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**COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE**

By Kenneth D. Colen  
Publisher

Spring is in the air around On Top of the World and as I'm writing this column, the Ocala Open is wrapped up. This event raised \$55,000, which was distributed equally to Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County. We had a playing field of 162 top professional golfers. The planning that has gone into this event was nothing short of phenomenal. Most of the effort comes down to the 60-days preceding the event. Matt Hibbs together with the other pros and golf course staff have worked very hard at getting the word out to potential players and the Florida Professional Golf Tour coordinators.

Golf superintendent, Andy Jorgenson, and his staff have done a great job at getting Candler Hills Golf Course in really terrific condition and able to withstand the rigors of three days of hard play. As far as the technical aspects of course condition and tournament organization goes, we were in great shape.

That said, nothing would work as well as it did without the coordination of resident volunteers. Many thanks to the entire Ocala Open employee committee for the hard work that goes into this tournament; and special thanks to Lisa Lazaro who was in charge of volunteer coordination. We can't say enough about the support we get from our volunteers. They make our tournament a great success!

The amount of work required by our marketing department was extensive and led by Linda Massarella. The hospitality division headed by Sandy Curtis and the Candler Hills staff did a great job on the food and beverage service for the Pro-Am roundup, as well as all three days of tournament play. We look forward to repeating this success in 2016. Hopefully, we can expand the field of players and raise even more money for local charities.

Golfadvisor.com has once again recognized the Candler Hills Golf Club as one of the courses named in the "Top 10 course conditions of the week" throughout the nation on March 9.

**Stonebridge at Candler Hills**

The model grand opening for Stonebridge was a resounding success. We had over 1,300 people attend this one-day event on Saturday, March 21. We are looking forward to many new neighbors to join our On Top of the World family!

Besides the new models, the design of The Lodge at Candler Hills is moving right along. This clubhouse is in addition to the Candler Hills community recreation amenities. The over 16,000 sq. ft. building will include a dual use resident kitchen with catering capability, meeting and social spaces wired for the latest in media technology, together with an elegant lodge seating area. The outdoor pool area is a combination lap and spa pool. The pool pavilion features a fantastic open grill, fireplace as well as gathering areas.

**The Town Square**

Spring kicks off in earnest on Saturday, April 4, from 5 to 9 p.m. with the Spring Band Concert! Three great bands including Norman Lee Schaffer, Kathleen Kane and Rocky & The Rollers will all perform. There will be a Corvette car show, great food vendors – barbecue, tacos, nachos, sweet treats, hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and the kiosk will be open for beer, wine and soft drinks.

There's also going to be a 50/50 raffle to benefit Interfaith for Kids – so bring a few dollars to support this good cause.

Even more great bands will perform on The Town Square throughout the month – so come out and enjoy! Don't forget that The Town Square hours are now from 7 to 10 p.m. through the fall.

**Circle Square Cultural Center**

Circle Square Cultural Center has been hosting some phenomenal talent this year with four sold out shows since January! That's definitely a record since the opening.

April is another great month featuring Peter Yarrow on Saturday, April 10. Remember the songs of Peter, Paul & Mary? "Puff the Magic Dragon," "Leaving on a Jet Plane" and "Blowing in the Wind?" Well it's the same Peter performing. His show is titled "An Evening of Music and Word," so come prepared for some great music and stories by this gifted singer, song writer and advocate for social justice.

**Ocala Open Ends with a Big Finish!**

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

What a finish! It all came down to the 18th hole where it was posted to the spectators that one player in the tournament had a one-stroke lead and three others were tied with just one stroke behind.

The gallery was swollen, the erected grandstands were full, people were standing everywhere behind a roped off area and then it happened ...

On Friday, March 13, the scoreboard showed Dan McCarthy from Syracuse, N.Y. with a 16 under par for the 54-hole tournament. Tim O'Neal from Savannah, Ga.; Adam Schenk from Port Char-

lotte, Fla.; and defending champion, Patrick Sheehan from Oviedo, Fla. were 15 strokes under par needing a birdie to force a play-off.

Then, the scoreboard changed when O'Neal birdied; giving him a score of 16 under par also. All O'Neal had to do to force a face-off was to get a par on the 18th hole.

Sheehan was in the next to last grouping at the 18th hole. On the green, he missed a birdie putt that would have tied him with McCarthy forcing a playoff; his putt was short about one foot keep-

ing him at 15 strokes under par. That left two others who could tie McCarthy at the 18th hole: O'Neal needing par and Schenk, who if birdied could force a play-off. O'Neal had tied McCarthy but on the 18th he made bogey.

O'Neal found himself in a bunker and finished one stroke behind the leader as Schenk made par. Dan McCarthy won the ninth annual Ocala Open with 16 under par and took home a purse of \$12,000. Sheehan, O'Neal, and Schenk tied for second shooting 15 under par; taking home \$5,533 each. Total payout for the tournament was \$93,950.

The first day, Wednesday, March 11, saw players starting early in the morning and finishing just before dark. Adam Schenk shot a 63, seven under par for the day. Fifteen players were within two strokes, leading into the final day before the cut. The second day (Thursday) saw the leader board change a little with Tim O'Neal shooting a minus 13 beating out Schenk by one stroke who was tied with Patrick Sheehan with 12 strokes after two rounds.

Dan McCarthy improved his playing score for the second round raising his score to a minus nine for two days of play; just four strokes behind the leader.

Out of the 162 players, 64 made the cut, which was minus three for the two previous day's score. Tim O'Neal was at a minus 13, Adam Schenk and Patrick Sheehan shot a minus 12 and Dan McCarthy was at a minus nine.

On the final day, it really came down to the wire. Schenk and Sheehan needed to birdie the 18th and didn't; and O'Neal just had to par the 18th to force a play-off or birdie to take the lead and become the winner. He made bogey. All failed at their last stroke making McCarthy the winner. McCarthy shot a 194 for the 54-hole course tournament and Sheehan, O'Neal and Schenk shot a 195. Each round was a par 70.

The Ocala Open is the most sought after tournament in the Florida Professional Golf Tour "because of Candler Hills Golf Course and the purse," according to Rick Hendershot, director of the tour. The 2015 tournament guaranteed a purse of \$12,000 to the winner.

The tour draws many veterans of the tournament as Hendershot estimated at least 70 percent of the players were repeaters. This year's Ocala Open had 162 players; the maximum amount for the event. There were nine alternates selected in case of any last minutes cancellations.

You can call the Ocala Open an international event. Players came from distant shores of both oceans: South Korea via Australia, Switzerland, two from England, Germany, Sweden, and many from our Canadian neighbor along with players from just about every state in the union.

This year's Ocala Open saw many firsts: the largest number of sponsors, the largest field of players, the largest purse, and a shotgun start to "dodge the weather."



Photo by Bob Woods

**Dan McCarthy, winner of the Ocala Open 2015, tees off at hole number one.**

**Newest Models in Stonebridge Unveiled**

By Kayla Hall-Abdool

Excitement surrounds the new neighborhood of Stonebridge at Candler Hills as the highly anticipated models were revealed on Saturday, March 21, at the model grand opening. It was another grand celebration with food, live music and fun.

The event kicked off on Wednesday, March 18, with the ribbon cutting where the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership (CEP) ambassa-

dors joined us. On Thursday, March 19, the residents of On Top of the World attended a special VIP sneak preview of the models. Over 250 residents joined us and had great feedback about the four new models. Also, on that day we were joined by 62 realtors from throughout Marion, Lake and Sumter Counties.

On Saturday March 21, there were over 1,300 guests welcomed at the sales center

and transported to the model center to tour the new homes. Second Slice played live music and the guests were served hot dogs, bratwursts, and sliders and not to mention ice cream from Bruster's Real Ice Cream. The buses traveled hundreds of miles touring guests throughout the community and back and forth from the sales center and the model center.

These unique neighborhood estate homes are built on oversized home sites and feature three-car garages, gourmet kitchens, guest suites, oversized lanai areas, and all homes will exceed Energy Star™ Standards for energy efficiency. These uniquely inspired homes were designed specifically for today's active adult.



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**Aerial view of the new models in Stonebridge at Candler Hills.**



**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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**GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR**

By Stan Goldstein



**Good listening is hearing what people don't say.**



**Is It Legal?**

By Gerald Colen

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Here is my upcoming lecture schedule through Master the Possibilities:

- Tuesday, April 14 & Tuesday, April 21: Gunfighters of the American Wild West;
- Tuesday, May 5: When Do You Need a Lawyer and How to Talk to Him/Her?

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Best of all, have a caller ID system on your phone (cell phones already have them) and if you do not recognize the calling number, don't answer it. Let them leave you a message.

**Q.** If I see something that I want to buy on [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com) is it safe to buy it?

**A.** I don't know enough about craigslist to know what they offer and what guarantees are available as to the quality of what you would purchase through that list. I can tell you this, though, if you are going to meet someone who will give you the item in exchange for your payment, only meet that person in a well-lit location and only during daylight hours. Never invite that person to your home nor let that person come to your home.

**Q.** My neighbor told me that if I want to protect myself from having my children put me into an assisted living place or even a nursing home I should have a trust. The same neighbor also told me that if my children go to court to force me into a home that the courts always rule in favor of the children, but having a trust would prevent that. My attorney said that my neighbor was wrong and that having a living trust would not protect me from a situation like that anyway. I'd really like your thoughts.

**A.** Your attorney knows what he/she is talking about and your neighbor is flat out wrong. Period. Further, the courts usually rule in favor of the parent, not the children. Still further, in a court situation like you've outlined, the courts require expert testimony from a physician, such as your family doctor, before ruling one way or the other. Sigh.

I get a lot of questions that start off "My neighbor told me ..." Then, these questions go on to point out that the neighbor knew of someone who knows of someone, where something bad happened, etc. Please don't rely on information like that! The best thing to do if one is worried about what the children or anyone else can or might do, is to sit down with an elder law or estate planning attorney and discuss the matter. Almost 100% of the time, a neighbor is well meaning but not truly acquainted with how the legal system works.

I can only add this, the state of Florida is one of the best states – in my opinion, probably the best state – in the United States for protecting the rights of senior citizens against exploitation be it by children, friends, neighbors, scammers or any other person. So relax, please.

**Q.** My husband and I have been married for (many, many years). He is not doing well and if he doesn't recover his two children from another marriage have already made it known that they want to remove things from our apartment. The title is in both of our names. Can I prevent them from doing that?

**A.** Yes. You certainly can prevent them from doing that and you should do so. The best way to do that is to use the wonderful word, "no!" Don't be afraid of it. Don't let them tell you about their "rights" to be in your apartment. If the apartment is in both of your names as husband and wife, then they don't have any rights unless you choose to give them some. Note: Just in case they have keys to your apartment, it might be a good idea to have a locksmith come out and either re-key the locks or install new locks.

**Q.** Some time ago, I promised my granddaughter that I would take her on a cruise. Now, she says that she would like to bring her boyfriend along with us. I can't afford two separate cabins and wonder if we could share one cabin with the three of us. What do you think?

**A.** Um ... er ... uh ... Will you be able to sleep at night?

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By Kenneth D. Colen, Publisher

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On Sunday, April 12, Opera Tampa will once again showcase the talent of some very gifted young and up and coming artists. Saturday, April 18, is the Hands Across the Highway Art Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and, as always, this is a free event and open to the public.

We wrap the month with a brand new show to Circle Square Cultural Center – Extreme Vegas. This is a high level, high energy Vegas-style variety act. Purchase tickets online at [www.CSCulturalCenter.com](http://www.CSCulturalCenter.com) and get tickets before they're all gone!

**Trending Real Estate Values**

It is certainly no secret that resale home values have been increasing for the last six months. This reflects not only the general economic recovery in the nation and region, but also diminishing supply of distressed properties regionally.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, points out that national home prices have risen a cumulative 25 percent over the last three years. According to the National Association of Realtors website, the national median existing single-family home price in the fourth quarter was \$208,700, up six percent from the fourth quarter of 2013 (\$196,900). For all of 2014, the median price increased 4.8 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier; 4.2 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier; and 8.3 percent in the first quarter from a year

earlier.

Despite resale prices trending higher, mortgage rates are trending at historic lows for long-term home loans. This trend continues to keep home prices affordable for many.

In Marion County for 2014, resale prices once again improved over prior years. Median home prices were into the low \$90,000s. Average prices were somewhat higher in the \$120,800 range. On Top of the World Real Estate located in the Circle Square Commons can give you an idea of your home value.

New home prices are trending higher largely as a result of escalating materials costs. This is a sure sign we are in a recovering regional economy. The interesting trend is that the spread between resales and new properties continues to narrow slightly.

Fannie Mae Chief Economist Doug Duncan reported, "We have revised upward our full-year economic growth forecast to 3.1 percent for 2015, which is not yet robust but still an improvement over last year's growth. Strength in the broader economy, accompanied by continued employment growth and meaningful income growth, should contribute to some improvement in housing activity this year." (Source: Katie Penote, FNMA News Release). The good news is that available inventory is down as well. So the strengthening trend remains solid.

Finally, sale of foreclosed properties continues at a significantly lower percentage of home sales in Marion County over last year. In other words, the backlog of foreclosed properties is decreasing and overall supply is narrowing (finally). So the takeaway for residents is that, if you currently have your home listed for sale, you may want to hold tight on the price and not be so inclined to negotiate away your value.

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\* Due to volumes, pick-up may extend into Tuesday  
\*\* Begins at 7:30 a.m.



**All Around Our World**

By Lynette Vermillion

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Don't be fooled by April 1 and remember April 15 is tax day. What is the old saying, "April showers bring May flowers?" I know we all enjoy spring and the beautiful color we see in the landscapes; however, we also know warmer weather means it is time to gear up for the upcoming growing season.

**Ocala Open**

The Candler Hills Golf Course hosted the ninth annual Ocala Open, Wednesday, March 11, through Friday, March 13, and it was a huge success. Many, many thanks to the resident volunteers, sponsor partners and employees who helped make this year's Ocala Open yet another success. This type of event couldn't be done without the great support from all involved and we look forward to doing it all again next year, which will be our 10th Ocala Open! We had a record of 162 players who signed up and there were 162 in the field the first day and 157 the second day. On the third and final day of play, the field was narrowed down to 64.

We are very thankful that the weather for all three days of tournament play was great, although vastly different from the cold temperatures we experienced last year. The wind kicked up the last afternoon of play adding a little extra challenge to the game. We were happy to see Travis Hampshire, our 2008 and 2013 champion, as well as Yohann Benson, our 2012 champion, and Patrick Sheehan our 2014 champion in the field. Congratulations to Dan McCarthy who won the first-place prize of \$12,000.

We were able to raise \$55,000 for charity – Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. We were very excited that we raised more money for our charities this year over last year. Each charity received \$27,500 and both entities provide a benefit and support such a huge need in our community. To date, we have raised over \$350,000 for our charities.

**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 April 15 this month. Customer Service may be reached by phone: 352-236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: [otowservice@otowfl.com](mailto:otowservice@otowfl.com); or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons.

Customer Service may be reached by phone Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Water Restrictions Change**

Now that we are observing daylight-saving time, watering may return to twice per week. It is recommended that you check your irrigation system for proper coverage, leaks and head adjustment if you are not already doing so monthly. Your irrigation system should be set to water half to three-quarters of an inch each watering application. If you have not checked your rain sensor lately, please take time to make sure it is functioning properly. Not main-

taining the irrigation system may have a negative impact on the lawn, and stressed grass attracts weeds, disease and insects. Please refer to [www.otowinfo.com](http://www.otowinfo.com) for your specific scheduled days and times.

**Telephone Directory**

The new community telephone directory is now available at the Arbor Club and you may be wondering what to do with the old one. Please dispose of it in one of the single stream recycling units located at the waste disposal areas throughout the community.

**Community Clean-up Day**

Our third community clean-up day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12. During this time, residents will be asked to participate by making sure their property is in good order and in compliance with the rules. The community Rules and Standards may be viewed online at [www.otowinfo.com](http://www.otowinfo.com). Once you choose your community, click on Rules and Community Standards.

Our goal is to have residents, who have installed items or made changes to the exterior of their homes without modification, to take this time to voluntarily bring their homes into compliance with the current Rules and Regulations.

Staff will be available to help residents who are physically unable to trim owner installed landscape or with removal of items not in compliance. Residents requiring assistance are asked to contact 352-236-OTOW (6869). Lawn furnishings may be disposed of in any compactor, or any open top dumpster suitable for such items, located within the community. Please visit [www.otowinfo.com](http://www.otowinfo.com) for more information as the day draws near.

**Lamppost Bulb Replacement**

We are still writing to residents to remind them that those of you whose lamppost bulb needs replacing to please do so. We thank you in advance for replacing the bulbs as it is the homeowner's responsibility. If you are unable to change the bulb, please contact Customer Service for help on community clean-up day.

**Solicitation**

On Top of the World Communities has a list of contractors who have furnished evidence of insurance, workers comp, and license, if required. If a contractor ends up at your door soliciting business, please verify with Customer Service that they are a contractor on the list.

On Top of the World Communities, Inc. and your board do not endorse or recommend any individual contractors. We do keep a record of contractors that meet minimum criteria and that do work or have worked successfully with our residents.

Please advise Customer Service of anyone soliciting at your door. Ask for their name, company and a copy of the flyer so that we may contact the vendor to address their violation of our no-solicitation rule.

We are removing signs from roadways, yards and in common areas. Solicitation is not allowed by vendors, service companies or any occupant in the community. Also, no vehicle, home or other item may be advertised for sale on the exterior of any residential unit or any common property, including streets, parks and along roadways. It is your community and your board is working to keep it presentable at all times.

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**2014 Quality Water Report**  
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The Bay Laurel Center Community Development District is very pleased to provide you with this year's annual water quality report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

Bay Laurel Center Community Development District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2014. Data obtained before Jan. 1, 2014, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

Our seven groundwater wells draw their water from the pristine Floridan Aquifer. We add chlorine to the water for disinfection purposes. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

In 2013, the Department of Environmental Protection performed a source water assessment on the Bay Laurel Center Community Development District system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment showed no contamination at this time in the source of the seven wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Bryan Schmalz at (352) 414-5454, ext. 4105. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please contact our business offices during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In the table to the right, you will find terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

**ACTION LEVEL (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

**CDC:** Center for Disease Control.

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**N/A:** Not applicable.

**ND:** Not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**PARTS PER BILLION (PPB) OR MICROGRAMS PER LITER (UG/L):** One part by weight of analyte to one billion parts by weight of the water sample.

**PARTS PER MILLION (PPM) OR MILLIGRAMS PER LITER (MG/L):** One part by weight of analyte to one million parts by weight of the water sample.

**PICOCURIE PER LITER (PCI/L):** Measure of the radioactivity in water.

**INITIAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EVALUATION (IDSE):** An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAS).

Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

Bay Laurel Center Community Development District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

**NON-SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS TABLE**

\*\* Results in the Level Detected column for radiological contaminants, inorganic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides, and volatile organic contaminants are the highest average at any of the sampling points or the highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency.

Contaminant & Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Radium 226 or combined radium (pCi/l)	1/14, 4/14, 7/14, 10/14	N	1.6	0.8-1.6	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Arsenic (ppb)	1/14	N	0.36	0.36-0.36	N/A	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronics production wastes.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	1/14	N	2.29	1.89-2.29	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (ppm)	1/14	N	6.9	5.9-6.9	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil.
Barium (ppm)	1/14	N	.0046	.0045-.0046	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	1/14	N	0.12	0.12-0.076	N/A	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions, paint, lead pipe, casing, and solder.

**STAGE 2 DISINFECTANT AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS**

For chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. For haloacetic acids (THM), the level detected is the highest RAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples collected if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations

Contaminant & Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
HAA5 Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	7/14	N	1.225	1.15-1.30	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	7/14	N	7.23	6.68-7.78	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine (ppm)	1-12/2014	N	1.54	0.90-1.97	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes.

**LEAD AND COPPER**

Contaminant & Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	7-8/2014	N	0.93	1	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (ppb)	7-8/2014	N	0.0	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.

gov/safewater/lead.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and sep-

tic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with can-

cer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

We at Bay Laurel Center Community Development District would like for you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.



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### Candler Connection

By Janet Wiles

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at 2 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to come and discuss any issue pertaining to the board.

The next event in the speaker series will be on Tuesday, April 7. Jo Salyers will provide a backstage tour of Circle Square Cultural Center. Anyone who is interested in learning about the performers and in hearing some interesting behind-the-scenes stories simply need to show up at Circle Square Cultural Center, at 10 a.m.

The "Tulips in Spring" dinner and dance will be held at the Arbor Club on Saturday, April 18. If you have not purchased your tickets, please contact John Bain at (352) 414-5434 no later than Thursday, April 9. Tickets are \$32 per person.

The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, April 28, in the Candler Hills Community Center. Residents with last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring side dishes, salads or vegetables; D-K, appetizers or desserts; L-S, main entrees. Label your dish with its name and ingredients.

Volunteers helping with setup should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; all others should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy appetizers. Please get a number for the table where you will be sitting. The cost of \$1 covers eating utensils, plates, napkins and decaffeinated coffee.

If you wish to attend, please contact Bev McCarthy at (352) 854-9416 or bjtr6@



Photo by Bob Scherff

### Candler Hills residents enjoying a presentation from On Top of the World's Vice President of Sales & Marketing Dean Luce.

yahoo.com to let her know how many will be attending, what dish you will be bringing, and if you can help with setup.

The rescheduled date for the tour of the Marion County Jail is Wednesday, April 29. Meet at the Candler Hills Community Center parking lot at 8:15 a.m. to caravan to the jail for the two-hour tour that will start at 9 a.m. If you are interested in this event, please contact Bob Scherff at bob.scherff@otowhomes.com or at (352) 291-1505 to furnish your name, address and phone number. Registration will be limited to 30 residents of Candler Hills.

The communications committee will present a "New Resident Welcome Session" on Thursday, April 30, at 3 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. This will be a great opportunity for new residents to get to meet and learn information about On Top of the World, Ocala, and Marion County.

Mark your calendar for the ice cream sundae party in the Candler Hills Community Center on Sunday, June 7. Details will follow in a future column.

The Candler Connection website, [www.candlerconnection.org](http://www.candlerconnection.org), contains a

neighborhood directory. If you wish to be added to this, you may now contact one of two board members: Marilyn Lube at (352) 895-3954 or [marilynube@yahoo.com](mailto:marilynube@yahoo.com) or Sami Odeh at (352) 229-0214 or [sodeh65@gmail.com](mailto:sodeh65@gmail.com). If leaving a message with either person, please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. By submitting your e-mail address, you can receive "The Happenings" each month and notifications of any changes made after the submission of this column.

### Avalon Social Group

By Marie Roppel

Monday, March 2, found approximately 90 residents gathered for a corned beef dinner provided by the group. Members contributed the side dishes and dessert. John Morales and Frank Caputo representing Christ Church spoke of the various opportunities for charitable work and donations in this area.

The Monday, April 6, meeting will be our standard potluck meal. Bring a dish,

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serving utensil as well as your own non-alcoholic beverage. Following the meal, Pat Gabriel from the State Road 200 Coalition will highlight the projects already approved for the State Road 200 corridor. Come and meet both familiar and new friends.

A reminder the fall cookout has been moved from November to October in order to meet before daylight-saving time ends.

The meetings for the remainder of the calendar year will be May 4 and June 1. There will be a break over the summer and we will resume meetings on Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. For questions, call Ed at (352) 304-8206 or Kurt at (352) 237-5747.



### Veterans Club

By Fred Pulis

The Veterans Club conducted its quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 19. The guest speaker was Bruce W. Davis, the visual impairment service team coordinator for the Veterans Administration. He talked about the assistance the Veterans Administration provides for the visually impaired and legally blind individuals. Also, he provided significant relevant information to the members and answered

numerous veteran-related questions.

The Veterans Club is open to all armed services veterans and their guests. People who are concerned about veterans affairs are also encouraged to attend. In upcoming meetings topics concerning veterans' issues will be discussed and various opinions and ideas are encouraged.

The Veterans Club represents every branch of the military and meets quarterly on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. The next club meeting will be held Thursday, June 18. The meeting usually lasts for about one hour.

For any additional information, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.

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**Indigo East**

By Jean DiPiero

On Saturday, Jan. 31, the Indigo East Community held their first happy hour. The theme was to meet and greet our neighbors, as well as the existing neighbors. Sea scallops, baked ziti, and meatballs were just some of the appetizers along with your choice of beverage and dessert. Along with great conversation, oldies played on the CD player and a raffle drawing was held. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed themselves. It was a great hit. Thanks to Mary Lou Masone, chairperson, for putting this happy hour together along with David and Landi Marrella, Dick Lord and Fred Masone.

The ladies luncheon was held on Saturday, Feb. 28. The theme of the luncheon was a chance to be queen or to be one of her court. Everyone who attended had to wear something red. Barbara Martyn was named the queen and her court consisted of Mary Beth Barnes, Shirley Pupa and Vivian Covin. The ladies were to bring a food item to be donated to a senior citizens food pantry.

Our talented resident vendors sold creative necklaces, bracelets and earrings; pottery and designer purses; colorful wreaths; unique bracelets, earrings, necklaces and scarves. The menu consisted of assorted croissants with a salad bar along with dessert and choice of drink. Many door prizes were given out and a raffle was held. Pat Gabriel of the Southwest SR 200 Coalition was our guest speaker.

The volunteers who made this event a big success were Colleen Rockafort and Shirley Hamilton, co-chairpersons, Barbara Martyn, Betty Chadwell, Charlotte Sodatani, Eleanore Brown, Lois Nix, Sally Herrick, Mary Pat Giffin, Sheryl Browne, Toni Stevenson, Mary Kay Fitzgerald, Cris Ragsdale, Jeanne DiPiero, Mary Lou Masone, Jeanne Collins and Lee Ann Oliver.

Taste of Tuscan II dinner was held



Photo by Jean DiPiero

**Barbara Martyn, volunteer, Shirley Hamilton and Colleen Rockafort co-chairpersons for the ladies luncheon.**

Sunday, March 1. The Indigo East Community Center was filled with the wonderful aroma of pasta, sauce and sausage. Along with the meal, guests had salad and garlic bread. There were a variety of desserts. Buon appetito! The winners of the raffle were Judy Dunn, Beth Coburn, Joyce Gysen, Larry Larsen and Barbara Martyn.

A big thank you goes out to Joe and Marla Ziino who cooked the homemade meat sauce and pasta. Also helping out were Lee Potoma, Helga Schulze, Beth

and Brian Coburn, Jackye and Dave McCreaty, Mary Lou Masone, Sarah Logue, Joan Lanzetti, Anne Alhborn, Sue Copeland, Jo Underwood, Carol May, Jeanne and Frank DiPiero, Patsy Keegan, Jeanne Collins, Kathy and Harold Brouillard, Joan Lanzetti, Cris Ragsdale, Ruth Stonesifer, Bonnie Berryman, and Betty Chadwell.

Without community involvement we couldn't hold the above dinners or luncheons. Thank you to all those who helped!

All residents are invited to play bunco

at the Indigo East Community Center on Tuesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Please bring a drink of your choice, if you wish, along with a snack to share. There is a fee of \$3. At the end of the game there will be prize money for the most wins, losses, buncos, etc. Even if you don't know how to play there will be someone there who can show you. Come join in the fun and meet new people. Contact Shirley Hamilton if you have any questions at kable.shirley@yahoo.com.



**Community Patrol**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

At our February meeting, Lieutenant Dennis Joiner, Commander of the Southwest District stated that the traffic volume on SR 200 has doubled, with the return of the snowbirds plus the tourists, making it difficult to get to a destination on time.

He says it is better to be a little late than not get there at all. He sees the congestion especially around SR200 and I-75. He suggests taking it easy and relax. He finds some people drive slowly, so be careful, pace yourself and change lanes when it is safe.

Lieutenant Joiner states that the SW District office has more calls than any other district. There are 4,000 to 5,000 calls per month: such as 911 hang ups (which all have to be checked out), alarms going off, well-being checks on individuals, suspicious people and shoplifting. He

encourages persons not to dial 911 just to determine if their phone works.

Members of the patrol, along with many other Sheriff's Office volunteers, enjoyed the annual volunteer appreciation dinner on Thursday, March 19 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion. President Gary Rodoff announced that last year the patrol members put in over 2,400 hours of community service, which is equal to one full-time deputy.

The patrol continues to look for new members. New recruits have six months after they enter the patrol to sign up for

the 12-week Sheriff's Citizens Academy and Partnership, if they have not already completed that course.

The next meeting of the Community Patrol is Monday, April 27.

Anyone interested in becoming part of our community patrol should call Richard Enos at (352) 304-8477 or Gary Rodoff at (352) 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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**Democratic Club**

By Dan Lack

Tri-county Unified Progressives, an organization that encompasses Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties, advocates for progressive causes with a greater impact than any one county could provide. Tri-county's Communications Officer Gary Green and Coordinating Director Cheryl Olin will be our speakers on Thursday, April 23. Please note that this is not the last Thursday of the month.

Gary and Cheryl will talk about issues such as a state Constitutional amendment granting voting rights to felons who have completed their prison sentences. Gary and Cheryl will distribute a petition to place this amendment on an upcoming ballot. They will also talk about other items of concern that are happening at

the state and federal levels that we should know about.

The next club luncheon at the Olive Garden will take place on Thursday, May 7, at noon. A sign up sheet will be available at our meeting for you to add your name. Our luncheons provide opportunities for us to get to know each other better while enjoying delicious food.

Let's continue to show our support for the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village by bringing canned and bottled food, coffee, sugar, toiletries and laundry detergent to our meetings. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club.

For more information call Dan Lack at (352) 509-4942 or send an e-mail to otowdemclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club). You are not alone!



**Citizens Emergency Response Team**

By Beth McKeen

In order to become a member of CERT, you must be certified by the Bureau of Emergency Management of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. CERT basic training is designed to prepare you to help yourself, family members and neighbors in the event of a disaster such as a hurricane or tornado. With training and practice, and by working as a team, you will be able to protect yourself and do the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Certification requires an eight-week course covering topics such as disaster preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, CPR and medical treatment. These training sessions are usually given three times a year and there is no cost to volunteers.

At our March meeting, team members Norm Scott and Jan Keitz used manikins to review CPR with the team. We also reviewed the Heimlich maneuver and

the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). There are several AEDs around our community. The next time you're in The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, the Arbor Club or other facility, you may want to locate the AED so that you have that information if it is ever needed.

There is currently a CERT training class in progress, but these classes fill up quickly and it is not too early to submit your application for the next class. There are two ways to get an application. Contact Beverly Case, Bureau of Emergency Management, at (352) 369-8103 or visit <http://marionso.com>, Emergency Management Bureau and click on EM Volunteer Program Application. Fill out and mail in the application.

Participating in this service organization is a way to contribute to and give back to your community, so give it some thought and let us hear from you.

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

CERT meets every second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Persons interested in learning more about CERT are welcome to attend these meetings or contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.



**Republican Club**

By Fred Pulis

Marion County Head of the Bureau of Homeland Security and Professional Compliance Major Terry Bovaird, will be the guest speaker at the next scheduled Republican Club meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G.

Major Bovaird developed the Marion County Sheriff's Office Terrorist Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Units.

These two units are responsible for the analysis of terrorism-related activity and crimes. Also, he developed the Planning Research Unit within the Terrorist Intelligence Unit to deal with acts of terrorism.

He has a wealth of knowledge about local terrorist activities in Marion County and is considered to be an expert in the field of domestic security. This is why he was selected to serve on the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Regional Domestic Security Investigative Task Force.

The March club meeting featured guest speaker, Chris Blair. The Marion County Sheriff provided a current update on the status of the Sheriff's Office. He addressed crime rates and police policy concerns as well as identity fraud. He answered numerous questions concerning Florida's crime-related issues and his stance accordingly. Also, he announced his intent to run for re-election next year.

For more information about the Republican Club, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.



**It's the Law**

By Bob Woods

**Golf Carts**

Florida Statutes, Chapter 316, Section 2125 deals with the operation of golf carts within a retirement community.

Section 316.2125 (2)(a) "A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of golf carts on any street or highway under its jurisdiction if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety."

Section (3) of the Statute states, "A local government entity may enact an ordinance regarding golf cart operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those enumerated in this section. Upon enactment of any such ordinance, the local governmental entity shall post appropriate signs or otherwise inform the residents that such an ordinance exists and that it shall be enforced within the local government's jurisdictional territory."

Golf carts operating on the streets within On Top of the World must operate in the same manner as motor vehicles by abiding by all motor vehicle laws.

**Golf Cart Permitting**

"The Marion County Board of County Commissioners under Ordinance No. 05-27 allows for the operation of carts within On Top of the World Communities provided that golf carts may be operated safely on our roads and meet minimum equipment standards established by Florida Statutes. Golf carts may be operated from sunset to sunrise if equipped with a minimum, headlight, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield. Otherwise carts may only be operated from sunrise to sunset. Golf cart rules promote the safe operation of carts within our community."

Since these ordinances were enacted, golf carts are now permitted to cross SW 80th Avenue with the traffic light and the access road leading from SW 99th Street to the Canopy Oak Shopping Center along with access to Friendship Center but not on SR 200 or its sidewalks.

Golf cart permits are required in our community and those permits are issued at Customer Service, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following items and information are needed for registration:

1. Golf cart.
2. Proof of insurance (100,000 / 300,000 body injury liability).
3. All members of the household must be present.

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**OneBlood Bloodmobile**  
 By Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus will be at On Top of the World again on Monday, April 6. The bus will be in the Recreation Center parking lot from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hopefully, we will have a nice spring day for our blood drive.

Please bring a photo I.D. with you. Each donor will receive a mini physical and a small token of appreciation. You will also get your name printed in next month's column. The good news is your donation will save up to three lives. The snowbirds will be flying home soon. This may be your last chance to give before the fall. You won't want to miss out. See you on the bus.

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# Do I Need a Water Softener?

By Bryan Schmalz

Many of our residents receive phone calls and mailings from water treatment companies offering free water sampling and the resident is provided confusing and sometimes misleading information causing them to question the quality of their water supply. This then leads to the most common questions we receive in our customer service department, "Do I need a water softener?" or "Is my water safe to drink?"

My first and most important advice is to always question the motives of any company that is attempting to contact you to sell merchandise or equipment and if you ever have a concern regarding your

drinking water, please call customer service.

As a brief overview, our community water is derived from seven groundwater wells that draw their water from the pristine Floridan Aquifer, which is one of Florida's most protected resources. Due to the quality of our drinking water supply, we simply add chlorine to the water for disinfection purposes, as required by Federal law, before it is delivered to your home through a network of distribution lines.

Water hardness is the presence of dissolved ions, mainly of calcium and magnesium, which are acquired through water

coming into contact with rocks and sediments in the environment. In the United States, 85 percent of the water is considered hard, according to a U.S. Geological Survey. Our water is classified as "hard" with a result of 162 mg/L or 9.46 grains per gallon. General guidelines for classification of waters are zero to 60 mg/L (milligrams per liter) as calcium carbonate is classified as soft; 61 to 120 mg/L as moderately hard; 121 to 180 mg/L as hard; and more than 180 mg/L as very hard.

In our water supply what most residents notice is white spots on their dishes or near sinks and showers. There are many economical cleaners on the market specifically designed to remove hardness spots from dishes and water fixtures in place of installing expensive water softening units. The hardness in our water supply will not adversely affect your health in any way and is completely safe.

If you decide to install a water softener, please take into consideration the operat-

ing and maintenance costs that come with any piece of equipment. Many times over the years we have responded to service requests to find the water softener has failed and the resident must contact a company and incur related repair costs.

To summarize, you do not need a water softener for your home. Bay Laurel Center Community Development District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State regulations and is consistently meeting and exceeding these requirements. The District's goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

If you would like to see the actual treatment process and facilities your drinking water comes from, you can sign up for a free tour at Master the Possibilities at (352) 861-9751 and remember if you ever have any question regarding the quality of your water, please call customer service at (352) 236-6869.



## Keeping It Green

By Phillip B. Hisey

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Spring is here. On Sunday, March 8, we reverted back to daylight-saving time. Your irrigation controller can be set to twice per week watering on your allotted day and corresponding start time. To find this information, please go to [www.otow-info.com](http://www.otow-info.com). If your home is equipped with the Solar Sync Rain Sensor, you will gradually start seeing the run times and percentage of seasonal adjustment going up to allot for the increased amount of evapotranspiration (Et). This is the amount of water evaporated into the atmosphere and what the plant is transpiring. If your home does not have the Solar Sync, you can start increasing your run time based on what your plants tell you.

Whether you have an Et sensor or not, your grass is a good indicator on when to water, and look at your curb line in the mornings after irrigating to tell you how much water you are putting out. Dry, stressed grass will have a bluish-grey color and will lie down if you walk on it; it will also fold up along the middle of the blade.

As for how much water you apply to your lawn, think of your lawn as a cup; you can only get so much water into the cup before it starts overflowing. This is called field capacity. Knowing your field capacity is important for managing the health of your lawn but also for managing your water use. There are many ways for actually determining the type of soil you have and how long it takes for water to infiltrate your soils but the easiest way is to pay attention to the water running over the curb.

The freeze in late February is proving to be costly for some homeowners. Prior to the freeze, many lawns were beautiful and green and it was evident that fertilizer applications had been made during the cooler months. Most of the damage homeowners are seeing is from cold damage. The lawns were too succulent and the freeze took its toll.

Other lawns are seeing problems with Brown Patch fungus. Nitrogen applications should be avoided during times of the year when disease conditions are favorable. Those favorable conditions are temperatures below 80 degrees, excessive rainfall, over irrigating or extended periods of high humidity. The disease triangle has to have all three factors for disease development: pathogen, host and environment. If your lawn is suffering from fungal outbreak, contact your pest control company or visit Home Depot or Lowe's for products that will treat for Brown Patch. Lawns may also be starting to see the

effects of Take All Root Rot. If fertilizer applications are not helping to green lawns as temperatures rise, this may be a possible problem for you. The roots in the lawn are damaged and the only means for control and growth are to make applications of a fungicide labeled for Take All

Root Rot and apply foliar applications of fertilizer to stimulate root growth.

As always, the UF/IFAS Rapid Turf Diagnosis Laboratory can be helpful if you think you might have a problem. Please visit <http://turf.ufl.edu/rapiddiag.shtml>. Enjoy your spring.

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- Check in regularly with the trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- If gone for longer than 30 days, turn off the electric to the hot water heater or turn to pilot for a gas water heater.
- Make sure the air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional

before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Drain line flushing should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate flooding your home. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.

- Leave the thermostat set at between 78°F to 80°F, this helps regulate humidity in the home and prevent the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- Ensure your homeowner's insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, water, and mold. In most cases, this is an added rider on the policy.



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### Lifelong Learning

By Margaret Spontak

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#### Discover the Beauty of the Everglades

As a native Floridian, I have explored much of the state from the pristine beaches of Grayton Beach in the Panhandle to the coral reefs of the Florida Keys. But until four years ago, I avoided the Florida Everglades, imagining it as an unapproachable swamp.

In fall of 2010, Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida, took me on a fast-paced one-day trek through some of the highlights of this remarkable ecosystem. After that day, I was hooked. Over four years, I had the opportunity to go airboat riding on Lake Okeechobee, ride a swamp buggy in the backcountry of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, search out the breathtaking Roseate Spoonbills on Florida Bay, and take several eco-tours in and around 10,000 islands. All of this in the expert company of some of Audubon's dedicated scientists.

One of those committed biologists and award-winning photographers joins us at Master the Possibilities on the eve before Everglades Day and the birthday of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas. On Monday, April 6, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at Circle Square Cultural Center, photographer and naturalist Mac Stone presents an uplifting program and book signing focused on his book – "Everglades: America's Wetland."

Stone's book contains hundreds of photographs of the greater Everglades ecosystem. Formerly from Gainesville, the

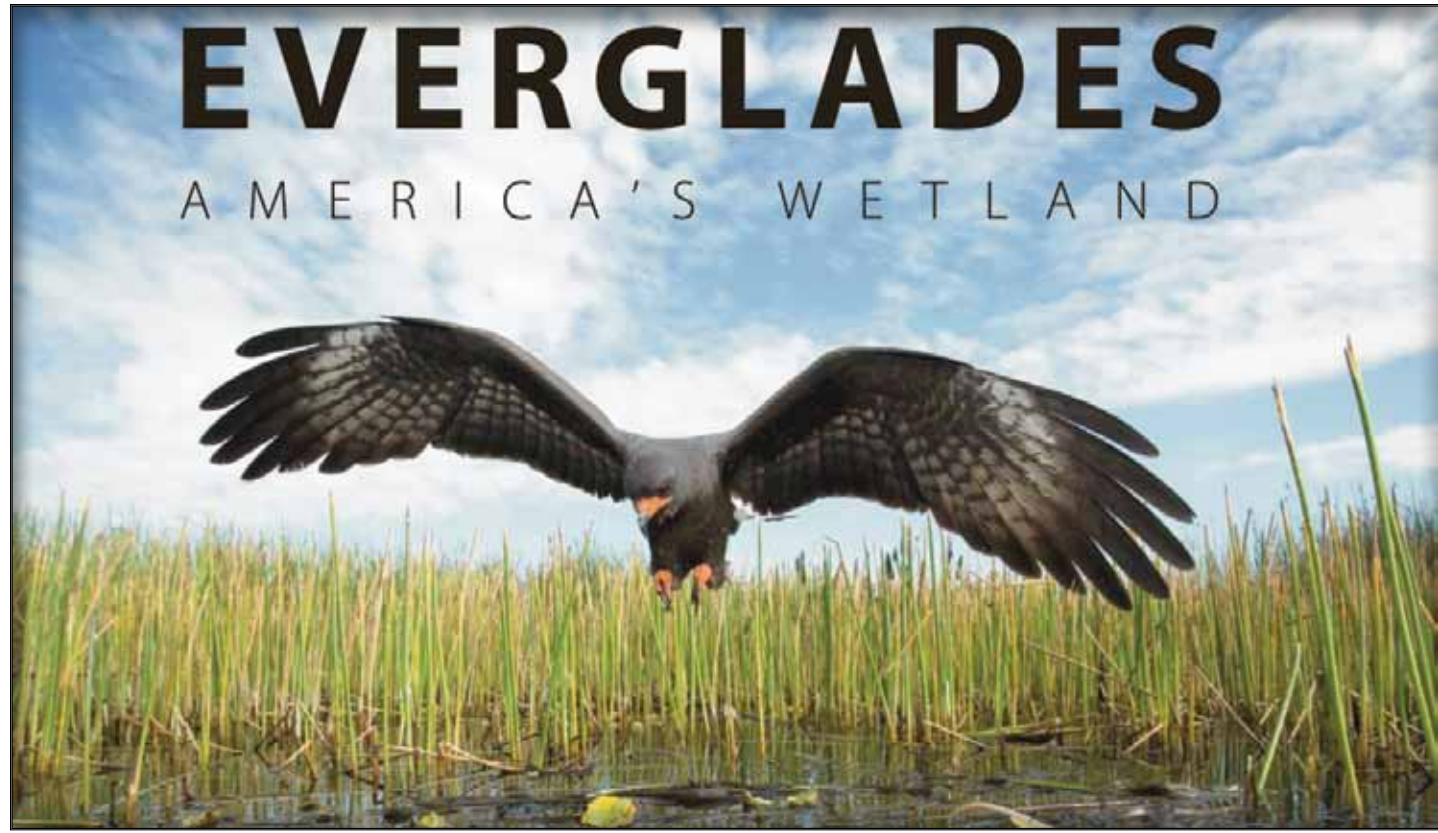


Photo courtesy of Mac Stone

talented photographer specializes in documenting America's swamps and wetlands and exploring the complex relationships between mankind and the natural world. His images have appeared in countless domestic and international publications, including National Geographic Traveler, BBC Wildlife Magazine, Nature's Best Photography, Outdoor Photographer, Audubon Magazine, and National Parks Magazine.

Mac Stone will take attendees on a visual journey through the Everglades. Striking photographs showcase the natural beauty of this one-of-a-kind wetland, capturing the amazing depths of its landscapes, the diversity of its wildlife, and the resilience of the largest subtropical wilder-

ness in the United States.

Stone's magnificent photos are complemented by his captivating presentation style. Through his first-hand knowledge, enthusiasm and wit, he tells the Everglades story in a refreshing and hopeful way. As a former biologist for the National Audubon Society, Stone traveled to the most remote areas of the Everglades.

Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida and a voice for Everglades restoration for 15 years, introduces the program at Master the Possibilities. He will share how Everglades' restoration is making a difference for water, birds and other wildlife. Stone and Draper create the perfect pair to remind us of why protecting this international treasure is so im-

portant.

On Tuesday, April 7, the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida, opens Stone's photography exhibit in honor of Everglades Day featuring 40 framed photos of the natural ecological wonder. Stone will deliver a second lecture and book signing at the Appleton Museum on Tuesday, April 7, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Both lectures and book signings are free and open to the public thanks to support by the Florida Humanities Council with funding from the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

To register for the event at Master the Possibilities, go online to [www.MasterthePossibilities.com](http://www.MasterthePossibilities.com) or call (352) 854-3699.



### Food For Thought

By Sandy Curtis

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Spring is a wonderful time of year! Join us as we are offering some great upcoming events this month.

The "Dinner for Two" menu offered on Thursday nights has changed and we think you will be delighted by some of the chef's favorites. So, please stop by the Candler

Hills Restaurant and let us take care of you for the evening. The "Dinner for Two" menu includes two entrees and two non-alcoholic beverages for only \$20 plus tax and gratuity. The Pub will also continue its "2 for \$20" on Thursdays in April from 3 to 6 p.m.

One of my favorite days of the year is right around the corner. On Sunday, April 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., come and celebrate Easter with us at Candler Hills Restaurant. We will offer a buffet for \$24.95 plus tax and gratuity on this day to include the following:

- Hot Entrée Presentations: Grilled country ham steaks with raisin rum sauce, garlic rosemary leg of

lamb with mint jus, prime rib with au jus;

- Cold Food Presentations: Waldorf salad, tossed salad, red broccoli salad, fruit salad, sweet corn relish;
- Vegetable Presentations: Green bean amandine, honey glazed carrots, rice pilaf, garlic mashed potatoes;
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**Stamp Club**

By Joe Rosinski

Our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks second floor conference room. The bank is located on SW State Road 200 and SW 99th Street Road, the entrance to On Top of the World.

The first Wednesday meeting is our normal business meeting where a variety of topics are usually on the agenda. Preceding the business portion of the meeting, we have a 15 to 20 minute presentation by a club member concerning a specific area of expertise.

There is an informal "show and tell" type meeting on the second Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. at Freedom Public Library.

The third Wednesday meeting is mostly dedicated to our club auction of philatelic material. Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings; stop by and see us.

The meeting of Wednesday, March 18 was our regular auction. Some of the items on the auction block elicited some spirited bidding from the members in attendance. Stamps, albums, postcards, as well as various other items brought some pretty decent prices.

As a result of the Club Fair, we welcomed a new member to the club during our last meeting, Bill Seifert. He's getting back into the hobby after a short hiatus and I'm sure he will enjoy the camaraderie the club brings.

Some of you may wonder, what draws people to the hobby of stamp collecting? We keep a roster of all club members and their specific areas of interest. Just to name a few things which people specialize in: pre-1950 picture postcards, Australia, Canada, Japan, Ecuador, Israel, Germany, Austria, Italy, conservation stamps, Masonic related material, UN stamps, first day covers from various countries, religion on stamps, royalty on stamps, World War I and World War II patriotic covers, U.S. flag covers, space flight, Bolivia, Nepal, Panama Canal, Liberia, Spanish Civil War, Christmas, Princess Diana, William and Kate, philanthropy, postage meter stamps, postal history, Alachua County and Florida postal history, Thailand, Nepal Everest expedition, Cyprus, Greece, U.S. black heritage, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and of course U.S. stamps and covers.

These are just a small example of what's out there that might interest you. We have a bin of stamps that have been donated by members, or people who inherited them and don't know what to do with them. Come by and pick through them, for yourself or perhaps a grandchild or other family member who might show an interest in the hobby.

If you have any questions about the club or the hobby, don't hesitate to e-mail me at [jrcr8850@embarqmail.com](mailto:jrcr8850@embarqmail.com). You can also find the e-mail addresses for other club members at <http://ocalagfmstampclub.com>, our club web site. Club dues are only \$6 per year. Hope to see you at one of our meetings!

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**Model Railroaders**

By Jim Lynam

The Model Railroaders would like to announce to the community that the club will setup its Lionel (three-rail) modular display on Saturday, April 4 in Suite F of the Arbor Conference Center. The Lionel gauge trains will be available for viewing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The club encourages anyone who has a Lionel engine to find it in the storage bin, dust off the mothballs, and bring it to the room. Visiting the display will bring back some of those old memories from years gone by.

The club will also be hosting an open

house on Friday, April, 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the main train room located on the lower floor of the Recreation Center. The members will have multiple trains running continuously on the main layout in the train room. There will be passenger, freight, work, and yard trains running simultaneously throughout the city and countryside.

For those of you who remember "the good old days" of railroading, you will be amazed at the variety of steam engines that will be pulling the consists. There will also be diesel locomotives representing the more modern era running the main line and performing yard-switching duties.

The room will be filled with the sounds of railroading from the squealing of hot brakes on the turns, the bell of the engine working the yard, to the haunting and "throaty" sound of the steam whistle

warning the automobiles at the crossings. The room will change from daylight operation to twilight time when the lights from all of the buildings, city streets, engines and passenger cars emerge and twinkle in your eyes to add to the enjoyment.

The club encourages you to bring your friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren to the open houses on the Friday and Saturday before Easter! Happy Passover and Easter to everyone!

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. The layout is located in a room with entry from the Recreation Center fitness center. The club members work on the layout on Tuesday and Friday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Our monthly meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building.



**R/C Flyers**

By Elliott Wilkins

This month, we highlight Alvin Topiol as one of "On Top of the World's Magnificent Men/Women and Their Flying Machines."

Alvin was not chosen to be this month's featured person for the traditional reasons but for his love of life and its worthwhile longevity. He is highly respected for his belief in aging gracefully and not just getting older. He is an inspiration to all members and residents.

Alvin Topiol was born in Lynchburg, Va. and moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended Academy of Aeronautics in New York and graduated with his airframe and engine license. He also enlisted in the U.S. Army where he spent two years as an army medical corpsman.

When he was honorably discharged, he went to work for Pan American Airlines in their auxiliary power unit division and stayed with them for the next 29-1/2 years until the company shut down. He reconditioned and worked on all fleet aircraft motors.

Alvin is an avid walker! He gets up every morning at 5 a.m. and walks a mile or so before coming to the R/C field doing

what he loves best: flying model airplanes!

Alvin was married to his first wife Beverly for 47 years. Alvin then met Toby and have been partners ever since. Alvin and Toby are living proof that a person's philosophical book doesn't have to ever reach the final chapter without first really enjoying those so-called "golden years."

Alvin takes everything he does seriously and even at this age is ready and determined to grow old gracefully and happily. He not only walks every morning, but also builds, flies, and repairs model aircraft, boats, and cars and plays bocce once a week.

Toby also walks every day and they both love traveling in their new turbo Ford Mustang convertible with the top down and the wind in their hair. They love cruising together and love living at On Top of the World in their beautiful home where they have made many friendships of the lasting kind.

So if by chance you see Alvin and Toby driving around the neighborhood with the top down, wave to them and tip your hat. Congratulations Alvin for not only being this month's recipient of the "On Top of the World's Magnificent Men/Women and Their Flying Machines" award but also for being an inspiration to us all.

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## Eagles and Jays Need Our Help

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Florida bald eagles love to nest in cell towers and Florida scrub jays love to bury their acorns and dig them up a year later. This and much more interesting and little known stories were shared by the Audubon Society team at Circle Square Cultural Center on Thursday, Feb. 26.

Master the Possibilities invited Audubon scientists, Dr. Marianne Korosy and Matthew Smith, to discuss the habitat and habits of the Florida scrub jay and the bald eagle. Both made their case for needing volunteers to chip in their time to help monitor these birds. Their film presentations showed the jay and the eagle in their "natural" world; the jay, scurrying around the under growth, finding insects and burying acorns for a future snack, and the eagle doing what he does best, hunting or stealing fish, preying on small mammals and building huge nests.

The Florida scrub jay is closely related to, you guessed it, the blue jay, and another bird that you probably won't guess, the lowly crow. They are known for being very smart, curious, and alert, with strong legs and powerful beaks. You will see them hopping around low-lying shrubs hunting for a juicy lizard, maybe a mouse or two and, surprisingly, acorns. While the lizard is a "now" meal, the acorns are buried in the sand to be dug up six months or more later. Amazingly, the jays know exactly where they buried the acorns. The Florida scrub jay has developed over the last two million years and, like most of our wildlife, is being threatened by man encroaching on their territory. There are approximately 8,700 scrub jays in Florida, down from 11,000 in 1993, and can be seen right next door in the Ocala National Forest. There are even 10 pairs living right here at On

Top of the World!

Weighing just a "bit" more and with a wingspan that would shelter more than one family of jays, is the bald eagle. Matt Smith brought one with him, and unlike the scrub jay, the Florida bald eagle population is doing quite well. After a huge crash in their numbers in the early part of the last century – fewer than 40 pairs in the U.S. in 1953 – to over 1,500 active nests in the 2010 count.

While they both work at building their nest, the female is the designer and, as expected, has the last word on how it will finally look; you will often see her rear-

ranging his placements. Most nests are five to eight feet across with about 40% of all nests now built in cell towers. Once the eggs are laid they take 30 to 32 days to hatch. Eagles will mate for life unless she files for divorce, which she will do if they are no longer growing the family. And yep, she gets to keep the house.

Full plumage for the eagle does not occur until they've celebrated their fifth birthday, and while they may often migrate up the eastern seaboard, they will generally stay pretty close to home and protect their territory; often to the death with another bald eagle.

While the Florida bald eagle enjoys a good meal of fresh fish, he hates working for it and prefers to steal from an osprey that might just be settling down to the dinner table. The great horned owl is probably their most dangerous predator since they are large and hunt at night and will take home the eagle's young when both male

and female are least alert. The Florida bald eagle will live 15 to 20 years in captivity, but just about half that in the wild.

Volunteers, referred to, as citizen scientists are needed for both the scrub jay and the bald eagle watch. If you are interested in participating in an exciting and very worthwhile program, here are your contacts: scrub jay watch or shorebird steward program, contact Marianne Korosy at (727) 742-1683 or mkorosy@audubon.org. Training is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, in Ocala. For the eagle watcher program, contact Matt Smith at (407) 644-0190 or mcsmith@audubon.org.

If you would like to be part of the Audubon Christmas bird count, your contact is Helen Ogren with Marion County Audubon at (352) 861-9359.

P.S. In Florida, there are more than 1,700 citizen scientists working with Audubon, guaranteeing that you'll be in good company.



Photo by Ray Cech

Audubon Society's presentation at Circle Square Cultural Center.



Photo by Donnamarie Castellano

Donated lap blankets to Julie Hartman at Brookdale Canopy Oaks.

## New England Club Donates Lap Blankets

By Donnamarie Castellano

Please join us on Thursday, April 16 at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Grand Oaks Carriage Museum in Weirsdale, Fla. They will have information about the museum, tours and the bistro, which is located on the premises. Also, during our April social, members will be asked to sign up for our end of season pizza party in May. It's important for us to have an accurate count in order to determine how much food we need. It's hard to believe it's almost the end of our season but soon many of our snowbirds will be heading to parts north as the mountains of snow melt.

Last month, we were all enlightened by the information presented to us by our guest speaker from Marion County Crime Prevention. Our donations last month were to the Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary and Owl Rescue.

During the month of February, many members donated lap blankets, which we delivered in March to Brookdale Canopy Oaks, our local assisted living facility. Thank you to everyone for your hand crocheted, knitted, quilted and purchased lap

blankets! They were very appreciative of your donations.

We always have a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, speakers or entertainment, games and lots of refreshments and fun. Coffee and tea are provided; please bring your own cold water or soda if you wish. Each month we supply a box for food collection, which is donated, to our local Christ's Church in Ocala. It is important to be sure that all non-perishable donations have current expiration dates.

For newcomers interested in attending, please contact Donnamarie Castellano, president, at donnamarie22452@yahoo.com or (207) 212-6529. Our season runs from the October through May each year. You do not have to be from New England ... we love to socialize with everyone! We just hope you have a love of New England.

Members should watch for an e-mail from me on the Sunday before the social for any last minute reminders and updates. Anyone without an e-mail address will receive a phone call reminder from member Kris Gallant.

See you on Thursday, April 16 at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom.

## Fashion for Charity

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

One word in the dictionary describing an exclamation of surprise, wonder, pleasure, or the excitement, interest, giving great pleasure is the slang expression or short phrase of "wow." Wow means many things but here our community, WOW stands for an elite group of women called Women of the World (WOW). This is the oldest and largest club numbering almost 300 members and always looking for additional members.

The club's motto is, "No one is a stranger, just a friend you have yet to meet."

The club is a service and charitable organization supporting many local charities. Each month, the club sponsors a different charity, however, they collect monthly for Marion County Senior Services and Operation Shoebox.

In the month of March, as a tradition for the past 33 years, with this year being number 34; the club held a fashion show with members of the club being the models. All proceeds from this event benefited Hospice of Marion County. Belk sup-

plied the clothing modeled by 12 ladies in all types of seasonal fashions.

The West Port High School Key Club members participated in this event for the last seven years providing all types of tasks: escorting models, helping with set-up and cleanup, delivering food and raffled baskets, and much more.

This year's fashion show was completely sold out with 346 tickets sold plus guests. Over 70 baskets were made up by members that were raffled off with all the money from the raffle going to Hospice of Marion County.

Lunch was served buffet style. President April Pollard called the drawn table numbers. The catered lunch included chicken, pork, salad and cake at each place setting along.

President April Pollard and Treasurer Nancy Grabowski presented the money donated to Hospice of Marion County. Accepting the donation of \$8,000, in two installments, was Director of Volunteer Services Connie Storms. Wow!



Photo by Bob Woods

Baskets that were raffled off at Women of World's Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, March 14.



# CLUB MEETINGS

## Meeting Location Codes

<b>AC</b> Arbor Club	<b>CSCC</b> Circle Square Cultural Center	<b>HBCR</b> Hobby Building Card Room	<b>RCT</b> Recreation Center Tennis Courts
<b>ACF</b> Arbor Club Fitness	<b>FF</b> Flying Field	<b>HBWW</b> Hobby Building Woodworking Shop	<b>RCP</b> Recreation Center Outdoor Pool
<b>ACCT</b> Arbor Club Tennis Courts	<b>GC</b> Golf Course	<b>HSC</b> Horseshoe Courts	<b>RCPL</b> Recreation Center Parking Lot
<b>ACIP</b> Arbor Club Indoor Pool	<b>HB</b> Hobby Building	<b>ICC</b> Indigo East Community Center	<b>RQC</b> Racquetball Courts
<b>ACOP</b> Arbor Club Outdoor Pool	<b>HB2</b> Hobby Building Meeting Room #2	<b>MGC</b> Miniature Golf Course	<b>SBC</b> Shuffleboard Courts
<b>AMFW</b> AMF Galaxy West Lanes	<b>HB3</b> Hobby Building Meeting Room #3	<b>PAV</b> Pavilion	<b>SBF</b> Softball Field
<b>BC</b> Bocce Courts	<b>HBAS</b> Hobby Building Art Studio	<b>RC</b> Recreation Center	<b>WD</b> Winn-Dixie
<b>BO</b> Bank of the Ozarks	<b>HBRR</b> Hobby Building Billiards Room	<b>RCB</b> Recreation Center Ballroom	
<b>CC</b> Arbor Conference Center		<b>RCF</b> Recreation Center Fitness	
<b>CCC</b> Candler Hills Community Center			
<b>CCR</b> Candler Hills Card Room			

To make changes, call the Recreation Center at (352) 854-8707, Ext. 7530 or 7533

### Weekly Monday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Mixed Tennis Doubles	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
9:00	Woodworking	HBWW
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Ladies Billiards	HBRR
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
10:00	Tennis Doubles	RCT
	Ceramics (until 2 p.m.)	HBAS
	Ladies Billiards	HBRR
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Line Dance	ICC
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	HBCR
	Aqua Belles	ACIP
12:45	Line Dance (Beginner/Intermediate)	RCB
1:00	Dominoes	CC:G
1:30	Happy Hookers	HBAS
	Ceramics (until 2 p.m.)	HBAS
2:00	Rummicube	CC:E,F
2:45	Bowling League	AMFW
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
6:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Dancing Singles	AC
	Men's Poker	HB3
6:30	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Monday Night Bridge	HBCR
6:45	Ballet Club	ACF
7:00	Mexican Train Dominoes	CC:G

### First Monday

7:30	One Blood (Even # Months Only)	RCPL
9:00	R/C Flyers Club	CC:B,C
	LifeSouth Blood (Odd # Months Only)	RCPL
3:00	Bocce Meeting	CC:B,C
5:30	Avalon Social Club	AC
6:30	Karaoke Friends	CC:E,F
	Sunshine Singers	RCB

### Second Monday

10:00	Genealogical Society Business Meeting	HB3
2:00	Bowling League	AMFW
5:00	Metaphysical Club	CC:B
7:00	Original Karaoke Group	CCC
	Theatre Group	CC: E,F

### Third Monday

10:00	Genealogical Society Workshop	CC: B,C
6:30	Sunshine Singers	RCB

### Fourth Monday

3:00	Community Patrol	CC:B,C
7:00	Original Karaoke Group	CCC

### Weekly Tuesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Men's Tennis	RCT

	Water Walk	ACIP
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
	Ladies Golf Assoc.	
8:30	9-Hole (May-Oct.)	GC
	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole	GC
	Racquetball	RQC
	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (Nov.-April)	GC
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Tai Chi	ACF
	Shallow Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Hand & Foot Canasta	HBCR
	Woodworking	HBWW
	Horseshoe League	HSC
	Arts & Crafts (Jan-May & Sept-Dec)	HBAS
	Sunshine Quilters	HBAS
	Knit Wits	HB3
9:30	Concert Chorus (Jan-Apr & Sept-Dec)	AC
	Yoga	ICC
10:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Horseshoe League	HSC
	Walleyball	RQC
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
Noon	Cyber Orientation	RCF
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	HBCR
	Crocheting & Knitting	ICC
	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
1:00	Badminton	RQC
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
2:00	Chess Club	HB2
3:00	ShutterBugs	CC:B,C
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:B
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Poker	CC:G
5:30	Mah Jongg	CC:B
	Sidekicks Western Dance	RCB
6:00	Pinochle	HB3
	Poker	CC:G
	Poker	CCR
6:30	Duplicate Bridge	HBCR
	Mah Jongg	HB2
	Circle Squares	AC
	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Mixed Poker	CC:H

### First Tuesday

8:00	Men's Golf Assoc.	CC:A
10:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	CC:H
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (Oct.-March)	RCB
1:00	Sunshine Quilters Business Mtg.	HBAS
2:30	Italian American Club	CC:E,F
6:00	Pinochle	HB3
6:30	JB Poker Club	CC:E,F
	Lions Club	CC:C
	Indigo East Girls Bunco	ICC

### Second Tuesday

9:00	Citizens Emergency Response Team	CC:E,F
10:00	Sunshine Quilters	HBAS
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole (Oct.-April)	RCB
3:30	Alpha Investment	HBAS
6:30	Lions Club	CC:C
6:45	Game Night	ICC

### Third Tuesday

10:00	Sunshine Quilters	HBAS
5:00	Caribbean Club	ICC

### Fourth Tuesday

8:00	Citizens Emergency Response Team	ICC
10:00	Sunshine Quilters	HBAS
11:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole (Oct.-March)	RCB
12:30	Scandinavian Club	CC:E,F
3:30	Alpha Investment	HBAS
6:30	Lions Club	CC:C

### Weekly Wednesday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Ladies Tennis	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Men's Golf 18-Hole	GC
	Men's Softball	SBF
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
9:00	Woodworking	HBWW
	Line Dance	CC:E,F
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Tai Chi	ACF
10:00	Fun with Ceramics	HBAS
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Pool Closed for Cleaning (until 11:30 a.m.)	ACIP
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:15	Bridge	HBCR
12:30	Japanese Bunka	CC:B
	Aqua Belles	ACIP
	Mah Jongg	ICC
	Practice Bridge	HB2
1:00	Samba	CCC
1:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
	Fun with Ceramics	HBAS
2:30	Scrabble Club	CC:H
5:30	Bingo	RCB
6:00	Men's Poker	HB3
	Samba	HBCR
6:30	Mah Jongg	CCC

### First Wednesday

8:30	Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole	CC:B
9:00	Model Railroaders	HB3
9:30	Travel Toppers	CC:A
1:00	General Francis Stamp Club	BO

### Second Wednesday

3:00	Pennsylvania Club	CC:E,F
6:00	Line Dancing	AC

### Third Wednesday

12:30	Bunco	CCC
1:00	General Francis Stamp Club	BO
6:30	Bunco Club	CC:G

### Fourth Wednesday

6:30	Tall Travelers RV Group (No mtgs Dec, June-Sept)	CC:B,C
7:00	Mystery Book Club	CCR
	Bunclicious Chicks	CC:A

### Weekly Thursday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Men's Tennis	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
8:30	Racquetball	RQC
9:00	Art Group	HBAS
	Tai Chi	ACF
	Shallow Water Fitness Class	ACIP
	Woodworking	HBWW
	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Candler Hills Ladies Golf Assoc. 9-Hole	GC
	Candler Hills Ladies Golf Assoc. 18-Hole	GC
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
10:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:30	Walleyball	RQC
12:00	Sewing Bees	HBAS
	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Bridge	HBCR
1:00	Badminton	RQC
	Ballet Club	ACF
	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Games, Games, Games	ICC
3:00	Western Stars Bowling	AMF
6:00	Men's Poker	HB3
	Game Night	CC:G
	Poker Night	CC:B

6:15	Mah Jongg	CCR
6:30	Bridge	HBCR
	Mixed Poker	CC:H
7:00	Cards	ICC
	Card/Game Club	CC:G

### First Thursday

1:00	Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards	CC:C
	Opera Appreciation (May-Dec)	HB3
5:00	Southern Club	CC:E,F

### Second Thursday

2:00	Singles Club	CC:B,C
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### Third Thursday

1:00	Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards	CC:C
	New England Club (Oct-May)	AC

### Fourth Thursday

6:00	Democratic Club	CC:E,F
6:30	CERT	ICC
6:45	Game Night	ICC

### Weekly Friday

6:00	Lap Swimming	ACIP
7:00	Open Pool Time	ACIP
8:00	Ladies Tennis	RCT
	Water Walk	ACIP
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
	R.O.M.E.O. Club	WD
9:00	Woodworking	HBWW
	Deep Water Fitness Class	ACIP
9:30	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
10:00	Racquetball	RQC
	Women's Bible Study (Oct-May)	CC:A
	Qi Gong	ICC
	Open Pool Time	ACIP
10:45	Tai Chi	ACF
11:00	Golf Group	PAV
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
12:30	Aqua Belles	ACIP
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Canasta the Old Fashion Way	CR
1:30	Nickel/Nickel	HB3
5:00	Cribbage	HBAS
6:00	Poker	CC:H
	Euchre 4 Fun	CC:A

### First Friday

1:00	Women of the World	RCB
4:30	Neighbors of Windsor	CC:G,H

### Second Friday

8:30	R/C Ladybirds	CC:B,C
1:00	Mexican Train	CC:H
7:00	Republican Club	CC:E,F,G

### Fourth Friday

1:00	Mexican Train	CC:H
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### Weekly Saturday

8:00	Mixed Tennis	RCT
	R/C Flyers Club	FF
	Pickleball	RCT
8:30	Men's Softball	SBF
	Shuffleboard (Sept.-April)	SBC
9:00	Computer Club	CC:B,C
	Woodworking	HBWW
	Ballet	ACF
	Art Group	HBAS
9:30	Yoga	ICC
10:00	Mixed Tennis	RCT
	Yoga	ICC
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
5:00	Mah Jongg	CC:A
6:00	Friday Night Poker	CC:H

### Weekly Sunday

9:00	Racquetball	RQC
	Woodworking	HBWW
9:30	R/C Flyers Club	FF
Noon	Mah Jongg	CC:A
1:00	Table Tennis	CC:D
	Hand & Foot	HBCR
5:00	Sidekicks Western Dance	AC
6:00	Pickleball	RCT
6:30	Mixed Poker	CC:H

### Third Sunday

2:00	American Jewish Club	CC:E,F,G
6:00	Everyone Wins Club	CC: B

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**Native Plant Group**

By Ron Broman

It's a tricky business trying to decide how much is too much, especially as the Ides of spring replace the wiles of winter.

Specifically, to rake or not to rake, that is the question. No problem for some. "Take it off! Take it all off!"

Makes sense. Too much cover, the grass can't breathe. No problem.

Slight problem. Grass, weeds, (green growing stuff), needs food; just like you and I need nutrition, one way or another. If we remove all of the leaves, which become food when they break down, we have to supplement their diet with - "plant food

in a bag."

So how much leaf litter is just right? As I take my morning constitutional, I am encouraged by how many folks either "leaf it on" (ha, ha) or just remove some, placing the rest under the bushes. Wise folks.

If they're small leaves, they'll break down soon enough. The bugs will do the work and the birds will love you.

How much is too much? Guess a bit of compromise wouldn't hurt.

On that note, here's a beautiful violet that seems to enjoy popping up in the grass between the leaves. Common blue violet, *Viola sororia*, is Florida's most common violet. It's closely related to the pansy; mostly spreading by underground runners. The leaves are high in vitamins and have been eaten raw or cooked.

It's fantastic to work with this old world to grow native!



Photo by Ron Broman

**Common blue violet in the grass and leaf litter.**



**100 Grandparents**

By Janet Fragapane

Due to testing, we will not be reading to the children in the month of April. Our next and last trip for the school year is Thursday, May 14.

It has been a delightful eight months in the classrooms. Thank you to all the wonderful regular readers and our great last minute jump in substitutes.

Mrs. Susan Williams is in charge of Romeo Elementary's reading program. Before we left the library to go to our classes, Mrs. Williams spoke to our group about the school's reading program.

She obtained a grant to buy books from Scholastic books for the second graders summer reading program. The goal of this year's program is to give each second grader six books to read over the summer and report on them in the fall. Twice during the summer, there would be a swap meet where the students would be able to trade each other for six new books. The child is to complete reading 12 books over the vacation time.

Mrs. Williams explained that \$275 would buy a packet containing 150 books. She has already sent for one packet. She explained to us that this amount would not cover all the second graders.

As the grandparents left for our classrooms, some stopped to give Mrs. Williams money donations for the program. We hoped we could help more children get books. When we returned, she was



Photo by Bill Shampine

**Pat Gift, Janet Fragapane, Pat Russell, Anne Merrick, and Nancy Barnes of the 100 Grandparents getting ready to read at Romeo Elementary School.**

happy to report she had received from us enough for two and a half more packets. More than enough to ensure that every second grader would receive the six books needed to be part of that program. Thank you to the very wonderful grandparents who donated!

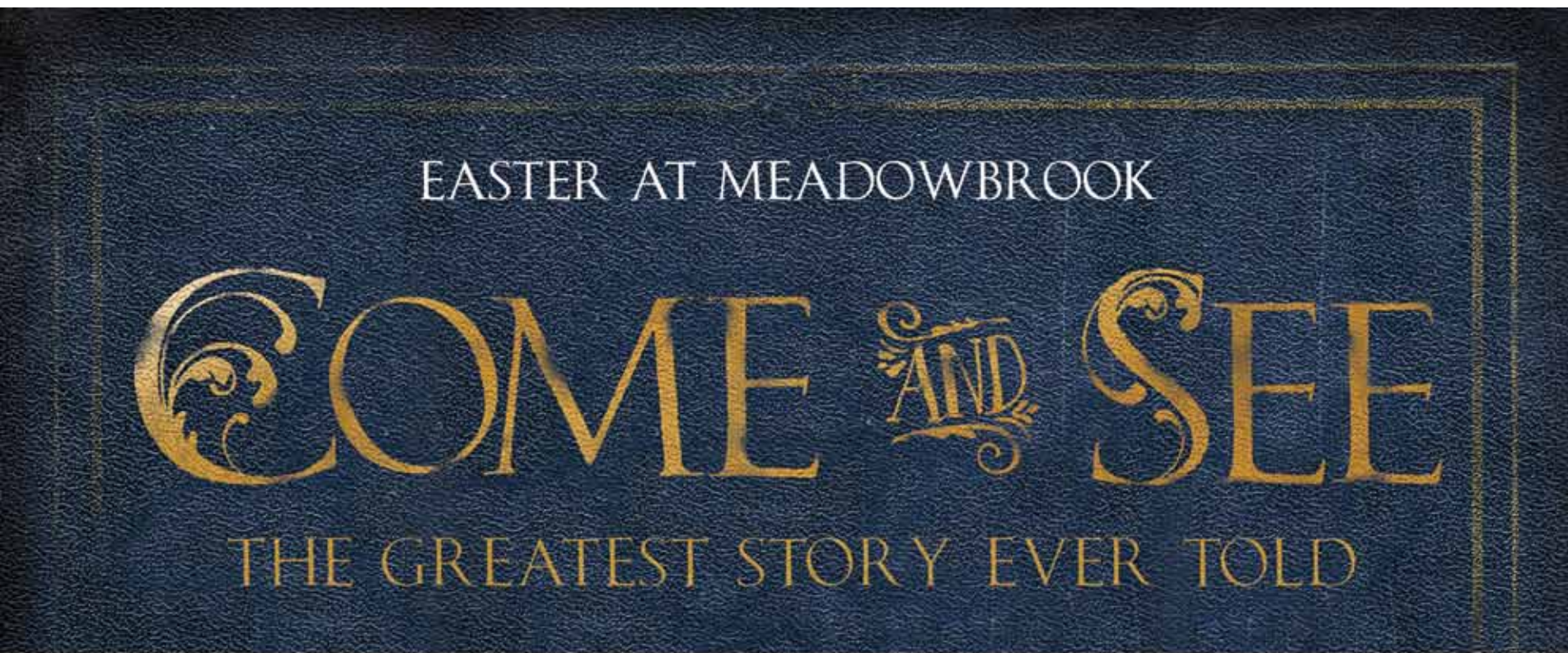
Ron Broman sang to us, before we left for home. A beautiful Irish blessing. It was lovely Ron, thank you.

Reading is the main goal of our 100 Grandparents. Cecily Lucas has been reading to the children for 12 years. Every month, Cecily brings new books that she reads to the children and then donates them.

Don't forget to keep collecting Box Tops for Education, pull tabs, Campbell's Soup labels.

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### Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

By Luke Mullen

February saw another large participation at our dinners. Twenty-six diners attended four dinners at the homes of club members.

Nancy and John Van Gorden were the hosts for our first dinner. Hors d'oeuvres were prepared by Joie and Joel Kurtz. The first was sausage and cheese with crackers. The second was cut watermelon and cantaloupe. The accompanying fruit dip was a combination of Cool Whip, pistachio pudding, chopped pineapple and Special K breakfast bars (strawberry) all mixed with some peanuts, cranberry, chocolate and other sweet spices. When blend-

ed, the fruit dip was super delicious.

Nancy and John then served chicken Parmesan that was served with spaghetti and water rolls. Pat and Russ McNulty then served a salad a la carte of mixed greens, broccoli, celery, cucumber, tomatoes, shredded carrots, strawberries, and apples, topped with shredded smoked Gouda and Italian or buttermilk ranch dressings. Marsha and Steve Schner served flour-less chocolate cake for dessert.

The hosts for our second dinner were Phyllis and Al Richards. Bev and Lew Rooks prepared the appetizer, which was a southwestern dip that had a sour cream base and spiced accordingly. They also brought chive cream cheese and bacon crescents. Phyllis and Al then served the main meal. It was holiday chicken divan, which consisted of a steamed vegetable medley, corn bread stuffing, cubed chicken breasts, cream of chicken soup and

topped with grated sharp cheddar cheese. This was accompanied by rice pilaf and served with cranberry sauce.

Carolle and Tom Carlton then served pineapple fluff topped with a pretzel crunch and "can't leave them alone" bars. True to the name ... you can't leave them alone!

Third dinner hosts were Annette and Paul Hodges. Rhea and Jim Russell brought two appetizers for the night. One was a mushroom, onion, cream mixture baked in bread cups. The other was a cream cheese, shrimp and seafood sauce, spread on piecrust triangles that were rolled up and baked. Both were served hot. Annette and Paul then served the main meal. They served a garden salad with a selection of dressings. For the main course, they served rice pilaf, steamed asparagus, and southwestern chicken with mushrooms, green pepper, onion, and tomatoes. Kathy and Luke Mullen then

served a brownie bottom pudding pie topped with Cool Whip.

Gail Rosenzweig and Ed Bodnar hosted dinner number four. Gitte and Paul Agarwal prepared two appetizers. They were spinach balls and a delicious artichoke dip made with baby artichoke hearts, garlic, mayonnaise and Parmesan cheese, served with Triscuits. Gail and Ed then served the main course that started off with a mixed green salad with several dressings to choose from. Next they served chicken cutlet Parmesan, spaghetti, meatballs and sausage, all covered in homemade marinara sauce. Accompanying the meal was hot garlic bread. Ellie and Terry Connolly then served a pineapple upside down cake with whipped cream topping.

Our club is currently looking for new couple members. If interested, call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for more information.



### American Jewish Club

By Carol Aronoff

I hope you have all enjoyed the Purim holiday and are looking forward to spending your Passover with friends and/or family. To those of you who have spent the winter with us and have now gone "home" I wish you all the best of luck and good health until we meet again.

Our last meeting was a huge success; meeting a horse house pet was brilliant. Unfortunately our trip to see the manatees in Crystal River has been postponed.

As I write this, our trip to the Alpaca Farm is on schedule and I hope it is a success.

Once again it is that time of year. Elections are coming up in April and we have formed a nominating committee. We have two members from the board and three from the general membership. Please be active. We will all benefit from more member participation and enjoy a bigger and better club.

Our speaker last month was Pat Gabriel and as usual we heard all of the latest information about all the changes coming to our neck of the woods.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m.



### Southern Club

By Jane Krellner

After call to order and blessing of the food and people, the Thursday, March 5 meeting began with socializing in conjunction with enjoying our wonderful food.

Lieutenant Joiner from the Marion County Sheriff's Office was our guest speaker and educated us regarding the current scams in the area. He was very interesting and informative.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by recognition of those with March birthdays, old business of elections of officers next month, new business of collecting \$3 next month for the pizza and salad, welcome and introduction to new members, thanks to Sharon King for preparing the table decorations, and drawing for 50/50.

See you Thursday, April 2 in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center at 5 p.m. Remember your money for half and half tickets, May's dinner tickets, a dish to share for 10 people, and your utensils for eating. Also remember the call out for any members willing to be officers; help is needed for next year. Until we meet again, happy days. Ya'll come!



### Italian American Club

By Carole Dymond

Everyone enjoyed the horseracing event at this month's meeting. A special thanks goes out to Vince Minniti, for setting up the game, and Jay Rongetti and Judy Dunn, who sold tickets and handled the winnings.

President Mike DeBari announced he would be stepping down to give someone else the opportunity of being president of

the Italian American Club next year. Mike has been president for eight years and would like to sit back and enjoy the activities with a new leader and new ideas. This club has grown to 57 members with his leadership and dedication and we hope it will continue. For those interested, Mike can be contacted at (352) 861-9484.

On Tuesday, April 7, at 2 p.m., we will be going to Pavarotti's Italian Restaurant to share good food and fellowship before going on our summer break. Hopefully, everyone who wants to attend will have already paid their \$5 in order to get back \$10 at the restaurant as a thank you from the club.

Did you know? Pinocchio was a favorite children's story written by an Italian named Carlo Collodi, which is the most translated and widely read book ever written. See you at Pavarotti's.



### Pennsylvania Club

By Pat Utiss

Irish eyes were definitely smiling at the Pennsylvania Club's Wednesday, March 11, St. Patrick's Day dinner! Members were adorned in green as they sat down to a sumptuous meal of corned beef and cabbage, parsley potatoes, Irish soda bread, bread pudding and cupcakes; all deliciously prepared by club member Micki Malsch. The feast was bountiful and not a single member left hungry!

Members donated five prizes to be raffled off as door prizes. Micki Malsch donated a St. Patrick's Day adorned candy jar filled with candy and two loaves of her own delicious soda bread to be raffled off

as door prizes as well.

Following dinner, President Ray Utiss thanked club members for their volunteer efforts in helping the club run so smoothly month after month.

Micki Malsch informed the members of the upcoming events planned for the Wednesday, April 8, meeting. In honor of the Kentucky Derby, horse racing fun and games will be played. A contest with prizes awarded for the best rendition of Kentucky Derby adorned hats by the ladies will be held. A potluck dinner will be held as well. Please bring a covered dish or dessert for at least eight people.

You don't have to be a member to join us for the April meeting and potluck dinner. Guests are always welcome!

Club membership cards will be available at the April meeting. Club dues remain \$5 per member per year. Until we meet again ...

Submitted by Michelle Malsch

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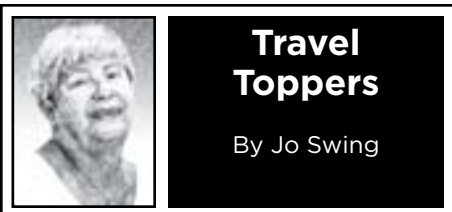
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**Travel Toppers**

By Jo Swing

Spring is officially here, and we are looking for some nice weather to enjoy the outdoors. The Travel Toppers club has planned a variety of day trips and one cruise for 2015, as well as two cruises for 2016.

The first cruise for 2016 will leave from the Port of Miami on Saturday, April 9, 2016 on the MSC Divina to travel to Bermuda. This ship, which was launched in 2012, is one of MSC Cruises' newest ships, with most cabins having either ocean views or balconies. April is a great

time of the year to enjoy this beautiful island. Reservations for this cruise are now open. You can book your cabin by calling Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428. A \$100 per person deposit is required at time of booking.

The second cruise of 2016 will be in Europe on the Ama Dante, which is an Ama Waterways riverboat introduced in 2008. We will be leaving Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016 to cruise the Danube from Nuremberg to Budapest. This cruise will take us to Regensburg, Passau, Linz, Melk, Vienna (overnight), and to Budapest (overnight). This is actually the most beautiful part of the Danube, especially since this is the wine region with many towns along the way having festivals.

Depending on the responses for this trip, we may add three nights in Prague, prior to the cruise. In the Czech Repub-

lic, Prague is home to Old Town Square, Prague Castle, and the Charles Bridge, Europe's longest and most beautiful medieval bridge. For more information and details, call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428. Since she is very familiar with this area of Europe, she will be more than happy to go over the itinerary and answer any questions.

In early April, be on the lookout for the Spring-Summer 2015 Travel Toppers tours brochure. These will be located at your post office buildings, Recreation Center, Arbor Club, and community buildings for Indigo East and Candler Hills. Current information on trips can be found also at

www.traveltopperstours.com.

Don't miss out on our Mother's Day Sunday, May 10, trip to see "A Chorus Line" at the Show Palace Dinner Theater. Allan Rickards is the coordinator and may be reached at (352) 390-3075.

Space is still available on the following trips: Alhambra Theater in Jacksonville, Saturday, June 6; St. Johns River Cruise, Sunday, June 21; and the Titanic Dinner Show, Saturday, Sept. 26. Contact call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 for the Alhambra trip; Pat Hood at (352) 237-8533 for the St. John's river cruise, and Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 for the Titanic dinner.

Stay young at heart and keep traveling.



**LadyBirds**

By Caren Kowalsky

Our last meeting took place on Friday, March 13. Adele Sherman kindly provided our goodies. Thanks much Adele.

Our March guest speaker, an R/C Flyer and accountant, Stan Stein discussed tax information.

Thanks to Nancy Dreimiller, our March luncheon took place at Hardwood Smokehouse.

Our speakers for our Friday, April 10 meeting will be Sheriff Chris Blair and a terrorist expert. We invite LadyBird spouses and friends to join us for this very interesting and informative meeting.

Opal Stroud kindly set up a tour of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and farm on Wednesday, April 15, followed by a luncheon at Cody's Restaurant. Details will follow. A big thanks to Opal.

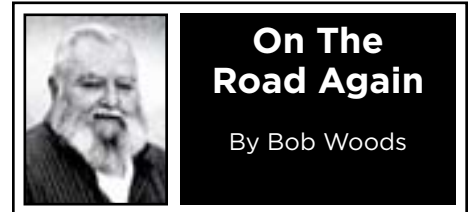
President Cathy Fanelli has set up a nomination committee consisting of Linda Ward, Gloria Scicluna and Sandra Enley, who will be making telephone calls

to find candidates for the upcoming LadyBird board. Voting will take place at our Friday, April 10 meeting. Installation to take place at our May luncheon. Thanks so much for your help ladies.

A great big "thank you" to all of the LadyBirds who volunteered to work canteen at the R/C Fly-In on Saturday, March 28. Thanks to them, every position was filled.

We invite everyone in the community to come out and join us, and enjoy a day in the sun with good food, good company, and to watch On Top of the World's magnificent men and women and their R/C flying machines. If you have not attended a Fly-In before, you are in for a very big surprise. Bring your folding chairs, hats, kids, friends, and come join us. We are sure that once you attend and experience an R/C Fly-In you will be back again.

As always, we invite spouses and significant others of R/C Flyers to sit in on our monthly meetings held on the second Friday of months September through April, at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. We provide the goodies, so just bring your beverage and join us. We are sure you will have a good time, and hopefully you will decide to join our merry group. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



**On The Road Again**

By Bob Woods

Come cruise with us in September to Bermuda! We will depart our community on Saturday, Sept. 5 for a flight to Newark, N.J. where we will be shuttled to Port Liberty, N.J. Then we will sail on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas for a five-night, six-day voyage. The ship will be birthed at King's Wharf for a two-day stay where we can explore the many sites, attractions and pink beaches, both small secluded and large public areas. There are so many tourist attractions within walking distance from the ship including a fort, naval museum, etc.

If you are interested in exploring other

sites and attractions, not to mention the capital of the island, Hamilton, there is also a zoo, aquarium, crystal and fantasy caves, along with the Gibbs Hill Lighthouse. The lighthouse was built in 1846 and is the world's oldest cast iron lighthouse. These are just some of the shore excursions one can take either on their own, with a group, or through the ship. There is a ferry within walking distance of the ship to take those who wish to cross Hamilton Harbor to the island's capital city.

If you would like to be part of this cruise, call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702.

Please note that the New Orleans motor coach trip in October is sold out. However, if you would like to add your name to the stand-by list, please call John Ware at (352) 873-3516. There is no deposit required to place your name on this list.

To get flyers and prices for our trips, please visit the club's website at www.bobwoodsoutheroadagain.com.

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**World Traveler**

By Bill Shampine

Politically, Zimbabwe is a bit of a mess; however, it is not a bad place to visit. More on that later.

Zimbabwe, located in southeastern Africa, is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the southwest, Zambia to the northwest, and Mozambique to the east. The Zambezi River, which spawns Victoria Falls, one of the most famous waterfalls in the world, forms the boundary with Zambia.

The history of modern-day Zimbabwe dates back to at least 400 A.D., with remains of some stone structures from the 15th century still in place today. There were several ruling states controlling the region prior to the advent of white colonists in the 1880s. Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company moved into the region in the mid-1880s and obtained a concession from King Lobengula for mining rights in 1888. The concession extended over a huge area far beyond present-day Zimbabwe.

The territory was named "Rhodesia" in 1895 in honor of Cecil Rhodes. Southern Rhodesia became a self-governing British colony in 1923. Political unrest over the fact of minority (white) rule in the territory festered for decades. The British col-

onists controlled the mining operations and had huge farms growing a variety of crops. The land was fertile, to the point that during this period, the territory was known as the Breadbasket of Africa.

After years of internal strife and conflict, elections in 1980 resulted in independence along with an official name change to Zimbabwe. Robert Mugabe was elected and has been in charge ever since 1980. There have been other elections, all tarred with charges of fraud and vote tampering, but Mr. Mugabe still is in charge.

The economy of Zimbabwe is supported by mining (diamonds, gold, platinum, copper, and various ores) and tourism. With an unemployment rate of 95%, Zimbabweans are very happy to have tourists bring money to the country.

Zimbabwe actually is a good place to visit because it is beautiful, there are many things to see and do, and the cost is relatively low. The biggest attraction has to be the world-famous Victoria Falls. It is a spectacular waterfall with a mile-wide curtain of water that falls 354 feet. During flood season, it puts up a cloud of mist that can be seen up to 20 miles away.

Another major attraction is the Great Zimbabwe - the archaeological remains of an ancient city built of stone. It once was the center of a vast empire during the 15th to 18th centuries. In fact, Zimbabwe translates to "house of stone."

Lake Kariba, a huge reservoir on the Zambezi River, is very popular for the opportunity to watch African wildlife. Hir-



Photo by Ferdinand Reus

**The Zambezi River flowing over Victoria Falls.**

ing a houseboat on the lake for a few days is a particularly fun way to experience the lake and its many offerings. A visit to the Eastern Highlands part of the country offers you gorgeous scenery, many hiking trails, and even fishing opportunities.

Finally, Hwange National Park, located on the western border, is Zimbabwe's largest wildlife sanctuary. Among the other animals, the park is home to one of Africa's largest elephant populations. If you do go, take cash. Credit cards are very sparsely used.



Photo by Norm Lantz

**Prothonotary Warbler.**



**Birders' Beat**

By Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders plan to tour the St. Johns River on Tuesday, April 7. This trip is set up by On Top of the World. To sign up for the St. Johns River tour, see Theresa at the Recreation Center and mention the Unique Birders. Cost for the trip is \$46 per person including transportation and river cruise. The Unique Birders will identify birds and give information about them as we spot them on the river.

This tour will be a treat for bird watchers since the number and diversity of birds

likely to be seen or heard are quite large. The 310-mile long St. Johns River begins near Sanford, Fla., and travels northeast to enter the Atlantic Ocean near Jacksonville, Fla.

This tour enters the St. Johns through Blue Creek in the Ocala National Forest. Blue Creek is a unique habitat and home to manatees in warmer weather. Alligator sightings are likely on this trip. St. Johns is an ancestral intracoastal lagoon system that was formed after sea levels fell and barrier islands trapped the water in flat valleys, creating an ideal habitat for wildlife.

You are likely to see waterfowl such as great blue and green herons, egrets, bitterns, ibis, anhingas, gallinule, and limpkin. Dabbling ducks are plentiful in shallow marshy areas while diving ducks can be seen in deeper water. The black-bellied whistling duck has been seen here. Other birds you may see are bald eagles, belted kingfishers, swallow-tailed kites and osprey.

A bird of particular interest that lives here is the prothonotary warbler. This bird is now in breeding season and can be heard making his characteristic call of 10 light rapid and evenly paced chip notes. Be sure to bring your binoculars and a camera. Many of these birds have magnificent plumage, especially while they are in breeding season.

If you would like to go on this tour, please purchase your tickets at the Recreation Center and mention the Unique Birders. Instructions for where to meet on Tuesday, April 7, and other details about the trip will be given to you when you purchase your ticket.

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# A Big Hit!

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

On Top of the World hosted the eighth annual Home Improvement Expo at Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Feb. 21. Over 60 vendors participated and over 2,000 people attended this popular event.

A wide variety of vendors were on hand for those wanting to remodel their home. Products ranged from kitchen, bath, flooring, interior design to windows, solar lights and tubes, heating and air conditioners to landscaping.

Many prospective customers looking to improve their residence carried a bag choked full of building material information along with all kinds of give-aways.

This free event was open to the public and larger than ever before! This event has definitely become the "go-to" expo for home improvement in Marion County!



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

**Over 2,000 people attended the annual Home Improvement Expo.**



## SPCA

By Maria Devine

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. We're starting to plan our second annual bunco fundraiser, so please join us if you want to help out. If you need to get in touch with us for any reason, please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985.

We are happy to announce that after two years in foster care, cats Smokey and Ebony have been adopted together into their forever home. Thanks to Arlene's

dedication, they've found the perfect home and it was worth the wait.

For those of you looking for a small, sweet pet - this is your lucky day. Please take a look at this picture of Lilly, an orange and white Japanese Chin that we are fostering. Lilly's family can no longer care for her, and now she is seeking a new forever home. Lilly is nine-years-old, but don't fret, a Japanese Chin is a long-lived breed. She's smart, sweet and loves to play. In foster care, she's also learned to love her golf cart rides. She loves cats and dogs as well as people. The main thing she needs at this point is to lose a little more weight. She's on weight-reducing dog food right now and she should eventually whittle down to under 10 pounds from her current 12 pounds. A few pounds mean a lot to such a little dog. If you're looking for a

gentle companion that will give you lots of love, please call the SPCA at (352) 362-0985 to meet Lilly and see if she's the companion you've always dreamed of.

We'd like to broach a serious topic for newcomers to the community and for old-timers as well who don't realize the dangers wildlife can pose for our pets. When you lived in other areas of the country, you may not have had predators to worry about, so you let your cats roam outside or left your dogs in the backyard either

tethered or unsupervised. We are taking the time to tell you that you can't do that here and ensure your pet's safety. We can't stress enough how important it is to keep your cats indoors and to supervise your dog's playtime outside. Please be aware that we have coyotes and birds of prey.

We also want to mention that you should have control over your dog's leash when walking near wildlife areas or thick brush. These areas can harbor rattlesnakes. We are talking about real situations, not hypothetical, so please take heed.



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### The Glitzy Gals

By Janet Wahl

The Yummy House in Ocala was selected by Ellen Brecheen and Betty Tesmer for our latest luncheon. Beautiful table decorations and favors followed a Chinese theme. Caroline Caprano was our prize winner. QM Mary informed us of some of the future activities we may wish to attend.

Our girls who went to the San Francisco convention last year met QM Terri Potter and became friends. She is the QM of the Red Hat Martinis from River Grove, Ill. Queen Terri has joined us for many of our activities while spending her winter in Dunnellon, Fla. We have enjoyed having her spend time with us and look forward to having her come again.

Each month, the trunk of QM Mary's car is loaded with items the group has provided for Project Hope. Even when soaps, paper products, kitchen items or hygiene products are the category other household necessities are also sent.

Red Hat Day at Spartan Manor at New Port Richey with a Hawaiian luau theme will be attended by some of our group. A shopping trip to Ellenton Mall and the Red Hat International Convention in Indianapolis are on our upcoming agenda. "Fun is about as good a habit as there is." QM Mary Curry

### Caribbean Club

By Luz Leon

A group from the Caribbean Club, 22 in all, took a trip down to Wildwood and enjoyed a fun filled evening. We joked, laughed, ate and enjoyed the company of members and friends, but it is always great to get back to On Top of the World.

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### Singles Club

By Lorraine Serwan

The Singles Club is swinging into high gear with lots of activities in April.

At our Thursday, April 9 meeting, Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox is scheduled to be our guest speaker.

On Wednesday, April 15, a group will be touring the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings home followed by lunch at the Blue Highway Pizza. Call Cel at (352) 840-3963 for information. The group will meet in the Recreation Center parking lot at 10 a.m. to car pool to Micanopy.

The nominating committee will present its slate at the April meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Please join us on Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m. in Suites B and C at the Arbor Conference Center for our monthly meeting. Bring a friend. We always welcome new members.



### Genealogical Society

By Peter Parisi

On Monday, Feb. 16, Julia Hendrick, one of our members, facilitated an educational presentation on "Google Search ... and Beyond" excerpted from the March 2013 Roots Tech Family History and Technology Conference.

At this conference, David Barney, a Google software engineer, gave a presentation in which he showed how to use Google search more efficiently with the use of operators, such as ~, ~, " " and the words "or" and "around." The ~ (tilde) symbol is the key below the esc(ape) key and above the tab key. For example, if I type in the name of my great-grandfather, it will give me information on everyone with that surname. However, if I type John Sweeney ~genealogy, Google will give me only information that has genealogy in it



### Lions Club

By Estelle Clark

Save the date: Saturday, Oct. 31, for The Recycled Trashy Fashion Show! This is such a fun, fun event! We are already preparing!

We would like to welcome our newest member Ed Hobbs.

February was a busy month. We collected food for Interfaith Emergency Services, and as you know, they could always use more. There are a lot of homeless veterans and families who really need all of our help. We also collect used ink jet cartridges and cell phones.

Our club members spent time after our last board meeting counting eyeglasses, lenses, sunglasses and cases to be refract-

ed and sent with missionaries to third world countries. Added with what we had already done in February, we totaled approximately 350 glasses. Working together is what we do best.

ed and sent with missionaries to third world countries. Added with what we had already done in February, we totaled approximately 350 glasses. Working together is what we do best.

We had a great speaker at our last meeting. Ted Warner spoke on his experience in the service and his injuries. He also spoke about his experience with the Florida Center for the Blind and how they have helped him.

We have been able to provide hearing aids for people in need and are working on several more applications. We are also working on more applications for eye surgeries.

Our officers for the new year are in place and we are extremely excited and looking forward to another successful year of helping those less fortunate.

If you would like to join this fun club and organization, please contact Lion Estelle Clark at (352) 861-7358. We serve.

or its synonyms, such as surname, family, tree and vital records. Make sure you put a space between the first word and the operator, but no space between the operator and the second word.

The - (minus) operator eliminates any word after it. If we type John Sweeney ~genealogy -birth, Google will not give me birth records. Typing quotation marks " " around a word or group of words will either include or exclude those items depending on whether you use the ~ or - sign. Typing the \* between two words will find those two words with any other word in between, i.e. a middle name in between the first name and the surname.

If you don't know the sequence of the words, type OR [in caps] between the two sets of words. If you don't know if the person had two middle names, type the first name, the word AROUND(2) [in caps] and the surname and this will search for information with possibly two middle names. Using the site operator with the colon and the date operator with two dots, you can narrow your search. Example: "Texas death records" site: ancestry.com 1820..1830 will find only those records

from ancestry.com and between 1820 and 1830. This is a small segment of the presentation. A more complete summary can be found on our website listed below.

The Genealogical Society will hold a board meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, April 13, in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building, next to the Recreation Center. At the business meeting, we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations.

We also will hold an educational presentation at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 20, in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center. The presentation, titled "Online Newspaper Resources," will be given by member, Pat Bevis.

Our annual dues are only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. One of the benefits of membership is that we have a large library of genealogical books and CDs, which are available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check us out on our website, <http://otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com>.

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### View From The Library

By B.J. Leckbee

Attention dog lovers: this one's for you. Spencer Quinn has written a series of entertaining mysteries from a dog's point of view. And he nails it. He seems to know how our canine companions think and behave.

Chet, the dog, lives with Bernie Little and considers himself a partner in the Bernie Little Detective Agency. Bernie is a former police detective who left the force at a relatively early age under a cloud that the author doesn't explain.

Bernie takes on the cases, does the interviewing, the thinking, and whatever research is needed. Chet's in charge of security, tracking, and taking down bad guys who try to escape. He rides shotgun in Bernie's ancient Porsche convertible and participates in stakeouts, although he's easily distracted by the scent of food or any small animal. And besides, stakeouts

at motels in divorce cases are boring.

At a little over 100 pounds, this dog needs only to raise his hackles and growl to intimidate most people. He seems to know what any movement of Bernie's head means, but two-way communications can be a problem. When the two get separated and Chet sees a bad guy in action, he has no way of reporting this back to Bernie. And some things remain a mystery to Chet. He's worked with Bernie on several cases involving money laundering, and Chet has yet to see any laundry.

Quinn's stories are a combination of mystery and comedy, with likeable heroes and seriously nasty bad guys. The plots vary, with Chet's night vision, superior sense of smell, and ability to trot at a steady pace for hours without tiring providing his human partner with much-needed assistance. And he's one smart dog. In "To Fetch a Thief" Chet needs to figure out how to herd an elephant.

"Dog On It" is the first of the three "Chet and Bernie" books that are available in our library. We also have "To Fetch A Thief" and "The Dog Who Knew Too Much."

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In addition, there is a free monthly presentation to explain Medicare. Join Instructor Allen Fertic on Tuesday, April 21 in Classroom 3 for a presentation on "Medicare and You." This presentation is free and open to the public. You must register by calling (352) 854-3699 or in person at the Master the Possibilities.

Do you need some guidance navigating Medicare Parts A and B, drug plans, low-income benefits, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medigap (supplement) plans? Are you confused by the complexity of Medicare services and costs?

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By Theresa Fields  
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The warm weather is fast approaching, meaning the temperature gauge will rapidly climb during the day. Please remember, if you're soaking up the rays poolside, enjoying a game of golf, taking a bike ride or stroll, you'll need to drink plenty of water to prevent heat exhaustion during this time of year.

**Telephone Directory**

The 2015 telephone directories have

arrived. Please pick up your copy at the Arbor Club office. If you have changes that need to be made to the directory, you'll need to make them at that time.

**Enviro-Shred**

Enviro-Shred will return on Thursday, April 9, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to noon. This company will be onsite to shred all your important documents. The cost is \$4 per one cubic foot (normal storage size box or computer paper box).

**Pool Monitoring**

Pool monitoring begins as of Saturday, April 4. Please note that the pool rules are posted around the pools, and were printed in the March issue of the World News on page 22. Please have Resident I.D.s available when visiting the pool areas. Rules and procedures are strictly enforced. A

resident must accompany their guest(s) or have the guest(s) present the I.D. of the resident they are visiting. Please note that children under the age of 15 may not be permitted in the family pools until after noon during weekdays!

**Hands Across the Highway**

Come join us at the annual Hands Across the Highway Art Expo on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event will showcase local artists. We will have over 40 artists displaying some of the finest artwork around this area.

**Super Bingo**

Super bingo will be held on Wednesday, April 15, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 6 to 9 p.m. Cards will be sold at 4:45 p.m. (no cards sold after 5:45 p.m.). There will be 17 \$50 games and three \$250 games. The cost is \$5 for three cards (minimum of three cards per person). No guests are permitted. Resident I.D. is required to participate.

**Rags to Riches**

Who's ready for some spring cleaning? It's that time of year again when we clean out our attics, garages and join our friends for the bi-annual Rags to Riches sale on Friday, April 17, at the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost of a table is \$8 and there will be a two-table maximum. The SPCA will have coffee and doughnuts for sale with all proceeds going to help sheltered animals.

**Seminole Casino**

Join us for a fun-filled day on our next casino trip on Thursday, April 23. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person, which covers transportation. All 2015 casino dates are available at the Recreation Center. Pre-registration is required.

**Free Tennis Clinics**

During the month of April, our tennis pro, Jorge, will be offering free tennis clinics for those who would like to learn the game of tennis on Thursdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Arbor Tennis Courts. For more information, contact Jorge at (352) 484-4815.

Happy Hour

Last month's themed Happy Hour was filled with leather, chains and motorcycles as we celebrated "Bike Night." This month's themed Happy Hour is "Rock Star." Come dressed and ready to party like a "rock star" on Friday, April 10. The entertainment line-up is as follows:

- April 3: No Happy Hour (Good Friday)
- April 10: Rock Star-themed with Kathleen Kane (Arbor Club)
- April 17: Tomaura (Recreation Center Ballroom)
- April 24: Barry & Nancy (Arbor Club)

Please note that The Pub will no longer provide food service during Happy Hour held at the Recreation Center Ballroom. As of April, residents will be permitted to bring snacks to Happy Hour when they are held at the Recreation Center Ballroom. All drinks and alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the bar and will not be permitted from outside sources.

Resident I.D. is required for entry into Happy Hour and guest fees apply.

**Upcoming Events in May**

- Friday, May 1: Kentucky Derby-themed Happy Hour
- Sunday, May 3: Melon Patch Theatre in Leesburg
- Tuesday, May 5: St. Johns River Cruise
- Tuesday, May 12: Seminole Hard Rock Casino
- Tuesday, May 19: Victory Casino Cruise
- Thursday, May 21: Social Hour
- Friday, May 29: Singing River Cruise

**EVENTS\***  
*\* Schedule and performers subject to change. For the latest information, please visit www.ontopoftheworldinfo.com or tune into Bright House 732.*

**Thursday, April 2**

**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tennis Clinic**  
Arbor Tennis Courts  
10:30 a.m. to noon  
To pre-register, please call (352) 484-4815.

**Friday, April 3**

**Silver Creek Band**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

**Saturday, April 4**

**Spring Band Concert**  
The Town Square  
5 to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, April 9**

**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**EnviroShred**  
Recreation Center Parking Lot  
10 a.m. to noon  
\$4 per one-cubic foot.

**Tennis Clinic**  
Arbor Tennis Courts  
10:30 a.m. to noon  
To pre-register, please call (352) 484-4815.

**Friday, April 10**

**"Rock Star" Happy Hour with Kathleen Kane**  
Arbor Club Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.

**Peter Yarrow**  
Circle Square Cultural Center  
7 p.m.  
\$17-21 per resident  
For tickets, call (352) 854-3670.

**Recorded Favorites**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

**Saturday, April 11**

**Power Play Band**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

**Sunday, April 12**

**Opera Tampa**  
Circle Square Cultural Center  
3 p.m.  
\$4 per resident  
For tickets, call (352) 854-3670.

**Thursday, April 16**

**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tennis Clinic**  
Arbor Tennis Courts  
10:30 a.m. to noon  
To pre-register, please call (352) 484-4815.

**Friday, April 17**

**Rags to Riches**  
Recreation Center Ballroom  
9 a.m. to noon

**Happy Hour with Tomaura**  
Recreation Center Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.

**Recorded Favorites**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

**Saturday, April 18**

**Hands Across the Highway Art Expo**  
Circle Square Cultural Center  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Johnny Alston**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

**Thursday, April 23**

**Seminole Hard Rock Casino**  
Tampa, Fla.  
\$20 per person  
To pre-register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533.

**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tennis Clinic**  
Arbor Tennis Courts  
10:30 a.m. to noon  
To pre-register, please call (352) 484-4815.

**Friday, April 24**

**Happy Hour with Barry & Nancy**  
Arbor Club Ballroom  
4 to 8 p.m.

**Second Slice**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

**Saturday, April 25**

**Fresh Air Fitness / World Tai Chi Day**  
Sholom Park  
9 a.m.

**Extreme Vegas**  
Circle Square Cultural Center  
7 p.m.  
\$21-23 per resident  
For tickets, call (352) 854-3670.

**Recorded Favorites**  
The Town Square  
7 to 10 p.m.

**Thursday, April 30**

**Home Delivery of the World News / May Issue**

**Farmer's Market**  
The Town Square  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tennis Clinic**  
Arbor Tennis Courts  
10:30 a.m. to noon  
To pre-register, please call (352) 484-4815.

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**On Top of the World BUS SCHEDULE**  
Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
Williamsburg	91st Cir.E. - 91st Cir.W - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 96th Ter. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd.	8:45 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:49 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	8:53 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	8:58 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:02 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:06 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:10 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:14 a.m.
Friendship Village	86th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:20 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:25 a.m.
Exit Community		9:30 a.m.

*Indigo East Community Center Parking Lot Call one day in advance for pick-up*

MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Jasmine Square	9:45 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	9:55 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's	10:05 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lowe's	10:10 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:15 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Wal-mart/Stein Mart	10:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
Target	10:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks	10:40 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Gateway Plaza	10:45 a.m.	12:10 p.m.

*Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.*

AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES
Candler Hills Community Center	1:00 p.m. Crescent Ridge Post Office 1:17 p.m.
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:05 p.m. Recreation Center 1:21 p.m.
Williamsburg Post Office	1:08 p.m. Americana Post Office 1:23 p.m.
Avalon Post Office	1:13 p.m. Friendship Post Office 1:27 p.m.

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Publix Grocery	1:32 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
Big Lots	1:37 p.m.	2:57 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	1:47 p.m.	2:47 p.m.
Wal-mart	1:49 p.m.	2:42 p.m.

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RECREATION

# Get Ready to Shake, Rattle & Roll

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

There is a bunco craze in our community! I never realized how many women at On Top of the World play this dice game! There are organized clubs gathering at various locations throughout the community and in private homes on a rotating schedule.

What is bunco? It is a dice game, which was originally a confidence game originating in England during the 19th century. The game made its way to San Francisco as a gambling activity around 1855 in what later became famously known as "bunco parlors."

During the 1920s and Prohibition, bunco was re-popularized as a gambling game generally found in speakeasies. When members of law enforcement raided these establishments, the raiding groups became known as "bunco squads."

It has been claimed in the United States, "Over 59 million women have played bunco and over 27 million plays the game regularly," according to the World Bunco Association. As the game is played today, bunco is a social dice game involving 100 percent luck and no skill, meaning, there are no decisions or strategies involved.

The object of the game is to accumulate points and to roll certain combinations. Scoring is simple as well as the game's rules. Basically, you roll the dice and add up your score. The game is extremely popular with the female gender although a small percentage of the male population also plays the game.

Judy McGrath heads up a group in Candler Hills. I asked her how difficult is it to learn bunco? Her reply, "It's a no brainer. One can learn to play in 30 seconds." She also told me that there are numerous groups playing the game in Candler Hills at private homes. Some members play with different groups.

Bunco is set up with four at a table with each player having a score sheet and the table having three dice. The idea is to get a bunco, which at the first go-around would be three aces; the second go-around would be three deuces, etc. If no one playing gets

three of a kind the first go-around then the first pair to reach 21 wins that round.

When a table gets a bunco, play stops at all tables and the losing pair moves to another table. A bell will ring to start play again. There are five games, six rounds for the completion of the evening. However, there are several variations of the game but this is how the residents play.

Generally, each group will provide prizes starting with the person with the most buncos, wins, mini buncos and the prize list continues. Many players go from one bunco group to another at different nights, times and locations. It really has

come down to being a ladies social event. When I attended another bunco group, Micki Malsch was explaining the game to a first time attendee; telling her, "Bunco is a mindless game." The new lady was paired with seasoned players and started playing the dice game immediately.

There are groups in just about every neighborhood within our community that play bunco on a regular basis. If you are interested in playing, check around with neighbors or friends, refer to the clubs listing page in the World News or contact one of the following group leaders:

- Candler Hills: First Monday of the month in private homes. Judy McGrath at (352) 861-0354.
- On Top of the World: First Monday of the month at Arbor Conference Center, Suite C, 6:30 p.m. Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315. All residents welcome but please call prior to game night.
- Indigo East: First Tuesday of the

month at Indigo East Community Center, 7 p.m. Shirley Hamilton at (352) 789-0907.

- On Top of the World: Third Tuesday of the month at Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, 7 p.m. Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790.
- On Top of the World: Third Wednesday of the month at Arbor Conference Center, 7 p.m. Windsor residents only. Penny Schaefer at (352) 509-7711.

If you are interested in playing bunco for a good cause, the Marion County S.P.C.A. will hold a "spooktacular" bunco fundraiser at the College of Central Florida on Friday, Oct. 30. Additional information on the fundraiser can be obtained by reading the monthly S.P.C.A. column in the World News. Believe it or not, the Marion County S.P.C.A. originated right here at On Top of the World.

Come out to play this fun, social game and get ready to yell bunco!



Ladies play bunco all throughout the community.

Photo by Bob Woods

# Charity Pro-Am

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

2015 marks the ninth year of the Ocala Open, along with the charitable Pro-Am, which was played at Candler Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, March 10.

Two teams consisting of four players each out of a total of 25 teams were comprised of residents and members of the

Candler Hills Golf Club. The other 23 were members of sponsoring organizations supporting the Pro-Am. Each of the teams in the Pro-Am was made up of three amateur players and one professional golfer who was entered to play in the Ocala Open.

Brady Construction won the Pro-Am. Players included Randy Biggs, Damon Pollard, Don Teed and Golf Professional Chris Johnson.

The biggest winners of the Pro-Am were two charitable organizations: Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Both charities received a check for \$27,500 each.

Accepting the donation for Interfaith Emergency Service was Executive Director Karla Grimsley. Accepting the check

for Hospice of Marion County was Major and Planned Gifts Officer Anne Rathbun Favre and Annual Gifts/Events Officer Karen Haven. Making the presentation for On Top of the World Communities was Chief Financial Officer Guy Woolbright.

This year's Pro-Am had the largest number of sponsors numbering 51 businesses and professionals from the local area.



Photos courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

Anne Rathbun Favre and Karen Haven from Hospice of Marion County (left) and Karla Grimsley of Interfaith Emergency Services (right) received a check in the amount of \$27,500 each that was presented by Guy Woolbright, chief financial officer for On Top of the World Communities.






**Bingo**  
By Denise Johnson

February has been a very successful month. In addition to many winners, there was one very lucky individual who claimed the \$160 jackpot. Way to go! We are back to our jackpot building each week.

We announced our future super bingo will be held on Wednesday, April 15. Be sure to join us. Remember, super bingo is not open to any guests, only residents. Micki assures me she is getting ready for her bake sale during super bingo. Be sure to visit and purchase a tasty treat. It may help you get lucky!

Tickets for regular Wednesday bingo go on sale from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. The door prize winners are called from 5:45 to 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 6 p.m. There is a 10 to 15 minute break midway during play.

Hope to see each and every one of you. Are you feeling lucky?



**Sidekicks Western Dance Club**  
By Tony & Carla Magri

Oops! Have you ever lost your place in a dance, forgotten how it starts, just plain messed up? We all have. The thing to remember is not to take it too seriously. Dancing is supposed to be fun, as well as good exercise. Try to stress the "fun" part and just have a great time. In our club, we like to say "there are no mistakes, only variations."

The Sidekicks are preparing for our next party, the theme of which is "Everything Counts." What this means is that we'll be celebrating several holidays at once, just for the fun of it. Why? Because we can.

Our wonderful dancers have accomplished so much this dance year and it's exciting to see everyone out on the floor. Now that The Town Square is up and running again we'll be spending lots of time outdoors dancing and enjoying fresh air and beautiful nights.

Visit us online at <http://patterndancers.wix.com/side-kicks> and at YouTube.com. Enter ro67ger in the search box. Happy trails ...

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# CARDS & GAMES



**Bridge**

**Monday Afternoon**  
By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

**Feb. 16**  
1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: Ed Mathena & Kay Boland; 3: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley.

**Feb. 23**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett; 4: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord.

**March 2**  
1: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold; 2: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 3: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord.

**March 9**  
1: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 2: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 3: Carol Johnson & Elly Rapacz.

**Monday Night**  
By Kathie & Art Dushary

Most of our players are mature beginners to intermediate level players. You do not need to sign up ahead of time or have a partner. Just come to the Card Room by 6:20 p.m. as we start at 6:30 p.m. We usually have six to eight tables.

**Feb. 2**  
1: Peggy Borro; 2: Cindy Brown; 3: Al Kremer; 4: Shirley Stolly.

**Feb. 9**  
1: Ellie Connolly; 2: Pat Palong; 3: Sara Anderson; 4: Sharon Miller; 5: Shirley Stolly.

**Feb. 16**  
1: Peggy Borro; 2: Judy Wagnitz; 3: Jean Lockhart; 4: Myra Butler; 5: Nancy VanGordon.

**Feb. 23**  
1: Paul Agarwal; 2: Paul Reidinger; 3: Marion Hotz; 4: Ken Hall; 5: Ray Wilson.

**Tuesday Afternoon**  
By Agnes LaSala

**Feb. 3**  
1: Don & Linda Sprague; 2: Betty Morris & Shirley Stolly; 3: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward.

**Feb. 10**  
1: Don & Linda Sprague; 2: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman; 3: Florence & Norbert Heckler

**Feb. 17**  
1: Norbert & Florence Heckler; 2: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 3: Mazie Millward & Joanne Jones.

**Feb. 24**  
1: Agnes LaSala & Joyce Walchak; 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

**Tuesday Night Dup**  
By Doris Keathley

**Feb. 3**  
1: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger; Tie at 2/3/4: Doris Keathley & Marjorie Benton and Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino and John & Marie Fiorillo.

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
By Pat Goltart

**Feb. 4**  
1: Jean Reis; 2: Pat Goltart; 3: Helen O'Brien; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

**Feb. 11**  
1: Diane Robinson; 2: Fran Griswold; Cons: Rich Fluet.

**Feb. 18**  
1: Diane Robinson; 2: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Delores Melberg.

**Feb. 25**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Rich Fluet; 3: Pat Goltart; Cons: Mary Culberson.

**Thursday Afternoon**  
By Marge Starrett

**Feb. 5**  
1: Marge Starrett; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Mazie Millward.

**Feb. 12**  
1: Cleona Redman; 2: Mazie Millward; 3: Kay Boland; 4: Rich Fluet.

**Feb. 19**  
1: Rich Fluet; 2: Shirley Ebert; 3: Ed Mathena; 4: Kay Boland.

**Feb. 26**  
1: Joanne Jones; 2: Cleona Redman; 3: Dianne Robinson.

**Thursday Night**  
By Gail Ambrose

**Feb. 5**  
1: Miriam McNeilly; 2: Keith Briggs; 3: Jack Martin; 4: Mickey Martin; 5: Ida Rosendahl.

**Feb. 12**  
1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Keith Briggs; 3: Donella Briggs; 4: Ida Rosendahl; 5: Ed Horner.


**Feb. 19**  
1: Ed Horner; 2: Howard Sale; 3: Gina Swensen; 4: Pat Palony; 5: Donella Briggs.

**Feb. 26**  
1: Tom Marta; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: John Van Gorden; 4: Fran Griswold; 5: Nancy Van Gorden.



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**Cribbage**

**Friday Night**  
By Rose Marie Postin

**Feb. 6**  
1: Poppy Kalen; 2: Herb Postin; 3: Sheila Howell; Cons: RoseMarie Postin.

**Feb. 13**  
1: Sheila Howell; 2: Margie Saxon; 3: RoseMarie Postin; Cons: Herb Postin.

**Feb. 20**  
1: Sheila Howell; 2: RoseMarie Postin; 3: Margie Saxon; Cons: Alberta Sarris.

**Feb. 27**  
1: Glenda Lins; 2: Alberta Sarris; 3: Phyllis Wandrey; Cons: Herb Postin.



**Euchre**

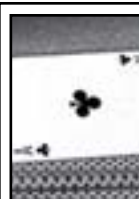
**Friday Night 4 Fun**  
By Chip Parsons

**Feb. 13**  
1: Irene Pisani; 2: Vicki Gorman; 3: Nancy Kowsky.

**Feb. 20**  
1: Debbie Weaver; 2: Cleona Redman; 3: Virgil Taylor.

**Feb. 27**  
1: Joan Sigafos; 2: Nancy Kowsky; Tie at 3: Bob Gorman and Richard Bartel.

**March 6**  
1: Debbie Weaver; 2: Barbara Engleman; 3: Vicki Gorman.



**Pinochle**

**Tuesday Night/Double**  
By Alberta Sarris

**Feb. 3**  
Table 1: Verna Harsh & Sue Kelly; 2: Virgil Taylor & Joe Scervo; 3: Vi Horton & Ernie Kelly.

**Feb. 10**  
Table 1: Verna Harsh & Jim Mazzotta; 2: Alberta Sarris & Ernie Kelly; 3: Virgil Taylor & Joe Scervo.

**Feb. 17**  
Table 1: Verna Harsh & Jean Gillette; 2: Vi Horton & Ann Pelham; 3: Jerry Dean & Jim Keller.

**Feb. 24**  
Table 1: Jim Mazzotta & Alberta Sarris; 2: Ann Pelham & Lee Topf.

**Tuesday Night/Single**  
By Whitney Frye

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**Feb. 3**  
1: Al Novotny; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Kathlien Pinto.

**Feb. 10**  
1: Kathlien Pinto; 2: Bernard Di Gregorio; 3: Maria

**Feb. 17**  
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Andy Mark; 3: Al Novotny.

**Feb. 24**  
1: Whitney Frye; 2: Bernard Di Gregorio; 3: Betty Legg.



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**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

By Susan Rhodes

For our Member-Member luncheon on Tuesday, March 10, the luncheon committee decorated the tables in a festive St. Patrick Day's theme. We enjoyed a boxed lunch that included a ham sandwich. Many thanks to Valerie Smith, Joan D'Addio, Nancy Nicholas, Ruth Caraway, and Jan Juhlin (all members of the luncheon committee) for all they did to make the luncheon a big success!

At our Member-Member luncheon, we held elections for the 2015-2016 executive officers. Nancy Zielinski has been re-elected president, and Jo Apperson will continue as vice president. Our new vice president will be Deborah Martin. Congratulations! The secretary position is still vacant.

Sign-ups are now being held for the Solheim Cup, our annual tournament where On Top of the World ladies compete against the Candler Hills ladies. Sign-up in the Golf Shop. The cost is \$20.

We are now in the midst of participating in our three-day League Championship. We completed our second day today (Thursday, March 26); our final day will be Tuesday, March 31.

Our next social event is the end-of-the-season awards banquet, scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at Candler Hills Res-

taurant. The menu includes chicken marsala, roasted potatoes, blended vegetables, tossed salad, and a dessert. The cost is \$16 per person. The final day for signing up is Tuesday, April 7. All our social members are invited to attend this event at the same cost as regular members.

**Criss-Cross (Individual Net) Feb. 24 / Links**

Flight 1: 26-Gretchen Normandin. 30-Lynne Dickson. 31-Beverly Ovrebo. Tie at 32-Gail LaGrange, Su Freeman.  
Flight 2: 30-Linda Blewitt. Tie at 31-Rosemarie O'Neill, Janis Hanasch. Tie at 32-Harriet Hawkins, Patricia Cole.  
Flight 3: 28-Geri Treppa. 29-Sandy Chase. 30-Mary Lyon. Tie at 31-Judith Pasch, Margaret Hudacik.  
Flight 4: 26-Shirley Smagner. Tie at 31-Ellie Rapacz, Maureen Trgovic. Tie at 32-Carol Johnson, Jo-Ann Roney.  
Cha Cha Cha (Team Net)  
March 3 / Tortoise & The Hare  
101-Deborah Martin, Dea Johnson, Margaret Hudacik, Jo Apperson. 102-Rosemarie O'Neill, Christine McIntire, Carole Robinson, Molly Lucieir. 103-Peggy Borro, Lorie Anderson, Carol Johnson, Joyce Jones. Tie at 107-Beverly Ovrebo, Ruth Caraway, Sandy Chase, Rose Hoovler; Lynne Dickson, Patricia Howd, Mary Lyon, Ellie Rapacz. 108-Nancy Zielinski, Susan Maillet, Dawn Hagberg, Carolyn Cummings.

**Member-Member (One Best Ball-Net) March 10 / Links**

Flight 1: Tie at 63-Beverly Ovrebo, Iro Lisinski; Joan Daddio, Janet Juhlin. 64-Peggy Borro, Mary Muller. 65-



Photo by Valerie Smith

**Member-Member luncheon committee members: Nancy Nicholas, Valerie Smith, Joan D'Addio, Janet Juhlin, and Ruth Caraway.**

Lynne Dickson, Gail LaGrange.  
Flight 2: 63-Gretchen Normandin, Joan Cecchini. Tie at 64-Connie Sohl, Sandra DeChambeau; Patricia MacMurray, Ruth Caraway. 65-Linda Bervinkle, Valerie Smith.  
Flight 3: Tie at 61-Sandy Chase, Mary

Lyon; Susan Rhodes, Molly Lucieir. Tie at 63-Susan Maillet, Joyce Jones; Geri Treppa, Fumie Veatch.  
Flight 4: 63-Angelita Pena, Yoshiko Young. 65-Mary McAtee, Rose Hoovler. 66-Ellie Rapacz, Shirley Smagner. 67-Dawn Hagberg, Patricia Howd.



**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole**

By Mary Pat Giffin

As new members of the Mid-State Club, our league (CHLGA-18) is not only well-represented at area tournaments held at one of the seven participating clubs, we are also making a name for ourselves as hosts to the biggest tournament the club has held to date. As of this writing, we have 104 players signed up, including over 30 of our members.

"You never cease to amaze, Carol and I, as CHLGA delegates to the Mid-State Club, (we) are overwhelmed by your support for this event both as players and as contributors to the breakfast buffet and as committee volunteers," said Pam Monk, in an e-mail to league members.

Watch for a full report of tournament

results in next month's column.

We turned out in force at Inverness Golf and Country Club recently. With 22 strong, we garnered 100 points for Candler Hills. Earning 20 points each in flights one through four were: Judie Anderson, Lynn Dickson, Paula Lily, Nancy Shoner and Mary Pat Giffin. Several other CHLGA members placed in their flights. For a complete breakdown of who did what see our website.

If you haven't met our new assistant pro, please take a moment and introduce yourself to Daniel Janiek, who comes to us from Owensboro, Ky. Daniel played college soccer but got tired of running so he tried out and made the golf team in his senior year.

Before joining On Top of the World's professional golf staff, Daniel worked in Iowa for nine months. Prior to that, he was in Myrtle Beach, where he earned his associate degree at Golf Academy of America. Daniel also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business.

His goal is to complete the necessary qualifications to become a PGA professional. He has already completed the PAT (Playing Ability Test) so he's on his way.

What he likes most about golf is that "it's all on you" whether you win or lose.

**Scotch 2somes A-D, B-C Feb. 26**

Flights A-D: 64-Beverly Ovrebo and Eunhee Andrews; Tie at 74-Judie Anderson and Linda Buschur.

Flights B-C: 71-Paula Lily and Nancy Cofield; Tie at 73-Carol Oman and Deanne Green and Gail Banavige and Nancy Shoner

**1-2-3 Team Event March 5**

107-Tona Scheibal, Irmgard Anger and Gail Schultz. 111-Donna Smith, Mary Muller, Andrea Fratarangelo and Ilyong Dicus. 112-Kate Beaty, Nancy Shoner, Jeanie Gallo and D Jung. 115-Connie Norris, Diane O'Brien, Nancy Cofield and Mary Pat Giffin.



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**New assistant pro, Daniel Janiek.**

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### Candler Hills Men's Golf

By Joe Alfano

March is now in our rearview mirror and with it all those inconsistent weather patterns. We can now look forward to good old reliable April with its sunny skies, pleasant temperatures, warm gentle breezes and some occasional thunderstorms thrown in for good measure. I think I just morphed into the "Hippy Dippy Weatherman" with all due respect to George Carlin.

April also means another edition of the Ryder Cup, which pits Fritz Langville's On Top of the World MGA against Walt Pacuk's Candler Hills MGA. The cup itself has been in the possession of Langville's juggernaut for a number of years and this year's edition of Pacuk's appropriators look to change these recent outcomes. Best of luck and good golfing to both teams and this year the post-round festivities are on us gentlemen but keep in mind the "curfew police" (that would be me) will still be around!

Someone once said that golf is a test of temper, a trial of honor and a revealer of character. Checking off all three boxes this past month were Tom Garrison (71), Walt Pacuk and Craig Riber (73), Jay List and Dave Berryman (74), Larry Kettlewell and Paul Rubly (75), Joe Schuberth and Dave Miller (77), Larry Joseph, Roger Whittle and Ron Fulton (78) and Dave Martin and Larry Smallwood (79). A hearty well played "golfing yer ball" goes out to all you fine gentlemen.

We welcome newest member John Spielvogel to the assemblage and we also



### Men's Golf Association

By Tom Cummings

The MGA held its championship this last month. In the past, this was the club championship. This year, the club championship will be run by On Top of the World Golf Club. Anyone who is a member of the On Top of the World Golf Club is eligible to participate.

The MGA championship was divided into five age groups, with a net and a gross winner in each. Charlie Dove was winner of both net and gross in the youngest age group. That is a real accomplishment.

Barry Barringer shot his age last month; under it in fact. He shot an 85 and he is 86. Now for a little golf humor from www.golfjokes.com:

Two friends were playing golf one day. They decided that they would adhere strictly to the rules with no improving their lie.

After a few holes, one guy's ball landed on a cart path. As he reached down to pick up his ball to get relief his friend said, "We agreed that we would not improve our lie."

No matter how much the first fellow tried to explain that he was entitled to this relief, the second fellow would not allow it.

So the man went to the cart to get a club. As he stood over the ball he took a few practice swings, each time scraping the club on the pavement, taking out big chunks of blacktop and sending out lots of sparks! Finally, after several practice swings he took his shot. The ball took off and landed on the green about six feet from the pin.

"Great shot!" his friend exclaimed.

"What club did you use?"

"Your seven-iron!" he replied.

### Chicken Day Scramble Feb. 4

62-Tom Fragapane, Maurice Kingsley, Larry Ziesler, Roland Schwab; 63-George Noltensmeyer, Pete Trgovic, Jerry Segovis, Scott Fraser; Tie at 64-Jack Hegarty, Larry Rourke, Larry Lucieer, Rich Enos; Gary Hassett, Americk Daddio, Jerry Ashe, Joe Pappa; Jon

welcome back into the fold Mike Romm. You'll find we are still that quirky bunch of golf enthusiasts Mike, what with our bottomless capacity for jollity, lightheartedness and a touch of mischievousness yet in a good way. Anyone interested in playing in such an environment can contact me at tjalf@otowhomes.com for more information.

Our fundraising efforts are in full bloom and we look forward to our annual scholar/athlete awards ceremony where this year we will be honoring deserving members of the Trinity Catholic's girls' golf team. On league day, be on the lookout for Dicky Maele or Tommy Lewis for that winning ticket.

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

### Two-Man Best Ball Feb. 24

Chad Flight: 59-Garry Gerlach & Dave Green; Tie at 60-Tom Garrison & Stan Jarmel and Jay List & Bill Horton. Jeremy Flight: Tie at 60-Larry Rackstraw & Roger Whittle, Ted Foster & John Podkomorski and Dave Miller & James Andrews; Tie at 61-Joe Schuberth & Don Huston and Andy Bulloch & Bryant Giffin.

### Individual Quota March 3

Townshend Flight: +13-Craig Riber; +12-Tom Garrison; +11-Walt Pacuk; +8-Dave Berryman. Daltry Flight: +11-Paul Rubly; +6-Vinnie Jones; Tie at +4-Ron Fulton & Ron Shoner. Entwistle Flight: +13-Roger Whittle; +10-Dave Miller; +7-James Andrews; +6-Joe Jingco. Moon Flight: Tie at +7-Larry Garvin & Stan Jarmel; +5-Dave Green; Tie at +4-Chris Lyndrup & Joe Mandala.

Hill, Steve Becker, Leonard Ruble, Jack Martin.

### Individual Quota Points Feb. 11

Flight 1: 10-Tom Weiss; 7-Pete Trgovic; 5-Gary Hassett; 3-Al Wassmer; 1-Charlie Dove.

Flight 2: Tie at 8-Maurice Kingsley, Larry Mannion; 4-Paul East; Tie at 3-Jay Bouton, Dale Budd, Jim Borro.

Flight 3: 7-Ron Abramovich; 6-James Merrick; Tie at 5-William Miller, Jerry Ashe, John Bauer, Tom Fragapane, Len Ruble.

Flight 4: 13-Tom Pasch; 8-James Andrews; 7-Andy Bulloch; 6-Robert Meyer; 5-Tom McHaffie.

Flight 5: 10-Harold Barnaby; 9-Danny James; 8-Roland Schwab; 7-Tony Magri.

### Four Man Team Three Best Ball Feb. 18

179-Jim Weaver, David Miller, Jerry Ashe, Doug Coleman; 184-Larry Rourke, Pete Trgovic, Randy Ford, Pete Peterson; Tie at 187-Len Ruble, Joe Jingco, John Langville, John Ricciardone; Dennis Pope, Maurice Kingsley, Gary Hassett, Joe Polizzotti; 188-Tom Cummings, Ed Conaway, David Miller, Ted Foster.

### Seniors Tournament Feb. 27

Flight 1 Low Net: 126-Charlie Dove; 133-Mike Almon; 136-Robert Egger

Flight 1 Low Gross: 151-Charlie Dove; 154-Jon Hill; 156-George LaGrange.

Flight 2 Low Net: 126-Tom Cummings; 127-Jerry Ashe; 131-Harold Barnaby.

Flight 2 Low Gross: 155-John Langville; 159-Pete Trgovic; 161-Dennis Brown.

Flight 3 Low Net: Tie at 131-Joe Polizzotti, Bill Walker; 136-Norm Schutze.

Flight 3 Low Gross: 161-Rudy Normandin; 170-Ted Foster; Tom Martinetto.

Flight 4 Low Net: 128-Tony Magri; 133-Jerry Segovis; 135-Paul Wade.

Flight 4 Low Gross: 168-Paul Wade; 174-Jerry Segovis; 176-Chuck Nicholas.

Flight 5 Low Net: 124-Doug Coleman; 127-Art Buecher; 131-Kas Kaske.

Flight 5 Low Gross: 166-Joe Bologna; 176-Ed Klodzen; Tie at 177-Len Ruble, Art Buecher.

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**Golf**  
By Matt Hibbs

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April has finally arrived, which means it's time for "The Masters." Who will win the year's first major championship? I would like to provide everyone with the On Top of the World golf professional's picks: Matt Hibbs – Matt Kuchar; Denise Mullen – Luke Donald; Russ Smith – Jason Day; and Daniel Janiak – Billy Horschel. Stop by the Golf Shop and let us know who you think will win this year's Masters.

The 2015 Ocala Open was our best event to date with over \$55,000 going to

the benefiting charities, Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Special thanks go out to all of our wonderful sponsors, volunteers and staff for making this a spectacular event.

This month, the Candler Hills Men's Golf Association will host the annual Men's Ryder Cup. The event will be held Wednesday, April 8 on the Links and Friday, April 10 on Candler Hills. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. each day. Good luck to both teams.

April will also bring the 2015 Solheim Cup. The On Top of the World Ladies Golf Association will host the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association in this annual clash. The event will be held Thursday, April 9 on Candler Hills and Tuesday, April 14 on the Links. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. each day. Good luck ladies.

We are very excited to announce that the Tortoise and The Hare course will undergo a complete greens renovation

this summer. The new greens will be comprised of USGA spec soil profile and TifEagle Ultradwarf Bermudagrass. The golf course will be closed beginning Monday, May 4 and reopen sometime in the fall once the process is complete. Please be patient with us while we go through this much-needed improvement.

**Upcoming Events**

- Men's Ryder Cup: Wednesday, April 8 and Friday, April 10.
- Ladies Solheim Cup: Thursday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 14.
- Monthly Event: Friday, April 24 at the Links.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Andy Bulloch, eagle #14. Denny Norris, hole-in-one #13. Mary Giannukos shot her lowest nine holes ever – 51. Craig Riber shot 73; a career best. Dave Miller shot 77; a career best.

**LINKS:** John Bradley shot 76; 15

strokes under his age. Bill Walker, eagle #11.

**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Paul W. Wade, hole-in-one #11 for the second time in three weeks. Gene Robinson, hole-in-one #6.

**Golf Tip of the Month**

Do you ever step up to a shot thinking about all the negative outcomes that can unfold? Then you hit the shot only to dump it in the greenside bunker. This is a big mental problem for a lot of golfers, even the tour players.

The most important thing you can do mentally is give yourself the best chance at success. Instead of thinking about all the negative outcomes focus your attention on what you want to happen. Think about the positive outcomes of the shot and be confident in your approach.

As quoted by the great Bobby Jones, "Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course, the distance between your ears."



**Tennis**  
By Jorge Privat

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I hope you are all looking forward to April because it is a great month for tennis! Don't forget to always bring plenty of fluids with you, and my recommendation is to bring a sports drink, which is better than just water to help you recover faster during and after play.

It's also time for tennis social, which besides tennis usually includes a gathering of the players, their spouses and friends. I hope that most of you, if not all of you will participate. This kind of activity always helps to bring all of us a little closer as a tennis family.

Also, I wish to remind all tennis aficionados to come to the free tennis clinics every Thursday in April, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Arbor Tennis Courts.

This year, we will be going to the University of Florida Tennis Center to watch some great matches between the Gator's team and other schools known for their tennis. I will be posting a schedule of their matches at home in Gainesville. Everyone is invited.

As a continuation of the series of strokes used in tennis, this time I would like to touch upon the return of serve.

**Return of Serve**

1. Before your opponent serves, pick

your target area and pick your stroke. Lob, drive or chop? Standing just behind baseline for first serves, and just inside baseline for second serves are basic positions to modify as you discover the type of service and bounce coming at you.

2. Keep back straight. Don't hunch over too much.
3. Get the ball on peak of the bounce or on the rise, if you can. This gives you a better angle for return and gets it back a bit quicker. If you're not getting your backswing started early, you will have to back off and hit the ball after it has started its downhill path.
4. Bend those knees. Many players take a little hop just as the opponent's racquet contacts the ball. As they come down off the hop (or in some cases rising on their toes) they bend their knees like a coil spring and thus are ready to drive off to either side.
5. Start watching the ball when the server throws it up and continue to watch it leave his racquet. Don't just watch him serve. This gives you a slight advantage in anticipation as well.
6. Start the racquet into your backswing as soon as the ball leaves your opponent's racquet. On making your backswing, make sure you pivot your shoulders and rotate your body. Just swinging your arm back gives you no power and you will not direct the ball properly.
7. Lean into the stroke. Don't fall

backwards just because the ball is coming fast. If necessary, back up a step before the serve comes and step forward as you stroke. Squeeze harder to keep the racquet from twisting and keep your head steady. Control the ball. Don't let it push you around. Fast services can often be returned with a chop. Keep your stroke slightly downhill but maintain emphasis on the forward motion, but you must keep it low and wide

8. Meet the ball before it gets even with you. Better vision more power.
9. Stroke through the ball. Don't increase the speed of the racquet at the last moment and bat the ball back. Keep the stroke fluid with gradually increasing speed and continue that force right on through the ball into the follow-through. In general, the return of service stroke is somewhat shorter and more compact than the longer

backswing of the other groundstrokes. The elbow often stays closer to the torso during the early part of the forward swing.

10. Keep the racquet head above the wrist. This is mainly to help insure that you're getting that front knee bent and getting down on the low ones. This helps the wrist stay more solid as well.
11. If the server stays back in doubles, hit cross-court toward the open alley. If he comes to the net, lob or send back low returns so he has to hit up. Remember, if you hit down (toward your opponent's shoes) you're in command, you are attacking. If you are hitting up, you are defending. Learn to lob. It's a good tool to attack and to defend. Against a strong server, you and your partner may choose to play back, your chances are better to stay in the point and win it.

Many happy returns to you all. See you on the courts!

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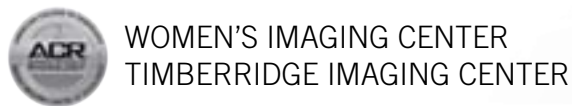
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**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

By Diane Dzik

One did not have to be Irish to enjoy the nine-holers "Green Event" played on Tuesday, March 3. Members were dressed out in a multitude of shades of green. At each hole, the team had to give their best answer to a trivia question whose answer involved the color green. Our individual skills were challenged as we played our own game while observing the rules of "Animal Golf" which meant points were added for three-putting, landing in sand traps, hitting trees or any wooden objects, and leaving your putt short of the hole!

Inside the Recreation Center Ballroom, green-covered tables were centered with delightful bouquets of green candy treats. Each place had green table favors and the craft group provided raffle prizes. Darling green tea towels were given to low net winners, and beautiful green scarves embellished with shamrocks, handmade by our Treasurer Eileen Gustavus, were presented to the low point animal golf winners. Lunch was broccoli soup and a de-

licious turkey wrap prepared by The Pub. Dessert? Green cupcakes!

A reminder to all members that our awards banquet will take place on Wednesday, April 15. Please check the bulletin in the golf lounge for further details.

**Individual Gross Feb. 24**

Flight 1: 38-Kay Budd; 40-Caroline East, Linda Dumeer; 41-Susane Trembulak.

Flight 2: 38-Marlene Floeckher; 40-Joan Rappa; 44-Betty Dent; 45-Kathy Hall.

Flight 3: 41-Connie Deignan; 43-Pat Maine; 45-Ethel Miller; 46-Judy Parisi.

Flight 4: 43-Barb Enos; 45-Charlie Hassett; 46-Louise Lineman, Mike Beyer.

**Green Event (Individual Net) March 3**

Flight 1: 32-Myra Noel; 34-Kathie Dushary; 35-Caroline East; 36-Linda Mandala, Lorraine Rourke.

Flight 2: 33-Marlene Floeckher, Serrine Rossi; 35-Kathy Hall; 38-Barbara Cribbs, Betty Dent.

Flight 3: 34-Pat Gill; 35-Donna Liphardt; 36-Judy Parisi; 37-Connie Deignan, Adele Steljes.

Flight 4: 30-Mary Hart; 33-Carolyn Abramovich; 34-Marcie Hock, Mike Beyer; 35-Louise Lineman.

**Low Net**



Photos by Ethel Miller

**Low point winners: Carolyn Abramovich, Adele Steljes, Cathy Hathaway, Carol Bell, Lorraine Rourke, Carol Moravec, Virginia Bayless, Pauline Beloin.**

**March 10**

Flight 1: 30-Myra Noel; 34-Caroline East; 35-Lorraine Rourke, Marianne Ingwersen.

Flight 2: 28-Marlene Floeckher; 31-Betty Dent; 35-Barbara Cribbs; 36-

Serrine Rossi, Pauline Beloin.

Flight 3: 34-Connie Deignan, Judy Parisi; 36-Carol Bell; 37-Kathy Hall.

Flight 4: 33-Ethel Miller; 36-Mike Beyer, Linda Heenan; 38-Carolyn Abramovich.



**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole**

By Judith Parisi

April will be an exciting month for our league. On Thursday, April 9 and 16, we will have our Club Championship. In order for members to participate, they must commit to play on both days, and during our league year have participated in CHLGA-9 league play at least 10 times. We will play a low gross/low net format on both days, one day on the front and the other day on the back nine. While we will only

have one champion for the league, there are many opportunities to win by achieving either low gross or low net based on your flight.

A "flight" is a division of golfers within a tournament wherein each division consists of golfers of roughly the same handicap. The champion, however, is that individual regardless of flight who achieves the low gross for the two-day period. We hope we will have a strong turnout for this event.

On Thursday, April 23, we will have our annual membership meeting. This will be held after golf at the Candler Hills Community Center. We will be able to pre-order boxed lunches for this event. If you are not able to play on that date, we

hope you will still plan to join us for lunch and for the meeting. Carol will be sending out more details by e-mail to the members. The agenda for our meeting will include the election of new board members for the 2015-2016 years, recognition of the departing board members, awarding of the prize for the club champion, recognizing the members who had birdies and chip-ins, award for the most improved player, reports from the officers, update on the league and much more.

Members will have the opportunity at this meeting to renew their membership for the league year beginning in May 2015. Membership dues will remain at \$20. You will also be able to order new league shirts from samples that will be available. The

color of the new shirts is a soft turquoise and can be ordered sleeveless or with a short sleeve. We'll be able to try on shirts at the annual meeting to determine what size works best.

Please take a look also at our website at [www.chlga9.shutterstock.com](http://www.chlga9.shutterstock.com) to see more information about our league and the fun events we enjoy.

**Low Gross/Low Net Feb. 26**

Flight 1 Low Gross: 53-Renee Aden.

Flight 1 Low Net: 37-Kathy Hall.

Flight 2 Low Gross: 48-Olive Curtin.

Flight 2 Low Net: 34-Julie Crudele.

Flight 3 Low Gross: 59-Mary Giannukos.

Flight 3 Low Net: 36-Susan Layne.

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**Square Dancing**

By Walter Lamp

On Saturday, March 7, in the Recreation Ballroom, we held our "Wearing of the Green" dance. I guess that the name says it all. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, green was everywhere to be seen. Our decorations, from those on the stage, to the beautifully made up table covers, made it a really festive event. A pair of leprechauns, with either a handshake or a hug, first greeted us. The women received green beads, while the gents got a green hat for the evening.

Jack Lewis drove up from Boynton Beach, Fla. to call for the evening. Our cuer, Irene Smith, was there to do the rounds. We had a total of seven squares and the dancing was fast paced and fun. There were door prizes, as usual, which added to the fun for a few of the dancers. This was our last big dance of the season.

March was a busy month for the Circle Squares dancers. On Sunday, March 8, we had a nice ride down county road 41 to Brooksville, Fla. to visit the Clover-

leaf Leprechauns. We retrieved our banner and spent a fun afternoon dancing and doing a little snacking.

On Tuesday, March 17, our close neighbors, the Ocala Twirlers, visited us. They came to take their banner back home. We had plenty of time to dance, talk and enjoy each other's company. We have members who belong to both clubs.

Finally, on Sunday, March 29, we visited the Orange Blossom Squares, down in The Villages, Fla. We went to retrieve our banner and save it for the next visit.

On Tuesday, April 14, the Recreational Planation Club from Fruitland Park, Fla. will be visiting us to get their banner back. We took it a while ago, so now it will be returned to its rightful owner.

On Saturday, April 18, in the Recreation Ballroom, we will be hosting the mainstream dance. This dance is for the benefit of those new students, who are currently in the beginners classes, not just here but in other clubs of central Florida. It's a chance for the new students to dance in a setting that they soon will be part of. And, there will be some regular club members to assist as angels and keep the dance moving on. This will be a fun time for both students and club members. Mr. Whit Brown will be the caller from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Why don't you stop on by?



**Dancin' On the Top**

By Richard P. Vullo

The Dancin' On the Top committee will hold its annual "Spring Fling" dance at the newly remodeled Recreation Center on Saturday, April 11. Solid Gold will provide the entertainment. Complimentary coffee and sweets will be provided at intermission.

Our members will have the opportunity to purchase their tickets on Monday, March 30, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Non-member residents will be able to purchase tickets on

Tuesday, March 31, from 9 to 10 a.m. The ticket price is \$10.00 per person. For additional information regarding ticket sales or membership, please call Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293.

There's plenty of opportunity to dance here at On Top of the World starting with Happy Hour every Friday night at either the Arbor Club Ballroom or Recreation Center Ballroom (on alternate weeks). On Friday and Saturday nights, you can dance the night away at The Town Square with live or recorded music. The list of performers each week is listed in this issue of the World News.

There are many local venues that provide dancing opportunities throughout the year. For more information about dance lessons and venues, please visit the website for USA Dance at [www.usadan-ceocala.com](http://www.usadan-ceocala.com).



**Line Dancing**

By George Conklin

Spring is here with more daylight and warmer weather. We are back to dancing every Friday and Saturday night at The Town Square, at 7 p.m.

In February and March, our second Wednesday of the month dances were themed. We had great attendance at both the Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day dances. We had over 80 dancers on the floor at one time.

This month, we will move to the Recreation Center Ballroom and to the second Thursday night of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be more room to dance with a new sound system. These dances are the most fun because it gives all levels of dance a chance to dance together. Sometimes with a split floor, two or more dances can be done at the same time and sometimes all dance together. We want newcomers to learn as many dances as they can, so they can dance with us. It is no fun to dance alone.

When we are learning a new dance your location on the dance floor can make a big difference on how easy it is to learn. First, being alongside your friends makes you want to be a better dancer. Second, to be able to see and hear the instructor is helpful to master the steps. When we hear "step right," we respond slowly but if we hear and see someone step right, we respond more quickly. It helps to see others doing what we want to do.

Most of our dances turn around the room. You start a dance facing one direction and each repeat of the pattern you are facing a new direction. If you stand in the back row or on the end of the line, at some

point, you will be in the front row looking at a blank wall with no one to watch and follow. Move to the center to surround yourself with good dancers who are always willing to help.

In addition to The Town Square and our monthly dances, we also dance at the Friday night Happy Hour at the Arbor Club Ballroom or Recreation Center Ballroom.

Stepping in a set pattern to the beat of the music in a line with your friends is fun. Come dance with us.

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal (newcomer, beginner and improver plus) at (352) 804-1546; Nancy Carmack (intermediate) at (352) 533-8870; or Janice Meade (level two) at (352) 861-9345.



**Ballet Club**

By Eugenie Martin

Remember the old rhyme?

"Spring is sprung  
The grass has riz  
I wonder where  
The boidies is?"

We do not need to worry about good weather here at On Top of the World - ours is beautiful most of the year, especially as seen through the windows of the ballet studio. The sun, the trees, the sky and even the rain all make our dance experiences more meaningful.

Our classes are held at varied times in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent

to the indoor swimming pool. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, classes are conducted from 1 to 2:15 p.m. On Mondays, they start at 6:45 p.m., and continue until 7:45 p.m., and on Saturdays, we have classes from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Most of us arrive at least 15 minutes before classes start, so that we may put on our shoes and skirts, if we wear them, and so that we may stretch our bodies in advance of class.

Newcomers are always welcome, and previous experience is not necessary nor are ballet clothes. To start, all you need are exercise clothes in which you can move comfortably, a pair of socks and a bottle of water. If you decide to continue with our classes, you can get some ballet clothes later. However, we do suggest that you call in advance, so that my co-teacher, Julie Sines, and I can be prepared to include you in the class. My telephone number is (352) 854-8589. Happy spring and happy dancing!

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**Larry's Fit Tips**  
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**Take the Sodium Quiz**

Did you know that on average, most Americans consume about 3,400 milligrams of sodium per day? That's more than double the recommended amount for most people. A diet high in sodium can increase your blood pressure and your chances of heart disease and stroke.

Sodium is essential for our bodies to function, but too much can cause problems if left unchecked. Knowing how much sodium you need is very important, that's why reading food labels is a must when choosing your meals.

Take this quiz to learn more about salt and your health.

1. The words salt and sodium are exactly the same.
2. Most of the salt we eat comes from what we add when we use the salt-shaker during cooking or during a meal.
3. Canned vegetables such as green beans, corn, and tomatoes have more salt per serving than fresh or frozen vegetables.
4. A muffin can have more salt than a bag of potato chips.
5. Foods that have high sodium content usually taste salty.
6. People with normal blood pressure should try to limit their sodium intake to no more than 2,300 milligrams per day.
7. People who have high blood pressure should consume no more than 1,500 milligrams of sodium per day.
8. Reducing the amount of salt in your diet can reduce your blood pressure.
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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 - 7:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Open
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Shallow Water Fitness Class*	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Shallow Water Fitness Class*	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Open
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Open	Open	Closed for Cleaning	Open	Open	Open
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10. You can lower your salt intake by comparing food labels during shopping and choosing foods lower in salt.

**Answers:**

1. False: The words "salt" and "sodium" are not exactly the same, yet these words are often used in place of each other. For example, the Nutrition Facts panel uses "sodium," whereas the front of the package may say "low salt." A major component of salt is made up of sodium and chloride.
2. False: Only a small portion comes from what is added during cooking or at the table. The majority comes from what occurs naturally in foods and from food processing. About 75 percent of the sodium we consume comes from processed and restaurant foods.
3. True: Canned vegetables have more salt than freshly prepared or frozen vegetables unless you choose foods with "no salt added."
4. True: A muffin may contain more salt than a bag of potato chips. Salt content in the foods we eat vary greatly within the same or similar food type. Find out the amount of salt in your foods (read food labels!) and choose the ones with lower salt.
5. False: Sodium is hidden in foods that you might not expect, including salad dressings, cheeses, pasta sauces, breads, tomato juices, and condiments.
6. True: Current dietary guidelines for Americans recommend that


the general population should consume no more than 2,300 milligrams of sodium per day (about one teaspoon of table salt).

7. True: People who have high blood pressure, blacks, and people over the age of 40 are in population groups who should consume no more than 1,500 milligrams per day. This represents about 70 percent of American adults.
8. True: Reducing salt intake improves blood pressure and can lower the risk of heart disease and stroke, even for people who have normal blood pressure.
9. False: Blood pressure can respond to lower sodium intake within weeks.
10. True: There are many things you can do to lower your salt intake, including knowing what your daily recommended sodium limits are and then checking food labels to stay within those guidelines. It is also recommended to choose fresh fruits and vegetables, and ask for foods with no or low salt at restaurants.

**FIT TIP #1:** Read food labels and make wise choices. Look for foods that have a five percent or lower RDA sodium value.

**FIT TIP #2:** Monitor your blood pressure. When your blood pressure goes down, your risk of developing heart disease and stroke goes down too.

**FIT TIP #3:** Look for high flavor salt substitutes so that your taste buds stay satisfied! Try garlic, fresh spices, and if you like some "heat" try red pepper, cayenne pepper or salsa!



**Back at The Ranch**  
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**Workout for Your Body and Brain**

Exercise is the single most important thing you can do for your brain health! Physical activity is extremely beneficial for your entire body, including your brain. The increased demand that physical exercise puts on the heart and lungs delivers much needed oxygen and glucose to the brain. Harvard Health Publications (April 2014) noted that aerobic activity specifically was the best type of exercise to enhance brain health. Aerobic activity is the kind of exercise that gets your heart pumping and increases your breathing rate; exercises like brisk walking, running, cycling and swimming. Now you have another reason to get your weekly workouts in ... keeping your brain sharp and functioning well!

Aerobic exercise has shown to increase the size of the hippocampus, an area in the brain that supports memory and learning. Exercise also stimulates the release of the growth factor known as BDNF (brain derived neurotrophic factor), which enhances the growth of brain cells. John Raety, Associate Professor at Harvard University and author of "Spark; The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain," notes that "exercise is like Miracle-Gro® for the brain!" Keep up your workouts because when you get your blood pumping your brain functions at its best.

Exercise is the best thing you can do to keep your brain tissue healthy and prolific; however, we also need to consider keeping the structure of the brain, the "wiring" strong. This comes from getting our neurons (brain cells) to fire. This "firing" comes from learning, thinking, discussions and engaging in new experiences. What kinds of exercises can you do for your brain? Anything that challenges your thought process will help to keep your brain stimulated and activate the neural pathways. In simpler terms, challenging your intellect supports brain function; thinking clear and memory sharp.

The key here is to keep your "brain exercises" challenging and progress them when they become too easy. For instance, if you're just learning to play Sudoku or a new card game; this will be a formidable challenge. If you're a long time Sudoku enthusiast, then your brain has become efficient at this skill and you need to take on something new. Muscles in the body respond in exactly the same way. When you do the same exercises over and over, the body becomes good at those specific exercises and no longer progresses by getting stronger. It is good practice to keep introducing new exercises, cross train your body and your brain!

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**Fitness Happenings**  
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**Tai Chi Day**

I love this quote from the Harvard Medical School's May 2009 Harvard Health Publication, "Tai chi ... might well be called medication in motion." There is growing evidence that this mind-body practice has value in treating or preventing many health problems.


This ancient practice originates from China and has been practiced widely for thousands of years. Tai Chi movements integrate the body with the mind and focus on deep breathing. Tai Chi has become a very popular wellness program at the Recreation Center for good reason. The beauty of Tai Chi is that people of all ages and capabilities can participate and gain success. Tai Chi exercises are low impact, relaxing and emphasize the meditative experience that is often a part of this practice. Many believe that Tai Chi improves the flow of energy through the body, leading to stress reduction, greater awareness and improved well being.

Important health benefits derived from Tai Chi:

- **IMPROVED STRENGTH AND BALANCE:** Tai Chi movements are weight bearing, change the body's base of support and are practiced at a slow pace; all three of these things challenge and support strength and balance in the body.
- **PAIN MANAGEMENT:** Tai Chi has been proven in many studies to help manage the pain and stiffness associated with osteoarthritis. The low impact movement will not overly stress knees or ankles. The weight-bearing joint activation (when movements are performed standing) signals the body to send synovial fluid into the joint, which acts as a lubricant.
- **BETTER SLEEP:** Tai Chi participants have been found to have improved sleep quality and length. A study out of UCLA reported that the sleep improvements are similar to those gained through drugs and/or behavioral therapy.

The whole world, along with On Top of the World, will join in a celebration of Tai Chi. World Tai Chi Day is Saturday, April 25. We will participate in this special event by hosting a free Tai Chi class, led by our very popular instructor Art Stalbow, in beautiful Sholom Park. Join Art at 9 a.m. under the pavilion at Sholom Park on Saturday, April 25 for a Tai Chi experience that celebrates harmony through movement and meditation.

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9:00-9:50	Tai Chi Art	A.B.C. Jessica	Stretch For The Stars Jessica	A.B.C. Cammy	Chair Qigong Ola	
10:00-10:45	Balance Body Dara	(9:55) Chair Yoga Ashley	Balance Body Jessica	(9:55) Chair Yoga Ashley	Balance Body Mary	
10:30-11:15	 ZUMBA Kittl		 ZUMBA Kittl		 ZUMBA Dara	
10:45-11:30	S.O.S. Larry	Balance Body Mary	S.O.S. Larry	Fallproof Function Mary, Cammy & Larry	S.O.S. Larry	
11:45-12:30	Get Fit While You Sit Kittl	Light Aerobics DVD Class Cammy	Get Fit While You Sit Kittl	Light Aerobics DVD Class Jessica	Get Fit While You Sit Dara	
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Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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Arbor Club Ballroom/Studio					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:45	Deep Water Aerobics* Dara	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barb	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barb	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry
9:15-10:15	Yoga* Barb Anne		Hatha Yoga* Barb Anne		Meditative Yoga* (Fitness Studio) Stuart
11:45-12:45 Fitness Studio				(11:00) Tai Chi For Joint Health* Art	

\*Denotes Fee Based Class



**Monday Bowling League**  
By Bob Lingis

After 26 weeks of bowling ending March 9, Team #11 "3 Guys and a Doll" are in first place with Team #19 "The Invalids" in second place and Team #1 "The Rising Stars" in third place.

**Women's High Game Scratch**  
185-Carol Oman, 182-Barbara Lingis, 182-Terumi Turnipseed.

**Women's High Series Scratch**  
503-Carol Oman, 491-Susan Mourar, 489-Judie Anderson.

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
268-Jim Shepherd, 245-Dennis Turnipseed, 225-Danny James.

**Men's High Series Scratch**  
656-Jim Shepherd, 647-Dennis Turnipseed, 632-Bob Vitale.

Season-to-date achievements:

**Women High Average**

158.08-Hedy Schamal, 157.68-Carol Oman, 145.92-Barbara Reynolds.  
High Game Scratch  
214-Lynn Shepherd, 214-Carol Oman,

201-Maureen Trgovic.

**High Series Scratch**  
537-Hedy Schamal, 505-Georgie McGuire, 500-Barbara Reynolds.

**High Game Handicap**  
269-Susan Fogg, 263-Marianne Ingwersen, 261-Caroline Caprano.

**High Series Handicap**  
688-Susan Mourar, 685-Barbara Buecher, 684-Judie Anderson.

**Men High Average**

187.26-Bob Vitale, 183.86-Dennis Turnipseed, 183.46-Jim Shepherd.

**High Game Scratch**  
268-Jim Shepherd, 266-Keith Buckhold, 241-Szymon Kuskowski.

**High Series Scratch**  
669-Bob Vitale, 659-Dennis Turnipseed, 608-Art Buecher.

**High Game Handicap**  
299-Mike Asquino, 289-Bill Specht, 273-Pete Gorczok.

**High Series Handicap**  
717-Murice Dubois, 708-Herb Dancyk, 703-Rob Shepherd.

We have a lot of good bowlers and teams on the league this year. We have numerous 200-plus games bowled each Monday night.

If your team needs a sub, contact your team captain for sub names and telephone numbers. Also, if anyone would like to sub or bowl on our league, please contact George Difrancesco at (352) 342-1667.

Also, as a reminder, our last night of bowling for this season is Monday, April 13 this is for position and then our banquet will be on the following Monday, April 20 at 3 p.m.

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**Shuffleboard**

By Grace Rohde

The Shuffleboard Club had their annual general meeting and luncheon on Thursday, March 5, at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Nominations of officers for the upcoming year were held, and the following executive board for 2015-2016 were voted into office: Charlie Lentz, president; Joe Veres, vice president; Anita Weiner and Ernie Kelly, secretary; and Armann Rohde, treasurer.

The committee chairpersons are as follows: by-laws, Joe Veres; equipment/grounds, Lou Fisher and assistant, Gary Fye; historian/writer, Grace Rohde; social events, Dottie Migliaccio and Maxine Malone; tournament director, Peter Van Arsdale; and safety/instruction, Joe Veres.

Thank you goes to Dottie Migliaccio and Maxine Malone who went all out and had a special luncheon prepared for the Shuffleboard Club by Friendship Catering. There were 57 in attendance and they dined in elegance around circular tables covered with white tablecloths. Flowering plants adorned the centers of each table,

while cut flowers were on the serving tables.

We were also entertained by the barbershop quartet, "The Young and the Rest of Us." A 50/50 drawing was held and the winners were Mario Migliaccio, Helen Fye, Sue Veres, and Dottie Migliaccio. Bingo was played and enjoyed by everyone. However, we had to watch our cards carefully, because after a regular game, we were asked to first form a letter H then a C, and finally to fill the entire card. Nevertheless, through the fun of it all, our winners included Jack Myers, Charlotte Baker, Joe Veres, Nancy Erikson, Sharon Scinlari and Vickie Lentz.

Peter Van Arsdale has been busy organizing another Ten Pin Tournament for us. This one is called "Singin' in the Rain" and will take place on Saturday, April 11 at 9 a.m. at the shuffleboard courts. The rain date is April 18. Come and sign up to play. If you have never played in a Ten Pin Tournament before, try it out or come and watch to join in the fun. Peter is planning to have a mystery first and second place prize. If you play, you may be the winner of one of them. If you do not play, come anyway to see what these shufflers will be winning. Don't miss out on this event!

Shuffleboard league play will soon be coming to an end the last week in April. We had an exciting and eventful year. For



Photo by Armann Rohde

**The Shuffleboard Club enjoying their annual luncheon at the Recreation Center Ballroom.**

those of you who will be here this summer, we will still have our ten pin play and summer shuffleboard. Summer shuffleboard is informal and you can come and play when and how many times you would like to. Watch for more details on this as the plans and days for this gets finalized.

The winners for February in league play were as follows:

**Men**

Monday a.m.: Bob Durst and Charlie Lentz.

Tuesday p.m.: Armann Rohde.

Thursday a.m.: John Basch.

**Women**

Monday a.m.: Vickie Lentz.

Tuesday p.m.: Maxine Malone, Dottie Migliaccio, and Susan Mourar.

Thursday a.m.: Ernestine Pryor.



**Pickleball**

By Bill Daugherty

Pickleball is doing well, however, we have very few lady players. Here's a thought, women-only pickleball play. It will be open to all women regardless of skill level. Women only will run it. If you think this is a good idea, e-mail me at xxh-bill2z@gmail.com. If there's enough interest, a date and time will be set to proceed.

If you have played pickleball at one time and then stopped, this is for you. I will hold an orientation class on Tuesday, May 5, at 9 a.m. to reintroduce you to the game. A quick class followed by play. This is not for people who have not played before; experienced players only, please. Another class will held next month for inexperienced beginners.

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**Horseshoe Club**

By Jim Russell

With beautiful spring weather arriving, the activity level at Tuesday morning league play has picked up with the addition of several new players. As always, we welcome all our fellow residents to stop by and try your hand at horseshoe pitching. We have plenty of room for more players to compete and encourage the ladies as well as the gentlemen to join us.

Our handicapping system allows everyone to compete on an equal basis, regardless of your skill level. Ladies and men over age 70 can throw from the shorter 30-foot line so you don't have to worry about getting the shoe to the stake. We're pretty certain you'll have a lot of fun and meet some of the nicest people who live here in our community.

Starting with our matches on Tuesday,

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March 17, we switched back to our regular starting time of 9 a.m., which means we now finish up play about 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Also, we will be wrapping up the winter portion of our league play with our matches on Tuesday, March 31.

The spring league play will begin on Tuesday, April 7. For those who are considering joining us as new players, now would be a great time to start playing and competing for that spring league championship.

Cumulative results for the winter league championship play are as follows:

**Feb. 17**

- 1: Carl Buchanan (13.5 wins/5.5 losses);
- 2: Ed Lalonde (10 wins/9 losses);
- 3: Ed Klodzen (10 wins/8 losses).

**Feb. 24**

- 1: Carl Buchanan (13.5 wins/7.5 losses);
- 2: Ed Lalonde (12 wins/9 losses);
- 3: Ed Klodzen (12 wins/8 losses).

**March 3**

- 1: Carl Buchanan (16.5 wins/7.5 losses);
- 2: Ed Klodzen (13.5 wins/9.5 losses);
- 3: Ed Lalonde (12 wins/9 losses).

**March 10**

- 1: Carl Buchanan (17.5 wins/9.5 losses);
- 2: Ed Klodzen (15.5 wins/9.5 losses);
- 3: Carrie Beisler (13.5 wins/10.5 losses).

Play continued in the Tri-County

Horseshoe League with the On Top Of The World traveling team serving as the home team for a series of matches. Unfortunately, having the "home field advantage" didn't seem to work out the way it is supposed to for our team.

In the match held on Thursday, Feb. 19, Del-Webb #1 scored seven wins to our two wins. The following week, the Thursday, Feb. 26 match with Beverly Hills resulted in a score of six wins for the visitors and three wins for the home team. We made improvements the week of March 5, when our match with the Village "Gold" team ended with five wins for the visitors and four wins for us. Thursday, March 5 marked an end to the regular season.

Two matches with the Villages "Blue" team were rescheduled for a "double header" on Thursday, March 12. In the first match, the home team scored an impressive victory, taking seven wins to two wins for the visitors. After a break for lunch, the second make-up match resulted in yet another victory with an identical result of seven wins for us to two wins for the visiting team. A great way to finish our season!

Final results on where we finished in the travel league standings will be published in the May issue.

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**Softball**

By Bill Leon

The Pavarotti's team seems to have lost its punch, after holding onto first place for most of the season. They have all of the sudden fallen into third place. Can they turn things around?

Breezing into first place is the Dr. Dunn team with their five-game winning streak and their come-from-behind wins. The hottest team seems to be the Tax Panic team who are now in second place only two games behind in the win column. They have put together some good ball playing and melding together. Right now they have good fielding and their hitting has been on fire.

The one big surprise is the Cebert Wealth team who was at one time dwelling in the cellar for most of the year. Somehow the team has begun to put it all together and not only have pulled out of last place, but now are in third. How long that will last is yet to be seen.

The news of the day is that the hapless Clock Dock team rolled over the first place team with a score of 16-0. Can this be the start of something for a team that just couldn't seem to win a game? If their win is any indication of what they are capable of, then there is going to be some movement in the league, because all of the sudden everyone was hitting and fielding.

If you missed the games, here are some of the highlights: Jimmy Russo back handed a hard hit ball and threw to second for an out; Nick Lagattuta had a great hitting day and made a game saving catch to save the day; Lenny McCann made a shoestring catch of a ball which everyone thought would be missed; Jerry Kronick had two hits in a game, a never seen accomplishment from the catcher; Colin Adamson got his first hit of the year; and Mark Reynolds made a super back handed catch.

Team	Won	Lost	Tie
4-Dr. Dunn (Paul)	21	12	0
6-Tax Panic (Jimmy)	19	13	1
2-Pavarotti's (Jeff)	18	15	0
5-Cebert Wealth (Bill)	16	17	0
3-Tee Pee Tire (Ed)	15	17	1
1-Clock Doc (Roger)	9	24	0



**Bocce**

By Michelle Malsch

This is how we roll! The Bocce Club table at the Club Fair was a huge success thanks to Vince Minetti. Twenty-two people signed up to learn how to play or join the league. Thanks to Vince for a great recruiting job!

League play will end on Monday, April 20. The League Best of Bocce will be played at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28. The Open Best of Bocce will be played at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29.

The league banquet will be held on Friday, May 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Arbor

Conference Center, Suites E and F. Sony's BBQ will be catering this affair. Sign-up sheets for the banquet will be distributed to team captains. The price will remain the same as last year, \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. All sheets and money must be turned in by Friday, April 17.

The Bocce Club board met on Monday March 2 and discussed the possibility of forming another league day for play. This would be on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 11 a.m. If anyone has an interest in playing on a league in this time slot, please contact one of the following board members: Don Oakes at (352) 854-8364, Lois Osis at (352) 854-1681, Charlie Fisher at (352) 304-8730, or Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790. If a new league is formed, it will not begin until the beginning of the new season of league play in October.

Don Oakes will be resigning his post as



**Mah Jongg**

By Mary Ehle

The spring tournament was a great success and everyone seemed to be anxious for the next one to come. We had a perfect day and many happy winners:

1: Phyllis Huntington; 2: Joan Pensavalle; Tie at 3/4: Alberta Sarris and Barbara Winter; 5: Marlene Zink.

Jeanne Wells was the high scorer at noon break. A great lunch was enjoyed and everyone was ready for a nap after lunch but the game had to go on.

Ray Utiss was at his post and did an

excellent job as our butler. Thanks, Ray. I also want to thank Bill Shampine for his help with keeping our score. It makes it a lot quicker than just doing the old pencil and paper method. Modern conveniences sure save us a lot of time.

Jo Apperson did a great job on our breakfast food table. She always comes along with great ideas and is a good arranger to make everything look inviting. Thank you, Jo. I have to thank my hubby. He helps for all the months in between tournaments as well as on the big day.

Hope you have ordered your new card. It will be here before you can read this column. If you are interested in learning how to play this highly addictive game there is a new class session starting in April. Call me for more details. Until next time, jok-ers to you.



**Billiards**

By Richard Impresa

You're serious about your pool game and want to improve it. You practice daily and seem to be getting better, consistently sinking difficult shots. Game day comes, the match is on the line and you blow the winning shot, the same type of shot you did so well at in practice. What happened?

In a word, "pressure." A former world champion pool player once said, "The person who wins isn't the one with the best game but the one who has the best worst game." Suggestions such as "play the table, not your opponent" and "believe in positive affirmations" may help relieve some of the pressure you feel on a critical shot but it really comes down to muscle control.

The most critical muscles are your hand, wrist, forearm and eyes. Yes, when your eye muscles tense up it's like squinting or straining to focus on something. It can change your perspective and alter your perception. Even a slight variance in your perception can cause your arm to alter the path of the cue on delivery just like tensing your hand/arm muscles can. Just ask anyone who has swung a golf club or baseball bat.

So, what's the solution? Practice, prac-

tice, practice. You should incorporate a pre-shot routine into your shot practice regiment. Before your hand touches the cloth, make a conscious effort to relax your brow, hand, wrist, and arm muscles. Have all the tactical decisions made (e.g. shot speed, applied english, contact point, cue ball tangent, etc.) before you touch the cloth. The shot should be aimed while standing back from the table then step into the shot with your cue on the previously established shot line, like you are sneaking up on the shot.

By the time your hand touches the cloth the only thing on your mind should be delivering a smooth, straight stroke with 100% commitment. Warm up strokes are not for aiming, they are to confirm that your muscles are relaxed as previously mentioned and to verify the cue ball contact point.

After a slow back swing smoothly accelerate through the cue ball. Don't speed up your stroke at the end or you will end up "poking," not "stroking" the cue ball causing an errant shot. So you do all these things and you still miss the shot. All I can say is that if you incorporate all these things into your practice sessions you will have increased your chances of success and confidence. If you miss the world will continue to spin, life will go on, and you will soon have another chance at it.

Good luck, keep stroking and keep your tip dry.

league director effective at the close of the season in April. If anyone is interested in applying for the position, please contact Don at (352) 854-8364.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m. These are open play days and anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play! Response to open bocce has been overwhelming! There have been days where more than 32 people have arrived to play.

We are always looking for members to substitute or join the league. Please con-

tact one of the above mentioned board members if you are ready to make a commitment to play!

For further information, please contact Don Oakes, head director, at (352) 854-8364.

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# Autism Support Walk at Sholom Park

By Robert Colen

On Saturday, April 18, Sholom Park will host the second annual "Best Outcomes Autism Walk." The event is to benefit the Outreach Autism Services Network (OASN) of Ocala in their efforts to provide services to the public. All proceeds from this walk will go toward providing free autism services, support and events to the individuals, families and caregivers they serve.

Last year, nearly 300 people participated in the event at Sholom Park, by enjoying soft music, activities and a scenic walk around the beautiful gardens. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this event on

Saturday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. The recommended donation is \$10 to walk. The first 100 registered with a \$10 donation get a free t-shirt. You can register onsite or online at [www.oasn.info](http://www.oasn.info).

OASN is also seeking volunteers for this event. If you are interested, please call their office for more information at (352) 462-0168 or e-mail [inquiries@oasn.info](mailto:inquiries@oasn.info).

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## Rubber Stamp Club is Open to All Crafters

By Linda Lohr

We'd like to officially thank two generous people for their gift of cardstock and other supplies for the club members. Carol White and Maureen Reardon donated the supplies, which were shared by all members present. Thank you again so very much.

Presenters for March were sisters Annie Weenink and Mary Mignano. They demonstrated three cards using the iris folding technique. The cards were beautiful examples of this technique, which was new to most of the members.

Anyone can be a presenter – and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship and socializing, and helping each other plays a big part of the club!

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, unless the demonstrator requests other arrangements. 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 call Kathy at (352) 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



Photo by Annie Weenink

Iris folding projects.

## Ceramics Club to Host an Open House

By Marilyn George

February was a busy month for the Ceramics Club as many members gave finishing touches to "chocolate" bunnies,

baby chicks, and other Easter projects.

Some of the bunnies that were for outdoor use were glazed. Bisque (fired green-

ware) is glazed if it is going to be used as a decorative accessory outdoors. One glazes according to the manufacturer's directions that are on the jar of glaze.

The Ceramics Club will be hosting an open house on Monday, April 13, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. Light refreshments will be served. Please come and check out the facilities and meet both our instructor and members.

Club members meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building. Even though members tailor their attendance according to their schedules, our instructor, Wannetta Clouse, is always there to guide and instruct us whenever we need it. No previous ceramic or art experience is required to join.

Please call Marilyn George (352-237-8228) if you need further information about this fun club.



Photo by Marilyn George

Some of the Ceramic Club members working on their projects.



Photo by Charlie Petrosky

Karaoke Friends Shirley Coe and Rudy Dagnello.

## Theme Nights, Duets and Much More!

By Kathy Petrosky

We continued our theme nights with a funny song. Donnie did a parody song on "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" Tari had driving trouble with "Beep Beep." Charlie told us about "Shaving Cream." Funny songs make us laugh and that is good for the soul.

The next time we met was sing the song of your choice. We had four duets that night: Fred and Patty, Ann and Keith, Shirley and Kathy, and Bob and Norma. We didn't expect so many duets.

Let me introduce two more members to you.

Rudy Dagnello always loved singing. He began in grade school and continued into high school. You could have found him in glee club or theater shows. He remembers being asked to sing at different social events. Rudy began singing karaoke 10 to 15 years ago when he first moved to the Del Webb community. He continued after relocating to On Top of the World. When asked about singing, Rudy says, "It is my life, my hobby, my interest and my joy." Rudy is also a member of the Golden Troopers.

Shirley Coe has been singing for 15 years. We love to tease her. We think she

is listening to the radio as she drives over. Whatever song she has heard is the song she will sing.

Shirley has been living at On Top of the World over 20 years. In that time, she has tried many things. Shirley did line dancing for 15 years, belonged to the Theatre Group, and was a Swingin' Singin' Senior. Shirley still plays euchre but her great love is the Art Group. Shirley always wanted to create something and have it hang on a wall. She has displayed her work in several art shows.

If you have an overnight guest, they are welcome at karaoke. We enjoy hearing new singers and new songs. We love to have people just come and listen. We even have dancers. You do not need to bring a disk. Just come with the name of a song or an artist and we can look it up for you. We are there to have fun and would love you to join us.

We welcome new members and observers. We meet on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 6 to 9 p.m. Come join us this month on Monday, April 6 and Monday, April 20. We'll be looking for you.



# Fort Oranje

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

At one time, this little fort was the main defense against British attacks and the ever-present threat of marauding pirates. The Dutch constructed Fort Oranje in 1639 protecting the island city of Kralendijk, Bonaire. Today, Kralendijk is the island's capital. The fort has seen additional fortifications over the years and was the home of the Dutch governor of Bonaire until new quarters were constructed in 1837. The fort was armed with several cannons procured from a British Man-of-War that ran aground on Bonaire's southern coast in the early 1800s. The old English cannons date back to between 1808 and 1812.

Ownership of this southern Caribbean island changed hands between the British and Dutch many times since Fort Oranje was constructed. The fort's cannons never were fired in its defense. After a treaty was signed between the Dutch and British, a wooden lighthouse was constructed in 1868, later being replaced by a stone struc-

ture in 1932. Military usage of the fort dwindled and the fort was used as a government center, warehouse storing government supplies and as a prison, police and fire station. The fort's building was restored in 1999 and presently is the island's courthouse.

Bonaire is known as one of the three ABC Islands located off the coast of South America close to the country of Venezuela. The ABC Islands consist of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao. Bonaire was part of the Netherlands Antilles until dissolution in 2010, becoming a special municipality within the country of the Netherlands. Bonaire is currently considered the Caribbean Netherlands.

Fort Oranje is open daily with free limited tours. It is situated right in the harbor being dwarfed by visiting cruise ships. The light within the fort is still in working order helping shipping entering this island's principal harbor.



Photo by Bob Woods

**A little red schoolhouse with a great historical background stands in the small Connecticut village of East Haddam.**

## Red Schoolhouse

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

A little red schoolhouse with a great historical background stands in the small Connecticut village of East Haddam on the banks of the Connecticut River. The original schoolhouse was constructed in 1750.

A young schoolteacher accepted the position after graduating from Yale University in 1773 at the age of 18. This schoolteacher spent six months at this co-educational school teaching 33 students ranging in age from six to 18, all attending from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. with one hour off for lunch.

After spending six months as a schoolteacher, he wrote to a college classmate about his "remote life in the wilderness called Moodus." The schoolteacher then received a letter in return from a classmate that read: "I am at a loss to determine whether you are yet in this land of the liv-

ing, or removed to some far distant and to us unknown region; but thus much I am certain of, that if you departed this life at [Moodus] you stood but a narrow chance for gaining a better." Unhappy with life in East Haddam, the schoolteacher left and accepted a position at the Union Grammar School in New London, Conn.

This schoolteacher then became a soldier for the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. He volunteered for an intelligence-gathering mission in New York City but was captured by the British where he met his demise. He is probably best known for his last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

That schoolteacher and American hero was none other than Nathan Hale. In 1985, he was officially designated the state hero of Connecticut.



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**1800 British cannon and lighthouse at Fort Oranje, Bonaire.**



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**Sewing Bees**

By Linda Lohr

The hive is buzzin' while the snowbirds are still here. New members have been added and there are many who complete the quilts, some who piece the quilts, and more who tie the quilts before the kits are put together.

Each comfort kit includes a quilt, pillow with matching pillowcase or stuffed animal, and a tote bag to keep everything. Children who are removed from an unsafe

home take nothing with them. Our kits provide them with something they can call their own.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Art Studio, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

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 LeeAnn (352) 854-7205 or Rita Miller (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.



Photo by Linda Lohr

The Bees at work in the Art Studio.



Photo by Steve McDonald

**Anne Merrick**



**Theatre Group**

By Steve McDonald

We proudly spotlight our outgoing president, Anne Merrick, in this issue. Anne was born in Bishopston, Renfrewshire, Scotland, moved to South of England in 1945, immigrated to Canada in 1966 and then to United States in 1987, traveling full time via RV until settling in the panhandle of Florida in 1992. She moved to Ocala in 2003 and settled in On Top of the World in 2008.

She has been a Theatre Group member for four years, since spring of 2011, and has acted and/or sung in every show since then except "Murder on the Rerun," which she directed. She has been a set designer, decorator, furniture coordinator, and/or props coordinator for almost every show since 2012, board member, serving three years as member at large and member of the story board committee, recording secretary, and currently is our president.

Additional contributions include taking photos for and writing monthly columns for over three years. Anne states, "The years have all been memorable, working with the group, learning so much about every aspect of theatre, and getting more courageous on stage, which is something I had not done before. I have been a dedicated member, helping with whatever needed done to make things run smoothly."

Anne has also been quite active in other community clubs, which include member of and past column writer for the Concert Chorus; Art Group (writes monthly article); 100 Grandparents; past member of Unique Birders (wrote monthly article); and past member of Native Plant Group. Thanks Anne! Your contributions are greatly appreciated and we will miss your leadership.

Preparations for our November presentation for our residents viewing pleasure continue to progress, thanks to our storyboard committee and the writing talents of Dick Phillips. Our Monday, March 9 meeting included the following entertainment: Steve as emcee; Skip and Marilyn (Anne: prompter, director, stage setup, props, announcer); Piney and Myra-Scene from "It's a Bad Year for Tomatoes;" Steve in "Old Calvin-Door Greeter;" Betty reciting a friend's poem, "Enough;" Anne in "Newscast;" Bree impersonating Lily Tomlin's "Edith Ann;" Jim performed jokes; Dick round robin sentence game-audience participation.

Please join us at our Monday, April 13 general meeting at 7 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center, our final meeting until September. Our May meeting is our year-end dinner, and after that, only the storyboard committee meets once a month, or more often as needed, until the September board meeting and general meetings start again.

Auditions for our November show will start in July and we are looking for new "entertainers." The September general meeting is when dues are paid for the next season (only \$5.00 per year). We have a great time and we are certain you will not be disappointed if you choose to become a member. Please call Steve at (812) 344-1936 or Marilyn at (352) 390-3889 for more information.

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Photo by Bob Woods

The oldest wooden schoolhouse in America in St. Augustine, Fla.

# One-Room Schoolhouse

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Remember that old nursery rhyme, "Mary Had a Little Lamb?"

Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece was white as snow.

Everywhere that Mary went,  
Mary went, Mary went,  
Everywhere that Mary went  
The lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day  
School one day, school one day  
It followed her to school one day  
Which was against the rules ...

It seems a young lady, Mary Sawyer, kept a pet lamb, which she did indeed take to school one day. That poem was written and published in Boston in 1830. This poem took place at a little one-room schoolhouse in Sterling, Mass.

In the 1920s, Henry Ford moved this schoolhouse to Sudbury, Mass. as part of an early American historical location, which includes the famous Wayside Inn Grist Mill. A portion of a plaque erected at the schoolhouse reads, "This building in-

corporates the original Redstone schoolhouse scene of the poem, which stood in the Second School District of Sterling, Mass. It was in use as the Redstone School and believed to be the schoolhouse mentioned in the nursery rhyme from 1798 to 1856 and was removed to this spot for preservation by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford."

The Sudbury schoolhouse is by no means the oldest one-room schoolhouse. The oldest wooden schoolhouse in America is located in St. Augustine, Fla. The schoolhouse appears on city tax records in the year 1716 but many believe it was constructed at an earlier date. At this time, Florida was under Spanish rule, and no other wooden buildings made before 1702 stand because the British burned down the city that year. This gives a 14-year estimation of its construction and completion. The schoolmaster at the time lived in a room on the second floor but the privy and kitchen were outside behind the schoolhouse. This structure is located within the walled city of St. Augustine close to the Old City Gate.

One-room schoolhouses were very popular throughout rural America and generally these small houses of education were open to youngsters in grades one through six, but that rule did not hold true in all schoolhouses. Some teachers taught all grades.

The one-room schoolhouse also served the community as a meeting place while some served as the local chapel for Sunday religious services. There are many one-room schoolhouses still standing throughout the country having been restored by local historical groups and many have been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

There is a one-room schoolhouse located in Cracker Country at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa, Fla. There are many events held at this location throughout the year and Cracker Country along with the one-room schoolhouse, which was moved from its original Florida location, is a museum of life in Florida around the turn of the 20th century.

... Why does the lamb love Mary so?  
Love Mary so? Love Mary so?  
Why does the lamb love Mary so?  
The eager children cry.

Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know.  
Loves the lamb, you know, loves the lamb, you know  
Why, Mary loves the lamb, you know.  
The teacher did reply.

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**Art Group**

By Anne Merrick

Journaling: This quite extensive subject covers all media, papers, and ideas for art projects. I suspect that the craft type journaling might not be considered "art" by many purists but when you look online at what people create and the techniques used I would say it can be art. It is certainly artistic.

We often get hung up on semantics. What does a certain word or expression really mean? So the only way to find out is to look, listen and learn and make up your own mind. After all, it is only your own opinion that matters to you in the long run.

I always thought journaling was mainly the written word with, maybe, a few sketches here and there to illustrate a certain point and then I found a whole other world online. For artists who love to paint or draw anything at all recording your thoughts, ideas or parts of your travels in a journal with paint, crayons, pencils, charcoal, pastel or mixed media gives a whole

new dimension to your life. You can assemble a travelling kit and document in real time what you are experiencing or take photos and continue at home.

This life and the world we live in is so rich that it leads to a desire to get it down on paper or wood or stone or whatever is your favorite medium. This is not something I have consciously done but I feel the urge to create an illustrated book of life experiences. This would include the written word. I have, as do most of us here, a significant amount of experience in many areas of life. What could be more fun than to document this? However, I do have to finish what I am working on first. I know

excuses, excuses but then I could do a little bit here and a little bit there.

First I buy or make a binder. That could take a while and then I have to think what should be first in the book and already I have made this way too complex. Just do it already my mind is saying as I type this. So many ideas flit around my mind that I shall never get them all done but it is so much fun thinking about it all.

So, is it time for some of you to take the plunge and join us on Thursdays and Saturdays in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building from 9 a.m. to noon? Call me at (352) 732-0706 if you want to know more.



**Opera**

By Bernie Kelly

The Opera Appreciation Class will end its season on Thursday, April 2, at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building.

In March, we studied a staging of Donizetti's most popular work, "Lucia di Lammermoor." Plácido Domingo stars in our last opera in April, "Tales of Hoffmann" by Jacques Offenbach.

Jacques' father was a Jewish cantor and musician et al from the town of Offenbach am Main, Germany. When he moved to the Cologne area, his acquaintances called him "Der Offenbacher." He soon adopted the name of Offenbach and it was such when his son Jacques (or Jacob) was born in Cologne in 1819. He was the seventh child and was taught the violin by his father but he developed a love for the cello and gave his first concert at the age of 12.

After a year at the Paris Conservatoire, he received a position as cellist with the Opéra-Comique orchestra. Here, he became associated with Friedrich Flotow and the two produced two albums of cello pieces. Offenbach wrote the music for the cello and Flotow wrote the piano part. The composers toured together in concerts throughout Europe.

In 1839, at the age of 30, Jacques made his first entry in music for the theater when he wrote incidental music for Pascal et Chambord at the Palace Royal.

From 1839 to 1844, Offenbach toured European capitals like London where he performed for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. He returned to Paris, converted to Catholicism and married a Spanish lady. He now had sufficient money and the leisure to begin his composing career.

In 1858 came his first hit, "Orphée aux enfers," which developed a bad reputation for its satire and racy situations. As a theater director, he was never successful because he was a poor manager but he turned out the operettas regularly to meet the demand of the public.

Several of his best are still popular and are staged today. He is acknowledged as the father of operetta and he had a considerable influence on light opera throughout the world with Gilbert and Sullivan being two of the most famous to be influenced by Offenbach.

The premiere of "Tales of Hoffmann" was very successful and was followed by a run of 101 performances. We are going to see a performance of 1981 at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden with Plácido Domingo singing the lead and Ileana Cotrubas and Sir Geraint Evans as two members of a very strong cast with George Prete conducting the orchestra.

The plot has the story of the three lost loves of Hoffmann in Venice, Paris and finally in Munich. The prologue has Hoffmann in a bar in Nuremberg telling the students that he is through with love and then we end back at the bar with the muse of art trying to console him.

We will see everyone for our last Opera Appreciation Class of 2015 at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, in Meeting Room #3.



**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

By Barbara Lingis

Crafters Audrey Clapper and Carole Smith are in the spotlight this month.

Audrey has resided here for ten years and been a member of our club for six years. Audrey designs and sews quilted purses of all colors and patterns. These bags are created using fine quilted material and reinforced with fusible interfacing so they keep their shape even when washed.

Audrey has been sewing since her last year in high school. One day, she decided to tear a purse apart that she had purchased due to the fact that it had lost its shape and she wanted to see how it was made. She decided to sew her own, make it stronger, and use only quality quilted material. Her purses speak for themselves in their quality and craftsmanship.

Audrey also attaches a tassel to the zipper for easy opening and closing. She also has tabs available instead of a tassel for those who would rather have a cloth pull for the zipper.

Audrey sews pockets inside and out in each purse and uses plastic canvas on the inside of the bottom to secure the shape of the bag. The purses have double-sided material so you actually have two patterns on each bag. These bags are machine washable and air dry.

Crafter Carole Smith has been a resident for 11 years and a member of our club for nine years. Carole creates beautiful handcrafted, all-occasion cards.

She actually started making doggie cookies when she became a member of

our club and had a menu of about 50 different cookies. One day, she had made a Valentine plate of doggie cookies and someone wanted a card to go with it. She made a card, it was such a hit, that she has been selling them ever since.

Carole's cards are of many colors and designs. She also styles the envelope to match the card. It takes her about three to four hours to design and create a card. Each one is unique and she uses only quality card stock of many patterns and colors. Carol stamps and then hand colors many of the cards she designs and uses embossing powder for that sparkle look. She said over the years she has made thousands of cards.

Carole does accept custom orders and has a variety of verses and writings she can use for custom cards.

Come join us in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon to see these crafters' products and all the other items created by our many crafters.



**Concert Chorus**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Concert Chorus spring performance entitled "Give My Regards to Broadway" is becoming a very upbeat, happy and energetic revue of some great show tunes. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This is a free concert with a free will offering to help the chorus to continue to buy new music.

One of the songs the chorus will be singing is "All That Jazz" with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb. This is the opening song from the 1975 musical play Chicago. The theme of the play is a satire on corruption in the administration of criminal justice and the concept of the celebrity criminal. The original Broadway production opened at the 46th Street Theatre in New York and ran for 936 performances until 1977. Bob Fosse choreographed the original production and his style is strongly identified with the show. In 1979, All That Jazz became a Hollywood musical film directed by Bob Fosse. The screenplay is a semi-autobiographical fantasy based on aspects of Fosse's life and career as a dancer.

Our featured chorus member this month is Bobbie Wendel. Bobbie is originally from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Her

education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a Bachelor degree in English and psychology. She has worked as a nurse in various hospitals from New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, following her husband's medical residencies. She took time off to raise five children. She has always sung in church choirs and various choruses, including the Pennsylvania Philharmonic in Wilkes-Barre.

Bobbie moved to On Top of the World in 2013. She plays the piano and is a great asset to the alto section of the Concert Chorus.

The Concert Chorus rehearsals are in the Arbor Club Ballroom every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to drop by and hear us in practice. For more information, contact Joan Stenson, Concert Chorus president at (352) 873-0304.



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**Bobbie Wendel.**



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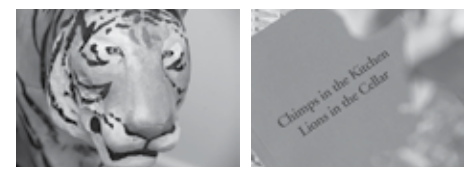


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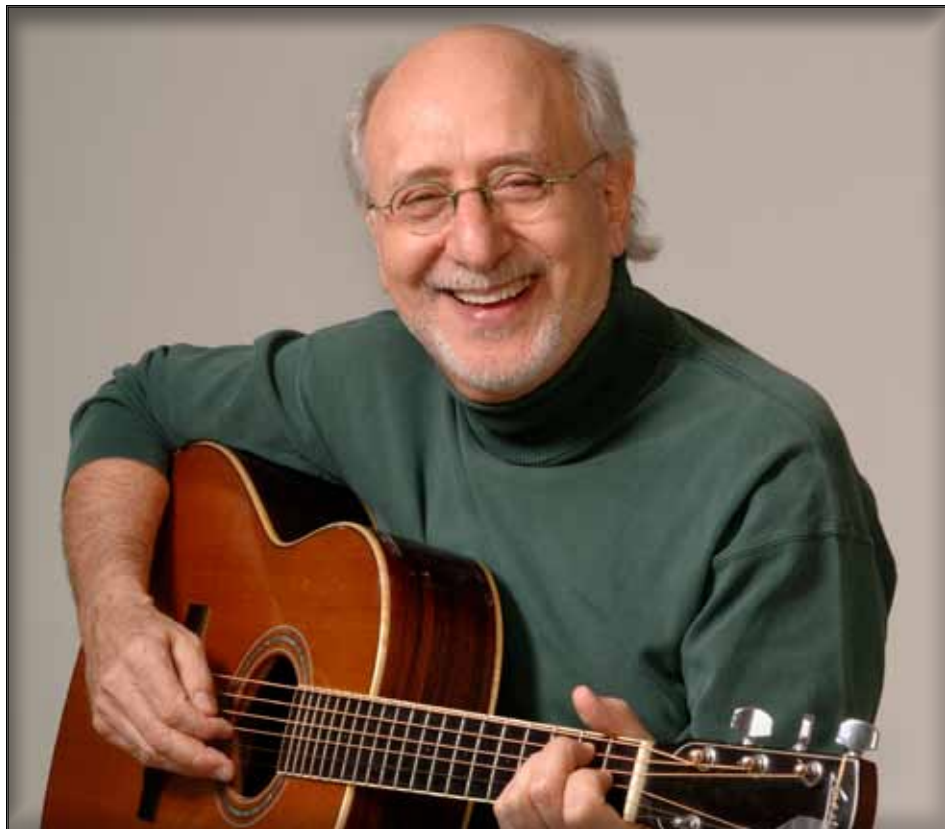
By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

March brings a full schedule of shows and events taking place at Circle Square Cultural Center. Unless otherwise noted, all shows begin at 7 p.m.

## Peter Yarrow Saturday, April 10

As a successful artist and activist, Peter

Yarrow's talent is legendary. His gift for songwriting has produced some of the most moving songs Peter, Paul & Mary have recorded. His musical creativity has always gone hand in hand with his commitment to social justice and equity in society. Today, he's reaching a whole new generation with his music and advocacy.



Peter Yarrow on Saturday, April 10.

## Opera Tampa Sunday, April 12

The Opera Tampa singers are young, talented professionals on the cusp of major singing careers. They will inspire and entertain you with musical theater favorites from top Broadway shows. Experience this musical parade of songs that will make your foot tap and heart melt. Doors open at 2 p.m. Show starts at 3 p.m.

## Hands Across the Highway Art Expo Saturday, April 18

Local artists from On Top of the World and surrounding communities showcase their masterpieces at the annual art expo. Works include paintings, sculptures, clay jewelry, watercolors and much more. This free event is open to the public from 9 a.m.

## Extreme Vegas Saturday, April 25

If you enjoy "America's Got Talent," "Cirque du Soleil" and the magic of David Copperfield, then you will love Extreme Vegas! This show takes you on a high speed journey through Las Vegas, highlighting the best in Vegas-style variety acts presenting a magical evening of grand illusions, quick change, extreme stunts, hilarious comedy, aerial acrobatics, and cutting edge dance choreography. Prepare for an enchanting experience!

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**Original Karaoke Group**  
By George Quaranta

We were delightfully entertained by the Dancing Jewels an On Top of the World dancing group of seven ladies. And best of all, our regular singers were really good as well that night. (I think they get better all of the time.)

Wow! What a great night we had this month when we had five new people. They all did a very good job singing some old favorite tunes.

We always have "great" nights. Come see for yourself. We meet the second and fourth Mondays at Candler Hills Community Center, at 7 p.m. For more information, call George at (352) 873-9667.

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**Landscape category first place: Idaho, not just potatoes.**

**Landscape category second place: No school today.**

**Landscape category third place: Olio e ini a Azienda Ag airia.**



**ShutterBugs Photography**

By Marilyn Cronin

On our field trip in March, over 30 members car pooled to tour the Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens in Williston, Fla. (Go to our website in a few weeks to see the photos from the trip.) Cedar

Lakes Woods and Gardens has over 50 quaint, separate gardens with numerous waterfalls and koi ponds in a 100-year old quarry. It has become a sanctuary, home and refuge to many creatures. We then all gathered at BubbaQue's for lunch.

April's field trip is a photo marathon to the Jacksonville Zoo where we will stay overnight and continue on the next day to tour St. Augustine and the Alligator Farm.

**PHOTO TIP:** Adapted from an article by Francesco Gola. Last month I promised to continue with more rules of composition.

Use leading lines: An image is like a book, and to really enjoy it you should read it from the beginning to the end. To do that, try to use lines and curves to guide the eyes through a path to your subject. You can use a road or the natural line of the coast for example. Keep in mind that you should avoid interrupting that path because it's like skipping a line in a book;

you lose the sense of the story that you're telling. Also try to avoid lines that guide the eyes of the reader outside the image. You want attention given to what is inside the image.

Add dimension and scale: When he started taking seascape pictures, he was a purist: no humans or human artifacts were allowed inside the frame. Sometimes, however, he thinks it's a good idea to put some artifacts in the composition because when you look at an image, your brain tries immediately to define the dimensions, comparing the unknown to something known - help it and use something like a lighthouse, bridge, a church to give an idea of scale. A reef is even more beautiful if it is perceived as high and massive.

Finally, remember that every rule is made to be broken. If the horizon is not set perfectly in one third because the sky lacks clouds, put it above the upper hori-

zontal line of rule of thirds. If you need to put a lighthouse near the margin of the frame to use leading lines, just do it.

The real goal of a picture is not to follow the rules, but to arouse emotions in the viewer. Keep this in mind and there is no composition that can overcome you.

Please enjoy the photo displays by our members in the Freedom Library and the Master the Possibilities lobby. Feedback is appreciated.

The ShutterBugs meet every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. The first Tuesday of the month is a field trip. Second Tuesday an instructional video or speaker. Third week is show and tell of different subjects with a soft critique. Fourth Tuesday is another video. Members are happy to help you understand your camera (always bring your manual). Annual fee is \$12. For more information, contact Gary Uhley at guhley@cfl.rr.com.



**Poetry**

By Annette Sharpe

**Inspiring Spring**

Up from the soil  
The crocus can't wait  
To be early, first blooming,  
As that is their trait.  
Even through snow,  
They've been known to grow  
To keep that early date.

Gardens are sleeping,  
Until there is heard  
A song from the trees  
From the first early bird.

Robins come early  
So then all will know,  
It's safe now to bloom,  
As there'll be no more snow.

Sun warms the earth,  
And, gentle spring rain  
encourages blossoms  
To burst forth again.

Encouraged by spring,  
May your life bloom anew.  
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# Annual Florida State Fair

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Senior days at the Florida State Fair saw a motor coach load of residents headed for the annual event to enjoy themselves and to witness the fair's goings on. Theresa Fields at the Recreation Center organized the trip. Theresa accompanied the group

to Tampa where the annual Florida State Fair calls home. The fair was established in 1904 in the Tampa area, and since 1977 the fair has been held at its present location.

The fair includes indoor and outdoor

exhibits, rides and shows, along with highlighting Florida's agricultural industry. The fair offers competitions and all kinds of food oddities. The fair is open for 11 days.

Each year, new rides appear at the fair's midway, and this year was no exception. The new rides included an 80-foot observation tower where a gondola slides into the air giving the participants a great view. Another new addition was a ride with a 65-foot pendulum giving the rider an 80-foot swing asserting a challenge to equilibrium and G-force.

There were over 100 rides on one of the largest reported midways in the United States. Not only were there plenty of rides, but animal lovers were amazed at the agricultural exhibits with over 6,000 animals ranging from baby chicks, rabbits, pigs to llamas, horses and cattle of all descriptions. There were many interesting competitions involving livestock.

There seemed to be hundreds of food vendors present. No matter what one's taste for food or junk food, it was available at this fair. Last year, the big hit for those wanting to gorge themselves was the deep-fried Oreo burger. It was an unholy marriage of meat and sweets. It was one of

those burgers where it was impossible to count caloric intake.

Speaking of food oddities, how about sinking your teeth into chocolate covered bacon? Sounds grotesque but in reality it tastes pretty good.

This year there was another burger called the funnel cake burger. A beef patty, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato and pickle served between two greasy, crunchy, fried, and glazed funnel cakes.

How about a cronut? It is a doughnut-croissant. A returning favorite was the Amish doughnut, which is basically a glazed doughnut the size of a child's head. Other traditional fair food was available consisting of candy, traditional sandwiches and ice cream.

There was so much going on at the fair that it was virtually impossible to visit all the entertainment shows along with competitions, but those who ventured from our community with Theresa had nothing but praise for the day trip.

The Recreation Center has many day trips planned meeting the needs and enjoyment of all residents. Trip schedules are located in Theresa's monthly column in the World News.



Photos by Bob Woods

Rides and food vendors fill the Florida State Fair.

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