



# Trail Blazing Sams

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Our March Campout  
(March 27th—March 29th)  
began with several members  
coming in as early birds. Once  
again we found ourselves back  
at Winter Quarters in Lutz,  
Florida. They say three times  
is a charm; must be so because  
everyone seemed to enjoy the  
friendly staff there.  
They really made us feel wel-  
come

Our host/hostess for the campout was  
**Bill and Joan Conway.** They did a great job in putting  
together a fun-filled weekend. Originally Harold and  
Caroline Johnson were to be the hosts but due to their  
continuing medical issues Bill and Joan graciously  
offered to swap hosting dates with them.



*Life 's so short,  
Spend it with friends  
who make you laugh  
and feel loved*



## March 26th

Since there was no scheduled activities on the agenda for **Thursday** most of the early birds were seen busy doing their favorite activity and that was nothing. After doing nothing for a good part of the afternoon plans were made for dinner. Several revisited Ukulele's Brand Restaurant while others went to their favorite Italian Pizza Villa. A few couples ventured off to test the Mexican food. If Mexican food is of interest check with **Mary Murray**, she has the name of a really good Mexican Restaurant in Lutz.

After dinner many returned to the clubhouse to take part in their favorite game be it "Shoot the Moon" "Pegs and Jokers" "Texas Hold Em" or whatever.

## March 27th

Friday's activities included a welcoming get together hosted by Winter Quarters. This was the third consecutive wine and hors d'oeuvres social they provided for us. Everyone was very appreciative of their continued hospitality



Put on your Easter Bonnet with all the trimmings on it. Not meant to be a prelude to the upcoming Mad Hatters competition at the Okeechobee Samboree but more or less it was our own Easter Bonnet Parade. Each member who displayed their favorite hat had a story to go along with it.



Robin & Mary Murray, Liz Abrams, Myron Magedanz, Ray Turner, Mike Abrams, John Russano, Judy Magedanz, Gail DuBose, Joan Russano, Joan Conway

Our social hour continued into the late afternoon when our host/hostess rang the dinner bell. **Bill and Joan** provided us with Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, (cooked by **Bill Conway and Robin Murray**) Macaroni Salad and all the fixings. Lots of food, so much that if everyone went through the line twice, there would still be some left over. This was all topped off by yummy brownies and ice cream. This was a very nice diversion from the usual go out to dinner routine. Joining us for dinner was one of our favorite honorary members, Frank Ciampaglia. Frank was Mister Everything to Trail Blazing Sams. Certainly the longest living member having joined TBS in 1981. Another guest was Maxine Bone (Joanne Lima's cousin) and her grandson E.J)





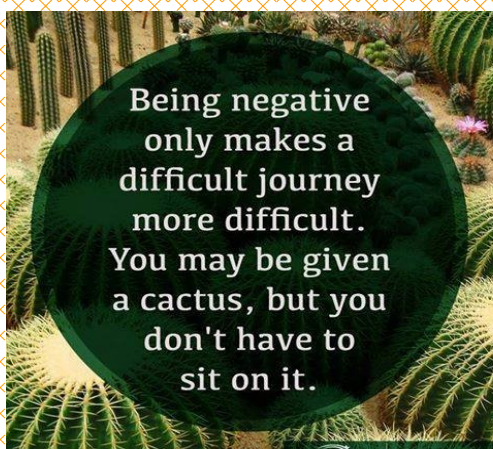
Smoke gets  
in your eyes



Robin Murray & Bill Conway cooking hamburgers and hot dogs



After dinner we all played card bingo. The master of card bingo callers, **Mike Abrams** moved the game along very nicely. Fortunes did not change hands since the most anyone could lose was a \$1.00. Everyone seemed to have a good time. After the game was over everyone settled into the usual routine of their favorite games.



Being negative  
only makes a  
difficult journey  
more difficult.  
You may be given  
a cactus, but you  
don't have to  
sit on it.

### SUNSHINE LADY



Rita Turner

Get well cards and prayers for continued recovery were sent to Lynn Frechette, Harold & Caroline Johnson and Jill Perry. Please let Rita know if there are any members or family members within the Chapter that she should send card to.

Important

### Future Events and Campouts

April 15th-19th, 2015- Spring Samboree at Okeechobee KOA Resort, Okeechobee, Florida.

**Theme is Mad Hatters On Parade.** This Samboree is always a lot of fun and the Mad Hatter's completion produces some interesting hats. Joe and Debbie Weston, our State Director and the State Staff works real hard and long to make sure we all have a great time. (Early Bird April 14th)

May 22nd-25th 2015- Memorial Day Campout. Originally scheduled for Bay Bayou, Tampa, our Host John and Gail Dubose moved it to Winter Quarters, Lutz, Florida. Early bird is Thursday, May 21st with Memorial Day celebration on Sunday, May 24th

November 18th –22nd, 2015 Fall Samboree in Eustis Florida. The theme will be **"Memories of Christmas past"** hosted by Joe & Debbie Weston, State Director and the State Staff.

We are on the web  
tbsams.weebly.com



Live life for the moment because everything else is uncertain!

Louis Thomlinson



### March 28th

Saturday began early with Winter Quarters providing a French Toast, Sausage, and coffee breakfast for \$1.50. For some the early hour kept them away since breakfast ended by 0830.

At 0930 it was time for our monthly business meeting. We had 16 units plus 2 drive-ins in attendance (Limas & Perrys). President John Russano moved the meeting along nicely covering some important subjects. Make sure you read the minutes when published.

Saturday afternoon it was Easter activity time. The ladies (some men as well) put out their best efforts in making Easter Baskets for the children at Shriners Hospital. The members brought generous amounts of baskets, candy, toys, basket grass and cellophane to make, at last count, 69 beautiful Easter Baskets.

Mary Murray- Joan Russano-Pam Keller- Juliet Dudinski-  
Jeannette Ormsby-Jean Potter-Jill Perry-Nancy Carter



Bill & Nancy Carter, Mike Lima at Shriners hospital delivering 69  
Easter Baskets

While the baskets were being made the men were busy coloring Easter eggs. Most everybody took their turn trying to produce a masterpiece worthy of being considered top egg. When all was said and done we had one big mess and some 36 different looking Easter Eggs which were all going to become part of our Sunday Breakfast.



After the Easter activities was over it was Happy Hour time. We had a few guests that joined us. Once again Frank Ciampaglia came along with Linda Voyton's mom and dad (Richard & Toni Williams). Frank and Linda's parents stayed with us throughout the social hour and joined us for our pot luck dinner. Someone asked what the definition of Pot Luck was. It is interesting to note there are many various definitions but the best one I found is as follows: **"A Pot Luck dinner is when everyone who attends brings a dish of their choosing. There is nothing assigned, everyone brings what they want and if you're lucky you like what they brought."** Usually you get lots of variety and some strange combinations, but it's fun to see what ends up on the table.



Pot luck dinners are popular and lots of fun, not everybody likes them for one reason or the other but make no mistake about it, at our pot luck there was plenty of some really great dishes



Our Host Joan Conway setting up dishes for the Pot Luck

After dinner it was time to learn a little bit about some of the games played at our Samborees. With **Mary Murray** in charge several learned more about the games that we run at Samborees.

Sunday our hosts treated us to breakfast of colorfully colored hard boiled Easter Eggs, biscuit and sausage and coffee.

After breakfast it was time to say goodbye.

### Guests with us on the weekend



(Left to right )Fay Barrese (Russano's Aunt)  
Frank Ciampaglia (Honorary Member)  
Toni & Richard Williams, Linda Voyton  
(her parents)



Maxine Bone and  
grandson E.J.  
(Joanne Lima's cousin)



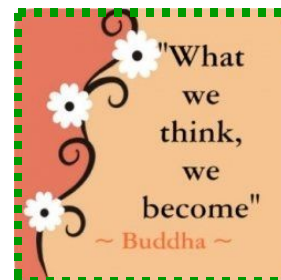
April  
20th— Sandy Mercer  
28th— Jill Perry



April  
25th—Morneaults



See you soon in  
Okeechobee.  
Safe Travels



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