



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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October, November, December 2018



It seems like we're always celebrating an anniversary for something. This month is no exception. I became Life's Director in October 2010. So this is my eighth anniversary.

It seems hard for me to believe it's been eight years already. This is the longest tenure I have ever

had for one position. It's also the best job I've had, and I want to talk to all of you for that.

I enjoyed my partnership with David Heydt, the first Life Director, as he mentored me for this position. Back in 2010, I wrote that I looked forward to it continuing for many years. It has, and I hope to continue in this role as long as you will have me.

Though some things can be taught in books or in classrooms some of life's most important lessons are learned through observation. And I learned much observing David and how much he cared for you. I think that was his best lesson.

Through the years Life has continued doing the things David did. We continue having wonderful lunches, exciting trips, and U-Drives and fine entertainment. While those things have continued I've also included U-Hikes in our activities. I had to cancel them during the past season as I was dealing with the stroke I had Nov. 9, 2017. We have also turned our Horse Race day into Run for Your Life Races, a very popular event.

Another thing new is our place of meeting. After 20 years of meeting at the Leesburg Community Building, we had to change venues. The City of Leesburg decided to tear down the building and build a new one in its place.

After searching far and wide we followed Miss Debbie's

NO NOVEMBER LUNCH IN EUSTIS

Our lunch schedule for the Eustis/Tavares/Umatilla/Mount Dora area is tied closely to the schedule at Lake Tech. We have found new places for our Eustis meetings in March, June, and July because of school vacations.

November presents a different scenario. The third Wednesday is also the day before Thanksgiving. Naturally, school is off And, so is our November Life Luncheon in Eustis.

NEEDED: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

I need to put out the call for some new Life Advisory Board Members. We have quarterly meetings on the first Tuesday at 1 p.m. in November, February, May and August.

Meetings generally take an hour. If you are interested, please let me know during a luncheon, phone call or by email. I want to thank all have are serving or have served. It is greatly appreciated.

Catering to the Salvation Army in Leesburg. While we have had a few challenges, they haven't been anything more challenging than what we had in the Community Building and the upside has been wonderful.

Parking had always been a challenge in Leesburg but with the Salvation Army we can drop folks off at the door and there are many more parking spaces close by. We do ask if you don't mind walking a bit to leave the spaces closer to the building for those who have a harder time of it.

I'm hoping to be here another eight years or longer and I hope to see you at our meetings and trips.

Blessings,

TRIPS

THE SOUTHERN WOMEN'S SHOW

Friday, October 26, 2018 — \$39.00

The Southern Women's Show returns to Orlando for its 28th year, and as always it is jam packed with fun. In addition to the incredible shopping, learn creative cooking ideas, healthy lifestyle tips, the latest fashion trends, home decor and improvement ideas, plus see great celebrity guests! Nationally acclaimed Taste of Home Cooking School will be teaching at the event, in addition to other hourly entertainment on three different stages. Trip price includes transportation, admission to the Southern Women's Show and driver gratuity. Please note - lunch is on your own. Trip is based on a minimum of 35 people. Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

1st Pick-up: Leesburg (Corner of Main and Lee behind law office) at 8:30 a.m.

2nd: Lowes in Mt. Dora (park close to 441 away from building) at 9:00 a.m.

GIRAFFE RANCH

Friday, November 16 — \$99.00

We are trying to fill up a second bus so please let everyone know they can come if we have enough interest.

Join us as we travel to Dade City for a fabulous day in this quaint little town. You will be pleasantly surprised at the unique atmosphere and the amazing experience of visiting the closest thing to an African Safari when we visit the Giraffe Ranch. Our day begins with Lunch on Limoges; a charming little family owned restaurant. Our lunch choices are: Tarragon Chicken Salad with Fresh Fruit Salad; Greek Chicken Salad with Fresh Fruit Salad; Turkey and Bacon Croissant Sandwich with Potato Salad; Pecan Chicken Breast with Seasoned Potatoes and Fresh Veggie. Everyone gets yummy homemade muffins and fruit butter, coffee or tea. Please make your selection at time of reservation.

After lunch we travel a few minutes to the Giraffe Ranch where you will experience firsthand, the lives of giraffes and 70+ other species from around the world under huge live oaks and open grasslands in a setting that is right out of Africa. Giraffe Ranch is a licensed working ranch that specializes in exotic and domestic species. Giraffe Ranch is not a zoo or theme park. It is a hands-on real working game farm and wildlife preserve where animals have room to roam free.

1st pick up: Lowes in Mount Dora at 9:00 a.m. Park close to 441 away from Bldg.

2nd: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 9:45 a.m.

BOK TOWER

Sunset & Symphony Concert
Saturday, December 1 — \$88.00

Capture the holiday spirit and celebrate "family traditions" at Bok Tower Gardens.

Stroll through the gardens and view one of the greatest achievements of noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. This lush garden is filled with many sensory delights for personal renewal and enjoyment. This year's concert will feature the award winning Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. with a pre-show at 5:00 p.m. Our group will have reserved seating. Shuttle service is available via golf carts through the evening.

Your boxed meal is provided by the Blue Palmetto Cafe. Meal choices are as follows: Chicken Blueberry Salad (homemade chicken salad with mixed greens, feta cheese, candied pecans, strawberries, served with blueberry pomegranate dressing); Turkey & Smoked Gouda cheese, sweet & tangy mayo, lettuce and tomato on Multi-Grain Bread; or Vegetarian Wrap (Provolone and cheddar, lettuce, tomato, cucumbers, greens, red peppers, hummus and olives in a tomato-basil wrap, served with chipotle ranch dressing). Please make your selection at time of reservation.

1st pick up: Lowe's in Mount Dora (Park close to 441 away from Bldg. at 1:15 p.m.)

2nd: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 2:00 p.m.

HOMOSASSA SPRINGS

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 — \$65.00

Join us for a fabulous day exploring Homosassa Springs State Park where you can see West Indian manatees every day of the year from the park's underwater observatory in the main spring. The park showcases native Florida wildlife, including manatees, black bears, bobcats, white-tailed deer, American alligators, American crocodiles, and river otters. Manatee programs are offered three times daily at the Wildlife Encounter programs, snakes and other native animals are also featured. Included in your admission, weather permitting, is a boat tour that transports visitors along Pepper Creek from the visitor center to the West entrance to the Wildlife Park. Rangers give an introduction to the park and the Florida Park service. Pontoon boats are accessible with a ramp for wheelchairs & walkers, there's an elevator to the boat dock level.

We are having lunch at the Wildside Café, lunch choices are as follows: Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Turkey & Cheese sub; Ham & Cheese sub on whole wheat or white bread. All sandwiches come with lettuce, tomato, pickle, chips and a small fountain soda. Please make your selection at time of reservation. Activity Level: Moderate

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

2nd: Leesburg (corner of Main and Lee, behind law office) at 8:45 a.m.

Day trip sign-up info can be found on the next page.

LUNCHEONS

*** Luncheons are \$10-\$12 ***

Entertainment subject to change

Please RSVP by calling 787-0403 or for more information.

OCTOBER

October 11 – Thursday – 11:30 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY - 2606 South Street Leesburg - \$10

Once again, after a delicious buffet-style lunch, we will be entertained by the musical husband/wife team of Bill and Pat Shaskey. The professional musicians have thrilled audiences for years, Bill with his accordion and Pat with her voice. They will offer a selection of Big Band tunes, Rock 'n Roll and more. So be ready for a fun time.

October 17 – Wednesday – 11:30 a.m.

LAKE TECH - 2001 Kurt Street, Eustis - \$12

(About a mile north of US Highway 441 on Kurt Street)

Our lunch, prepared by Lake Tech's excellent Culinary Arts Program, is always a highlight. But you'll want to stick around for the musical encore of husband/wife team of Bill and Pat Shaskey. These professional musicians have thrilled audiences for years, Bill with his accordion and Pat with her voice. They will offer a selection of Big Band tunes, Rock 'n Roll and more. So be ready for a fun time.

NOVEMBER

November 8 – Thursday – 11:30 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY – 2606 South Street Leesburg - \$10

As usual we will enjoy a delicious lunch followed by an entertaining program given by Cheryl Rumbley who is the Community Liaison person for Cornerstone Hospice. She will do another program centering on Laughter as the best medicine with some different humor.

DECEMBER

ANNUAL LIFE CHRISTMAS PARTY - COMBINED

December 13 – Thursday – 11:30 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY – 2606 South Street Leesburg - \$10

This is our annual Christmas Party. After our fine, buffet style lunch, we will have Christmas themed entertainment (to be announced).

Once again, LIFE will lend a helping hand to Advocating for Children, a community organization supporting abused, neglected and abandoned children in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Please bring a new unwrapped gift for a child or a gift card from Target or Wal-Mart for a teen (mark the amount of the gift card on the outside of the envelope).

U-DRIVES

DECEMBER

Sunday – December 16 – 2 p.m. – U-Drive - \$20.00

MARY POPPINS Ice House Theatre, Mount Dora

Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film.

In 1910 England, chimney sweep, Bert, introduces us to youngsters Jane and Michael Banks, who have sent several nannies packing -- until the 'practically perfect' Mary Poppins, arrives from out of the blue. Songs include Chim-Chim-Cheree, A Spoonful of Sugar and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

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 Ace Hardware).

JANUARY

Sunday – January 26th – 2 p.m. -- U-DRIVE - \$16.00

A FEW GOOD MEN Melon Patch Theatre, Leesburg

The Broadway hit that was later adapted into the iconic feature film, about the trial of two Marines for their complicity in the death of a fellow Marine at Guantanamo Bay in 1986. Navy lawyer Daniel Kaffee, a callow young man more interested in softball games than in the case itself, expects a plea bargain and a cover-up of what really happened. Prodded by Lt. Commander Joanne Galloway, a female member of his defense team, Kaffee eventually makes a valiant effort to defend his clients and, in so doing, ends up putting both the military mentality and the Marine code of honor on trial. [PG-13] for strong language, some violence, and adult thematic elements

Lunch will be 11:45 a.m. @ Taki's at 1205 North 14th Street Leesburg.

To make day trip reservations, please contact Rick Reed at 352-787-0403 or Barbara Mills at Life's a Trip Tours at 407-855-9732.

Payment is due at the time of reservation. Please make checks payable to Life's a Trip Tours.

Mail checks 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.



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make the law free.

Henry David Thoreau

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Lighter Side

RULES FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

By Red Skelton

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California , and mine is in Texas ..
3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

SPIRITUAL GEM

Charles Spurgeon said, "There is as much joy in the heart of God when He forgives, as there is in the heart of a sinner. God is as blessed in giving as we are in receiving. Do you suppose we benefit the same way when we forgive someone?"

Let us remember ...

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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."

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