have received "We Care" cards from their friends and neighbors here in Tropic Isles.



#### GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO

- **Sam Geoffrion** of Jamaica Dr. (broken arm),
- **Dianne Schoettle** of Tampico Dr. (health concerns),
- **Merwin Crampton** of 29th Ave. (knee replacement surgery),
- **Carol Spycher** of 12th St. (health issues, hospitalized),
- **Barb Martin** of Terra Ceia Dr. (hip surgery),
- **Jim Muckley** of Tampico Dr. (knee surgery),
- **Jamie Meade** of Terra Ceia Dr. (back surgery),
- **Bill Kuehn** of Flores Dr. (foot surgery),
- **Dave Spangler** of 14th St. (arm surgery),
- **Jean Nosbisch** of Jamaica Dr. (hospitalized, breathing issues),
- **Joyce Deverell** of Jamaica Dr. (shingles), and
- **Ruby Flickinger** of Flores Dr. (health issue).

#### SYMPATHY CARDS WERE SENT TO

- **Linda Coleman** and family of Bahia Dr. on the passing of her mother;
- **Tom Culbreth** and family of Bimini Dr. on the passing of his wife, Carolyn;
- **Marlene Libardi** and family of 31st Ave. on the passing of her husband, Gene; and
- **Richard and Bonnie Myers** of 13th St. on the passing of their son-in-law.

If you know of someone who needs a "Get Well" card or a family who has lost a loved one in need of a "Sympathy Card", please contact Nancy Grant at 941-729-4832.

## Manager's Coffee Hour



The next Manager's Coffee Hour will be held on Thursday, February 8 at 9:30-11 AM in the Auditorium. I strongly encourage you to attend and participate in letting me know how to help you make this a better community. I need to know what you want, if I am to have any chance of providing it to you. **The upcoming dates are Wednesday, March 14 and Thursday, April 12, so mark your calendar.**

*Paul Smith, Manager*



## Calling All Fishermen and Women!

Would you like to share a picture of your "catch of the day" from the nearby waters around Tropic Isles? Send it to [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com) and it can be published in the next issue of the Breezes. Please include a sentence or two about where it was caught, what species it is, and its size. Any fish pictures will do---large or small---fish, that is!



### Trivia Tidbits

- Coca-Cola's original glass bottles were green in color.
- The most common name in the world is Muhammed.
- "Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
- You can't touch your nose or chin with your tongue.
- Most people can't sneeze with their eyes open.
- People say, "Bless you" when you sneeze because people thought that a sneeze signaled that you were getting sick. Also, it was believed in olden times that the sneeze expelled an evil spirit.
- On March 6, 1954, Florida received its greatest modern-day snowfall of record with 4.0 inches measured in Milton, FL near Pensacola. The largest recorded snowfall during a 24-hour period in Tallahassee occurred in February of 1958 with 2.8 inches of snow. The only confirmation of snow in the southern part of the state since 1900 occurred in January of 1977 when snow fell as far south as Miami.



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## Tropical Red Hatters

Tropical Red Hatters meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in the Yacht Club. Our next meeting is February 7. The second Monday of each month is Game Day. Our Game Day in February is the 12th. We support Bingo by going on the fourth Tuesday of the month dressed in our lovely red and purple attire.

With regret, we will not be holding the annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday afternoon, March 11. Attrition, illness, and lack of manpower has made this too big a task with our current membership.

We will have a table at the Newcomers Party and hope to see you there on Thursday, March 1. Come and see what the Red Hatters of Tropic Isles are all about!

Our sunshine greeter, Grace Kreisler, has been very busy with the many members who have had illness and grief. See you at our next event and we are always ready to go to lunch!

*Ann M. Miller, Scribe*



## Tropic Isles' HYMN SING (FORMERLY SINGSPIRATION)

Come and join your fellow neighbors for song and fellowship at our Hymn Sing (formerly known as Singspiration) on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in February and March. It will be held in the Auditorium at 6:30 PM. Mark your calendars for February 11 and 25 and March 11 and 25. Hope to see you there!

## Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

A man was in a Starbucks recently when his stomach started rumbling and he realized that he desperately needed to fart. The place was packed, but the music was loud, so to get relief and reduce embarrassment, he timed his farts to the beat of the music. After a couple of songs, he started to feel much better. He finished his coffee and noticed that everyone was staring at him. Suddenly, he remembered that he was listening to his I-pod (with ear plugs).



Today, in the cutest voice, an 8-year-old girl asked her dad to start recycling. He chuckled and asked, "Why?"

She replied, "So you can help me save the planet."

He chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?"

"Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet.

He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath.

This made him a... super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

Did you hear about the guy who lost his whole left side? He's all right now!

For those keyboard jockeys (those with jobs that require sitting at a computer all day) who don't want to spend the money for those fancy exercise machines, here is a little secret for building arm and shoulder muscles. Three days a week is best. Begin by standing (in your cubicle works well) with a five-pound potato sack in each hand. Extend your arms straight out to your sides and hold them there for as long as you can. After a few weeks, move up to ten-pound potato sacks and then fifty-pound potato sacks, and finally you will get to where you can lift a one hundred-pound potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. Next, start putting a few potatoes in the sacks.

As a first-grade teacher, she often hears from her students about things going on in their family. Little Harry's mother was expecting, and naturally Harry was very excited about it. When one day, Harry stopped talking about it. The teacher was concerned and questioned him why.

"Well", Harry said, "My mother let me feel the baby moving in her stomach. I think she ate it!"

I wanted to make it a really special Valentine's Day, so I tied my boyfriend up. For three solid hours, I watched whatever I wanted to watch on TV.

I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When we think about romance, the last thing on our mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at us with a weapon in his hand.

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In December, I delivered the donations from the Tropic Isles' Community to the veterans at Bay Pines Medical Center. This is an annual project of the Tropical Red Hatters. While struggling with the large carton in my car, a young man offered to help me make the journey to the volunteer office. He asked if I might have any boxer-briefs in the array of goods. I was sure there were. We found the wanted item in the right size and I assured him it was OK for him to take it. He said, "I help you and you help me." The clerks immediately started sorting the goods and exclaimed gratitude for the socks. A lady came in from the emergency room looking for sweatshirts and sweatpants. She said in this cold weather, we can't turn them out in thin clothes. I want you to know that all your donations are going to good use. Thank you from all the Tropical Red Hatters and your nation's veterans.

*Ann M. Miller*

We would like to thank Neighbors Helping Neighbors for doing a fine job of restoring our front "flower garden" to such a nice condition.

*Tom and Flo McKeever*

Thanks to the Boosters for helping to install the lift at 303 Bahama Dr. This lift has been around the park for a few years. Steve Grant bought it first for his mom and dad and then it was sold to several people. Eventually, it was given to the Boosters to share with others.

*Nancy Grant*

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Soup Supper a success. The Boosters work for the good of the park. Come join us to see what you can do.

*Jean Volkens*

A very special thanks to Betty Smith, who has served as volunteer coordinator for the blood drives in Tropic Isles over the past 15 years. She has organized and recruited residents to donate blood for each blood drive here in Tropic Isles. Thank you, Betty!

Thanks to Jack and Joann Miller for placing luminaries around the Yacht Club on Christmas Eve!

(If you have a certain someone or a special group of people that you would like to thank or show appreciation to, please send your request to [tibrezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibrezes1@aol.com).)

## Safety Tip Of The Month

Police Chief, Scott Tyler, came to speak at our December's Coffee 'n Conversation. He had a lot of common safety precautions and great recommendations for the residents of Tropic Isles.

### **To avoid skimmers at gas stations and ATM's**

- Pay cash
- Do your transactions at the pump right near the door.
- Use a credit card, not a debit card—it's safer.
- Use ATM's with cameras—on banks or public places, and not in a remote location or at night.

### **Scams**

- For donations, give directly to the charity or organization, not a phone solicitation.
- An IRS scammer—The IRS will not contact you by phone. The IRS will contact you by mail. Scammers will try to scare you. Call the IRS if you are unsure.
- FP&L or any utility provider will not call with a problem. They will put a notice in the mail.
- People who call to say a loved one was in an accident or put in jail, etc. and that you should send money are scammers. Authentic people will not call and ask for money.
- If you come across an online shopping website that asks for your social security number, DO NOT give it out.

### **Vehicles**

- Always lock your car at home and when you're out.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicles. Lock them in the trunk or console. Leave extra credit cards and cash at home.
- Don't leave a weapon in your car.
- Travel with someone at night. When walking to your car, act confident with the keys in your hand. Park in a well-lit area.
- Lock up your golf cart at home and away.
- Lock up your bikes.

### **Security Systems**

- Do your research.
- Security systems with an alert on your phone is good.
- Many security systems do not directly alert the police department.
- A web-based system which can be monitored from everywhere is recommended.
- An alert system with lights and sounds is extremely effective.

### **After Hurricane Irma---what works and what doesn't**

- Local storm shelters filled up early with people from other areas of the state.
- Summer people should evacuate when it is mandated and do it early to avoid problems with the lack of gas or places to stay.
- Consider there will be no electricity or air conditioning in the hot summer when you return.
- When winds reach 45 mph, the Palmetto Police Department stops responding.

### **Suggestions:**

- USE COMMON SENSE!
- If it feels "funny", DON'T DO IT!
- Check bank statements weekly.
- Shred EVERYTHING going into the trash.
- Pick up your mail regularly.
- Guard your social security number.
- If the phone rings and you answer it, but there's no one there right away, or the call is from an unfamiliar number, HANG UP.
- Keep an eye on each other.
- If you see or hear anything out of the "norm", call the POLICE. They would rather have you make the call and it be nothing, than not call and have something happen. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**





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## Kayak-Ity-Yak

We are kayaking on Wednesday mornings and are hoping to plan some exciting kayak adventures in the future. If you are interested in joining us, you are welcome to come, even if you do not own a kayak or have any experience. We are here to get as many people out on the water as possible and many of us have extra kayaks. Emails are being sent out ahead of time with information about each outing. Let Sue Weaver know at [smweaver2@stny.rr.com](mailto:smweaver2@stny.rr.com) if you want to be included in the email. Kayak on!



### Kayak Launch Use Reminders

If you are using the Tropic Isles' kayak launch, please make sure to do the following:

1. Read the directions if you are not sure how to use the launch.
2. Make sure you sign out and erase your name when you return.
3. When you lower the ramp, do not undo both ends of the rope. Undo one side, lower the ramp, and then cleat it off.
4. If no one else is signed out when you return, please lift the ramp out of the water.
5. If the ramp has debris on it, please hose it off.

Your help in taking good care of our launch is appreciated.

## Boat Club News



February is here, and we have our **Boat Club Valentine's Day dance on February 17** with the Jack Tamburine Band. Call Jan Burbie for tickets at 941-721-1847.

The sailboat races have started on Terra Ceia Bay on Tuesdays at 1 PM. For information about racing, crewing, or just being the Committee Boat for the race, contact John Castellana at 941-724-0367.

The poker run will be held this month with the date yet to be finalized. Watch for information on the Boat Club email.

Denny Vitton has proposed that we install a solar light at the entrance canal heading into the Main Basin. Stay tuned for more information on that.

Also, we need more stories for our "Bent Prop Award" to be awarded at our annual Fish Fry. Can't wait!

*Safe boating,  
Lance Linke, Commodore*

## Tropic Isles' Boat Club

### Toys for Tots Update

Thank you to our Tropic Isles' Boat Club and all Tropic Isles' residents for their generosity and support for **Toys for Tots 2017**. This year, we donated **78 bikes**, bike helmets, and many, many toys to Toys for Tots! Special thanks to Paul Smith, TI Park Manager, who recruited our vendors and contractors for monetary support to our Toys for Tots campaign and to Tim Matthews, who delivered bike helmets donated by the Palmetto Police Department. It was a great year of giving by all. Thank you to Marilyn Denby who went shopping with Jack Miller for additional toys. They filled more than 4 carts at Walmart with fun, exciting toys to supplement our bike donation, making a wonderful holiday for children in our community! Many of our own retired Marines joined us for the final toy pick-up at the TI Yacht Club. A thank you certificate was presented to Tropic Isles from the Marine Corps Reserve. (see picture pages)

Thank you again!

*Jack Miller and Pat Brazil*



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

NHN Volunteers are looking for projects to assist our neighbors here in Tropic Isles. Listed below are projects we can help with:

- CLEANING MOLD
- WEEDING
- CLEARING AWAY CLUTTER UNDER CARPORTS
- PAINTING OUTSIDE SHEDS
- HELP TO TAME OVERGROWN TREES AND SHRUBS
- PLANT ANNUAL FLOWERS

If you need assistance with any items listed above, or if you have questions, please call one of the Coordinators listed below. Remember, this is a free service for park residents of Tropic Isles.

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## Exercise and Wellness



Are you looking to get fit in the new year? Did you make exercise a part of your New Year's Resolutions? Then here are some great options to help you get into shape!

### WALKING AEROBICS

Aerobics is a fun activity that meets Monday-Friday 8:00-9:00 AM in the Yacht Club. The hour is broken into 3 fifteen-minute sessions with each session consisting of 1 mile of walking aerobics for heart health with some strength training (weights) mixed in. Stay for 1 mile, 2 miles, or 3 miles! We vary the CDs each day to keep interest and enthusiasm high. Weights are provided, or you can bring your own. Come on down and get fit with some friendly people.

### FUN AND FITNESS

Are you looking for a less intensive form of exercise, but would enjoy some mild strength training, stretching, and exercises to improve balance and flexibility? Then join Shirley Kaye for Fun and Fitness, Monday-Friday at 9-10 AM in the Yacht Club. Many of the exercises are good for people suffering from arthritis, back problems, a stroke, or fibromyalgia. Some exercises are done on a mat. Extra mats are available, or you can bring your own. Get fit and have fun too!

### WATER AEROBICS

Are you looking for an exercise program that is fun and full of music while giving you a good work out? Then this is the program for you! The water aerobics group meets at the pool Monday-Friday at 10-11 AM, weather permitting. If you have aches and pains that prevent you from doing traditional exercises, water aerobics is for you.

### YOGA

Yoga is a great way to relieve stress and stretch those muscles. Yoga meets at 10:30-11:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Yacht Club. The cost is \$4 per session. Some extra mats are available.

## Memory Bricks

Memory Bricks may be purchased from Jean Volkens (563-564-9056) for \$30. You may use three lines of thirteen letters on each line. Memory bricks will be placed in May in the Memory Garden in front of the Yacht Club. It is a great way to honor a loved one or friend that is no longer with us.

## Southeast Guidedog Walkathon



Southeastern Guide Dogs is an exceptional organization which provides service dogs to the visually impaired, to Veterans who suffer from service related injuries and to others in need of support because of health issues. These dogs are the ticket for many individuals so that they can be independent and safe in the community. We have been successful in raising enough funds the last few years to name a puppy. We are hoping for that honor again in 2018. The Bradenton Walkathon will be held on **March 10th** at Rossi Park in Bradenton. The Walkathon starts at 8:30, opening ceremonies are at 9:30, and the walk itself starts at 10 AM. Please consider walking with us or helping to raise money for the event. Contact Sue Weaver at 941-981-5844 or [smweaver2@stny.rr.com](mailto:smweaver2@stny.rr.com) for more information.



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					23 TB 1:05 (SS)	24 1:05
25 DET 1:05 (SS)	26 1:05	27 ATL 1:05	28 BOS 1:05	1 1:05	2 BAL 1:05	3 1:05 (SS)
4 MIN 1:05	5 ATL 1:05	6	7 TOR 1:07 (SS)	8 1:05	9 PHI 7:05	10 BAL 1:05
11 TOR 1:07	12 1:05	13	14 1:05	15 NY 1:05	16 1:05	17 1:05
18 1:05	19 1:05	20 BOS 1:05	21 MIN 6:05	22 6:05 (SS)	23 1:05	24 1:05
25 TOR 1:07	26 1:05	27 PHI 1:05	28			

home away (ss) - split squad

Dates, times and opponents subject to change.

[pirates.com/springtraining](http://pirates.com/springtraining)

### E-Scrap Only Collections For 2018

**FEBRUARY 3 AT THE PALMETTO FAIRGROUND 9 AM- 3 PM**

(e-scrap=telephones, tvs, radios, pcs and cabling such as mouse and other plug in cables.)

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HHW collections and e-scrap collections are done at Lena Rd. Landfill,

3rd Saturday of every month,

3rd traffic light east off I-75, State Rd. 64, 9 AM-3 PM.

### New Manatees In Town

Here's a deal for you! At the South Florida Museum/Planetarium/Aquarium on February 3 and March 3, instead of the Senior admission price of \$17, you get in for \$8 if you go at 3 PM. Although Snooty died this year, there are currently two manatees in rehab in the Aquarium. Family Night at the Museum occurs on the **first Saturday of most months** where the Museum stays open late for an evening of family fun! Every month there is a different theme with hands-on activities and special films or performances **beginning at 3 pm**. You can also enjoy an additional manatee presentation, specially scheduled Planetarium shows, and the Rock Hall of Fame show at 7:15 pm (unless otherwise noted). Come on out and visit them. Visit [www.southfloridamuseum.org](http://www.southfloridamuseum.org) to find out more.

### Free Yoga Classes

The Palmetto Library at 923 6th St. W. is offering free yoga classes on Tuesdays in February and March. They are held on February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 13, 20, 27 from 2-3 PM. All levels are welcome, but please bring your own mat or towel. Call 941-722-3333 if you have any questions.

### Marauders Baseball Fan Club

#### ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS!



Baseball spring training has started, and the Pittsburgh Pirates are in Bradenton. After they leave Lecom Stadium, (the Class A facility which has been copied by other cities), the Florida summer league starts in April. The league has a north and south division, six teams in each. Twenty-three different people from Tropic Isles saw some very good baseball by these young guys trying to make the big league last summer. Two years ago, the Marauders won a very big first place trophy beating the New York Yankees.

Last year tickets were \$10, which includes your seat, one large soft drink and a baseball cap. That is the group rate and we need 10 people to make a group. If you are interested in attending a game, call me or email me and I will email the 2018 Marauders schedule to you, so you can suggest games to attend. I will also add you to the group email list.

*Leonard Krueger*

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# Shuffleboard News



## The Shuffleboard Schedule for February

Sundays.....2:00 PM.....Shuffleboard  
 Mondays.....10:00 AM.....Shuffleboard  
 Tuesdays.....10:00 AM..... Shuffleboard,  
 .....1:00 PM.....**Hoss Collar**  
 Wednesdays.....10:00 AM..... Shuffleboard,  
 .....1:00 PM..... **North Shore League**  
 Thursdays.....10:00 AM..... Shuffleboard **Yellow & Black**  
 Fridays.....10:00 AM..... **Coach House**  
 (alternating locations)  
 Saturdays.....10:00 AM.....Shuffleboard

### Special Events:

Monday, February 5, 12, 19 . Beginner Lessons ..... 1:00 PM  
 Tuesday, February 6 ..... Turkey Shoot ..... 10:00 AM  
 Wednesday, February 14.... Pot Luck/Business Meeting .5:00 PM  
 Wednesday, February 28.... Beginner & Intermediate  
 .....Tournaments ..... 10:00 AM

(Rain Date for Beginner/Intermediate Tournaments:  
 March 5th 1:00 PM)

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 ...Intermediate Lessons 1:00 PM  
 Friday, February 16 ..... Shuffle Club Spaghetti Supper  
 4:00 to 6:30 PM

We give a round of applause to **Kay Lynn Duncan** who has accumulated the necessary points in competition to gain Pro Status and to **Pat and Elaine Antaya** who gained State Amateur status. Hope to see you all on the courts daily and at the Shuffle Club Spaghetti Supper on February 16th.



# Tropic Isles' Marina

AJ Gilley, who lives in Tropic Isles year-round has been hired to work at the Marina. Known as "AJ", he brings expertise to the Marina in his knowledge of fishing tackle and catching fish. AJ has worked on large boats and off-shore fishing trips. He is the one to ask about what tackle or bait is best to use for the fish you are targeting. Speaking of catching fish, there should be good action with trout, blues, pompano, and more on deep grass. Shallow water action for larger trout and reds is improving due to cooler water. Cooler temperatures pushed a lot of the fish closer to their wintertime hideouts. With wintertime low tides, this typically means the fish are grouped tighter together, and once located, you tend to catch a lot in one hole. White bait is still all over Tampa Bay, but will hold deeper and will be harder to net as the water temps continue to cool. Live shrimp purchased at your Marina would be a better choice. The redfish have been spooky, due to the clear water that happens this time of year due to the lack of rain. The reds are still on the flats hanging out with the mullet.

Ten cents off a gallon of gas every Monday at your Marina continues. Be sure to take advantage of this savings. Do you get in your car and drive to a store to purchase one or two items? Would you like the Marina to stock these items for you? If the answer is yes, feel free to contact Jim Kelly II at [hmwhmember@aol.com](mailto:hmwhmember@aol.com) and tell him what you would like us to have on hand. If possible, we would be happy to stock that item at a reasonable price to prevent your many trips to the store. Some items we currently stock are: clothing, tackle, hats, fishing rods, bait, sunscreen, daily newspapers, cigarettes, beer/wine, food, snacks, and of course, gas. Stop in, where the prices are low and the conversation is free.

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## What's New In The Neighborhood?

- A new pool cover was installed on the reel and is being used during the winter months to save energy at the pool in the evenings. Remember...when the pool cover is on, there is no access to the pool deck area. Thanks to all the volunteers who help to cover and uncover the pool.
- Call Waste Management at 866-331-1993 for a special pick-up if you have any large household items to be disposed of.

## Homeowners (TIHOA) Annual Meeting

Homeowners will gather on **Friday, February 9th** at 10 AM at the Yacht Club for the Annual Meeting. Homeowners (with a capital H) own their mobile home and rent their site from the Co-Op.

The agenda includes:

- \* update on rental rates
- \* information on the proposed lease
- \* election of the TIHOA Board of Directors for 2018

Two people will be leaving the TIHOA Board. Board members are elected for one-year terms and can run for re-election. Persons interested in serving on the Board can talk to any of the current board members or Jan Vern to learn more. New people bring new skills, energy, and viewpoints, so consider sharing your talents. See you there.

## Homeowners Association Meeting Schedule (TIHOA) 2018

- February 2 ..... TIHOA Board Meeting, Yacht Club, Pretty Room 1 PM
- February 5 ..... Open Meeting, Auditorium 10 AM  
(Coffee 'n Conversation, Palmetto Mayor)
- February 9..... HOA Annual Meeting, all members are encouraged to attend, Yacht Club, 10 AM**
- February 12, 13..... AARP Safe Driving Course, Yacht Club, Main Room 12:30-4:30 PM (sponsored by TIHOA)
- March 2 ..... TIHOA Board Meeting, Yacht Club, Pretty Room 1 PM
- March 5 ..... Open meeting, Auditorium 10 AM  
(Coffee 'n Conversation-Hurricane Preparedness)

All TIHOA meetings take place on Mondays. Following the pattern of last season, Open Meetings in the Auditorium will feature speakers addressing topics of interest to all Tropic Isles' residents. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Property Owners Meeting Schedule (TIPOA) 2018

<u>Board Meetings</u>	<u>Membership Meetings</u>
Feb. 9, 2018	Feb. 12, 2018
Mar. 9, 2018	Mar. 12, 2018
Apr. 6, 2018	Apr. 9, 2018

Please note: All Board meetings will commence at 9:00 AM in the Yacht Club "Pretty" Room.

All Membership meetings, including the annual meeting, will commence at 10:00 AM in the Yacht Club "Main" Room.

It is expected that most meetings will last 1-2 hours, with the exception of the Annual Meeting which will include a luncheon while the election results are being verified.

*In Memory of Carolyn Culbreth*



There will be a memorial service for Carolyn Culbreth on February 10, 11 AM-2 PM in the Yacht Club.

## ARC Committee Meetings

The ARC Committee Meetings are held on **Wednesdays** at 9:30 in the Yacht Club Pretty Room twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The new ARC Committee Chairman is Tom Hennessy. The ARC request process for any changes to your home or lot remains the same. Contact the Office for an ARC request form.



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- I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. -age 50
- I've learned that most people are honest. -age 82
- I've learned that if you care, it shows. -age 30
- I've learned that eating chocolate won't solve your problems, but it doesn't hurt anything either. -age 28
- I've learned that animals can sometimes warm your heart better than people can. -age 15
- I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they are gone. -age 53
- I've learned that you should never go to bed with an argument unsettled. -age 73
- I've learned that kindness is more important than perfection. -age 70
- I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. -age 65



# Library News



The Library Committee wishes to thank Cindy Shaw for the donation of an original watercolor by a local artist. Entitled "Forest Moses Lighthouse", it is a beautiful representation of the lighthouse found in the state of New York.

Good news for those of you who enjoy reading large print editions. Once again, Mabel Gagnon generously has donated large print books to our library... 64 hard cover books and 4 large print Reader's Digest magazines. Many of the books have a 2015-2016 copyright date. These books are given in memory of her daughter, Jean.

In addition to the large print books, 147 other items were donated during the month of January. Among those were 21 hard cover books, 5 audio books, 6 puzzles, and 7 books for our children's section.

If you are new to our park and have books to return or books to donate, place them in the return basket located beside the desk. The grey and black containers beneath the magazine rack are used for book and magazine donations made to the veterans at Bay Pines VA Hospital. Our donations are greatly appreciated by the residents. The "X" marked books on the book rack are free and do not need to be returned to the library.

As always, many thanks to all of you who have donated to our library.

The next meeting of the Library Committee will be held in our library Saturday, March 3 immediately following Saturday Coffee. If you would like to volunteer your services, please come and join us.

Phyllis Ann Smith  
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<b>February 2018</b>						
<b>4</b> 6:30 pm <b>Super Bowl</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Coffee 'n Conversation - Mayor - A	<b>6</b> 9:30 am 9:30 am Turkey Shoot Entertainment Mtg. - PR	<b>7</b> 10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm Red Hat Meeting - PR Craft Class - Y Boat Club Mtg. - Y	<b>8</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am 7:00 pm LTSP Meeting - PR Manager's Coffee - A Movie Night - A	<b>9</b> 9:00 am 10:00 am TIPOA BOD Meeting - PR HOA Annual Meeting - Y	<b>10</b> 11-2 7:00 pm Culbreth Memorial - Y Red Ht Blue- Collar Show - A
<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Hymn Sing - A	<b>12</b> 10:00 am 11:00 am 1-4 pm TIPOA Members Meeting - Y Red Hat Games - Y AARP Driver's Course - Y	<b>13</b> 7:30 am 8:30 am 1:00 pm 1-4 pm Pancake Breakfast - A Writer's Group - PR Book Club - Y AARP Driver's Course - Y	<b>14</b> 9:30 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm <b>Valentine's Day</b> ARC Mtg. - PR Activity Meeting - Y Shuffle Pot Luck - Y	<b>15</b> 9:00 am LTSP - PR	<b>16</b> 4-6:30 pm Spaghetti Supper - A	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Boat Club Dance - A
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>President's Day</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Benzie Co. Picnic - Y	<b>22</b> 9:00 am LTSP Meeting - PR	<b>23</b> 7:30 am 3:00 pm Bloodmobile Trash and Treasure Sale (residents only) Y & A	<b>24</b> 7:00 am - 2:00 pm Trash and Treasure Sale - Y & A
<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Hymn Sing - A	<b>26</b> 10:30 am Convertible Ride	<b>27</b> 8:30 am Writer's Group - PR	<b>28</b> 9:30 am 10:00 am ARC Meeting - PR Beg. & Int. Tournaments			
<b>WEEKLY EVENTS</b>						
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## Rule of the Month

This is a reminder that the 2014 Rules and Regulations are in effect and being enforced. All residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. Each month, I will highlight a section of the current Rules and Regulations in the hopes of increasing awareness. If you need a copy of the 2014 Rules and Regulations, you may pick up a copy at the Office or go to [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net) to view or print a copy online.

### 3.10 Exterior Cleaning

The exterior of all manufactured homes, park models, and recreational vehicles must be kept clean and free from mold and mildew. Dwellings must be cleaned a minimum of once each calendar year. Dwellings not maintained to the satisfactory standards of the Association may be maintained by the Association at a cost to the Resident.

### 3.11 Painting

If the Resident intends to change the existing color, Management must approve the color. All exterior painting of existing Dwellings and/or trim must have written approval by Management.

### 4.1 Maintenance

The Shareholder or Homeowner is responsible for the overall appearance of their Unit/Lot including the mowing, trimming, and weeding of their Unit/Lot, with the exception of the RV Section. The Unit/Lot must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of state, county, city, and the Association's governing documents.

### 12.7 Restrictions on Parking

- Each Resident is permitted no more vehicles than can be accommodated by their carport, driveway, or assigned parking.
- Any area not designated as a parking surface may not be used for parking.
- Vehicles may not occupy parking spaces of other Residents without their expressed permission.
- Golf cart parking is allowed on designated parking areas as approved by Management.
- Parking is not permitted on the streets between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 AM.
- No vehicles, storage trailers, travel trailers, boat trailers, and/or boats are to be parked on vacant Association-owned lots without prior approval from Management.
- Parking in the area commonly referred to as Bimini Point, is to be used for Guest parking only. Residents should contact the office for overnight Guest parking permits. See Section X "Guests" for additional rules governing Guest parking.
- Space is available to park boats and boat trailers in the Boatyard Storage area. Interested Residents should contact Management regarding this option. See Section 9.12 for additional rules regarding "Boatyard Storage".
- Violators may be towed. See Section 12.12 for additional rules governing "Towing".

### 12.8 Lawn Parking

**PARKING ON THE GRASS IS NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY**, with the exception of the RV Section as described in Section 12.9. Violators may be towed. See Section 12.12 for additional rules governing "Towing".

## A Reminder About Compliance Regarding The Rules And Regulations Of Tropic Isles' Co-Op

Now that the clean-up from the hurricane has been done, it is time to start adhering to the Rules and Regulations within the Co-op. Here are a few areas that the park will be paying close attention to:

- Mold/Mildew (front and rear of unit)
- Painting—Awning and Trim that has been neglected
- Clutter—either in the carport or in the rear of the unit
- Carport/Driveway—painted driveways may need repainting
- Parking—No cars or golf carts can park on the grass

Most of these items are a simple fix. If some residents are unable to complete the repairs, Neighbors Helping Neighbors may be able to assist or refer you to someone who can help. There are obviously many other items that need addressing, but these fast and easy fixes and compliance with the Rules and Regulations will make Tropic Isles a beautiful and happy place to reside. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

*Merle (Butch) Minick, Compliance*

## Bingo News



Happy New Year to all! Please join us every Tuesday in the Auditorium for a fun evening with your friends. Come a few minutes before 7 PM as we start promptly at 7. You can get 4 hard cards for \$1 and 2 "speedies" for \$1. The Jackpot paper cards are \$1 each and the bingo daubers are \$1. Our attendance and payouts are increasing. Come spend a little money and maybe you will win. Refreshments are available for purchase.

*Joy & Elaine*



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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## Boosters Trash & Treasure Sale

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We will still be collecting great stuff right up until the day of the sale. Call Bill Cruise 941-729-2421 for pick-up. If you can help work and haven't signed up yet, call Milly at 941-799-4783.

### Palm Trees

Irma left our beautiful park with a large number of palm trees blown down or damaged. So, Tropic Isles' Boosters have purchased 60 new trees. We will work on replacing trees in the next couple of months. Please go to the office and fill out the correct paper work if you are interested in receiving a tree.

### Aluminum Cans

**We recycle all aluminum.** Our aluminum can drop-off is in the green bin in the Office parking lot. Bigger aluminum items can be dropped off at 21 Flores Dr.



**The purpose of the Tropic Isles' Boosters is to provide a service to help make improvements in our Community. You can be a Booster too!**

## 2018 Golden Circle Dinner

The Golden Circle Dinner is a long-standing park event held to honor and celebrate couples married for 50 years or more. Unfortunately, this event is without a chairperson this year. The Chair responsibilities are to organize the dinner and logistics. There are several past committee members that would help with this event. Dinner can be catered, cooked in-house, a main entree casserole could be made and baked, a main entree can be bought pre-made, or you could provide a meat entree and ask attendees to bring a covered dish.

Please consider serving as a host chair, work on the committee, or serve at the party function, even if it is only a small task performed. The more people willing to assist lessens the burden on others. Attendees of these dinners come with warm hearts and appreciation for the planning and effort that goes into making the gatherings successful.

**Should no one come forward to chair the Golden Circle Dinner, the event will be cancelled. Time is running out.** Contact Kay Lynn Duncan at 941-722-0240 if you would be willing to help.



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# February Blood Drive!

The Big Red Bus (Bloodmobile) will be in Tropic Isles on Friday, February 23 from 7:30-12. This will be our third blood drive of the season. Do something wonderful for someone else by donating blood.

## WHEN YOU GIVE BLOOD...

- You will receive a mini physical to check your:
  - Pulse
  - Blood Pressure
  - Body Temperature
  - Hemoglobin



## Come prepared.

- Have a light meal and plenty to drink.
- Bring a donor card, or driver's license, or two other forms of identification.
- Bring the names of medications you are taking.

Giving blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. Help save a life today by donating blood to those in need. **Call Betty Smith at 729-1723 to make an appointment or get more information.** You can also just stop in to donate your blood on February 23 between 7:30 – 12.

**This month, donors will receive a long sleeve t-shirt and a coupon from Culvers for a FREE Value Basket, which includes**



**a signature Butter Burger or chicken sandwich with fries and a medium drink!**



# Blood Donor Honor Roll

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at Tropic Isles on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Beverly Butts	Beverly Houk	Bonnie Stokes
Craig Pavkovich	Cindy Shaw	Darlene Mallory
Deane Sumler	Dennis Foley	Dorothy Cook
Don Stotts	Ed Baker	John King
John Stuart	Rita Collins	Jennifer Rienholtz
Mel Oliver	Tommy Barlow	Tom Hennessy
Tom McKeever	Jerry Quesenberry	Lewis Eisenberg
	Sandy Rienholtz	

Tropic Isles had 22 donors give blood at the December 14th blood drive. On February 23, the Bloodmobile will return for our 3rd blood drive this year. Please give!

# ~~Coming Events~~

(clip and save)

## FEBRUARY

- 4..... Super Bowl Sunday
- 5..... Coffee 'n Conversation-Mayor
- 7..... Craft Class
- 8..... Movie Night
- 8..... Manager's Coffee
- 10..... Culbreth Memorial
- 10..... Red Hot Blue Collar, music/comedy**
- 11.....Hymn Sing
- 12, 13..... AARP Driver's Course
- 13..... Pancake Breakfast
- 13..... Writer's Group
- 13..... Book Club
- 16..... Spaghetti Dinner
- 17..... Valentine's Dance
- 21..... Benzie County Picnic
- 23..... Bloodmobile
- 23..... Trash & Treasure Sale (residents only)
- 24..... Trash & Treasure Sale
- 25.....Hymn Sing
- 26..... Convertible Ride
- 27..... Writer's Group

## MARCH

- 1..... Newcomer's Party
- 2..... Movie Night
- 5..... Coffee 'n Conversation-Hurricane Preparedness
- 7..... Western NY Reunion
- 8..... Craft Class
- 8,9..... Tropicaire's Show
- 10..... SEGD Walkathon
- 11.....Hymn Sing
- 13..... Writer's Group
- 13..... Book Group
- 14..... Manager's Coffee
- 15..... Movie Night
- 17..... Co-op Annual Meeting
- 17..... Tropicaire's Dance
- 23..... Farewell Party**
- 25..... Anniversary Party
- 25.....Hymn Sing
- 27..... Writer's Group
- 29..... Movie Night

## APRIL

- 8..... Pool Party**
- 14..... CD Hop**
- 20..... Bloodmobile



## Please Don't Kill Pelicans with Kindness!



Would it surprise you if you were told feeding pelicans the bones and heads of your catch-of-the-day is killing them with kindness? It is a traditional habit: come in from fishing, clean the fish on the dock, and throw the scraps to the gathering group of pelicans. They gather in twos, threes and more, waiting for a handout. It is hard to resist throwing them something. The next time you are filleting that 'keeper' grouper, redfish or snook, please remember that the bones and head of a filleted fish (that include large bones) can scratch, poke holes in the throat pouch, or even get stuck in the throat of a pelican. This causes the bird to get sick from infection, choke, or even starve. If the pelican is successful in swallowing the large fish carcass, it cannot digest the large bones and it will die a slow and agonizing death. In past years, Tropic Isles has had pelicans die when someone threw fish carcasses into the canal where the pelicans swallowed the carcasses, getting them stuck in their throats. If you are thinking that the carcasses sink to the bottom of the canal, think again. When the tide is low, the pelicans can dive down and retrieve the carcass. Please don't throw the carcasses into the canal! Those bones are deadly! The terminal scenario of feeding pelicans is that they get habituated to the human handout, causing the birds not to hunt for themselves, becoming aggressive around the dock and in marinas. Brown Pelicans take three years to acquire their adult plumage or to mature. If young pelicans do not learn to hunt naturally during these developing years, they will not be successful in feeding themselves, let alone any young they produce. Also, once they become accustomed to the human handouts of fish scraps they will become a nuisance, staying in popular fishing areas around piers and marinas. Now, the lingerers can be endangered by fishing hooks and monofilament line. Many fishermen will cut the line once an entangled pelican is caught. Don't cut the line! Follow the steps below:

### Quick Reference for Rescuing Injured Pelicans:

#### Capturing the Bird

- If the attempt is made from a pier, use a net to scoop the pelican.
- If the attempt is made from land, try to approach the bird from behind (if not possible, lure the bird to you with bait in one hand – grab bill gently with other hand). Cover the bird's head with a towel. This will calm the bird.

#### Holding the Bird

- Grasp the beak with one hand, but leave it partially open so the bird can still breathe.
- Restrain the bird's body with your free hand after the wings have been folded against its body (like holding a football under your arm).

#### Removing Hooks/Line

- Locate the hook and push it through the skin until you can see the barb.
- Cut the barb off and back the rest of the hook out.

**CAUTION: For humans and pelicans: never pull a hook out without first removing the barb!**

#### Releasing the Bird

- If the bird is not seriously wounded, release it.
- If the hook is swallowed, deeply imbedded, or there are injuries to wings or legs of the pelican, please call the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Wildlife Rehabilitative Center at (239) 262-2273.

Please don't harm or kill pelicans with kindness. Many marinas and piers have fish scrap repositories, or fish carcass disposal tubes located conveniently near the cleaning tables. If this is not available, discard fish scraps in a garbage can. This will keep pelicans healthy and naturally part of the wildlife ecosystem. Please call the **Conservancy of Southwest Florida Wildlife Rehabilitative Center at (239) 262-2273 to report sick or injured birds.**

## NEW~~ Praying the Rosary~~ NEW

Join us to pray the rosary on Fridays at 11:30 AM in the Yacht Club, Pretty Room. All are welcome to attend. If you can't join us, but have a specific prayer request, feel free to pass it along. We will keep your prayers in our intentions. Contact Kathleen Metzler at 212-530-4290 if you have any questions or have a prayer request.



## Calling all Bookworms!

Many here at Tropic Isles love to read, so let's get together to discuss interesting books and share tips on other great reads. We will meet every second Tuesday of the month through May. We will meet in the Yacht Club from 1-2:30 PM. Subsequent discussions will be as follows:

- February 13: **Fishbowl** by Bradley Somer
- March 13: **The Identicals** by Elin Hilderbrand
- April 10: **Into the Water** by Paula Hawkins

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### NEWCOMER'S PARTY

There has been a change in the date for the Newcomer's Party. The semi-annual "Newcomers' Party" will be held on **Thursday, March 1st** from 7- 9 PM. This party is for all residents new to the park in the last two years, but "old-timers" are welcome, also. The purpose of this event is to formally welcome our new residents and let them know more about what the park has to offer in the way of activities and groups. If you are a Newcomer and have not been contacted, please call Sue Weaver at 941-981-5844 for information or just come to the Auditorium on March 1st at 7 PM.

To all groups and organizations - You can set up your tables any time after 12 noon on Thursday. Your table will be assigned to you. DO NOT make any changes without talking to Sue Weaver first. The table should be manned with some of your people, so they can answer questions and give out information. You also need to have a "goodie" basket at your table for a give-away prize to a Newcomer. It will be run like a Chinese auction. Newcomers will be given special tickets to put in the basket they would like to win. Beverages will be provided by the Activity Committee. All "old timers" are asked to bring a dessert. Anyone in attendance will be eligible to win door prize. Hope to see you all on March 1st!!

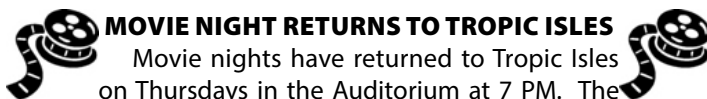


### COFFEE 'N CONVERSATION

Please join us on **Monday, February 5**, for Coffee'n Conversation. The conversation begins at 10 AM in the Auditorium with the Palmetto Mayor--Shirley Grover Bryant, the City Commissioners, and other City officials. We want to have a great turn-out, so please make plans to join us.

### CRAFT CLASS

Our February Craft Class will be taught by Rosemary Mix on **Wednesday, February 7**, at 10:00 AM in the Yacht Club. She will be teaching us how to make cork wreaths. Please buy your straw wreath at Michaels or Hobby Lobby ahead of time and bring any corks from wine bottles you may have. A sign-up sheet will be in the Auditorium by February 1st. Contact Jean Volkens (563-564-9056) with any questions you might have.



### MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS TO TROPIC ISLES

Movie nights have returned to Tropic Isles on Thursdays in the Auditorium at 7 PM. The Thursday schedule for the rest of the season is below:

**February 8 (Thursday):** TBD

**March 2 (Friday), 15 (Thursday), and 29 (Thursday):** TBD

There is no admission-- just a casual explanation of the film in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring a comfortable chair, beverage, and snacks. Enjoy and evening out with your Tropic Isles "family"! Any questions? Give me a call--Mark Krueger at 262-617-9636.

### RED HOT AND BLUE -COLLAR SHOW

You won't want to miss this unique entertainment experience. On **Saturday, February 10**, we are proud to showcase the "Red Hot and Blue-Collar Show" with Dale, the lovable hillbilly. It will be a night of song, style, and Southern-fried comedy with his witty improv and her dynamic vocals. Tickets will be \$10.00 for a 90-minute show starting at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



### AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE!

The AARP Smart Driver Course will be presented by an AARP certified instructor on **February 12th and 13th** from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (a 2 day, 6-hour long course). It will be held in the Yacht Club, main room. The cost is \$15 for AARP members or \$20 for non-members. **We need at least 20 people to sign up to present the course here, so please call Bill Cadiz (721-4656) ASAP** to ask questions and to sign up.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 13** for the Pancake Breakfast. It's all-you-can-eat pancakes. Breakfast will also include sausage, egg, coffee, and juice. It will begin at 7:30-10:30 AM. Tickets are available at the door for \$6. For questions, call Judy Milliken at 740-542-2155.



### SPAGHETTI DINNER

This is an open invitation to all park residents and guests. A spaghetti dinner is being sponsored by the Tropic Isles' Shuffle Club. It will be held on **Friday, February 16th** in the Auditorium from 4:00-6:30 PM. The menu includes home-cooked sauce, pasta, garden salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverage for \$6.00. Take out dinners will be available. Tickets will be sold at Saturday Coffee Hour, by club members, and at the door on the 16th. Contact Shirley Pendergrass at (941) 932-7438 with questions.



### BOAT CLUB DANCE

The Boat Club is sponsoring the Valentine's Day Dance on **February 17 from 7-10 PM** with the Jack Tamburine Band. Call Jan Burbie for tickets at 941-721-1847.



### TOPLESS IN TROPIC ISLES

**Calling All Convertibles!**




If you own a convertible (or can find a friend who has one to share the ride with), come and join us for the second Convertible Ride of the 2018 season. It will be held on **Monday, February 26**. We will gather in the Auditorium parking lot starting at 10:30 AM and leave by 11:00. **Please arrive with a full tank of gas.** We will take a drive through the Florida "countryside" before arriving at the Linger Lodge (new ownership) for lunch around 12:30. Please RSVP to Cindy or Bob Shaw at 941-722-4037 **before February 24**, so we know how many to plan on for lunch. Hope to see you there!



**Mark  
Your Calendar!  
March  
WESTERN NY REUNION**

The Western NY Reunion will be held at the Auditorium on **Wednesday, March 7**. Coffee and donuts are at 10 AM and lunch will be at noon. Bring a dish to pass that will serve eight and your own table service. There is a \$3 per person donation with registration at the door. There will be a short business meeting, roll call of counties, and door prizes will follow lunch. All are welcome to attend. Please join us and other Western New Yorkers for fellowship and camaraderie. For info: Jackie Adinolfi 941-722-8569.

**TROPICAIRE'S "COUNTRY ROADS"**



The Tropicaire's will be presenting "Country Roads" in the Auditorium on **March 8 and 9, 2018**. The Tropicaire's started over 40 years ago with members of our park putting on a variety show. We have had casts of 26-52 people in past years. We are always looking for new faces to join our group for a lot of fun. Rehearsals started in January and continue each Tuesday morning until show time.

In addition to our on-stage performers, we need additional people to help behind the scenes. If you would like to get involved or are new to the park, come join us, make new friends, and have a good time. Call if you have any questions:

Director: Bev O'Brian – 941-779-4068  
President: Milly Sumler – 941-799-4783

**SOUTHEAST GUIDEDOG WALKATHON**

The Bradenton Walkathon will be held on **March 10th** at Rossi Park in Bradenton. The Walkathon starts at 8:30, opening ceremonies are at 9:30, and the walk itself starts at 10 AM. Contact Sue Weaver at 941-981-5844 or [smweaver2@stny.rr.com](mailto:smweaver2@stny.rr.com) for more information.





**FAREWELL DANCE**



While we do have some time to go before our Farewell Dance, time does fly when you are busy and having fun! Our Farewell Dance with the wonderful Patsy and Majella, will be **Friday, March 23**, this year. Our theme is "Ship Wrecked" (Gilligan's Island), so here is your chance to wear those torn up clothes your spouse wishes you threw away! (or the inappropriate ball gowns that Ginger and Mrs. Howell always seemed to have!) Save that date! We always have a great turn-out and great time! Ticket info will be in next month's Breezes.

**15TH CO-OP ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Co-op will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary on **Sunday, March 25** in the Auditorium from 1-4 PM. It is also the 60th Anniversary of Tropic Isles. There will be food, entertainment, and historical pictures and information about Tropic Isles and the Co-op. Mark your calendars to attend and join in the celebration.



**Activity Meeting**

Our Activity Meeting falls on Valentine's Day this year. We will celebrate by nominating new officers for the next season. To all Activities, please send a representative or two to the meeting! Spectators are welcome. Mark your calendar for **February 14th** at 10 AM in the Yacht Club.

*Sharon Schumann, Activity President*

**Covering The Pool In The Winter**



Every winter, the pool and hot tub get covered in the evening when the predicted temperatures are expected to go below 60 degrees. Pairs of volunteers are covering the pool at 10:00 PM. If you are using the pool/hot tub at that time and are asked to leave, please comply. The gates to the pool will then be locked and signs will be placed there to inform residents and their guests that the pool/hot tub are closed. By law, when the pool/hot tub are covered, there will be no access to the pool area. **Do not enter the pool deck from the Yacht Club.** "Why can't I still use the hot tub?," you might ask. Unfortunately, because the pool and hot tub occupy the same area of the pool deck, the law states that if the cover is on the pool, the hot tub cannot be used. Residents and guests will not be allowed on the pool deck until the gates are unlocked and the pool and hot tub are uncovered in the morning. Monday-Friday the pool and hot tub will be uncovered by the Maintenance Team when the predicted temperature for the day will be at least 65 degrees. On weekends, the pool and hot tub will be uncovered by resident volunteers. Check with the Office or Carol Hallman 612-940-9326 if you have any questions. The covers will be used throughout the winter January-March as temperatures require. The pool cover has been used for the past 6 years and has proven to be a real energy saver.

**HELP!** We are still in need of a few volunteers to uncover the pool on weekend mornings in March. If you enjoy the pool and would like to help, contact Carol Hallman at 612-940-9326. A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered and signed up to help.

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## National Senior Independence Month

February is National Senior Independence Month! It's time to celebrate us, the seniors, that continue to thrive despite our older age. Growing older does not mean an automatic loss of independence, safety, and enjoyment in life. In fact, it can be a time of discovery and excitement if seniors are committed to taking care of themselves. Staying healthy is crucial to staying independent. When your health starts to decline, activities of daily living such as cleaning, grooming, cooking, and even just walking around become arduous tasks. A senior who is unhealthy has a greater chance of being less safe in their home and losing independence. Any person age 50 and older (according to AARP) is classified as a senior.

Luckily, there are many steps a senior can take to stay independent! 85 percent of adults over the age of 45 say that they would much rather live in their own home rather than going to an assisted facility, so bringing awareness to this issue is crucial to satisfy the older population. By following some of these safety and health tips, we can hopefully be independent for years to come!

### **Stay Active to Keep Your Body Limber**

- **Practice flowing and stretching exercises** like Tai Chi or yoga.
- **Walk!** Walk around the house, neighborhood, park, or even mall. Walk everywhere, if possible!
- Strengthen muscles and joints through mild strength training.
- Water aerobics are gentle on the joints and great cardiovascular training.
- A **physical therapist** can help tailor exercises specifically for your needs.

### **Focus on Emotional, Social, and Mental Health**

- **Learn a new skill**, such as using a computer or cooking a five-course meal.
- Stay in touch with family and friends in person or through email, phone, or social media.
- Get involved in the community by joining clubs and associations, especially those that do charity work.
- Embrace your artistic side by taking a community art class.
- Talk about your feelings and don't be afraid to express your opinions, fears, and dreams.
- **Meditate frequently** to clear your head and reinvigorate your mind.
- Keep organized by writing down reminders, making to-do lists, and keeping items in the same place.

So how can we do these things ourselves or help our older loved ones to stay as independent for as long as possible? We can work to maintain our H.E.A.L.T.H. by:

1. **H** – Have a clean bill of health and maintain it by regular monitoring of our physical and mental health with health professionals. Avoid self-diagnosis and putting off following up on ailments and medical complaints. Properly take prescribed medications as they are directed.
2. **E** – Ensure that your daily living environment is safe and healthy. Avoid overcrowded and unsafe conditions either in your home or in other places you work or visit on a regular basis.
3. **A** – Activity is important. Be as active as you possibly can. The adage of “use it or lose it” is what we need to practice. Learn something new! Take up dancing, Zumba, learn a foreign language, or travel.
4. **L** – Live in the moment as much as possible. There is so much happening in our world today — we need to embrace it and learn.
5. **T** – Tirelessly and actively pursue all alternatives for enjoyment of your independent life style.
6. **H** – Find the humor in your life and enjoy laughing as often as possible.

So, whether you are 50 or 90+, you are considered a senior, but the common sense H.E.A.L.T.H. suggestions could keep you independent and vital for a very long time to come.

## Find It In Your Heart This Valentine's Day

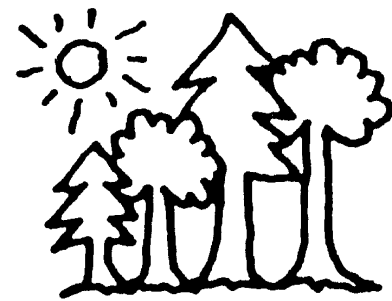


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# The 2018 Winter Olympics



If you're like me, you get excited about the coming of the winter Olympics, February 9-25. It got me to thinking about the history of the very first Olympic Games, so I did a little research.

The first winter Olympics were held in the snow-covered Alps in the winter resort of Chamonix, France, on January 25, 1924. In the heart of the alpine village, 258 amateur athletes gathered for the ceremonial opening of the first-ever "International Winter Sports Week," organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). A municipal band led the athletes on a parade from Chamonix's town hall to the outdoor skating rink for the Opening Ceremony, with 16 participating countries. Workers toiled 24 hours a day before the onset of winter games to complete the three venues for the competition—a 19-turn bobsleigh track, a ski-jump, and a stadium featuring the world's largest ice sheet, composed of two hockey rinks, two figure skating rinks, a 400-meter speed skating track, and an adjacent curling rink. (Although Chamonix was encircled by Alps, alpine skiing was not on the program and wouldn't be part of the Olympics until 1936.)

Unlike modern-day Olympians who wear patriotic outfits specially tailored by fashion designers into the Opening Ceremony, the winter athletes in 1924 paraded into the stadium in their sporting uniforms with their equipment in tow. Horses towed bobsleigh teams, and athletes resembled military drill units as they marched with their hockey sticks and skis on their shoulders. The curlers, dressed in coats and ties, resembled a squad of chimney sweeps with their brooms resting on their shoulders. Inside the stadium, the voice of the French Under Secretary of State for Physical Education proclaimed the games to be opened. The next day, the skating began for real with the staging of the first of the festival's 16 events—the men's 500-meter speed skating competition. By besting 30 other competitors in a time of 44 seconds flat, American Charles Jewtraw of Lake Placid, New York, captured the first gold in Winter Olympic history.

The United States hockey team roared to a fast start as well, although they had to adapt their playing style to the rink's peculiar configuration in which the rectangular perimeter was marked only by wooden planks and not sideboards. That made play tedious as pucks constantly sailed and bounced out of play. In its three round-robin games, the United States outscored its opponents 52-0. Good, sure, but not as good as Canada, which blanked its opponents by a whopping 85-0. The two countries collided in the championship round in a de facto gold medal game, which Canada easily won by a 6-1 score.

There was no women's hockey competition in Chamonix. In fact, fewer than a dozen women competed in the first Winter Games and they were all figure skaters. Norway topped the medal count with 17, followed by Finland, Great Britain, and the United States. Organizers awarded all the medals on the program's final day, by which time some of the athletes had already returned home. One athlete even had to wait 50 years to get his prize. American ski jumper, Anders Haugen, had topped the field in Chamonix with a jump of 50 meters, but the judges' style scores dropped him to fourth place. When a marking error was discovered a half-century later, however, the IOC awarded the 83-year-old Haugen a bronze medal in 1974.

More than 10,000 spectators watched the athletes perform in Chamonix, and the IOC considered the "International Winter Sports Week" such a success that it decided in 1925 to stage the Olympic Winter Games every four years. When it did so, it retroactively declared the gathering at Chamonix to have been the first Winter Olympics.

The 2018 Winter Olympic Games are being held this year in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The Olympic flame will make its way around 17 cities and provinces across the Republic of Korea, shining a spotlight on the nation's culture, technological prowess, and landmarks, enabling people across the host country to share in the excitement of the Olympic Torch Relay. The competition program for Pyeongchang 2018 includes six exciting new events: snowboard big air (men's and women's), speed skating mass start (men's and women's), curling mixed doubles, and the Alpine team event. This means that the total number of gold medal events will be 102 – the most ever contested at an Olympic Winter Games to date.



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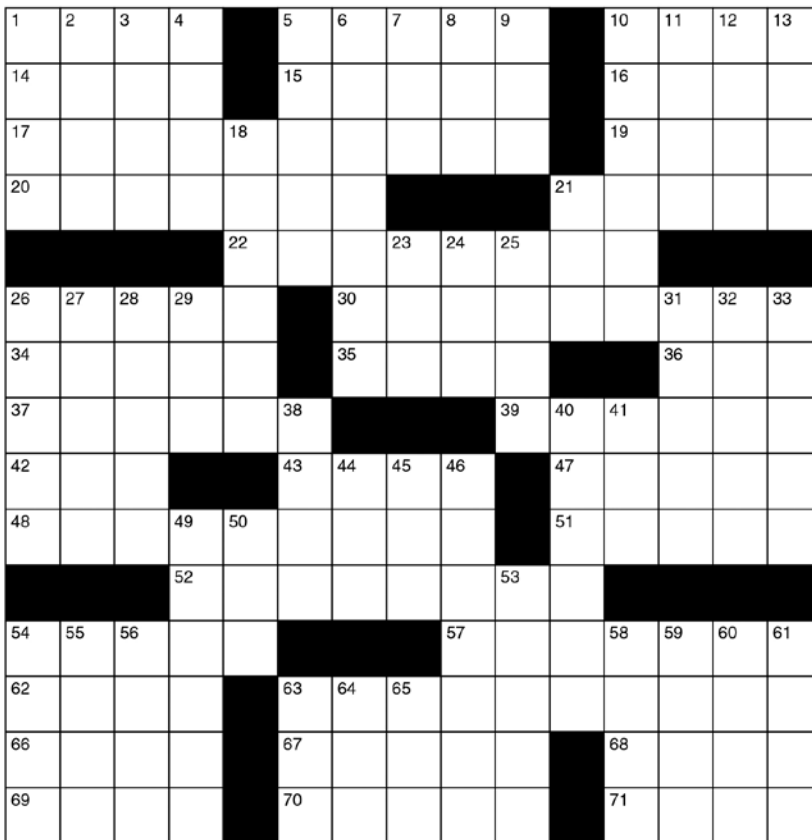
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# FEBRUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Crossword #CR82T29K



### Down

1. Grape soda brand
2. Plow-pullers
3. High-tech tablet
4. Princess Di's boyfriend
5. Crazy
6. Crane from Sleepy Hollow
7. Jeanne d'Arc, for one (abbr.)
8. Split \_\_\_\_ soup
9. Normal (abbr.)
10. Less clear
11. Rural prefix
12. Decorated, as a cake
13. Wall Street market abbr.
18. Poison-detection job
21. Muscle car
23. Sofa part
24. With 4, a Toyota
25. Minute
26. Like a winter in Siberia
27. Juarez January
28. Trailing behind
29. Carrier to Singapore (abbr.)
31. \_\_\_\_ time (eventually)
32. Track and field athlete Jesse
33. She played Buffy
38. Bottomless
40. Seller's desire
41. Tolkein dwarf
44. Acronym of the self-preserving
45. Cal. notation
46. Shrove \_\_\_\_ (Lent preceder)
49. Neighbor of Zambia
50. Mil. unit
53. Musty
54. Reason for cake, for short
55. "\_\_\_\_ Cop" (1987 film)
56. Run \_\_\_\_ light (ignore the traffic signal)
58. Navaho foes
59. Eins + zwei
60. Get a paycheck
61. French city
63. Fugitive's flight
64. Suffix with fish or quack
65. Stopped fasting

### Across

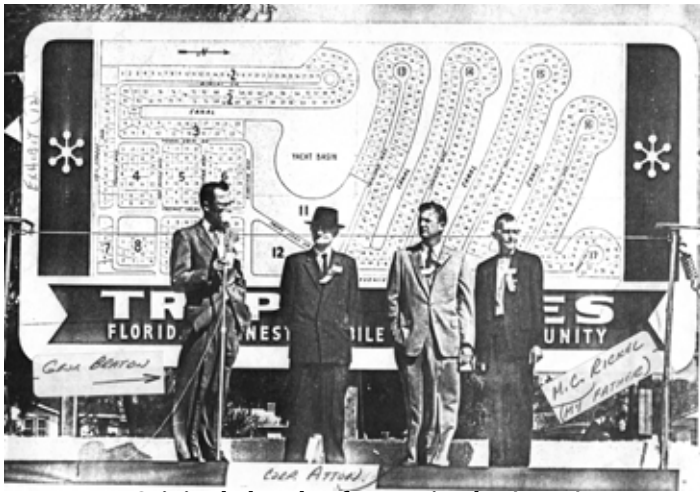
1. Pizza destroyer of the 1980s, with "The"
5. Speech impediments
10. Like Narcissus
14. Convention center event
15. Good-sized combo
16. Govt. bureau
17. One way to compete
19. Some college tests, for short
20. Michigan neighbor
21. Escort
22. Hedonist of sorts
26. Robbery
30. Handel's "Samson" and others
34. Daddy Warbucks's little girl
35. Places where one can get a license
36. Old-school rap name
37. Slow
39. Up the road a bit
42. "No seats available" (abbr.)
43. Genuine

47. Animal life
48. Reunion question
51. Right out of the oven
52. Language of Katmandu
54. Fort in Fayetteville
57. Fruit-filled pastry
62. Stella \_\_\_\_ (cookie brand)
63. Guide down the wrong path
66. Biblical victim
67. Islam units of weight
68. Saarinen of architecture
69. "Star Wars" guru
70. "That's nonsense!"
71. \_\_\_\_ Fein (IRA's political wing)



# Remembering Tropic Isles---Happy 15th Anniversary as a Co-op!

Tropic Isles celebrated its 15th Anniversary as a Co-op in 2017. These pictures, provided by Kay Lynn Duncan, take us back in time as we remember the history of Tropic Isles before becoming a Co-op.



**Original plot plan for Tropic Isles (1966)**



**North Basin standing on Basin St. looking at Terra Ceia Dr.**



**RV section - Montego Dr. site 56 (1967)**



**Aerial view of TI with beach**



**Tropic Isles 1st anniversary brochure (1967)**



**The Marina and boat ramp**



**Tropic Isles had their very own bus (1970)**



**Auditorium and Office (1997)**

## Holiday Happenings... Continued



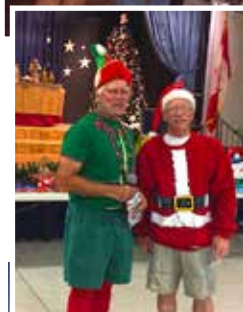
*Tropic Isles Shuffle Club has held their special Christmas Day potluck for many years. This wonderful tradition was enjoyed by 32 members and guests, followed by a fun game of shuffleboard.*



*The TI carolers gathered together to deliver cookies and bring cheer to some homebound folks! They plan to make it an annual event for anyone who wants to join in.*



*Elaine & Chet Faulkner and Karen & Jim Grant enjoyed their "Florida Christmas" at the beach with this Florida "snowman".*



*The Boat Club held their annual Christmas party hosted by Santa Bob and Elf Jeff. Lots of food, fun, and presents were shared.*



*Santa (Steve Grant) and Mrs. Claus (Diane Schoettle) distributed gifts to the children at our Christmas Eve Social.*



*Helping to load the final toys and bikes are Jack Miller, Al Eaton, and L.J. Canfeld (Marine Corps Reserve).*



*The Boat Club had 4 boats participate in the annual boat parade in the main basin.*



*Residents enjoyed the first-ever evening boat parade.*



*Many of our own retired Marines joined us for the final toy pick-up at the TI Yacht Club and a thank you certificate to Tropic Isles from the Marine Corps Reserve was presented. Pictured here (l to r) are: Pat Brazil, Leonard Krueger (ret. Marine Corps), James Kelly Sr. (ret. Marine Corps), Jack Miller, Bob Ferran (ret. Marine Corp., liaison with Toys for Tots), Tim Matthews, Paul Smith, Lance Linke, and Ed Baker, (ret. Marine Corps).*

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