



FTCAC Pirate FYI's March, 2018

Luncheon, Palm City

Twenty-four members and former members gathered at Manero's Restaurant in Palm City on March 12, 2018 for the annual Spring luncheon. In attendance were: **Erv and Bev Adams, Eric and Susan Taylor-Arens, Ed and Charlotte Curran, Ron and Dot Engel, Chuck Gorsuch, Blair LittleJohn, Jack and Mary Ann McLaughlin, Mike and Alicia Rafter, Dave and Pat Shaw, Joe and Sue Smedley, Rob and Lea Stanton, Jack and Joan Starr, Allen Strickland** and his son **David**. We missed Sallie LittleJohn and Jeanna Gorsuch who were unable to attend.

Slate of Officers for April Meeting

The following are nominated as FTCAC officers. Elections will be held at the General Membership meeting at the April Rally.

President:	Joe Smedley	Past Pres:	Susan Taylor-Arens
VP:	Chuck Gorsuch	Director:	Leslie Martin 2019, 2020)
Sec:	Sue Wendt		
Treas:	Blair LittleJohn	Director still serving:	Sue Smedley (2018, 2019)

April Rally at Elite Resorts Citrus Valley, Clermont

We are looking forward to this rally hosted by the **Arens** and **LittleJohns** with assistance from the **Caldwells**. If you have not sent in your reservation and rally fee to Blair, you may not be able to get the rally rate at the campground. Contact Blair if you wish to pursue a late reservation.

Pull Tabs, etc

Bring your aluminum pull tabs and old eyeglasses to the April rally to be delivered at the International Rally in Salem.

In Memoriam

As we sent out in emails to all members, **Don North** passed away on March 2, 2018. Don was a Past President of this Unit and long time Membership Chairman. Cards may be sent to **Gail North**, 560 NW Cortina Lane, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. Their daughter and her family are members of our Unit as well.

We received the following information from **Ed Curran: William “Bill” Martin**, Past President of the Florida Treasure Coast Unit, passed away February 23, 2018. A Memorial service will be at the VA National Cemetery in Beaufort, SC, March 23, 2018. Cards can be sent to **Judy Martin** at 125 Johnston St., Summerville, SC 29483.

November Rally

We have no hosts for the November Rally at Okeechobee KOA. The dates are Nov. 1 - 4, 2018. Please let us know if you're willing to host. **Susan Taylor-Arens** will serve as Wagonmaster and will collect campground fees and rally fees. Checks will be made out to FTCAC and mailed to Susan. Look for more detailed information in June or July. [Editor's note: Club Presidents should NOT have to host rallies.]

2018 Region 3 Rally

For details about the R3 Rally, see R3 VP Randy Godfrey's March 10 email to region members.

You may still be able to get a spot for the Region 3 Rally, April 25 - 29 at the Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Call 1-800-722-1451 now to make your reservations and have your name put on one of our sites. Tell them you are with the AIRSTREAM REGION 3 RALLY. They have blocked off the entire week of April 22 – 29 for us, but you do not have to stay the entire week—pick your length of stay. A 50% deposit is required at the time of making your reservation.

Note: In addition to making your campground reservation, you must go to the Region 3 website (<http://region3.wbcci.net>) and print out the R3 Rally Registration form (3rd item under Region 3 Rally in list on the left of the page, then click on the link shown). Fill it out and mail as directed with your check. These are due by **April 8**. There is no online registration for this rally.

2018 International Rally

For details on the International Rally, see the *Blue Beret*.

Tidbits

Recycle Opportunity: If you haven't already thrown them out, please save Christmas cards for **Sallie LittleJohn**. Also she'd like to have any greeting cards, not just Christmas ones. She makes tiny, nesting, novelty gift boxes from them which she demonstrated at the recent picnic. She then generously handed them out to those who wanted them.

We received word that **Dan McIntyre** has suffered a health setback and returned to Asheville from Melbourne.

Free to a good home:

Four HP 564XL black ink cartridges. They won't work in my new printer.

Call: **Blair** 561-373-4666

Also free to a good home:

2 water filters for an LG refrigerator. Part # ADQ36006101. Email abrafter@bellsouth.net.

Update from **Alicia Rafter** on the unusual trailer spotted in West Palm Beach and reported in the *February FYI's*. The next time she passed it, the gates were open; she spoke with a young man who was very willing to share the trailer's story and invited her to see the inside and take photos. The trailer is actually a work of art done by New York artist Randy Polumbo. The work is titled *Love Stream* and was exhibited in New York in September, 2012, at the Steve Kasher Gallery. It is now owned by a West Palm Beach eclectic collector at whose gallery/artspace the

trailer is parked. The inside is covered entirely in silver fabric with low tiers, suggesting a grotto. Observed from the street, what Alicia originally thought were colored glass bottles inside, are actually blown-glass phallic symbols. Moving the artwork has taken a toll on the glass attachments and many have been lost, judging from photos of the original. If you want more information, you can find it by researching the artist and/or the work. The photo at left is looking out the front window. The photo below is looking out the back window, both from a vantage point just inside the trailer door.

