

Thoughts For Your Day

 "You can't win unless you learn how to lose."

 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

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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.

for the widowed

and their future

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July, August, September 2017

SECOND ANNUAL RUN FOR YOUR LIFE RACES

AT VENETIAN GARDEN RACEWAY



It's time for our Second Annual Run for Your Life Races at the Venetian Garden Raceway on August 10, which is a combined luncheon in Leesburg with the Tavares/Eustis group. Just like last year we'll have all the excitement of the Kentucky Derby - but with better seating and food.

Once again there will be prizes galore!

During events like this 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, but it should be something you wouldn't mind taking home. In addition we will have \$25 gift cards for the winners of the Hat Contest, with prizes for Funniest, Ugliest and Fanciest. If you have been to or seen the Kentucky Derby you know the ladies get all decked out, including headgear. Guys should also participate in this fun event. We're expecting the same fun and festive atmosphere we had last year at the Venetian Garden Raceway.

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

We've made a few adjustments which should make the races even more fun, such as running each race until we get a win, place and show. This way there will be better chances of winning tickets. Looking forward to seeing you at the Races and also at our July luncheons.

Blessings,



Rick

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:

Claudia's Pearl Florist in Mount Dora, 735-0012

 Miss Daisy Flower & Gifts in Leesburg 787-6806

 Beyers Funeral Homes in Lake and Sumter Counties

Lighter Side

New Year's Resolutions by Fido

- I will not bark each time I see or hear a dog on TV.
- I will not steal underwear belonging to my mistress and then dance all over the back yard with it.
- I will not chew red crayons or pens, because my master will think that I am hemorrhaging.
- I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
- I must shake the rainwater out of my coat BEFORE I enter the house.

Spiritual Gem

"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."

- 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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TRIPS

DAY TRIPS

Monday, July 10 -- Life's a Trip -- \$76.00 SLEUTHS MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE "LORD MANSFIELD'S FOXHUNT"

Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and laughs! Enjoy the show, "Lord Mansfield's Foxhunt. Laugh, play, eat and investigate along with the characters and audience members to solve the crime. You are the nobility and have been invited to Lord Mansfield's annual foxhunt banquet. You enter Mansfield's Mansion and are greeted by Jeffries, the butler. He ushers you into an elaborate dining room where a boisterous maid is serving up hors d'oeuvres. Gypsies are preparing a feast and Lord Mansfield is concocting a potent home brew in the kitchen. Thievery, debauchery, and magic occur as one of the characters meets an inevitable fate. Solving this crime will be a challenge for the entire family. Lunch choices are as follows: Honey Glazed Cornish Hen; Cheese Lasagna with Meatballs; or Cheese Lasagna without Meatballs.

CHOOSE YOUR ENTRÉE WHEN YOU SIGN UP.

Activity level = Low

1st pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 9:00 a.m.

2nd pick up: Lowe's in Mount Dora at 9:45 a.m. Park close to 441 away from Bldg.

Tuesday, August 15 -- Life's a Trip -- \$88.00 A DAY IN TAMPA

We begin our day with a guide who will share some of Tampa's history. Return to the Victorian era as you gaze upon the H. B. Plant Museum located on the University of Tampa Campus, the former Tampa Bay Hotel built in 1891 as a palatial resort. This elegant structure stands on 150 acres of lush tropical grounds overlooking the Hillsborough River. It was built and furnished by railroad tycoon Henry Bradford Plant. Lunch at Shells one of Tampa's finest seafood restaurant. Choose from Linguine Pasta with Shrimp or Chicken in a white wine and fresh cream sauce, Crab Cake sandwich served with Shells signature mandarin slaw or Fried Shrimp or Fish Basket served with parsley potatoes, fountain drink and a small dessert. **CHOOSE YOUR ENTRÉE WHEN YOU SIGN UP.** After lunch we visit the Florida Aquarium in Tampa. It opened March 1995, with 152,000 sq. ft. and tells Florida's unique water story following a drop of water from its underground source to the sea. Over 10,000 aquatic plants and animals from Florida and around the globe. Other highlights include a 5,000 gallon touch tank to pet live sharks and rays, Five live animal encounters daily (Wetlands Gallery), Coral Reefs Gallery simulates a 60 foot dive starting in shallow water reefs and descending to deeper darker waters.

Activity Level: Moderate.

1st pick up: Lowe's in Mount Dora at 8:00 a.m. Park close to 441 away from Bldg.

2nd pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 8:30 a.m.

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

Friday, September 22 -- Life's a Trip -- \$69.00 WINTER PARK PLAYHOUSE Life Could Be A Dream.

The Winter Park Playhouse for the Florida Premiere of **Life Could Be A Dream!** A high energy musical comedy about a doo-wop singing group, preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to help them realize their dreams! Featuring a score of classis '60's hits including "Fools Fall in Love", "Tears on my Pillow," "Runaround Sue," "Earth Angel," "Unchained Melody," and many more! **Lunch is on your own at Winter Park Village.** Lots of restaurants to choose from in everyone's price range including the Cheesecake Factory and PF Changs.

Activity level = LOW

1st pick up: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 10:00 a.m.

2nd pick up: Lowe's in Mount Dora at 10:30 a.m. Park close to 441 away from Bldg.

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

OVERNIGHT TRIP Callaway Gardens, Georgia, December 5-8, 2017. Please call Barbara for pricing and full flyer.

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

For overnight trips call Barbara at Life's a Trip Tours at 407-855-9732.

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

Visit Life's a Trip Tours on the web at

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U-DRIVE TRIPS

July 22 -- Saturday -- 2 p.m. -- U-DRIVE - \$15.00 THE PRODUCERS Bay State Theatre - Eustis

Mel Brook's classic cult comedy is now a musical!. A down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his mild-mannered accountant come up with a scheme to produce the most notorious flop in history, thereby bilking their backers out of millions of dollars. Only one thing goes awry: the show is a smash hit!

ONLY 25 TICKETS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR THIS SHOW. You save \$6 by coming with LIFE. Please may payment with reservation.

Lunch (not included in the price) will be 11:45 a.m. at Plaza Guadalajara at 18660 US Highway 441, Mt. Dora (Across the street from Lowes).

U-DRIVES continued

August 20 Sunday -- 2 p.m. -- U-DRIVE - \$16.00 THE 39 STEPS Melon Patch Theatre -- Leesburg

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance!

Show Tickets are \$16 per person, a \$2 savings from regular admission. Payment is needed when you make your reservation. Seats are limited to 25 tickets so make your payment to hold your ticket.

Lunch (not included in the price) will be 11:45 a.m. at Takis Restaurant, 1205 N 14th St., (Intersection 441/27) Leesburg.

Make checks for U-Drive trips out to LIFE.

Please contact Rick @ 352-787-0403 or email him at ricoh007@

LUNCHEONS

*** Luncheons are \$10 ***

Entertainment subject to change

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

JULY

July 13 -- Thursday -- 11:30 a.m. - \$10

Leesburg Community Center - 109 East Dixie Ave., Leesburg

After a delicious buffet-style lunch, we will be entertained by some of Lake County's finest dulcimer musicians as they play a variety of songs with its roots in Americana music.

July 19 -- Wednesday -- 11:30 a.m. - \$10

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. After a delicious buffet-style lunch, we will be entertained by some of Lake County's finest dulcimer musicians as they play a variety of songs with its roots in Americana music

AUGUST

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

Run for Your Life at the Venetian Gardens Raceway
A combined Leesburg/Golden Triangle Luncheon
Leesburg Community Center - 109 East Dixie Ave., Leesburg

It's time for our Second Annual Run for Your Life at the Venetian Gardens Raceway during our Summer Spectacle, a day at the races featuring prizes galore. The fun begins after a fine buffet-style meal. 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 Fanciest, Funniest and Ugliest Hat. So come in proper headgear and get ready to root your horses to victory.

SEPTEMBER

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

Leesburg Community Center - 109 East Dixie Ave., Leesburg

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

September 20 -- 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 entertainment to be announced.

RSVP for all luncheons by calling 787-0403.

U-HIKES

July 20 -- Thursday -- 10 a.m. -- Free

August 17 -- Thursday -- 10 a.m. -- Free

September 21 -- 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 improvements the new owners have made. This will be our hiking 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 the food court or restaurant of choice.

To make a reservation please contact Rick @ 352-787-0403 or email him at ricoh007@aol.com.