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*January 2022*

## *NEWSLETTER*



*... from the  
President*

Happy & Healthy New Year 2022 to all,

We kicked off the 55th year of T.G.C.U. with a spectacular Installation Dinner put together under the leadership of outgoing T.G.C.U. President Patt Avery and the dedicated hardworking team of Dee & Louie Smith, Susan Warner, Sara & Rich Wallace, Linda Williams, Pam Pearson, Mary Watermann, Selena Hodges, and many others. A big thank you to Bob Avery for managing to prepare that wonderful meat in six different roaster ovens and to Randy Robinson for trimming, slicing and dishing out generous portions for all. Ms. Dee & Susan set a new bar with all the table decorations in the Black & White theme as did everyone dressing up with the theme. Ms. Amy & Mr. Terry McFillen were magazine cover perfect. I want to thank Ms. Selena for doing such a professional job working the Photo Booth. The dimmed lighting gave the evening an extra touch of class as well. I thank everyone for the effort in making a memorable night. In Past Pres. Patt's final address, she mentioned when she first joined the WBCCI, someone advised her to PARTICIPATE. I couldn't agree more. I firmly believe you will get back way more than you give in terms of the following: priceless—friendships, knowledge, laughs and memories.

I must mention how special it was for me, as well as the rest of the T.G.C.U. Board, to be sworn in by the Region 9, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., T.G.C.U.'s very own Ms. Nancy Fitzgerald. While I haven't checked back thru the 54 year history, I do believe Ms. Nancy is the first Region 9 officer from T.G.C.U., certainly in the last 20 years for sure. Ms. Nancy, your guidance, leadership and overall helpful nature are treasured by all and we look forward to helping you during your two year term as President, starting in a little over six months. While not a big deal to some, having a Region or International officer or INTL. President in our unit is a BIG DEAL folks!

Other good news from Installation Night, the Silent Auction raised over \$1,500. A big thank you to my Chief of Staff and sister, Peggy Vandenberg, and everyone who helped put the auction together, as well as everyone who donated and those who wrote checks for the winning bids.

50/50 ticket sales by Mr. Herrera & Mr. Lauderdale resulted in a pot totaling \$450. Mr. Bob Kalton had the winning ticket and donated his \$225 back. Thank you so much, sir. These and other monies will be used in part for donations to our local food bank and the \$500 Industrial Arts type scholarship the membership approved for a deserving Zavalla High School student.

Backing up a bit, Friday evening we had a Christmas Decoration Golf Cart Parade around TAHI and over to Sun & Fun, with candy tossed to spectators along the way. Followed by heavy Hors D'oeuvres and a Married Game hosted by Ms. Mary. While they didn't win, Ms. Ava & Mr. Ken had some really funny answers. Thank you to all couples for being good sports.

Some reminders: Rally Fee is now \$15 per person. Please text me if you think you are planning to attend the January rally by January 5<sup>th</sup> so we can purchase supplies accordingly. Save your beverage can tabs. Ms. Linda Williams has already given me two sandwich bags full and Mr. Bill P. has been working hard at it as well.

**T.G.C.U. & YOU**

**T.G.C.U. is YOU**

*Charlie*

## 2022 TGCU Officers

**Charlie Petrillo ..... President**  
**Debra Green ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
**Linda Williams ... Rec/Cor Secretary**  
**RutheAnn Richardson ..... Treasurer**  
**Emma Lee Wilson ..... Trustee**



## January 2022 Rally Hosts

TGCU Officers & Spouses:

**Charlie Petrillo, Debra & Bruce Green, Linda Williams, RutheAnn &  
 Fred Richardson, Emma Lee Wilson & Don Patterson**  
 (See Rally Host Duty Reminders on page 7.)



## *Name That Tune Rally Schedule*

### *January 6-9, 2022*



**Thursday, January 6 – Pizza & A Movie *Pure Country***—Can you sing “Cross My Heart”?  
 5:00 pm Bring your favorite beverage—Pizza & napkins provided—**Please Rsvp by Jan. 5**  
 to Charlie, [mcccccj@aol.com](mailto:mcccccj@aol.com)

### **Friday, January 7**

5:00 pm Happy Hour—Bring your own beverage.  
 6:00 pm Heavy Hors d'oeuvres—Bring your favorite dish to share & set-ups.  
 7:00 pm Fun & Fellowship

### **Saturday, January 8 – Dress as a song or movie title (G or PG rated) for Dinner**

7:00-8:30 am Breakfast with *Charlie & His Crew*. Bring your own set-ups.  
 9:30 am TGCU Board Meeting  
 10:00am TGCU Membership Meeting  
 2:00 pm Trailer Clinic  
 5:00 pm Happy Hour—Bring your own drink.  
 6:00 pm Dinner—Dress as a song or movie title! Bring your own beverage & set-ups.  
 7:00 pm Fun & Fellowship

### **Sunday, January 9**

8:30-9:00 am Coffee & Donuts  
 9:00 am Devotional  
 9:30 am Clubhouse clean-up by assigned crew

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI)

## Region 9 – Texas Gulf Coast Unit 2022 Rally/Caravan Plans

Dec 29-Jan 2 **Ring in the New Year** — Harkey Rally, College Station, TX

**Jan 6-9** **Name that Tune Rally (TAHI)**: Dress as a song or movie title (G or PG rated)

Jan 17-21 **IBT Meeting**, Savannah, Georgia

**Feb 10-13** **Show the Love Rally (TAHI)**: Lovefest of wedding pictures, dance lessons & dance

Feb 17-20 **“Streamin’ on The Strand”** Galveston Mardi Gras Rally (TGCU co-sponsor)

**Mar 10-13** **Feeling Lucky Rally (TAHI)** St. Patrick’s Day

**Apr 7-10** **“Doc” Cain Fishing Tournament Rally (TAHI)**

Apr 26-May 1 **Region 9 Rally**, Mineola, TX

**May 12-15** **“Charlie P.” Phishing Tournament Rally (TAHI)**

**June 9-12** **“Show & Tell” Rally (TAHI)** Hobbies/Craft Show

July **Caravan to International**, Freyburg, Maine

July 23-29 **65<sup>th</sup> International Rally** in Freyburg, Maine

August **Caravan home** from Freyburg, Maine

**Sept 8-11** **“It’s Fall Ya’ll” Rally (TAHI)** Decorate your Airstream or golf cart

**Oct 13-16** **55/50 Rally (TAHI)** Celebrating 55 years of TGCU/50 years of TAHI

Nov 2-14 **Panama Canal Round Trip** (from Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

**Nov 17-20** **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Shoot Rally (TAHI)**

**Dec 8-11** **Christmas Party & Silent Auction Rally (TAHI)** New TGCU Officers Install

If Rally date is underlined, it means Thursday will be a Work Day.

### TGCU & YOU

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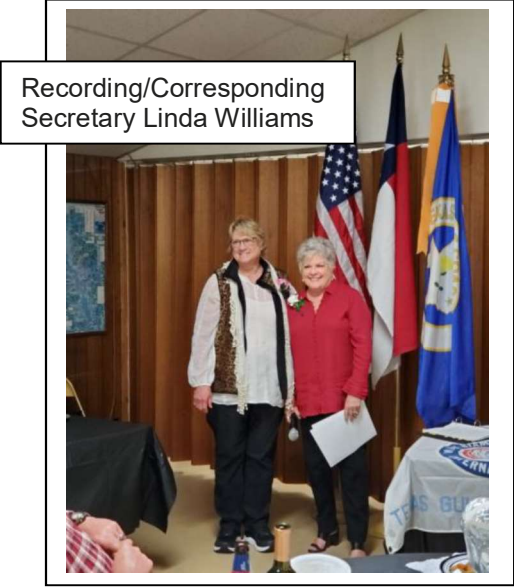
# OFFICER INSTALLATION at the December Rally



President Charlie Petrillo sworn in by Nancy Fitzgerald, Region 9, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.



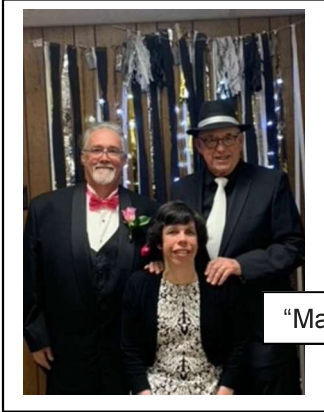
1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Debra Green



Recording/Corresponding Secretary Linda Williams



Treasurer RutheAnn Richardson



"Magazine Cover Perfect!"

## *Having Fun Making Memories*



The Christmas Parade of Golf Carts



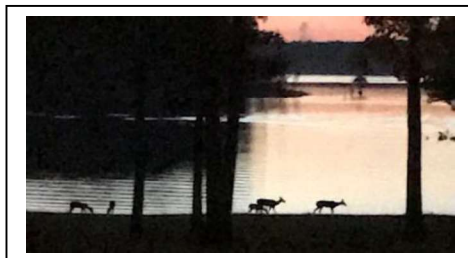
Decorating the Christmas Tree...the old one bit the dust & Mary Waterman donated hers—we scrambled to get enough lights—what a team project!



What a Parade!



Thanks, Dan Kersten!  
He built twelve really nice bluebird houses and replaced the old ones in the park. His dog, Jack, was very happy about it too!



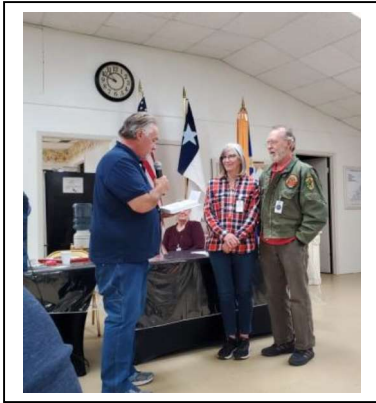
Oh, Dear, Deer!!

## January Birthdays

Terry DeCuir.....	18
Ava Daniels.....	21
Fred Richardson.....	22
Jack Stewart.....	28

## New to our Community

Richard & Sarah Wallace, Diboll, TX



Alain Defoy & Celine Martel, Malachie, Quebec, Canada



Mary & Mike Moosemiller, Oshkosh, Wisconsin



## January Anniversaries

Bruce & Debra Green.....	10
John & Brenda Jacob.....	27



## The Last Best Place and the Virtues That Make It That Way

A Short Series by A New Airstream Owner

My wife and I are very new to life in an age limited residential RV community, but we have been looking for one for a long time – even when we didn't know it.

It all started with my perceptive brother-in-law, who was for years a successful seller of high-end motorcoaches. He said, "If you want to have the best neighbors, with the best values, you have to go to an RV park. It's the last place you can find them."

So, before my wife and I even realized it, we were on an informal search for the Last Best Place – and the people who exhibit the virtues that make it great.

This is the first installment in a short series about what we found.

First, we identified the attraction – the thing that drew us to a residential RV community. It was the quickly disappearing idea of community.

Aristotle saw human beings as fundamentally political, but he didn't mean the concept of politics with which we are familiar. He meant that humans flourish best and are most completely fulfilled in community, meaning that the individual's happiness must involve the happiness of others and ultimately of the community as a whole.

In other words, a fulfilled life involves more than one's own individual happiness. It involves a community.

More to come . . . .

## CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Once again, the generosity of Texas Gulf Coast Unit members and Texas Airstream Harbor made Christmas so much better for 12 needy families in the Zavalla area. Because of your donations both monetarily and food items we filled boxes and bags to distribute food to those less fortunate than us..

It is such a humbling experience when you see the "Expressions of Hope" on their faces as we present them with much needed food for their Christmas table. Most were overwhelmed with tears of Joy and relief as we handed them their bags and baskets. One of the recipients rode his bicycle to meet with us at Brookshire Brothers to pick up his baskets. We ended up taking his gift to his home.



I would also like to Thank Brookshire Brothers for working with us to make sure that each family had as much food as possible for their Christmas table. So that these folks know who provided for them we handed out the attached flyer with a message of hope from their neighbors. Thank you for allowing Fred & I to be a part by sharing your blessings with others.



RutheAnn

### *TGCU Rally Host Duty Reminders*

- Coordinate plans with other rally hosts
- Send rally schedule to Debra, [debrabgreen@gmail.com](mailto:debrabgreen@gmail.com), to post in newsletter (by 1<sup>st</sup> of month)
- Check supplies on hand in clubhouse before ordering more
- Make coffee each morning
- Post daily activities on clubhouse whiteboard
- Make sure kitchen is clean & restrooms supplied
- Set up tables & chairs for meals, TGCU meeting & Sunday Devotional
- Decorate accordingly
- Ask someone else to lead in prayer before meals
- Make announcements & remind members of Sunday Service
- Clean up after each meal
- Take out trash as needed
- Inform membership that our Sunday Service collections always go to the Zavalla Food Pantry



## Texas Airstream Harbor ..from the Prez...



**Oh my gosh, it's 2022!** RutheAnn and I wish each of you a Happy New Year and hope that it is prosperous and bountiful for everyone. I hope you had a big helping of cabbage and blackeyed peas!

We're Off to a new fiscal year at TAHI... and 2021 was a very good year! ... during our annual Membership meeting on Saturday, December 10th, we elected board members Bill Pearson, Lloyd Burton and yours truly to a term of three years. We also announced Marsha Barnhart as the new Treasurer to TAHI. Mary Waterman has served in that position since 2014. Mary remained as a board member. The new board met following the membership meeting to elect new officers for the coming year. They are: President, Fred Richardson, Vice-President, Bill Pearson, and Selena Hodges, Secretary.

Construction has been in full swing at TAHI. A new foundation was poured on December 16th that will be the platform for our new Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). Plans are underway to move the plant from Huntington to TAHI in the first weeks of January. Once the plant is placed on the pad work will get underway to get it operational.



Other construction going on in the park includes Jack & Kim Stewart on Pine street, Lee & Jennifer Deland on Elm, Jon and LaVerne Villanti at Elm & Angelina, George & Angie Embry on Magnolia and Allison Steele and Lawrence Baitland on Dogwood. Jack Stewart along with assistance from Roy Moore will be handling permit applications in 2022.

**Assessments:** Your assessments are due as we entered into our new fiscal year, December 1, 2021. If you have not paid your assessments, this is a reminder that you need to get them to our Treasurer as soon as you can. Assessments not paid by January 31st will begin to accrue penalty. Address to send assessments: **Marsha Barnhart, Treasurer**  
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**TCEQ:** Things are good at the Water Well. We have a new fan blade and motor to place on the Trihalomethane tower, finally. It has taken about 12 weeks to order a new fan blade and it will be installed shortly, probably during a Work Day. We have a new 29 page form to fill out thanks to Senate Bill 3 to let them know that we have a backup power supply to provide water to us and Sun & Fun for up to 48 hours or more should we lose electrical power. I think this was imposed because of state wide power failure like the winter freeze last February and previous electric outages from hurricanes and floods. The sewer plant is also in good shape. I've enlisted the help and professional services of member Allison Steele to begin the permitting process to bring the new WWTP online.

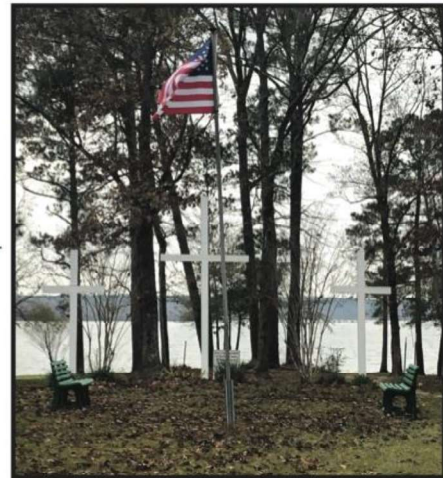




Texas Airstream Harbor is protected by fire from the Zavalla Volunteer Fire Department, but thanks to member Charlie Petrillo, we now have our very own "Fire Truck". Complete with lights, sirens, water hose hookups, fire extinguishers and Dalmatian puppies. Charlie began with a vision of taking an old golf cart and making it new and functional as a "mini fire fighting vehicle". Engine 27 led the Christmas parade of golf carts through our neighborhood and our neighbors at Sun & Fun. Hopefully we never have a fire but we're ready if we do. Thanks Chief Petrillo!

As we venture into 2022 I ask everyone's support in making Texas Airstream Harbor a great place to visit and live. We have accomplished much over the past years in exposing TAHI to the Airstream family all across America and Canada. What makes TAHI so memorable?...it's YOU, the people...a recent visitor from Michigan said "gosh everything is so beautiful here ..and people friendly...so many people came by and welcomed us"... that's the message I hope all our visitors and members take with them....Keep the Son in Your Eyes!

*Fred & RutheAnn*



***We love our VOLUNTEERS!***

*Check out the White Board in the Clubhouse which lists beautification projects that need completion. Write your name next to the project that works for your schedule.*

***REMINDER:***

*You can review TAHI Documents on our website:  
[www.texasairstreamharbor.com](http://www.texasairstreamharbor.com)*

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# The Peddler! (Buy-Sell-Trade)

**For Sale: 141 Elm**, 40' x 80' lot with new asphalt drive, \$4,500. Contact Kenneth Daniels, 979-559-0755

**For Sale: TAHI Lots 5, 7, 9 & 11 on Magnolia**, asphalted with 30 amp electrical service and sewer. \$4,500 each. Contact number is 903-731-2036

**For Sale: 151 and 159 Oak**, two lots with cabana, trailer port, full RV hookups, patio and storage! See the detailed listing for this beautiful and modern cabana on our website. See link below. Rick & Lonna Nelson 941-800-8556

**For Sale: Lot 11 Pine**, Beautiful new cabana with 200 amp electric service! Full RV hook-ups with 50a/30a/20z RV service. Includes golf cart! See the detailed listing for this beautiful cabana on our website. See link below. Emma Lee Wilson & Don Patterson 936-632-6116

**For Sale: 131 Oak**, Super nice cabana with Full RV Hookups! Only eight years old! Never lived in! See the detailed listing for this beautiful and roomy cabana on our website. See link below. Dana Kelley 936-524-2851

**For Sale: Lot 11 Elm for sale.** Beautiful shaded lot close to the water with compacted drive, concrete patio and slab for shed (old one has been removed). Necessary trees have been removed to build your dream cabana or park your Airstream! Buyer pays transfer. \$6,000. Contact Selena Hodges 713-838-5466

**For Sale: 110 Elm for sale.** Very nice corner lot with asphalt pad. \$3,000. Contact Pat Muller 360-608-3413

**The Peddler is posted on TAHI's website**

**<https://texasairstreamharbor.com/peddler-for-sale-in-tahi>**

**Be sure to check out the individual Cabana listings!!**

**Send updates to Terry DeCuir.**