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(Office)

941-544-5686 (Emergency) Prior

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March 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 Social hour at the Lanai – BYOB, appetizers/snacks to share**

Dates to note:

March 6 – Deadline to reserve for St Patrick's Dinner Party

March 11 at 6:00 pm St Patrick's Dinner Party

March 15 – Deadline to reserve for March Bingo

March 18 at 7:00 pm - March Bingo

March 27 at 4:00 pm – Book Review



President's Report

It has been a very quick winter in Florida and we await spring here in Lake Tippecanoe. Things are on track with projects, with a few minor glitches. It is getting to be Spring Break for Schools and we can expect more visitors, children spending time with parents and Grandparents. Be patient and respectful of our guests. Everyone enjoy your families and have fun. We welcome all of our many new residents and encourage them to volunteer. I would like to thank Shelley Shusterman for all of her time on the Smoke Signal and the many articles she is writing. She is truly a great Volunteer, take time to thank her please. Its time to enjoy Spring.

Social Committee Report

Hi everyone,

We had a great Valentine's Day party. We had 50 people attend. Holly was wonderful and very entertaining - just ask the folks that were there. They were all good sports. There was quite an assortment of food and enough desserts to feed an army. Our community has great cooks!



We will be having a St. Patrick's Day dinner on **March 11 at 6 pm**. It will be another potluck. Just bring a dish - there will be no charge. We will be doing our 50/50. Come join us for a night of food and fun.

Call Pati [941-706-3580](tel:941-706-3580) or Catherine [941-234-7047](tel:941-234-7047) by **March 6** with what you will be bringing.

Also, our Easter get together will be April 8 at 6 pm. Another potluck - More info in April newsletter.

See you March 11.

Brenda Fijalkowski

Keys

We have now organized our key cabinet. A big thanks to Darlene and Tim for their efforts!

We have keys to 136 units in our key safe in the Clubhouse Office. Neighbors have keys to another 26 units.

We need your keys to enable access to units in case of emergencies. If you e-mail or call me (941 554-7105 ltoacommunications@gmail.com) I can let you know if yours are included in the missing keys.

Allan Shusterman

Roofs

There is no roof replacement planned for March 2017 unless we have a major problem. The oldest roof in LTOA is 14 years old, with an estimated life of 15 to 20 years. I have the new update (as of January 2017) list of roofs by unit numbers. If you have any questions on the roof of your building, you can call me at 941-926-8007.

Water and Sewer Report

Please look over "Thoughts On Sewer Usage", which follows my report.

Try doing your part on a trouble-free septic system and keeping our pipes clog-free. Last year we had to hire a company to clean the bottom of our holding tanks. We are now operating normally. However, we need everyone's help with this!

Jim Swindell

Thoughts on Sewer Usage

1. Only water and body waste are to go into our waste disposal system (i.e. sinks and toilets).
2. Laundry should be done on alternating days during the week. Try doing one load every other day as opposed to 3 to 4 loads every Monday morning.
3. Be aware of the Laundry/Cleaning Supplies that you use. Excessive amounts of bleach, drain cleaners etc. are NOT good for our system.
4. NEVER put egg shells, coffee grounds, bones, potato peelings, grease etc. in your garbage disposal. These and all other food/cooking items are to be disposed of in your trash.
5. Disposable diapers, condoms, female hygiene items, cat litter, sanitary wipes, paper towels, handi-wipes, cigarette butts, sponges, even facial tissues are NOT to be put in your toilet
6. Our system is used by each of us. There is NO ALTERNATIVE. Thanks for your help.

March Bingo



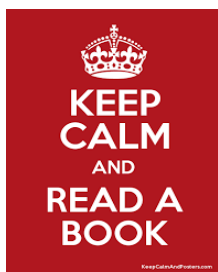
Bingo will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, March 18th at 7:00PM. Please remit money and make reservations by calling Dorothy Steen at 922-2601 by Wednesday March 15th. This determines how many are coming and how much to make for refreshments.

Come to Bingo and who knows, you may have the Luck of the Irish with a Bingo win.

Darrel & Nancy Stevens

Tippy Book Group

The Tippecanoe Book Group always welcomes new readers. Thanks to June Mades for her review of "The Seven Sisters" by Lucinda Riley in February. We had a great discussion, and look forward to reading the rest of the series.



March 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*

Orientation Committee Update

Please join me in welcoming the following new residents to Lake Tippecanoe.

Marge Jeffers

Paul and Tina Rowden
Unit 14
4501 Tippecanoe Trail
[941-726-3941](tel:941-726-3941) (Paul)

Heidi Phillips
Unit 17
4525 Tippecanoe Trail
[276-266-6186](tel:276-266-6186)

Carole Swank
Unit 67
4437 Narragansett Trail
[727-546-3690](tel:727-546-3690)

Letters to the Editor

I guess most of you have heard by now that our unit sold and Bonnie and I will be moving back to Kentucky on March 17th. I wanted to take this opportunity to express to all of the residents of Lake Tippecanoe how much I have enjoyed serving this wonderful community.

It was a very tough decision to make us to move back. We have a three-year-old grandchild that we wanted to spend a lot more time with and watch her grow up. We have made many friends here and I wanted to thank everyone for all the support you have given me as a board member. Good luck to everyone and maybe Bonnie and I will stop and see you the next time we are in Florida.

Larry and Bonnie Taylor

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Larry Taylor for everything he did for us while at Tippy. He and Bonnie are heading back to Kentucky. He was here for us with a position on the board, during not only the summer but also all year. You could always depend on Larry when you made a call he would take care of it in a timely manner. His sense of humor will be missed. Larry - your shoes will be very hard to fill.

From the Tippy Community

Dear Shelley,

Thank you for your fine work on our community newsletter. I always find it informative and helpful.

Perhaps in your upcoming issue you could address the idea of roadway safety and courtesy.

I have had two walking collisions since January - both from residents walking as though they were driving. That is wrong and you WILL collide with other walkers at 6am

While we endeavor to improve our health and fitness through walking and biking, always keep proper roadway courtesy in mind by following these national guidelines:

Walk on the LEFT - against vehicle traffic
Ride on the RIGHT - with vehicle traffic

Observing these courtesies will help prevent accidents and unnecessary collisions as will reflective wear and/or carrying a flashlight.

Thank you

*Dr T White
Pawnee Trl*

Dear Tippy Friends,

Here is the "update," sent on 2/7: Well... My visit to the surgeon this morning brought great news!!! Lymph nodes are clear of the big "c" which means... No chemo or radiation needed!!! Yea! God is good!

Please know how much I've appreciated all the love and support I've received from all of you during the past weeks. Your cards, notes, fb posts and, of course, prayers have meant more than words can say! I will try to get individual thankyou's off as time/energy permit so please have patience and know that I love/value each of you dearly!!!

Warmest hugs,
Susie Krznarich

Know Your Neighbor - This month we feature Tecumseh Trail's Ruth Percell



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

Ruth was born in Abancay, in southern Peru in 1941, the 7th of 8 children; her father was 1 of 13. Her father was a dreamer, involved in Peruvian politics, and very prosperous, but when Ruth was young, his fortunes changed as he became out of favour as the political climate shifted. He worked with archaeological projects, exploring Incan culture and ruins, including **Machu Picchu**. In fact, he found the original water source for that site, and then led his colleagues to **Huayana Picchu**, which was at an even higher elevation of over 8,900 feet, almost 1,000 feet higher than Machu Picchu. This impressive discovery happened before Ruth's birth, when the family lived in the area. Ruth's eyes glowed with pride when she told me of her father's accomplishments.

Panoramic view of Machu Picchu, with Huayna Picchu at the background



When Ruth was 6, the family moved to Cusco, near Machu Picchu in the Peruvian Andes, where Ruth grew up. She spent a lot of her childhood visiting her sister's farm nearby, and got to know many of the indigenous people living in the area where she learned their language of Quechua, which descended from the original Incans. While there, Ruth also developed her knowledge and love of plants and animals.

She married just before her 18th birthday, and began studying to become a Physical Education Teacher, which was her husband's career. She loved many sports, but soon found she was pregnant and had to return to Cusco. By the age of 21, she had a second son. She was able to complete her training and worked as a Teacher for several years, and had her third son 3 years later. She was able to continue working back in her hometown of Abancay with the help of two aboriginal girls who called her "Mama"; they were with the family for 10 years.

After yet another move to Trujillo in Northern Peru, the marriage ended, her husband had not treated Ruth very well and the Peruvian legal system was not supportive of the young single mother. She decided to go to one of her older sisters who lived in New York City for help, but could only take one of her three boys with her because of resistance from her soon to be ex-husband. While in New York, she met her sister's friend, an older widower named Danny Percell, a Jewish immigrant from Russia. Ruth worked whatever jobs she could such as sewing, hairdressing, house cleaning and babysitting in order to save some money so she could reunite with her other boys. With help from several members of her family, after a harrowing trip back to Peru, she was able to bring all her boys back to New York and was able to marry Danny, who helped her raise her sons. Danny was a piano tuner, and worked for several famous musicians and orchestras in Manhattan. Ruth and Danny also were able to attend many operas and concerts during that time.

Five years passed, and Ruth wanted her boys to have a better sense of their culture, so she decided to return to Peru, sadly leaving Danny behind, as there was not enough work for him in Peru. They divorced, and Ruth worked very hard to raise her sons alone and see they got a good education. Two became Industrial Engineers and the third studied Hotel Management. With all three established, Ruth decided to travel the world for a few years spending a lot of time in Europe, concentrating on Italy, and a long stay in the Canary Islands, eventually returning to Peru, in time for her sons to marry and start their own families.

Her youngest son and his family eventually decided to emigrate to Canada (there were hardly any earthquakes, and no electrical and water shortages which were regular occurrences in Peru) and moved to Toronto in the early 1990s, followed a few years later by both his brothers. Ruth, left alone in Peru, decided to join them in Canada, but unfortunately, she could not stay permanently. She made her way back to New York and reconnected with Danny, and they re-married. Danny passed away in 2005, and Ruth moved to Vancouver, Canada, where two of her sons were living. This time the Canadian authorities let her stay.

In 2013, Ruth was invited to visit her niece in Sarasota, and fell in love with our beautiful city, so she decided to stay and bought her Condo in Tippecanoe. She has created lovely gardens in her lanai and backyard, and enjoys helping some of her neighbors with their gardening projects. She still spends time visiting her sons and their families in Vancouver and Ottawa, but considers Sarasota her home.

Celebrations

Anniversaries

March 1 Marge & Tom Jeffers

Birthdays

March 4 Eloise Dettmer
March 7 Lynne Meilahn
March 9 Herb Richards
March 10 LaVerne Harmon
March 12 Libby Andrews
March 13 Melody Hoffman
March 17 Bob Parent
March 17 Carl Landmesser
March 22 Allan Shusterman
March 23 Nancy Stevens



In the Sarasota Community

Backyard Beauties: Native Plants of the Celery Fields and Florida

Exhibition open to the public March 2 - 31

Daily 9am - 1pm

Sarasota Audubon Nature Center

More than 20 works of botanical art created in graphite, watercolor, oil, colored pencil and other media will be on display, celebrating the native plants of the Celery Fields and Florida. Light bites and refreshments will be served. Parking will be available at 6893 Palmer Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida and at 999 Center Road.

Submitted by June Mades

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Items 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.

Services

Notary Services offered to Lake Tippecanoe residents. Call MaryLou, 922-0273

Available: Elderly Companionship, Transportation, Overseeing Residence while gone, etc...I Live at Tippecanoe as resident. References Available...Please Call "Bandit" (Joyce Outlaw) at 941-951-0691 or email verblbandt@aol.com Thank You.

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

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Property for Rent

Available for Rent – MAY: Lake View Condo, in Lake Tippecanoe.

2B/2B, water view from bedroom, great room, kitchen and lanai. Wood laminate and tile floors, walk in closet master. 1147 sq. ft. Call Joan - 941-750-9967

For Sale



Dinning set for sale. Six chairs, table, and 2 leafs . Wheels on the chairs, the set is in good condition. Asking price is \$250.00 . To see the set, call [989 284 9109](tel:989-284-9109).

For sale, 3 single tickets for **Orioles spring training** at Ed Smith Stadium. Dates are Sat March 5, 1:05 pm vs Phillies, Thurs. March 16, 6:05 pm vs Phillies, Sat. March 25 6:05 pm vs Twins. 941-893-7041 or 508-932-6950. \$16 each. Great seats.

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**Join your Social Committee for St.
Patrick's Day Dinner**

March 11 at 6 pm

**Potluck
Just bring a dish - there will be no
charge.**

We will be doing our 50/50.

Come join us for a night of food and fun.

Reservations required by **March 6** with what you will be bringing

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