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TW traditional Christmas Lights sparkled and lit up the night on 776, thanks to Curly, Lydia and our many volunteer elves.

It's High Season and a new beginning at TW

Barbara Coulter

Welcome to the 2025 Season! Happy New Year! It's time to look forward and plan a fulfilling year. Whether you make a new year's resolution, or if you just plan to live your best life day to day, we're looking forward to each day in TW!

Residents of TW already know about the multitude of daytime activities; but, do you also take advantage of the plethora of evening activities? Our club house is hopping every evening! Check out the monthly calendar to find something to keep your mind and body active. Speaking of active lifestyles... Lydia Molineaux (202-546-3117) is teaching Contra Dancing every Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 PM for four weeks. This will begin on January 29 and continue through February 19 in the multipurpose room at the TW Clubhouse. No partner is needed. Come out and try something new to you.

We choose to live in TW because of the community that has been created. As we enjoy all that TW has to offer this season, please remember to thank our outgoing TW and TWERC Board Members for their dedication and countless hours of service to our community.

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.

Tuesday Art Class watercolors



Activities & Arts abound at TW - Tuesday Art Class paints winter scenes. Also, see resident Ken Kramer's landscapes in the Clubhouse card room.

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WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Do you have an article or photo you'd like to submit? Our deadline is the 15th of each month. Email your submissions to Barbara at beejcoulter@gmail.com and in subject line type: For **(month) TOPICS.**



Liz's Lines

Liz Summers, TWBOD President

If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely" – Roald Dahl

What a wonderful time of year! All the decorations make our community feel very festive! This is definitely a time to think of giving. Our Adopt A Family Charity is certainly one area we are proud to support: helping the local community is immediately gratifying. As we begin 2025 consider how you can help make TW a community. One way you can do this is to volunteer. Tangerine Woods needs volunteers to serve on committees and chair events as well as plan activities. Think about where you could be most helpful and please step up.

The leaders of our multiple experiences and opportunities have brought their "A" game for us: each and every one of you has filled the "bucket" for those needs of others. The clubhouse is filled with laughter and camaraderie; and, our plethora of activities taking place make each day different and fun. Thank you to all who have set those activities in motion for TW. As President of Tangerine Woods I do not complete the multitude of responsibilities without the help of a well constructed board. Our board members have NEVER failed to step forward and fill in when they are needed. Their advice has guided each and every decision.

Remember our Annual Meeting is Thursday the 16th of January at 10 a.m. We'll thank our current board members for their service and welcome the 2025 Board Members. Let's all continue to make **Tangerine Woods the Best Place to Live!**



Tangerine Woods Adopt-A-Family shoppers took Target by storm!

Adopt-A-Family Update

Robin Mikota

Thank you Tangerine Woods!

We had another great year of support for our Englewood community children and families! Here's a quick rundown and details for 2024. I gave a check from our donations to Sheriff John Allen of the Sarasota County Sheriff's department for \$9192.00; TW had 33 shoppers on Tuesday the 17th of December; and more than twenty residents came out on Wednesday to wrap and enjoy the Christmas spirit. Thanks to TW's generosity we made purchases for 27 children from infants to teenagers – serving a total of twelve families! In addition to the gifts for the children, each family will receive a \$100 gift card to Publix.

A Huge Thank You for each donation that was given and to my committee and to every one who made this all possible!





Veterans Voices

Ted Coulter

Military Reminiscences

If you have short stories or memories of funny moments in uniform, send them to **Ted Coulter** at **coultert@mac.com** for publication in future *TOPICS* issues.

The Day the Life Raft Took Over

One afternoon, shortly after returning to port aboard the USS Plunger (SSN-595), an ordinary task turned into chaos. We were opening the lower hatch of the forward escape trunk, a compact space roughly six feet in diameter. Before our mission, we had stored some paint, other atmosphere-sensitive items, and a 20-man life raft in the trunk. It was now time to retrieve them.

As items were passed down to the crew below, the rope from the life raft accidentally fell through the hatch. Thinking it was something to catch, someone below gave it a tug. Unfortunately, the rope wasn't just a rope—it was the inflation line for the raft. Instantly, the raft exploded to life, rapidly filling the tight space and trapping the sailor inside.

The noise was deafening, and the sailor's muffled screams echoed through the compartment as the raft began expanding down into the passageway. With knives in hand, the crew scrambled to cut through the raft to relieve the pressure and free their shipmate. As they succeeded, a rush of CO2 flooded into the sub, choking the group and setting off the atmosphere monitoring alarms.

The incident, though resolved quickly, became an unforgettable reminder of how even routine tasks on a submarine can escalate into chaos. To this day, it serves as a humorous yet sobering tale of life beneath the waves.



TW supports SW Florida

Honor Flight

If you were at Saturday morning coffee a few weeks ago, you would have heard the moving testimony of Lee J Hale who is on the board of Southwest Florida Honor Flight non-profit organization.



Recent Honor Flight Veterans in front of Washington Monument in Washington DC.

The Honor Flight mission is to safely transport veterans to Washington DC to be honored at their memorials and to receive the welcome home they deserve. This program serves all US Veterans, with priority at this time to WWII and Korean Veterans and any facing a terminal illness. You can learn more about [Honor Flight for Southwest Florida](#) on their website. This non-profit program will receive a donation from Tangerine Woods through the 50/50 Donations from New Year's Eve.

We are looking forward to having Veterans from Tangerine Woods participate on one of these flights out of Punta Gorda soon. When that happens we will share information as soon as it is received. Part of the program involves meeting the returning Veterans at the airport and welcoming them back. No doubt, Tangerine Woods will SHOW up for this!



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Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It's the courage to continue that counts -Winston Churchill

Stop being afraid of what could go wrong, and start being excited about what could go right.

LAZY DAZE and DAZIES



John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors! 2024 has been another year for the record books; but, in TW we are resilient and continue to bounce back! Lazy Daze and Dazies are committed to TW! We will perform to the best of our collective abilities to maintain our piece of paradise. We are all volunteers and we invite any new residents to show up every Monday from 7 - 9 a.m. at the Blue Building. You will be rewarded with a smile, a coffee, and a doughnut. We wish you and yours a Happy New Year: until next time stay safe and be healthy!

TRIVIA

Jane Patenaude



Trivia Night will start Monday, the **6th of January** at 7 pm. We will split into teams (max 6): there is an entry fee of \$2 per person. The winning team takes all! Come have fun with your neighbors. Bet you know more than you think you do!

COUPLES GOLF

Bob & Linda Friede



Our matches will begin on **January 4** and continue every other Saturday. We play at Oyster Creek in Englewood. You can sign up by contacting Bob or Linda Friede at 612-991-3306.

TIKI Friday



TIKI FRIDAY

Mike & Charlene Gineo and Mike & Linda Kraft

Get ready for our first 2025 Tiki Friday on the **24th of January** from 2:00-6:00! We'll have great chefs cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, live music, and 50/50.

Where else can you go for a delicious hamburger for \$5.00 and a hot dog for \$4.00? Along with that your meal includes chips, beans, sauerkraut, onions, and condiments. Mocktails and soda will also be available to purchase. BYOB!!!! We'll be entertained by the great TW Sunshine Band for dancing or just listening. Bring along some extra money for the 50/50. There won't be just one winner because we'll be having quite a few drawings! Enjoy time with your friends and neighbors sitting by the pool or clubhouse lanai area.

DAY AWAY - Field Trips for Adults

Denise Chard



For this month's excursion we're traveling to Immokalee Casino. This should be a lot of fun! Information is posted on the TWERC bulletin boards at the front of the clubhouse. Trips are also being planned in February and March. Watch the bulletin boards and future Topics issues for that information - as soon as we have it all arranged we'll share it with the community. If you have any questions please call: Denise Chard, Marthe Aubin or Charlene Gineo

BOWLING LEAGUE

Dave Kiefer



We will begin on **January 2** and bowl every Thursday at 9 AM in Port Charlotte at Treasure Lanes: this is the only bowling alley around, but it's a nice place. It is about a 25 minute drive so some folks carpool. This is a fun league: all levels of bowlers are welcome and you can join us until the 9th of January. There is a sign-up sheet in the card room. If you have any questions feel free to contact Dave Kieffer 330-233-8657 or Alice Armao 914 (not 941) 391-5243

BLOOD DRIVE

Linda Friede



There will be a blood drive on Saturday, **January 18**. Please start eating your raisins and spinach now to help get your iron count nice and high. We realize not everyone is able to donate blood, but if you are a donor it is a chance to help save a life.

Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the clubhouse 7-10 days before. Contact Linda with any questions at 612-991-3306.

BOARD MEETINGS & ELECTION

TWERC is Jan 15 - 9 a.m.
TWBOD is Jan 16 - Annual Meeting begins at 10 a.m.



Reminder - The TWERC Election is this month. The 2025 election will be held on the 11th of January: you must vote in person. Voting starts at 8:00 a.m. in the card room. Please know your lot number as that is how you will be checked in. Remember, only one vote per lot. If you have any election concerns or questions please call Marcia Kiestlinger at 603-505-6422.

WOODCARVING

Don Goodrich

Come join us at woodcarving on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 starting January 8. We have all the materials you will need to get started. Call Don Goodrich at 231-620-2033 with any questions.



DEEP WATER EXERCISE CLASS (A.K.A. DWX)

Lydia Molineaux



DWX will be held M-W-F in the TW Pool at 10:00 AM every week during the months of January, February, and March. There are flotation belts & water dumbbells available; however, TW has a limited number of these. Contact Lydia at 202-546-3117 for more information. Come get yourself into deep water and get that heart pumpin'!

CORNHOLE

Sherry Doerr



Cornhole leagues are complete! League play begins the week of January 6 and continues for ten weeks, including the final week of playoffs.

Meet us on Friday, January 3, at 10:00 a.m., in the Cornhole playing area for a meet and greet to distribute schedules and the rules of play. This will be a great time to meet your adversaries and become familiar with the equipment and playing area. If you're unable to be there, we will hand deliver your schedule

In the meantime, residents are welcome to practice any time the clubhouse is open. For anyone who wishes, you are welcome to call Sherry Doerr, (231) 645-0000, or Lisa Wilcox (905) 431-5000, to arrange for a pre-season match! Wishing you all a fun-filled season of Cornhole!

Motivation is what gets you started.

Habit is what keeps you going.

BOCCE

Art Napolitan



Our season is here and you should have received your schedule. Schedules are also posted in the equipment room. League play begins on **Tuesday January 7**. You may need to be flexible this first week due to new arrivals and returnees from the North. Most of you know the drill; use your phone to call your opponent if you have an emergency and cannot play at the scheduled time. Phone numbers are listed on your schedule. Play a make-up game as soon as possible: do not wait until the end of the season. Be responsible participants -- show up and be on time. Dress for the weather, January mornings can be cool. We hope that everyone will enjoy meeting new participants, renewing old friendships, and enjoying the season!

Substitute Players -- We usually need a few substitute players due to a short term illness, injury, or travel. Remember as a Substitute player you decide how much you want to play and when you play.

Please call Art at 248-681-8486 if you have any questions.

JUST GOOD MOVIES

Judy Goodrich & Pat Molt



Get your popcorn ready, because Friday night movies continue through the season! Bring your own drinks and snacks and whatever helps you get cozy to watch some great movies.

Showings start promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse great room. We do try to show movies twice a month; however, sometimes there's no room on the busy seasonal calendar. Keep an eye on the clubhouse bulletin board or the TW website for the latest info! Below is the schedule for January:

January 17: **Thelma**

January 31: **Wicked**

BOOK CLUB

Audre Sautter



The Tangerine Woods Book Club gathers the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Club House card room (November through March).

The books to be discussed are:
 January 16 Demon Copperhead
 Barbara Kingsolver
 February 20 Horse
 Geraldine Brooks
 March 20 Frozen River
 Ariel Lawhon

If you are interested in joining us please ask for an invite to our Tangerine Woods Book Club Facebook group: we share/recommend recently read books that are not part of our monthly discussion. If you have any questions, please call Audre at (612) 209-1547.

KAYAK

Bert Noyes



WELCOME TO KAYAKING 2025!
 We have six (6) kayaking dates currently scheduled beginning on January 25 and ending on April 19. Most of our tours are on creeks and the Intracoastal Waterway: we try to go to a different destination each time out. We use sit-on-top kayaks (these are very easy to get on and off), the water is shallow (mostly), and the kayaks are very stable (definitely!).

We generally leave the TW Clubhouse around 1:00 p.m. to carpool to the launch site. We get on the water by 2:00 and back to landfall by 4:00, often with dinner to follow for those who want to get a bite to eat together (no obligation). Although no experience is required, we do provide a free Safety and Instruction class for those who have not kayaked before and for anyone who just wants to try out kayaking or to practice kayaking strokes. All TW residents and their guests are invited to join us for a unique experience on the nearby waterways. For information on fees, destinations, or with any questions or concerns, please contact Bert or Debby Noyes (978-423-1255) or Diane Laderoute (941-460-6233).



Gardener's Corner

Steph Hedrick



Six Flowers That Symbolize New Beginnings

- **Carnations** are ruffly flowers that symbolizes devotion and love in general along with representing distinction and fascination.
- **Chrysanthemums**, revered in various cultures, symbolize rebirth and new beginnings. These resilient flowers bloom in autumn, representing the cycle of life and the pursuit of a fresh start.
- **Daffodils** are one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring, heralding the end of winter and the start of new life.
- **Daisies'** cycle of closing at night and reopening with the morning sun can symbolize rebirth and a new day.
- **Hyacinth** are associated with rebirth and deep love.
- **Lotus flower** In ancient Egyptian mythology, the lotus flower is associated with rebirth, regeneration, the sun, and creation.

Welcoming New Beginnings

Did you remember your lucky Black-Eyed Peas on New Years Day?

Many people choose to have a starfish as one of the symbols for new beginnings because of the rich symbolism and meaning associated with this sea creature. These creatures are commonly used to represent renewal, optimism, and fresh starts.

Cinnamon is considered a powerful money-attracting herb due to its ability to stimulate the energy of abundance and amplify intentions related to prosperity.



"The beginning is the most important part of the work." – Plato

TUESDAY ART & THURSDAY CERAMICS

Kimberley Choma and Steph Hedrick



Every Tuesday morning the Art Room has fun projects planned for the season. For January, Tuesday Art Class will be offering another watercolor techniques class with the subject being super simple birds.

All materials included, \$5 covers all of the 4 classes in January.

Thursday morning 10-12 Ceramics Group is also off to a good start, lots of fun and creativity. We learn together, everyone helps each other. No experience required for any of our Art/Craft groups so please join us. Questions call Steph 307-250-7945 or Kimberley 248-672-2294.

INDIAN MOUND GRATITUDE GATHERING

Steph Hedrick



Thanks to everyone who came to our December gathering at Indian Mound to make this 20th anniversary a very meaningful event. Special thanks to Lydia Molineaux, Cathie Shaw, Audre Sautter, Bonnie Busch, Roy Choma, & Karl Mortensen for the music that made the day! Thanks to all of you who showed up and wrote messages on the shells that will soon be placed around TW. If there is anyone who would be willing to be a part of this group, Lydia will be traveling and not participating in the spring, in late April or early May, no date set yet. Please contact Steph Hedrick or Cathie Shaw 716-418-2566 to chat about it. Thanks! :)

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step – Chinese Proverb



**Remember to invite new residents and renters to Coffee on Saturday mornings & always give each other our famous TW Wave!

Happy Birthday!!

1. **Happy 91st Birthday!** Tom DuBois
5. Don Wismer
6. Karen Bertelli
7. John O'Neil, & Diane Laderoute
8. Mary Brown, George Spangenberg, & Robin Mikota
9. Pat Molineaux
11. David Kieffer
13. Patti Becherer, Edward Kubicki, & Ginny Simonton
14. Pat Mead
15. Jim Cottingham, Bob Clark, Laura Moshea, & Jared Fitts
16. Gregg Busch
17. Teresa Pifer, Pete Sims, & Ginny Drew
18. Patricia Presher
19. Betty O'Brien, Len Warburton, & Helen Shaw
21. Richard Rath, Linda Carrey
22. Cindi McGee
24. Wil Johnson
25. Charlie McGinness
26. Diane Hathaway, Ken Kremer, Jim Degenhart and **Happy 94th Birthday** Lottie Eashoo!
28. Judy Tremblay
29. Marcy Juracka
30. Gail Kozyra and **Happy 96th Birthday** Richard Reading!
31. Cathy Weber

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!



1. Rob Fontaine & Steph Hedrick
13. Bruce & Jane Healy
20. Billy O'Neill & Debbie Considine-O'Neill
21. Tom & Janice Lobdell
24. Jim & Celia Connolly
26. Don Freiburger & Jan Chard
31. John & Patti Becherer

"There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind" - C.S. Lewis

Is your birthday or anniversary not listed or is the information not correct? You **must** contact the office with updates or corrections to give permission for your information to be shared. You can stop by the TW Office and chat with Judy Hughes or email: twoffice2@gmail.com.

The secret to a rich life is to have more beginnings than endings" - Dave Weinbaum



LOCAL THINGS TO DO



SUP Englewood Rentals and Tours at 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. on Lemon Bay - reservations are required. Meet at Don Pedro Island State Park on the mainland at 8450 Placida Rd Placida, FL 33946. The island is closed at this time, but the waterways are open. Reservations and more information are available on their [website](#).



Travel back in time with a visit to the **Edison Ford Winter Estate**. They have a museum, , gardens, and even digital presentations that you can attend from the comfort of your home using ZOOM. Use their [calendar](#) to find a fun adventure.



Artists gather and learn at **Englewood Art Center** - a branch of Ringling College

For more community activities check out the Englewood Chamber of Commerce [Community Events Page](#).

Sarasota County has published their December 2024 through June 2025 winter [events and activities](#) - information can be found on their website.

HEY TW, DID YOU KNOW...?

Southern Living has discovered what we already know - Englewood is a destination for retirement. The editors of *Southern Living* included our city in the November 2024 issue. We've made the top five of their top ten list. Thanks Debby Noyes for sharing this information! [Read the article.](#)

We've Got TALENT in TW! Besides the gift of music The Sunshine Band shares with us at TW, our talented, long time residents Barbara and Pete, **'The Weatherheads'** plus Roy Choma play at various places around Englewood as well. Here are two dates, but keep an eye on FB for more. Catch them at **Arturs** - January 8, 5:30-8:30

Beachcomber - January 11, 4:30-7:30

And MORE Talent! Music is in the air at TW. You will usually find residents Roy Choma and Karl Mortensen playing at **Open Mic Garden Party** at 380 Old Englewood Road Tuesdays - 4pm-8. \$10 dinner is also available, BYOB.



TW Golf Cart Parade Tradition honoring our **90+** year old residents has been chaired thoughtfully for two years by Jane Griffin and Mark Ostrander. This tradition began in 2020, started by Pete and Barb Weatherhead while looking for a way to celebrate their mother Mary's **97th** Birthday during Covid, (remember social distancing?). Then, later in 2020, resident Carol Drew invited golf cart drivers to load up friends and family to drive by and wave to our beloved Don Flood on his **100th** birthday in June! A TW tradition was born to honor our 90+ residents and it's going strong.

*Make sure to let the office know the correct birthdates for you and yours so we can publish them in TOPICS, and, also please call Jane Griffin at 908-892-0466 so we can honor you at 90+++ too!

Editor's note: Mary Weatherhead passed at age 101 last summer, and Don Flood was 100 when he passed in 2020, but he was here for the parade. They were both avid tennis players and our tennis shelter is named after him.

Did you know that you can sign out card tables, folding chairs, and a multitude of other items using the white book next to the phone on the main office counter?

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

NAME TAGS

A reminder from Shirley OKelly



Part of the charm of TW is getting to know our neighbors when we attend activities, but it's hard to remember everyone's name so we wear name tags. Residents are encouraged to order your TW name badge! Each one is **\$10**. Please contact - Shirley OKelly at 435-260-9035



For everyone's safety, please slow down while driving in TW!

Saturday Coffee

A long time Tangerine Woods TWERC sponsored tradition!



Saturday mornings, get up early! Grab your favorite coffee mug from home, \$1 for Coffee and a Doughnut, plus money for your 50/50 Tickets, (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) - remember to save these tickets weekly for the monthly drawing. Invite a neighbor to join us - **especially new residents and renters!**

8 am: BUY 50/50 tickets in the Clubhouse lobby. Get your Coffee, fresh Doughnut, grab a seat, and enjoy an hour with friends, neighbors, and meet new people. 😊

9 am: Announcements & presentations, plus a bit-o'-humor from Diane. **LOL!** If YOU have an announcement, this is the time and place to share.

***Saturday Coffee volunteers are needed in January and February! Please sign up. It's easy and fun!**

"Start wherever you are and start small." - Rita Bailey

To the Moon and Back

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Music by **Robert & Wolfie**

Saturday, February 15 6:30–9:30

Tickets will go on sale before Coffee Feb 1
Contact Nila and Mark Seibert 513-520-0291



RELAY FOR LIFE / PASTA DINNER FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



Mike & Charlene Gineo and Ralph & Carrie Autuore 'MANGIA!'

Get ready for our annual pasta dinner for the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY on the **8th of February at 5:30** in the clubhouse! Our menu is pasta, sauce, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, iced tea and lemonade. The yummy desserts will be donated by TW residents. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board starting the 25th of January and will be limited to 200 people. Tickets are \$15.00 each; and, they will be sold January 25 and February 1. BYOB AND 50/50.

ST. JUDE LUNCHEON



Sandy Hardt

Hi everyone, it is time to think about your favorite soup recipes. The St. Jude soup luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, **March 13**. For the new residents, this is a time honored TW fundraiser with all proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Mark the date on your calendars. More information and specifics will be shared in February.

If you have any questions please contact Sandy at 262-664-5157.

"Whatever happens, stay alive. Don't die before you're dead. Don't lose yourself, don't lose hope, don't lose direction. Stay alive, with yourself, with every cell of your body, with every fiber of your skin. Stay alive, learn, study, think, read, build, invent, create, speak, write, dream, design. Stay alive, stay alive inside you, stay alive also outside, fill yourself with colors of the world, fill yourself with peace, fill yourself with hope. Stay alive with joy. There is only one thing you should not waste in life, and that's life itself."
~Virginia Woolf



2025

FLEA MARKET & SUPER BARGAIN SALE



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28: RESIDENT SALE 11-1PM

PARTY! SUNSHINE BAND, HOT DOGS 2-4 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 1: PUBLIC SALE 8AM TO NOON

Our annual Flea Market is TW's biggest fundraising event of the year!

The surrounding community comes in droves and it is a well coordinated day of fun and Super Sales on everything from all sorts of Household Items, Art, Linens, Furniture, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, 50/50, and lots of excitement.

YOUR SELLABLE DONATIONS ARE WELCOME ALL THROUGH JANUARY AND FEBRUARY!

No Couches, no Christmas items, books, or broken items please. Thanks!

**Got Donations? Call Barbara Zen 516-359-3831
Sheri Welch 518-791-1122 or Steph Hedrick 307-250-7945**

**We can use larger size boxes and bins for storing donations. Plus save your plastic grocery bags and newspaper for sale day!*

Save the Date!

Spring Dance

Award winning duo, **Latitude**, (Tom and Michelle Becker) bring the FUN with their unique blend of Beach, Dance, & Party Music.

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Contact Bonnie Busch 813-494-0209





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