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Cathy's Column

December is always a very hectic month for me as, I'm sure, for most, if not all of us. Decorations, shopping, parties, traveling, family visits and friendly parties take their toll on us as we age. I'm a bit more tired than I was a year ago and I also wonder "How did I get everything done when I was working and raising our kids?" It's amazing how everything somehow manages to get done. Or as my family and friends know I say, "Everybody does what they really want to do!"

If you really don't want to do something, that's the task that gets put off or definitely goes **AT THE END OF THE LIST**. There are many of our current members who haven't yet sent in their membership forms and participation fee as yet. I hope that it is just an oversight and your membership will be continuing with TRIF. We are more than just a social group. We are mostly **NEW YORKERS**, no matter how long we have lived in the Sunshine State. We have similar ties with one another through our commitment to education. We value the public school system as part of our system of government. We foster and try to improve the lives of the children at Egan Cottage through our generosity over the years. We help to elect people in government who will promote our values in education through our financial donations to **VOTE / COPE**.

Our commitment isn't just through our **NEW YORK STATE** pension. It's through our commitment to **EDUCATION** and **CHILDREN** and the **FUTURE**. The future has dimmed this past year through the Trump administration and his appointees to key cabinet posts. We need to work through the **NYSUT** organization to get changes made. We did it by helping to get the vote out against holding a Constitutional Convention in New York. The numbers of voters who came out was truly amazing and those same voters helped to elect decent local officials who do not espouse Trump and his partisan politics.

Both Joe and I wish all of you and your families joy and many blessings throughout the holidays and hope that the New Year brings all of us hope and good health!

Let's continue to make a difference and join together to support **Public Education!**





Dear Members,

Because of your generosity to the EGAN COTTAGE HOLIDAY GIFT FUND, we were able to give the Cottage parents, Terri and Allan Martin, the funds to purchase a special holiday gift for each child.

This special event will take place on:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th, at 6:30, at EGAN COTTAGE at the SHERIFF'S YOUTH RANCH, in SAFETY HARBOR.

Because of space considerations, WE MUST LIMIT THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO TEN. We also will be supplying PIZZA for the youngsters and attendees, so you need to RSVP! In order to reserve your place, **YOU NEED TO CALL ME AT 727-375-7129 OR EMAIL ME AT lanzac@verizon.net ASAP.**

EGAN COTTAGE THANKSGIVING DINNER

The children were all beautifully dressed for the holidays. They each came up to the microphone and said what they were "thankful for". How heart warming it was! The Chairman spoke on how successful our Sheriffs Youth Ranch has become in taking care of the children.

The food was a beautiful buffet with salads, turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, etc, and of course desserts a plenty. The whole evening lasted maybe an hour. The evening was attended by parents, donors and staff. Submitted by Ellyn Kessler

Annual Day at the Races

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Tampa Bay Downs

11225 Race Track Road

Tampa, FL 33626

813-855-4401

Tickets are \$23.00 per person



This includes: admission, parking, racing program, reserved seating, and delicious buffet lunch.

Arrival Time: 11:00 AM in order to get our group seated

Lunch to be served at 11:30 AM

Rhoda has 40 tickets and probably will not be able to get more. As soon as you know how many tickets you need, please call her at 727-785-1099.

Tell her how many tickets you want and send a stamped self addressed envelope to her, 5515 SALEM SQ. DR SO.; PALM HARBOR, FL 34685. along with your check so she can mail your tickets to you.

Make your check payable to Rhoda Langstein. Write Races in the memo section.



Our November 9th meeting was held in two places. The first segment was held at the Palm Harbor Historical Society at 2403 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor. The museum was once a site for a citrus ladder factory. The 100 year old Hartley House features a turn of the century parlor, Museum artifact collection, and local oral history stories. Our most knowledgeable curator, Anne Marie, explained about the production and distribution of the citrus ladders, the citrus industry in the area, the Palm Harbor mail of the time, homesteading, the various names of the town prior to being called Palm Harbor and Mrs. Hartley's preserve making. We also viewed a typical "grove house" of the times when Palm Harbor was a citrus mecca. It was a most enlightening tour. We noticed so many names of former residents that we now see as street and district names and villages. The history was so very interesting. We greatly enjoyed the time spent here.

The second segment of our trip was our luncheon at Ivory Bistro, Main Street, Dunedin, a delightful restaurant with round serving tables. with a lazy Susan in the center.

Donations were collected for Egan Cottage Holiday Fund. If there are further donations please contact Joe Lanza at 727-375-7129 or lanza0660@gmail.com

Rhoda Langstein collected for our Annual Day at the Races- February 22nd which includes a buffet in the clubhouse, a program and then special seating for the races. This is a special fun outing that everyone always enjoys. The cost is \$23.00.

Due to the process necessary, Rhoda needs the money with a self addressed stamped envelope. You can purchase tickets at the December meeting. If you have questions contact her at rlangst@aol.com. This is an event you don't want to miss!

Friday, Dec 8th is our annual gift giving/pizza gala at Egan Cottage. If you are interested in attending contact Cathy at 727-375-7129 or lanzac@verizon.net. We are limited to ten guests because of space limitations.

Submitted by Eva Joline





December 14th Holiday Luncheon

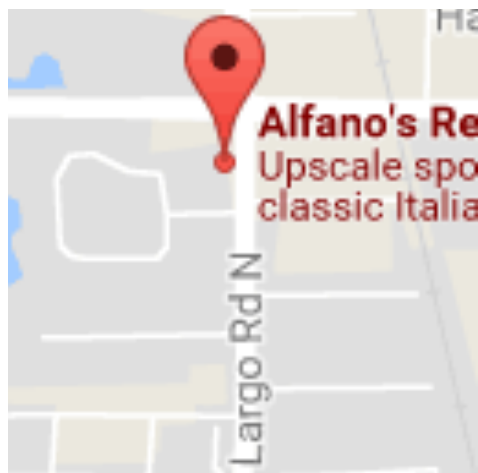
Alfano's Restaurant

1702 Clearwater Largo Rd.

Clearwater

727-584-2125

11:30 a.m.



Contact Marilyn or Maddi by Thursday, December 7th to make a reservation. (See front page) Cost: \$22.50 including tax and tip.

Directions: Take US 19S to Belleair Rd.. Go west on Bellaire Rd. to Clearwater Largo Rd. Go south on Clearwater Largo Rd. Restaurant will be on your right.

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