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December Activities – mark your calendars!

Mondays 7:00 pm Euchre (Not December 25)

Tuesdays 1:00 pm Mah Jongg

Wednesdays 7:00 pm Mexican Train Dominos

Thursdays 1:00 pm - Bridge

Thursdays 7:00 pm Poker at Clubhouse

Dates to note: Sunday Dec 3 2:00 pm Decorate Clubhouse

**Tuesday Dec 5** – deadline for Italian Dinner reservations

**Saturday December 9** 

6:00 pm Italian Dinner in Clubhouse

7:00 pm Holly Entertains

Monday December 11 4:30 pm

**Bookgroup** planning meeting, come with suggestions.

Clubhouse WIFI: CBCI-C4A1-2.4 (or -5) password: autumn6290entry

# **President's Report**

Well its getting near the end of the year again. Time to celebrate your Holidays . Lake tippy has had a very good year . The board got a lot done and even went through a storm. We are looking for good things for 2018. We have two meetings coming up in the next couple of months , looking forward to seeing you all at the meetings . Happy Holidays.

Dale Baller

# Security and Grounds

**Security:** This is the time of the year when a lot of people are shopping at different locations. Be careful not to leave things in plain sight inside your vehicle. Place items in the trunk and they will be a lot safer. Be aware of your surroundings. Keep your purse or wallet on your person, not in a shopping cart. Doing little things help to prevent becoming a victim. Keep your vehicle locked whenever parked... Stay Safe.

**Grounds:** The palms have been trimmed and the grounds have been cleared of storm damage. When not mowing Randy and Russ are doing trimming and general grounds work. The ditches on our east and south ends of the complex are being cleared by Mega Mowers. They will also be digging out the ends of the drain pipes that go to the ditch, and jet out the pipes that are clogged and prevent water flow to the drainage ditch. This should keep water flowing during rain storms. The fences that have been damaged will be replaced and repaired in the near future according to the fence contractor. Have safe and merry holidays.

John T Hoffman

## Bingo

Due to the busy holiday season, there will no Bingo in December. The next Bingo will



be Saturday, January 20, 2018.

We want to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Darrell & Nancy Stevens

# **Tippy Book Club**

It is time to get reading for the Season. We will have a planning meeting at the Clubhouse on Monday December 11 at 4:30 pm in the Clubhouse. If you have any suggestions, please bring them along with a description of the book you propose, and hopefully you can lead the discussion. All are welcome.

# Social Committee

We all had a great time at the chili dinner on Nov. 11. We had four different kinds of chili which all got rave reviews. Thank you to Barry Graham for our entertainment. He brought back some great memories.

In celebration of the holiday we will be having Italian Night Dec. 9 at 6:00 pm. Holly will be entertaining us. The cost is \$12 for dinner and entertainment. A great price for a fun evening! If you want to come to listen to Holly and not have dinner, you can pay \$7 to enjoy her music. She will start at 7:00 pm.

Make sure to get your reservations in by Dec. 5 by calling Pati at 941 706 3580. Brenda Fijalkowski

## From the Editor

Allan and I have just returned to Sarasota, and are happy to reconnect with our Tippy friends. We are getting settled in and look forward to another wonderful Snowbird Season here.



I just returned from my "Amazing Australian Adventure", a Three Generation trip with our daughter Hana and her 13 year old daughter Morgan. Hana won 2 international return airfares from Air Canada on Twitter, which was what led us to plan this adventure. We visited 4 cities: Sydney, Melbourne, Cairns and Brisbane in a whirlwind 13 days! No wonder I am still tired, 15 hours of jet lag takes a long time to recover. We saw lots of wildlife including koalas, kangaroos and wallabies, emus, little penguins, crocodiles and flying squirrels (here we call them fruit bats) both in natural settings and in zoos and animal refuges, and even near some of our hotels (the bats). Highlights included visiting the Rainforest in Kuranda Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef (where we did a helmet

dive), Sydney Opera House, the Penguin Parade at Phillip Island near Melbourne, and, of course Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo, where we did a Segway tour behind the scenes. We also had lessons in boomerang throwing (I bombed, but Morgan did very well, the best in our group of 30). The Australian we met were extremely friendly and welcoming. It was an awesome trip.

Please continue to submit ideas and suggestions for the Smoke Signal to me at: <u>smokesignal@laketippecanoe.org</u>, I am always open to your suggestions.

Shelley Shusterman

#### Poker

On Dec 7, the Tippy Poker Group will meet at the Clubhouse, and discuss how to do future gatherings, we wish Joe a speedy recovery.

#### **Know Your Neighbor**



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

**Issa and Eleanore Saliba** are snow birds from Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. They are retired from long careers in education and the Christian ministry. They come from different backgrounds but when they discovered each other they found that they have much in common so they married and between them have four grown children, two boys, two girls, five grandchildren and one great grandchild and another on the way. The number of friends they have in the Sarasota area kept urging them upon retirement to come to the sunshine state for extended periods of time which is exactly what they did. That's why they have been living on Mohican Trail since 2012 and look forward to being part of the Tippy community for many years to come.

By way of a background Issa was born and grew up in a Christian family in the old section of the city of Jerusalem. He finished high school there and attended Bible College in Lebanon then studied in the mid-western states and near Boston earning a bachelor's and a master's degrees with a major in history. His master's thesis based on archives of Houghton Library, Harvard, was published in an abridged form in Leiden, Holland, and deals with American educational and religious interests in the Middle East in the 19th century. Issa has studied several languages and speak the language that Jesus spoke which is called Aramaic, similar to Hebrew.

After finishing his education in America Issa moved to Canada to join his parents and siblings who had migrated there. He worked in the area of social work but felt a pull toward the Christian ministry. So he attended seminary and upon graduation was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Canada and served several churches in different parts of Canada a total of 35 years.

Eleanore met Issa as a member of his congregation when he pastured St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Whitby, Ontario. She says when she attended the church there for the first time she was not sure that with a name like Issa Saliba whether she would be able to understand this man—"surely" she thought, "he must have a heavy accent

and it would be hard to understand his sermon." Fortunately he was not "as bad as I expected" so she went back the next Sunday. Issa, always on the lookout for visitors to welcome to his church spotted this lovely lady with blue eyes and a kind face and called on her by appointment and invited her to become part of the education committee. The rest is history, in that they were wed in that same church by a colleague Minister and the whole congregation was invited to the wedding. The youth group of the church provided and served the refreshment and the happy couple's families constituted the wedding party. They had more fun and laughter that day in that many members of the congregation had noticed the special attraction those two had for each other, and were glad to congratulate them on this big step in their life.

Eleanore grew up north of Toronto in a family of educators, so it was no surprise that she became a teacher. After specialized training at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, and Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, she became a school Counselor and ended her career as Head of Guidance in one of the largest secondary schools in the Toronto area. A few years before retirement she received a special award from the Province of Ontario as a Distinguished Teacher of the Year, a high honour she cherishes greatly. "I was only doing my duty, and what I love to do—helping students reach their full potential". Eleanore is an avid reader and gardener, and keeps in touch with family and friends scattered throughout the U.S. and Canada and some overseas. Issa and Eleanore for a number of years now have been leading groups on visits to Israel, to do pilgrimage at the holy sites associated with the Bible prophets, apostles and walk where Jesus walked. Their next journey is in November and they would be glad to have anyone from the Tippy community join them. Their cell phone number is 905-767-7598. They would be glad to hear from you.

## Classified



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 nonresidents, 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

I have a **Colman Contractor Series Generator** for sale, if any of you might know someone who could use it and maintain it. I bought it in the mid 90's and it served me well over the years, including this last September after Hurricane Irma.

The generator can produce 5000 watts continuously and 6250 watts peak/surge power. It is a pull-start design that works well with proper maintenance, but only for younger people...as I had to realize. LOL

The asking price is \$200, but I will consider reasonable offers.

Thank you. Laszlo Varszegi, 4479 Tippecanoe Trl.

#### **Keurig for Sale**



B70 Platinum Brewing System, makes 5 sizes: 3.25oz, 5.25oz, 7.25oz, 9.25oz, and 11.25oz. Blue-lit removable 60-ounce water reservoir; can use both Keuring and non-Keuring K-cups.

Cost \$200 new. \$45 obo. Call Shustermans 941-554-7105.

#### Services

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

**Cat Sitting:** I will kitty sit your special cat, while on vacation or when needed, by day or longer. 941-923-9784. Leave your phone number and name for kitty sitting, 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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Or call her for a free phone consult at <u>561-644-3904</u>. All information is confidential.

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