

life



for the widowed
and their future

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Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold.



*This time honored advice has become our adopted "LIFE SLOGAN"
Make good use of this advice each and every day.*

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July, August, September 2016



RUN FOR YOUR LIFE AT VENETIAN GARDEN RACEWAY

Make sure you are in attendance for the inaugural Run for Your Life at the Venetian Garden Raceway on August 11 during the combined luncheon in Leesburg. We'll have all the excitement of the Kentucky Derby - but with better seating and food.

And there will be prizes galore!

As we have done during the past Summer Spectacles, we've asked Life members to bring White Elephant type gifts to the luncheon. The guidelines are simple: it can be new or old, doesn't need to be expensive, and would be something you wouldn't mind taking home. In addition we will have two or three \$25 gift cards for the top winner and also the winners of the Hat Contest. If you been to or seen the Kentucky Derby you know the ladies get all decked out, including headgear. We're hoping for the same festive atmosphere at the Venetian Garden Raceway with prizes to the Best Hat and the Funniest Hat.

The activity begins at 11:30 a.m. with announcements, followed by a fine lunch, though many show up before 11 a.m. to get a good seat. The races will begin around 12:30. So bring your friends and make sure you arrive early to get the best seating.

This is sure to be a lot of fun and a memorial time for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you there and also at our July luncheons and expecting this to become an annual event.

Blessings,

Rick

NOTE FROM RICK

My wife Nancy went into the hospital June 7 and was diagnosed with vasculitis. It was likely the same thing she had 10 years ago that caused her to lose vision and hearing.

She was taken to a rehab facility on June 14th and is expected to be there for two or three weeks, though it could be longer as she receives physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Nancy and I request your prayers. They have always been so helpful in the past. And here is hoping that Nancy will be in attendance during the July luncheons.

TRIPS

Tuesday, August 23 -- *Life's a Trip* -- \$69.00

THE DALI MUSEUM

Begin your time on the West coast at one of Tampa Bay's favorite culinary destinations - Mazza's Italian Market! This one-of-a-kind gourmet market features delicious deli items, hand-made pastas and specialty cheeses, plus gourmet baked goods. Enjoy lunch on your own and you may even want to bring a small cooler to take something home for later! Then, visit the Dali Museum on the waterfront in downtown St. Petersburg, the \$36 million museum took two years to build and holds over 2,140 pieces of art, including 96 oil paintings, over 100 watercolors and drawings, 1,300 graphics, photographs, sculptures and eight master works. The museum houses the largest collection of Salvador Dali's work outside of his home country of Spain.

Activity level = Moderate

1st pick up: Tavares Twistee Treat at 8:30 a.m.

2nd pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 9:00 a.m.

Return around 5:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 29 -- *Life's a Trip* -- \$89.00

SHOW PALACE THEATER

Visit "the best little show place in Florida", the Show Palace Theater. For the past 13 years, the Show Palace's professional staff has been handling every aspect of the show, including the directing, producing, lighting, and designing of the sets and costumes. Get your kicks with the high-octane musical revue, Route 66! Begin with the sounds of 1950s Chicago and traveling along the 'Main Street of America' to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest hits of the 20th century. Songs include "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena," "Beep Beep," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and many more. Prior to the show enjoy a buffet-style seasonal lunch.

Activity level = Low

1st pick up: Tavares Twistee Treat at 9:30 a.m.

2nd pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 10:00 a.m.

Return around 4:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27 -- *Life's a Trip* -- \$85.00

McKEE & HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Visit McKee Botanical Garden - a non-profit, subtropical botanical garden in Vero Beach. Experience old Florida charm among the native plants and exotic botanicals. Take a guided tour and learn the unique history of the garden as well as information about the flora and fauna that thrive on 18 acres of land that has been preserved and restored to its original splendor. Enjoy lunch at McKee following your tour. Lunch choices will be available in the fall. Then visit Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Fort Pierce and take a guided tour. Originally created as a commercial nursery, Heathcote was purchased by local citizens with help from area governments and is now home to a Japanese Garden, Reflection Garden, Herb Garden, Rainforest Display, Native Plants Garden, and a Palm & Cycad Walk.

Activity level = Moderate

1st pick up: Tavares Twistee Treat at 7:30 a.m.

2nd pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 8:00 a.m.

Return around 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 14 -- *Life's a Trip* -- \$83.00

WILD FLORIDA

Experience a part of Florida that hasn't changed much since the pioneer days of the 1800s at Wild Florida. Step back in time and take a ranch buggy tour of the Doc Partin Ranch, one of the oldest cattle operations in the state. Learn about the important role pioneer ranching families played in making Florida tenth in the nation in beef cattle production. See cattle, as well as wild turkeys, wild hogs, deer, eagles, and other wildlife that call the ranch home. You may even spot an alligator in one of the waterways running through the ranch. In addition to the buggy tour, enjoy time in the Gator and Wildlife Park. Catch a show or take a stroll and see lemurs, sloths, zebras, and other animals native to South America, Africa, and Australia. While at the park, enjoy a private barbecue buffet lunch that will include shredded pork and chicken, baked beans, coleslaw and garden salads. Plus small dessert and non-alcoholic drink.

Activity level = Moderate

1st pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 8:00 a.m.

2nd pick up: Tavares Twistee Treat at 8:30 a.m.

Return around 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10 -- *Life's a Trip* -- \$69.00

GARDEN THEATRE-Winter Park

Visit the Mediterranean Revival style venue, the Garden Theatre and see A Charlie Brown Christmas. Join Charlie Brown and friends in the stage adaptation of this classic animated television special. Tired of the materialism of Christmas, Charlie Brown sets out to find the true reason for the season. As director of the school Christmas pageant, Charlie Brown soon becomes frustrated with his uncooperative actors and their portrayal of the story. After Charlie Brown selects a pitiful Christmas tree for the centerpiece of the play and flees the ensuing criticism, the Peanuts gang come to realize what is really important during this blessed holiday season. Prior to the show, enjoy a delicious lunch at Winter Garden Pizza Company. Lunch choices are as follows: blackened shrimp Caesar salad with cup of soup; chicken alfredo with broccoli and side salad; or Italian grilled chicken pita sandwich with French fries and cup of soup. Plus, soft drink, coffee or tea and chef's choice for dessert. **Please make lunch selection at time of reservation.**

Activity level = Low

1st pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 10:30 a.m.

2nd pick up: Tavares Twistee Treat at 11:00 a.m.

Return around 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

To make day trip reservations, please contact Rick Reed at 352-787-0403.

Payment is due at time of reservation. **Please make checks payable to *Life's a Trip Tours* and mail to. *Life's a Trip Tours* • PO Box 590066 • Orlando, FL 32859-0066 • Tel 407-855-9732**

Deadline for cancellation with a refund is 30 days prior to the trip.

LUNCHEONS

*** Luncheons are \$10,\$11 ***

Entertainment subject to change

Please call 787-0403 to RSVP or for more information.

JULY

July 14 – Thursday – 11:30 a.m. - \$10

*Leesburg Community Center - 109 East Dixie Ave.,
Leesburg*

After a delicious buffet-style lunch, we will be entertained DJ Bob Fowler, who will get you stomping your feed, clapping your hands and singing along as he serenades us with many popular oldies but goodies..

July 20 – Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. - \$11

*Osprey Lodge -
1761 Nightingale Lane in Tavares
(In back of medical plaza across US Highway 441 from
Waterman Hospital)*

Once again we will feast on a fine lunch prepared by the chefs of Osprey Lodge. Entertainment after lunch to be announced but expect the same quality we always enjoy.

AUGUST

August 11 – Thursday – 11:30 a.m. - \$10

*Run for Your Life at the Venetian Gardens Raceway
Combined Luncheon @ Leesburg Community Center -
109 East Dixie Ave., Leesburg*

We're trying something different during our Summer Spectacular, a day at the races featuring the inaugural Run for Your Life at the Venetian Gardens Raceway with prizes galore. The fun begins after a fine buffet-style meal we have always enjoyed. In addition to the White Elephant type gifts we ask members to bring we will have some \$25 gift cards for the top winners. And just like the Kentucky Derby we're asking you to come decked out in a special hat. We'll have prizes for the best hat and the funniest hat. So come in proper headgear and get ready to root your horses to victory.

SEPTEMBER

September 8 – Thursday – 11:30 a.m. - \$10

Leesburg Community Center - 109 East Dixie Ave., Leesburg

After a delicious buffet-style lunch, enjoy our program to be announced.

September 21– Wednesday – 11:30 a.m. - \$11

LAKE TECH - 2001 Kurt Street, Eustis

(About a mile north of US Highway 441 on Kurt Street)
Our lunch, prepared by Lake Tech's excellent Culinary Arts Program, is sure to please. But you'll want to stick around for our program. We will be entertained by the amazing musical talents of Hawthorne's fabulous female barbershop quartet, The Honey Belles, as they sing some of your old favorites in the lively barbershop quartet tradition.

RSVP for all luncheons by calling 787-0403.

U-HIKES

*To make a reservation please contact Rick @ 352-
787-0403*

or email him at ricoh007@aol.com.

July 21 – Thursday – 10 a.m. – Free

August 18 – Thursday – 10 a.m. – Free

September 15 – Thursday – 10 a.m. - Free

Hiking ViaPort Mall (formerly Lake Square Mall)

Our LIFE U-hikes continue this summer with air conditioned walks around Lake County's only mall. Come see the improvement the new owners have made. If we have a good turnout this will be our hike venue until cooler weather returns in the fall. So make sure you call or email to make a reservation so I know how many folks to expect.

We won't see much in the way of nature or wildlife but there is a fountain and pet store for those wanting to see falling water and animals.

Directions: Depending where you are driving from travel on U.S. Highway 441 east from the Leesburg area and west from the Mount Dora/Tavares area. We will meet in the food court and began hiking at 10:10, heading toward Sears as we begin the loop around the mall. Our goal will be two laps, probably 1.5 miles. We will have lunch afterward at Cousin Vinnie's in the new entertainment area located in the former Target Store.



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Thoughts
FOR YOUR DAY
"It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere."
Voltaire

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LIFE Mission Statement

"The goal of the LIFE Program is to create an environment of comfort and support for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. By helping members redirect their grief to more positive avenues, the program instills a sense of self-confidence and purpose to those who may otherwise be feeling lost and alone. LIFE provides opportunities for enhancing the quality of life by encouraging members to learn, share, and reach out to one another."

Let us remember the businesses that support LIFE:

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Beyers Funeral Homes in Lake and Sumter Counties*

Spiritual Gem

Our battles are first won or lost in the secret places of our will in God's presence, never in full view of the world. The Spirit of God seizes me and I am compelled to get alone with God and fight the battle before Him. Until I do this, I will lose every time. The battle may take one minute or one year, but that will depend on me, not God. However long it takes, I must wrestle with it alone before God, and I must resolve to go through the hell of renunciation or rejection before Him. Nothing has any power over someone who has fought the battle before God and won there.

- Oswald Chambers

Lighter Side

Q: What kind of exercise do lazy people do?

A: Diddly-squats.

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