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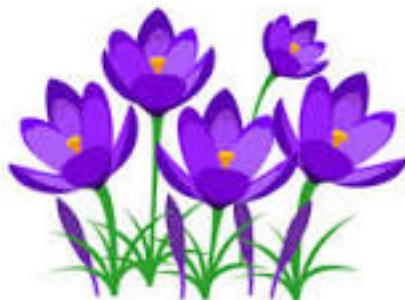
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Cathy's Column

As adults we are living in very troubling times when we are being confronted by a virus which is attacking not only our country in all fifty states, but world wide in just about every country around the globe. We have never been faced with an epidemic of this size with so many fatalities. Our future and that of country is in serious jeopardy.

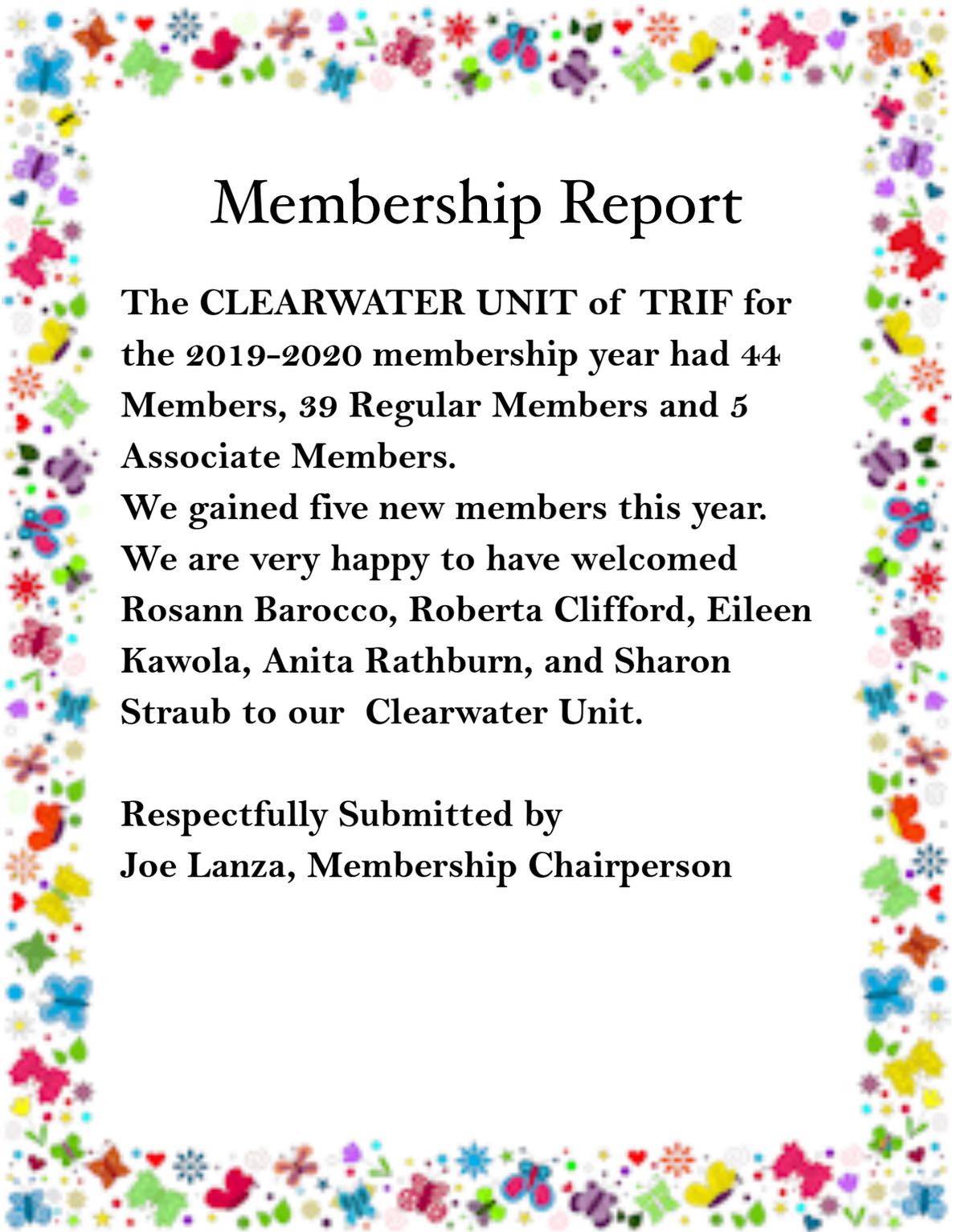
I can only hope and pray that we will be protected from this scourge by physically isolating ourselves and adhering to public health directives to keep ourselves free from infection.

Because of these directives, we have not met since our ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES back in February. Our March luncheon was canceled as was our ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR PICNIC at the Ranch scheduled for April 14. This last meeting is always special. We always bid "adieu" to our snowbird members, but also take the opportunity to give our second installment donation to the Egan Cottage parents for the kids for summer activities. We will mail the donation to the Sheriffs Ranch so that, when this pandemic has finally ended, the kids can enjoy making happy memories together doing fun excursions to special places. All the while they will know that we care and we are there for them.

The Sheriffs Youth Ranch has been in "lock down" since this virus appeared in Florida threatening lives and livelihoods of its residents. Pam and Kevin Oxford are now the parents at Egan Cottage. There are currently nine children residing at the Cottage ranging in age from eight to eighteen. Several siblings have reunited as Salls Cottage and Egan have been consolidated. The parents are in charge of "online learning" in coordination with the local public school system. Many of the administrators from the Ranch are working remotely as their counterparts throughout the country are doing also.

Our lives and those of our families have been disrupted, appointments canceled, vacations and trips postponed-everything is changed and we are living a different life that we had projected just a few months ago. We must be strong and positive and know that this will eventually pass and there will be a vaccine and medications to mitigate the virus. Hope is what we need to keep alive.

I will be communicating with you in the coming months via email in the hopes that we will have a summer luncheon as in previous years. Our first meeting of the new "school year" is scheduled for the second Thursday of the month-September 11. Please stay healthy and be well!



Membership Report

The CLEARWATER UNIT of TRIF for the 2019-2020 membership year had 44 Members, 39 Regular Members and 5 Associate Members.

We gained five new members this year. We are very happy to have welcomed Rosann Barocco, Roberta Clifford, Eileen Kawola, Anita Rathburn, and Sharon Straub to our Clearwater Unit.

**Respectfully Submitted by
Joe Lanza, Membership Chairperson**

Treasurers Report

INCOME

39 at \$30
\$1,170

5 at \$20
\$100

\$1,270

DONATIONS
\$1,600

TOTAL
\$2,870

EXPENSES

DUE RC 43
(\$635)
ENCUMBERED
guest costs
\$300

STAMPS
\$55

BRUNCH
\$210

DONATIONS
\$1,600

GIFT TO RANCH
(\$700)
ENCUMBERED
TOTAL

FUND BALANCES

9/19 BALANCE 4987.69
\$4,987.69

2/20 BALANCE 6108.74
6108.74

\$1,335.00
ENCUMBERED
4/20 BALANCE
\$4,773.74
ANTICIPATED

JOSEPH LANZA

TREASURER
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Since our March 12th luncheon meeting was cancelled, we did not get to vote on our slate of officers.

Cathy indicated in an email dated March 14, 2020, if anyone was interested in serving on the Board, to please submit their name to the Chairperson, Nancy Dittbrenner, by March 30. No one has submitted their name.

Therefore, according to our bylaws, Cathy has directed our Secretary, Eva Joline, to cast one vote for the slate of Officers. The term of office is three years.