



## COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

### Fiscal 2012 Operating Budget

Not surprisingly, I have received a few letters in advance of the Wednesday, Feb. 15 budget meeting. Most letters share the common theme of maintaining affordability and quality appearance of the community.

As noted in my cover letter for the proposed budget, several components of the budget have realized an increase of expense. Building maintenance expense reflects both the increase in cyclical re-painting of the number of homes needing this service, as well as the increased labor and product costs.

Recreational expenses increased as we consider higher pesticide and fertilizer costs needed to maintain golf course operations to avoid harming the overall quality of the operation. Fortunately, this component is offset by lower property taxes and savings through energy conservation measures implemented by Sidney Colen and Associates (SCA).

Water and wastewater reflects increased operational costs, however this is partially offset by the increased conservation efforts by residents and the management company.

Finally, the Master Association operational expenses remained the same as the last fiscal year. General and administrative expenses comprise the operational overhead of operating an association. This group of expenses was decreased through savings in operational costs, and most significantly, reduced property taxes. Operational overhead is that portion of any business operation necessary to keep the doors open (so to speak). Compared to other homeowner associations of comparable size operating in Florida, this level of expense is remarkably low.

### Master the Possibilities

One of the primary reasons for Master the Possibilities success is that staff and faculty listen to their students. Over the past six years, there have been fixed points of information gathered through "brain-storming sessions," as well as informal comments and suggestions. All of these have contributed to a more responsive educational experience that meets people's needs and desires.

In the interests of continuing to improve our program offerings, there's a short survey included in this edition of the World News on page 27. The survey is also available at Master the Possibilities. We are asking that you take a few minutes and fill this out with your comments.

I can assure you it will be used by staff to help plan the future of this department. When completed, simply drop it off at the Master the Possibilities office and receive a "square buck" as a token of our appreciation. We will be accepting surveys through Monday, Feb. 20 and then begin the analysis process. Once completed, results will be made available. Your attention to this is very important. We all appreciate your ongoing support of Master the Possibilities.

Currently, Master the Possibilities is finalizing the participants in the "Visiting Scholars" program in March. An announcement and schedule will be available to you at the end of the month. This has become a signature program that points out the high regard that professors from different areas of the country have for our life-long learning efforts. I'm sure you'll want to be part of this unique experience.

### Circle Square Cultural Center

And you thought we were kidding when we said we'd try and get Willie Nelson! Be careful what you wish for; he will be here on Saturday, Feb. 4! It goes without saying that this show was a big surprise pick-up event. We had no advance warning and needed to respond to the offer within an hour from it being offered.

Our staff has done a tremendous job pulling together to make this happen. See, it's not just Willie, but it's also his entourage of 32 people, plus security, plus catering to all those growling stomachs, plus, plus, plus... the list is endless! Thanks to all of you who stepped up and purchased tickets - as you said you would! We like to believe that we are "the little theatre that could."

Our team will continue to bring world-class entertainment to Circle Square Cultural Center and we couldn't do it without all of you!

On Friday, Feb. 17, The Bronx Wanderers will make their first visit to Circle Square Cultural Center, as well as Lesley Gore on Saturday, Feb. 24. Don't miss out!

### The Town Square

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the "Tour de Horse" event will take place hosted by Marion Cultural Alliance. A road rally type event will get people around to see the horses and will generate excitement. The tour kicks off at 10 a.m., at Brick City Cen-



Photo by Bob Woods

Residents celebrate New Year's Eve at the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

## Welcome 2012!

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Out with the old and in with the new! Welcome 2012!

On Top of the World was an exciting place to be for New Year's Eve! Dancin' On the Top sponsored an event in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. The musical group, Tomaura, kept the dance floor full of dancers coming from a sold out record crowd.

Hors d'oeuvres were served along with party favors, and of course, champagne was served at the bewitching hour of midnight toasting in the New Year.

As both hands of the clock came together at midnight, a large roar erupted from

the ballroom dancers and it seemed everyone was either shaking hands or kissing one another while at the same time wishing all a happy New Year.

Other events in the community included private gatherings in homes and the Arbor Conference Center. Candler Hills Community Center also had a year-end celebration.

Whether you stayed home or were out and about, here's wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

## Let Your Voice Be Heard

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

We all have an opinion. And now is the time to express yours by filling out the Master the Possibilities survey on page 27. It is an opportunity to rate the courses you've taken, the faculty, and perhaps best of all, what would you like to see more of, less of, and how Master the Possibilities can improve on the "products" they deliver.

Dan Dowd, Director of Education, said, "The success of our curriculum at Master the Possibilities is a result of us listening to our students, faculty, and staff. Without their regular input, particularly that of students, we could be offering up programs that are of little interest. This short survey is just one approach that we take every so often to ensure that we continue listening."

The survey can be taken by anyone, regardless of whether or not you've taken courses before. You will note that it asks your opinion of individual curricula, as well, as some that you would like to see included, along with your thoughts on when is the best time for you to attend classes. For example, the Master the Possibilities staff heard from many of you that evening classes would be convenient. Several were tried, and are quickly becoming some of the best-attended classes.

The survey will also ask you to share some personal information. "This data," says Dan Dowd, "helps us to develop a cur-

riculum more suited to our potential participants. We ask that everyone participate, and to please drop off their survey comments at the Master the Possibilities office. I can assure them that all information gathered is anonymous."

As in the past, once responses are sorted out, Master the Possibilities will hold an informal forum to share the results. If you have additional comments, please do not hesitate to add them on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the survey form.



Photo by Marketing

Students displaying their work after a Master the Possibilities class.

## Talent Show Auditions

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer



Photo by Ryan Douglas

Ben Simmons was the winner of the 2011 "The World Has Talent" talent show.

You all have probably watched the talent show, "America's Got Talent," on TV. Well, On Top of the World's Circle Square Cultural Center will host the third annual "The World Has Talent," talent show on Saturday, May 5.

However, like all reality television shows, auditions must first take place prior to the show. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center.

It's easy to audition, just show up, register and be ready to do your performance on stage. The auditions are open to the public; so come and show your support!

As in previous years, contestants must be 55 years of age or older and may be residents or from neighboring communities. Contestants can be singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, or performing any other type of entertainment.

Those selected, will be asked to perform their routine on Saturday, May 5. Winners of the talent show will receive cash prizes:

- First place: \$500;
- Second place: \$250;
- Third place: \$150.

So, limber up those vocal cords, dust off and polish those old instruments, do a little practicing in front of your mirror or in the shower and show up for the auditions.

Additional information may be obtained at [www.CSCulturalCenter.com](http://www.CSCulturalCenter.com) or by calling the ticket office 854-3670.





## ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS

The World News is a monthly publication of On Top of the World Communities in Marion County, Florida. This publication is written and prepared by On Top of the World residents for our neighbors and those interested in becoming a part of our community. The World News strives to publish only "good, informative news."

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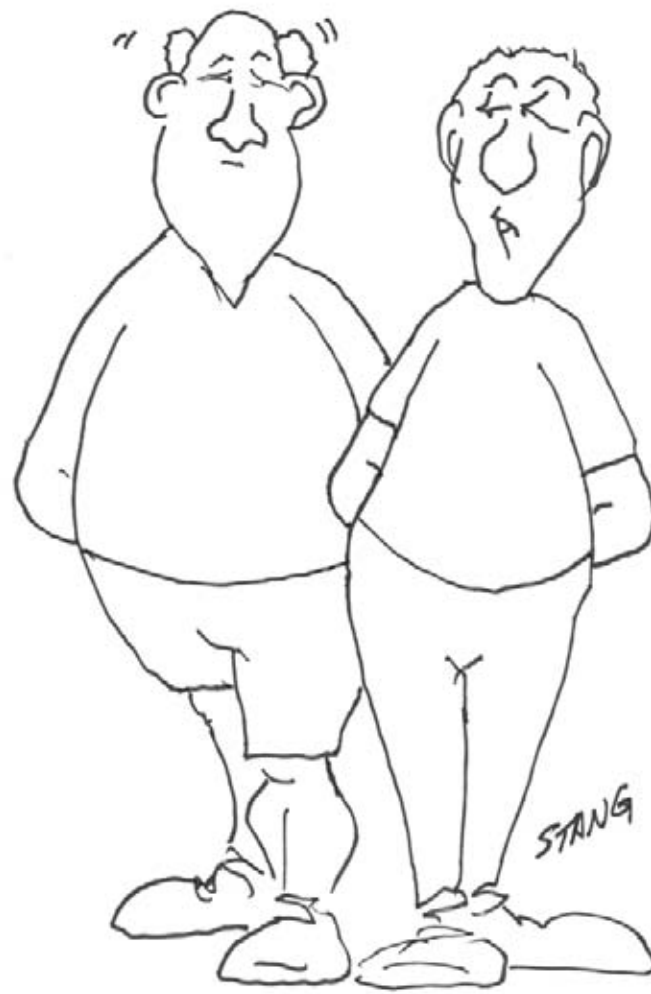
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### GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

BY STAN GOLDSTEIN



**Love is an affliction curable by marriage.**



### Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

**Q.** I received a communication from my attorney to the effect that although my durable power of attorney may "appear to be valid" there are certain provisions of the new Florida Power of Attorney statute that require that I sign or at least initial some of the provisions in my durable power of attorney and since mine was signed prior to enactment of the new statute and therefore not initialed in some places, I need a new one. Your comments please.

**A.** I think I have already addressed this in a prior column but it bears repeating. The new Florida Power of Attorney statute became effective on Oct. 1, 2011. There is a provision in the new statute, which es-

entially says that certain authorizations given to an agent must either be signed or initialed next to that power. These powers are sometimes referred to as "super powers." At least that's what the Florida Bar committee that drafted the legislation calls them. Although all powers of attorney whenever signed are governed by the new statute, nevertheless, there is a provision in the new statute that clearly states that powers of attorney properly signed before Oct. 1, 2011 are still valid. So there is nothing in the new statute which invalidates any previously executed power of attorney so long as it was validly executed in the first place.

However, (yeah, there is always an however lurking around) some Florida attorneys, and I am one of them, suspect that banks, credit unions, stock brokerage firms and mutual fund companies, are sooner or later going to refuse to accept powers of attorneys that were not signed before Oct. 1, 2011 or if signed before that day, do not have the same initialing provisions included in the document.

That being the case, I suggest that you

discuss your specific durable power of attorney with your Florida attorney and see what he/she has to say. I can tell you that a recent posting on the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys internet listserv, was from an attorney who reported that her client already received rejection notices for a durable power of attorney that was signed about a year and a half ago. The reason for the rejection apparently had to do with the fact that the document did not comply with the new statute.

**Q.** You seem to be a pretty knowledgeable fellow, so considering how little bank CDs are paying; do you have a suggestion as to where we can obtain a bit more income?

**A.** Sigh. I give legal advice. I don't give investment advice. I think I'll stick with giving legal advice.

**Q.** I recently discovered that my 78-year-old married mother is involved in an affair with a married man. Her present husband is not my father—this is a second marriage for her. When I confronted my

mother about this, she said it was casual only and that I should butt out. However, I think there must be some illegalities here and would appreciate if you would somehow address some of them in your column.

**A.** I rather like your mother's advice to you. I suggest that you follow it. As for me, I choose not to judge others with the hope that others will choose not to judge me.

**Q.** A longtime friend named me to be his Power of Attorney. He recently was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and now it has fallen to me to handle all of his business and personal affairs. I am 73-years-old and although I am in good health, this is a huge and unexpected burden for me. I never thought it would be like this when I agreed to do this. How do I get out of this so I can get about my life?

**A.** This points up my ongoing concern when folks choose to name a friend or acquaintance to be an agent in a power of attorney or a personal representative of a Will or trustee of a Trust. The duties involved are almost always complex and carry potential liabilities with them. That's why in my opinion when there aren't trusted children or close relatives around, it is always best to name a professional who knows how to deal with all the issues. My advice to you is simple: Get yourself to an attorney and do it as soon as possible, if not sooner.

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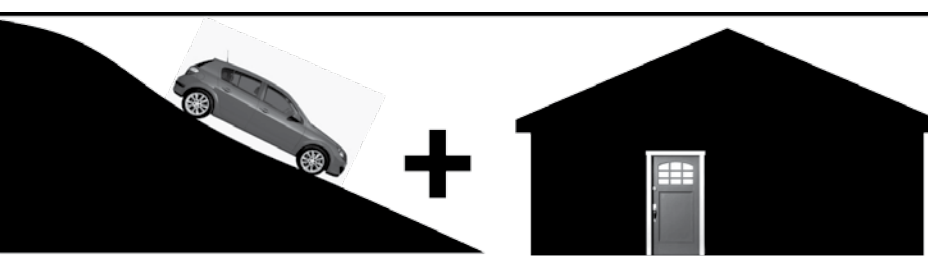


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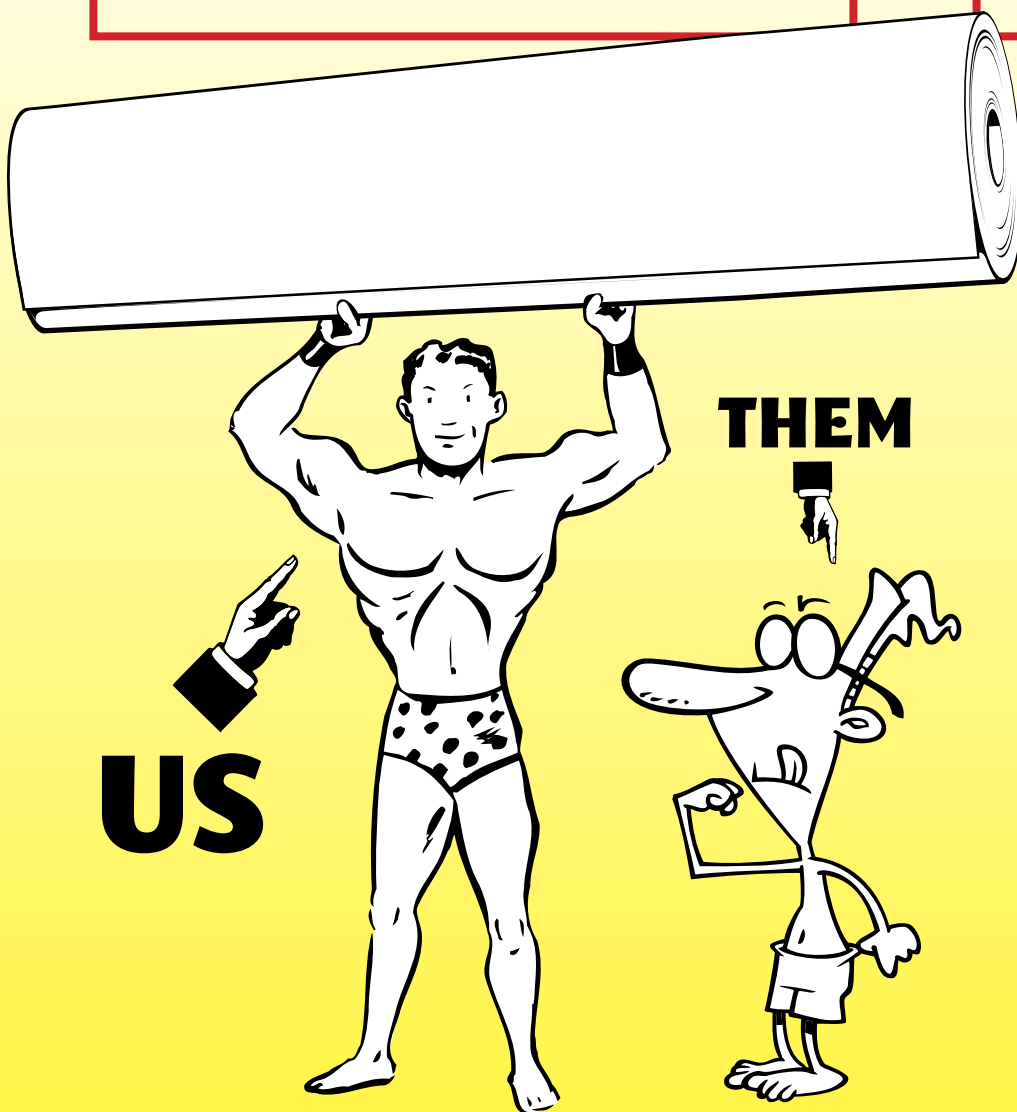
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**All Around Our World**

By Lynette Vermillion

I'm very happy that we have had another mild winter and we have managed to avoid some of the extreme weather that has been taking place around the country.

Be sure to check out the Valentine's Day couples dinner at Candler Hills Restaurant on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Seating is limited so make your reservation today. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

**Customer Service**

Please note that the Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Feb. 15 this month. Customer Service may be reached by phone: 236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: otowservice@otowfl.com; or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons.

**On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Meeting**

Just a reminder that the annual budget meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association will be held on

Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

**What Not to Flush**

Have you ever gone into a bathroom at a business and saw a sign that read, "Do Not Flush These Items?" Businesses try to remind people that certain items should not be flushed to minimize damage, clogs, or unnecessary plumbing expenses and we want to remind you that the same applies to residential toilets. Out of sight does not necessarily mean out of mind. Clogs and backups will cost you both money and inconvenience.

A good rule of thumb is that only biodegradable items should be flushed down a toilet. Toilets are designed to remove human waste and toilet paper. Non-biodegradable items can potentially cause clogs in the home and drive up the costs of wastewater treatment facilities.

Some key items that should never be flushed can include but are not limited to: tissues, dryer sheets, cleaning wipes, cat litter, coffee grounds, paper towels, plastic bags, dental floss and cigarette butts. Remember that by flushing needles and other "sharp" objects could pose a danger to plumbers and employees. Be sure to always dispose of these items in proper "sharps containers," available from most pharmacies.

Keep in mind that every time you flush a toilet, it wastes approximately three gallons of water depending on the toilet. It also increases your water bill if you're a habitual trash-flusher. Also try to remember that flushing things considered to be non-human waste down the toilet not only wastes water but can also be considered harmful and potentially hazardous to the environment we all must share together.

**Prohibited Waste in Household Garbage**

While we are discussing things we shouldn't do, I wanted to remind our residents that there are certain items that are prohibited in household garbage containers.

- Hazardous waste, such as muriatic acid and chlorine used in swimming pools, and other products labeled toxic, poison, corrosive, flammable or irritant.
- Biomedical infectious waste particularly used hypodermic needles.
- Oil
- Paint
- Automotive batteries

Marion County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) division offers homeowners a way to dispose of household hazardous waste. There is a facility located at the Baseline Landfill and it is open to homeowners during the regular operating hours of the Landfill. There is also a mobile HHW unit. You may call 671-8496 or 671-8477 for more information on HHW disposal. They also hold two electronic waste collection events per year, and you may call 671-8473 for the next scheduled event.

We thank you for properly disposing of these types of items because not only can it be harmful to whoever is collecting them but it is also harmful to the environment.

**Golf Courses**

As a reminder to all golf cart drivers, golf cart paths on the golf course are for use during active play only. All players must check in to the Golf Shop prior to starting and must start on hole #1. If you are playing golf, please do not drive your cart into the yards of homes on the golf course or walk into someone's backyard to pick up a ball. The course is not meant to be used for practice play after hours, it is not a walking/fitness trail, nor is it meant for dog walking or bicycling at any point during the day. These types of activities are prohibited on the golf course.

**Ocala Open**

The Candler Hills Golf Course will host the sixth annual Ocala Open this year. The event is sure to be one of the largest charity golf events in Marion County in 2012 and will be held on March 14, 15, and 16 with a Pro Am on March 13. The event will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will

highlight some of the world's best men's professional golfers while benefiting local charities, Hospice of Marion County, Inc. and Interfaith Emergency Services. You will not want to miss this — come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf. And, you still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro Am, which will help benefit both charities.

For those of you who have followed the Ocala Open, you will be happy to know that last year's winner and Ocala native, Ted Potter, is on the PGA Tour this year.

**Safety Tips for Walkers, Joggers and Bicyclists**

With our daylight still ending fairly early, I wanted to remind walkers, runners and bicyclists to remember to wear light clothing, reflective vests, or flashing LED lights when walking, running, or biking before dawn or after dusk.

Tips taken from the Internet ... you need to be seen and should wear reflective clothing. First, avoid dark colored clothing. Light colors reflect more light. Light colored clothing is a good start but modern, highly reflective clothing that is designed for maximum nighttime visibility is much better.

There are several high tech reflectivity options: Buy reflective tape that is designed to reflect light back to its source. Apply this tape liberally to your exercise clothing. Drivers from any direction will see the bright strips.

Wear a reflective safety vest, similar to those worn by highway workers. It can be worn over exercise clothing to allow drivers to see a bright human outline. It can be worn with any exercise outfit and does not require modifying your clothing. Many sports clothing companies sell exercise apparel made of highly reflective fabrics. Adding LED safety lights with is also an option that will increase your visibility. You may also want to carry a flashlight.

Don't let darkness disrupt your walking, running or bicycling, but please take the proper precautions.

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**Model Railroaders**

By Jim Devine



The On Top of the World Model Railroaders Club's Christmas train show was a

tremendous success. We were surprised at the number of residents who came to the show, especially since we did not publicize the show with posters on the bulletin boards as we did the last couple of years.

We had trains running on both the HO and N scale layouts, and a number of our club members made appearances, with the "three Jims" (Jim Loux, Jim Lyman, and Jim Devine) being there for the entire five hours of the show.

During the show, Jimmy Loux tried to

see how many HO cars one of his steam locomotives could pull. I believe that he set a record of 27 cars, not a mean feat considering that most of the cars are weighted (to help performance) and there is an incline that the cars have to be pulled up on our layout.

In speaking with residents I was once again struck by the number of them who used to work on the railroads or had relatives who did. We tend to forget the fact that America's railroads were major employers throughout the country for many, many years.

There was another train show in Ocala in December. The annual "Trains at the Holidays" show took place at the Webber Center on the College of Central Florida's campus, and the show was highlighted by the Ocala Model Railroad Club's modular HO and N scale layouts. These layouts are shown at many of the area's train shows, and are pretty impressive.

The Ocala club also likes to see how many cars they can run at one time. They had multiple diesel units linked together on their N scale layout and pulled 46 coal cars around the track. I think our club needs to see if we can break that record.

The Christmas tree at the "Trains at the Holidays" show was an unusual looking one. Instead of having traditional Christmas ornaments, it had HO trains hanging from its branches. I suggested to my wife that we do that with our Christmas tree next year, but for some reason, she didn't agree with that idea.

If you went up to the Master the Possibilities building in December you would have seen the O scale trains that the club had running around the Christmas tree. It was only a simple circle this year, but we hope to have a larger O scale display for the holidays next year.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in model trains you're welcome to join us in our train room on the first floor of the Health & Recreation Building off the Fitness Center. We work on the layout and do standard maintenance Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Feel free to stop by.

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# Do You Really Need A New Air Conditioner?

By Dennis Hisey and Robert Colen

A few weeks ago, an upset On Top of the World homeowner visited the Customer Service office explaining that their air conditioning technician attempted to convince them that they needed a new air conditioning unit. He informed them that they had mold on their evaporator coil; the flames for their furnace were running inefficiently and due to many other problems, the unit needed to be replaced. All to the sum total of \$7,500.

The unit was just over five years old. After a closer look at the unit with an objective and trained certified technician, we found that the unit was actually running at its optimal capabilities and did not require any work, nor was there any mold. This same story repeated itself several times during the last few months of 2011. In fact, some residents informed us that they actually purchased a new air conditioning unit because their technician convinced them that they needed it.

After looking into several of these stories, we urge you to be very cautious when working with the selling service technician.

The unfortunate fact is that many air conditioning technicians receive a sales commission on top of their hourly wage as part of their earnings. Thus, there is an incentive to selling upgrades and providing additional services for your air conditioner

when they visit you. It is sad truth of life that we must be skeptical and keep our guard up. The best way to protect yourself is to be informed. We put together a few thoughts on how to best stay informed and know what to ask for when dealing with an air conditioning technician. If you have any questions, you can always e-mail us at warranty@otowfl.com.

AC manufacturers recommend regular maintenance; annual air conditioning check-ups in the spring, followed by furnace or heating system check-ups every fall. Although regular check-ups do not absolutely guarantee that a unit will continue to work perfectly throughout the season, they'll reveal small problems that can lead to major and far more expensive problems if left unattended. Additionally, all manufacturers of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment will request maintenance records when a warranty claim is filed.

## What should the maintenance service include?

**CHECK AND CALIBRATE THE THERMOSTAT:** Most digital thermostats are self-calibrating and extremely accurate.

**CHECK THE REFRIGERANT LEVEL:** contrary to popular belief, air conditioners do

not consume refrigerant (Freon) as a car consumes oil, so under ideal conditions it would never need changing or filling. Therefore, a low Freon level indicates a leak which should be repaired before adding more.

**CHECK ALL OF THE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS, CONTROLS, AND COMPONENTS:** faulty electric circuits can damage sensitive electrical components of your HVAC system. High operating voltage and amperage readings will shorten the life of your A/C. Damaged high voltage electrical (110-220V) wiring can cause severe injury or even death if left unattended.

They should check the motors and fan blades and lubricate the fan motors when needed. Some motors are maintenance free and do not require lubrication.

Fan blades should be checked for metal fatigue, damage, and proper balanced rotation. A damaged or improperly balanced fan blade will shorten the life of the fan motor, which could eventually lead to compressor damage.

**CHECK AND SERVICE THE FURNACE:** check all electrical circuits, controls, and components. Inspect the heat exchanger for cracks. A cracked heat exchanger will introduce carbon monoxide into the living space.

**CHECK THE DUCTWORK, REGISTERS, AND VENTS:** Beware of the "duct cleaning" sales pitch! Duct cleanings are often recommended. However, the EPA generally recommends against duct cleanings for duct board duct systems. You can read more about the EPA's recommendations at their website. In fact, the EPA's website warns, "Do not hire duct cleaners who make sweeping claims about the health benefits

of duct cleaning -- such claims are unsubstantiated."

Improperly cleaned ductwork can result in damage to the trunks and supply lines, which leads to a loss of efficiency; worse yet, it can result in ductwork replacement.

**CHECK AND REPLACE AIR FILTERS:** as a filter gets dirty over time, it begins to clog with dust, pollen, etc. A dirty filter means the AC fan motor has to work harder to move air through it, using more energy and costing more to operate.

The filter helps to clean the circulating air, which makes room cleaning easier and less frequent, helps improve indoor air quality, and helps provide relief to asthma and allergy sufferers.

The most important day of any air conditioner's life is the day of its installation. With proper installation, regular cleaning and maintenance, you can get 10 to 15 years of efficient operation from a modern central air conditioning system. Just take some precautions on who is servicing your air conditioning and be careful what you sign up for.

Stay tuned for AC and other home maintenance classes offered through Master the Possibilities this spring.



## 100 Grandparents

By Eleonora Buba

Our visit to Romeo Elementary on Jan. 12 was as sunny and warm as the students who greeted us. It seemed longer than a month that the grandparents were in the classrooms, and to some of us it appeared that the students had grown in one short month!

After our reading time in the classrooms, the assistant principal brought us up to date on recent and future events. First, thanks went out to all who donated knitted hats and scarves. They came in very handy during the first winter chill that hit Ocala in early January. Many of the students were in dire need of warm clothing as some arrived to school without a coat and even in shorts!

Thanks were also extended to the Women of the World for the board games donated. These are used as prizes for various

educational contests, the latest one being the vocabulary word contest. In an effort to improve word skills, vocabulary words are written on placards and hidden on campus. When a student finds one of the words, he or she returns it to the media room with its definition where his or her name is entered into a drawing for a board game. Another contest will revolve around math. What an excellent way to involve the entire school and motivate learning!

In February, there will be a "candy gram" event sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). "Candy grams" will be available for purchase (50 cents) and will be delivered to the recipient (teacher or student) on Valentine's Day. Our grandparents' visit will be on Feb. 9 and rest assured there will be more treats!

Pat Russell, who took on the project for collection of funds for new microscopes for Romeo's science laboratory was excited to announce that we have reached our goal. She will be placing the order. Well-done Pat.

January's collection of aluminum pop-tops, education labels and box tops from On Top of the World was outstanding! Thank you all so very much! The grand-

parents and Romeo Elementary really applaud your support!

The backpack program is always in need of cereals, pop-top canned soups/pastas, tuna fish, Spam, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, etc. These may be delivered to Elliott and Marlyn Barbours' home (8680-H SW 94th Street) and placed in a tote located on their front porch. The Barbours deliver the food to the church where the backpacks are assembled for Romeo and Dunnellon Elementary children and returned to the schools on Fridays.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank our substitute grandparents who rounded out our January roster. Subbing may not seem very important but if you ever saw the disappointment on the children's faces when they don't have a grandparent reader, you would realize just how important it truly is. If you want to get information about becoming a permanent or substitute grandparent, please contact Barbara Greenwood at 861-2539 for more information. Happy Valentine's Day!

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## Food For Thought

By Don Hall

Another holiday season has come and passed and we return to some sense of normalcy. In our restaurants and catering, it means a return to business as usual.

We have done an evaluation of menus at both The Pub and Candler Hills Restaurant and are in the process of making changes. We want to refresh the menu with what we hope will be new favorites. At Candler Hills Restaurant, we are removing the section of spuds and replacing with flatbread pizzas, which will include some new items such as Thai chicken and grilled chicken Caesar along with Hawaiian and classic margherita.

In addition, we have started our sundowner menu, which is available Monday through Saturday, 3 p.m. until close. Our entrées start at \$8.99 and we are sure there is something on the menu for everyone. Fajitas are available every day and include your choice of chicken, beef or shrimp.

We are selling tickets for our Mardi Gras event at Candler Hills Restaurant on Sunday, Feb. 19. Our menu will feature seafood gumbo, authentic mulletta, beignets

and bananas foster. In addition, our entertainment features a psychic to let you know your good fortunes and a magician who will regale you with prestidigitation. And the music will be an authentic New Orleans style jazz band. We are limiting ticket sales to the first 100 people and the price is \$25 per person inclusive.

At both The Pub and Candler Hills Restaurant, we have added Coors Light to our on tap beer menu and at Candler Hills you will also see Killians Irish Red. That gives a total of five beers on tap at The Pub and seven at Candler Hills, which gives us one of the best tap beer selections around.

At The Pub, we have added personal size pizzas to the menu and are running daily specials that have done very well. There have been a number of requests to bring back wrap style sandwiches there so we have included those also.

Happy hour will be at the Health & Recreation Ballroom the third Friday of each month and we are planning on offering some limited food items out of The Pub kitchen for that event. Those items will include pizza by the slice, fries, wings and some sandwich offerings.

We will be having our Valentine's Day couple's dinner at Candler Hills Restaurant on Tuesday, Feb. 14 and the cost will be \$60 per couple. The menu is outstanding and can be viewed on the restaurant page of the community web site. Please make reservations early due to limited seating and ensure that you and your special someone has a romantic evening to remember.

We hope to see you soon at The Pub or Candler Hills Restaurant.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

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ter for the Arts in downtown Ocala with breakfast, hot chocolate, etc. The tour's finish line will be at 4 p.m. on the Circle Square Commons Town Square.

This is also a chance to meet the artist of our horse - Inspiration - Mary Verrandeaux. If you would like to participate in the rally, get a "Tour de Horse" card and map at Artful Gifts in Circle Square Commons or go to [www.Ocala.com/Horsefever](http://www.Ocala.com/Horsefever) to find each horse. Or call Marion Cultural Alliance at 369-1500 for more information.

### Winter Weather & Shrubbery

December was cold and dreary. January was much more temperate. It's all part of the cycle of weather. At least the cold knocks down the pest populations.

So what do you do with shocked and droopy plants in your landscape beds? The original plantings installed in your neighborhood at the time of construction were selected for their cold and drought hardiness. Sudden and severe cold weather may cause some plants to brown and leaves to curl.

Do not uproot plants affected by the cold. They will surprise you with their recovery. Neither should they be pruned back until mid-April. There may be several more periods of cold and possible frost.

Pruning at this point will spur plant growth that is vulnerable to the cold. Rather, wait until mid-April to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Cen-

tral Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter so be forewarned.

### Safety Tip

If you are using a space heater, make sure it is well away from any combustible object. Avoid overloading an electrical outlet with appliances, extension cords, and especially a space heater. Overloading any electrical outlet can be a sure prescription for a fire.

Proper service on your heating and air conditioning systems (HVAC) is a must do. Improperly operating heat strips (on reverse cycle units/heat pumps) can malfunction and may become a fire hazard. These need to be checked by a licensed and insured air conditioning and heating professional, ideally prior to the cooler weather.

Want to conserve electricity? February is a good time to clean out your dryer vent pipe. Lint can become clogged in the vent pipe, reducing dryer efficiency (so that's why it takes an hour to dry a 20 minute load!). Even more to the point, collected lint can become a fire hazard!

Cleaning is not complicated. Moving the dryer may be the hardest part. Disconnect the vent hose from the dryer and the wall vent. Use a vacuum cleaner to suction the vent hose, or you may choose to replace it entirely. Use the vacuum to suction the wall vent as well. If you've never done this before, the vent pipe may need a top down cleaning.



### Lions Club

By Eloise Hollyfield

PDG Lion Estelle Clark held an open house on New Year's Day for fellow Lions Club members, family and friends. Being a Southern lady, she served the traditional meal for this special day: ham; black-eyed peas; rice; biscuits, and, of course, many different types of desserts, including homemade pecan pie, and beverages! Hors d'oeuvre offerings included crackers with a nice selection of cheeses and olives. It was a lovely event where old friends came togeth-

er and new ones were made - the perfect way to start the New Year!

Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, residents were asked to contribute toys to needy children. Contributors chose an angel-shaped paper from the tree that said, for example, "Girl, ages 3-5" and then returned to place a gift under the tree located in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. Toys were picked up at the home of Lion Wendy Phillips on Dec. 17, with a second run required on Dec. 20. Over 300 toys were contributed! The On Top of the World Lions Club's gift donations project was a wonderful success!

Residents donated more than 300 gifts for underprivileged children. Members hope that these gifts will bring some measure of happiness to those families who may have otherwise had little to brighten their holidays. A special thanks goes out to Mike Connolly, Fire Station #21, who picked up the gifts for delivery to the children.

Members worked with the Florida Center for the Blind to aid in their holiday baskets project. They offer their thanks to Wal-Mart (on SR200), Winn-Dixie, Pete's Produce, and Sweetbay Grocery (Bellevue) for their help in supplying contents for these baskets.

On Dec. 13, the Lions Club enjoyed a lovely Christmas party. Members contributed to the contents of a delicious buffet consisting of: turkey; ham; mashed potatoes; yams; green beans; salads; breads; and a host of tasty desserts. Each member brought an unmarked gift, and when a member's number was called, he or she chose his or her gift. However, if a participant didn't open his/her gift, an exchange could take place with one already opened, etc. All in all, everyone had a great time!

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### Keeping It Green

By Phillip B. Hisey

By this time last year we had quite a few really cold days with consistent snaps down in the lower twenties while this year I can only think of two days so far with the bone chilling cold. Getting ready for the spring flush may be on everyone's mind with the warmer than usual winter we have had so far but be cautious of trying to get a jump on the spring flush and applying your fertilizer too early.

Towards the end of March or in the beginning of April, temperatures typically start to level off and the threat of frost is mostly over. By county ordinance 08-35,

applications of fertilizer are limited to one pound of slow release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, not exceeding three pounds of nitrogen per year. You want to use a product that has at least 50% slow release nitrogen and has sulfur. I prefer the John Deere/Lesco products. They make a 12-2-14 that is good for your lawn and shrubs and a 9-0-24 that is good for your lawn.

Weed and feed applications are also popular this time of year. In my opinion, you should avoid weed and feed applications to avoid stressing your lawn. Your grass is starting to come out of the winter dormancy. Depending on the winter we have had, the cold weather could have had an effect on roots and the severity of fungal pathogens.

With the mild winter we saw fungal problems stretching into January. This was mostly because of the warmer temperatures and proper atmosphere for fungal production. Fungus is going to be a bear this

spring because of the mild winter. Make sure you are prepared by letting your pest control company know or by taking action yourself and start treatments if warmer conditions continue.

Take All Root Rot and Zoysia Patch or Brown Patch will be popping up everywhere and will wreak havoc on lawns if not preventively treated or properly diagnosed and treated. If you had fungal problems last year, look to those same spots this year for similar issues. Be on the lookout for spots that are yellow or have a yellowish ring around them.

Other indicators may be spots that after the application of fertilizer is made they still won't green up. Make sure your pest control company avoids spot applications. If possible, entire lawn treatments will be better for you. Preventative applications of fungicide are part of best management practices ... don't wait until there is a problem to take action.

The best time to prune the Crape Myrtle is around this time of year. Crape Myrtles bloom on new growth so by pruning off old growth you can create more areas for new growth to promote flowering. Also, the plant is dormant at this time making

it easier to shape and not deal with all of the leaves. There are many studies to suggest the proper pruning methods for Crape Myrtles but the studies do not show conclusive evidence that one way is better than the other. The method I propose for residents to follow is the "pencil pruning" method. Basically, you remove all branches smaller than a pencil.

Lastly, here is some information for the residents who were and may still be interested in the lawn maintenance program that I spoke of a few months ago. We are continuing to work on this idea and will be piloting the program for a few months on our own models, spec homes and visitation homes to see if:

1. We can be competitive in the market;
2. If our expectations can be met because we don't want to settle for less;
3. Make sure this is a business we will be successful at with making our customers happy with the end product.

More to come in the following months. Talk to you next month!



### Native Plant Group

By Ron Broman

Mulch! "A protective covering spread or left on the ground to reduce evaporation, maintain even soil temperature, prevent erosion, control weeds or enrich soil."

It's that time of year when most plants have "decided" to lie low, (or it's been decided for them), play or be dead and wait for more comfortable conditions. I've decided, therefore, to write about mulching.

The piece I'm plagiarizing is called "God's Garden Is Not Good Enough." The author is unknown.

Imagine this conversation between the Creator and St. Francis:

"Frank, you know about gardens and nature. What is happening there on earth to the dandelions, violets, thistles and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The blossoms attracted butterflies, honeybees and songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are green rectangles.

It's the tribes that settled, Lord: The Suburbanites. They called your flowers weeds, killed them and replaced them with grass. Grass? It's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperature. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass?

Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to keep it green by fertilizing and poisoning any other plant that crops up.

The spring rains and cool weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it.

They cut it? Then they bale it like hay? Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it and put it in bags.

They bag it? Do they sell it? No, sir. They pay to throw it away.

Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. When it does, they cut it and pay to throw it away?

Yes, sir. These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat.

That slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

You aren't going to believe this Lord. When the grass slows down, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

What nonsense! At least they kept some trees. That was a stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground forming a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. They rot, and the leaves form

compost to complete the natural circle of life.

Better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and have them hauled away.

No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and keep the soil moist and loose?

After throwing away your leaves, they buy something they call mulch, haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

And where do they get this mulch?

They cut down trees and grind them up. Enough. I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of arts and entertainment. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

Dumb and Dumber, Lord. It's a really stupid movie about ... never mind, I think I just heard the whole story."

Nuff said.

Our program for February is with Claudia Larsen, owner and manager of the native plant nursery Micanopy Wildflowers. She will be sharing her well-earned knowledge about how to get new plants started. You won't want to miss this one on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m., in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center. Come join us to enjoy growing native!

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### Birders' Beat

By Anne Merrick

On Thursday, Feb. 23, Conrad and Ann Massa will lead a trip to the Citrus County Landfill to see eagles. We will meet at the Health & Recreation parking lot at 8:15 a.m. or before to carpool. There needs to be four to a vehicle since access is limited. Lunch will be at Stumpknockers in Inverness.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Christmas bird count was held. What a cold day again but we are intrepid. The group I was in set out in our golf carts roaming the area. Hot chocolate at The Pub warmed us up a bit. We then went on by car until lunchtime at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli where I had half a sandwich and a most delicious pea and ham soup.

Stone Creek was next where a lot of birds were seen. We covered various barely accessible areas before coming back to do our tally. Fourteen groups covered South Marion County by both land and water counting 107 species and 17,737 individual birds. Not bad.

Norm Lantz who has coordinated this effort for many years is retiring from the job so if anyone is interested in taking over, please contact him at 854-5713.

The Great Horned Owl is a large owl 18 to 25 inches long with a 35 to 60-inch wingspan. Their feathery ear tufts give them their name. They have horizontal breast barring with gray to brown, mottled bodies with sharp, black talons and beaks and large, round, gold eyes. Their face has a dark outline with a lighter brown center and sometimes a white bib under the chin. The male weighs about three-pounds, the female about four and a half.



Photo by Melanie Vittitow

### Great Horned Owl near Melanie's home.

They eat a large variety of small mammals and medium-sized birds. They sometimes eat fish, large insects and scavenge road-killed animals.

The Great Horned Owls are wide spread. They are often found in forests, woodlands and scrublands.

They possibly mate for life, beginning at two-years-old. They have large territories which both defend from others of their species. They use abandoned stick nests of another bird, on cliffs or occasionally in hollow trees. Nesting occurs early in the spring, when the snow is still on the ground. The owls find a new nest each year. The young are so active that they destroy their nests.

The female typically lays a clutch of two to three eggs. Both sexes take turns incubating for about one month. The young owls are almost fully feathered and capable of short flights around eight weeks of age.

If you enjoy looking at birds and like the outdoors, join us on one of our trips. Even if you know nothing, there are friendly, expert birders in our group who are willing to help you learn. Call Anne at 732-0706 for more information.



### SPCA

By Maria Devine

Have you ever wondered what the SPCA does with its donations, bequests, and fundraising? Besides helping needy individuals with medical bills, food and such, the SPCA donates to various animal welfare organizations that need funds for special projects or enhancements to their facilities. Here is the list of groups that we helped in 2011: Marion County Animal Center; Pet Network, Inc.; The Horse Protection Association; Back to the Wild; The Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS); South Ocala Animal Center; SPCA International; Patriot Service Dogs; and U.S. War Dogs.

Some of the things these groups are doing with the donations may be of interest to you. The Marion County Animal Center is building a new cat and kitten enclosure. The Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary is expanding and upgrading their bird enclosures. Doctors in South Ocala are treating pets of the homeless. We have sponsored a service dog from Patriot Service Dogs to undergo

training to be a companion animal to a military serviceman or woman with a disability. Finally, U.S. War Dogs help bring a war dog back from Iraq.

We hope this list lets you know that your generous donations are put to good use throughout the year. You may donate to the SPCA by sending a check to: SPCA of Marion County, Inc., 8501B SW 93rd Lane, Ocala, Fla. 34481. You can also help us out by supporting us at our various fundraisers throughout the year, such as Rags to Riches, the Club Fair and book sales we hold from time to time.

Also, you may join our organization for \$15 for an individual or \$25 for a family, per year. You don't have to come to the meetings if you join, although we'd love to have you there. We know that some people have conflicts with other things they're doing. You'd still get on our e-mail list and can help us at our functions. And your annual dues go a long way in helping the animals.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 16 in Suite H of the Arbor Conference Center, at 1 p.m. Maybe now that you're familiar with some of the groups we support, you may want to come join us and help make a difference in the lives of the animals and people they help all year long.

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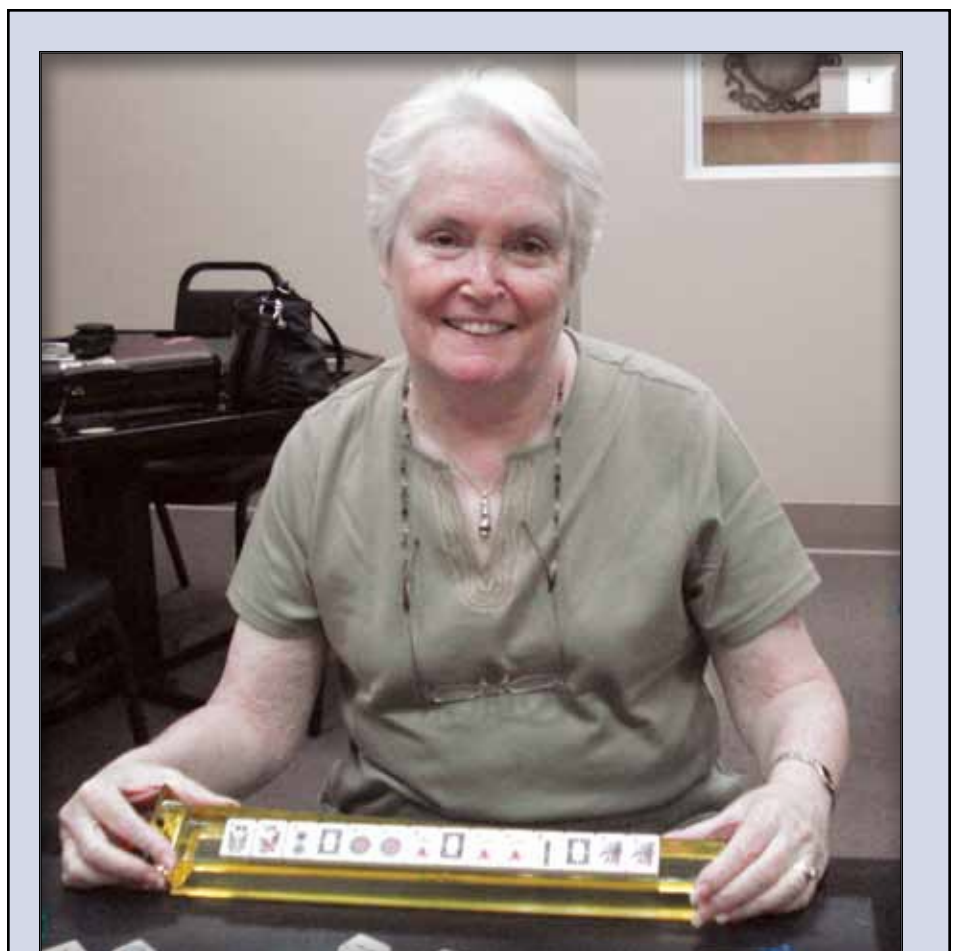


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On Thursday, Dec. 1, Nancy Scott made the best Mah Jongg hand that could be made. Congratulations Nancy!

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## Women of the World

By Maureen Corr

Women of the World kicked off the New Year with their meeting on Friday, Jan. 6, at the Health & Recreation Ballroom.

Our speaker for the meeting was Dean Blinkhorn, editor of Ocala Good Life magazine. Dean gave an interesting talk on setting up the magazine and how articles are selected for an issue. One of the articles in this month's magazine was about the Veterans Honor Flight and another was about "Dirty Divas," who are women who ride bikes on a trail in nearby Santos. Dean had some interesting stories to tell about each group and, in the case of the veterans, how important this project is!

During the meeting, sales were brisk for the March luncheon/fashion show, which

benefits Hospice of Marion County. One of the big fundraisers at the luncheon is the raffle of theme baskets and our president, Marsha Vieu, had a selection of baskets for members to take home. We hope members are getting together with friends and/or neighbors to put together a basket.

Our treasurer, Eileen Kreps, is the head of our nominating committee for new officers for the coming year. Members are asked to consider running for office and any of the officers will be glad to share their experiences. If anyone has any questions or suggestions for an office, please call Eileen.

The charity for the Friday, Feb. 3 meeting is Marion County Senior Services and items they request are paper products, cleaning supplies and toiletries. Our speaker will be Barbara Leonard, who will speak on autism.

As you all know, Women of the World is open to all women in On Top of the World and we hope to see you there! The meeting is at 1 p.m. but members come around 12:30 p.m. to socialize and have a few refreshments.



## Southern Club

By Joanie Bolling

The Arbor Club was the meeting place for the Southern Club on Thursday, Jan. 5. The dinner bell rang promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Special thanks to Opal Stroud and Melanie Vittitow for additional phone calls and e-mails informing our members regarding the change of location; Linda Ward and Mary Carol Geck for transporting supplies for the set-up tables and Barbara Schnurr for displaying attractive centerpieces each month.

The round dining tables were decorated with black top hats, horns encircled with silver tinsel to set the mood for an evening of merriment.

Sondra Bayliff and Marie McNeill were first time guests and a cordial welcome was extended to them.

After all the holiday goodies, we returned to our normal delicious types of Southern cooking. Some new items added this month were a ham/cheese casserole, homemade chili and a dip that didn't last long. On the dessert table were varieties of cakes along with fresh fruit and trays of chocolate covered dates stuffed with pecans. Yum, yum!

The Circle Square dancers were our guests showing off their colorful costumes while there was plenty of hand clapping and toe-tapping from the audience. Their callers, Don and Loretta Hanhurt, called two sets and then asked for volunteers from our club to participate. The "new dancers"

were Bob Bland, Jean Munroe, Marie McNeill, Eddie and Barbara Schnurr, Richard and Carol Thompson and Melanie Vittitow. As they joined in, they danced as if they were "regulars" of this energetic group.

Being Southern, sometimes we take everyday things for granted, such as:

- Front porches with rockers
- Tea that is sweet with emphasis on "sweet"
- Hot dogs with homemade Southern chow-chow
- "Y'all" is a proper noun
- Chicken is fried and biscuits come with gravy
- Summer begins in April
- Pecan pie is a "staple"
- Everything is "darling"
- Someone's "heart" is always being blessed
- And most important, being recognized by your "Southern drawl!"

It was decided for our upcoming March meeting, no tickets would be sold for a corn beef and cabbage dinner. However, everyone is asked to bring dinner to suit their taste buds. Additional contacts will be made next month.

The February meeting will be held at the Health & Recreation Ballroom on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 5:30 p.m. with coffee and tea provided. Our entertainment will be "The Bubbles" of On Top of the World.

As we begin another year, may we look forward to having fun, fellowship and to broaden our circle of friends. So, here's wishing that 2012 will be the best, happiest and healthiest ever. Until next month, enjoy life - y'all.

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## Single Women Active Network

By Diane Knox

Now that the holidays are over SWAN is looking forward to spring. We hope that February will be the last of the cold months. We are all looking forward to re-forming new groups and having the new members join us for the fun activities this spring.

As always, breakfast at The Pub is held on the first Saturday of the month. This is always a lot of fun and besides the good food there is good conversation and fellowship. At our last breakfast, some of the new SWAN members were discussing the

possibility of trying out the newly remodeled miniature golf course.

On New Year's Eve, some of the ladies got together to see the New Year in by watching movies and participating in the Southern tradition of eating foods that are said to bring good luck in the coming year. They ate pork, black-eyed peas, collard greens and a portion of sauerkraut with a penny hidden in it. It was believed that the person that got the penny in her portion would have extra good luck in the New Year.

The date for the semi-annual meeting has now been set and will be held at the Arbor Club on Friday, March 16, at 1 p.m. Please mark your calendar. We are all looking forward to the new activities and the forming of new groups.

## Singles Club

By Lorraine Serwan

Welcome to February. There are lots of special days this month: Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, Washington's Birthday, and the Singles Club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9.

At the meeting, we'll have a visit from Kitti Surrette, from the On Top of the

World Fitness Center, who will lead us in a "sit and be fit" exercise. This is great for those of us who can't get around too easily.

The potluck lunch with the other singles clubs on the SR 200 Corridor has been postponed until some time in March. More details to come in next month's column.

Please join us in Suites G and H of the Arbor Conference Center on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. We always welcome new members. Bring a friend and make some new ones.

## New England Club

By Peg Corkum

Yes, we are back! So many people showed an interest, that Donnamarie Frechette spearheaded the reorganization of our club. The first meeting was held on Dec. 15, 2011. After socializing and getting-to-know-you, it was deemed feasible to proceed with nominations and election of club officers.

Elected officers are Donnamarie (Castellano) Frechette, president; Martha Riberty, treasurer; Jeannie Lombardi, secre-

tary. Please note that the position of vice president is still open.

The vision of the newly elected board is to reach out to On Top of the World residents with ties to a New England state, and to provide new, friendly and enjoyable activities each month. Please contact any of the club officers if you would like more information. Better yet, come to the next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., (refreshments will be served) in the Arbor Club Ballroom.

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## Concert Chorus

By Bill Shampine

After a short break, the On Top of the



Photo by Bill Shampine

Christine Douglas

World Concert Chorus has started rehearsals for its spring concert. It should be a good one, and we are excited about working on it with our new director.

I told you last month that Christine Douglas has been selected as the director of the chorus. She brings a lot of experience to the job, and we are so pleased.

Christine was born in Appleton, Wisc. She went to the University of Wisconsin, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. For graduate school, she went to the University of Texas, and earned a Master's degree in voice and music education.

After graduating with her Master's degree, she became a teacher teaching chorus and drama at the middle school level. She taught in many different locations over the years, but the last 17 years of her working career were at a school in Shawnee Mission, Kan.

Retiring last spring, Christine moved to Fore Ranch in Ocala in August to be closer to her family. Not content to just sit around, Christine continues to work, providing private lessons for voice and piano. She also was a church organist in Kansas for 16 years, and has continued that effort here in Ocala. So, as you can see, she is a



Photo by Mike Roppel

Members of the Concert Chorus singing at the Christmas concert.

talented and highly skilled lady, and we are delighted she is willing to serve as our director.

We're still interested in increasing the size of the chorus. You should consider joining us. If you think you would enjoy

singing with us, please call JoAnn Nyren at 216-2533 or Suzanne Womack at 873-4643, or contact any chorus member for more information. We practice Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ya'll come on down!



## Opera

By Bernie Kelly

In January, the Opera Appreciation Class saw Rossini's opera, "La Cenerentola," a retelling of the legend of Cinderella. What made it more special was that we were watching it on a 50-inch TV screen that was donated to the class by Aaron Hertz. I'm sure everyone present appreciated Aaron's generosity.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, we meet again in Meeting Room 3 to study Verdi's "Rigoletto," at 1 p.m.

Verdi was born in La Roncole, Italy, on Oct. 10, 1813. When he was still a child, the family moved to the larger town of Busseto. This was advantageous for young Verdi because of the existence of a large library

belonging to the local Jesuit school. He was given his first lessons in composition in his new town.

Verdi's operatic composing began in 1839 with "Oberto," which had some success at La Scala. His next work was a failure and he had to be convinced to try again. With the performance of "Nabucco" in 1842, Verdi became famous and the operas came very quickly.

During what Verdi called his galley years, he wrote 14 operas. At the end of this period, Verdi composed one of his greatest, "Rigoletto," in 1851. The libretto had to be revised several times before it got by the censorship of that day. The opera quickly became a great success and today is in the basic repertory of all the major opera houses. In two years, two of his greatest operas were staged, "Il Trovatore" in Rome and "La Traviata" in Venice. These, like "Rigoletto," are presented by the Met and other prominent companies regularly today.

There were seven more works to come with "Aida" being the most famous and the most successful then and still today. A few

years after "Aida," he was coaxed out of retirement by a libretto done by Arrigo Boito based on the Shakespeare play, "Othello." Verdi's opera is "Otello" and was a success. It is regularly staged today. "Falstaff," his next and last, was also from Shakespeare and a comedy, Verdi's only one. It was completed and staged when Verdi was 80.

Our production of "Rigoletto" is a 2008 performance at Sächsische Staatskapelle Dresden. We have an international cast: Peruvian Juan Diego Flórez sings the tenor role of the duke; German-born Diane Damarau, sings the role of Gilda, the daughter of Rigoletto; and Zeljko Lucic, who is a Serbian baritone and specialist in Verdi operas, sings the role of the jester, Rigoletto, and he is scheduled to sing "Rigoletto" at the Met this season. Our conductor is Fabio Luisi who has been named the principal conductor of the Met to replace James Levine.

We have a first-rate performance of a great opera for February. Remember, we are now in Meeting Room 3. See you all there.



## Karaoke Friends

By Vivian Brown

As we gathered together for the first time this year, everyone seemed to still be in the holiday mood as laughter and chatter filled the room. Everyone seemed to be ready to try something new.

Vince introduced a great new song by Neal Diamond, which he did very well, and Daryl sang a beautiful new song. Bob and Norma sang a duet.

Kathy sang to Charlie. Sindy sang to Richie. Rudy sang as only he can, great! We now have two Shirleys, one and two, they are both very good. Jerry who is Sinatra's kind of guy tried something new.

Thank you Charlie for your great equipment, that makes us all sound better. I must mention a wonderful little friend of Sindy's who slept through the evening.

Remember we meet the first and third Mondays of the month from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

Until next time, keep on singing and God bless.

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## Bloodmobile

By Sara Sommer

January is almost gone. How are you coming on your New Year's resolutions? Hopefully, one of yours was to give blood this year.

You can keep that resolution on Monday, Feb. 6. The Big Red Bus will be in the Health & Recreation parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Each donor will receive a free movie ticket from Fandango and a free game of bowling from AMF Bowling.

My husband and I took advantage of our free movie tickets this month. What a great way to see a movie and only having to pay for the popcorn!

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# The Movie Club Presents 'Dolphin Tail'

By Mary Ehle

Please note that the next movie will be shown on Sunday, Feb. 5. This is the first Sunday instead of the usual one.

This will be potluck with the club supplying meatballs and sausage. Please bring a dish of food to share and your drink and table service. The dinner starts promptly at

5:15 p.m. so come by 5 p.m.

We will be showing "Dolphin Tail" This is a true story and stars Morgan Freeman, Harry Connick, Jr. and Ashley Judd. Cost to non-members is \$2, payable at the door in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. The movie starts at 6 p.m.

## Sunshine Quilters

By Tekla Krause

Anticipation ran high at the Sunshine Quilters when our new president Lana Kuler announced her plans for upcoming trips and workshops. We will be having more "sew-ins" on Tuesday mornings in the Art Room, which will consist of workshops as well as "sit and sew" on our own projects. The beginner quilting classes will continue throughout the coming year with several different members sharing their knowledge. For more information, please contact Renee Aden at 861-9951. She is coordinating the lessons and can give you a good idea of the topics and times.

Our secretary, Pat Szabo, announced our club delivered 151 comfort quilts in 2011 to several area agencies. They included the Sheriff's Department, Guardian

Ad Litem, Marion County Child Advocacy Center, Marion County School Board's Homeless Children Program and the Domestic Violence Shelter. Thanks to all the members who put in so much time and effort into making these beautiful quilts. You are so talented and generous!

We are continuing our comfort quilt workshops by making a lovely pattern called "half square triangle beauty." Thanks again to Renee for organizing this workshop and helping us to complete our project. The kits were made by several members and distributed after the business meeting. We have all promised to wait to work on these together.

"Many hands make light work." We love the camaraderie of working together. We always welcome new members. If you have an interest in quilting, stop by any Tuesday morning at the Art Room to meet us and see what we do. We'd love to have you.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Sewing Bees enjoying their Christmas luncheon.



## Sewing Bees

By Linda Lohr

all that we do without the contributions of the residents here at On Top of the World, as well as from the entire community.

If you are interested in helping the children, please stop by our hive on Thursdays, from noon to 3:30 p.m. in the Art Room. We would be pleased to show you our projects.

If you no longer sew but have cotton fabric, fiberfill or batting cluttering up your closets, please consider donating the materials to the Sewing Bees. We will put it to good use!

Please contact Marcy at 854-1181, or LeeAnn at 854-7205, for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.



## Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

By Linda Lohr

Our recent get together on Thursday, Jan. 5 was presented by Jet Messer and Kathy Hoefer. Both demonstrators were very generous, providing all the materials for two graduation cards, a Mickey Mouse card and a Minnie Mouse card. The latter two cards can be finished with the sentiment of our choice.

Our group is open to all crafters, beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group usually meets the first and third Thursdays of the month. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, please give me a call at 873-



Photo by Linda Lohr

Graduation card.

9872. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!

The New Year is moving right along and the hive is hummin'. Our goal is to meet or exceed our 1,304 items donated last year by our dedicated Bees.

Our mission is to bring some comfort to the many abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. As we have said many times, we could not accomplish



## Artistic Crafts & Gifts

By Loretta Troutman

20 were: Broadway, who won the eyeglass case; Shirley Haskell, who won the pretty button pin; A. Krueger, who won the butterfly leaded glass design; and W. Frye, who won three knitted dish cloths.

Our crafters are busy thinking spring and are making items in spring-like colors and designs. You can see the change in the handbags Audrey Clapper displays. Also, the ladies making jewelry have your spring wardrobe in mind with necklaces, earrings and bracelets to wear with your pastel tops and dresses. Jackie has knitted beautiful robes with matching caps for the new babies arriving in spring.

I'll bet you'll find something to compliment your newly painted walls as well. Did you know that Frances has even tatted shamrocks to herald the coming season?

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**Larry's Fit Tips**

By Larry Robinson

**The Three Bs**

Older adults should be aware of the "three Bs" of wellness: body weight, body composition, and blood pressure. Body weight and body composition can influence blood pressure, which we all know is an indicator of being at risk for serious health conditions such as stroke and heart attack.

Blood pressure is the tension placed on the inside of the walls of arteries to keep blood flowing. Blood pressure is measured by two numbers, one displayed over the other. The top number, systolic blood pressure, measures the force while the heart beats. The bottom number, diastolic blood pressure, measures the force between heart beats. The recommended healthy blood pressure for adults is 120/80. When blood pressure gets too high, you might be diagnosed with hypertension (high blood pressure).

Most of the time hypertension or high blood pressure has no noticeable symptoms; that is why it is often referred to as "the silent killer."

It's important to note the difference between body weight and body composition, they represent two very different things. The weight of your body is easily measured on a basic bathroom scale and is a good general indicator of whether or not you are at a healthy weight. Carrying excess body fat is a risk factor for many dangerous dis-

eases such as heart disease and diabetes.

Body composition, on the other hand, is a bit more difficult to measure (there are several ways to measure this, some requiring very specialized equipment) but will give you an indication of the relationship of lean mass to fat mass you have on your body. Body composition takes the body weight number you get from your bathroom scale and breaks it down into how much of your weight comes from fat tissue and how much comes from healthy tissue (muscle and bone). Perhaps we should change our thinking from "I need to lose weight" to "I need to lose fat!" It is critical that we maintain our muscle mass and bone density; therefore, a wellness plan for weight loss needs to focus on reducing fat while preserving lean mass.

If you feel like you're slowing down a little as you age, you may be right, specifically your metabolism. Metabolism is the process through which your body uses

energy (calories) to maintain itself. When your metabolism slows down, you don't use as much energy (calories) as you once did. Unused calories turn into stored fat and we now know that too much extra fat is not a good thing, often influencing the "three Bs" of fitness in a negative way.

Exercise is a critical component for keeping your "three Bs" healthy! Staying active will help support a healthy body composition; maintain muscle mass and bone density while reducing body fat. Those in turn will support healthy blood pressure. There is no doubt that staying active helps to keep blood pressure healthy and the numbers on

your scale where they should be.

**FIT TIP #1:** Check your "three Bs!" We can do that for you at the Health & Recreation Fitness Center. We can measure your blood pressure, body composition, and body weight.

**FIT TIP #2:** A small effort to exercising can pay off with big rewards. Come see me if you need some assistance. I will be happy to give you some ideas on beginning an exercise program.

**FIT TIP #3:** Be mindful of your nutrition. Cutting back on fat and sugar in your diet will help prevent excess fat which leads to an unhealthy body composition.

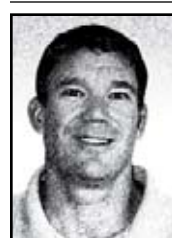
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**Back at The Ranch**

By David Gibas

The second month of the New Year is here... how are you doing with your health and wellness goals? For many of us, shedding unwanted holiday pounds are a priority during this time of year and The Ranch Fitness Center is certainly a great place to help accomplish that.

It's important to remember that your diet will have a very big influence on your weight loss success. Over the years, I've

seen many people get discouraged because they begin an exercise program but don't get the weight loss results they want. That is because they did not put the effort into making dietary changes along with their exercise.

The Ranch wants you to be successful and we want to be a resource for all your health and wellness needs. Here are some important nutritional tips that have proven to help with not only losing and maintain a healthy weight; but also ensure that your body is getting "nutrient dense" foods. Nutrient density refers to foods that are low in calories but high in nutrient value. Read on to help get your diet on track!

- Eating right isn't complicated - think "nutrient density"
- The best nutrition advice is based on science.
- Get your food and nutrition facts from the experts.
- Don't fall prey to food myths and fad diets.
- Read food labels to make nutrient dense choices
- Balance macro-nutrients (carbohydrates, proteins and fats).
- Put color (vegetables and fruit) on every plate of food you prepare.
- "My Plate" is a great way to help with nutrient balancing and portion control ([www.myplate.gov](http://www.myplate.gov)).



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**Fitness Happenings**

By Cammy Dennis

**A Kickboxing Class that Kicks Butt!**

I am delighted to highlight one of our group fitness classes here at the Health & Recreation Building: KB KB (Kick Butt Kick Boxing). This class literally packs a punch!

Han Dong, who is a resident, instructs KB KB. In witnessing the KB KB students at the end of their classes, it became clear to me that this energized group is gaining something in addition to the regular benefits of physical activity. Read on for an interesting and inspiring discussion I had with Han Dong, the creator and instructor of Kick Butt Kick Boxing.

**Q.** How long have you been a fitness professional and specifically how long have you been teaching kickboxing classes?

**A.** I have been teaching martial arts for 25 years, achieving a fourth degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. I have been teaching aerobic kickboxing for over 21 years.

**Q.** What drew you to martial arts?

**A.** As an adolescent and young adult, I always felt insecure regarding my safety and confidence. Martial arts offered training for me to conquer these things and learn at my own pace. I was fortunate to have instructors who allowed me to maintain interest over the years.

**Q.** I love the name and message of your class: Kick Butt Kick Boxing "aerobics with an attitude." What was your inspiration for the class?

**A.** Having been involved in fitness for many years and attending different types of classes, I've learned that most students feel intimidated beginning a class that has a lot of special moves; thus, they will not continue with the class, finding it too difficult for them and they drop out.

My approach was to create a class using the skills from martial arts so that anyone entering the class at any level can successfully complete the program without feeling intimidated. The testimony of this success is the growth of the KB KB class over the last year and the number of students who have continued to work out and come back to class week after week.

"It's a great cardio workout and a great class for men because it's so athletic. I also take away the knowledge of learning how to kick and punch," explains Paul O., a KB KB student.

**Q.** In your view what do your students gain from the KB KB classes?

**A.** I believe the students attend the class because they understand the value of being

active. Secondly, once they are in the program they find it's easy to perform. Thirdly, for most of the techniques that are executed an explanation is also provided as to the purpose of the movement and the effect that is gained. Not only is the student working out but they are also learning something that they might possibly use in a real life situation. Most importantly, the class is conducted so that everyone will have fun.

"I have been doing KB KB for approximately a year and my cholesterol has dropped 24 points! My doctor says I'm doing something right!" explains Jane C., a KB KB student.

**Q.** On Top of the World is a Champion Organization for "Changing the Way We Age" campaign, led by the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA). I think your class showcases exactly how age

should not define who we are and what we do; rather discovering what we are capable of regardless of age. Can you speak to how you feel about staying active as you age?

**A.** Many of the people in this community realize that staying fit will enhance and prolong their lives. The students that attend class have told me how the KB KB fitness program has increased their ability for other daily activities such as climbing stairs and yard work. Most of the students that attend class never thought they would

be kicking and punching in retirement. The activities in KB KB mimic life's everyday movements. Many of the students have expressed how grateful they are to have found something to expose them to the fun of fitness as well as the benefits of fitness.

"Along with the great exercise, KB KB is extremely confidence-building. Han's instructing style is discipline with kindness. His energy is amazing, it makes you punch harder and kick higher," explains Jane B., a KB KB student.

**HEALTH & RECREATION FITNESS SCHEDULE**

Effective Feb. 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 Aerobics Rm	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video	Oxycise-Video
8:00-8:50	Cardio Mix	Strength & Stretch	Cardio-Kick & Tone	Strength & Stretch	Dance Party
Aerobics Room	Jessica	Cammy	Jessica	Cammy	Jessica
9:00-9:50	Core and More	Tai Chi	Stretch for the Stars	Chair Yoga	Strictly Strength
Aerobics Room	Jessica	Mary Pat	Jessica	Jennifer	Larry
10:00-10:45	Balanced Body	'KB KB' Kick boxing	Balanced Body	'KB KB' Kick boxing	Balanced Body
Aerobics Room	Jessica	Han	Jessica	Han	Marie
10:45-11:30					S.O.S.
Aerobics Room					Larry
10:45-11:30	Light Aerobics		Light Aerobics		Light Latin
H&R Ballroom	Jessica		Jessica		Dunia
11:45-12:30	Get Fit While You Sit		Get Fit While You Sit		Get Fit While You Sit
Aerobics Room	Kitti		Kitti		Dunia
12:00-1:00		Fitness Center Orientation		Balance Assessments**	
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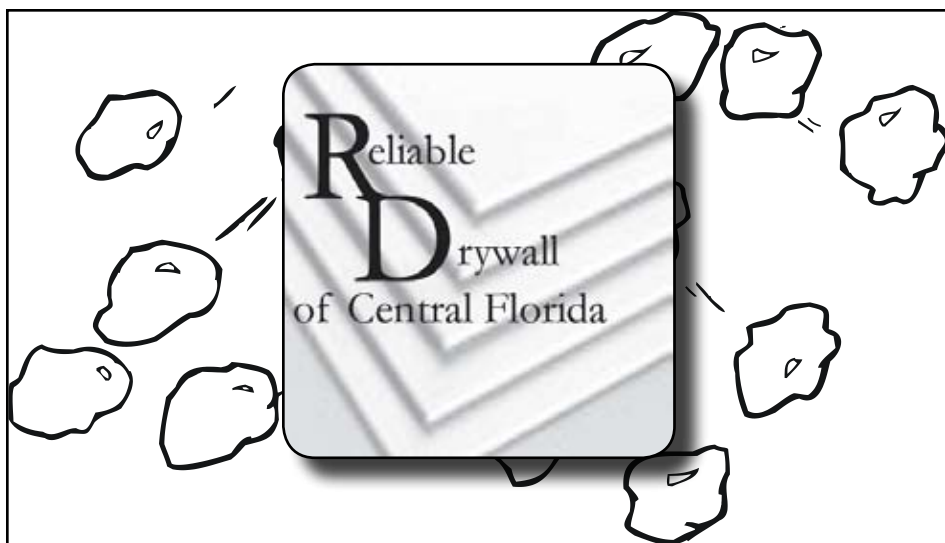
Light Latin will be held at the Arbor Club on Feb. 10 and Light Aerobics will be held at the Arbor Club on Feb. 15.

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## Line Dancing

By George Conklin

Dancing is an acquired skill. We learn a new dance in our Monday class; try it out at Happy Hour at the Arbor Club; and back to class on Monday. With that much effort, we are just about the same level of skill from one class to the next. It takes practice whether in a regular practice group or by yourself in the game room or kitchen at home to review the step sequence, tempo and develop muscle memory and if you like technique and style.

We have several dedicated line dance practice groups for each level of dancers. These practice groups deserve a great deal of credit for the advancement of our dancers from one level to the next. If you are not with a practice group, try to find one that meets your needs or set up one of your own. You will find that people will go to several groups so they can dance all week long.

What is level of dance? Newcomer is pretty easy, never did it before. Beginner

level one, level two and intermediate are a little vague. We only have two feet so what makes one dance harder than the next? Speed, tempo (if it's faster, it's harder), turning (we are visual beings), and since we are in a line and everyone should be doing the same thing, when you turn your visual reference changes, we lose our place in the dance and not the least the length and complexity of the step sequence. In addition to all of this, there is the music we dance to.

Most of the music we dance to is written in "four, four" time with a 32-count repeating musical phrase. Or "three, four" time for a waltz. The line dance choreographer writes their step sequence to interpret a set piece of music.

The music arranger may give no account that we dance to a fixed repeating pattern of steps and put a guitar riff or drum solo or some other disruption in the music.

The choreographer adds steps or restarts the dance to accommodate these anomalies in the music. Dances with music that fast, complex step sequences or to music with step bridges "tags" over those spots in the music or restarts are what we call intermediate level. Beyond that, there is "advanced" which is beyond us.

For detailed information contact, Janice Meade at 861-9345, Bob Ferguson at 873-4478, or Carole Smith at 237-4826.



## Sidekicks Western Dance Club

By Gayl & Doug Perry

Florida met the Keystone State when 10 of our club's couples entertained the Pennsylvania Club at its regular meeting on Jan. 11. The Pennsylvanians saw flashy renditions of some of our favorite dances: the sprightly "Bill's Boogie," sensuous "Tony's Tango," swirling "Rustler's Crossing" waltz, and the energetic "Renegade" mixer.

The past month has been merry and memorable for our club in other ways. Departing from our traditional Christmas-week break, we had a well-attended class on Dec. 27. On Dec. 30, a number of us Sidekicks converged in The Villages for an early dinner and a couple of hours of dancing to live music at Sumter Landing, which was decked out for the holidays.

Shortly before Christmas, we decided to have a New Year's Eve dance party and despite the short notice about a dozen couples turned one of the rooms in the Arbor Conference Center into a festive nightclub scene with recorded music and several long tables laden with hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

All who attended agreed the casual, impromptu event was a success and club member, Carla Magri, quickly reserved the room for next Dec. 31. Now that the word is out, we hope even more members will

turn out to ring in 2013.

Last month's column described a new CD of long-departed legend Hank Williams songs. Now Willie Nelson is coming here soon, so it's appropriate to mention another country music icon although one more celebrated for other styles. The "Elvis Country" album recently hit the market and demonstrates that "The King" clearly grew up absorbing one of the wellsprings of rock and roll, country and western music.

This compilation of previously released songs finds Elvis at his vocal peak in the late 60s and early 70s, soaring above the lush arrangements of "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain," and 18 others.

"What defines these tunes as country is perhaps not the literal sound so much as the sensibility," says critic Michael Hill. "These are late-night laments, songs about breaking up, letting go, looking back, and moving on." Think Frank Sinatra in his darker "Wee Small Hours" phase at Capitol Records.

Hill says the overall theme is classic country melancholy which Elvis delivers with his unique poignancy.

Despite the big production values, Hill says, "his choice of material brings him compellingly down to earth. Listen to these songs with the benefit of hindsight and you can sense the hurt and disappointment that may have lurked behind the famous façade, the after-effects of marital troubles, the alone-in-a-crowd isolation, the mid-life realization everybody has that time indeed is slipping away."



## Ballroom Dance Club

By Richard P. Vullo

On Feb. 17 and on the third Friday of each month, the Friday night dance socials will be held at the Health & Recreation Ballroom instead of the Arbor Club Ballroom. This will give everyone the opportunity to dance and socialize with their friends in a much larger facility, with a better sound

system for listening and dancing, as well as conversation.

This is a great time of year to start dance lessons. Trish Sands continues her dance lessons at the Ocala Health, Senior Health & Wellness Center, right outside the main gate of On Top of the World, next to the Customer Service office. Her lessons are every Monday at 2 p.m. for beginners and 3 pm. for intermediates. For more information, please call Trish Sands at 351-2423 or yours truly at 854-6772.

Of course, there are several places to enjoy dancing each month. USA Dance holds its dances on the first Tuesday of each month at the Pioneer Garden Center, 4331 Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. USA Dance, Citrus County continues with its dances every other Saturday night at the Kellner Center in Beverly Hills. For complete information on monthly dancing opportunities and venues as well as the locations to take dance lessons check out the website: [www.usadanceocala.com](http://www.usadanceocala.com).

The Dancin' on the Top committee of the Ballroom Dance Club held its annual New Year's Eve dance in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. The entertainment was by the popular duo Tomaura. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres including shrimp, cheeses and vegetables along with table snacks and party favors. At midnight, the usual champagne toast as well as coffee and sweets were served. The New Year's Eve dance was sold out with over 250 residents in attendance.

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## Square Dancing

By Walter Lamp

It's Friday, Dec. 30 at about 7 p.m. Just 29 hours of square dancing left in 2011. So we got started by attending our annual New Year's Eve Dance. Hosted by our club's callers, Don and Loretta Hanhurst, the evening ended by 10 p.m.

But the fun in between was really worthy of a farewell to the old year. The decorations were modest in nature, but in nice taste and style. Blue and gold balloons covered the ballroom. The tables were covered with winter decorations, such as snowflakes. Also, there were cuddly teddy bears, which were a gift from our hosts to all the couples who attended the dance. We also had seven door prizes to go along with the bears. This was the last dance for Circle Squares for 2011.

We had a banner visit, down to Fountain Squares, on Wednesday, Jan. 19. It was good to see our friends down there and get

our banner. We encouraged club colors, but welcomed the participation in any way. We were all there.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, we had our annual "Beginner's Ball." We began the evening by breaking up the squares, so it included at least one student couple, if not two. Of course, the students were somewhat concerned that they wouldn't keep up with the music, while dancing with class members. But the caller only used calls that have been learned so far in class, so everything went well.

Square dancers are very patient and happy people. Even in the other clubs, club members try to help and guide new dancers along. We want everyone to share in the fun of square dancing: the laughter, the smiles and the friendships. Friendships, not just in your square, but in the club as well.

So, the students left the dance, hopefully more confident and the club members left, knowing that they helped someone else enjoy the fun of square dancing, as someone once helped them.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, we celebrate Valentine's Day, with our "Heart of My Heart" dance, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom.

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**Travel Toppers**

By Jo Swing

Travel Toppers has scheduled an extra trip on Wednesday, April 18. We will be attending a performance of the musical revue, "In The Mood" at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach. This is a wonderful retro tribute to the 1940s with a cast of 19 singers and dancers and the "String of Pearls" big, band orchestra. The music will include the title song, "In The Mood," "At Last," and more. The cost is \$54 and covers show, bus, and tip for driver. Lunch will be on your own at the Volusia Mall. Call Kathy Peterson for reservations.

Reservations are still being taken for the Strawberry Festival on Monday, March 5. If you like strawberries, this is the place to go. It is a celebration of the strawberry in every shape and form. The cost of \$30 covers bus, entrance fee, and tip for driver. Mary Lee Coleman is the coordinator and is waiting to take your reservation.

We are also taking reservations for "104 Years of Broadway" an Adults at Leisure series presentation. It will take place Monday, March 19 at the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Tampa. The cost is \$44, which includes bus, show, box lunch and tips. Enjoy the re-creation of memorable moments of some of the most successful Broadway hits of the past century. For reservations call Mary Lamp.

We will start taking reservations Mon-

day, Feb. 6 for the Saturday, April 7, trip to Tampa Downs. There will be clubhouse seating and a delicious buffet luncheon will be provided before the first race starts at 12:25 p.m. The cost of this enjoyable outing is \$43 which covers bus, admission, luncheon, and tips for meal and driver. Pat Hood will be the coordinator.

This is the last call for the 10 day Panama Canal cruise (Friday, March 9 to Monday, March 19). Ports of call are Half Moon Cay, Bahamas, Oranjestad, Aruba, Willemstad, Curacao, Colon, Panama, partial transit of canal, and Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. Cabins range from \$1,676 for inside to \$2,176 for veranda. All prices are per person, double occupancy. Call Inge Gaitch for reservations.

Travel Toppers also has a 13-day Alaskan cruise from Friday, Aug. 31 to Wednesday, Sept. 12. The cruise will be on Princess Cruises' "Island Princess" with land accommodations at Princess Lodges in Alaska. Cabins start at \$2,081 per person for inside for cruise-tour only. Not included is transfer to and from Orlando International Airport. Airfare is approximately \$800 to \$1,000, non-refundable. The five-day land-tour includes two nights in Fairbanks, one night in Denali, one night in Mt. McKinley, and one night in Anchorage. The seven-day sea portion includes travel from Whittier to Vancouver, visiting Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Inside Passage, ending in Vancouver, B.C. For more details and/or reservations, call Inge Gaitch now.

The next meeting of Travel Toppers will be Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center. All are welcome. Until then, happy travels to all.



**On The Road Again**

By Bob Woods

At the end of January, we were on a cruise to the western Caribbean on board the Jewel of the Seas visiting Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico. This cruise went over so big that I have booked this cruise again for January 2013 visiting Cozumel, Mexico and Key West, Fla.

The five-night/six-day cruise will depart Tampa on Jan. 19, 2013. Each cabin will receive a \$50 shipboard credit. Transportation to and from Tampa is included along with driver and porter gratuities. A passport is required for this trip and trip cancellation insurance is optional and recommended. Prices start at \$494 for inside cabin (Cat N); \$594 for ocean view (Cat H); and \$734 for balcony (Cat E3).

Gratuities for shipboard services are of a personal nature and amounts should be based on services received. A \$100 deposit is required for this cruise at time of booking for each passenger and is fully refundable for any reason up to final payment.

My next motor coach trip is heading for Cape Cod, Mass. with stops along the way. This nine-day/eight-night trip departs Sept. 15 and will visit many historical locations on Cape Cod and includes a day trip of Martha's Vineyard. We will visit the JFK

Museum and Memorial in Hyannis. Historic Sandwich will also be on the list of stops along with beautiful lighthouses, the Outer Cape, Eastham Windmill, Cape Cod National Seashore, Marconi Station, colorful Provincetown, just to mention a few.

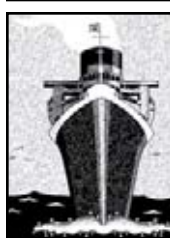
After departing the Cape, the trip will also include a stop in Plymouth visiting the Mayflower II and Plimouth Plantation; see and learn how Pilgrims lived after the Mayflower reached the New World. I have seats available for this fantastic trip, so give me a call. The motor coach will stop every two to two and a half hours for a rest stop and a chance to exercise those legs.

Another motor coach trip, which is almost sold out, is back by popular demand and is headed for the Smoky Mountains and Pigeon Forge. Departing on Nov. 11, this seven-day trip includes six shows and a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with a step-on guide. There will be some free time in historic Gatlinburg and at Pigeon Forge's Historical Old Mill Square. A nighttime visit to the second largest Christmas tree shop in the United States is also planned. A stop at Rock City Gardens located just outside of Chattanooga on top beautiful Lookout Mountain is also on the itinerary.

A \$75 deposit is required for each passenger on motor coach trips at the time of reservation and the deposit is fully refundable for any reason up to final payment.

If you desire a flyer on the cruise or motor coach trips, you can call me at 854-0702 or download the flyers on my website at [www.bobwoodsroadagain.com](http://www.bobwoodsroadagain.com).

See you on the road again.



**Sail Away Cruise Club**

By Fred O'Blenis

Welcome aboard! It is February 2012 and we are nearing our spring cruise date on the Jewel of the Seas departing from Tampa on April 14. We still have a few select cabins in our inventory; so if you want a nice five-night cruise from a nearby port, call Fred at 237-6367. I'm serious when I say, "last chance," on this wonderful spring cruise.

It's still the winter months in Central Florida, but spring is just a few weeks away. February has several events and holidays that include: Groundhog Day, Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, Washington's birthday and Ash Wednesday. Why not start your own holiday, plans that is, by calling Fred about a cruise?

The club's late-year cruise in 2012 is a seven-night on the Grand Princess out of Ft. Lauderdale. We depart on Dec. 1, with cabins starting at \$669, and all of our prices include all taxes and port charges. We also have a \$50 per cabin onboard credit. Book early and hold a cabin in the best locations with the required deposit of \$225 per person. If you have a change of mind later and cancel before Sept. 10, 2012, you will get all of your money back.

Unless you are some of the few who like to drive to the port, which is 300 miles from Ocala, pay Turnpike fees, parking at the port (\$15 a day) and a tank or two of gas, then you might seriously consider our bus service. The bus is an excellent option for \$75 per person to the port and back.

It is a no hassle service, but again I repeat, book early as space on the bus is limited.

Our travel consultant, with clients' feedback, normally books the mega ships of Royal Caribbean as the choice for our annual winter cruise. We've recently been on the Oasis and Allure to the eastern and western Caribbean ports. Many of our clients wanted to see Curacao and Aruba,

but didn't want air travel. That is when our travel agent suggested the Grand Princess. This ship has undergone a complete refurbishment and is like new. The ship leaves from Ft. Lauderdale and by the next morning it docks at Princess Cay in the Bahamas. This is a private island with 30 acres of beach and lots to do. After a full day, we depart for Curacao and spend a half-day and evening with a late night departure to Aruba for the third port of call. Days six and seven are sailing back to port.

If you or your family and friends needs information on individual cruise vacations our travel specialist is available to assist you. Call Fred at 237-6367 and I'll direct you to the source for cruise vacations anywhere in the world. Until next time, keep the wind at your back and the sun on your face.



**Ballet Club**

By Eugenie Martin

The Ballet Club is more or less back to normal after our dance demonstration at the On Top of the World Health and Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 21. Julie and I each choreographed three routines, and our wonderful dancers performed all six on the stage of the Circle Square Cultural Center. We are so proud of our dancers and want to thank them all.

Now that we are returning to regular classes (without rehearsals), it might be a good time for interested newcomers to join us. The classes are free and newcom-

ers do not need ballet clothes to start. All that you need are some exercise clothes and athletic socks. Our classes are very good for improving balance, strengthening the body and increasing its flexibility. Besides, we dance to beautiful music and have fun together. The classes are good for your body, mind and spirit.

Our classes are held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent to the indoor swimming pool. They are conducted four times each week: Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m., Monday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. For additional information, please feel free to call me at 854-8589. Happy dancing!



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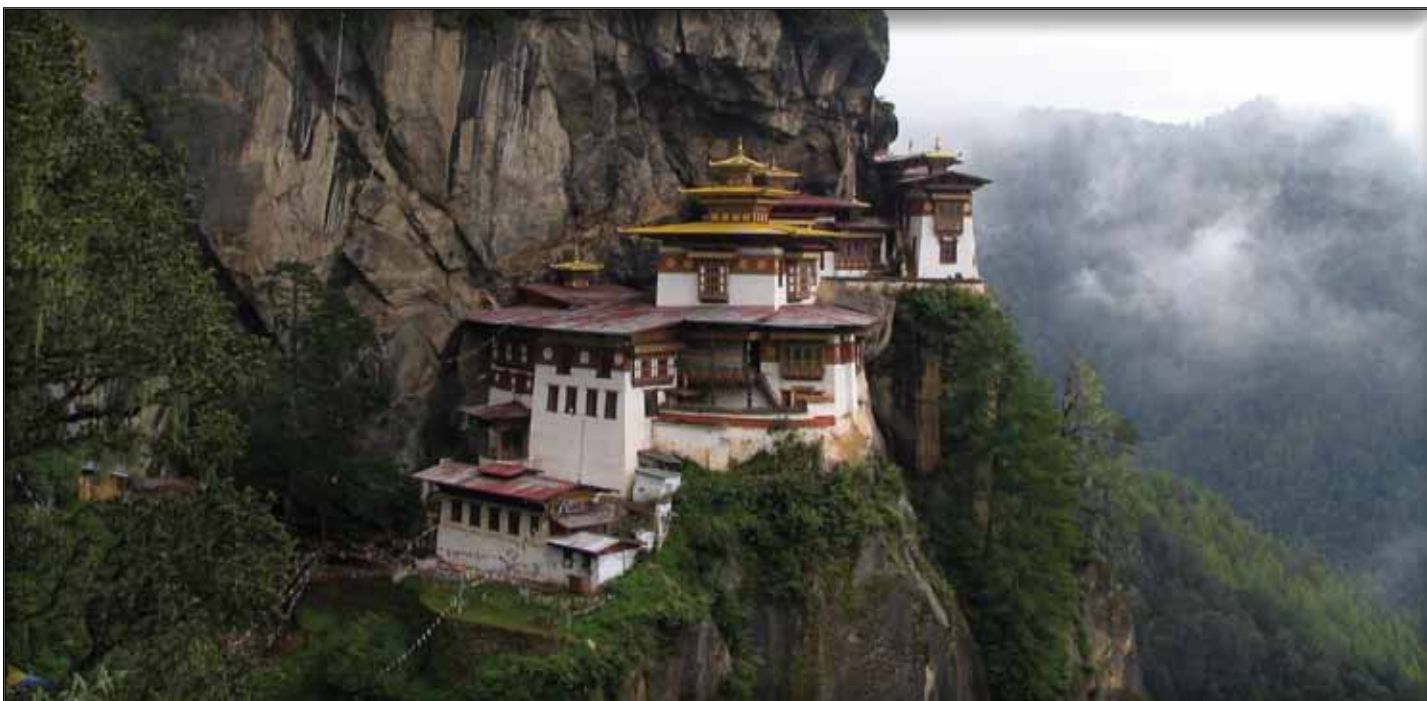
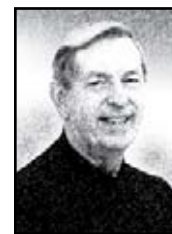


Photo by Douglas McLaughlin

Taktsang Monastery, one of the most scenic monasteries in Bhutan.



**World Traveler**

By Bill Shampine

The Kingdom of Bhutan, located in South Asia between India and the People's Republic of China, is isolated and a bit different. For example, television and the internet were not allowed until 1999, gross national happiness is measured and deemed more important than gross national product, tourists have to pay a minimum of \$200 a day for the privilege to visit, buying cigarettes is illegal, rice is red, and chilies are the entire dish instead of a seasoning.

Bhutan existed as a patchwork of minor fiefdoms until the early 17th century, when the area was unified by a man who fled religious persecution in Tibet, and cultivated a separate Bhutanese identity. A series of wars and skirmishes, both internal and external, followed until a treaty finally was signed with the British Empire in 1910.

Bhutan maintained a strict policy of isolationism until 1961 when the king decided that they had to join the rest of the international community. To do this, the king joined the United Nations, joined several technical assistance and training programs, established a post office, developed some hydroelectric projects with India, established a national assembly, drew up a code of law, abolished serfdom, created an army and police force, and established a high court.

In spite of these reforms, Bhutan continues to be obsessive about maintaining its Tibetan Mahayana Buddhist culture and identity. This obsession led to the persecution and expulsion of nearly one-fifth of its population in the late 1980s and early 1990s because they did not "fit the mold."

Even today, tourism is tightly controlled. All tourism in Bhutan is carefully managed and must be arranged by an officially approved tour operator, with an itinerary that is planned and approved in advance. Another governmental policy designed to help preserve the culture is the requirement for all Bhutanese to wear the national folk dress in all public areas.

Bhutan is a beautiful country. At the edge of the Himalayas, it includes steep mountains ranging up to 23,000 feet, crisscrossed by a network of swift rivers forming deep valleys before draining into the plains of India. The rugged land causes diverse climate conditions and supports an amazing range of biodiversity and ecosystems that has been recognized as one of the top ecoregions of the world. Bhutan is committed to preserving these ecological riches by establishing more than 40% of their land as national parks, reserves, and other protected areas.

Men should note that in Bhutan, inheritance generally passes through the female rather than the male line. Men are expected to make their own way in the world.

One more unique fact about Bhutan is the architecture. It employs rammed earth and wattle and daub construction methods, stone masonry, and intricate woodwork. Traditionally they use no nails or iron bars in construction. Popular tourist attractions include the monasteries and the dzongs, a type of castle fortress that have served as the religious and secular administration centers for their respective districts for centuries.

**Le Cercle Français**

By Bob Layne

On Friday, Dec. 2, Le Cercle Français, the new French club at On Top of the World, held its first Fête de Noël (Christmas celebration). There were about 35 attendees. After a brief business meeting, the festivities began with the group singing Christmas carols, in French of course. Peggy Campbell accompanied us on the piano.

After working up an appetite, we enjoyed snacks and desserts brought by the club members. Gates Landry who played a variety of music selections from country to Cajun, in English and French, entertained the group.

The Cercle Français sends everyone best wishes for a healthy and happy 2012.

The club is recruiting new members. Anyone who is interested in French culture and language, regardless of your level of proficiency, please contact Marie McNeil at 509-4940.



Photo by Marie McNeil

French class members.

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**Recreation News**

By Theresa Fields

The weather has been absolutely beautiful and that is what living in Florida is all about. We have seen a lot of our residents taking advantage of this beautiful weather as they enjoy the newly renovated miniature golf course with friends and family. If

you have not had the opportunity to play the 18 holes, stop by the Health & Recreation office where we have putters and balls available on request.

**Hoofin' It for Hospice**

The walk has been postponed this year at On Top of the World. As many of you know Ruth Goldstein has chaired this event for many years and she did an outstanding job. We thank her for her leadership and dedication to this great cause. We are looking for someone who might be interested in taking over or helping to organize this event. For more information, contact Margaret Orlando at 854-7306.

**EVENTS/ACTIVITIES\***

\* Schedule and performers subject to change. For the latest information, please visit [www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com](http://www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com) or see channels 17 / 21 / 703 / 730 (Brighthouse).

**Friday, Feb. 3**

**Happy Hour with Fred Campbell**

Arbor Club  
4 to 8 p.m.

**Black Creek Band**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 4**

**Recorded Favorites**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Willie Nelson**

Circle Square Cultural Center  
7 p.m.  
\$74-76 per resident;  
\$90-95 per non-resident  
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**Tuesday, Feb. 7**

**Victory Casino Cruises**

Port Canaveral, Fla.  
\$31 per person  
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**Friday, Feb. 10**

**"Sweetheart" Happy Hour with Bontempos**

Arbor Club  
4 to 8 p.m.

**Recorded Favorites**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 11**

**Ray & Kay**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 16**

**Seminole Hard Rock Casino**

Tampa, Fla.  
\$20 per person  
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**Friday, Feb. 17**

**Happy Hour with Tomaura**

Health & Recreation Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.

**Recorded Favorites**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Bronx Wanderers**

Circle Square Cultural Center  
7 p.m.  
\$16-20 per resident;  
\$18-22 per non-resident  
For tickets, call 854-3670.

**Saturday, Feb. 18**

**"Tour de Horse"**

Artful Gifts at Circle Square Commons  
4 p.m.  
For details, call 237-3747.

**Barry & Nancy**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 23**

**Social Hour**

Arbor Club Ballroom  
4 to 6 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 24**

**Happy Hour with Ray & Kay**

Arbor Club  
4 to 8 p.m.

**Recorded Favorites**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Lesley Gore**

Circle Square Cultural Center  
7 p.m.  
\$21-25 per resident;  
\$23-27 per non-resident  
For tickets, call 854-3670.

**Saturday, Feb. 25**

**Fred Campbell**

The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.



**UPCOMING PUBLICATION**

March Issue

Thursday, March 1

**Victory Casino Cruises**

Join us for a day at sea as we board the Victory Casino Cruises in Port Canaveral on Tuesday, Feb. 7. This newly renovated ship has hundreds of slot machines, card tables such as craps, roulette and black jack. This cruise even has a non-smoking slot and seating section available. The cost of this trip is \$31 per person and this includes transportation, boarding fees, lunch buffet and a casino card with \$10 credit. Register at the Health & Recreation office.

**Happy Hour**

The New Year kicked off the beginning of the "Party at the Top" happy hour! This is held on the third Friday of every month in the Health & Recreation Ballroom. We provide a resident slide show, singles and newcomer's tables, larger scale dance floor and more. Come join us with some of the best entertainers around.

Please note that all other happy hours will still continue to be held at the Arbor Club Ballroom, including our popular themed happy hours. Don't miss this month's theme as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

- Feb. 3: Fred Campbell
- Feb. 10: Bontempos (Sweetheart Ball)
- Feb. 17: Tomaura
- Feb. 24: Ray & Kay

Happy hour is free for all residents and Gateway Pass holders! Resident IDs are required for entry.

**Seminole Hard Rock Casino**

Have fun on a day trip to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino on Thursday, Feb. 16 in Tampa, Fla. This has proven to be one of the most popular trips around by many of our residents! The cost of the trip is \$20 and you receive \$25 in free play, \$5 lunch voucher to be used at any of the restaurants or food court and transportation. Seats fill up fast so don't delay, contact the Health & Recreation office to reserve your spot.

**Social Hour**

Come join us in a relaxing atmosphere during an evening of light jazz with entertainer, Paul De Ritter. You'll enjoy time spent with friends as you share conversation over cocktails on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Arbor Club Ballroom, from 4 to 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided!

For more information contact the Health & Recreation office. This event is free for residents.

**Telephone Directory**

The On Top of the World Telephone Directory is scheduled to come out during the first week of March. Please watch for announcements on the community TV station and my next column for updated information.

**Florida Strawberry Festival**

Join us for a day at the Strawberry Festival in Plant City, Fla. on Thursday, March 8. You'll enjoy a live concert with Ronnie McDowell at 10:30 a.m. and agricultural shows, contests, parades, crafts and lots of tasty strawberry delights. You can even test your limit in the strawberry shortcake-eating contest! The cost of the trip is \$25 per person and this includes transportation, admission and a live concert. To register, contact the Health & Recreation office.

**Live Concerts at Silver Springs**

Enjoy a day at Silver Springs riding the glass bottom boats, jungle safari ride and browsing the specialty shops. At 3 p.m., you'll want to head over to the Twin Oaks Concert Mansion on either of the following days to hear your favorite country singer perform live.

- Saturday, March 10: Styx
- Saturday, March 24: Glen Campbell Farewell Tour

The cost of the trip is \$30 per person per concert and includes entry into Silver Springs, transportation and the concert. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on the lawn. Register at the Health & Recreation office.

**Facility Request Forms**

We are now accepting room request forms for the 2013 calendar year. If you have club meetings or a special date requiring a room please get your facility request forms into the Health & Recreation office. All facilities are reserved on a first come basis and clubs are required to submit paper work by the current president. If you have any questions, please contact the Health & Recreation office.

Don't forget it's Valentine's Day on Wednesday, Feb. 14, so stay sweet!

**CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Monday*	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
• Americana Village	• Friendship Colony	• Avalon	• Crescent Ridge/Green
• Friendship Village	• Candler Hills**	• Providence 1 & 2	• Renaissance Park
• Friendship Park	• Indigo East**	• Williamsburg	• Windsor

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Providence	90th St. - 96th Ter. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd.	8:49 am
Arbor Club	Parking Lot	8:53 am
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	8:58 am
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:02 am
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:06 am
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th St. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:10 am
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:14 am
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:16 am
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Gaitway Plaza	10:25 am	12:00 pm
<b>2nd RUN</b>		
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Photo by Bill Shampine

**Edie Dieckman, Moe Weiner, and Jeanne Nicholls practicing for the 2012 show by The New Pretenders.**

## Don't Miss The New Pretenders Show

By Bill Shampine

You are almost out of time to get tickets for 'The New Pretenders' show. Believe me; you don't want to miss it! The music is great, the costumes are beautiful, and the performances are very professional.

This year, the show will include 28 of your favorite songs from the past. The two-hour performances will be on Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$8 each and general admission tickets are \$6 each. Good seats still are available and can be purchased in the Health & Recreation Ballroom Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 to 10 a.m.

Because we spend so much time preparing and rehearsing for the show, the troupe historically has agreed to perform outside of On Top of the World Communities. Typically, we do two to three shows

a month in March, April, and May. These shows are one hour or one and a half hours long and, with one exception, are not available to the public. Most of these shows are for various clubs located in other retirement communities or for various church groups.

The only show open to the public is one that is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church. For the past several years, they have offered 'The New Pretenders' as the entertainment for a successful charity fundraiser.

Speaking of charities, I occasionally get asked what happens to the money we raise with our performances. After covering our expenses, we donate the remaining funds to various charities in the local community.

Remember, you need to come see our show! We'll keep the lights on for you.

## It's Showtime!

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Have you purchased your tickets for the fabulous shows in February? If not, do so now so that you don't miss three fantastic shows at the Circle Square Cultural Center!

### Saturday, Feb. 4

#### Willie Nelson

If you haven't purchased your tickets for Willie Nelson by now, you may be out of luck. The booking of Willie Nelson was a last minute arrangement, according to Jo Salyers, On Top of the World's director of marketing.

Nelson's stage appearance was announced at the conclusion of January's Diamonds show and the announcement stated tickets would go on sale, Monday, Jan. 9. Sure enough, people started lining up, braving the chilly temperatures, to purchase tickets the night before on the front steps of the Circle Square Cultural Center.

Jo Salyers stated, "On Top of the World is lucky to get Willie Nelson for a show." She stated that a few years back a survey took place amongst the residents to see if they would be willing to spend extra for named personalities. Salyers said, "I have been calling Willie Nelson's agent every month for the past two years. Finally, Nelson had a private engagement in Florida with another venue cancel making Nelson available."

Nelson is one of the most recognized

artists in country music. He is not only known for his singing but he is also a musician, songwriter, producer, actor, author and activist. He has won a total of 37 awards including 10 Grammy Awards.

### Friday, Feb. 17

#### Bronx Wanderers

The Bronx Wanderers is a group that consists of five guys from where else but the Bronx. The lead singer of the group is "Yo Vinny" (Vinny Adinolfi). The group bellows out great music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. This group is currently touring many locations in and around Florida. We are very fortunate that they will perform some great doo-wop and rock n' roll right here in our own backyard. You won't regret attending their performance, as they sing hits from many well-known individuals and groups. Get those tickets now!

### Friday, Feb. 24

#### Lesley Gore

Lesley Gore will take the stage and wow you with her songs. Many of you may have forgotten her name but when she starts singing her famous recorded hits, the memory part of your brain will kick in and say, "Oh yea, I remember her." Her first big hit was "It's My Party," followed by others such as her Grammy-nominated "Sun-



Photo by Bob Veres

**Sue Veres and Helen Wilkins camp out the night before to purchase Willie Nelson tickets at Circle Square Cultural Center.**

shine, Lollipops, and Rainbows" from the 1965 movie "Ski Party." Once you see and hear the songs sung by Lesley Gore you will remember all her old tunes plus ones of late.

Don't these shows sound great? Visit the ticket office or go online to [www.csculturalcenter.com](http://www.csculturalcenter.com) to purchase your tickets.

See you when the lights dim and the curtain rises.



Willie Nelson



The Bronx Wanderers



Lesley Gore

## Can You Fill the Blue Suede Shoes?

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Elvis has entered the building ... well, not really but close! Are you someone who loves the "King of Rock and Roll" and likes to impersonate this recording star whether it is in the shower, or at private parties, or in the seclusion of your home in front of a full length mirror?

How about coming out of hiding and performing in front of your neighbors to have a chance to win a little money and perhaps be one of the lucky ones to perform in a competition in Memphis, Tenn. at the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artists Contest?

All you have to do is look like Elvis, sound like Elvis, dress like Elvis, and dance like Elvis and you could win the state preliminary round to be held on Saturday, March 3 at the Circle Square Cultural Center.

Prize money will be awarded locally with \$2,000 going to the first place winner, \$1,500 for second place and \$1,000 for third. Not bad for an evening of fun! Gift prizes will be awarded to all participants in the final round at the local competition. Sound good to you Elvis impersonators? Read on.

How, when, and where? First of all, you must register for this event by downloading the registration forms and rules at [www.CSCulturalCenter.com](http://www.CSCulturalCenter.com) and click on "2012

Elvis Call for Contestants." **Registration forms, video/audio demo and \$35 registration fee must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15.**

Contestants will be judged on their vocals, appearance, stage presence, and overall performance.

On Saturday, March 3, the program will commence with a mandatory pre-contest meeting with contestants. At 11 a.m., there will be a preliminary round, which is opened to the public with a \$10 general admission and at 7 p.m. will commence the final round where the contestants have a chance to win the \$2,000 first place award. The final round is also open to the public with seats ranging in price from \$18 to \$22 depending on seat location.

The local winner will have the opportunity to go on to the semi-finals in Memphis, Tenn. during Elvis Week in August 2012 and the possibility of walking off that stage with \$20,000.

Whether you are a contestant or an audience member, this evening promises to be extremely entertaining. This preliminary contest is not just open to residents from On Top of the World, but contestants from anywhere in the state of Florida.

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**Director of Golf**

By Brian Boeling

**What's Hot For 2012**

After attending the 2012 PGA Show in Orlando last week, there was a buzz about all of the new equipment. The demo day was the best, which as PGA golf professionals, we had the opportunity to hit all of the new equipment, along with testing new shafts coming out on the market. Let me tell you, what an awesome experience.

Here is a list of the new hot items for 2012:

**DRIVERS:** Titleist 910D2, Titleist 910D3, Nike VR-S, Cleveland CG Black, Cleveland Classic 310, Cleveland Classic 290, TaylorMade R11S, TaylorMade RocketBallz, Ping G20, Adams Speedline Fast, Callaway RAZR X Black, Callaway RAZR Fit.

**FAIRWAY WOODS:** Titleist 910F, Nike VR-S, Tour Edge Exotics XCG, Cleveland CG Black, TaylorMade RocketBallz, Ping G20, Adams Speedline Fast, Callaway RAZR X

Black, Callaway RAZR Fit.

**HYBRIDS:** Nike VR-S Hybrid, Callaway RAZR X Tour, Callaway RAZR X HL, Titleist 910H, Ping i20, Tour Edge Exotics XCG, Adams Idea Pro A12, TaylorMade RocketBallz.

**IRONS:** Callaway RAZR X Iron, Mizuno JPX-800 Pro, Nike VR-S Forged, Nike VR-S Cast Iron, Cleveland CG Black, TaylorMade RocketBallz, Ping i20, Adams Idea a12 OS, TaylorMade R11.

**WEDGES:** Nike VR Pro Forged, Nike VR Pro Forged Platinum Dual Sole, Titleist Vokey SM4 Oil, Cleveland 588 Forged, Titleist Vokey SM4 Tour, Callaway Forged, Titleist Vokey SM4 Black Nickel.

**PUTTERS:** Nike Method Core 1i, Nike Method Core 2i, Nike Method Core 3i, Nike Method Core 4i, Nike Method Core Drone Putter, TaylorMade Ghost Spider, Guerin Rife Trinidad, Guerin Rife Aruba, Odyssey ProType Tour, Odyssey Metal-X D.A.R.T., Odyssey Metal-X 2-Ball, Odyssey Metal-X Rossie.

Most of these we have as demo clubs at Candler Hills. So, if you are looking to play a game, come on over and give these new clubs a try.

**Clinics**

I am happy to say we have kicked off our World Free Monthly Clinics as well as

the World Game Improvement Clinics and have had some great turnouts. On Feb. 3, our topic is "Grip, Stance and Set Up." I suggest anyone who plays golf should attend for a refresher. This free clinic is designed to provide the golfer with professional advice on different areas of the game and is in an informational program format.

The Game Improvement Clinics are structured to give golfers advice and work with the golfer in a group setting. These clinics are a great value at \$10 per student. The next class is Feb. 17 and the topic is "Getting Out of Trouble." More information on both of these types of clinics and yearly schedules can be obtained at one of our Golf Shops.

**Course Assistance**

It's that time a year where all of our courses are getting a lot of play and consequently a lot of ball marks and divots are not being repaired. Please fix one ball mark plus yours while you are waiting to putt or fix one extra divot while you're driving down the fairway. We have some great golf courses at On Top of the World and in conjunction with the great work Andy Jorgensen's team does in maintaining the courses they also need your assistance.

**RANGE TOKENS:** We are experiencing a considerable amount of loss with the range

tokens. Please only take what you will use during the day.

**DRESS CODE:** We have a dress code in place at all of our clubs. Collared shirts, finished shorts and slacks. You may not wear gym clothes, cut offs, tee shirts, tank tops or any type of denim including blue/black jeans.

**WALKING THE COURSE:** You may not walk the golf course, especially with pets.

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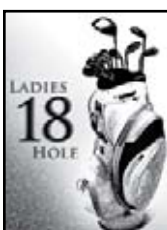
We thank you for your assistance in these matters.

**World Accolades**

**ON TOP OF THE WORLD LINKS:** Dec. 12, Dan Eddy, Eagle on #3. Dec. 31, Carl Caraway, hole in one on #16. Jan. 7, Jon Hill, Eagle on #12.

**ON TOP OF THE WORLD TORTOISE & HARE:** Jan. 6, George Deignan, shot his age (76). Jan. 8, Larry Chase, Eagle on #5. Jan. 9, Carl Giddings, Eagle on #5. Jan. 9, Bev Seal, shot his age (78).

Congratulations to everyone for these accomplishments made.



**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole**

By Kelli Brunner

For the most part, our weather has been very kind to us. This winter has not been too harsh on us and spring is just around the corner. Life is good!

We have some great events coming up so get out your calendars and mark down these important dates.

A fun, new event in February is a Mardi Gras tournament. On Feb. 16, grab your spouse, or best pal, and plan to have a Cajun good time. A New Orleans menu luncheon will follow the two-best ball outing. A parade will determine the best decorated golf cart, so go crazy with the green, purple and gold! Be careful though, hurricanes are likely to have an effect on the excitement.

During the Ocala Open, Connie will be planning an away outing on March 15. More details to follow.

On March 29, we are inviting the Candler Hills nine-holers to join us for a scramble format and a covered dish lunch.

April is our Club Championship. This is a three-day event being played Thursday,

Monday, Thursday, on April 19, 23, and 26. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this no fee annual tournament. There will be three flights with four winners in each flight. The only requirement is that you have played at least 10 times during league play since June 2011. See Connie if you have any questions about your eligibility.

Golf is a difficult game with highs and lows. Just remember golf is supposed to be fun. Let's have fun out there!

**Two Person Team Dec. 15**

Flight 1: 132-Carol Joseph, Iro Lisinski. 133-Connie Norris, Donna Smith. 136-Joan D'Addio, Su Freeman.

Flight 2: 135-Carol Clark, Angie Jingco. 138-Vivian Schofield, Kathy Smyth. 139-Sandy Noe, Gail Schultz.

**1-2-3 Tournament Dec. 22**

106-Carol Joseph, Iro Lisinski, Heddy Racinows-

ki, Kathy Smyth. 108-Peggy Borro, Deborah Martin, Maureen Morris, Vivian Schofield.

**Criss-Cross Dec. 29**

Flight 1: 28-Pam Carpenter, 29-Carol Joseph, 30-Mia Kolar.

Flight 2: 26-Kathy Smyth, 27-Mary Pat Giffin.

Flight 3: 27-Heddy Racinowski, 28-Vivian Schofield.

**Two Best Balls Jan. 5**

119-Su Freeman, Joan Gustafson, Carol Joseph, Mia Kolar.

**Shamble Jan. 12**

102-Judie Anderson, Betty Dong, Judy McGrath, Sandy Noe. 103-Carole Robinson, Donna Sauer, Tona Scheibal, Kathy Smyth. 105-Kate Beaty, Su Freeman, Angie Jingco, Betty Werner.

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### Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole

By Judith Parisi

A special CHLGA-9 Valentine's Day event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9. Check the flyer and mark your calendars! This will be a fun event.

For our "getting to know our members" interviews, Deb Massari has shared the following:

"My husband John and I both lived in central New Jersey (near Trenton) for all of our lives until we moved to Ocala in 2006. We have three children and our fourth child Fifi is a bichon-poodle mix who lives with us here in Ocala.

I worked for the State of New Jersey for 37 years. I was known as the "plate queen," because I had been involved with the creation, design and issuance of all of the special license plates issued in New Jersey.

We always knew we would retire to Florida, because we had our fill of ice and snow years ago. My husband has been an

avid golfer for over 30 years and I wanted to golf more than once every couple of years so we looked for a golfing community.

We traveled all over Florida for years. In 2005, when we were making our final decision on where we would move we rented in The Villages again and looked around the surrounding areas. Candler Hills only had models to look at at that time because none of the houses had been built but when we saw the less congested area, golf course and models, we decided this was the place for us.

Our favorite vacation destinations over the years have been the Jersey Shore (without Snooki), Las Vegas and, of course, Florida.

I am a reality and cooking show junkie and love Survivor, Amazing Race, Chopped, Iron Chef, to name a few, and of course, American Idol, Dancing with the Stars and all of the other talent shows.

I enjoy playing with the nine hole ladies who are a bunch of fun ladies and I also have a great Tuesday foursome."

It's great to have Deb on board!

#### Scramble Dec. 15

37-Lise Jordaan, Debbie Massari, Julie Crudele,

Eve Harvey, 38-Linda Mandala, Renee Aden, Carol Hobbins, 40- Tie-Susy Trembulak, Barb Keough, Donna Liphardt, Eleonora Buba; and Lorie Anderson, Fran Greenfield, Lois Laine, Marilyn Mizrachi.

#### Low Net/Low Gross Dec. 22

Flight 1 Low Net: 33-Linda Mandela; 34-Vicky Salyers.

Flight 1 Low Gross: 47- Carol Venslavsky.

Flight 2 Low Net: 35-Pat Gill; Tie at 38-Julie Crudele, Mary Giannukos.

Flight 2 Low Gross: 56-Debbie Massari.

#### Red, White and Blue Dec. 29

Chip-In: Denise Blanchard.

Flight 1: 25-Vicky Salyers; Tie at 26-Denise Blanchard, Olive Curtin, Carole Venslavsky.

Flight 2: 23-Debbie Massari; 24-Lois Laine; Tie at 25-Carol Hobbins, Donna Liphardt.

Flight 3: 25-Marilyn Mizrachi; 33-Eve Harvey.

#### Guess Your Score Jan. 5

Chip In: Deb Massari.

Birdie: Fran Greenfield, Ginnie Redden.

Flight 1: 45-Lorie Anderson; 48-Denise Blanchard; 49-Quinn Clayton; 52-Linda Mandala; 53-Renee Aden.

Flight 2: 47-Carol Venslavsky; 48-Vicky Salyers; 50-Dianne Masterson; 51-Kate Bennett; 51-Judy Parisi; 54-Deb Massari.

Flight 3: 59-Mary Giannukos; 64-Ina Menzies.

### Table Tennis

By Sue McLam

The Table Tennis Club held its annual meeting on Dec. 8, 2011 in the Arbor Conference Center. The agenda included election of officers for 2012, planning our annual luncheon and discussion of our "paddles across 200" for a friendly interactive competition with the Oak Run table tennis group.

The following are our elected officers for 2012: Lucy Davis, president; Ralph Voight,

vice president; Sam Hsu, second vice president; Hal Corwin, treasurer; and Sue McLam, secretary.

The second vice president position is a new office. In the vice president positions, Ralph and Sam spend time in the care, maintenance and set-up of our equipment.

In January, we took a trip to Oak Run on Jan. 18 and held our annual luncheon on Jan. 25. More about these events in next month's issue of the World News.

Anyone interested in information on joining the club should contact Lucy Davis at 854-0911.



Photo by Denise Blanchard

Candler Hills LGA-9 enjoying their holiday luncheon in December.



Photo by Jim Haig

Table Tennis elected officers for 2012: Sam Hsu, Hal Corwin, Ralph Voight, Lucy Davis and Sue McLam.

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## Men's Golf Association

By George Blankenship

I have looked back over my last couple of articles for February and one of the main topics was the weather. While we have had to cancel two dates to this point, Jan. 12, last year it seemed we had to cancel almost the entire month of December 2010. Reading back two years ago, we had to cancel several play days during that period also. To this point in 2012, we seem to be on the plus side of that issue.

It was also about two years ago at this time that we put the Gold tees into play in the MGA. We have certainly come a long way with that. In the first initial sign up for the Gold, we started with about 20 players. To this point in 2012, we have approximately 65 players signed up to play from the Gold, which translates presently to just about forty percent of the MGA membership. This contributes to one of the main objectives of the MGA, for all of the members to be able to enjoy the game of golf and the competition.

The one issue that I seem to mention every month is the great condition of our golf courses. Andy's crews are doing a great job, and they are rolling the greens several times a week on the Links.

However, we the MGA and club members need to do our part on the maintenance issue. With the overseed having come in really well, I am sure everyone has noticed the softer condition of the fairways and the greens in particular. With these good conditions come more divots and more ball marks, and with this comes more failure to fill in said divots and repair said ball marks.

Please everyone, if you see a divot, fill it in! If you see a ball mark on the green, repair it! Take the "plus one" attitude; fix yours plus one.

At the monthly advisory board meeting in January, Andy informed us that he was about to start on an improvement plan for the lower fairway on #14 of the Tortoise & Hare. First of all, that lower fairway is a "water retention area" for run off. It was designated that originally, and it must, by law, continue to perform that function. Therefore, you cannot just "fill in the big hole" and start over. Secondly, the golf staff and On Top of the World recognize the problem and are going to do "something," which is usually always better than doing

"nothing."

Check your 2012 MGA handbook! The month of March is going to be a very busy month for the MGA. Get your game ready! If you are not a member of the MGA, now is the time to join.

Until next month, play well, have fun, and remember we "play" golf. It's a game!

### Three Best Balls Dec. 14 / The Links

Tie at 190-John Redden, Mike Driver, Rocky Grooms and Blind Draw; Paul Wade, Edward Conaway, Tom Marta and Phil Johnson. 191-Jim Tait, Leonard Ruble, Ray Hellman and Tony Magri. 192-Ed Klodzen, Ralph Solvold, Ray Messer and Tony Capillo. 193-George Blankenship, Bill Carson, Anthony Romiti and Bernie James. 194-Bill Keathley, Jerry Chase, Jerry Segovis and Peter M Peterson. 195-Mike Piccolo, David Miller, Tary Bole and Kas Kaske.

### Quota Points Net Scores Dec. 21 / The Links

Flight 1: +8-Maurice Kingsley. +6-Guy Russell. +4-Ralph Solvold. +3-Charles Casale. Tie at +2-Dennis Brown, John Hall, Rudy Normandin, Wes Dumeer and William E Young Jr. Flight 2: +9-Art Buecher. +8-Tom McHaffie. +4-David Miller. Tie at +3-Marvin Williams, Paul Wade and Tom Treppa. Tie at +1-Edward Conaway, Freddie Moody and James Merrick. Flight 3: +7-Anthony Romiti. +6-Bill Walker. +5-Paul Stone. +4-Tony Magri. +3-Michael Krzeminski. Tie at +2-Ray Messer, Ron Thompson, Tary Bole and Tony Capillo. Flight 4: +5-Joe Dent. Tie at +4-Mike Flynn, Peter M. Peterson, Raymond Wilson, Richard Enos, Rocky Grooms and Tom Marta.

### Quota Points Dec. 28 / The Links

+16-Maurice Kingsley, Tim McHaffie and Rocky Grooms. Tie at +10-William E Young Jr, Francis Caprez, Leonard Ruble and Richard Enos; Jack Ashenfelter, Tom Fragapane and Tony Magri; Steve DiFranco, Jerry Segovis, Paul Stone and Tom Cummings. +11-Mike Driver, Charles Casale, Ray Messer and Sam GT Harris. Tie at +3-Freddie Moody, Mike Piccolo and Phil Johnson; Marvin Williams Carl Zeiler, Tary Bole and Carl Caraway.

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## Candler Hills Men's Golf

By Joe Alfano

Be it football, baseball, hoops or whatever, is it not true that the best games we ever see played happen when you never notice the officials? They may be in charge but you hardly know they are there. The same can be said of CHMGA President Chris Jett, whose doctrine for board members is "this is what comes with the job and I trust you to go out and do it the best way you know how."

There is a saying that "the officials may run the show but the best officials never become the show." This analogy speaks volumes about Chris and for that he should be commended.

Golf legend Bobby Jones once said, "It is nothing new or original to say that golf is played one stroke at a time. But it took me many strokes to realize it." Having learned that lesson very well this past month was Chris Jett and Pat Clayton (74), Tom Garison (75), Dave Martin and Walt Pacuk (78) and Jim Dyke, Larry Joseph, Bruce Venslavsky and Bryant Giffin (79). Well-played gentlemen.

Our newly named CHMGA Match Play Championship (formerly President's Cup) will be taking place this month with the qualifier set for Feb. 7 on league day. This year, we will attempt to run separate competitions with flights off both the blue and white tees to accommodate all our members. Sign-up sheet is located in the Golf Shop.

The association takes great pleasure in welcoming new members Larry Rackstraw and Roger McKay. Lest I need remind you guys, you will be hard-pressed to find a monotone affectless member among us. We tend to gravitate toward boisterous and demonstrative when it comes to our golf, yet we are always cognizant of our commitment to honor the game and respect the course. We wish you well and hope you both enjoy the experience. Anyone wishing to play this game in such an environment can contact me at tjalf8371@yahoo.com for more information.

Our fundraising effort on behalf of the CHMGA Scholar/Athlete Award is still on hiatus until the beginning of March. A portion of our fundraising continues to go to sending care packages to our Armed Forces overseas and, based on the letters we have received from those grateful units, all members should take great pride in the way we attempt to say thank you to the troops for their service to our country. When we do begin our fundraising, be on the lookout for Wally or the Beaver for that winning ticket.

A reminder to all our members that Feb. 14 sneaks up on us quicker than we may think so let us not forget to show our significant other just how much they mean to us. I can't promise you another day of golf per week but just imagine the doghouse you will be in should you forget that special day.

As always, I continue to wish everyone a life of "nothing but fairways and greens."

### Four-Man Stableford Dec. 13

149-Pat Clayton, Dave Miller, Leo McCormick & Stan Jarmel; 147-Bryant Giffin, Glenn Sauer, Gene Francisco & Ed Vilorio; 145-Dave Martin, Dennis Norris, Tom Martinetto & Alex Webster; 142-Joe Mandala, Ken McDonald, Andy Bulloch & Ed Pozsony.

### Four-Man Two Best Balls Dec. 20

112-Tony Mysterly, Bruce Venslavsky, Tim Beaty & Bob Cowie; 117-Chris Jett, Jack Gustafson, Gil Brooks & Rick Vullo; 120-Jim Dyke, Nick Nimerala, Rich Freeman & Don Huston.

### Four-Man Shamble Jan. 10

253-Lon Scheibal, Mike Deahl, Ken Zweiback & Fred Hobbins; 257-Jim Dyke, Mark Monk, Dick Williams & Bob Cowie and Dave Martin, John McCoy, Andy Bulloch & Ed Pozsony; 258-Garry Gerlach, John Redden, Mike Romm & Tom Marta.



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## Ladies 9-Hole Golf

By Diane Dzik

2012 has started well! Our Tuesday events have seen a great turnout of ladies. We have also added two more new members. Please welcome Carole Brown and Carol Moravec. If there are any ladies wishing to join our ranks, please call the On Top of the World Golf Shop, remembering that you need to establish a handicap and pay the Ghinn fee in order to be entered into the computer.

Current members who pay and play, by now should have paid for the New Year. If you have not done so, you will be put on the inactive list. All members are also reminded that chits should be redeemed by the end of this month.

On Feb. 28, we will be hosting the 18-hole ladies for a scramble and lunch. We will rally at 8:30 a.m. Mulligans, 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for a golf outfit from our Golf Shop will be sold outside the Golf Shop door. After golf, we will gather at the Arbor Conference Center. The menu will consist of chicken, green beans, potato wedges, dessert, coffee, and iced tea. Please sign up in the clubroom. The cost is

\$10. We are looking forward to this annual event, which always promises some fun.

**POINTS TO PONDER:** Pampas grass, immovable rocks and tree roots are all part of the playing area. No free relief. Drop the ball within two club lengths with a one-stroke penalty. Also, our golf course needs kind treatment during these winter months. Please remember to fill in divots and fix ball marks.

### Member/Member Dec. 13

Tie at 31-Jane Wilson and Lorraine Rourke; Connie Deignan and Ethel Miller. Tie at 33-Vi Sica and Betty Tully; Linda Heenan and Eileen Gustavus. Tie at 34-Andy Flannery and Judy Harmon; Grace Bock and Agnes Tetti; Linda Dumeer and Carol Bell; Cathy Hathaway and Kathy Hoefer.

### Low Net Jan. 10

Flight 1: 29-Lorraine Rourke. 35-Judy Harmon. 37-Myra Noel and Agnes Tetti.  
Flight 2: 29-Jean Flynn. 33-Michaele Beyer. 36-Betty Jo Dent, Marie Marquis, Joan Rappa, and Vi Sica.  
Flight 3: 31-Adele Steljes. 36-Connie Deignan; Dodie Phillips.  
Flight 4: 33-Eileen Gustavus. 36-Linda Heenan. 40-Ethel Miller.



## Ladies 18-Hole Golf

By Marilyn Rose

The New Year's Eve celebration is now behind us and we start a new year. There are many plans for play that should be fun. We are hoping that all of our members will have a great new year. Want to remind you that we need a candidate for president. This is a job that requires the ability to delegate the workload to very responsible people in the association. Think about it carefully and offer your service to the group.

Our first luncheon was well attended and the meeting afterward brought up some things that were passed and things that need to be taken care of in the future. A big thank you to the men who were gracious enough to take time to serve our meal and all those who made it a success. It was a productive day.

### Low Gross/Low Net Dec. 13 / The Links

Flight 1 Low Gross: 83-Gretchen Normandin.  
Flight 1 Low Net: 68-Nancy Zielinski; 69-Joan D'Addio; Tie at 72-Nancy Nicholas, Rosemarie O'Neil.

Flight 2 Low Gross: 87-Sandy Chase.  
Flight 2 Low Net: 69-Judy Pasch; 71-Mary Driver; 73-Mary Lyon.  
Flight 3 Low Gross: 99-Peggy Borro.  
Flight 3 Low Net: 75-Joan Cecchini; Tie-76-Mary Muller, Susan Rhodes.  
Flight 4 Low Gross: 98-Glenna Swank.  
Flight 4 Low Net: 71-Dea Johnson; Tie at 72-Shirley Smagner, Marilyn Rose.

### Shamble Dec. 20 / The Links

106-Bev Ovrebø, Lou Borders, Peggy Borro, Dea Johnson. 113-Iro Lisinski, Judy Pasch, Angelita Pena, Harriet Brower. Tie at 115-Joan D'Addio, Pat MacMurray, Carolyn Cummings; Laurie Hall, Susan Watters, Lorie Anderson, Ellie Rapacz.

### Shamble Jan. 10 / The Links

47-Nancy Zielinski, Ruth Caraway, Lou Borders, Ellie Rapacz. Tie at 49-Nancy Nicholas, Pat MacMurray, Ruth Border, Serine Rossi; Iro Lisinski Nancy Darichuk, Peggy Borro, Dea Johnson. 51-Joan D'Addio, Chris McIntire, Jeanne Rice, Lori Anderson. Tie at 54-Jan Juhlin, Betty Schwartz, Geri Treppa, Marilyn Rose; Harriet Hawkins, Susan Mailliet, Maggie Hudacik, Dot Muller.

With weather and holiday we coped. I hope each of you will think of the office of president and will come to the course and join in the fun. See you there.



## Billiards

By Richard Impresa

The holidays are over and so is 2011. Where did this year go? It seems like everything is in fast-forward mode. We held our annual Christmas/Chanukah party at the Golden Corral on Dec. 16, 2011. The reserved room was filled with about 49 club members and their significant others; all had a good time.

Thanks to Bill Daly, Penny Wilson, and Leslie Conlon for their efforts in making this party a success.

Our Billiards Club ended 2011 with 147 members. As of this writing, we have 66 members signed up for 2012. You can join us in 2012 for only \$5 for the entire year. You can give your dues to any board member or drop off cash or check made out to our treasurer, George Tookmanian, in the lockbox located behind table #3 in the poolroom. Your dues go toward supplies to maintain and repair the equipment in the poolroom.

Residents are welcome to come down to the poolroom in the Craft Building (next

to the woodshop) daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and enjoy the camaraderie. The ladies have the room to themselves every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon. The men hold their tournaments every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome to come down and cheer them on as they compete for the championship.

I want to emphasize to new residents that joining our club is not a requirement to enjoy the poolroom. The use of the poolroom is included in your monthly maintenance fee along with all of the other great facilities available to us in this community.

Your membership does, however, entitle you to join in our league play, participate in voting (or running) for our Billiards Club board of directors, and having your say on any issue related to our billiard facilities through the open forum in our quarterly meetings.

Speaking of our meetings, our first one of 2012 was held on Jan. 2 with 21 members in attendance. Items discussed were the proposed recovering of our tables along

with other club business. Leslie Conlon has decided to step down as vice president and we are looking for someone to step up and contribute about an hour every three months to the cause.

Leslie has been an active and valued member of our club for many years and will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best. If you are interested, please contact any board member to put your name in the hat. There will be a special vote at our next meeting to elect the new vice president.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, April 2, at 4 p.m. in the ceramic room of the Craft Building. If you have any questions about the club, facilities, rules, etc. feel free to contact any board member.

Until next time, keep stroking and keep your tip dry.



## Mah Jongg

By Mary Ehle

The spring tournament is Saturday, March 3. Now is the time to send in your money and reserve your spot. The cost is \$22 (cash only, please). Call me for more details at 873-7507. Hope to see you there.

If you would like to play in a mini tournament at Ocala Palms on Friday, Feb. 24, call me. It is only two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions; bring your own lunch. Cost is \$6.  
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## Shuffleboard Club

By Grace Rohde

Jack Myers and Trudy Brobst have been playing shuffleboard for about two years at On Top of the World. They moved here from Sarasota where they also were active in shuffleboard. While there, Jack played shuffleboard in the State of Florida tournaments, and he placed fourth three times in the consolation for amateurs.

In Sarasota, Jack and Trudy played Ten Pin five days a week with their teammates instead of regular shuffleboard. However, the Ten Pin Jack and Trudy played was somewhat different than the way we play at On Top of the World.

First, in the way we both play, each player will draw to see who their partner is. Next, here we play three games with three different partners. Our scores are then individually tallied for wins and losses.

Jack and Trudy had played two games

with the same partner and then continued on. Let me explain.

The players who had won two games would play against the other players who won two games. The players who won a game and lost a game played the other players who won a game and lost a game. The players who lost both games were out. This cycle continued until there was a winner in each of the two categories.

Besides these differences, here we play until a maximum score of 65 is reached before a ten can be scored in a subsequent frame to win the game. The way Jack and Trudy had played, since so many games were played, the team needed only to reach the maximum score of 45 before a ten was scored in a subsequent frame to win.

Even though there are some differences in what and how we play, Jack and Trudy said that, "They enjoy playing shuffleboard at On Top of the World, and it gives them the opportunity to socialize with others."

On Saturday mornings, Ten Pin shuffleboard players are having a lot of fun and

displaying some good plays. Just recently, Frank Scinlari scored all four of his discs, which is not so easy to do in playing Ten Pin. Rick Vogel surprised himself and his teammates by knocking out his opponent's winning disc that was in the 10 space, with his disc, causing both discs to slide to the side and out of the 10 space. Ordinarily, this play of Rick's would have hit the opponent's disc causing it to knock over the 10 pin.

We welcome all experienced players to come and join us for fun and fellowship on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. to play Ten Pin.

The winners in league play for Decem-

ber were as follows:

### Men

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz  
Tuesday p.m.: Jack Myers  
Wednesday p.m.: Stan Magen and Jim Wheeler  
Thursday a.m.: Jerry Griffin  
Friday a.m.: Carl Tecce

### Women

Monday a.m.: Nancy Dreimiller  
Tuesday p.m.: Ginny Smith and Grace Rohde  
Wednesday p.m.: Paula Magen  
Thursday a.m.: Betty Schwartz  
Friday a.m.: Shirley Lindsay



Photo by Armann Rohde

**Jack Myers and Trudy Brobst challenging each other in a game of shuffleboard.**

## LifeSouth Bloodmobile

By Dick & Sue Copeland

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be accepting donations in the Health & Recreation parking lot on Monday, March 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Let the winds of the new spring inspire you to drop in and donate a pint of your blood. You will feel better about the weath-

er and about the fact that your donation could help save three lives!

Life in nature is renewed each spring. You can help save lives. Donating blood can also renew your energy and bring a smile to your face knowing you have given help to someone who really needs it. In addition, you will receive refreshments and a gift of appreciation ... a win/win situation.

The following residents celebrated the New Year by taking time on the holiday to donate blood. We thank them for starting the New Year out the right way: Richard Copeland, Sue Copeland, Alfred Ensley, Paul Estock, Carolyn Hancock, Michael Hanson, Amanda Hanson, Nancy Ludvik, Lois Reisinger, Joseph Rooney, Elizabeth Russell, Peter Sandford, Arthur Schneider, Leo Sehler, Allene Tartaglia, and Paul Wag-

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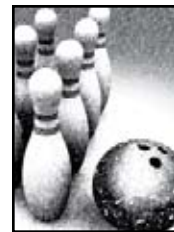
By Don Pixley

The holiday recess is over and all teams are back on stream. The board is already busy planning on the big finale, which will occur with the best of bocce on Tuesday, April 3. With that on everyone's mind, the

weekly competitions have become more intense.

The board members, a hungry lot, are also planning a feast for the season's end, and many alternatives are being aired. All contain copious amounts of great food. Present plans are using a caterer but where we set up is still unsettled. They, the planners, are leaving no stone unturned as they even had a special meeting in January for even more planning.

We still can use more participants, just show up Tuesdays and Thursdays and check in with the officers for assistance.



## Bowling

By Jerry Roney

Most of our bowlers finished 2011 with enthusiasm and performance. We wish each and every bowler the best for 2012.

2011 saw a lot of accomplishments worthy of note. Marilyn Vayko finished December with a game 70 pins over her average and 151 pins over her three game series. Carol Emrick was close behind with 68 and 128 respectively.

A look back over the first 15 weeks of

bowling reveals 27 bowlers bowling one or more games of 200 or higher: Helen Bailey (208), Art Buecher (213), Barbara Buecher (213), Linda Foreman (205), Rick D'Addio (216) and (218), George Diffrancisco (213), Bob Geesler (202), Pete Gorczok (209 and 221), Dick Hautamen (224), Norm Hebert (233), Bill Hull (200, 203, 214 and 258), Peter Ingwersen (201), Joe Jingco (211), Linda McIntyre (205), Georgie Maguire (223), Renato Molas (202), Lacoste Rivers (203, 209, 214, 221 and 225), Jerry Roney (216 and 225), Lynn Shepherd (203), Rod Shepherd (213), Hedy Schamal (202), Bill Shampine (230), Faye Shampine (203), Judy Shuster (225), Bill Specht (202, 212 and 223), Bob Vitale (227) and Peter Vansdale (207).

Here's looking forward to an even greater second half of bowling.



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**Arbor Club Tennis**

By Jorge Privat

I am really hoping to make this year an interesting and satisfying one for everyone. I'm certainly open to new ideas, and I have some of my own as well. How about some evening potluck tennis or a restaurant meal after tennis?

Simple theme tournaments are also another thought: St. Patrick's Day where you have to wear something green, etc. Also, on cold winter days we can start later, like at 11 a.m. or maybe afternoon tennis instead of the regular morning tennis. Anyway, we'll discuss all this with the help of the tennis committee.

Stan Magen is requesting donations of used sneakers for Interfaith Emergency Services. He said, "You should see how the eyes of the homeless, who gather at the shelter, light up when they see all the sneakers lined up by the kitchen." So, please, do not discard your old sneakers into the trash, bring them to the Arbor Club or give them to Stan

Did you have a chance to watch some of the Australian Open? It's amazing what you can learn by watching the pros play. As you watch some of the matches, simply focus

on a particular area you want to improve. Don't follow the ball, instead for instance, to improve footwork, watch their feet, how and where they move. Watch and learn!

During the month of March, one day a week, I will hold a free tennis clinic designated as the stroke of the week where I will pick one particular stroke only, and anyone interested in learning it is welcome to attend. Most likely, it will be on a Thursday after the round robin. I will post the schedule of the strokes for each week on the bulletin board.

**Tennis Tip of the Month: Tennis Elbow**

Tennis elbow is one of the most common and painful injuries in tennis. Lateral Epicondylitis is basically an inflammation of the tendon (tenonitis) where it attaches to the muscles in the forearm that extends your fingers and wrist.

The repetitive stress of hitting too many tennis balls, too hard with weak arm muscles, poor form or ill-fitting equipment causes degenerative changes in the tendon. That, in turn, produces local swelling and pain.

The good news is, like all overuse injuries, you can prevent tennis elbow if you understand the basics of self-care. Everyone has heard about tennis elbow, as well as the many remedies associated with it, ranging from copper bracelets to cortisone shots, with acupuncture and various balms in between.

What can you do to prevent it? The

smartest way to prevent tennis elbow is to train and get fit before you play. Condition yourself off the court with a variety of aerobic activities like biking, running, etc. at least three to five days a week for 30 minutes per session. Strength training like using targeted exercises using free weights or machines is very important. And balance this training with some thoughtful stretching exercises.

Always warm up before you play, because fluid, flexible muscles can withstand the repetitive stress of intense tennis better than muscles that are tight and tense.

Take some lessons. Poor playing technique is a major cause of tennis elbow. Off-center punching at the ball from an awkward position, a lame serve, a weak backhand and lack of proper follow-through, all increase the stress on your muscles and tendons. The better your form, the lower your risk, the higher your score.

Also, check your racquet to make sure it fits you properly: not too big, not too heavy. Focus on your grip size. Too small a grip leads to muscle fatigue. So can holding the racquet too tightly. Too large a grip makes for a weaker stroke. Avoid high string tension and low racquet flexibility, which transmits too much force directly to your forearm muscles. Stretch and strengthen your muscles. Strong, flexible forearms are a huge help in preventing tennis elbow.

Squeeze grip down on a tennis ball with your arm extended in front of you, wrist straight, thumb on top, as hard as you can contracting your fingers and forearm mus-

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cles and hold for five to 10 seconds. Breathe, release and repeat 10 times or more, every day, no excuses. Do curls with two to five pound weights, resting your elbows on a table hanging over the edge, palm down and then palm up, and repeat 10 to 20 times.

To increase flexibility in your forearm extensors, extend your arm in front of you, palm down. Use your other hand to push the extended hand up into a vertical position, fingers pointing to the sky. Hold for 10 to 20 seconds. Repeat 10 times. Then, do the exercise with the palm up. Switch arms and start over again.

See you on the courts!



**Pickleball**

By Bill Daugherty

Move in sync with your partner. Imagine an invisible link that keeps you and your partner no more than about 10-feet apart. When your partner moves to retrieve the ball, that link is like a powerful magnetic force that pulls you with him. If your partner is pulled to the sideline to play the ball, you are pulled with him to cover the middle. If that link is broken, you leave a big gap up the middle. It is very common to see players protecting their side of the

court instead of moving with the ball and their partners.

In the same way that the link pulls you laterally, it should also pull you forward and back. When your partner moves up to the no-volley line, that link is pulling you along to establish a position of strength. When your partner is forced to the backcourt to retrieve a ball, it is much more likely that he will hit a return that can be slammed back at you. So the link should be pulling you back with him, at least part of the way, until you see what type of return your partner is making. That link has some flexibility, but should never break completely.

Watch for those broken links on the other side of the net. That creates an opening for you to hit a winner.

Upcoming events:

- Safety and orientation class taught

by Tom Seitz. Call 390-3112 to set up a time.

- Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m., basic skills for players who have experience and want to learn more. Taught by Bill Daugherty (call 854-2751).
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m., experienced advanced skills class taught

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Please call the instructor before the class and give your name and phone number so if the period is canceled a make-up date can be set.

**Republican Club**

By Fred Pulis

The first meeting of this election year was well attended and the buzz echoed throughout the meeting about the upcoming Florida presidential preference to be contested on Tuesday, Jan. 31. A large turnout by the club membership is expected.

The guest speaker at our meeting was Mike Amsden, County Commissioner, District 1. He provided an up-to-date information briefing about the "state of Marion County." His presentation was both topical and relevant to the membership.

In addition to the scheduled speaker, several candidates competing in the upcoming Aug. 14 primary were given ample opportunity to present a description of their personal background and rationale for their respective elections. All speakers were available for questions and answers following their presentations.

Ongoing club projects such as the Ritz Historic Inn and Operation Shoebox were updated and future volunteer efforts were discussed. Help is always welcome. If you are interested, contact Fred Pulis at 854-9976.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 10, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G. The 7 p.m. meeting will have Stan McClain, County Commissioner, District 3, as the guest speaker. Again, important, relevant, up-to-date information will be provided.

All regular hour-long meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of each month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G, at 7 p.m.

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**Second place intermediate: Red Fire Escape, Old Fabric Mill.**



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**Third place intermediate: Isola Bella Botanical Gardens, Italy.**



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By Marilyn Cronin

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If you missed our annual exhibit at the Arbor Club in November, photos will be displayed at Hands Across the Highway and at Master the Possibilities during March, or you can go on our website to see them in the gallery.

Bob Levin has announced the theme for February will be Low Key, High Key—The Pathway to Understanding Exposure. We'll use what we learn at the State Fair or on our own and share our photos at the show and tell the fourth week of February.

Remember to always bring your camera and manual to the meetings.

Bruce Hagstrom announced the display at Master the Possibilities in February is by Mike Roppel. The Freedom Library display is changed often, so be sure to stop by and check it out.

January's field trip was to the Fantasy of Light in Polk City. February will see us car-pooling to the State Fair in Tampa on Valentine's Day. Not only does John Bauer do a great job arranging these field trips, he always sets up a scrumptious place to eat.

**PHOTO TIP: GREAT SUNSET PORTRAITS.** Everyone wants to shoot portraits at sunset because the sky is so gorgeous, but the problem generally is that a.) your subject either comes out as a silhouette because the sunset is behind them, or b.) you use a flash and your subject looks washed out.

Here's how to get great portraits at sunset without washing out your subject: start by turning off your flash and aim at the sky. Then hold your shutter button halfway down to take an exposure reading from the sky, and while still holding the shutter button halfway down, recompose the shot by aiming at your subject, but now turn the flash on and reveal your subject with the light of the flash. This way your subject gets fill flash but the sky behind them still looks great. (Taken from the Digital Photography Book by Scott Kelby.)

It's an old trick but it is still around because it works so well.

The ShutterBugs will meet in February on the first, third, and fourth Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. For more information, contact Presidents Sue Goldberg and Joyce Levin at [theoffice@otowspc.com](mailto:theoffice@otowspc.com).

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### Candler Connection

By Janet Wiles

In conjunction with the Candler Connection social committee, the Candler Hills Restaurant is hosting a Mardi Gras party on Feb. 19. All residents of Candler Hills as well as On Top Of the World are invited. It is a great way to meet neighbors and make friends throughout the entire community.

The menu will include Cajun-style crab dip with crostini; chopped salad with Chipotle dressing; red beans and rice; N'awalins Mulfaletta; seafood gumbo; Cajun style airline turkey; bananas foster and authentic beignets, king cake, and cafe au lait. The restaurant is putting the final touches on the entertainment (magician, psychic) and will be announced shortly. Tickets are \$25 per person and are on sale now.

The Candler Connection social club is now offering the residents of our community the opportunity to purchase golf shirts with "Candler Hills" embroidered above the "On Top of the World Communities" logo on the front left of the shirt. This is

the first time that shirts of this type with this logo have been offered to the residents of Candler Hills. This is strictly a Candler Connection program and is not associated with On Top of the World. Go to [www.candlerconnection.org](http://www.candlerconnection.org), and select Section 4 Golf Shirts in the left column. The instructions, catalog, and order form are there for your use. Orders will be consolidated to submit to the manufacturer. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Scherff at 291-1505 or [bob.scherff@otowhomes.com](mailto:bob.scherff@otowhomes.com).

The next potluck will be Monday, Feb. 27. This is a wonderful occasion to meet your neighbors. Those residents with last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring a main entree; D-K, salad or vegetable; L-F, appetizer or dessert. Label your dish with its name and ingredients, especially nuts, high sugar or salt contents, or even sugar substitutes, to assist people with dietary issues.

Please start arriving at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy appetizers. Make sure you get a number for the table where you will be sitting. The cost of \$1 covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. Volunteers are always needed to help with set up and clean up. To attend, contact Bev McCarthy at 854-9416 or [bjtr6@yahoo.com](mailto:bjtr6@yahoo.com) to let her know how many will be attending, what dish you will be bringing, and if you can help with set up.



### Winds of Windsor

By Dick & Ruth Shaw

We are both World War II veterans. In October 2011, we were honored to take part in Honor Flight with 96 other veterans. We were flown to Washington, D.C. to see the World War II Memorial. Since this was one of the most emotional days of our lives, we'd like to share some of our experiences with you.

First, we'd like to thank all of the volunteers who made this trip possible for us. There were many behind the scene volunteers such as escorts, doctors, nurses, policemen, merchants and contributors, to name a few.

It took almost 50 years for our nation to recognize the World War II veterans with a monument, but we must say, it is truly a beautiful structure. I don't think there was

a dry eye in the group as we were honored at the memorial.

After we visited our own memorial, we went to the Korean Memorial, which was another emotional moment. Next was a fast visit to the Lincoln Memorial, and then onto Arlington National Cemetery, where we watched the changing of the guards and presented our own Ocala Honor Guard wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

At every single place we visited, be it the airport, the memorials or on the street, we were greeted by servicemen and women, schoolchildren and people from all walks of life, just showing up and taking the time to shake our hands and to thank us for our service.

But, the biggest greeting of all was right back here at the Ocala International Airport, where hundreds of people came out to the welcome home ceremony. Two of our children drove from Jacksonville and Tampa to personally greet us. This was truly an Honor Flight for all of us veterans, and we were treated like royalty. Thank you Ocala!



### American Jewish Club

By Carol Aronoff

The holidays are over, all of the decorations are put away until next year and things are settling down. But the American Jewish Club is forging ahead with lots of good times in store.

At our Sunday, Jan.15 meeting, Angie Finley of Liberty Tax Service talked to us about 2011 taxes and how to use the new tax laws to our best advantage.

The lunch bunch met at the Ocala Ale House on Jan.19.

On Feb. 19, we will have our annual bagels and lox luncheon for paid members. The starting time is 12:30 p.m. Afterward, we will have a game session. Bring your cards, scrabble sets, Mah Jongg, etc. If you are not a games aficionado, we can always indulge in some nice conversation.

Also on Feb. 8, we are going to Jacksonville to visit the Federal Reserve Bank (more information below). This will be a very interesting trip. Let's hope we bring home souvenirs!

In March, we will need members to volunteer for a nominating committee for

new officers in the coming year. Please, don't be bashful. It's time we had some new blood guiding us. Elections will take place in April and officers will be sworn in at the potluck dinner in May.

Regarding our upcoming trips: the first is the trip to the Federal Reserve Bank in Jacksonville on Wednesday, Feb. 8. We will be carpooling. Everyone on the list will get a letter with full instructions. Tour starts at 1:30 p.m. We intend to have lunch prior to the tour, if possible.

On Wednesday, March 25, we are going to an exotic animal preserve in Williston. This is the nationally registered "Two Tails Ranch" specializing in elephants with lunch to follow in Williston.

In April, we will be visiting the Arabian Horse Farm right here in Ocala, details to follow.

To end the club season in May, I hope to have a surprise fun trip for everyone.

Please don't forget to call Renee Filzer at 961-1030 if anyone is in need of some good cheer.

Lastly, I wanted to tell everybody that we did not have the minimum number of people for the SS Victory Trip out of Port Canaveral. However, you can do this on your own. I believe that Travel Toppers is running this almost monthly.

Don't forget our next meeting on Sunday, Jan.15, we have lots to discuss.



### Avalon Social Group

By Lorraine Rourke

Wow! Folks really outdid themselves with our January potluck - lots of neat and yummy dishes!

Our next potluck is Sunday, Feb. 5, which will have a Valentine's Day theme; wear red, if you can. Bring a dish to share of appetizer, salad, fruit, bread, vegetable, casserole, meat, pasta, soup (no desserts as

I assign these), a serving utensil, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Try a favorite recipe or even a new one.

We meet at the Arbor Club Ballroom with setup at 5 p.m., start at 5:30 p.m., eat by 5:45 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

There may be an announcement about the March potluck. We are working on something that may require tickets. So be sure to come and find out what is up and what neat gifts may be part of the 50/50 raffle.

A huge thanks to the Avalon volunteers who help with setup and cleanup. What wonderful neighbors we have!

For questions, contact Lorraine at 390-2120.

### German American Club

By Inge Gaitch

The entertainment committee has firmed up arrangements for a spring dinner and dance to be held on Saturday, May 12 in the Health & Recreation Ballroom, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided by Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q and will consist of chicken and beef entrees with three vegetables and tossed green salad, plus iced tea and lemonade.

Music will be provided by Northern Sounds, an Ocala-based group that has

been performing for several years in many places throughout Florida and in other states around the country. There will be a cash bar provided by The Pub with drinks available at reasonable prices.

The cost of this event will be \$15 per person and tickets will be available starting Monday, Feb. 20, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Health & Recreation Ballroom and then every week on Mondays and Wednesdays until sold out. Tables of eight may be reserved and calling 237-7428 may also reserve tickets.

Our next social evening for the club will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14 during which coffee and cake will be served.

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Thank you for your interest and support. It's YOUR program! Please return your completed survey to the Master the Possibilities office no later than February 15, 2012 to receive your "Square Buck."



You may also view the survey online at [www.MasterthePossibilities.com](http://www.MasterthePossibilities.com).



## Community Patrol

By Patricia A. Woodbury

Gary Rodoff, president of the Community Patrol, shared some statistics about the activities of the Patrol at the December luncheon.

He stated: "We patrol over 2,000 hours and 26,000 miles a year which is about the equivalent of a full time deputy right here in our neighborhood. In addition to the 2,000-plus hours we are on patrol, there are many more hours we spend on training at our monthly meetings and coordinating with the Sheriff's Office. Our total volunteer hours average well over 4,000 per year. This is all done by your neighbors who donate their time to help keep our community safe. So the next time you see our patrol car going by, please wave to let them know our efforts are appreciated."

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Patrol and what we do, please come to one of our monthly meetings. Our next meeting is Monday, Feb. 27.

Anyone interested in becoming part of our community patrol should call Gary Rodoff at 291-7508. Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center, at 3 p.m. Come and join us, the meeting is open to everyone.

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## Pennsylvania Club

By Pat Utiss

The January meeting of the Pennsylvania Club was a huge success. A lot of our members returned from their holiday trips and merry making ready to begin another club year.

At the meeting, we welcomed several new members, Tom, Georgiann and Ken Hagerty. All who attended enjoyed the program put on by the Sidekicks Western Dance Club. The club, led by Carla and Tony Magri, did several rousing numbers for our enjoyment. The dances included a surprising western tango. For myself, I was struck by the fact that all the dancers appeared to be having a good time while they were providing a good time for the audience. Included in the dancers, were our own members, Nell and Jim Entinger. We thank everyone who participated, for a job well done.

All the tickets for our April trip to the Hudson Dinner Theater are now sold. If anyone is interested, I will be taking a waiting list, in case, someone who bought a ticket cannot go.

The program for our February meeting is entitled, "It's a Mystery." Since it is a mystery that is all I am going to say about it. This meeting will be held Feb. 8. It will be in our usual place, Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, also at our regular time (3 p.m.). Plan to come early for refreshments and fellowship.

Remember, you do not have to be from Pennsylvania to join our club. Maybe you should just come to a meeting to see for yourself if you think you would enjoy joining us.



Photo by Anne Merrick

## Viola Higgins painting in the Art Room.



## Art Group

By Anne Merrick

On Top of the World for 17 years and enjoy their friends, the encouragement from the Art Group plus all the diverse activities available here.

Carole's Hints: I stood in Barnes & Noble looking at the magazine rack with a large number of art magazines offered for artists and fans of art. The variety is remarkable. I can remember when American Artist was about the only art magazine. Southwest Art was another sought after magazine back in the '60s. However, now one can find Watercolor Artist, Drawing, Pastel, Art and Antiques and Plein Aire.

My favorite is International Artist, because of the four to five articles that outline, with illustrations, the steps the artists took to do a painting. The other articles in each issue are interviews of artists that describe the thought processes artists take while producing their art.

Making art can be both a complex and a simple process. You just need to have the idea and then start to create your work. Sometimes it ends up just as you thought it would and other times something happens as you go along and it can be very different from what you expected. This is what happens to me, Anne, a lot. I have come to realize that this is okay so long as I am content. Other times the piece of paper goes in the trash. Canvases can be painted over and reused and good quality watercolor paper can be turned over and painted on the back. Whenever this happens you can share it with the group on Thursdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Art Room. For any information, call Anne at 732-0706.

In the summer of 1939, after leaving grammar school in Long Island, N.Y., Viola moved to New York City. Her parents were looking for a high school for Viola to attend and went to Washington High School where an art class was offered. After taking a drawing test where she had to draw a stuffed animal, she was enrolled. Four years of intensive art studies followed, with up to four periods a day of intensive study.

After graduating, she worked as an apprentice in a commercial art studio. After a few years she started working as a freelance commercial artist specializing in women and children's clothing for advertising agencies and department stores.

After marrying and having children, Viola started painting in oils and acrylics.

Presently, she is concentrating on watercolor. She is learning new techniques all the time and is inventing a few of them herself. Although she says it is challenging, she always has something interesting and beautiful to look at when we all paint together.

Viola lived in Vermont for 31 years and has a watercolor painting on permanent display in a local museum.

She and her husband have wintered at

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**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

By Luke Mullen

Debbie and Dan Partin hosted the annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 17. Twenty-six diners attended this great evening of fine food and fun entertainment. All participants had a marvelous time.

The Christmas party took the place of our normally scheduled dinner because Debbie and Dan graciously volunteered to host this event and open up their home to all club members.

As in the past, each couple was requested to provide either two hors d'oeuvres or two dessert dishes after our hosts knew how many couples would be attending.

Participants started the evening by selecting from the approximately 12 different types of delicious hors d'oeuvres. The hors d'oeuvres included lamb stuffed mushrooms, asparagus and blue cheese wrap, ham and cream cheese dip with chives on

bread, pita breads with spinach dip, roast beef roll ups, snarky chicken wings, moss ball cheese balls, shrimp salad on cucumber slices, cream cheese with pomegranate mango with chipotle, cream puffs filled with cream cheese, Swiss cheese, dried tomatoes and peppers, hot dogs in a blanket and chicken and taco bruschetta.

They were followed by a wonderful selection of desserts that included brownies with cherries, raspberry whipped cream truffles, chocolate chip cookies with double chocolate, skillet apple pie, rum balls, cherry Bundt cake, pretzels with chocolate and nuts, pudding cups in phyllo dough, black Russian cake, sables, brownies with walnuts and creme de cacao cake as well as many others.

The event was full of fun and exciting conversation. Also, as in the past, we had a typical Yankee swap. Here all member couples were requested to bring a \$10 wrapped hospitality type gift. This swap turned out to be great fun and was enjoyed by all members. Our master of ceremonies for this activity was Luke Mullen.

This type of activity was nice, as some club members have not met all other members. This made it possible for members to

meet other members.

The club periodically sponsors all-member type evenings throughout the year. These events are the result of fellow members volunteering to undertake hosting these events to accomplish this entertaining evening.

Our club is currently looking for new members. If you are a couple who enjoys preparing and cooking food for others and likes entertaining people in your home, you might consider joining our club. Call Luke at 304-8104 for more information.



Photo by Luke Mullen

Dan and Debbie welcome club members to their Christmas party at their home.

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**Computer Club**

By Jeannie Maire

"Computers must be female. No one but the creator understands their internal logic. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it." -- Author Unknown

The membership renewal period closed the last day of January, which means the membership list has been purged and, if you did not renew, your name has been removed. The password that gives our members access to certain information on our website ([www.cccocala.org](http://www.cccocala.org)) has been changed. So come on in, sign up as a 2012 member, and get the new password. For only \$10 (single) or \$15 (couple), you get a year's worth of computer information and get most, if not all, of your computer problems solved.

Within the next few weeks, we will purchase a new projector, some new cords, and possibly a new switch box, all of which should improve operating efficiency during the meetings. Member dues and 50/50 donations make it possible for the club to purchase the latest and best equipment.

Our old laptop with the XP operating system is having some problems and should be retired. We need to have a computer with XP because many of our members are still using this operating system. New computers do not come loaded with XP so we have been trying to make do with what we have. But Jim Kostka has come to

the rescue and has donated a laptop with XP to the club. Thanks, Jim, it's members like you who make our club so successful.

We welcomed Mary Hord into our membership during the past month. Mary joins her husband, Ed, who is a renewed member.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 18, when Cathy Barbero will continue her series on using Microsoft Word 2007. If you attended her first class, you received a handout. Be sure to bring that handout with you, as additional copies are limited.

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- **MobileMeter**—monitors CPU temperature, CPU clock speed, battery charge/discharge rate, and hard drive temperature.
- **Core Temp**—monitors CPU temperature. The software is excellent, but it is distributed by a very aggressive co-marketing installer package. Read the download dialog boxes carefully to decline software you don't want.
- **Intel Active Monitor**—monitors CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, voltage and fan speed.

If you have ideas or suggestions that will make your club more interesting/informative, please contact one of the officers or directors. We're always looking for member participation. See you Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 9 a.m.



**View From The Library**

By Doris Knight

"Yogi Berra: Eternal Yankee" by Allen Barra. It sounds like a biography about the famous Yankee catcher. I knew little about him so it seemed to be a good choice. The author is a sportswriter who knows a huge amount about baseball. The result is that many times I wasn't sure whether I was reading a history of baseball (1945-2007) or at least of the Yankees. And the detail! Some World Series games are described inning by inning. At times, Yogi disappears from the scene for two or three pages. If you love baseball, you'll love the book. For some of you, it may be too much of a good thing.

Yogi was born Laurence Peter Berra in St. Louis in 1925. How did he become Yogi? He and his friends had seen a travelogue about India in the late 30s. There was a yogi expert in the film who his friends thought looked like Larry and began calling him Yogi. The name stuck.

Yogi left school in the eighth grade, found a job, and also discovered he loved baseball. After some tryouts, he wound up in the Yankee organization in 1942; then he took time out for World War II and the Navy (1944-1945.) By 1946, he was up with the Yankees and hit a home run at his first game in Yankee Stadium.

Yogi began to work with the great catcher Bill Dickey to learn the skills of a major league catcher. He was a quick study and began to establish himself as the starting

catcher. The Yankee pitchers soon learned that they could trust him to call the game. His reputation grew, and when Stacy Stengel became the Yankee manager in 1949 the two men became a great combination.

Joe DiMaggio was slowing down and Stengel needed a new leader on the field. He knew Yogi was already a great catcher, a great batter, and had leadership abilities. So the mantle was passed.

The next few years would be great ones for Yogi, Stengel, and the Yankees. They won the World Series in 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1956, and 1960. Barra sums up Yogi's contribution to the team thusly, Yogi had "ten World Series wins, 18 All Star selections, three Most Valuable Player awards, pages of World Series records, and the most home runs and in R.B.I's for a catcher. He caught three no hitters, and a perfect game in a World Series game." Eventually, he was elected to the Hall of Fame.

He managed the Yankees briefly from 1963-64, and then in the 1970s he managed the New York Mets. He also married and he and Carmen had three sons, was known for his Yogiism (his mangling of the English language), and made commercials for television. He also opened the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center and became a bit of a folk figure in the U.S.

And may I conclude by saying, "it ain't over until it's over."



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**Community Emergency Response Team**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

At the January CERT meeting, the members reviewed some of their first aid procedures. Norman Scott, CPR/first aid trainer, guided the group through the procedures of whole body assessment, dealing with a diabetic emergency, the proper use of gloves and handling of blood. He demonstrated the procedure for assisting a choking victim and the various positions in which this can be accomplished, following which the members practiced on each other. He also demonstrated several techniques of bandaging for such injured areas as, arms, neck and eyes.

A training class for new CERT members is planned to begin Thursday, Feb. 16 either in the afternoon or evening at the Division of Emergency Management, Marion County Sheriff's Office, 692 NW 30th Avenue, Ocala. This is an eight-session course. Interested persons should contact Bob Conn, trainer, at 812-0853, as soon as possible for more information.

The next regular CERT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14.

CERT meets every second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in Suites E, F, and G of the Arbor Conference Center. Persons interested in learning more about CERT are welcome to attend these meetings or contact Pat at 854-8718.

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**Ocala Clown Express**

By Carol & Guy White

Ocala Clown Express, under the direction of President Carol White, is looking forward to a successful and busy 2012.

We are always on the lookout for new clown members who are interested in doing charity clowning. Our main and steady charity is a program set up with Munroe Regional Medical Center and the Marion County school system where first grade students come by bus weekly and attend pediatric orientation. This program informs children on how the hospital handles children and Ocala Clown Express does a safety program that teaches bicycle safety, fire safety, and don't talk to strangers program all done in costume.

We are looking for new volunteers to

assist us in this worthwhile program. The clowns are committed one day a week to this program from September to May each year. If you are interested in helping with this program, please call President Carol White at 873-9223 or Secretary Marge Cordasco at 291-0077. We offer a complete training program for you to become a clown and assist with outfits and makeup.

Our business meetings are held the first Monday of each month, at 3 p.m., and attendance is required at our business meetings if you are interested in being a charity clown.

We also attend many other charity functions and coming up soon is a gig for the Veterans Arms of Hope. Our clowns will be there painting faces, creating balloons and applying tattoos for the military families. Relay for Life is scheduled for early spring and we do this charity function yearly.

Please feel free to call us for information on our clown group. We would love to have you. We are excellent at training new clowns. Being with us is like going to "clown school."

Submitted by Marge Cordasco



**D'Clowns**

By Paula Magen

D'Clowns started off the holiday season with a luncheon at Oak Run and all had a good time.

We did a wonderful walk around at Hawthorne Gardens, a rehabilitation and nursing home. It was gratifying to visit the patients in their rooms and see their smiles. We loved it and will return.

We also did a show at Quiet Oaks in November and the residents participated and enjoyed our antics, songs, skits and magic.

The clowns had two events in mid-December on the same day: Kids & Cookies at TimberRidge and the annual Golf Cart Parade. Half of our group went to each event. Our golf cart was decorated amazingly by clown Penny, Radar, her dog, rode along on

her lap dressed in a reindeer costume while clown Sunflower tossed candy canes to the cheering crowds. Our portable keyboard played songs.

In January, D'Clowns entertained at two assisted living facilities as well as the monthly Kids & Cookies program.

We are scheduled to entertain at another assisted living facility in February as well as Kids & Cookies at TimberRidge. February's highlight will be a face painting demonstration by professional clown Pockets.

It's been a busy but happy time for us. We love what we do, which is spreading joy to the young and old.

Thanks to Yvonne and Sandra for the Mardi Gras beads we give to children and seniors.

Please join us at our meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m., Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. We'll get you involved in clowning and you'll be hooked! For information, call Paula at 873-3433.

Happy Valentine's Day and President's Day!



**A Resident of Note**

By M. Keith Nadel

**Fenton George Overly**

"Okay," the order was, "snap it" and the Army Air Force photographer caught the essence of Mount Fujiyama, the Japanese icon, flying in a Gooney Bird (DC-3) during an initial surveillance flight which included pictures of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Flight Officer Fenton Overly was pilot-in-command in the left seat. Overly was the last of the "flying sergeants."

His next assignment in 1945 was flying air, sea and rescue operations at the controls of a Catalina flying boat or a C-46 or even another Gooney Bird whose bomb bays contained small boats. "We had a B-17 with a boat attached to the bomb bay and would drop this to stranded personnel in the water," explains Overly.

Flight Officer Overly was directly involved in transporting our American prisoners of war (POW) from the prison camp in Fukuoka to Manila hospital ships for medical treatment. "The condition of the POWs was deplorable," describes Overly.

Each JC-47 he flew carried 60 litter patients; the larger C-47 would carry 120 litters. "We were instructed not to shoot the Japanese prison guards - still a mystery to me 68 years later." The author of this article visited many of these camps in September 1945 and can concur with Flight Officer Overly's assessment.

Before conscription, Overly worked as an aeronautical engineer at Ford, testing engines, from 1938 to 1941, during which time he purchased a Piper Club for \$945. He learned to fly and received a pilot's license in two weeks. He was then inducted into the Army Air Corps where he was sent to non-commissioned officers flight school in Greensboro, N.C. and became proficient as a flying sergeant due to the paucity of commissioned pilots. He became familiar with the L-5 observation plane while stationed in Ft. Wayne, which served as a stepping-stone for the left seat of the B-24 (four engines), thence to navigation school.

Overly then flew and delivered all types of planes to the services throughout the United States.

Overly flew the L-5 with cameraman over the invasion of Okinawa as well as Ie Shima from which the first contour maps were fashioned for the ground forces. He observed the troops under combat conditions causing this writer to wonder if Overly was flying and mapping the area while he was eating sand. Typical of all islands attacked by Allied Forces in the SW Pacific, accurate mapping was highly inadequate, thus Overly's successful assignments invariably saved many lives.

Upon being released from the service in 1946, he reverted to his staff sergeant rank and joined General Motors for whom he worked for 30 years as manager of technical service zones specializing in the Buick. He moved to On Top of the World in 1985, co-founded Countryside Presbyterian Church and founded and staffed the Alzheimer's Club of Ocala with the writer helping as counselor.

Fenton Overly participated in the Ocala Honor Flight in 2010 and found the occasion rewarding.



Fenton George Overly, the last of the flying officers of World War II.

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**Stamp Club**

By David Groves

Have you ever heard of the Indian National Army (INA)? During World War II, they had the backing of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan and fought against British and other allied forces in Burma.

Well, if you haven't, you are not alone. Until our stamp club's Jan. 4 meeting, I had never heard of the INA either. That's when Larry Fahy showed our club some stamps issued by the INA and gave us a briefing on INA and its militant revolutionary leader, Subhash Chandra Bose. Ghandi eventually achieved India's independence. That's one of the great things about

stamp collecting. It's a never ending learning process and our club meetings are a great place to learn!

At the same meeting, our new president, Don Parcell, asked club members about their individual stamp collecting interests for future discussion and possibly introducing them into our club's activities.

Skipping from history to the love of dogs, on Jan. 20, the United States Postal Service issued four attractive Dogs at Work stamps. They feature four types of service dogs: guide, therapy, tracking and search and rescue.

These Dogs at Work stamps are 65-cent stamps, priced to cover the new two-ounce first-

class letter rate, which went into effect on Jan. 22.

We had our informal "show-and-tell" meeting at Queen of Peace Catholic Church's library meeting room on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Looking into the future, Stan Lander announced that our 2012 Ocala Stamp Show will be held on Sept. 8 and 9 at On Top of the World.

We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Bank of the Ozarks on SW State Road 200 and the SW 90th Street entrance to On Top of the World.

Monthly evening meetings are held on the



second Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Queen of Peace Church Library.

Visitors are always welcome and annual membership dues are only \$6.

For our new stamp club brochure and a free "Guide to Stamp Collecting" kit, please contact Joe Rosinski by e-mail at jr8850@embarqmail.com or call him at 237-7366.

If Joe is not available, feel free to contact Stan Lander by e-mail at Slander3@otow-homes.com or call him at 369-8977.

For additional information about our General Francis Marion Stamp Club, please visit our really informative new website at <http://ocalagmstampclub.com> where you will find information on our history, calendar of meetings, officers, photo gallery, philatelic links, disposition of your stamp collection and much more!

**Visually Impaired**

By Lee Wagner

The next meeting of our group will be on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m., at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H. This should be a very informative meeting as we are having Cathy Ranges of Central Florida Eye Institute as our speaker. She is a certified ophthalmic technician and has been with Dr. Thomas Crowley for 30 years. Among other things, she will explain how other conditions of your body can affect your eyes. Cathy will also be prepared to answer any questions you may have.

Remember, our meetings are open to all residents and their caregivers. If you need more information, please call Lee Wagner at 237-4843.

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By Annette Sharpe

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Here, nostalgia clings to me  
Like cobwebs on the ceiling,  
As through the misty maze of time,  
The past comes gently stealing.  
Things are stored, with memories,  
Too loved to throwaway,  
Too precious for discarding  
Though they're from another day.  
A patchwork quilt grandma made,  
Her shawl, her rocking chair,  
A little footstool she used,  
Are covered up with care.  
Saved are treasured toys,  
Some in need of repair,  
Others, simply over-loved,  
Ragged and threadbare.  
In an old trunk,  
Were clothes long out of style,  
At the sight of satin and a veil,  
I paused to reminisce awhile.  
Old photos, postcards,  
Letters tied with a bow,  
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**Tag Sale:** Friday, Feb. 3 & 17, Saturday, Feb. 4 & 18, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Everything must go! 8449-C SW 90th Place (Friendship Colony).

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**Blinds Repaired:** in your home. Repairing shades & drapery hardware. Certified & experienced installer. Call Gary or Kathy at 352-344-3805.

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**Bob's Screening Service:** Garage door screens, window screens, porch enclosure screens. We re-vinyl windows. Complete rescreening service. Free estimates. 352-586-8459, Bob.

**Caretaker:** Providing all types of home health care tailored to your needs. Hourly, daily or weekly. Call Debby (352) 447-5551. FL Lic. #CNA68800.

**Carpet Cleaning:** Countryside Chem-Dry, serving On Top of the World residents for 11 years. Dry in hours, not days. 307-4100.

**Cat and/or House Sitting Services:** for On Top of the World residents. Dependable, trustworthy and affordable. References provided upon request. Grammy Sharon, 694-4853.

**Cat Boarding and Sitting:** provided by loving experienced Cat Nanny. On Top of the World resident. Call 854-8589.

**Ceramic Tile:** all types of installation and repair. 20+ years experience. Lic. & ins. Call Bob Adkins 352-274-8678.

**Clock Doc:** low cost clock repairs with free estimates. Call Cliff (resident) at 246-2438.

**Computer Help:** Call Arthur 24/7. 25 years PC & Internet experience. Prompt, reliable, courteous. Local house calls. Office, errand & delivery help also available. \$20/first hour, \$10/additional half hour. 875-7878.

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**General Maintenance:** Trimming, weeding, edging, pressure wash driveways/gutters, and wash windows. Free estimates. Steve (resident) at 237-5338.

**Hair care in your home:** Licensed, experienced beautician comes to you. Full service. Call Cathy, PCA, resident, 237-3347. Service homebound.

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**Painting by North Central Painting & Home Maintenance:** interior and exterior. 427-7725.

**Pressure Washing:** "Don's" Free estimates. Remove mildew from driveways, porches, patios, walkways and clean the gutters. On Top of the World resident. 873-6225.

**Steve's Handyman Service:** Doors, shelving, general carpentry. On Top of the World resident. Call Steve at 854-4927.

**Transportation:** airports (Tampa, Orlando, Sanford & Gainesville) and seaports (Tampa & Port Canaveral). Safe, reliable, with references. Call Fred (resident) at 207-6581 (cell) or 237-0860 (home).

**Transportation by Martin:** doctor appointments, shopping & errands. Call 304-8947 (resident).

**Transportation:** I'll drive you to local appointments, grocery shopping, errands and more. Joan at 237-8240.

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**Musicians:** banjo, fiddler, accordion, guitar, to name a few for jamming classic country music. 237-7018.

**Ride to New York City/Hudson River** areas, Putnam County or Philadelphia at the end of June. Will share expenses. 237-3062.

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