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January Activities – mark your calendars!

Mondays 7 pm Euchre

Tuesdays 1 pm - Mah Jongg

Wednesdays 7 pm - Mexican Train Dominos

Thursdays 1 pm - Bridge

Thursdays 7 pm Poker (at Joe's)

Fridays 5 pm Socialize at Lanai (BYOB, appetizers/snacks to share)

Dates to note:

Wednesday January 11 at 7:00 pm **Annual Meeting**, please submit your Proxy if you cannot attend, as a quorum is required

Wednesday, January 18 - Bingo Reservation Deadline

Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 pm **Bingo**

Monday, January 30 at 4:00 pm **Book Club**

Tuesday, January 31 – Valentine's Day Party Reservation Deadline

Saturday, February 4 at 6:00 pm – **Valentine's Day Party**

From the Editor

I wish you all a wonderful New Year.

For this 44th year of the Smoke Signal, I have introduced a few format changes, based on recent feedback. The majority of our readers now get the Smoke Signal electronically (in the PDF format, which is easily read on devices using programs or apps like Adobe Reader). The 2 column format we have been using in recent years is fine for the print version, but not as easy to follow on a computer, smartphone or tablet, so I have switched back to single column format. Additionally, we have dropped the calendar from the final page, for similar reasons, it is harder to read electronically, and there is much repetition. So at the beginning of the newsletter, the important dates will appear, along with important contact information. That way, a single page can be printed if you like, and the paper edition readers can clip the first page to their refrigerators (the bulletin board of choice here in Tippecanoe, along with art and pictures from the grandkids).

I always welcome submissions of ideas for articles, columns, pictures, etc. We continue to offer Classified Ads for Tippy residents at no charge, and welcome paid ads from outside our community. Details appear at the beginning of the Classified Section.

Shelley Shusterman

President's Report

Welcome to 2017. Lake Tippecanoe has a lot to be proud of, with many projects finished in 2016, the Board has worked very hard to make this a great place to call home. On the Annual Board meeting in January we will give a full report as to what has been accomplished, giving everyone a better understanding on how your money has been spent. The Board is working on plans for 2017.

I would like to thank all of you for waiting until Monday at 4pm to put your trash out, be sure to have a covered can, and only put brush in plastic bags, no garbage. We are having complaints about Ibis perching in trees waiting to be fed and messing on cars and causing damage to roofing and extra work for the car owners. Please be more considerate and stop feeding the birds. When you throw food out, you also attract rats, ants, bugs, etc. I know that I seem to be repeating this often, but it is important to stop this practice for many reasons, including the health of the birds. We are also picking up bread thrown at the pool area, the animals can take care of their own needs, thank you.

We wish you a Happy New Year and remind you of the Annual Meeting on Wed. January 11 at 7PM.

Also, if you wish to email me, please use this email address which is exclusively for Tippy business: blackvette2000@gmail.com

Dale Baller

Grounds

The grounds have been mulched and bushes and small trees trimmed the month. We will be mowing on Jan.3rd Tue. It would be helpful the have any yard decorations removed for the mowing.



Phase 2 of the stone work to enhance the look of the clubhouse/pool area has been completed. Skips tree service will be in on the Jan. 5th to remove three dead trees and touch up trimming.

John T Hoffman

Security

We have had some vehicles entered and items taken. These vehicles were UNLOCKED. Make sure you Lock your vehicle. It may help the leave yourself a note on door or frig. to remind yourself to check to see vehicle is LOCKED before retiring for the night. Stay safe.

John T Hoffman

Buildings

We have experienced a recent outbreak of plumbing leaks in our units in particular, in the waste drainage lines in the bathrooms. If this happens in a second story unit we can end up with a lot of damage in the unit below.

Please keep a close watch for anything that looks like a leak and report it promptly to me or Dean. Plumbing issues and siding issues are our biggest concern going into 2017 as far as cost to the Association and inconvenience to the residents.

The lake is in great condition as the vegetation problem we had earlier in the year has been completely eliminated. Some rain would be nice though.

Remember if you need a repair fill out a form in the laundry room and if its something the Association is responsible for we will take care of it.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year!!

Larry Taylor

Roofs

Great news to share, that 4405-4413 Tecumseh Trl (units 44-45-46) is the last roof on my list of Keyworth Roofs from 1992-1999. These roofs for the most part did not give us the service we expected. The roofs that are being installed today are far superior, with a life of 25 years. The next project will be to replace the 16 roofs that were installed before 2008, however these roofs are far better in quality and workmanship.

Jim Swindell

Water and Sewer

The Water and Sewer report is very short this month. The Plant is still working fine and our 2 wells are producing plenty of water for our community. After sealing our six manholes, our numbers are also fine. No further action is needed at this time.

Jim Swindell

Social Committee

Hope everyone had a good holiday and looking forward to a great New Year. Hard to believe it is 2017.

We all had a great time at our Christmas Party, there are quite a few good singers in our community. There was so much food and it was all so yummy!! Thank you to all our great cooks.

Also, thank you to all who donated to our 50/50 throughout the year. We were able to make nice donations to three different organizations this season.



Our next get together will be our **Valentine Party** on Feb. 4 at 6:00 pm. It will be another potluck. We always have so much food so there won't be appetizers. There will be a \$5.00 charge per person as our entertainment that night will be Holly who will sing for us again.

The deadline to sign up for the party is Jan. 31. Please call Pati 941-706-3580 or Catherine 941-234-7047 and let them know what you will be bringing - entree, vegetable or desert.

See you on Feb. 4!

Brenda Fijalkowski

Passings

With sadness we report the passing of Norma Price of Mohican Trl (see separate article in Know our Neighbors) and Pauline Carr formerly of Tippecanoe Trl.

Bingo

Bingo will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, January 21st. at 7:00PM. The cost is \$3.00 (that includes refreshments). Extra cards are \$1.00 a piece. For reservations please contact

Dorothy Steen at 922-2601 or

Nancy Stevens at 321- 7168.

Reservations and monies should be in by Wed. Jan 18th. as to determine how many refreshments to make.

Come and hopefully have a New Year Bingo win!!

Darrell & Nancy Stevens

Book Club

All Booklovers are most welcome to join us; the schedule is below. We meet in the Clubhouse at 4 pm.



January 30: *Inferno* by Dan Brown

Harvard professor of Symbology Robert Langdon awakens in an Italian hospital, disoriented and with no recollection of the past thirty-six hours, including the origin of the macabre object hidden in his belongings. With a relentless female assassin trailing them through Florence, he and his resourceful doctor, Sienna Brooks, are forced to flee. Embarking on a harrowing journey, they must unravel a series of codes Note: You don't need to have read the previous Langdon books to enjoy this one.....or you can see the movie and still join us to discuss!

February 27: *The Seven Sisters* by Lucinda Riley

Maia D'Apliese and her five sisters gather together at their childhood home, "Atlantis"—a fabulous, secluded castle situated on the shores of Lake Geneva—having been told that their beloved father, who adopted them all as babies, has died. Each sister is handed a tantalizing clue to her true heritage—a clue that takes Maia across the world to a crumbling mansion in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Once there, she begins to put together the pieces of her story. In this sweeping, epic tale of love and loss—the first in a unique, spellbinding new series—Lucinda Riley showcases her storytelling talents like never before.

February 27: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

A.J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over--and see everything anew.

"A wonderful, moving, endearing story of redemption and transformation that will sing in your heart for a very, very long time." —Garth Stein, author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*

Birthdays

January	13	Barbara J.Cefola
January	22	Mike Ryon
January	29	Sharon Hewitt

Directory Update

Laszlo Varszegi (Renter)
Unit 14
4479 Tippecanoe Trail
941-256-5061

Know Your Neighbor



We continue our new feature this month for our Smoke Signal. Tippy has many interesting residents, and so many have fascinating stories that we would like to share in our newsletter. If you have an interesting story, or know of someone who does, please let Shelley Shusterman or Betty Harrington know so they can be featured in the Smoke Signal. Shelley's phone number: 941-554-7105
Betty's phone number: 941-923-9784

The Late Norma Price

Sadly, our next featured neighbor passed away in early December 2016, just a few days before her 84th birthday, but we decided to feature her in this issue, as a tribute to her memory. Norma likely was the first person most people who moved to Tippecanoe in the last 20 years or so encountered, as she was the contact for our **Orientation Committee**, and participated in most of the screenings. Indeed, Norma had such a good memory, she remembered all the neighbors she met here over the years, and was a regular fixture at Bridge and Mah Jongg at the Clubhouse. Norma loved classical music and mostly travel. Over the past few years, she travelled with other folks from our Community enjoying cruises to Europe and the Caribbean. But there was so much more to know about Norma, she spoke Spanish, Mandarin and some French, in her lifetime she travelled to a total of 62



countries! She did share with close friends that she had worked for the State Department for many years, but wouldn't provide details, "if I told you more, I'd have to kill you", she joked!

June Mades, her close friend also shared that Norma, who was left-handed, preferred to make left turns to right ones, often travelling miles out of her way to avoid making right turns!

Norma's brother Dick Price has shared some fascinating information about Norma's past and we would like to share that with you.

Norma was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Her parents Chet and Mabel Price lived in Honey Creek, Iowa, population 45 people. At one-time Honey Creek was a bustling place with a Bank, Lumber Yard, Church, School, Garage, and Post Office. As time passed only the Post Office (where Chet was the rural mail carrier), and School (where Mabel later taught) survived. Life in Honey Creek was simple; no running water and an outhouse complete with the Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward catalogs. Chet added some luxuries as time passed including an outdoor shower which had a 25-gallon drum painted black and filled with water which served as the water source in the summer. It was usually warm enough in Honey Creek to get the water to a livable temperature. Chet eventually added running water, hot water heater, indoor toilet, and tub. This meant he had to go down to the well, dig it out more then run a pipe from the well to the house basement to a tank and pump. This was a great day for the Price family when completed. He was a talented man unafraid to tackle a complex task. The Price house was located on a dirt road which was the original Lincoln Highway. It was so old that at one time it was a stagecoach stop. Later on a doctor lived there and had his office in the house. If you went into the attic you could see the roof line of the original structure. There were many additions, changes, improvements over the years. The house had a porch which went around part of the house. It was a fun spot for Norma and the across the street kids to play. The porch fell into disrepair and had to be removed. Her Grandfather had a farm about three miles away that was fun to visit. He had a large fruit orchard, potato cellar, barns, cows, sheep, mules, and chickens where Norma and her brother collected the eggs, picked strawberries and were real farmers.

After attending elementary school in Honey Creek Norma went to high school in Missouri Valley, Iowa. A bus picked her up in Honey Creek and took her the 7 miles to Missouri Valley. During her high school days, she experienced problems with her knees, frequently dislocating a knee. No surgery was ever done; it was just a question of getting the knee back in place. This problem could have contributed to her later having two knee replacements. Norma was active in journalism and publishing school publications and the high school yearbook.

After high school Norma went to college in Omaha concentrating on Journalism. All of that interest was manifested in later life as she was a prolific letter writer and a great documenter of her activities. She got a job in the office of an Omaha trucking company and worked there for a couple of years.

She was interested in something more challenging and exciting and when the State Department advertised for employees she applied and was accepted. She then moved to Washington, D. C. and was there two years in training and working in an administrative capacity. She wanted to see the world and got her opportunity in her first assignment to **Tunisia**. Typical assignments were for two years; the State Department apparently didn't want their embassy staffs to go "native". Norma would be one of the Ambassador's clerical staff, in her later assignments she became the Ambassador's personal secretary.

After Tunisia she went to **Taiwan** to work in their embassy. When Vice President Walter Mondale visited mainland **China** she accompanied him and his staff to act as a liaison because of her knowledge of the Mandarin language. After Taiwan she was off to the **Philippines** and then **East Pakistan (now Bangladesh)**. She then returned to work in Washington after a few assignments to get her back in US mode. Following East Pakistan, she had an assignment in **London** (her least favorite). She had determined she preferred warmer climates, she had enough seniority now she could request specific areas of the world and decided South America would be a good choice.

Her first South American assignment was **Paraguay**, followed by **Chile**, then to **Guatemala**, and finally, **Mexico**. She spent at least four years in Chile and was there when Salvador Allende was overthrown. That action meant spending several days in the Embassy crawling on the floor as bullets whizzed through the windows. After the dust cleared life came more back to normal.

In Guatemala there was a major earthquake, that occurred when Norma's parents were visiting. So, they got to experience the ground and house shaking. Norma lived in her own fenced-in house. The fence was designed to keep unwelcome visitors away. As usual she was alert to the situation and filled the tub and all containers with water anticipating the water supply would be disrupted (as it later was). Her Mother and Dad visited her on several assignments, planning their visit with her scheduled departure from her post. They would then travel with her to other countries as they wended their way back to the U S. Dick and his wife Joyce visited her in Mexico. She was a wonderful hostess planning our activities and driving them around the countryside. Mexico was one of the few places she had a car. She was always having problems with mirrors and hubcaps disappearing. Her Dad would send her new ones. If her car was not protected she would have to remove items from the car every night to make sure she had them the next day. It was fun to ride with Norma in Mexico City; she was up to the task of making her way through traffic. The stop lights and stop signs seem to be merely suggestions. A 4-lane road would become 6 or 7 lanes as drivers tried to work their way to the front. She took some vacation with her brother and they traveled to Guanawato, San Miquel de Allende and other southern Mexican cities.

Norma was fluent in Spanish so they had no problems. Her last job in Mexico was managing the Mexican nationals who worked for the State Department.

From Dick Price: *Once Norma retired to **Sarasota** she worked hard to make up for her absence. She attended weddings of family and never missed sending birthday cards and*

gifts. This year we had all received our Christmas gifts before December 8, the day she passed away.

It's a big shock not to have her anymore. We would talk frequently on the phone, she always answered on the first ring and always wanted to know what was going on. It was my job to give her updates on our family and ourselves, she always had good ideas and suggestions to pass on. We are grateful she had should a great place to live and so many wonderful, caring friends. Thanks to you all for what you did.

Classified



Items are published as a courtesy for residents of Tippecanoe. Indicate if you wish the ad to be repeated in future issues. Items may be edited for presentation purposes. Photos submitted (jpg) may be included in the electronic version of the Smoke Signal, and the print version if space allows. Ads for commercial ventures can be submitted, for non-residents, the charge for up to 4 lines is \$10 per issue or \$60 per year for 8 issues. Ads over 4 lines up to ¼ page will be \$20 per issue or \$120 per year for 8 issues.

For Sale

Art supplies for sale. Professional quality frames in many sizes, canvases, foam board backing, Plexiglas for framing, large, professional mat cutter, & more. Contact Sue at 941-893-7041.

Small 2 shelf utility cart with wheels. Was used for TV set. \$5.00 4' long folding plastic table. Used by artist. \$5. White plastic stool. Metal legs. \$5. Thanks, Contact Sue at 941-893-7041.



Ebonite Bowling Bag with carrying strap \$10
Call Barbara 921-0382

Comfortable sofa for sale, \$200 or best offer. Call 941-923-9784, Betty Harrington.



Services

Cat Sitting: I will kitty sit your special cat, while on vacation or when needed, by day or longer. 941-923-9784. Leave a phone for kitty sitting with your phone number and name, or email me at Harrineg367@aol.com referencing Kitty sitting in the Subject. I charge \$10.00 a day and go into your home to feed and clean the kitties. (Also, have lived in Tippy for 17 years and will give references)

Thanks, Betty Harrington

Travel with Eleanore and Issa Saliba

Last May my wife Eleanore and I, Issa Saliba, retired pastor, led a group from our church in Sarasota on a religious pilgrimage to Israel--'the Holy Land'. We departed from Tampa via New York then on a direct flight to Athens, Greece, for three days. We visited the high lights of the city including the Acropolis and spent a full day on a cruise in the Aegean Sea. From Athens we took the short flight to Tel Aviv.

In Israel, we enjoyed visiting many religious sites associated with the Bible, sacred to Jews and Christians. It was an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the cultural and historical atmosphere of this ancient land. We learned a lot from our expert guide about ancient and modern Israel and ate too much! All the hotels where we stayed offered breakfast and dinner buffet-style and so food was plentiful with endless varieties of fresh salads, breads, and kababs. For lunch on the road we stopped at different places to savour the local recipe for hummus and falafel for which Israel is famous. We enjoyed special meals on the two Shabbat's that we were there, with wine and special desserts. Our visits took us to Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Nazareth, Capernaum and Jerusalem to name a few, and a serene boat ride on the Lake of Galilee and a float in the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the face of the earth.

We were delighted with the wonderful hospitality we enjoyed: the warm feeling of 'welcome, glad you're here'. Israel is like a well-watered garden in the spring with manicured lawns and palm trees every where. In an arid region it is a country surrounded mostly by desert, yet its advance technology in the use of water has resulted in excess fresh water to share with neighbouring countries. We felt very safe where ever we went: on the Golan Heights, or in the Galilee or in Judea and Samaria.

When we returned home one of our fellow travellers designed a website where we all could share our pictures, and we plan to meet mid January when all the snow-birds from the group are back in town to have dinner together and reminisce on our adventure in Israel. Our next journey to Israel will be in November of the new year. We would be happy to have any of our neighbours from the Tippy community join us if you can. Call Eleanore for details 941-356-2799. Shalom, y'all.



