



## A little History of TMI

**TMI** was formed back in April of 2018 when we placed an announcement on Next Door looking for musicians to form a group. Rich Vasco and Ken Botelho got together to discuss jamming at the Sports Pavilion, but Ken mentioned to Rich that he didn't want to jam he wanted to form a band. Shortly after that conversation, TMI was born.

During our history we have played fourteen major concerts, one TOVA dance, two Coffeehouse Series, one concert at Trilogy in Ocala and a traveling concert on a flat-bed float during the height of COVID. Amazing!! During this time-period we religiously practice every week at 2 ½ hours per practice minimum. We have engaged two of the industry's top classic rock musicians to play with TMI. Hall of Fame Guitarist Mike Pinera and someday soon to be inducted to the Hall lead guitarist and lead vocalist and guitarist for the classic rock band STYX, Tommy Shaw although covid ultimately changed that schedule. Many of you are not aware but TMI was asked to perform at the most recent rebirth of Woodstock just a few short years ago as the backup band to Mike Pinera.

TMI has contributed financially to enhance and upgrade technology in the Event Center, sponsored and dedicated concerts to members and member spouses who have passed away, held tele-network video conferences for its members, had pizza night, given out Santa caps to all, provided Santa as entertainment to old and young alike, given away video concert DVDs, raffled off an autographed STYX guitar and other guitars, setup the Price is Right Game Show with host Todd Newton at the Pinera concert, held several video movie nights for all of its members, sponsored last years New Year's Eve Celebration and donated concert proceeds to the "Make A Wish" foundation of Florida.

We continue to be helpful to our community. Certainly not all musicians have stayed with TMI as any band or club has its attrition and growth. We are excited that several very talented members have moved on to establish unique musical acts whether it be a recording band or dance band, they are all very special and most of their roots regarding performance here started through TMI. Some of these entities are now returning to expand and perform in the spirit of which we were founded "Trilogy Musician's Initiative." But putting former success aside, we are so very excited about the talent and skillset of our current musicians and the return of several former members of TMI.

TMI has at times played some complex music that you don't find many bands doing covers of. Our music and style, for a period of time was more aligned to concert style such as the bands STYX, Foreigner, REO Speedwagon Chicago etc. We certainly play dance music, and have played several dance events, but for the most part our style and presence on stage for past concerts made us more of a performance band like the bands that I just listed. However, meet the new TMI a different form of music highlighting some of Trilogy's talented musicians and vocalists. Our style and music set lists have changed to meet the demands of our resident neighbors. With the likes of Karen Dobbs, Clarissa Gregory, Diane Barbera, Tom Rucktenwald, Darryl Rose, Gwen Cox, Matt Faivre, Mark Smith, Brenda Abbott, Gil Pelaez, Frank McCall, and Ken Botelho our style has changed.

Remember this, if you grew up with Classic Rock listening in your car, home stereo or the like, this version of TMI will surely amaze you.