

Trail Blazing Sams Newsletter March 2016 18th –20th March Early Bird 17th

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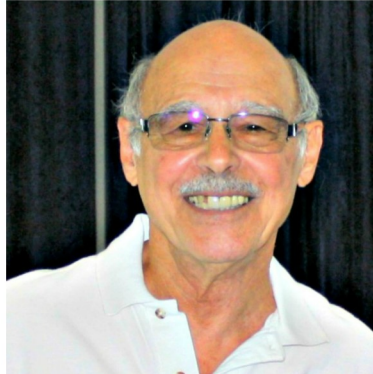
Our March 2016 campout was once again held at Winter Quarters, Lutz, FL. There were 10 members , 3 drive ins (Abrams, Limas. Kuikens) and 1 guest (Hemphills) in attendance. Many of us arrived on Thursday to participate in the St. Patrick's Day activities which consisted of a delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner provided by the residents. (Proceeds went to Charity)After dinner a Dee Jay played Irish Songs that got some people dancing.

Our scheduled Host and Hostess, Harold and Caroline Johnson were unable to host due to health issues so the Officers organized the weekend . Everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves.

Friday our day started with Mobley Road Clean-up as organized by Liz and Mike Abrams. For the new members, Trail Blazing Sam's adopted this road as one of our designated projects several years ago. Twice a year Liz gets us up early to do our civic duty. This year we has 15 members who participated and collected 17 bags of rubbish plus a few other discarded items. Immediately following most of us headed to Chili's for our traditional after the cleanup luncheon.

L.to R. Mary Murray,Bill Carter,Richard Ormsby,Mike Abrams John Russano, Dennis LaPerle, Robin Murray Cotton Deal, Bill Hemphill, Juliet Dudinsky, Ruth Hemphill, Jill & John Perry

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. (Margaret Mead)



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Mid afternoon we found ourselves back at the Community Center where 21 of us were served **Strawberry Shortcake.**

Harold and Caroline Johnson treated us to this wonderful dessert as provided for by the residents of Winter Quarters. (Proceeds also went to Charity) After our treat we had our happy hour and then it was off to a wonderful little Italian Restaurant called Pizza Delight, a favorite for most of our members. We finished the day back at the Center to listen to a country singer from Bronson, Missouri called "Song Bird" A very colorful young lady; doing personifications. Her melodies brought on several applause from a large gathering..



I think she got more than me-

Jill & John
Perry

Saturday began with a breakfast put on again by the residents of Winter Quarters. This was the 3rd food event during our stay there. We all must give a big thank you to the hard working residents. Of all the campgrounds we visit or have visited no other provided events like Winter Quarters. Unfortunately we will not be going back there for anymore rallies, at least if we do it will only be May or September since management has decided they will not accept rallies during the snowbird season. We will miss the friendly residents and staff, but so be it. It will be nice to visit other campgrounds. Speaking of other campgrounds, if you are scheduled to Host within the next two-three years get busy and find a campground which will to take rallies. It's becoming more difficult especially during the snowbird season.

After breakfast it was time for our business meeting. We had several important issues to discuss so make sure you read the Minutes thoroughly. We were all sadden to learn that **Harold and Caroline Johnson** have submitted their letter of resignation. For some time now Harold has suffered from several physical setbacks. More recently Caroline has encountered some issues as well, making it impossible for them to continue to participate in camping. They will be greatly missed. Harold and Caroline have been long time members of Trail Blazing Sams and have contributed very much to the success of our chapter. In recognition of their long dedicated service, the membership voted them in as Honorary Members.



Harold & Caroline Johnson



Bill and Ruth Hemphill have completed the three meeting requirement and were enthusiastically voted in as our newest members. How fortunate we are to have such a nice couple join our ranks. The last few months Dennis LePerle, Steve and Livia Popovich and Bill and Ruth have been added to our roster. We are very happy to have these three new members.

Liz & Mike Abrams and new member Ruth & Bill Hemphill

Trail Blazing Sams
Juliet Dudinsky was just named
Volunteer of the Month at the C. W.
Young VA Medical Center (formerly
known as Bay Pines). After many years
working for the St Petersburg Police
Department, Juliet couldn't stand the
idleness of retirement so she gets up at
5:00 AM four days a week to go to the VA
to serve the Veterans and their families.
Absolutely amazing! Thank you Juliet for
your service.

Juliet Dudinsky



40th Anniversary of TBS

Joanne Lima is busy putting together plans for our 40th Anniversary which will be celebrated in 2017. **The theme will be "Western"**. She's scheduled a workshop for our May 2016 campout. Everyone is encouraged to participate so bring some ideas to that meeting. And in your travels if you find something that we can use don't hesitate.



Joanne Lima

We're on the Web
tbsams.weebly.com

HAPPY EASTER!! After the meeting the ladies under the direction of Jill Perry got busy with our annual Easter Basket project. What a colorful worthwhile project it is. The ladies made 54 beautiful baskets for the Children at Shiners Hospital in Tampa. All baskets were loaded into John and Jill Perry's car for delivery to the hospital. Jill thanked everyone for participating in this project.



Jill & John Perry delivering baskets

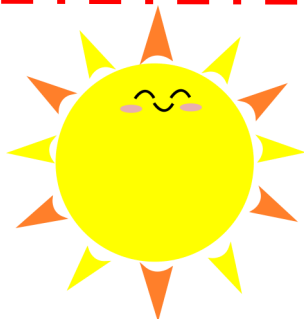
Members who did those Easter Baskets



L. to R. Joanne Lima, Judy Magedanz, Linda Voyton, Liz Abrams Juliet Dudinsky, Jean Potter, Ruth Hemphill, Linda Kuiken. Rita Turner (In the front) Jill Perry, Jeannette Ormsby



ELECTIONS are just around the corner, not the charade that's going at the national scene but the elections of the officers of Trail Blazing Sams. A Nominating Committee has been appointed and you will be asked if you are interested in running for one of the four officers position within our chapter. The life blood of any organization is its members and those that have been elected to lead. TBS has been blessed in the past so let's continue to provide good leadership as we go forward.



Let's keep in our thoughts and prayers some of our Honorary Members that are going through rough times: Cerese & John Henning, Harold & Caroline Johnson, Gladys Vollick.

We cannot forget our active members: Rita Turner had a lumpectomy and is waiting for the results.

Ken Kuiken had a shoulder replacement and is now doing physical therapy.

Chuck Potter has some problems with his feet and his back. He is seeing the doctor on the 31st.

Saturday Evening we had a Pot Luck. Once again a lot of food and all so tasty. From the looks of the picture it is very obvious that nobody went hungry. Everyone's plate was full and believe it or not many were seen going back for seconds



Serge Frechette

Special points of interest: Events you don't want to miss

OKEECHOBEE SPRING RALLY April 6th-10th 2016 (early bird April 5th)

Always a very popular event so if you want to go and haven't sent in your application you'd better do it now. At last report there are only a few spots open.

TBS will be participating in the Flea Market so bring unwanted treasures.

No clothes please.

Theme-MADD HATTERS

Contest- Mad Hatters

2016 Themes

Beauty School Dropout

Man's Favorite Sport

Patriotic

Miscellaneous

**TBS Memorial Day Campout May 27th-30th 2016
(early bird May 26th,)**

Your hosts will be Rob and Mary Murray and it will be held at the Hide-A-Way RV Resort
2206 Chaney Dr, Ruskin Fl., .

Rob and Mary will be sending out an Agenda as we get closer to the campout.



April 28th-Jill Perry



April 25th

Al & Lynne Morneault

This is another clean –up that was done in the name of Trail Blazing Sams

This is a clipping that was in The East County Observer March 24th ,2016'

This took place Tuesday the 15th of March

Volunteers clean up Rye Cemetery

JESSICA SALMOND
STAFF WRITER

The connection was established 13 years ago, so Wimauma's Mary Murray didn't mind spending March 15 doing labor at the Rye Cemetery as part of Manatee County's Heritage Days.

It was Murray, a member of the Trailblazing Sams chapter of the Good Sams Club, who approached county staff at Rye Preserve in 2003 to find a community service project. Then a resident on Rye Road, Murray was told by a ranger about a cemetery that needed some care.

After she visited the Rye Cemetery, which was covered in debris and trash, she immediately felt drawn to the spot.

"I said, 'Oh we have to do this,'" Murray said.

The Trailblazing Sams, which included Mary's husband, Rob Murray, came to the cemetery two weekends in a row to repair the fence, clean up and fix knocked-over gravestones and remove weeds and a tree that had fallen. The cemetery is located near the former settlement of Rye.

Visiting the cemetery again, 13 years later, she still feels connected to the tiny burial place nestled in the woods of the preserve. It contains fewer than 10 gravestones, all members of the Rye family.

"Everyone was just so taken with it," she said. "It feels like it's a part of me now."

Volunteers around the country are doing similar cleanup projects in conjunction with Heritage Days, a celebration of the county's history and landmarks.

FAST FACT

The oldest legible headstone at the Rye Cemetery is for Josephine Rye, who died in December 1868.



L.to R. Jeannette Ormsby,
Cotton Deal ,Robin Murray,
Juliet Dudinsky, Mary Murray.