

Community News

Kenneth D. Colen
Publisher

Here We Grow ... Again!

Beginning Tuesday, May 1, Circle Square Cultural Center will be closed for renovations. This project involves extending the pre-function space and adding a covered portico and drop-off area. Jo Slayers, general manager of Circle Square Commons, is driving the schedule hard because of the really great fall event lineup she has booked. Construction needs to be done with this project and out of her way by Sept. 30!

The project begins with removing and salvaging the mature magnolia trees and other plantings. The plan is for the salvageable landscape material to be moved to a nursery area and cared for until they can be replanted in a permanent space.

The renovation project will also be temporarily changing the traffic circulation around the building during construction. People heading to The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa will only have access from the north drive behind Circle Square Cultural Center. I apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

The renovation will also temporarily reduce the fireworks viewing area for the Patriotic Celebration on Fourth of July. Residents of the easterly side of Candler Hills and the north half of Indigo East will still have a spectacular view from the comfort of their backyards. That said, only the weather poses a challenge for us this July 4! We'll be ready for a great show.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Amended and Restated Declaration

As I'm writing, I'm pleased to report that great progress has been made in reaching the required number of approvals for adoption of this proposed amendment to the Declaration. Several neighborhoods have passed the required number needed for adoption in accordance with their current Declaration. As it goes with these sorts of efforts, the last little bit of work is generally the hardest.

None of this would be possible without the effort and support of the many volunteers who have been working with staff on making sure this initiative to adopt an updated Declaration runs smoothly.

The board continues to host workshops to provide a walk-through of the proposed changes, explain the purpose behind each, and answer questions posed by residents.

The primary purpose for this effort to amend the Declaration is to provide a more responsive document that will benefit residents. To that end, the primary benefits to residents are the following:

- Revise definitions to support the proposition that On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association remains a residential-based community.
- Assure that On Top of the World remains an active adult community as defined in Federal and State laws.
- Adopt language that clearly and unequivocally prohibits use of homes for transient (resort or temporary) lodging.
- Relaxes financing to allow up to 80 percent of the price of the home (may improve salability of a home).
- Simplifies the required majority to amend any future Declaration.
- Consolidates eight Declarations into one.

The remainder of the changes brings the Declaration in line with

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Fun at the Park: Music & Art

By Summer Best

This month, Sholom Park's event schedule offers various opportunities for fun and engagement. On Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 4 p.m., we invite you to join us for Fun at the Park: Music & Art, where the sounds of a live jazz ensemble with vocalist Miranda Madison will welcome guests into the formal garden with popular jazzy blues tunes from past and present.

Make time on this occasion to visit Sholom Park's labyrinth to hear accomplished chamber musician Stephen T. Fine, violinist, who will captivate listeners with his

dynamic string performances. Mr. Fine will pause to share insights on the life and music of Bach and the influence of French dance music on European royal courts in the 17th and 18th centuries. Surrounding the formal garden area, local artists – many while painting, drawing or working onsite in various mediums – will display their original works of art. Mediums will range from oils and pastels to photography, wood-working and glasswork. Art items may be purchased onsite.

With the help of dedicated volunteers, staff, donors and sponsors,

this event is sure to be a delight. Admission is free; please bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. A food concession, provided by The Flour Pot from Tioga Town Center, will bring a variety of savory and sweet concoctions.

On Friday, May 11, we hope you'll join us again to celebrate National Public Gardens Day and our May L.E.A.F. (Learn+Explore+Appreciate+Focus) at 10:30 a.m., featuring the topic of "What Lives at Sholom Park?" If you've ever wondered about the critters that scurry around the grounds at Sholom Park – not just the rabbits, turtles, squirrels, birds and koi fish that we normally see – this is the lecture for you! Over the years, Sholom Park has been home to bobcats, coyotes, rare reptiles, and birds seldom seen in other landscapes. Join us at the main pavilion to learn more about the animals that call Sholom Park home "behind the scenes." Our guest speaker for this event, Maxine Hunter, is from the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences.

Sholom Park's L.E.A.F. series, which was launched in October 2017, will take a hiatus this summer and will begin again in October when temperatures are cooler. Suggestions for future topics are welcomed. Please stay connected with Sholom Park events online at sholompark.org. Join our mailing list by request at info@sholompark.org and follow us on Facebook. As always, we hope to see you at the park. Gates are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. all throughout the summer.



Photo by Robert Colen

Fun at the Park: Music & Art takes place on Sunday, May 6.

"The L.E.A.F. presentations at Sholom Park have been inspirational. From November to February, I have implemented ideas shared by Robin Fannon, from RSVP Food & Lifestyle Blog; Angela Norton, a professional photographer; Cammy Dennis, fitness director at On Top of the World; and Clay Puckett, a territory manager for Waste Management. All guest speakers have given participants practical tips to promote a healthy lifestyle and a more satisfying environment. What a worthwhile experience! I look forward to future presentations." – From L.E.A.F. attendee and resident, Jean Ebbitt

Bonsai Exhibit

By Roger Werner

During the first week in May, the annual bonsai exhibit will be held in the Master the Possibilities Living Room. Exhibit hours are Tuesday, May 1, from 3 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The exhibit is free and is hosted by Master the Possibilities and the Marion Bonsai Society. Approximately 35 bonsai trees by about 10 society members will be at the exhibit.

The word bonsai means "small tree in a container" in the Japanese language. This art started as "penjing" in China over 2000 years ago before spreading to Japan and finally the rest of the world.

Two one-hour classes are available. The first is "Basics of the Living Art of Bonsai" by Peter Wood; the class (HOB115) is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2. Peter will present the basic horticultural and artistic principals of bonsai. The second class is "The Living Art of Bonsai – Demonstration" by artist David VanBuskirk; this class (HOB116) is at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. David will create a bonsai tree from nursery stock material.

These classes are free for residents and \$5 for non-residents. To register, call (352) 854-3699 or go to masterthepossibilities.org.

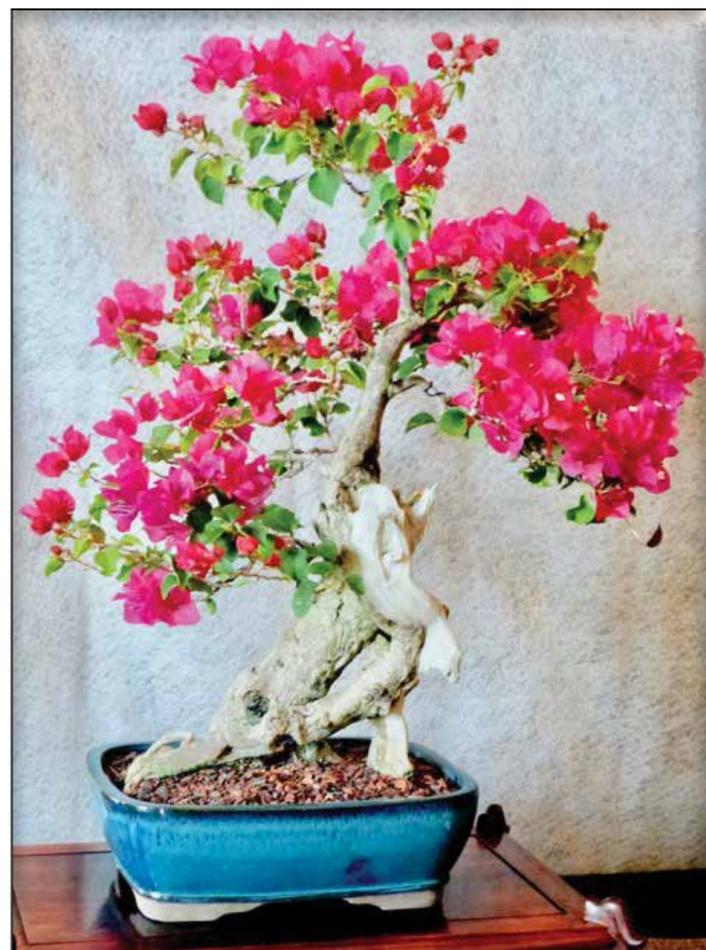


Photo by Roger Werner

Bougainvillea bonsai at the 2017 exhibit.

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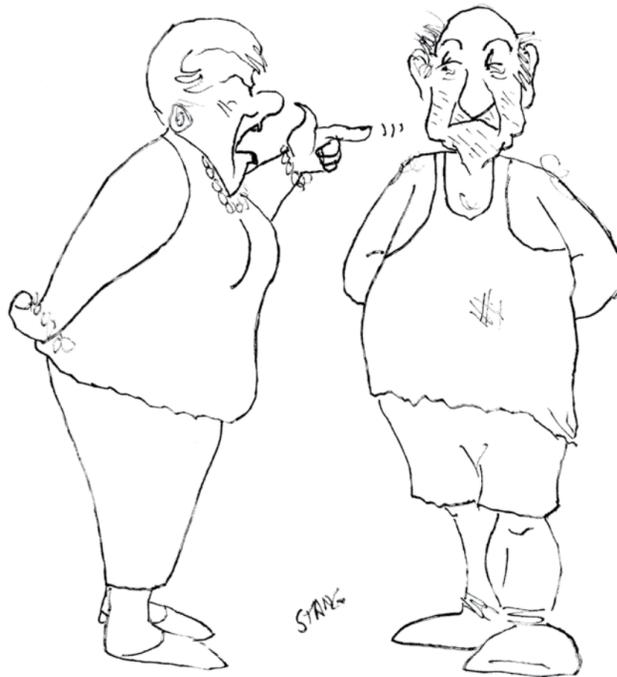
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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



You can't be a has-been if you never were.

Is It Legal?

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DO: Be aware that scammers sometimes get hold of your cell phone number and then will send you some text that appears to be for you; but is just phishing. Example: My law partner received a text from someone asking him to return a sweater. Since he never borrowed a sweater from anyone and didn't recognize the number from which the text was sent from, he didn't respond. More than likely, the text was designed to solicit a response, which would have provided personal information. When in doubt,

don't respond and delete!

DON'T: Please don't answer your phone when your caller ID says it's "out of the area" or "private number" or even if you recognize the area code but don't recognize the number from which the call is made. Let the caller leave a message and then you can decide if you want to return the call. Most often scammers won't leave a message but sometimes they do. That's why you must wait for the message, so you can decide if you want to return the call. Never return a call from the IRS or from the U.S. Marshall's office or folks like that.

What should you do when you are asked by a child or a grandchild to send some money, but you really don't have much to spare? The word no, comes to my mind, but I

know that sometimes it takes courage to say that especially because we worry that if we don't do what is asked, our children might not love us anymore. You see, sometimes our children/grandchildren need something, so they come to us and they are grateful for whatever you give them. However, as Jerry Colen is fond of saying, "Yes, they appreciate what we do for them, but they don't have a clue on the toll they put on us."

Can I tell you how to answer a child or grandchild who wants money? Not really. You must do that for yourself. However, here's what you might consider, "I'm sorry but I just can't help you right now as much as I would like to. My expenses have been high, and I need to watch my spending." Will that work? Well, that's up to you.

Recently, a client asked me to convey the title of her homestead from herself to a child by means of a "ladybird deed." She'd heard about it at a seminar. I asked her if she knew what a ladybird deed was, and she said it was a way to avoid probate when she passed on. Well, yes; but, here's the real scoop. A ladybird deed (officially known as Enhanced Life Estate Deed) is where you convey your property to a child but reserve a life estate to yourself but with the right to sell and convey the property but without having to get the signature of that child who you've now put on your deed. If someone wants to purchase your homestead, you can sell it and you won't need to ask

your child's permission nor get his/her signature on the deed.

However, suppose you need to take the child's name off the deed? Now, you would have to get his/her signature on a deed where you are removing the child. Do you think your child will willingly agree to do that? Probably not. Just keep in mind that when money is involved, funny things happen even when we are sure they won't.

Further, suppose that child has some serious judgments against him/her? That too could be a concern. When it comes to your homestead, I really believe that it is such a specially protected asset in Florida that you should just leave it in your name(s) alone.

A client wanted to buy a property and add her friend to the deed, even though the client was paying the purchase price. I had one question for my client, "Why?" And that's what I will now ask you; if you are paying the entire purchase price for a property, why do you want to add someone else's name to your deed? There may, indeed, be very valid reasons to do this. But keep in mind that if you and your friend have a serious disagreement, it's going to be a mess getting the friend's name off that deed.

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standards established in 720 Florida Statutes regulating homeowner associations; and with the Southwest Florida Water Management District regarding storm water regulation. Nothing in this Amended, Restated and Consolidated Declaration changes how the association currently operates.

At one workshop, I heard a comment, "He didn't trust the board to not change the document prior to adoption" (bait and switch). That is an unfortunate notion and flies in the face of the facts you live with every day: This community and all the many benefits that residents enjoy each and every day were built over these last 35 years with both vision and trust. We wouldn't be where we are if deception and dishonesty were ever in the mix.

Subject only to corrections of typos and scrivener errors, the document mailed to every member of the association, is the final document that will be presented for adoption at the association member meeting on Wednesday, May 23. Any corrected language must first be voted and approved by a majority of the membership at the meeting. This will be the case in striking the language in Article X, Insurance, Section 6, which will remove naming On Top of the World Communities, Inc., the Association, and Sidney Colen & Associates, LTD, as an additional insured. Next, will be a vote of the membership to adopt the final Amended and Restated Declaration.

Your board looks forward to the cooperation of many residents in obtaining the required number of votes and proxies marked "yes" very soon as we move to final adoption.

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Practical Preventative Home Maintenance

From May through September, your air conditioning systems will be running full tilt. These systems don't operate by themselves without proper care and maintenance. For a helpful short video on practical things you can do to service your air conditioning system to keep it functioning efficiently visit ontopoftheworldinfo.com/homeowner-maintenance. These include changing the filters monthly and pouring vinegar into the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction. Check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don't see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain

line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

At least once a year, have your air conditioning serviced by a professional. They will clean the coils in the air handler (in home) and the compressor (outside), as well as clean electrical connections, and make sure the motors are operating properly.

Water Meters

Residents of Americana Village, Friendship Village and Friendship Colony recently received a letter from Bay Laurel Center CDD explaining the new water meters being installed. As I have previously written, this is a multi-year project to change out 2,098 meters! The purpose of this project is to accu-

rately meter individual usage within each dwelling.

The CDD will send out a monthly statement of usage, beginning in June, to those villas that have the new meters. This is not a bill! Rather it is a statement of usage designed to make residents aware of their water usage and to encourage greater conservation as mandated by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

There are no plans in the near term to remove the water and wastewater included as part of the Community Services Fee each month. Again, the sole purpose of this project is to encourage greater water use awareness and conservation.



Master the Possibilities

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There is a lot of excitement in and around the Master the Possibilities Education Center. With the start of May comes new adventures and learning opportunities. There are amazing topics being learned in the classrooms daily, and just around the corner is the release of the summer catalog with even more educational and stimulating opportunities.

As part of a special series this term, "The Living Art of Bonsai" exhibit is in the Living Room at the Education Center through Friday, May 4. In partnership with the Marion Bonsai Society, Master the Possibilities is hosting this 10th annual exhibit, where the Living Room is transformed into a Japanese-inspired space, displaying 30 beautiful trees. No registration is necessary for this free and open to the public showcase.

Get ready. The new summer catalog will be released Friday, May 11. Registration will open online, in person, and by phone at 9 a.m. Don't miss an opportunity to grab a

new catalog from around the community and peruse the new course offerings. There are more than 80 new courses of which to choose, and our theme this term is just sizzling with summer vibes.

Prior to the start of summer registration, it is recommended for participants to visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org to double-check "Sign In" information. For those who are new to On Top of the World, or Master the Possibilities, please call or visit our office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to become a member and receive member privileges and discounts. Courses have been known to fill quickly, and these few tips will help make the registration process easier at time of enrollment.

Mark the calendar now for the 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 1 kick-off in Cypress Hall. Stop by this red-hot event and meet many of the faculty members who help make learning at Master the Possibilities fun and inviting. Many instructors will be on-hand to answer any questions, discuss any supply or material needs, and talk about what to expect in classroom attendance. All participants will have a chance to win a free seat in a class. No registration necessary. Just stop by to find educational ways to beat the heat this summer.

Meanwhile, there are many sen-

sational courses and events to attend through the month of May. Attend The "Fascinating World of Codes & Ciphers" on Friday, May 4. Take a trip through "Suncoast Keys' World of Mangroves" on Saturday, May 12. Learn about honey on Friday, May 18 in "Florida Honey: Honey Tips and Tasting." Listen to an informative presentation on "Hurricane Preparation and Recovery" on Tuesday, May 22.

All above course information, along with more than 40 additional events in May, may be found by visiting masterthepossibilities.org. Find something you like? Simply register online while searching for upcoming events, or call our registration hotline at (352) 854-3699. Office staff will be glad to help with in-person registrations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Education Center main office.



Citizens Emergency Response Team

Beth McKeen

Did you know that Florida is considered the lightning capital of the United States? In 2012, the National Lightning Detection Network detected a total of 901,381 flashes in the Sunshine State. This is an unfortunate title to have since lightning strikes are very dangerous.

Thunderstorm activity peaks in the summer when many people are out and about in pools, parks and yards.

Be safe and aware before heading outdoors. Always check the weather and remember that the safest place to be when thunder roars is indoors!

Use the 30-30 rule to determine whether it is safe to go out again. Count the seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder. If the time is less than 30 seconds, lightning is still a potential threat. After hearing the last thunder wait 30 minutes before leaving shelter. Stay in a safe place until you know the threat has passed.

We need new members on our team to keep up with growth in the community, so please consider participating in this service organization and giving back to your community.

CERT relies heavily on the Marion County Emergency Radio Team (MERT) to help us communicate with the Emergency Operation Center, teams in the field and between teams. During a disaster, MERT members assist with radio integration for hospitals, shelters, CERT teams, as well as from the Marion County Sheriff's Mobile Command Center.

Help us to help you!

If you would like to become a member of our CERT and/or MERT teams, please contact Beverly Case at the Emergency Operation Center at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application.

Please feel free to attend one of our CERT meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 9 a.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. For more information, contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

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We have many reasons to celebrate in the month of May. The excitement starts on Saturday, May 5, with the most famous horse race in the United States, the Kentucky Derby, "the run for the roses." The Kentucky Derby is oftentimes referred to as "the most exciting two minutes in sports." Saturday, May 5 is also Cinco de Mayo, always a fun day to celebrate Mexican culture; Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13; and we honor our Armed Forces on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. We also honor and appreciate those who are serving today.

On Top Of The World (Central) Owners Workshops

For those of you who have not voted your proxy and completed your paperwork, please note additional workshops are being scheduled. We also offer to stop by your home if you are unable to get to a workshop. Just give Customer Service a call to schedule. You can complete the paperwork at Customer Service Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and we will schedule appointments outside of those times if needed. The workshops have been very valuable in providing information about the changes reflected in the black lined version of the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Declarations that you received. If by chance you tossed the documents, you may pick up a copy at Customer Service or download from otowinfo.com by clicking on "OTOW Central" under the "Association" tab and scrolling down below the workshop dates.

It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to meet so many residents during this process. A lot of excellent questions have been asked, and, of course, we appreciate those of you who have carefully read and pointed out all of the scrivener errors. The untrue rumors continue to float throughout the community in print and verbally; so I urge you to attend a workshop, call Customer Service to discuss, or write generalmanager@otowfl.com to follow up on any questions you may have as a result.

Key areas that continue to be the topic of these rumors are:

- Gates: There is no plan to do away with the 24-hour gates. Not only do our existing residents appreciate having this deterrent, but new residents are attracted to this community due to these facilities.
- Insurance: Today and, at least, since 2006, the association deductible is \$10,000 for general liability and property insurance. Please refer to Article X, Section 2, (b). The board by the existing Declaration, "has the power to adjust the amount of the deductible at its discretion." Please review the insurance section on otowinfo.com regarding association and individual insurance responsibility. You will also note the certificate of property insurance documenting that association carries \$625,000,000 in coverage. The members at the meeting of Wednesday, May 23, will also vote to strike the language adding On Top of the World as an additional insured.
- Water: Bay Laurel Center CDD's program to install meters at all homes is not associated with this Amended, Restated and Consolidated Declaration (ARC). The future decision will be reviewed by the board after the five-year program is completed. Those who have had their meters changed will begin receiving a statement (not a bill) showing their water usage. One would expect usage to be between 2,500 gallons to 5,000 gallons monthly. Those using more are being notified that they may have a leak or need to change their usage pattern to avoid this waste of water usage.
- Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) changes: The association currently maintains all of the retention areas, drainage, etc. permitted by the District. This is not a change other than adding the required wording to the ARC as mandated by the District.
- Guarantee of Assessments: The section was struck as

it does not currently apply. It speaks to the first three years and since we have been in existence for over 30 years, there is no need for the language.

There are two changes that are different from how business of the association is conducted today. One is, if adopted, members can finance up to 80 percent of the purchase price of the home in lieu of 70 percent and the other would change the current 66 percent and 75 percent of member vote to a majority of the members.

I encourage all of you to vote.

Community Cleanup Day

The community cleanup day was a success. We had 18 residents sign up who needed assistance with items around the exterior of their home. We hope that everyone else took a look around to make sure that their yard was in compliance.

Customer Service

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, May 16, this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you reach our voicemail during normal business hours, please know that we are helping others and will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Potential Scam

A resident couple brought to our attention a potential scam that is going around. They received a call from a "credit card" company and their name showed as On Top of the World on the caller ID. Robo-calls are using new methods and spoofing phone numbers, even numbers that are owned. So, beware when you receive phone calls like this.

Watering

May is typically an extremely dry month and, as a result, we might start seeing a lot of stressed grass. Residents need to make sure that they are irrigating properly. Not applying the proper amount of water and not maintaining the irrigation system may have a negative impact, and stressed grass attracts weeds, disease, and insects. It is

recommended that the irrigation system be checked monthly for proper coverage, leaks and head adjustment.

Your irrigation system should be set to water a half to three-quarters of an inch each watering and for twice per week during daylight saving time.

Living in Harmony

Once again, several neighbor disputes have been brought to our attention, and we realize that misunderstandings do occur between neighbors. Last year, I ran across the following article on a community association website and I thought it would be appropriate to share again.

"If your neighbor behaves in a manner that fails to meet your expectations and makes you angry, the only way you are going to really resolve the situation is not by creating an even wider distance between yourself and them (anger), but by making a choice to get closer and put forth an honest effort to remedy the situation "together."

Effective communication can only occur when there is a process of two-way listening. Anger prevents us from honestly listening to anything but our anger. When we transform our expectations and reduce our opportunities to get angry, we put ourselves in a position to make better choices about how we relate to the people around us and, in turn, how they relate to us. When everyone works together, anything is possible!"

I hope everyone continues enjoying the beautiful spring weather we are having and, if you are new to the area, I highly encourage you to do some exploring. Ocala and the surrounding areas in Marion County have so much to offer, especially this time of year.

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Gorgeous weather calls for outside events such as swimming, grilling out, playing cornhole, reading a book and relaxing under the cabana or anything that makes you happy. The Lodge at Candler Hills is available for all Candler Hills residents and their guest(s) to use and enjoy the wonderful amenities offered.

Looking to have an event? Stop in the office and we will assist you in planning a date that fits your schedule. Our hours are Monday

through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. We can be reached at (352) 387-9508.

Last month we started a towel drive for the Marion County Humane Society and other non-kill shelters in the area. To date, we have received well over 100 towels, 50 hand towels, bedding (blankets, sheets, throw blankets), bath mats and more. This is a great cause. We appreciate all those who contributed.

Many have requested a Girls Night Out, because girls just wanna have fun! Let's do it on Wednesday, May 23, in the ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. We'll provide the entertainment; you bring your choice of al-

coholic or non-alcoholic beverages. Each Candler Hills resident may invite one guest to attend. There is a \$5 guest fee that can be paid at the door. Let's talk it up and see just how many ladies we can fit in the ballroom. It's a great time to unwind and relax or dance with your friends and neighbors.

There will be no Cocktails and Karaoke in May due to a private event. However, it will resume on Saturday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a fun time for all who participate. If you don't sing, you can dance, clap and cheer on those who perform. Bring your own alcoholic beverage and enjoy the evening. Guests are welcome to attend and a fee of \$2 is collected upon entry.

Our Social Happy Hour will re-

sume on Saturday, June 23, in the ballroom. It's a "Through the Decades" dance party. You select the year you enjoyed most. Was it the Roaring '20s, or maybe the '50s, '60s, '70s or even the '80s music that got your attention? Whichever one it was, let's dress the part and dance the night away. Or maybe just until 8 p.m. Dance contests will be held throughout the evening. Candler Hills residents are welcome to invite a guest for a fee of \$5 per person.

I would like to wish all the mothers a happy Mother's Day. As we know, every day is Mother's Day; however, it's only observed once a year. Enjoy this day to the fullest and let someone else wait on you. After all, you deserve it!



Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The spring dinner dance on Saturday, April 7 was a huge success. Over 150 attendees enjoyed an evening of great food, good conversation, and dancing. A special thank you to all of the members of the social committee for making this an enjoyable evening.

The potluck dinner on Tuesday, May 29, at 5:30 p.m. will honor Memorial Day with a "Let's Have a Picnic" theme. Residents with last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring different types of sandwiches, D-K should bring

salad, and L-S should bring dessert (for 10 to 12 people). Setup volunteers should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; all others by 5:30 p.m. to obtain a number for the table where you will be sitting. \$1 cost per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. To attend, contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net to let me know how many will be attending and if you can help with setup and/or cleanup. Please remember to label your dishes for people with dietary issues. There will be snack foods at each table, and a 50/50 drawing will be held. Seating will be inside as well as at the pavilion.

The next ice cream sundae social is on Sunday, June 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets go on sale at the Candler Hills Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon on May 15,

17, 22, 24, 29, and 31 at a cost of \$3 per person. There will also be an ice cream sundae social on Sunday, Aug. 19. Tickets for that social will go on sale in July. Watch for more information regarding ticket sales in "The Happenings."

The annual barbecue picnic will be on Sunday, Oct. 21. More information will follow in future World News columns and in "The Happenings."

The next new neighbor welcome session is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, at 3 p.m. Come and meet your new neighbors and learn more about On Top of the World, Marion County, and Ocala.

There are currently over 450 members in the Candler Hills Facebook group. Information on how to join can be obtained in "The Happenings."

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email.

The Candler Connection social board is currently working on Google Calendar so that all residents of Candler Hills will be able to access meetings and events in one place. More information on this new informational addition will be outlined in future World News columns and in "The Happenings."

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1, at 2:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

All activities take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills unless otherwise noted. See you around the neighborhood!

Williamsburg Neighbors

Ginny Nardone

Williamsburg is on the move! We had a very successful picnic in March, the Williamsburg Whistler e-newsletter was distributed in April and the neighborhood directory is currently being developed. If you have not submitted information for the directory, you may do so through the website or contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

On Monday, May 5, Williamsburg residents will gather for a treasure

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exchange and ice cream social on our picnic lot. The exchange will be from 9 a.m. to noon; the ice cream social will follow. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. If you plan to attend, have questions, or would like to volunteer to scoop ice cream, please call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.

Planning is also underway for more neighborhood activities in the fall. Check the website for updates williamsburgneighborsatow.com

It is truly an exciting time to be a Williamsburg neighbor! For more information or to volunteer to assist the group, contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 or Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.



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Candler Hills residents enjoying their annual spring party at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

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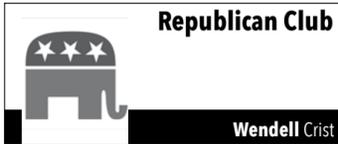
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The Republican Club met on Friday, April 13. We welcomed candidate Eddy Leedy for County Commission, District 4, and candidate Nancy Thrower for Marion County School Board, District 4.

Both speakers brought forth their ideas and convictions on how they can improve the various obligations through their background training and passion to make Marion County great again!

Marion County Supervisor of Waste Management, Susan Bedard, attended in place of Commissioner Jeff Gold, to bring us up-to-date on the road litter problem. She thanked the efforts of the Republican Club for stepping up to help control this problem by our adoption of a portion of SW 80th Street where we look forward in helping make Marion County beautiful again.

Candidate Thrower, a teacher, recently introduced a real life training example for her students. It involved each student filling out credit applications and sales contracts pertaining to the purchase of

a vehicle. She offers a value system and encouragement for her students and looks forward to bringing her expertise as a teacher to the school board.

Candidate Leedy stressed the importance of the equine industry in Marion County, himself a horseman. There are over 1,000 farms and over 60 breeds of horses here which bring in billions of dollars to Marion County. He stated the critical importance to retain our skilled employees in the departments of sheriff, fire rescue and EMS and how difficult it is to attract high paying businesses without a safe, secure and well educated community.

The annual pizza party will take place on Friday, May 11 and tickets are \$10. We will purchase the pizza, and Fresh Plates Catering will supply a delicious salad bar, choice of dressings, and the draft beer. Coffee and iced tea will also be available.

We enjoyed refreshments of home baked lemon loaf and apple "crumb" crumble at our April meeting.

On Friday, May 11, a short meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. with our speaker Villie Smith, property appraiser for Marion County, and then pizza, at 7 p.m.



Photo by County Commissioner Carl Zalak
President Wendell Crist, Vice President Bill Richhart and County Commissioner Jeff Gold at the March Republican Club meeting.



The speaker at our Thursday, May 24 meeting is Gary McKechnie, the Democratic candidate for Florida's 12th State Senate District. This is a seat for which there was no Democratic challenger in previous years, so it is gratifying that Mr. McKechnie is providing a choice for On Top of the World's voters. Please remember that we are not meeting on the last Thursday of May.

It is not too late to sign up for our spring club luncheon that will take place at the Stone Creek Grille on Friday, May 11, at noon. Call our secretary, Lynn Miller now at (352) 438-3354 so that you can come and enjoy the fine food and conversation.

The Marion County Democratic Party is recruiting two-person teams from our club to go door-to-door in neighborhoods outside of On Top of the World. Training will be provided before you start going out. This is more interesting and more effective than making phone calls as we did in the past. Please use the contact information at the

end of this column if you want to take part in this campaign.

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. Videos of our speakers may be viewed on youtube.com (otow demclub).

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with donations of towels, washcloths, twin/full bed sheets, dry/canned food, toiletries, dish/laundry detergent and paper towels so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us.

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

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The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has the perfect opportunity for you to take part in a special aqua class. Join us on Thursday May 17 for "Retirement Recess." Aqua instructors on fitness team will lead you through a series of exercises that put "fun" into functional training! You can expect to incorporate lots of equipment and partner activities. The exercises in this special "Retirement Recess" class are designed to boost strength, flexibility and balance.

Not a member of The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa? Not a problem! Residents can purchase a guest pass at a reduced rate or a "class pass," which entitles the user up to 15 visits at an even greater savings! For more details, please call (352) 861-8180.



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May is going to be hot and dry, count on it. The month of May is historically the driest month of the year in Florida, and this year it appears that drought conditions are likely. I have included some information and a couple of tips to avoid high water bills, wasted water and problems with your lawn and shrubs.

With watering restrictions already in place, residents have an increased concern with maintaining the landscape plants and turf during drier months. The irrigation system installed with your home is a great tool if used correctly, but can also be a detriment to your landscape and your wallet if used improperly. Water restrictions are designed to conserve water during drought conditions while meeting the minimum needs of your landscape.

The landscape plants in On Top of the World Communities, Inc., are irrigated with a low volume or drip irrigation system. This system is highly efficient in irrigating the landscape. Drip irrigation systems apply the water directly to the root ball of the plants, decreasing water loss to evaporation and wind throw, and low volume applies the water closer to the ground within a smaller diameter than conventional irrigation. Watering times for landscape plants should be no more than one hour but no less than 20 minutes. Prioritize your water use and water stressed plants only or areas that are highly visible.

If you have installed plant material that is not drought tolerant, hand watering may be needed and

is allowed. Using a garden hose with a shut off device, such as a spray pistol, is allowed. Make sure you water these areas in well and shut the hose off when you are finished. All too often we see hoses left on, and that creates high water bills from the constant drip and occasional busted hoses.

Grass is typically the first thing in your yard to show signs of stress. Train your lawn to grow a deep, extensive root system by deep infrequent watering. When watering your lawn, apply half to three-quarters of an inch at each application. Water your lawn only when 30 percent of the lawn is starting to show signs of stress and try to stretch the duration between automatic irrigation cycles. St. Augustine will show signs of stress by turning blue green and folding along the midrib of the leaf blade. Avoiding extended periods of stress on St. Augustine will help with overall health and recovery. Zoysia will brown and go dormant at the first signs of stress. This is normal and should be expected. Routine irrigation may not be enough to maintain your lawn with a lush green appearance during drought conditions.

To determine how much water you apply, use a rain gauge. These are provided at Customer Service or the Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service office (2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala) free of charge or you can use a tuna can and measure the water applied.

Place the rain gauge in various areas of the yard to observe the distribution of the irrigation water. Dry or problem areas should be monitored first to check coverage. If you notice a problem with your irrigation system, contact an irrigation contractor.

Mowing height and frequency will also help with drought stress. Maintaining your lawn at a taller

height will allow the grass to develop a stronger root system. This is because when you mow you are basically creating an injury that the plant must overcome before it can do anything else. The plant expends valuable energy in restoring the blades rather than producing newer and stronger roots. Sharp mower blades will also help with drought stress by producing cleaner, less ragged cuts. Clean cuts cause less plant stress and water loss.

When checking your irrigation, make sure you are watering twice per week. Secondly, make sure it is working properly and the heads are putting out the correct amount of water. Typically half to three-quarters inches per application is enough to sustain your lawn through the driest periods. Run times will vary for irrigation system equipment, but on average a spray zone will need to water 20 minutes, and rotors should water for 45 minutes. The drip irrigation should water for 30 minutes to one hour based on how established the

material is. MP rotators should water 90 minutes.

Look for heads that are not turning, nozzles that are clogged and not spraying the correct pattern. Heads that are out of adjustment and spraying the road or sidewalk waste valuable dollars that could be spent on your lawn. Also, check for heads that are not popping up to the proper height. This can be caused because of pressure problems or grass runners growing over the heads.

Paying attention to your lawn and watering as needed will help with the water bill. Even though it may be hot and dry, a little stress is okay. Watch for visual clues that the yard needs water. Look at the grass; when it starts turning a bluish green color and the grass folds along the midrib of the leaf blade, it is time to water. You can also walk across your lawn and see how the leaf blades respond. Grass that needs water will lay down when walked on and will not stand back up; grass that doesn't need water will stand back up.



Last month, Toastmasters learned about the new Pathways program, which increases the learning area from two to 10 and puts the materials online. The program starts Tuesday, May 15. Four Toastmasters attended the District Convention.

Toastmasters is an organization dedicated to effective speech and leadership. It begins with 10 speech assignments starting with an icebreaker speech to introduce yourself in each of the 10 learning areas. Completion of the 14 proj-

ects results in a mastery of a learning area such as persuasive speaking, leadership, etc.

The ultimate leadership training is functioning in the offices of the club such as president, vice president of education, vice president of membership, vice president of public relations, sergeant of arms, treasurer and secretary.

But the real Toastmaster experience is listening to great speeches and meeting wonderful people.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays in Cypress Hall at 8:30 a.m., this month on May 9 and 23. Come join us and improve your communication, listening and leadership skills. Our membership is growing, increasing the fun. Contact Dave Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454.

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Community Patrol

Patricia Woodbury

At our March meeting development manager for On Top of the World, Robert "Boe" Stepp talked with the members about the current and projected development in the community. He reported that:

- The additional suites that are being built at the Arbor Conference Center will be a mirror image of the current building. It will take four to six months for completion. One suite will provide a permanent billiard room with 12 tables.
- Avalon will have additions in three phases for a total of 102 units.
- SW 94th Street will be extended to accommodate a new RV storage area.
- Crescent Ridge Phase III on SW 98th Street will have cottage units.
- Plans are to build a veterans park near Crescent Ridge on SW 92nd Road.
- Larkhill in Candler Hills will be built near the sixth and seventh golf course holes.
- Indigo East will have an additional 300 units of tradi-

tional and cottage homes. (Cottage homes are smaller homes on a 40-foot lot.)

- There will be a new development on the north side of SW 80th Street beyond Indigo East.
- There is space for guard gates at Indigo East, but because these are public roads the residents will have to decide if they want them.
- Plans are to extend the golf cart path to Sholom Park and to have a SW 90th Street and SW 80th Street crossing to Lowe's for golf carts.

By the way, that new Marion County Sheriff's Office helicopter I told you about last month has been named. With the help of many citizens who submitted suggestions, the name for the helicopter was selected as "Swamp Fox."

There will be no regular meeting of the Community Patrol in May due to Memorial Day. The members plan to take a field trip in June, so stay tuned for our next regular meeting.

Anyone interested in becoming part of our Community Patrol should call 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.



Veterans Club

Bill Richhart

I want to thank Dave Miller from The Villages Honor Flight for his presentation. It was very interesting and informative. He left some applications if any veterans want to go on future flights.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 20, at 2 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Joe Hilchey. Joe will talk about the history, classes and types of submarines.

We will also talk about our annual participation in the Patriotic Celebration on Fourth of July at The Town Square. We will have a member read the Declaration of Independence and then recognize all the branches of the services. Veterans will stand when their branch theme song is played.

Remember veterans, this is your club and any ideas, suggestions and speakers in regard to veterans issues would be appreciated. Also always keep your donations for Operation Shoebox and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village coming. Any questions, please call (352) 304-8425.



Singles Club

Lorraine Serwan

It's May and with it we come to the end of another successful year of interesting speakers and delightful excursions.

On Thursday, May 10, we'll have our last meeting before the summer with the installation of officers at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H.

Our special guest speaker will be Pat Gabriel, president of the SR200 Coalition, who will be able to inform us of all the changes on the SR200 corridor.

The following Thursday, May 17 we will be carpooling to visit the Ocala Fire Rescue Museum (3001 NE 21st Street). The group will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot at 11 a.m. and carpool to the

Southern Pig and Cattle Company restaurant for lunch and then proceed to the museum. Sign up at the May meeting or call Nancy at (352) 854-9185 for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m., in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H. Have a wonderful summer and we'll meet again in the fall.

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Photo by Sal Lanzetti

Indigo East had their first dance in the Indigo East Community Center on Friday, March 30.



Indigo East

Howard Frierman

Although there continue to be a whole array of exciting programs occurring at Indigo East, I decided to dedicate these next few columns on Indigo East residents.

Just over a year ago, Maria Fournier, who was the registrar at SUNY Brockport's Educational Opportunity Center (part of the SUNY higher education system in New York), started to make plans with her husband to retire. They both are avid golfers, and had a time-share in Mesquite, Nevada, where they would spend two weeks each

year out on the greens. They loved it, and for all intent and purposes, thought they would sell their home in the Rochester, N.Y. area and relocate there for the great golfing that Nevada offers.

Well, one day Maria saw that her friend, who had lived three hours south of Rochester, was actually moving to Florida, into a 55-plus community. Although this piqued her interest, she still was set (with Ken) to relocate to Nevada. However, she couldn't help but check in on her friend's Facebook page, which showed the progress that On Top of the World was making on her friend's new home.

So, one day Maria called her friend and asked her what was up. Her friend said that they discovered this lovely community in Ocala that it was just beautiful, and after riding around in Florida for weeks, they decided that Ocala was the place they wanted to be.

Well, months later, her friend moved in, and Maria and Ken decided to fly down and check out their new home. They toured the area extensively, met with a new home sales representative, and they returned home, now not so sure that Mesquite was going to be their final destination.

As time closed in, and Ken was gradually turning over the reins of his pizzeria to his son, Ken and Maria came down a second time to look at homes. "Mesquite is lovely, and we really wanted to move there," Maria said. "But it is kind of far, and we would miss our friends and family who may not make the long trip across the country to see us."

Ken added, "My folks were also living in Plant City, Fla., and my family has always been very close, so that just added to the confusion as to where we would eventually end up."

Ultimately, having weighed the pros and cons for a good month, they decided that Indigo East was the better choice for them. They made their final trip down to Ocala, met with the staff in the World Design Studio, and they just moved in about two months ago.

When asked what they thought of their decision to change from Mesquite to Ocala, they said, "We couldn't be happier. We love our new home, the neighbors are the best, the golfing is good, and we just love it. And if anyone is looking for couples' golf, please let us know!"

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Winds of Windsor

Walt Lamp

With the completion of Windsor, it was just a matter of time before the west side met their neighbors on the east side. On Saturday night, March 17, both sides came together on St. Patrick's Day in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G.

The chief organizer for this affair, from the west side, was Cathy White. She contacted two ladies from the east side, Judy Wagnitz and Mary Lamp, and all three ladies spread the word. The west side was just recently completed. The east side started back in 2006, and was completed about a year ago.

The get together started at 6 p.m. and the room included 15 fully decorated tables, with white and green covers and three small candles on each one. There were about six additional tables available for those not getting there on time. Approximately 120 residents attended this lovely get together.

Frank Kalusa was our volunteer disc jockey for the evening. He played an assortment of music. But, of course, the Irish tunes were the most requested. We enjoyed a grab bag, music trivia and dancing. Of course, there was plenty of potluck food, which included many main courses and lots of desserts. Coffee, soda and water refreshed our palates.

This was such a nice opportunity to meet all of our neighbors from both sides. Hopefully, we'll get together again! Let's see what happens next!

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Stamp Club

Joe Rosinski

The first quarter of 2018 came and went since I last wrote and everything seems to be going along rather smoothly. At least we haven't been experiencing the crazy winter weather that many of our friends and relatives have in other areas of the country. Bring on summer!

Although we have been losing a number of our members for one reason or another, the club contin-

ues with a variety of projects. Our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Bank of the Ozarks second floor conference room beginning at 1 p.m. We also have an informal gathering of several members at Freedom Library on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. This is more of a show and tell type gathering where we show off some of our prized collections. A lively discussion usually takes place on any subject that comes up.

Visitors are welcome at any meeting. If you come to either of the meetings at the Bank of the Ozarks we ask that you park on the side of the building or in the parking

lot currently used by Winn Dixie. The front of the bank is for bank customers only. If you decide you would like to become a member, the dues are only \$6 per year. We have a research library with some interesting philatelic items that are available for the use of members. Our members have a variety of collecting interests in addition to a very good working knowledge of just about anything involved in stamp collecting.

The New York world's fair three-cent stamp commemorative cover is a dedication of the Whitestone-Bronx Bridge on April 29, 1939. There is a scroll which reads "From 1776 to 1939 Francis Lewis one

of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and a citizen of Whitestone will be honored in connection of the dedication of the Whitestone-Bronx Bridge on 29 April 1939 by naming the park at the end of the bridge Francis Lewis Park." The cover has a postmark of Flushing, N.Y. 4 APR29 9-AM 1939, and a trailer which contains seven horizontal lines surrounding "Whitestone Station."

Thanks for reading the column and I'll be back next month. If you have any questions about the column, the club, or stamp collecting in general, email me at rosinskjoe@gmail.com.



Active Singles

Ed Galizia, Jr.

Is it summer yet? Well at least it's a little warmer ... finally!

Our Meetup.com group continues to grow with 89 members, but we still have about 70 folks to get signed up as soon as possible. Speaking of Meetup.com, Ruth has decided to leave the group and we wish her well. In the interim, Ed will be handling the scheduling of activities and the board will be looking for someone to fill the activities coordinator position. If you are interested, please see one of the board members or talk with Ed. If you are still having issues with the Meetup.com, please get with Ed so he can help you through it.

Our next membership meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16, at

the Indigo East Community Center, from 6 to 8 p.m. At this meeting, we will be planning some of the "summer" events that have come up in conversation (ie. pool party and night golf).

Please remember to RSVP, whether on Meetup.com or through activesinglesotow.com calendar, to let us know that you will be attending an event. This is especially important when we are eating as a group in order to have the proper staff on hand to handle us.

There are several other events scheduled for May too, they include:

- Thursday, May 3: Tropic Trivia Night at the Recreation Center, at 4 p.m.
- Saturday, May 5: Bicycle ride, at noon.
- Sunday, May 6: Dinner at Mojo's at 4 p.m. RSVP by Friday, May 4.
- Tuesday, May 8: Happy Hour

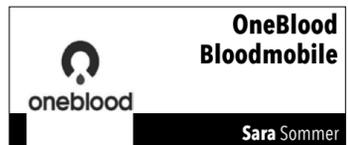
at The Club at Candler Hills, at 4 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 16: Monthly membership meeting at Indigo East Community Center, at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17: 9-hole scramble at On Top of the World Golf Club, at 1:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 22: Game night

at Indigo East Community Center, at 6 p.m. (occurs every fourth Tuesday).

- Thursday, May 24: Social Hour at the Recreation Center Ballroom, at 4 p.m.

Remember you can always send your suggestions to us at activesinglesotow@gmail.com.



OneBlood Bloodmobile

Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® came on Monday, April 2. We had 19 donors. Great job. I send a big thank you to each and all of you. Everytime you donate you save three lives and brighten the lives of their family members. Please enjoy using your free Fandango movie ticket. Maybe

there will be some hot summer flicks to see.

The bus will be here again on Monday, June 4 at the Recreation Center parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please mark your calendar. See you on the bus.

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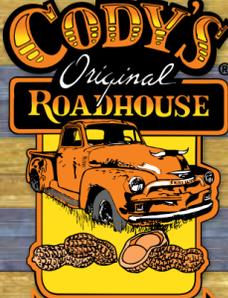
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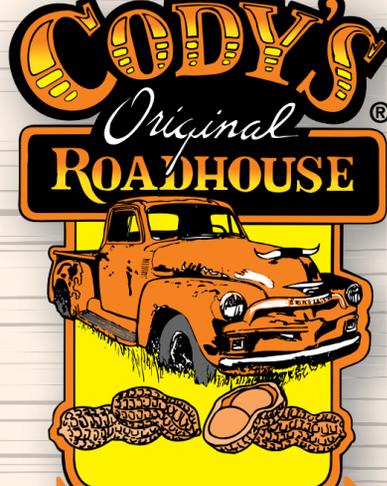
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Memorial Day Ceremony

By Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Lions Club will be honoring our veterans on Monday, May 28, at 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom with a Memorial Day ceremony. We are creating a slide show celebrating veterans' service to our country. Photos will be scanned into a PowerPoint program and returned to residents. If you are interested in helping us honor our veterans with your family photo(s) in this slide show, please contact: Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256. Never forget their service. We are also planning a really special presentation; we are sure you

will enjoy.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects including military appreciation, resident emergency health forms (community service project), diabetic screenings and collecting children's socks, books, and stuffed animals for the Munroe Regional Medical Center. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. For more information, please contact Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358.



Photo by Sherry Whitmer-Hall

West Port High School ROTC's flag ceremony at the Veterans Day ceremony in November 2017.

Happenings on State Road 200

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

When Pat Gabriel, president of the SR200 Coalition, addressed Candler Hills residents - close to 300 attended - she was full of surprises.

Pat was invited to speak at The Lodge at Candler Hills by the Candler Connection and to share, "what's happening" along our fa-

vorite thoroughfare, SR200.

Here are a few of the upcoming happenings along our favorite thoroughfare:

This summer, it'll be the time to get-outta-town. Sometime in July, the re-paving of SR200 will go to bid and shortly thereafter work will begin. The first segment sched-

uled for renewal will be from SW 60th Avenue down to CR484, and then in 2019, from SW 60th Avenue going eastbound - toward downtown, will be repaved.

If you've been wondering about those bulldozers digging up Wind-ing Oaks Farm - wonder no more. Going in there is something we've all been waiting for - another car dealership! Jaguars.

Still in the talking stage and under review with the County is a request to grant permitting for a 3,000-plus unit apartment building behind Southern Pig and Cattle Company.

The Market Street at Heath Brook continues to add tenants. Home Goods and Talbots are the most recent additions. But the big news over there is a 12-screen Regal movie theater that is under review, but looking good for approval.

There is a new roadway that is currently under construction from Marion Oaks to I-75. While it may provide a little relief to SR200 traffic it will give the greatest easement to commuters using CR484.

Construction will be starting soon around I-75 and SR200 to facilitate getting on and off the highway.

Of course, we could always use a few more hotels in our fair city. Springhill Suites (Marriott) and Holiday Inn will be completed by years end and will be clustered somewhere near the current Holiday Inn.

And to make it easier for shoppers who devour Sam's Club deals, we will soon see a 300-unit apartment building just off the right side of Sam's Club.

Also, just across from Oak Run on SR200 will be two, single story retail buildings. No word yet as to what retailers will be moving in.

Ending on a very positive note, it is good to hear that while libraries across our land are shuttering, our very own Freedom Library is under review for expansion. Yeah!

What goes on along SR200 affects us all. Pat Gabriel works tirelessly in working with local boards to gain and give input to the happenings along our most important commuter roadway. She and her team meet the second Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. in TimberRidge, Building 5000. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Photo by Ray Cech

Pat Gabriel, president of the SR200 Coalition, addressing the standing room only crowd at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Coney Day

By Nancy Meininger

Michigan Club's next meet and greet, will be the popular Kentucky Derby party on Sunday, May 6, at 5 p.m. at the pavilion. This favorite potluck event features a ladies' hat contest with prizes awarded for the most elaborately decorated hats. Gents can join in, too! The club will provide Kentucky Fried Chicken and potato chips. Members bring sides.

An interesting note - last year a club member decorated his golf cart like a mobile bar and served mint juleps to the group. Nearly everyone raised their glass to toast his efforts!

Sunday, April 8, was Coney day! This popular Michigan Club event took place at the pavilion to commemorate opening day at the ballpark and Michigan's beloved Detroit Tigers. Would you believe 86 Coney Island hot dogs loaded with Coney sauce, onions and mustard were downed by Michiganders who turned out?

Manning the grill in their green Michigan Club logo shirts were Steve Becker, Tom Meininger, Larry Keller and Larry Latham. Kathy Dushary made the real Coney sauce and Nancy Meininger chopped the four pounds of onions that topped the dogs. Judy Wagnitz, Kathy Becker and Sue Latham organized

the buffet table of side dishes.

This popular event featured Michigan made Koegel hot dogs, served with Michigan's popular Vernor's ginger ale, potato chips and watermelon provided by the club. Members brought dozens of sides, including baked beans, coleslaw, and several varieties of gelatin sal-

ads, plus brownies, cakes, cookies and pies. No one left hungry.

After the meal, a rousing corn-hole competition took place. Four teams racked up a win. Prizes were multi-chance scratch off lottery tickets.

Our May event is the last event of the season. Many in our group head

back to the "water wonderland." Meet and greets will begin again in the fall with a September meeting, the first Sunday of the month.

If you have questions, suggestions or would like to buy a Michigan Club shirt, contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.



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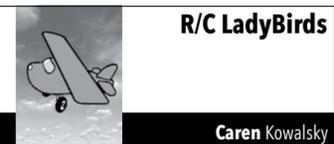
Coney cooks Larry Latham (seated), Larry Keller (forefront), and Tom Meininger (grilling).

Coney Island Chili Dog Sauce

Submitted by Kathie Dushary

1 pound ground chuck
1 large onion chopped
2 cloves of garlic minced
16 ounce can tomato paste
1 cup water
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon yellow mustard
1 tablespoon dried minced onion
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Brown ground beef in a skillet Add onions halfway through. When the meat is nearly done, add minced garlic. Add the remaining ingredients; stir well to combine and simmer over low heat for 15 minutes. Serve over hot dogs - Coney Island style!



R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

It appears that spring has finally sprung with lots of bright green, and lovely flowers in bloom.

Our April meeting refreshments were supplied by Millie Mobley. Thanks Millie!

In April we voted and elected our board of directors for the coming year. The new board will be sworn in at our annual installation luncheon at The Club at Candler Hills on Friday, May 11. We are hoping that all of the LadyBirds will attend this celebration. Please contact current president Judy Grigsby to sign up and attend.

Our April LadyBird luncheon was set up by Nancy Dreimiller at Pies-

no's Stone Fired Pizza on Tuesday, April 17.

Please be on the lookout for summer luncheons for June, July, August, and September. It is always fun to spend time together over the summer months.

The LadyBirds are always happy to add new members to our happy group. Therefore, we extend an invitation to any wife or significant other of an R/C Flyer to sit in on one of our monthly meetings, which take place the second Friday of the month from September to April, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. One of our excellent LadyBirds bakers will provide the goodies. Bring your beverage of choice. We are sure you will be happy to join our friendly group. If you have any questions, or just to chat, please call Caren at (352) 291-1235. Looking forward to meeting you.



Women of the World

Betty Thayer

Our Friday, April 6 meeting was well attended and all enjoyed the snacks, which were provided by our members.

Niki Tripodi, development director from Kimberly's Center, shared the center's mission with our membership and thanked them so much for their donations. Niki's car was full of much needed items by the time she left the meeting. Women of the World is very happy to be a part of our Ocala community which works to help protect and advocate for abused children.

Our guest speaker was Julie Drexel with Patriot Service Dogs. Julie had her training dog Radar with her on stage. Patriot Service Dogs is a non-profit organization, which provides service dogs to our veterans for free. Julie provided an overview of the training each dog

receives and how that dog is then matched with a veteran. We were also introduced to a veteran, John and his dog Theo. John received Theo three years ago and he shared how his life has changed and Theo is now his constant companion. This was a very interesting presentation.

Our Friday, May 4 meeting is a special one. We'll announce the charities that the members selected, via questionnaire, at the close of this meeting year. In addition, the club will be providing the snacks as a thank you to our members.

Entertainment will be from Victoria School of Dance and they will perform an excerpt from "Beauty and the Beast."

Our monthly charity is Stuff the Bus, recommended donations are notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, backpacks, erasers and other general school supplies.

May is our last meeting until September so please join us as we say thank you for all your support this past year.



100 Grandparents

Janet Fragapane

It seems like last month I was writing about the new school year and here we are at the end of that year. A word from our leader, Evelyn, "This is our last hoorah for this school year. Thanks a million to all our wonderful 100 Grandparents! You make it all possible."

The bus will pick us up at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at True Value Hardware.

A thank you this month to George and Cindy Fulcher for two beautiful bikes. Phyllis Jarskey and Mary Hill for all the items you donated to the school.

Romeo Elementary is always in need of art/craft supplies, Box Tops for Education and pull-tabs.

Please remember to save them all year long.

Gently used or new school appropriate clothing for the children is also an ongoing need. Underwear needs to be new and in unopened packages.

Donations can be left at Evelyn Sarns Holiday's porch at 8880-C SW 94th Street (friendship Village) or call her at (352) 237-0304. Or Janet Fragapane at 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge) or call me at (352) 861-1575.

Tom Fragapane is still collecting bicycles for Romeo Elementary students. Give him a call at (352) 861-1575. He cleans and fixes them up for children.

Food for children is also needed. A check in any amount would be appreciated. Please make your check payable to Dunnellon Food-4-Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430.



The Glitzy Gals

Mary Curry

Thirteen Glitzy Gals attended the Red Hat Tampa Gala and Fiesta Espanola. The fun started when the Shuttleliner that took us to the Embassy Suites in Tampa picked us up.

That Friday evening, we attended a Mexican fiesta. We wore red and purple Mexican attire. After having a Mexican buffet, we danced to the sounds of DJ/MC Tim La Vechia.

On Saturday, some of us enjoyed our favorite sport - shopping at the WestShore Mall, and the Inter-

national Plaza - while others went to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. Saturday night's theme was "soiree Latina." Spanish and Red Hat attire were worn. An authentic Spanish dinner was served, and during dessert The Tampa Bay Flamenco Dance Company performed for us. The company performs regularly at Tampa's original Spanish restaurant, Columbia.

On Sunday morning, we had our Red Hat farewell breakfast. Three skits were performed, the first being, "The Five Original "F" Words of the Red Hat Society." The second skit, "The Seven Passions "F" Words." The third skit was about celebrating our 20 years of Red Hatting. We were all surprised when our exalted Vice Queen Linda Murphy made an appearance.

We held our monthly luncheon on Wednesday, April 4 with Dot Hinde and Kathy Katz being our hostesses. They chose Ivy's on the Square restaurant. The food and service were wonderful. Each gal received a goody bag filled with yummy chocolates. Gloria Cartagena won the hostess prize.

On Wednesday, April 25, we celebrated our "National Red Hat Day" 20th anniversary at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey, Fla. We are starting to make plans to attend the Florida State Convention, at the Hilton on Clearwater Beach in September.

I am so blessed to have such a wonderful group of ladies who love to enjoy laughter, fun, and being together. "The most important thing is to enjoy life; to be happy. It's all that matters." QM Mary Curry

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Our April meeting was a celebration of spring with a rock and roll "bun"ny hop. Food was something you could eat on a bun or "rabbit" food. There was a variety of bun fillings from tuna and chicken salad to pulled pork and Jo Pope's yummy sloppy joes. Dessert included carrot cake and "bunny droppings" (chocolate covered raisins).

To introduce a Texas element into the meeting, we had a short presentation about the Texas jackalope. For those of you who don't know, a jackalope is cross between a jackrabbit and an antelope. In the Old West, when cowboys would gather by their campfires to sing at night, jackalopes would frequently be heard singing back, mimicking the voices of the cowboys. Jackalopes are especially vocal before thunderstorms because they mate only when lightning flashes which explains why they are so rare.

We also played the famous rabbits trivia game. The rabbits ran the gamut from the well-known (Energizer bunny, Bugs and Thumper) to the unknown or forgotten (Roger Rabbit, Captain Carrot and Max). The winners were the team consisting of Rich and Marie Wegel, Lynn Pluto and Bill and Betty Edwards.

The rock and roll activity was the rolling dice game called Left Center Right. Players were enthusiastic - or some could even say rowdy. There were a few dirty

looks too, like the one Clara Ward gave her brother Henry Ince when he took her last chip. We had a lot of laughs playing this easy and fast paced game.

For our Sunday, May 13 meeting we are planning a poker run and ice cream social. For the poker run, participants will be going to various locations within our gated community collecting playing cards during an allotted time period. The team with the best poker hand at the end will win a cash prize. Folks who can't or don't want to do the run are welcome to stay at the meeting room and play pokeno, which is a cross between bingo and poker. It's an easy game - no poker experience required.

This is a dessert only get-together. So the only things you need to bring are your preferred beverage and yourself. The club will provide the rest. Dessert will be served when the poker run participants return.

In order to properly prepare for the evening's activities and food, we would like to have a head count by Thursday, May 10 of those who will be attending. Please contact Kathy Cornell to confirm whether you will be joining us or not on Sunday, May 13, 6 p.m. at Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

For those of you who don't know, our club was started to bring residents together who have a connection to Texas by having lived there. Some of us are natives and some were there for work, school or military service. For more information about the club contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



A big part of our meeting each month is the dinner. Our April buffet was really superb, with such a variety that we had a hard time choosing. We had meat loaf, ham, chicken and dumplings, Mexican, Italian, salads, organic, gluten-free and down-home southern foods like cornbread and beans, etc. Not to mention a plethora of desserts. You've heard the phrase, "Nobody can eat just one!" Well, I had three!

Our May meeting will be our last one for this club year. (We take the summer off, and start up again in September.) We will continue our tradition of having the club furnish the meal in May. This year it will be barbecue and all the fixings from Hardwood Smokehouse. Since we have to know how much to buy, everyone needs to sign up. If you haven't already done so, you need to call Ann at (352) 304-8317, now! Since the cost will come out of our treasury, any guests or non-members attending will have to pay the full price of \$5, but you still need to call and be counted.

As I mentioned in last month's column, April was our month to elect officers for the next year. Since there were no new nomina-

tions, the current board agreed to continue for one more year. That's Ann Fields, president; Patty Hanzl, vice president; Linda Rhodes, treasurer; and last but not least, yours-truly, Melanie Vittitow, membership.

We have a few consistent volunteers who come early to help set up, but we could use an actual committee for that function. Anyone interested should contact Ann or Patty. We could also use a program chairman or will welcome any entertainment suggestions on what you would like to do next year. Members are always welcome to come to the board meeting with your ideas and offer of help. We would like to keep our club vibrant and fun so all members need to figure out what they can do.

Our intrepid Golf Cart Parade crew is already thinking about a theme for this year's parade. They will get down to business when we reconvene in September but if you want to join them, let Mike Rice know.

Our next meeting date is Thursday, May 3. The dinner starts at 5 p.m. so come between 4:30 and 5 p.m. to find a table and socialize. We continue to meet at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Parking is close and it is much cozier than where we used to meet.

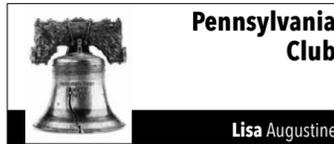
I will not be available for questions this month, so please call Ann at (352) 304-8317.



The May meeting of the Scandinavian American Club is the annual end of season potluck lunch. We all look forward to this very popular event. This year, something new is being added. Members are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to Interfaith Emergency Services food pantry. At this time of the year, food supplies dwindle and the summer is a time when the

need for food increases considerably. We will gather to enjoy food and fun and end the year providing a service to the local community.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian American Club will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. The club meets September through May. For more information about the club, please contact Grace Hansen at (352) 237-7780 or Jennie Halvorsen at (352) 873-7478.



While our friends and family still in Pennsylvania were experiencing another Nor'easter the members of the club were enjoying a St Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage catered by Sweet Potatoes on a beautiful warm sunny day. Fifty-six members and guests participated and all had their green on. While we enjoyed our meal, Metro Crime Prevention of Florida gave a presentation. We received

excellent tips on how to keep ourselves, homes and personal information safer. It was suggested that everyone should have a "file of life" on their refrigerator and health emergency life profile in their wallet.

Pat Gabriel from the SR200 Coalition was our presenter on Wednesday, April 11. Members provided covered dishes and desserts.

If you are interested in meeting a lot of fun people please join us at one of our meetings. You don't have to be a member and you don't have to be from Pennsylvania. We hold our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

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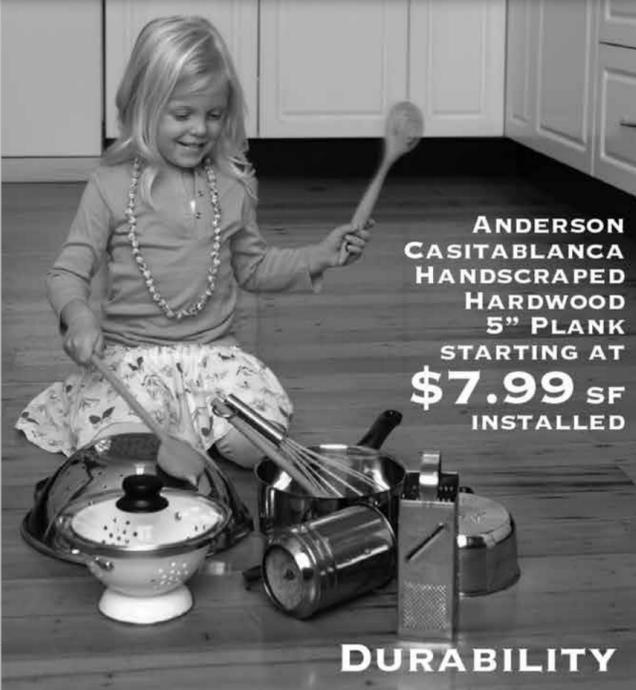
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Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

Remember? Last month's column featuring the fringe tree, *Chionanthus virginica*? (That's okay; I have trouble remembering what I had today for breakfast.) Lots of good information leading up to the crescendo, which didn't happen. Hope to correct that this time.

We also mentioned the fringe tree in the Native Garden, adjacent to the Longleaf Pine Trail near the Arbor Conference Center. Both were in bloom last month.

Long story short, it turns out that the one in the native garden is a pygmy fringe tree, *Chionanthus pygmaeus*.

The so-called regular fringe tree,

C. virginica or old man's beard, can grow to almost 30 feet tall. She has smooth, dark green, lance-shaped leaves that are from five to 10 inches long. Her showy, pendent clusters of creamy-white petals are a show stopper.

The pygmy fringe, *C. pygmaeus*, usually reaches no more than 10 feet; although sometimes it has been recorded to reach up to 20 feet. Her leaves are leathery and only one and one-half to five inches long. Her one and one-half inch white flowers form a branching cluster, appearing in the spring. *C. pygmaeus*, is listed as endangered by both the Florida Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. When it is found, it is growing in dry, sandy sites in the lower peninsula of Florida.

Old man's beard, *C. virginica*, on the other hand, is found in a variety of habitats. It is available for plant-

ing from several of the nurseries in and around Alachua County that sell Florida native plants. *C. virginica*'s blooms appear almost like magic in March.

To my mind, both trees are exceedingly beautiful when in bloom.

Perhaps you have noticed how our recent weather seems to have a bit more moisture in it than these past few years. Hopefully this could mean that we have a better than 50/50 chance of having a prescribed burn in the Longleaf Pine Trail area. This could help bring back some of the native wiregrass and other sandhill species. Stay tuned.

We continue to maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail, garden, and arboretum, as well as the SW 94th Street circle. If you have visited either of these areas we hope you have enjoyed the experience.

Join us in our efforts, if you

wish. Call (352) 861-4560 for specific times and places.

And remember, it's a true joy to grow native.



Photo by Ron Broman

Pygmy fringe tree blooming on the trail.



Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

On Monday, March 19, Ellie Bushhousen and Casey Drexel, public service librarians, gave a very informative presentation about the wealth of resources that genealogists will find in the Marion County

Public Library system.

The genealogy room, located at the Headquarters Library (2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala), is where the hard copies of old records and maps of Florida are maintained. They have a genealogy help center, manned by members of the Marion County Genealogical Society which has meetings there on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

There are two computers, free

Wi-Fi, microfilm readers and printers (\$0.10 per copy) in the genealogy room. Without a library card, you are allowed two 30-minute sessions on the computers. With a library card, you are allowed unlimited sessions to search for your genealogical records. Online, you can access Heritage Quest, America's Obituaries and Death Notices by NewsBank, Historic Digital Pictures of Marion County and issues of the Ocala Star Banner.

With a library card, you can also access the above listed online genealogy resources from home by going to library.marioncountyfl.org. On right side of the page, click on "Search the Library Databases by Subject." Scroll down the list in the middle of the page and click on "Genealogy." Click on which item you would like to access and type in your library card number so you can access these resources from home.

If your ancestors came from Florida or Marion County, you can access on microfilm, copies of the Ocala Star Banner dating back to 1874, hard copies of the Polk County directories back to 1926, records of Pioneer Families of Marion County and multi-volume records of letters written by local families during the Civil War period. They also have Sanborn Fire Insurance

maps of Marion County and other counties in Florida dating back to the 1850s.

If you are looking for a book that they do not have, they can try to obtain the book on a two-week loan from another Florida library, even from out-of-state, if that library permits it.

At the business meeting on Monday, April 9, members discussed and approved revisions to the by-laws of the Genealogical Society. The new by-laws will take effect at the annual meeting on Monday, Oct. 8.

On Monday, May 14, the board will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Card Room of the Hobby Building, followed at 10:15 a.m. by a membership discussion to plan upcoming genealogy presentations.

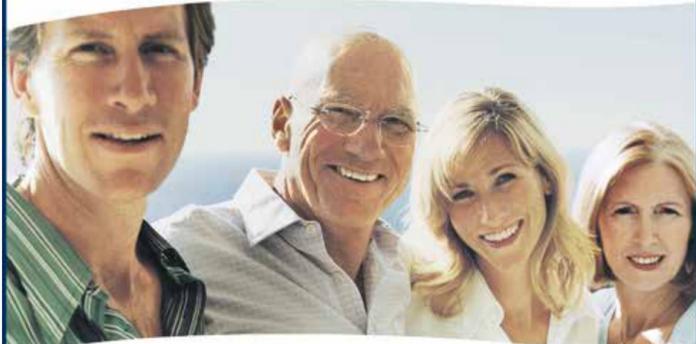
At 10 a.m. on Monday, May 21, a representative of the Family History Center will give a presentation in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center on the genealogical resources available at their facility in Lecanto, Fla.

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Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 17, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. You can learn more about us and the animals up for adoption on our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA) and website (SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com). Our hotline is (352) 362-0985 for all inquiries.

We are happy to report that Tina the young cat and Tillie the Yorkie mix have been adopted into their forever homes. Congratulations to Tina, Tillie and their families.

We still have the little kitty named Eddie that fell out of an oak tree available for adoption. You can see from his new picture that he's not so little now. In fact,

he's quadrupled in weight since we first took him in, though he's still small at about five pounds. He has now been neutered and has had all his shots so he's ready to go to his new forever home. He's playful and feisty around the house, chewing toys and chasing balls. He will help you get your computer work done and at the end of the day he will curl up on your lap to be cuddled and sleep in your bed if you let him. Please find some room in your heart and home for this lovable survivor if you can. He will be most grateful.

Please call our hotline at (352) 362-0985 to meet Eddie.

Don't forget to look for us at the Farmer's Market on most Thursday mornings at The Town Square. We want to thank everyone who has generously given us donations there. In addition to cash donations, we have received dog crates, dog and cat food, dog toys, collars and dog beds. What wonderful friends

and neighbors we have! What we especially need now is gently used dog leashes and collars, which you can be dropped off at the Farmer's Market or anywhere you see us. We will also have a table at the car show in front of Big Lots on the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m.

Every other month we will be in front of the Walmart Supercenter on a weekend from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can see us there next on June 9 and 10.

Here's a reminder to save the date for our annual bunco fundraiser. It will be at the Arbor Conference Center on Saturday, Nov. 3. Details, including ticket information, will be provided, as we get closer. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we'd love to see you there.

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Eddie

cost to you. You can go online to smile.amazon.com and select "The SPCA of Marion County Inc." as your charity and we will receive the donations from this program. We appreciate your doing this.



Members who returned on Thursday, March 15 from the cruise around South America were mesmerized by the amazing views during the scenic days at sea of their last week on board the Emerald Princess.

On the bucket list of many cruisers, rounding Cape Horn is often considered the "Mount Everest" of sailing. Well, travelers were not

disappointed. The high winds that gusted up to 55 knots led to quite a ride on the waves. Whether viewing the experience either outside on deck or from balconies, cruisers can say that they have seen the southernmost point of the South American continent.

One of the most beautiful areas was the Straits of Magellan. This natural passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans has glaciers that outnumber those of Alaska; there are more fjords than can be seen in all of Scandinavia. It is difficult to navigate because of the unpredictable winds and currents; however, our captain with the tech-

nology of today made the journey flawless and far easier than Magellan's voyage in 1520.

In Southern Patagonia's Ice Field in Chile is the Amalia Glacier. The sight of this blue ice is truly magnificent. It is hard for words to express the total experience of the beauty, the sounds created during calving of the ice, and the cold temperatures.

The itinerary for the cruise to Cuba, from Nov. 5 to 9, was changed by Norwegian Cruise Line after our brochure was published. The ship will now depart from Miami. The good news is that there will be more time to spend in Havana. The Norwegian Sky will arrive in Havana on Nov. 6 at 8 a.m. and will not depart until Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. Instead of stopping in Key West, the port has been changed to Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas. If interested in this cruise, contact Inge at (352) 237-7428 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Our Father's Day trip down the St. Johns River in Sanford, Fla. will be on Sunday, June 17. Enjoy a

three-hour cruise for \$67 per person, which includes transportation, driver tip, and a meal served at your table. Call Inge at (352) 237-7428 to book (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

On Sunday, July 8, we will travel to the Show Palace to see "Ain't Retirement Great." The cost is \$80 per person and includes transportation, driver tip and lunch. This is a funny and delightful look at our retirement years. Make reservations with Linda at (352) 861-9880 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

On Thursday, Aug. 9, we will visit the Show Palace to see "Honky Tonk Laundry." The cost of \$80 includes transportation, driver tip and lunch. When Lana Mae Hopkins, owner and proprietress of the Wishy Washy Washateria, hires Katie to help out in the laundromat, the fun begins. To book, call Linda at (352) 861-9880 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Trips are open to all residents and their guests.



On Friday, Aug. 3, a large group of residents will be heading for England, Scotland, and Wales. The group will fly non-stop to the British Isles to take a 12-day tour of the three countries. The tour is sold out but the club is in need of stand-bys. Anyone wishing to participate, call Bob at (352) 854-0702 and have your name placed on the stand-by list. There is no deposit required along with no obligation.

The club is thrilled with the participation so far for all the trips planned by the club for 2019. There are a few seats remaining for the club's nine-day April 6, 2019 trip to Branson, Missouri for a Branson show extravaganza. The trip includes seven shows (three morning, three evening, and one dinner show) on the Showboat Branson Belle. The trip will include stops to and from the final destination.

Departing June 6, 2019, the club will host a seven-day coach trip to Washington, D.C. The group will have a guide on the coach for two days and one night memorial and monument tour taking in the lights. The tour will visit all the military monuments and memorials along with a stop at the White House and admission into the Capitol (security permitting.) The group will also visit Arlington National Cemetery.

The Washington D.C. trip will include a visit to the Smithsonian Institution and the Museum of the Bible. The 430,000 square-foot Bible museum contains over 40,000 objects. Visitors enter the museum through 40-foot high bronze doors. This museum has six floors and a rooftop that overlooks the Washington Mall from the Capitol to the Washington Monument. The museum focuses on the history, narrative and impact of the Bible. Also on the trip's agenda is a visit to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens. After departing Washington the group will stop in Richmond, Va. to enjoy the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. There is a lot of walking on this trip.

On Oct. 3, 2019, the club is sponsoring a trip to Albuquerque, N.M. taking in the largest balloon festival in the world with approximately 600 hot air balloons. The group will tour Mexico's largest city with many stops and then head to Santa Fe for tours and the famous Pecos National Historic Park.

Please call Bob at (352) 854-0702 for additional information and pricing on all of the above trips. There are flyers and registration forms on the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com. If you

can't download the information or do not have a computer, call Bob and a flyer will be delivered to your residence.

If any of these trips sound good and you would like to participate, please don't procrastinate; put a deposit down before the trip is sold out. All deposits are refundable up to final payment unless otherwise noted.

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Our Saturday, March 17 dinner brought another fun and entertaining evening to our club members. Two dinners were held at club members' homes for 16 diners.

Our first dinner hosts were Nancy and Tom Meininger. Two hors d'oeuvres were prepared and brought by Annette and Paul Hodges: Mexican rollups and Monte Cristo palmiers. Following the appetizers, Nancy and Tom served the main meal. They started their meal with a fresh fruit cocktail. This was followed by a traditional corned beef and cabbage with red potatoes and carrots. Cindy and Mike Corey baked and provided homemade bread. The dessert was made and served by Pat and Russ McNulty. In acknowledgment of St. Patrick's Day, they made a chocolate Guinness cake with a cream cheese frosting that mimics the foam on a glass of Guinness.

Hosting our second dinner were Kathy and Luke Mullen. Ann and Conrad Massa served the two appetizers of beef rollups and a holiday pineapple cheese ball. After the appetizers, Kathy and Luke served a traditional Greek salad accompanied by hot dinner rolls with a variety of dipping sauces. The entrée was beef stroganoff served with buttered egg noodles. Phyllis and Al Richards then served an accompanying side dish of green beans with roasted garlic, slivered almonds and crumbled blue cheese. Carol and Roger Bonifield then served the dessert. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, they made a delicious white and green swirl sheet cake with mint green icing covered in green and chocolate Oreo cookie chunks.

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



View from the Library

Linda Barilli

"Lilac Girls" is an unforgettable novel by Martha Hall Kelly. This story is based on real people and real events. It begins in September 1939, at the beginning of World War II.

The main characters are a Catholic/ Polish family and their closest friends. They became political prisoners at Ravensbruck in northern Germany. Their crime was their attempt to preserve their Polish identity. Their volition to survive carried them through starvation and unsanitary conditions. Some of the women were subjected to debilitating medical experiments.

The names of many of the characters in this book are real. You can Google them to find out more about them and the roles they

played during and after the war. Throughout the book, Kelly strives to emphasize the spirit and courage of these women.

May 8, 1945 was Victory in Europe Day, the official end of World War II. This book brings awareness to the cost of freedom and how blessed we are to be where we are today. "Lilac Girls" can be found in hardcover fiction labeled FIC KEL.

"October Sky" is Homer Hickam's memoir of growing up in a coal-mining town in West Virginia. This is a true story that inspired the Universal Pictures film, originally published by Hickam as "Rocket Boys."

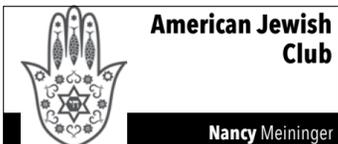
On Oct. 4, 1957, Russia launched Sputnik into orbit. It was startling to the boys of Coalwood, W.V. How could this happen? How could Russia beat the U.S. into space? Well, from then on, Homer Hickam and his pals were determined to build rockets that would soar into the sky.

Hickam was inspired by Wernher von Braun, the father of rocket

technology and space science in the United States. The boys named their group the Big Creek Missile Agency. They were assisted by the machinists at the coalmine and their teachers. It was years of trial and error until they accomplished their dream.

By the time these boys graduated high school they knew what they would be doing for the rest of their lives. All of the "rocket boys" went to college, something that was not in the cards for them in pre-Sputnik West Virginia. This book is in softcover biography as B HIC.

Now for our own all American hero, "Duke, In His Own Words" John Wayne's life, in letters, handwritten notes and never before seen photos. He is the epitome of old-school American masculinity, but in this book you will see him as a family man, patriot and superstar. "Duke" can be located in hardcover biography labeled B Wayne, John.



American Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger

American Jewish Club members filled the pavilion to overflowing. Well over 100 members participated in the first outdoor picnic of the club organized by President Nancy Carp. Nancy commented that it will be an annual event based on the success of this first run. Manning the grills were Larry Joiner, Jerry Golub, Jack Silberstein and Gary Maier who served the crowd delicious kosher hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers. Stan Magen followed up with marshmallows on the hot coals as an extra treat following the meal. Linda Kartzinel and Myra Post organized the side dishes supplied by members, which included numerous salads, fruits and baked goods. Not a single attendee left hungry!

The next meeting of the Ameri-

can Jewish Club at the Arbor Conference Center is on Sunday, May 20, at 12:30 pm. The club's new officer slate will be installed at that time. Members will enjoy a TooJay's boxed lunch and Jewish trivia.

The club's trip planner, Ralph Coster, arranged a lunch at Swampy's Restaurant in April, followed by a tour and tasting at the Dunnellon Fish Hawk Distillery. This year, the club bussed to the Cedar Key Seafood Festival and also plans a bus trip to the St. Augustine chocolate factory soon. Coster has years of experience planning group tours around the state.

A former teacher, whose orga-

nizational and leadership skills have encouraged enthusiastic club growth, Nancy has also overseen the clubs first and very successful Chico's fashion show which brought a sell-out crowd at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Proceeds were given to the Kimberly's Center for Abused Children.

For more information on the American Jewish Club which is open to both Jews and non-Jews, please contact Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625. Membership in the club is \$15. A monthly e-newsletter is published providing information on Jewish traditions, places of worship, area events, recipes and more.



Computer Club

David Wesenberg

The Computer Club meets in Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 9 a.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. Come to a meeting and get help if you need it!

On Thursday, April 19, our spring snowbirds farewell dinner was held at Golden Corral. Member-

ship entitles one to two \$2 tickets for the dinner. These dinners occur twice a year. We also serve free coffee and doughnuts at the first Saturday meeting of the month.

Discussions have centered on keeping viruses and scams at bay and trying new devices like the Amazon Echo. There is so much new useful technology to learn about.

Our website (<http://otow.lolopop.org/sites/OTOW%20Computer%20Club>) contains links to validated free software, a Q & A to solve problems and people to call when you are in computer trouble.

Do you have a problem with your desktop, laptop or tablet? Do you want to see the latest computer technology? Do you want access to computer experts? Come and join us. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple a year. For information call Bill Torza at (352) 873-8519, Arnold Hansen at (352) 237-7780 or Dave Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com.

Social HOUR

Join us on **Thursday, May 24th** to enjoy an evening of easy listening music by Long White Cloud. Bring your neighbors and enjoy a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while they last).

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Summer is fast approaching. The temperatures will feel up in the triple digits and you will want to make sure you are well hydrated by drinking plenty of water when participating in outdoor activities.

Community Pools

We are happy to announce the Recreation Center and Arbor Fitness Center pools have a new look with bright, comfortable seating to accommodate most everyone's needs.

Now that warm weather has arrived, what better place to enjoy the outdoors while taking a refreshing dip in one of the community pools? Please remember when utilizing the pool areas that pets are prohibited on the pool deck. Please note that pool rules are posted around all pools and non-compliance will result in loss of privileges!

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 are not permitted in the family pools until after noon during weekdays. Pool monitors are now present at the Recreation Center pool.

Shopping Trip*

Join us for a day of shopping on Tuesday, May 8. Our first stop will be at the Southgate Center where you will find stores such as Old Time Pottery, Big Lots, Bealls Outlet and Tuesday Morning. You will also have the opportunity to have lunch. The next stop will be Mazaros Italian Market where you can also enjoy lunch on the patio or inside bar. This is an Italian cuisine fine food market located in St. Petersburg, Fla. It is known for its cheeses, olives, deli sandwiches, bakery items, handmade pastas and pre-made dishes.

The price is \$27 per resident. Please note that there will be a lot of walking on this trip. The bus will be onsite to take your packages throughout the day if needed.

Get Acquainted Coffee

Join us in welcoming some of our new residents at Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, May 10, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, at 9 a.m. There will be coffee, doughnuts and representatives from vari-

ous clubs, fitness and more. Each department will speak on the services and programs they have to offer.

At the conclusion of this event, we will take you on a short walk to familiarize yourself with several of the facilities and amenities that are available to you as residents.

Victory Casino Cruise*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Tuesday, May 15, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation. Live table games and over 300 of the latest slots are available. Please note that a valid government issued photo ID will be required to board. Cost is \$45 per resident and includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino and a buffet.

Queen Fleet Deep Sea Fishing Trip*

Join us for an all-day fishing trip on the Queen Fleet out of Clearwater, Fla., on Wednesday, May 16. You will be fishing for grunts, sea bass, trigger fish, grouper and an occasional king-fish, shark, cobia, mahi or amberjack. The cost of the trip is \$92 per resident and this includes transportation, fishing rods, bait, fishing license, fishing trip and cleaning of the fish once back on shore. They will have beverages and some food on board for purchase. You will want to bring a small cooler for your fish or your own beverage and lunch needs. Seating is limited.

The Savannah Sipping Society*

Join us at the Early Bird Theatre for "The Savannah Sipping Society" on Sunday, May 20. This a delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by fate - and an impromptu happy hour - and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Cost of the trip is \$67 per resident and includes transportation, show and dinner. Show time is at 6 p.m.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, May 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy Long White Cloud as the entertainer for the evening. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will also be provided while supplies last. This event is free!

Memorial Day Service

Join us for a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 28, at 10 a.m.

in the Recreation Center Ballroom as we remember the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Honored guests include all active duty and retired military personnel. Participants and events will include the West Port High School R.O.T.C. Honor Guard, musical selections from the Concert Chorus and a retired military guest speaker along with the traditional placing of the memorial wreath. The Lions Club sponsors this event.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Individual resident I.D.s will be required for entry into Happy Hour. Anyone not producing a resident I.D. will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person.

The "Safari Night" Happy Hour on Friday, April 13, had our residents in an array of different outfits to enjoy this "wild" night. Our "International Night" Happy Hour will be on Friday, May 11. If you are from another country or have a favorite country you would like to represent, come dressed and be prepared for a fun filled night with friends.

We also have a "Jam Night" on Friday, May 18, with three different entertainers from 3 to 9 p.m. Come enjoy music by one of your favorite entertainers or if you love to dance you will have the opportunity to enjoy six hours with a variety of different music.

Don't forget we now have entertainment on the Recreation Center veranda poolside every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The entertainment lineup for May is as follows:

- May 4: 4-Play (Ballroom); D.J. Roche (Veranda)
- May 11: "International Night" with Charlie De; Kurtis May (Veranda)
- May 18: "Jam Night" with Solid Gold (3 to 5 p.m.), Cadillac Jack (5 to 7 p.m.), Groove 41 (7 to 9 p.m.) (Ballroom); Fred Campbell (5 to 8 p.m.) (Veranda)
- May 25: Starburst (Ballroom); Danny & Johnny (Veranda)

Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that no beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour.

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The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. April's Winners

- 1: Wonderful Windsors;
- 2: Active Singles;
- 3: The Know Nothings.

Congratulations to all!

*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7533 or x7380. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.

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Edna Hawkins was selected to act on stage with the Blue Man Group on Tuesday, April 10, in Orlando.



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Winners for "Safari Night" Happy Hour on Friday, April 13: Paul & Gloria Stoecklin, Kathy & Gary Cornell, and Dick Krumm & Lorraine Rourke.

MORNING ROUTE		PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge	SW 87th Cir.		8:35 a.m.
Williamsburg	91st Cir. E. - 91st Cir. W - Post Office		8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir		8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot		8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.		8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.		8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.		9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign		9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.		9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.		9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.		9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane		9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.		9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office		9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign		9:31 a.m.
Exit Community			9:36 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up	
MORNING DESTINATIONS		ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.	
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.	
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	
Walmart/Stein Mart	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	
Target	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.	
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 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	
The Lodge	1:15 p.m.	Candler Hills Community Center	1:20 p.m.
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m.	Friendship Colony Post Office	1:25 p.m.
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m.	Williamsburg Post Office	1:28 p.m.
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m.	Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m.
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.		
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS		ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Winn Dixie	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	
Aldi/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	
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World Traveler

Bill Shampine

Sikkim is a state in Northeast India. It is slightly larger than Delaware, and borders China on the north, Bhutan on the east, Nepal on the west, and the Indian state of West Bengal on the south. A bit over 600,000 people live there, which makes it the least populous state in India. Sikkim lies in the Himalayan range, so the landscape is pretty dramatic. For example, nestled among the mountains is Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world.

Sikkim was located on the ancient trade route known as the Silk Road. Phuntsog Namgyal made it a kingdom and founded a ruling dynasty in the 17th century. In 1890, it became a princely state of British India, but its protectorate status was shifted to the republic of India in 1947. Then, in 1975, the Indian military deposed the Sikkimese monarchy, and Sikkim joined India as its 22nd state.

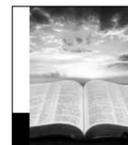
Sikkim is a multiethnic and multilingual Indian state. It has 11 official languages, although English is the language being taught in schools and that is used in all government documents. The government is very conscious of the environment. For example, all agriculture in the Kingdom became fully organic between 2003 and 2016, and the government now has banned plastic water bottles and all Styrofoam products!

The state economy is based on agriculture, although tourism is becoming increasingly important. Essentially all of the farms are terraced owing to the extremely rugged landscape. Crops include rice, maize, millet, wheat, oranges, and tea. It also is the world's second largest producer of cardamom. The growing tourism industry is partially supported by a fledgling gambling industry.

There is not a lot of flat ground in Sikkim. Elevations range from 920 feet to 28,169 feet. There are 28 mountain peaks, more than 80 glaciers, 227 high-altitude lakes, five major hot springs (renowned for their medicinal and therapeutic values), and more than 100 rivers and streams. Because of the wide range of elevation, the kingdom supports a very diverse range of flora and fauna. There are around 5,000 species of flowering plants and hundreds of other species of trees and plants. The fauna includes the snow leopard, musk deer, wolves, badgers and many more. The red panda is the state animal of Sikkim. More than 550 species of birds also live in these mountains.

Outside of the natural beauty of the landscape, the most impressive sites for a tourist are the Buddhist monasteries and the Hindu shrines. Some examples include the Buddhist Rumtek and Pemayangtse Monasteries, and the Hindu temples at Hanuman Tok and Samdruptse.

In summary, Sikkim truly sounds like it would be a lovely place to visit. Gorgeous views, friendly people, and amazing historic sites to visit. What's not to like?



The Genesis Project

David Wesenberg

Genesis Project meets on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. We are midway through our study of the Reformation covering the protestant revolution from years 1321 to 1648. The study includes some excellent videos with coordinated study guides and leads to spirited discussion.

The class has discussed the contributions of Wyclif and Hus to the Reformation and are proceeding to Martin Luther. Many do not realize that Luther built on the contributions of Wyclif in England 150 years before and Hus a century before the Reformation.

Join us every Friday at 1 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suite B and start a journey of discovery. For more information, contact David Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com. All are welcome!

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R/C Car Gal

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Today, females can be found in just about any professional field: combat soldiers, pilots, commanders of naval vessels not to mention heads of large corporations and politicians. Continuing this trend are female residents who have taken up what was once a male dominated club. One such club is the R/C (radio controlled) Car Club.

Al and Linda Pincitelli moved into On Top of the World in October 2015. They had friends residing here plus they liked what On Top of the World had to offer, especially the R/C Flyers. Once the couple moved into their house, Al asked Linda if she would like to join the R/C Flyers. Her answer was no for the simple reason that she could not see herself building or buying a radio controlled airplane, heading out to the flying field, controlling the plane after take-off into a deep dive and then - crash.

Al then asked Linda about joining the R/C Car Club. She decided to give it a try and after running a borrowed car around the club's track, she was hooked. She went out and purchased her first car. She now owns four.

Both Al and Linda have a work area with bench in their home to

build and repair their R/C toys: Linda with her cars and Al with his airplanes. When Linda joined the club, there were 30 members, four were females. Now the club has grown to around 90 members and there are presently 12 female members. Linda stated that most of the time racing cars around the track is competing against yourself, always trying to better your time. The track is located next to the Flying Field.

Linda is the club's secretary/treasurer and membership chairperson. She also sells the club's shirts and ball caps.

Linda has always been interested in race cars. When she and Al were dating they often went to stock car races and her brother-in-law is a NASCAR fanatic.

In regarding racing, the club offers three class categories: novice, intermediate and advanced. Recently, the club improvised a new class: stock. Many members alter their cars to make them run faster but the stock class is just the way the car comes out of the box. The only alterations allowed are the removal and installation of the battery for charging purposes.

The R/C Car Club is open to all residents. You might get hooked



Photo by Bob Woods

Linda Pincitelli is an active R/C Car Club member and enthusiast.

also and become a R/C Car Club member. The club races at the track every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

If you would like to become a member or need additional information, call Linda at (352) 857-8022.

Shuffleboard District Tournaments

By Walt Lamp

Shuffleboard Club players have had success at district tournaments. The Florida Shuffleboard Association is composed of seven districts, and their regular competitive play season begins on Oct. 1 and runs through the end of March.

There are tournaments most weeks during the season, with a two-week hiatus over the holidays. Points are awarded for the top eight finishers in both the amateur and pro divisions and are accumulated toward qualifying for the end of season fi-



Photo by Annette Hodges

Fred Thompson and Paul Hodges celebrate a successful season with the Florida Shuffleboard Association.

nals.

Two of our shuffleboard members have been traveling to these tournaments over the past fall and winter: Fred Thompson and Paul Hodges. Fred moved to On Top of the World last summer from Ellenton, Fla., where he played competitive shuffleboard for a few years in the Southwest Coast District. He was also very involved with intercommunity play in the Bradenton area.

Our Tuesday captain, Paul Hodges, began competitive play in the Northern District (Marion, Sumter, Lake, Volusia and Flagler Counties) back in October. As a new competitor, he played as a district amateur in tournaments located throughout North Central Florida.

Sometimes partnering together, and often with other partners, Fred and Paul managed to finish in the top eight more than half the time and won two tournaments. This result was good enough to advance them to the two final men's amateur tournaments: Tournament of Champions and Master's. Both of these tournaments were held in DeLand, Fla. in March.

The Master's is a singles tournament, which consists of the top eight shufflers for the season competing in a round robin format over the course of two days. Each competitor plays each of the others for two games. The player with the most wins is the winner of the tournament. This was a very exciting

tournament and came down to the last match, which Paul lost to a very good player. Although playing individually, Paul and Fred both came out of the men's amateur Master's with a tie for second place.

The Tournament of Champions consists of a much larger field of entrants. To qualify for the tournament, a player must have finished in the top eight in one of the regular season competitions. Because of the large number of entrants, this singles tournament is a modified double elimination format. Over the course of two days, Paul managed to win all his matches to emerge from the men's amateur Tournament of Champions as champion.

Next season, Paul and Fred will no longer play as District Amateurs, but instead have each advanced to the state amateur levels. In the meantime, there are a number of unofficial weekly tournaments open to all shuffleboard players located throughout central Florida. They both look forward to the next season's competition, which begins in October.

March Winners (Men/Women)

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz/Mary Lamp. 30 Club: 30-Bob Flynn.
Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher/Cassie Pachin & Margot Thomas. 30 Club: 30-Edith Knob.
Thursday a.m.: Phil Weiner/Becky DeLong.
Friday a.m.: Roger Werner/Shirley Lindsay & Nancy Kowsky.

Is the Wild Calling You?

By Roger Bonifield

Yes! On Top of the World does have a fishing club! In fact, Call of the Wild Sports Club not only fish, but members also enjoy hunting and shooting sports as well. As a relatively new, year-round resident, I am still meeting long time residents who say, "Boy, I wish there was some kind of outdoor club here." The community is growing fast, and both new and veteran residents are very pleased to find out we have Call of the Wild. Formed just nine months ago, Call of the Wild Sports Club is a rapidly growing group of men and women interested in learning more about the great fishing and hunting opportunities here in Florida, and in sharing that information with each other.

With the help of the Recreation Center office, we had two successful deep sea fishing trips and a

third trip scheduled for Wednesday, May 16. Details on that trip are available by calling (352) 854-8707, ext. 7533. Space is very limited and spots are going fast.

We also had a number of group freshwater trips in search of that elusive 10-pound largemouth. We have been building a library of great, nearby freshwater lakes and rivers for members to access. We are also working with several professional guides and charter captains for some great Gulf action. A number of members have been out in the Florida woods and swamps, checking out the best hunting opportunities, and sharing their successes with the club.

We had several great speakers, like officers from Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, professional fishing guides, and Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods, just to name a

few. This June, we are planning our first annual picnic/fish fry, with our ace in the hole fish fry master.

Registered members can follow all our activities and much more on our club website on MyGrove.com. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, from noon to 2 p.m. in

Suites B and C at the Arbor Conference Center. Please feel free to join us. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 2, and our guest speaker is Gina Russo from Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Roger Bonifield at (352) 300-3601.



Photo by Maggie Richards

Jean and Jack Hester on the recent deep sea fishing trip coordinated through the Recreation Center office.



Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

Happy springtime. I hope everyone has gotten their new card by now. I think we all are ready for the change. Get out your old card and compare all the changes. All but one of the closed hands has changed. Also now there are several places where you can play three flowers. One of my favorite quint hands has returned. The third hand down in the quints was always a favorite of mine. Try to mark each hand as you make them, then you can see if you make them all.

I know it is early but mark your calendar for the next Mah Jongg Junkie Day on Saturday, Oct. 6. It is a great time to relax with friends and spend a day playing this very addictive game. For now, jokers to you all.



Ladies Shuffleboard

Beverly Drennan

Our Wednesday, April 4 end-of-year luncheon was held at the pavilion with food and prizes provided by our sponsor - Estate & Retirement Resources, Inc. A good time had by all.

Our 2017-2018 season ends Wednesday, May 30. The summer season runs June through August. No dues or results are kept - fun only! All ladies welcome. Our 2018-2019 season starts Wednesday, Sept 5.

Our 2018-2019 executive board is as follows: President Cindy De-Jong; Vice President Helen Finizio; Treasurer Lynn Beaudry; Secretary Sandy Welch; Captain Lois V Nix; Co-Captain Elsa Groe; refreshments Helen Finizio; and newsletter Lois V Nix.

April 11
1: Helen Fye; 2: Peggy Ellenberger; 3: Lynn Beaudry; Most 30+ Games: Sally Herrick.

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CARDS & GAMES

Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

March 5

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Marge Benton; 2: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 3: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 4: Elsa Groe & Cindy Brown.

March 12

1: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Don & Linda Sprague; 4: Joe & Helen O'Brien.

March 19

1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: Mary Walker & Mary Rose Janssen; 3: Joyce Walchak & Ed Mathena; 4: Elsa Groe & Peg Ellenberger.

March 26

1: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman; 2: Marjorie Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe.

Monday Night Bridge

Kathie Dushary

March 5

1: Peggy Borro (3220); 2: Miriam McNeilly; 3: Pat Polancy.

March 12

1: Peggy Borro (3960); 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Bob Durst.

March 19

1: Sharon Miller (6100); 2: Joan Sigafos; 3: Fran Griswold.

March 26

1: Miriam McNeilly (3400); 2: Sharon Miller; 3: Lucy.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Joanne Jones

March 6

1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 3: Joanne Jones & Kay Boland.

March 20

1: Joanne Jones & Kay Boland; 2: Mary Walker & Rad Delaroderie.

March 27

1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Tuesday Night Dup Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

March 6

North/South 1: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 2: Bettirae Woodruff & Vinson Duca; 3: Jim & Ruth Jackson.

East/West 1: Sharon Davis & Carmen Arroyo; Tie at 2/3: John & Marie Fiorillo & Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 4: Rita Smyth & Betty Devoy.

March 13

North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; Tie at 2/3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger & Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 4: Jim & Ruth Jackson.

East/West 1: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 2: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 3: Rita Smyth & Betty Devoy.

March 27

North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Jim & Ruth Jackson.

East/West 1: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 2: John Fiorillo & Rita Smyth; 3: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock.

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Pat Gorgart

March 7

1: Delores Ochu; 2: Don Sprague; 3: Linda Sprague.

March 14

1: Joe McKeown; 2: Marian Hotz; 3: Mary Klinzing.

March 21

1: Marian Hotz; 2: Delores Ochu; 3: Joe McKeown.

March 28

1: Bernie Kelly; 2: Delores Ochu; 3: Betty Morris.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Marge Starrett

March 1

1: Mary Walker; 2: Joyce Walchak.

March 8

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1: Carmen Arroyo; 2: Mary Rose Jansson; 3: Betty Morris.

March 15

1: Betty Morris; 2: Carmen Arroyo.

March 22

1: Betty Morris; 2: Fran Griswold.

March 29

1: Joe McKeon; 2: Marge Starrett.

Thursday Night Bridge

Keith Briggs

March 22

1: Paul Reiding; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Marion Hotz.

March 29

1: Laura Schnur; 2: Keith Briggs.

April 5

1: Miriam McNeilly; 2: Marion Hotz; 3: Keith Briggs.

April 12

1: Miriam McNeilly; 2: Paul Reiding; 3: Keith Briggs; 4: Donella Briggs.

Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge

Jean Krueger-Travis

We will meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F on Fridays, May 4, June 1, and July 6.

Please contact Jean Krueger-Travis at (352) 414-5907 or jakt@excite.com to indicate you will attend, or if you have any questions.

April 6

1: Caryl Rosenberger and Marjorie Benton; 2: Barbara Heller and Barbara Trebilcock; 3: Kathie Dushary and Shirley Stolly; "2" Prize: Caryl Rosenberger.

Tuesday Night Pinochle

Whitney Frye

Come and join us on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Art Studio.

March 6

1: Dan Ebbighausen; 2: Verna Harsh; 3: Cathy Buchanan.

March 13

1: Darroll Maul; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Bernard DiGregorio.

March 20

1: Edith Kolb; 2: Dan Ebbighausen; 3: Ed Casper.

March 27

Tie at 1: Dan Ebbighausen & Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Jim Recor.

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Club champion: Gretchen Normandin.



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Club champion: Joe Wilks.



Photo by Gary Robertson
Club 9-hole champion: Robbie Limoges.



Golf

Matt Hibbs
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May is officially here and so are the summer temperatures. To beat the summer heat and stay hydrated on the course: drink plenty of water. Each golf course has a water cooler every four to six holes, please be sure to use them. Eat a few bananas to keep your potassium levels up to prevent cramping. Also be sure to wear a hat and put on sunscreen. We all know how damaging the sun can really be.

We would like to thank all who participated in the fourth annual On Top of the World Club Championship. Congratulations to all the flight winners in both the men's and women's divisions. A special congratulation goes out to our men's On Top of the World Club champion, Joe Wilks, and the ladies On Top of the World Club champion, Gretchen Normandin, and the ladies 9-hole Club champion, Robbie Limoges. Great playing!

Thursday, May 3 will boast our annual Michelle-O-Gram golf event. This event will be held at Candler Hills Golf Club with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. It's a scramble format and you may create your own foursome. The event is \$50 per person that includes lunch, prizes and a \$20 donation to Michelle-O-Gram. Contact either Golf Shop for more information.

To wrap up the month of May, Tortoise & The Hare will host the

annual World Memorial Day Tournament. The event will be held Monday, May 28 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be two best balls of four and you can create your own foursome. The cost is \$30 per player, which includes lunch and awards after play. Please register in your respective Golf Shop.

Golf is a wonderful game that we all love but don't forget about the most important part of golf, safety. If not careful, you can get injured in a variety of ways on the golf course. Here are some safety tips to help you in case of an emergency:

- Always call 911 first in emergency situations.
- Make sure to carry a mobile device in case of emergency.
- On Top of the World and Candler Hills scorecards have Golf Shop phone numbers and addresses, in case of emergency.
- All golf course restrooms have addresses, in case of emergency.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 2: Candler Hills Golf Course closed at noon for Ronstar application.
- Thursday, May 3: Links closed until 10 a.m. and Tortoise & The Hare closed at 10 a.m. for Ronstar application.
- Thursday, May 3: Michelle-O-Gram golf event at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Saturday, May 12: Par 3 Challenge on the Links.
- Monday, May 14 through Thursday, May 17: Links closed for aeration.

Monday, May 28: World Memorial Day Tournament on the Tortoise & The Hare.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: John Gallo, hole-in-one #5. Rom Klause, eagle #7. Virgel Jajalla, eagle #7.

LINKS: Jim Merrick, eagle #11 and shot 81 one stroke below his age. Chris Lyndrup, Hole-in-One #6. Paul East, eagle #9. Dave Schaefer, hole-in-one #14. T.F. Smith, eagle #10.

TORTOISE & THE HARE: Bob Flynn, eagle #5. Joe McGough, shot his age, 94. Doug Coleman, shot 90 two strokes under his age. Ron Delaney, eagle #2. Lynn Dickson, hole-in-one #15. Linda Taylor, hole-in-one #11. Connie Sohl, hole-in-one #15. Congratulations to everyone!

Golf Tip of the Month

How do you know what is the best golf ball for you? With over 85 different models of golf balls, finding the right one can be challenging. Just because one ball is more expensive than another doesn't mean it's the right fit for your game. There are many determining factors when choosing the right ball.

Most high handicappers need more distance and accuracy. If this fits the bill then you need a distance ball with low spin. Too much spin will cause your hooks or slices to be more severe.

If you're a low handicapper with a high swing speed then most likely you will need a softer ball. This will help control the spin around the greens.

Swing speed also determines

which ball is best suited for you. If you have a slower swing speed you want a golf ball with less compression. The lower compression ball allows slower swing speeds to more easily compress the ball with the club face on the downswing and obtain greater distance. Choosing a ball with too much compression will reduce your distance off the tee because of not being able to fully compress the ball.

Make sure you know your game and choose the right equipment.



Bingo

Denise Johnson

Thank you to everyone who attended super bingo! We had over 270 folks and we sold out of cards very early in the evening. Those folks walking around with huge smiles are some of our winners. (The group from Providence comes to mind.) The next super bingo will be in November.

We are back to our regular prices - each card is \$1. No limit on the number of cards you can play. We start selling at 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Bingo starts right after the raffle tickets are chanced off. We are the coolest place to be when hot weather sets in.

The Pub is open until 6 p.m. so pick up a snack or a drink before you play.

Hope to see you all during the summer! Gotta try your luck!



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Men's Golf Association

John Yenne

Before you move your ball on the green, know the basics of rule 20 in the USGA's Rules of Golf—"Lifting, Dropping and Placing: Playing from the Wrong Place."

The rule designates penalty strokes for specific breaches.

1. If you fail to mark your ball properly on the green before picking it up, you incur a one-stroke penalty. You or anyone you authorize may mark your ball's position with a small coin or similar object immediately behind the ball. If the ball or the marker accidentally moves in the process, in general there is no penalty.
2. Marking your ball while another ball is in motion is a two-stroke penalty on you.

Don't move a muscle if a ball is moving toward yours on the green and someone yells: "Mark your ball! Mark your ball!"

3. You incur no penalty if your ball - at rest on the green - is struck by another. Put it back where it was struck. The other player plays his next shot from where his ball came to rest. If that player had putted the ball from the green, he incurs a two-stroke penalty for hitting your ball.

Do you have questions about the rules we follow? Email them to us at mgaotow@gmail.com and we will try to answer them in this column.

In other club news, the new nine-hole golf league continues to grow. It plays each Wednesday. To join or get additional information, contact Jerry Englar at (352) 877-3364 or at jarrettenglar@gmail.com.

Please welcome our newest members: Bruce Venslavsky, Mike Almon, William "Doc" Beahan, Charles Miele, and John McLaughlin.

Mark your calendar:

- Wednesday, May 2: Chicken Day (Modified Scramble, Links)
- Wednesday, May 9: Team 3 Best Ball (Tortoise & The Hare)
- Tuesday, May 15: Play Candler Hills
- Wednesday, May 16: Team Best Front, Back Nine (Links)
- Wednesday, May 23: Team Stableford (Tortoise & The Hare)
- Wednesday, May 30: Team 1,2,3 Best Balls (Links)

Chicken Day Scramble April 4

59-Kevin Hammonds, Charlie Taylor, Paul Wade; Tie at 62-Larry Chase, Mike Maillet, Charles Miele, John Spielvogel, and Steve Becker, Charles Crenshaw, Ed Schwinn, Alan Varney, and Jarrett Englar, Joe Polizotti, Larry Rourke, Leonard Ruble; Tie at 63-Jay Bouton, Edward Duke, Harvey Howd, Joseph Mandala, and Dennis Brown, Danny James, George Noltensmeyer, Paul Silliman, and John Toner, Phelps White, Joe Wilks, Carl Zeiler, and Bob Barbee, Joseph Bologna, Bruce Venslavsky,

Bill Wertz, and Mike Altomare, Donald Delp, Henry Sohl, Ralph Solvold.

Individual Blind Hole April 11

Flight 1: Tie at 31-Dan Szall, Bob Mondore; Tie at 33-Joe Wilks, Jon Hill
 Flight 2: 27-Jay Bouton; 28-Ken Zweiback; Tie at 32-John Spielvogel, Roger Sparks.
 Flight 3: 31-Mike Maillet; Tie at 33-Ray Brunell, Harvey Howd, Tom McHaffie.
 Flight 4: 30-Steven Sarkozy; 31-Gene Sohler; 33-Joseph Bologna; tie at 34-Henry Sohl, Mike Wathen.
 Flight 5: 33-Norman Schulze; Tie at 34-Kevin Hammonds, Bob Egger, Bob Barbee.
 Flight 6: 32-Gary Cornell; Tie at 34-Tom Neville, David Hannasch; 35-Howard Hudgens.
 Flight 7: Tie at 30-Francis Caprez, Charles Crenshaw; Tie at 32-Larry Zieser, Vince Dellapenta, Leonard Ruble
 Flight 8: 28-Lance Davsko; Tie at 30-Tom Cummings, Harry Champ; 31-David Stafford.



Candler Hills Men's Golf

Dave Miller

April saw us crown our 2018 Match Play tournament champion - Richard Freeman. Richard won a close final match with Larry Smallwood - the match going 18 holes with Richard prevailing one-up. Thirty-two golfers participated and there were several exciting contests. Playing well and finishing in third and fourth positions were Jon Hill and Andy Bulloch. Rounding out the top eight were Bob Miles,

Bruce Venslavsky, Bob Hutson and Joe Alfano. Congratulations to all!

Individuals recently scoring in the 70s include: Everett Kimball (76), Joseph Schuberth (77), Larry Kettlewell, Walt Pacuk, Jeff Downs & Joe Damiata (78) and Dennis McCourt & Charlie Taylor (79).

4-Man Team Quota March 13

28-Larry Kettlewell, Larry Rackstraw, Mark Monk & Bill Horton; 23-Bill White, Dennis McCourt, John Workman & blind draw; Tie at 12-Walt Pacuk, Paul Rubly, J. C. VanBloom & Edwin Vioria and Bill Anger, Terry Hoppes, Chris Lyndrup & Donald Huston.

4-Man Team Stableford

March 27

164-Joe Damiata, Larry Rackstraw, Mike Altomare & Paul Kannapel; 160-Everett Kimball, Dennis McCourt, J. C. VanBloom & blind draw; 155-Mike Boedy, Dale Budd, Virgel Jajalla & Bill Horton; Tie at 151-Bill Anger, Paul Rubly, Jim Dewey & blind draw and Jeff Downs, Joe Jingco, James Wall & John Podkomorski.

4-Man Low Net Scramble April 3

Tie at 54-Chad Robinson, Jim Dewey, Richard Freeman & Dave Miller and Bob Miles, Gene Moff, Julian Wachs & Paul Kannapel; 55-Bill Anger, Dave Martin & Leo McCormick; Tie at 56-Terry Sigler, Bruce Venslavsky, Virgel Jajalla & John

Workman and Bill White, Rich Hiel, Larry Garvin & Randy Ford.

Next month we will be reporting on our annual Ryder Cup contest with our MGA friends "on the hill." Then in

May we will have our annual Veterans Helping Veterans charity golf event with our fellow golfers at Stone Creek.

If you are interested in having fun by playing in our group, check out our website (chmga.com), send me an email (millrace1@aol.com), or talk to one of the golf professionals in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.



Group Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

We will not have games on Mondays, May 21 or 28; please mark your calendar! The room will be closed. We will resume again Monday, June 4. Hope to see you all again that evening.

Congratulations to our Mexican Train Chicken Foot Group! On May 1, our trains have successfully completed one year of playing. We had 188 residents join us this year and welcome more to come meet us and join the group in our next year of successful train conducting.

Want to play? Come to the Art Studio in the Hobby Building on Monday. Come and meet new folks

in the community. First timers play either numbers with me or dots with my husband even if you've played it before. We have both number sets and dot sets from 12 to zero. We try to finish reaching the zero tile each week, however not all tables reach this journey. We guarantee fun and laughter at your table from start to finish.

Meet new friends from all over the community and come have a great time and socialize while you play. The cost is one quarter; ta-

ble with the high score gets back their quarter and winner gets the rest. We try to play six to a table, if the stations have enough players. You must bring your resident I.D. the first night and register. Object is to play all your dominos on your train, the table train, or on other player's trains if the train is in the station. Playing a double domino creates a "chicken foot" where three players must play a matching number.

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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Bev Overbo

Roaring in like a lion, and out like a lamb, the old cliché about March proved true. And then ... was anyone else singing "April showers?" In spite of inclement weather, rain, chill winds, storms, the past 30 days may well have been our busiest golf month of the year - completion of our league championship, our final MidState event, another successful Ocala Open, and the Solheim Cup.

Drumroll please ... we have a league champion! Mia Kolar! Successfully defending her title, Mia shot an awesome 151, seven over par for two rounds (36 holes). Congratulations to all of our winners.

On Wednesday, March 21, we participated in the final MidState tournament. Staged at Summer

Glen on a brisk, windy day, we earned 20 points for low putts in the Flight A. While we did not win enough points to lift us out of a fourth place finish, we salute this year's winners - the Woods. There will be one last MidState celebratory event, so mark your calendar. A two-woman team event will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at Ocala Palms. Open to all clubs who have participated in MidState over the decades, this will be a reunion and a valedictory.

The Solheim Cup was a tie! Congratulations to our team and the team from On Top of the World. Due to rain, the competition was shortened to one day of individual match play at Candler Hills on Thursday, April 12. The final score was 13 points each, meaning that On Top of the World retained the cup. A special thanks to our pros - Matt, Denise and Russ - for making this possible, and for planning and running such a fun, meaning-

ful event.

Mark your calendar! On Thursday, May 3 is the third annual Michelle-O-Gram charity event. Michelle-O-Gram provides free mammograms to women and men. Open to women and men! The women's Invitational on Thursday, May 17 is open to all women residents who have an established handicap. "So," in the words of that old song, "Keep on lookin' for the bluebird..."

League Championship Final (day two) March 15

Overall Low Gross Champion: 151-Mia Kolar.
Flight 1 Low Gross: 165-Sara Nunn.
Flight 1 Low Net: 138-Iro Lisinski.
Flight 2 Low Gross: 175-Donna Smith.
Flight 2 Low Net: 136-Lynn Thesman.
Flight 3 Low Gross: 182-Irmgard Anger.
Flight 3 Low Net: 129-DeAnne

Green.

Even Holes March 29

Flight 1: 33-Connie Norris, 35-Bev Overbo, 36-Su Freeman, 37-Linda Taylor.
Flight 2: 33-Diane O'Brien, Tie at 36-Angie Jingco and Virginia Madura.
Flight 3: Tie at 37-Gail Banavige, Paula Lilly and Lynn Barber.
Flight 4: 33-DeAnne Green, 38-Toni Stevenson, 39-Joan Gustafson.

Solheim Cup

Team Play (Front 9, Four Ball; Back 9, Modified Alternate Shot) Individual Play (Low Net) April 5

1 Up/3 Up-Mia Kolar and Lynn Thesman; 2 Up/Halved-Angie Jingco and Jones Washburn; 3 Up/1 Down-MJ Strelec and Lynn Barber; 2 Down/3 Up-Virginia Madura and Rosann Ross; 1 Up/3 Up-Paula Lilly and Kate Beaty; 2 Up/1 Up-Linda Buschur and Kathy Zuniga.
Low Net: 74-Joan Gustafson.



Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Susan Yenne

It ended in a tie - so the Solheim Cup trophy stays with the On Top of the World LGA-18 for another year.

Day one of the annual event was rained out. On day two, 26 women from the On Top of the World LGA-18 faced off with 26 women from Candler Hills in individual match play. The final score was 13 to 13.

Three league members had a hole-in-one in non-league play during April. Deb Wilson had her first hole-in-one on Tuesday, April 3 while playing in the University of Florida LGA's invitational on the Mark Bostick Golf Course in Gainesville, Fla. She used her nine iron on the 91-yard hole 15. Connie Sohl had her fourth hole-in-one on Wednesday, April 4 and Lynne Dickson had her third hole-in-one Friday, April 6, both on the 96-yard hole 15 of Tortoise & The Hare. Sohl

used her hybrid four club; Dickson used her seven iron.

The league's annual Match Play event, which began in late January with 32 players, ended Tuesday, April 3 after five rounds. Winners were Susan Yenne; Linda Taylor, runner-up; Connie Sohl and MJ Strelec, third. Antonia Varney won the consolation bracket, followed by Gail Lagrange, runner-up; Sandy Chase and Bobby Wiener, third.

Weather cancelled play twice in March. The Member-Member game was delayed but the lunch and membership meeting were Tuesday, March 13. Thanks to the luncheon committee of Donna Brunell, Maggie Hudacik, Lynn Dehart and Rosann Ross.

Linda Bervinkle and VaDonna Hall are heading a handicap committee to make sure members are posting all rounds of golf in which

at least 13 holes are played. If you have a question, please see one of them.

New member, Claire Gabert, moved here 15 months ago from New Jersey, has been golfing 20 years. She also plays in the Candler Hills LGA-9. If interested in joining, call Deborah Martin at (630) 779-0229 or visit the Golf Shop.

Member-Member Best Ball of 2 Net

March 27/Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 58-Gretchen Normandin/Peggy Wiechmann. 60-MJ Strelec/Linda Taylor. 61-Gail Lagrange/Lynne Dickson. 62-Beverly Overbo/Iro Lisinski.
Flight 2: 58-Lane Hobby/Christine McIntire. 59-Peggy Borro/Rosemarie O'Neil. Tie at 62-Lynn Dehart/Pat Lindstrom and Bobbie Wiener/Yuhlan Cho.
Flight 3: 59-Faye Barbee/Anto-

nia Varney. Betty McNealey/Susan Yenne. Tie at 65-Sandy Chase/Mary Driver and Maggie Hudacik/Donna Brunell.

Low Gross Low Net April 3/ Links Low Gross

Flight 1: 82-Deborah Martin. 85-Becky Walsh.
Flight 2: 85-Yuhlan Cho. 91-Joan D'Addio.
Flight 3: 90-Molly Lucieer. 93-Maggie Hudacik.
Flight 4: 98-Sandy Dechambeau. 100-Mary Driver.

Low Net

Flight 1: 68-Linda Blewitt. 70-Bobbie Wiener.
Flight 2: 70-Rosemarie O'Neil. 71-Connie Sohl.
Flight 3: 67-Christine McIntire. 71-Sandy Chase.
Flight 4: Tie at 72-Donna Brunell, Kathy Zunica, Geri Treppa.

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera

This month we started our series of regular monthly tournaments, which will be held on the first Thursday of each month. Our plans currently are to alternate between eight- and nine-ball every other month. We also intend to generally make it a prize event, with a token entry fee, although every so often we might make it a lunch buffet. We've received numerous compliments on both formats.

In this month's event the B Division was incredibly exciting, with a wonderful message for our club: ladies can play pool too! Of the 19 players in the B Division, five were women, yet the ladies finished in three of the top four spots, including first place! This was a fantastic result, and blows the roof off any thought that our ladies can't compete on an equal basis with our men.

This comes as no surprise to me, as I have lost several times to talented ladies in outside tournaments, and I strongly encourage all of our lady members to consider joining these events. Remember, it's not about winning; it's about the thrill of competition, socializing with your friends, and learning to play under pressure where every shot is important.

It's also a great way to improve

your game, as you're forced to make what you think is the "best" choice, and very often we learn in competition what our true abilities are. The old hustler saying also comes to mind, "Money won is twice as sweet as money earned!"

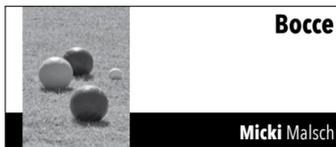
Lynne Dickson played an outstanding tournament and won the event, beating Mike Retter in the finals. Mike was on fire, and did not lose a match in the winner's bracket. Dianne Desrosiers and Babe Carver also played amazingly well, blazing through the field, and finishing in third and fourth places.

In the A Division, two of our club's very best players duked it out in the finals. Mike Carver took top honors, and Art Keck played strongly to finish second.

Tip of the Month: Let's clear up some controversy we had about the double-hit foul. If the cue ball is within about a half-inch of the object ball, you just cannot stroke straight though that ball! Cannot, period. The rule is that once the cue ball touches the object ball your cue tip can no longer be in contact with the cue ball. Even a half-ball hit will still automatically be a foul.

If you listen closely, you will hear a double-click as the cue tip hits the cue ball twice. The clear cut way to tell it is a foul though is if both balls leave at near the same speed. Whenever you see that, it is definitely a foul, as no one can apply that much follow action.

Your only choice is to hit the object ball thinly. Note however that if the balls are frozen together, you can shoot through them with a normal stroke. If you have any questions about this, please ask me anytime.



Bocce

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! Open bocce continues to be the game everybody wants to play! Members are arriving early to assure their playing spots on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Open bocce starts at 9 a.m., however, by 8:10 a.m., people have usually arrived and signed up and play commences! Once the new courts have been completed, we will be able to accommodate more players.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.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!

Terry Connolly has assumed the role as Bocce Club president, effective immediately. A special thanks to Joe Bartosh, outgoing president, for all his hard work, determination and commitment to making our league be the best it could be and run efficiently throughout all the transition. Thank you Joe for a job well done!

The new season will commence on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. League representatives will contact team captains prior to the start of the new season to assure teams have been established.

For further information, please contact Terry Connolly, president, Bocce Club at (352) 300-3043. Until we roll again ...



Monday Bowling League

Jerry Roney

Competition is thriving on Mondays! Three weeks ago the team Spare Me Nots was in first place. A week later the team Colored Laces had top billing. One more week passed and the team Ten Pin Bowlers surpassed both of them. At the time of this writing it is still far too early to predict what team will be in first place at the end of the season - April 23. There are 12 teams that could be there!

Among the notable achievements the past three weeks: 700 series-Mal Press, 623-Sy Kuskowski, 581-Linda McIntyre, 579-Billy Boone, 519-Hedy Schamal, and 515-Carol Oman.

Individual high games were bowled: 265-Mal Press, 234-Sy Kuskowski, 219-Linda McIntyre and 211-Connie Press.



Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam

The members of the Model Railroaders recently reserved a suite in the Arbor Conference Center to set up their three rail (Lionel) modular layout for the weekend. The modelers enjoyed running their O scale engines and rolling stock, as well as tinkering with different animated accessories and improving the scenery of the layout.

The club would like to thank Robert Scherff for donating his trolley car to the club. One of our members will provide some tender loving care and lubrication to have it operational for our next session.

What a surprise! When our members arrived at the layout on Saturday morning they found a complete K-Line girls model train set on the track with a note that read, "have fun!" We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Bob and Mary Covino for their magnificent donation.

The original Lionel girls model train set is a well-known and sought-after collector's item. It consisted of a pink 2-6-4 steam locomotive/tender and the following pastel-hued cars: Robin's egg blue NYC boxcar; buttercup yellow MKT boxcar; pink NYC gondola with barrels; lavender LV hopper; and a PRR sky blue illuminated caboose.

In 1957, Lionel looked for a way to expand their market by appealing to young girls and moms. The sales of the girls train was an unmitigated disaster. The girls who were interested in trains didn't buy the set because they wanted them to appear like real trains. In 1958, Lionel bought back many of the unsold sets from retailers and repainted them for resale. But years later their rarity turned them into collector's items. Finding evidence of pastel paint under the standard colors of a 1958 train set is like finding buried treasure.

Thousands of women of all ages enjoy the hobby of model railroading today. How many started on a girls train? Probably not many. But the pastel train set is an interesting chapter in the history of model trains and marketing.

The Model Railroaders are 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's fitness center. The club members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2 in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center.

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Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Susan Layne

On Monday, March 19, six of our ladies went to Ocala Palms for the Golf Around. We encountered torrential rains, which caused a delay. At 10 a.m., it showed no signs of letting up so golf was canceled. After the meeting, lunch was served. We had a choice of meat or veggie lasagna, salad and breadsticks catered by Olive Garden. Dessert was an assortment of mousse and St. Patrick's Day cake. The rain subsided enough to let us have a dry, safe ride home.

League play was cancelled for the Ocala Open. Many of the league members volunteered for the event. The players faced a challenging first day with high winds and cold temperatures. Congratulations to Kevin Aylwin for winning with 14 under par.

Our league championship took place on Thursday, March 29 with round one on the front nine. Round two on the back nine took place on Thursday, April 5. The league champion, in a very tight finish, was Eileen Gustavus with a two-day total of 96. Congratulations Eileen.

The gray clouds held out until we finished our nine-hole play in the Golf Around (GAR) on Monday, April 9, at Ocala Municipal. Seven of our ladies participated. We had a great lunch of fried chicken or veggie lasagna, salad, green beans and mashed potatoes followed by dessert of profiteroles and cheesecake. The following ladies were in

the winnings:
Flight A 3rd Low Net: 34-Dolores Jaynes.
Flight B 2nd Low Net: 35-Kathy Triolo.
Flight C 2nd Low Net: 34-Rocket Johnson.
Flight C Low Gross: 45-Betty Werner.

Round One Championship March 29

Flight 1: 41-Claire Gabert; Tie at 49-Cheryl Nesbit, Eileen Gustavus.
Flight 2: 47-Judy Parisi; 48-Cheryl Engeman; 49-Dianne Masterson.
Flight 3: 52-Kathy Hall; 53-Marcie Hock; 54-Marguerite Piotrowski.
Flight 4: Tie at 53-Aggie Mahoney, Donna McCombs; 54-Suzanne Weirick.

Round Two Championship (two-day totals) April 5

Flight 1 Low Gross: 96-Eileen Gustavus.
Flight 1 Low Net: 70-Claire Gabert; 72-Cheryl Nesbit.
Flight 2 Low Gross: Tie at 102-Judy Parisi, Kathy Triolo.
Flight 2 Low Net: 67-Pat Gill; 68-Dianne Masterson.
Flight 3 Low Gross: 108-Kathy Hall.
Flight 3 Low Net: 70-Marguerite Piotrowski; 71-Rocket Johnson.
Flight 4 Low Gross: 103-Suzanne Weirick.
Flight 4 Low Net: 63-Aggie Mahoney; 66-Donna McCombs.

One Best Ball of Four (low net team foursome) April 12

25-Dolores Jaynes, Cheryl Nesbit, Susan Layne, Frances McLaughlin. 26-Kay Budd, Kathy Triolo, Rocket Johnson, Donna McCombs. 27-Claire Gabert, Judy Parisi, Mary Vliek, Lora Rossi.



Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Judith Parisi

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday, April 3 for the Fairways in Bloom Invitational. A big thank you to Eileen Gustavus, our president, for her hard work in making this event happen, and to all the members of the league who assisted through making baskets, baking muffins, acting as greeters, handling registration, sale of raffle tickets for the baskets, sale of muligans and 50/50, the set-up and clean up committee, and more.

Thank you to Russ Smith, Trudy Foster, and our rangers without whom we could not put together these events.

Those "in the money" are noted under the results of play, and the full results are available on Golf Genius. We had some special prizes as well: Closest to the line on hole 2-Mary Vliek; Closest to the line on hole 17-Charlie Hasset; Team strategy on hole 6-Team Enos; and Team strategy on hole 15-Team Kimball.

We had a field of 72 players who enjoyed the course, the wonderful meal, and the camaraderie of their fellow golfers.

Lunch was delicious - a backyard barbeque consisting of green salad, barbeque chicken, baked beans, corn, rolls, and a variety of yummy desserts, along with sweet and unsweet tea. Thank you to Arman of Fresh Plates and his staff for doing such a great job.

After lunch, we had the 50/50 raffle as well as the raffle for the baskets. Certain of the league ladies donated and put these baskets together. They were all beautiful and creative.

Kudos to Robbie Limoges who is the 2018 On Top of the World LGA-9 champion. Participating in

the championship were: Robbie Limoges, Eileen Gustavus, Kay Budd, Hilda Budd, Barbara Enos, Sheila Ashe and Marilyn Davsko. Eileen won second low gross, Sheila Ashe, first low net and Barbara Enos, second low net. Play was both at the Links and Tortoise & The Hare.

We invite you to visit otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com for pictures from the Invitational and other events as well as happenings.

Low Net March 13

Flight 1: 35-Robbie Limoges, Eileen Gustavus; 36-Marilyn Davsko; 38-Virginia Bayless.
Flight 2: 36-Carolyn Abramovich; 37-Louise Lineman; 38-Barbara Enos; 40-Judy Parisi, Linda Mandala.

Flight 3: 29-Suzanne Weirick, 31-Cheryl Duke, 33-Ann Flynn, 34-Donna McCombs.

Individual Fairway Hits March 27

Flight 1: 28-Susanne Trembulak, 29-Kay Budd, 30-Eileen Gustavus, Virginia Bayless.

Flight 2: 24-Pat Gill, 28-Linda Mandala, 29-Dawn Hagberg, 32-Margarene Floeckher

Flight 3: 23-Kathleen Hall; 28-Judy Parisi, Ethel Miller; 29-Joan Rappa.
Flight 4: 29-Patricia Howd; 30-Louise Lineman; 31-Sheila Ashe; 31-Pauline Beloin.

Flight 5: 31-Suzanne Weirick, 33-Mary Hart, 37-Sue Wilkes, 39-Linda Heenan.

Fairways in Bloom Team Scramble April 3

Front 9 (Par 37): 36-Team Bell, Cachia, Floeckher, Triolo; 37-Team Enos, Bennett, Conkle, Parisi; 38-Team Budde, Hock, Mandala, Weirick; 38-Team Lineman, Berbig, Hathaway, Kosty.

Back 9 (Par 35): 34-Team Ashe, Browand, Davsko, Jarmel; 36-Team Kimball, Wilson, Cohen, Campbell; 37-Team Budd, Curtin, Johnson, McCombs; 38-Team Budd, Knorr, Rourke, Saeman.



Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite E. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, May 22. This will be the last game before the summer break. Bunco will begin again on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

If you have never played before,

come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play.

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners.

Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing, if you wish.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. See you there!

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Tennis

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new players who have joined the tennis community in the last couple of months. It is very satisfying to see good participation in the round robins as well as the various groups of men and women who come for good friendly competition and healthy exercise on a regular basis.

Thanks to management for the renovation of the pavilion, new bathrooms, new storage room and new furniture. And to top it off, soon we will have two new courts, the old courts resurfaced and the

windscreens replaced. Not many communities have a tennis facility of this quality, and we, certainly, should be very proud being a part of it.

On a different note, it was a lot of fun going to the University of Florida to watch high-level collegiate tennis. I am now making arrangements to go and possibly play at the new USTA tennis facility in Lake Nona. With more than 100 courts and three different surfaces, it's definitely the best in the country.

Staying in Shape

My fellow professional Andrew Freeman asked, "Do tennis players face one less inevitability than the average human?" Age has never seemed as negotiable as it does right now. Cosmetic products and enhancements, nutritional revela-

tions, medical advancements - if 50 is the new 40, then what does it mean to be 50, 60, 70 or older on a tennis court? How long can we continue to play a recognizable version of our own games, and what are the keys to tennis longevity?

Here is the bottom line for anybody who wants to play well into middle age and beyond: be fit, or else. Conditioning preordains much about any player's game, but it becomes even more paramount with age. Bob Litwin, former No. 1 in the 55 and older category and author of "Live the Best Story of Your Life: A World Champion's Guide to Lasting Change," of his top-flight peers, "every one of us is fit." Litwin says, "People who stay fit play very similarly to how they played at 35 or 40."

Keeping the weight off is huge.

His doctor told him to drop 10 pounds with this admonishment, "In a match, you take 1,500 steps to lose a pound, multiply that by 10 pounds." How one maintains fitness is an increasingly personal decision with age, usually dictated by what sorts of injuries an individual is prone to. One, who's had three knee operations, prefers non-impact biking, light upper body weight training and core work on non-playing days. Another prefers to stay fit by playing, focusing his off-court efforts on stretching. Sure, anybody with a booming serve or knockout ground strokes will always have a puncher's chance, but staying in top shape allows for the speed, flexibility and power everybody requires on the court, at any age.

See you on the courts!



Pickleball

Bill Daugherty

Introduction to pickleball will be conducted on Tuesday, May 15 with a make-up or rain day on May 23. Class starts at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to wear court shoes - sandals, shower shoes, leather shoes and loafers cannot be worn for this class.

Monthly Tip: The best return of serve is a soft floating return that keeps your opponent in the backcourt. You will be taking advantage of the two-bounce rule that prohibits the serving team from volleying the return of serve. The soft floater gives you and your partner plenty of time to establish your positions at the no-volley line. When you control the no-volley line, you have assumed the offense and put the serving team on defense.

The other advantage of using

this type of return is that it is one of the easiest returns to make and greatly cuts down on errors. There are times when a hard driving return is appropriate. It can be especially effective if one of your opponents has a tendency to move up too quickly after the serve. If he has moved up too quickly, the hard drive forces him to backpedal quickly and forces an off-balance shot.

But, keep in mind that your chances for error increase with that type of return. An attempt at a drive return means that it is much more likely that you will hit the net or hit the ball long. The other risk of the drive return is that it may be returned to you before you have had time to establish your position at the line. Use the hard drive return every now and then for a change of pace and to keep your opponent(s) off balance. But most of the time it would be wise to play the winning percentages and return a deep soft floater.



Fit Tips

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Bone Health

One of the best ways to strengthen your bones and prevent osteoporosis is by getting regular exercise. One of the worst things for your bones is to be sedentary. Even if you have been diagnosed with osteopenia or osteoporosis, exercising can help maintain the bone mass you have. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

FIT TIP #1: Make regular exercise a priority, incorporate weight bearing exercises and strength training.

FIT TIP #2: Prescription for strength training: choose eight to 10 machines or exercises. Perform one to two sets eight to 12 repetitions; use enough weight so the last two to three repetitions of the set are challenging.

FIT TIP #3: Limit your intake of carbonated beverages, and sports drinks. These have been associated with significant decreases in bone mineral density in both males and females.

Water Aerobics

By Jo Swing

Attention all you water aerobics fans. Outdoor water aerobics at the Recreation Center pool will begin Wednesday, May 2, at 11 a.m. This group (The Water Babies) meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (weather permitting) through the end of September. This is a volunteer run group. We are looking for a few good people to donate some time (maybe one day a week) helping to run the group.

Water aerobics is one of the best exercises for anybody and everybody. It is low impact and easy on joints.

The benefits are increased muscle strength, building endurance, increasing flexibility, and reduction of blood pressure. It also burns calories, relieves stress and decreases anxiety. Also in the heat of summer, what could be cooler than exercising in the pool?

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May is here, spring has sprung, and that means it is time for National Senior Health & Fitness Day! 2018 marks the 25th anniversary year for this special national event, the theme for this year's National Senior Health & Fitness Day is "Active Today ... Healthier Tomorrow!" The goal for this day is to draw attention to the importance of aging actively. On Top of the World is excited to celebrate this initiative on Wednesday, May 30.

It is abundantly clear that regular physical exercise helps to manage a healthy weight, blood pressure, blood sugar and ward off chronic disease. Even more compelling is the opportunity that exercise provides to preserve strength, independence and brain health. Live longer and stronger by exercising regularly!

The Recreation Center will participate in National Senior Health & Fitness Day by hosting special classes all morning on Wednesday, May 30, starting at 8 a.m. The special classes are free for residents and Gateway of Services pass holders; no reservation is required. Join us to be "Active Today ... Healthier Tomorrow!" Here is the class schedule for Wednesday, May 30, at the Recreation Center Fitness Center:

- 8 A.M. BUDDY BOOTCAMP:** Grab your "buddy" for a fun-filled partner workout. This interval class trains elements of strength, agility and conditioning all with a partner for added fun! Bring a buddy or find one in class; all the exercises require a partner.
- 9 A.M. YO-GROOVE:** A unique seated and standing mind-body class that fuses yoga, traditional strength exercises and low impact movement. Exercises will start from a seated position then progress to standing.
- 10 A.M. MIND, MOVEMENT & MULTITASKING:** This special balance class incorporates circuits for a workout that supports fun and fall risk reduction! Exercises will focus on building strength, along with cognition and multitasking challenges.
- 10:50 A.M. SUPER SETS FOR STRENGTH & BALANCE:** Strength training with a twist ... all the exercises will incorporate a super set to train

FITNESS SCHEDULE

May 2018

Recreation Center Classes					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00 AM	Cardio Mix Darla	S.O.S. Jonathan	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Dance Party Denise
9:00 AM	Restore & Renew Pam	KBKB	Intro to Yoga Julie	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Kelly
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Darla	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Kelly/Jessica	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Cammy/Larry	S.O.S. Larry
11:00 AM Ballroom Location	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Madelyne
12:00 PM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Darla
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
5:00 PM		Intro to Yoga Kathy			

Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 8 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM
* Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534 to reserve your spot.

Arbor Fitness Center Classes					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand
8:00 AM	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	HIIT Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand
9:00 AM	Yoga Julie	Boomer Beat Jessica	Yoga Linda	Boomer Beat Cammy	Yoga Renu
10:00 AM	STRONG Kelly	Step Interval Jessica	STRONG Linda	Step Interval Kelly	STRONG Roger
11:00 AM	Mind/Body Fitness on Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	Cardio Fitness on Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	Stretch Fitness on Demand
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand
1:00 PM			Orientation**		
Arbor Conference Center	(Suites E & F) 8:00 AM Qi Gong 9:00 AM Tai Chi Art			(Suites E, F & G) 9:00 AM Qi Gong 10:00 AM Intro to Tai Chi Art	

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Arbor Fitness Center Indoor Pool					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
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***
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Open	Open	Open	Water Volleyball 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Open

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- 11:45 A.M. DRUM CORE:** Join the band and discover how exercise feels more like fun when you are drumming on stability balls! All the exercises will be performed from a seated position.

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Horseshoe League

Paul Pardee

The weather has been cooperating. Last week, we had 20 players show up for the competition over bragging rights. After six weeks, Larry (Big Stick), is still holding the scratch position. He took that crown from Dan Ebbighausen who

had the best average for years but lately Dan has slipped a bit.

Handicaps are calculated based on the best player and as of this writing Larry, with an average of 60, pitching 40 percent ringers and winning 75 percent of his matches, is the man. Richard Deschenes, runner up last season, with a 54 average, second to Larry, hopes to get another shot at the top spot.

Joe Kakolowski, currently with a 10 to five record, is becoming a formidable opponent and that's proof

that practice pays off because Joe has been practicing religiously. Joe, throwing from 37 feet, has the best ringer percentage of anyone else at that distance. Mike Rice had a good start and he is still winning more than 50 percent of his matches.

Our two lady players, Donna Hansen and Betty DeLong, are big fans of the game and very competitive players. They, along with men age 70 or more, throw from the 27 feet. Betty currently is throwing 25 percent ringers and Donna has a

respectable 15 percent. Generally, around 10 a.m. on Sunday you can find a few horseshoe players at the pits and Donna and Betty will be among them. Another distinction of Betty's is that she has convinced her husband Dean to be the league statistician even though he doesn't play. Thank you Dean!

We have two new players this season, welcome Bob Helf and Peter Rogers. They both started with high handicaps, so it will be interesting to see how they progress. Handicaps are 90 percent of the difference between the best player's average and yours. With seven weeks to go in the season any one of the players mentioned or not mentioned could end up in first place. Who will it be?

So, anyone interested in tossing horseshoes, just show up on Tuesday at 9 a.m. and you can play. By random selection you play three games, your scores are recorded, your average is established, and you get a handicap to determine your wins and losses for the day.



Cornhole Club

Jim Russell

The mixed doubles spring league is six weeks into their season and the competition level kicks up a notch as we approach the last four weeks of play before we crown our season champs! Any number of teams have a chance to take home the trophies. Will Team Howie repeat with another championship or will we have a new king and queen of the hill? Stay tuned!

The end of May also marks the point in our schedule where we take a "summer break" from the league competition during the months of June, July and August. The mixed doubles winter season will start on Thursday, Sept. 6 with another 10 weeks of play. If you are interested in taking part in league play, contact Captain Mike Wathen at (937) 478-5380 or Jim Russell at (352) 861-6355. We have space for only 12 teams, so get your names in early!

Of course, we continue our open play format year round but we switch to an evening play schedule during the summer months. Start-

ing on Monday, June 4, we will begin open play at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. We will continue this schedule during June, July and August. We have equipment to accommodate up to 32 players each evening, so come out and enjoy the game!

If you are new to On Top of the World and would like to join our club and meet new friends while playing cornhole, just give Jim Russell a call at (352) 861-6355 and get all the information you'll need to get started. All the equipment is provided so the only thing you'll need to do is come out and have some fun.



R/C Flyers

John Workman

The R/C Flyers' spring club picnic went off without a hitch as over 150 members and significant others gathered for a morning of fun and games. We had an old-fashioned rubber plane fly, won by Doug Nastally. Other games were a rubber water balloon toss and egg roll contest, all coordinated by our experienced announcer, Bob "Robo" Wroblewski.

Following the games we were served hot dogs and burgers cooked up by strikingly-aproned cooks Jerry Weage and Tom Czikk. Side dishes provided by wives and significant others filled everyone's plates. Finally a number of model kits were given away, led by Charlie Smith winning the big prize, a complete new almost-ready-to-fly airplane. Add in a lot of the usual flying activities and everyone had a ball!

By the time you read this we will have hosted our 18th annual spring fly-in. I hope you all came by to watch the flying and partake of the great food available to all. We hope that you will remember us next November for our fall event.

The R/C Flyers is a club of residents with 146 members as of April 1. If you are interested in flying model aircraft we welcome you to come out to the flying field any day and talk to the members. We have experienced instructors to help those new to the hobby get started. If you are just curious, we have a club trainer to offer trial flights to see if it might be something you would be interested in pursuing. Or, you can attend a club meeting, held the first Monday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center.

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Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

Our April dance was very successful and featured the music of Solid Gold for your dancing pleasure.

Please mark your calendar for great dancing for the remaining year: Saturday, Sept. 22, Saturday, Nov. 10, and Monday, Dec 31. Dancin' On the Top is working on selling all three dances as a package this summer.

Dancin' On the Top is working on future dates for 2019. For club membership, ticket information, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293 or Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400.

There are many opportunities to dance here at On Top of the World: weekly Friday night Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom (guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident I.D.) and The Town Square Friday and Saturday nights (weather permitting). See the events calendar insert in the World News for more details. Keep on dancing.



Line Dancing

Nancy Carmack

April was a special month of milestones for our dancers. It's been 10 years since The Town Square opened. It has been such a happy time for so many of us to be able to dance outside in the beautiful Florida weather with our friends. Sharing the dance floor with pattern dancers and ballroom dancers to the same music is a lot of fun. On Friday nights we have recorded music, and on Saturday nights, there is live entertainment.

Recently Kathy Petrosky put new CDs together for our recorded music night. This is a huge job, and we are now enjoying dancing to

new music and dances, and also to some old favorites.

April also marked our fifth anniversary of having our monthly dance on the second Thursday of the month. This dance has grown so much that it became necessary to have two different dances. One dance starts at 3:30 p.m. for the Absolute Beginners and Level 1 dancers, and then the dance for Level 2, Improvers and Intermediates starts at 5:45 p.m.

In addition to dancing at The Town Square, we also dance at Happy Hour on Friday nights. Think about joining us, and just remember to step when the drum goes thump.

For detailed information, contact Marilyn McNeal at 804-1546 for Beginner and Improver level classes and Nancy Carmack at 533-8870 for the Intermediate class.



Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

May Day, the first day of the month, is at times celebrated with dances around the maypole. Dancers hold long ribbons or cloths, and interweave their steps with each other until the pole is covered with diagonal pieces of fabric. It is a festival of love and renewal and has been practiced in many cultures. I participated in a maypole dance when I was in school, and it represented one of my early happy dance experiences.

To many of us, ballet is exercise done to beautiful music. What could be better, we ask? We offer four free ballet classes each week, and anyone who wishes may join us. The classes are held in the group fitness room in the Recreation Cen-

ter with the following schedule:

- Tuesdays and Fridays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: 2 to 3:15 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a. m. to noon (Fusion Floor Barre)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday classes are traditional ballet classes with 45 minutes of warm up exercise at the barre, and 30 minutes of dancing in a group. The Saturday class is done largely on floor mats, and is also accompanied by music. It includes Pilates and yoga as well as ballet exercises.

We always welcome newcomers, and no ballet clothes are necessary to start. All you need are exercise clothes and socks, plus a bottle of water, and a neck roll for the Fusion Floor Barre. All classes improve flexibility, strength and balance, and are lots of fun.

For information about any of our classes, please call me, Eugenie Martin, at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



Sidekicks Western Dance

Carol Hanson

Yeah! May is here, which means summer has officially arrived! Good news for those of us who can stand the heat, not so much for us oldies who are always sweating! Yep, time to close the windows and turn on the air conditioning.

May also brings an end to another year of dancing for the Sidekicks Western Dance Club. Tuesday, May 22 will be our last scheduled club dinner and dance. Once again, we will be enjoying great food and having a boot stomping good time. Practices will continue throughout

the summer, but scheduled weekly lessons will not resume until the fall when the snowbirds return.

Sidekick's is one of the fastest growing dance groups in On Top of the World. Pattern dance is a great way to dance together as a group, make new friends and feel happy, in other words ... have fun! We look forward to welcoming new members this fall. So mark your calendar, grab your partner and get ready to join the Sidekicks in October. Before you know it, you will be able to waltz across Texas, cha cha with Lori or the cowboys in El Paso, two step around the dance floor and be hot, hot, hot doing the merengue!

Happy trails and keep on dancing!



R/C Car Club

Tom Seitz

This past month has been an interesting one for the R/C Car Club. We held one of our famous picnics. J.D. Taylor, Bill Cruff, Charlie Fisher and others made it a delicious event. As always, it was a fun day, well attended by members, family and friends. Some of us found the food so delicious that, as usual, we overate.

Thanks to On Top of the World management we now have a much improved track surface. Several truckloads of dirt containing red clay were spread on the field and smoothed out. Hopefully this will eliminate much of the dust, and help us to better maintain the track surface.

The track layout has been revised as well, changing to a double U configuration. The efforts of Larry Fryer and others have made it an interesting and safe layout. It has already proven to be both fun and challenging as we all learn how to navigate the new course.

Beginning the first week in May we transition to our summer hours. We will have regular racing Thursdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. with Rage series racing Tuesday morning. Novice racing is held each race day for beginners or those who just want more practice.

Many members arrive early, so if you want information or to practice, there is ample time. This remains a members-only track, but you are welcome to come up and try it at any time in the company of one of our members.

With the reduction in dust and new speakers installed, it should be

even more fun for spectators. Even if you do not join, come out on race days; you will have a fun time with a friendly group of racers that are happy to welcome newcomers and spectators alike.

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Theatre Group Wows the Crowd

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

It was an evening and afternoon packed with remembrances. The Recreation Center stage was the venue for a grand hand-clapping, foot-tapping, sing-along theatrical show. On the evening of Saturday, March 24, and the following Sunday matinee, the Theatre Group

performed "Remembering Through the Decades."

The cast of actors, singers, and dancers, all from On Top of the World, took the standing-room-only crowd down memory lane. The show opened with young Margaret, played by Marci Miller, listen-



Photo by Ray Cech

Bree and Steve McDonald "Just Bummin' Around" in the Theatre Group's performance.

ing to the radio. Her father, off-stage, continues to tell her to turn it down. She doesn't, and we then listen to Sinatra, (Rudy Dagnello) who wows the audience with "I've Got the World on a String." Marilyn Bettinger, Randee Gore and Leslie Miller then stepped out on stage with their rousing rendition of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Fely Hypke sang "At Last," followed by Charlie the janitor, portrayed by Dick Phillips, reminiscing about the good old days of Swing, ending with a rousing version of "It Don't Mean a Thing If it Ain't Got That Swing."

The performance continued, entertaining the audience with songs from Dick Clark's Bandstand: "My Girl," sung by Ben Simmons; "Johnny Angel" by Annette Ware, "I Only Have Eyes for You," sung by Brady Reeves, and "Runaway" by Mike Mignano.

The show continued along with more songs, one-liners, and dancers (remember the Lindy Hop?). When it got to The Ed Sullivan Show, who else but Elvis Presley (Steve McDonald) performed "Hound Dog?" The segment included "Adelaide's Lament" (Susan Johannes), "I Believe in You and Me" (Ben Simmons), and "Just Bummin' Around" (Steve and Bree McDonald). Sally Wilson played Dinah on The Dinah Shore Show introducing Paul Anka (Harry Boyajian), Bobby Darin (Rudy Dagnello), and Patsy Cline. Patsy, played by Kathy Petrosky, drew some of the more raucous laughs of the night.

Following a short intermission, the Theatre Group dove into the antics of "Laugh In." There were terrific performances and gags remi-

niscient of that wonderful show. We all remember JoAnn Worley, Henry Gibson, Lily Tomlin, Artie Johnson, and Goldie Hawn. The group did versions of their skits that very much resonated with the audience, who obviously, by their reaction, well remembered those Saturday evenings in front of the television, laughing along with "Laugh In."

Following this laugh-a-minute segment, Carol Burnett (Randee Lee Gore) and Tim Conway (Dick Phillips) broke out with their Mr. Tudball/Ms. Wiggins skit, followed by Randee Gore's "I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together."

Then it was the crew from The Grand Ole Opry: Minnie Pearl (Laurie Fondiler), Hank Williams, Jr. (Steve McDonald), Randy Travis (Mark Miller), Sheb Wooley (Charlie Petrosky), and Vince Gill (Harry Boyajian). They entertained with some classic pearls, like "I Don't Look Good Naked Anymore," performed by Petrosky.

The grand finale was a dedication to the common man (Aaron Copeland's "Fanfare to the Common Man") that left everyone standing, swaying, and then singing along to God Bless America; there wasn't a dry eye in the audience.

Applauds go to Harry Boyajian who developed the concept for the show and then gave it superb direction. Harry hails from New England and started his showbiz career early in life, playing trumpet in the Les and Larry Elgar Band, while still a senior in high school. We are happy to have Harry and his wife Donna here at On Top of the World and look forward to more of their creative contributions to the community.

'All-American Classics' Concert

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Concert Chorus would like to thank all those who came and supported our spring concert, "All-American Composers" on Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did bringing it to you. It was a thrill to bring you the music of the United States, which reflects our country's multi-ethnic populations through a diverse array of styles.

Thank you also for your generous donations. You may not realize, but all the songs we sing have a copyright and we have to purchase the sheet music. The music for any given song is not overly costly, but since we need many copies even a single song is a moderate expense. So your generosity will enable us to sing new songs for your entertainment.

Of course this show would not have been possible without the exceptional encouragement and direction of our Director Audrey Strong. Our thanks to Audrey and, of course, our pianist, Jim Grapes, for their artistic talents, great ef-

fort, and support that helped to make our performance a success.

We would also like to thank our out-going board members for their contributions, namely Emery Bjerkmann and Patricia Woodbury. The board members for the 2018-2019 season are President David Wesenberg, Vice President Karen Reddinger, Treasurer Linda Hein, Secretary Leslie Miller and Member-at-Large Mary Ann Majni.

Our featured member this month is Leslie Miller. Leslie comes from Johnstown, Penn. She has a master's degree in education. She taught for 37 years in elementary education, special education, high school English and also did some guidance counseling. Leslie has a wide and varied musical background starting with youth choirs, church choirs, college concert groups and a variety of musical theatre. This included singing in such shows as "Sound of Music," "Camelot," and "South Pacific." She is also a songwriter and has performed her original work in many cities including Nashville. For a couple years she directed a church choir.

Besides her vocal talents, Leslie plays the guitar, dulcimer, and some piano. The alto section of the Concert Chorus is pleased to have Leslie. You might have seen her perform in the Theatre Group's production and caught her solos in the Concert Chorus, spring performance.

This will be the last column, for

a few months, as we take a break over the summer. In the meantime, if you think you would like to find your voice and join the chorus, please contact, Vice President Karen Reddinger at (352) 630-5828 with any questions and let her know of your interest.



Photo by Bill Monroe

Concert Chorus performing their spring concert entitled, "All-American Classics" on Sunday, April 8 in the Recreation Center Ballroom.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Members from The New Pretenders presenting a donation to Sewing Bees President Louise Green.

Sewing Bees Receive Donation

By Linda Lohr

The snowbirds are hard at work to complete as many projects as possible before they head back up north. Our quilt kits are being donated each month to various organizations for children in need.

We recently received a wonderful donation from The New Pretenders. They choose several organizations and present them with donations to help the groups with their missions. We are very thankful to be one of the chosen organizations. We will put the funds to good use purchasing batting for our quilts that are donated along with pillows and a tote bag. Again, we are very thankful to The New Pretenders for their generosity.

We are currently in need of fiberfill for our animals and upholstery

fabric or old drapery to create tote bags that each child receives. If you have a donation or a question, please contact Rita or Louise.

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.

Please contact Louise Green at (352) 629-1195, or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.



Theatre Group

Steve McDonald

As stated in an earlier issue of the World News, you would not want to miss our March 24 and 25 programs' very touching and poignant finales. We want to especially recognize all who participated: Donna Boyajian, narrator and cowgirl; Randee Lee Gore, American Indian; Larry Reye, U.S. Air Force; Dean Kaum, U.S. Navy; Arlo Janssen, colonial man; Peggy Sayat, pioneer woman; Fely Hypke, immigrant; Steve McDonald, farmer; Jim Miller, chef; Skip Bowman, doctor; Ronnie Smith, nurse; Ron Broman, common man; Marion Brenon, police officer; Dennis Brenon, firefighter; Mike Mignano, tennis player; Annette Ware, teacher; Mark Miller, construction worker; Brady Reeves, Jackie Robinson; and, our full cast and crew who performed "God Bless America," which included our audiences' participation.

Following is a special message from our director and program originator, Harry Boyajian: "As president of the Theatre Group and director of our show, "Remembering Through the Decades," I would like to take a few minutes to publicly thank our cast and crew. It is impossible for me to list each one individually, so I will tip my hat to each element of our show. No one job is any more significant than another, so I will follow the order in the program. Huge personal thanks to Leslie Miller, assistant director, scriptwriter and over all go to, for without her help I may have found

myself drowning at times; Gary Rodoff, stage manager; Susan Johannes, assistant stage manager and the stage crew who worked overtime, as this show was not an easy production and they nailed it; Lennie Rodoff on microphones (I knew you could do it); the lighting crew, assisted by our liaison, Mary Mignano; John Ware, who assisted me with sound; I could not have done it without you, buddy; our props and costumes mighty duo, Dennis and Marion Brenon, who did an awesome job; our publicity master and ticket chairman, Steve McDonald, who did incredible work; and, of course, a salute to our dressers, our set construction team, all who sold tickets, ushers, greeters, program designers and lobby/stage artists; and now to our excellent cast, who gave of their time unselfishly and who all reached for the stars and brought a fabulous show filled with heart and topped with incredible talent. Because of their commitment, our audiences were able to experience a journey back in time and recapture great memories.

Definitely not least, thank you to our audiences for supporting us. Your responses to our performers during and after our finale served to encourage all of us to work towards another exciting and entertaining program for you again next year."

Our final general meeting was held at Arbor Conference Center on Monday, April 9, at which time we elected officers for our upcoming season starting in September. Residents are invited to attend our first general meeting of our new season in September.



Circle Square Commons

Jo Salyers

The Town Square

Celebrate a Latin theme night on Saturday, May 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy the high-energy music of Grupo Salsarengue, some Latin food and lots of fun!

During May, other live bands on Saturday night include Rhythm Express, Delbert Britton and The Country Hustlers, and Bubba Can't Dance. Always a fun time to get out and enjoy some lovely weather and meet up with friends.

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Circle Square Cultural Center

Please help us spread the word to residents including Stone Creek, and to your friends that Circle

Square Cultural Center is expanding.

While the expansion is taking place on the front of the building from May through September 2018, we will continue to sell concert tickets for the new shows. We are setting up ticket sales in the ballroom. You will be able to enter the ballroom through the doors on the west side of Circle Square Cultural Center (doors across from The Town Square). Look for the signs directing you inside. Don't worry; tickets will be on sale just the same as always, but just from a temporary location.

During the expansion (May through September 2018), tickets will be sold Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ballroom.

All of us are very excited about the new addition to the front of the building, and we look forward to re-opening it to big crowds and rave reviews in October 2018!

Buy your tickets early - online at CSCulturalCenter.com or at the ticket office, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday.



Sound & Light Group

Tom Hagerty

The Sound & Light Group is a group of volunteers organized to provide audio and lighting assistance to clubs/organizations in the Recreation Center. We have had an extremely exciting time during the last several months.

We worked with The New Pretenders during their final practice sessions, dress rehearsal and their three fantastic shows. The Sound and Light Group provided lighting, spotlights, soundboard management and microphones for them.

We assisted the Theatre Group for final practice sessions, technical rehearsal, dress rehearsal and their well-attended weekend shows. Sound and Light Group provided lighting and some soundboard activities for them.

The Concert Chorus had a practice session and two great shows. Sound and Light Group provided lighting, soundboard management

and microphones for them.

Also, we support many of the other groups and clubs for their sound and lighting needs. We assist Women of the World, Dancin' On the Top, Lion's Club and Recreation Center special activities.

We would like to get one or two more volunteers to add to our group. The perfect individuals would have experience with a soundboard and microphones, but we would seriously consider individuals who have an interest in this type of activity and are not afraid to learn. We share work schedules so that no one has to work every day for every activity.

Current members of the group are easy to work with and are extremely effective mentors to our new members. We added several new members late last year to replace a few of our members who "retired."

If you are willing to work the hours necessary to support the above-mentioned groups, we would love to meet with you to discuss being a part of our fun group. Please contact Tom Hagerty at (352) 304-8149.

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Poetry

Dean Kaump

Slow Dance

The band was playing a beautiful slow song. I remember it was Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." I look at my partner and she has a faraway look in her eyes. I've seen that look in her eyes many times before. I know without a word she begs forgiveness. Her mind has taken her back to an earlier time when she was dancing with another. The soft melody and words cause her eyes to moisten slightly. Our motion has slowed to a crawl. There really are no steps being taken, just the slow rise and fall of our feet, in time with the music. I am but a surrogate in what is taking place. I dare not utter a word or make any move to distract her. I feel her move closer. Our arms have long lost any semblance of a frame. We hold each other tightly. I feel her cheek pressed against my chest. I smell her perfumed hair. Her curls tickle at the corner of my mouth. We continue to dance that way for what seems like a long time, but in reality it was only a minute or two. The music has ended and we step away. She looks at me in a pleasant way, as if to say "thank you." I look back at her knowing that I have been involved in yet another moment, for her to reminisce, about one who had meant so much.



Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

The Memorial Day holiday will be upon us at the end of the month, and the Happy Hookers group hopes that everyone in the community will get a chance to honor it. We are continuing to work on our projects for friends, family and charitable organizations. Early in March we had a large donation of craft pattern books and magazines brought to us. We love donations, and the books were great to look at.

Sure helps give you ideas for new projects!

We also met at The Club at Candler Hills on Monday, April 9 for our luncheon. Nineteen ladies enjoyed a great meal and good fellowship.

We meet every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio (located in the Hobby Building). Our group is open to all residents. There are no dues or agenda and no penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a large group of ladies

busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, card crafting, embroidery and handcrafts of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Beriman at (352) 873-4328.

If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please call Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 for pick-up of these items.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Mank

The winter is behind us; summer is on its way. Pretty soon we're all going to be coming to the Recreation Center - not for the craft sales but for the pool. And we'll be joining with everyone else taking it easy in the heat as the summer

settles in.

It looks like there are just a couple of weeks for you to take advantage of some of our wares. Our last sale day will be Tuesday, May 22. Check to make sure you have everything you'll need to get through the summer. Do you have cards for all birthdays or anniversaries this summer? It's time to pickup a pocketbook - you know - the kind you just throw a couple of things in to find a good place to read a book. And new set of placemats

for your table when you invite your new neighbors. And don't forget a little doll for your granddaughter. And just to freshen up your smiling face, check out a new scarf or a piece of jewelry.

We don't want you wondering why you didn't get what you need because we won't be back until September. So we're going to take a little break but be sure about this. We are going to be missing each other and those of you who come to see our items. Be safe over the summer - see you in September.



Original Karaoke

Sindy & Richie O'Brien

Spring is officially here and everyone is out and about, looking for something to do. It's so exciting to try new things! Our karaoke group wants to welcome all new residents. It's a great place to live and meet new people, especially if they have the same interests, like Sandie for instance. Sandie came one week to check us out, and then came back for the next karaoke and joined right in, like she's been part of our group forever.

Welcome Sandie, you did a great job.

If you'd like to try something new or come to listen, we meet on the second and fourth Monday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center, so come join the fun!

For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



Photo by Sindy O'Brien
Sandie singing karaoke for the first time.



Poetry

John Kinser Hall

A Little Happiness

One evening heaven smiled and breathed upon the earth. To bring a special treasure a secret in its worth. The angels sent their children transformed in such a way. That few could find God's meaning when came the light of day. Instead of wings they had long ears. A joke on man you'd say. But soon, it was apparent. The reason very sound. God sent a little happiness and named it basset hound.

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ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip

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Here are a few more tips:
When outside, place the light behind them. It gives the hair a nice halo effect and softens facial shadows, while making it easier for your subject to produce a pleasant and natural expression. Just make sure your camera is shaded from direct sunlight.

Don't get too close. If you do, you'll exaggerate the features closest to the camera - like noses, chins or foreheads. Instead, move further away and use a longer zoom setting to produce a more natural-looking perspective.

Patience. Wait for the right moment. The right look, the sun's out, and no one's in the way.

Pay attention to the background. It makes a difference. Take a few moments to change your position or zoom setting to find the perfect background before you press the shutter button.

Come and join us on our field trip on Tuesday, May 1 to Morning-side Nature Center in Gainesville. For more information, visit visit-gainesville.com/attractions/morningside-nature-center/. If you plan to attend, contact Ginny to register at ginny7700@gmail.com.

For up-to-date schedule information, visit our website at otowspc.com.

In May, you'll see a variety of portraits by Ray Cech at Master the Possibilities. Ray grew up in New York City and always preferred taking shots of friends and relatives ... after all, not a lot of opportunity for landscape shots. Even during visits to the beach or Central Park, he was

after that ideal portrait shot.

Consider liking us on Facebook! Our members post their favorite shots on ShutterBugs PSH (Photo Scavenger Hunt). Anyone can log on and see them. And if you're a ShutterBugs member, just go to the site and get permission to play.

Stop in and learn along with us as we watch a photography DVD teaching series program called "Learn & Master Photography" by Vince Wallace. It's a 24 lesson package.

Our monthly club schedule:

- First Tuesday: Morning field trip
- Second Tuesday: Instructional DVD
- Third Tuesday: Photo sharing activities.
- Fourth Tuesday: Guest speaker or DVD.

Want to learn more about digital? Stop in at the ShutterBugs' Tuesday meeting. We start at 3 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. Or contact Gary



Photo by ShutterBug Ray Cech
Girl with rabbit.

Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or guhley@cfl.rr.com.



The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski

I can't resist sharing this with all of you ... on Sunday, April 8, The New Pretenders held the annual end-of-the-season banquet. All hands from the sail-aboration were on deck to celebrate another record-breaking series of performances.

The social committee (Jan Zelenka, Jan Fulton, Bruce Herget), assisted by Ron Fulton, Glory Herget, Pat Biggers, Shirley Schopf, and Jeanne Wise arranged a sumptuous spread that made the tables groan. The chicken dish was ordered from Sammy's Pizza & Restaurant and the talented chefs of The New Pretenders offered up the remainder of the meal.

One of the best parts of the evening was taking a group picture. Believe it or not, this is one of the only times such a photo has been taken. With so many photo opportunities, it is strange that we don't pose more often for posterity.

Once the dessert-laden table was decimated, a short meeting followed. First item of business was

the unveiling of the tentative calendar for next season. Mark your 2019 calendar now - our shows will be on Feb. 1, 2, and 3 in the Recreation Center Ballroom; Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at 8 a.m. in the in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Sales will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with no change to the ticket price.

We moved on from our usual business to a little monkey business with our own brand of awards show, reminiscent of the Oscars or Emmys or the old Dean Martin roasts. Each member had a moment in the spotlight including our eight rookies of the year: Terri Molnar, Rose Frierman, Nancy Kibler, Mark Monk, Louise Morea, Nancy Jennings-Fair, Pam Monk, and Bruce Herget. Special service awards, tributes of various kinds, and special recognitions were handed out to those being roasted or toasted. Chief among them: Fran Allen, costumes; Rita Miller, stage design; Joie Kurtz, choreography; Margitta Claterbos, narration; Georgiann Hagerty, assistant director; Bill Tupper, stage manager; Joe Wood, treasurer; Tom Miller, construction; Joe Furfaro, band director; and Tom Hagerty, sound engineer.

By the time you read this, we will have had the meeting that announces the new show and what music will be included, which numbers each of us will be in, and then

the ideas for costuming and stage design will begin to flow. In the words of The Pointer Sisters, "We're So Excited!"



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2018 The New Pretenders family.

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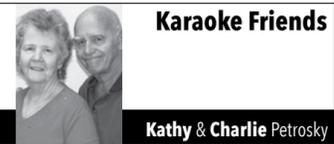
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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

Prop nights are a lot of fun. Lynn and Tony arrived with a bucket and an ax. You guessed it. They sang, "There's a Hole in the Bucket." I remember singing that on the school bus. Jane came wearing her boots to sing, "These Boots Are Made for Walking." Robin was colorful with a magic wand singing "Candy Man." Charlie had his umbrella for "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?"

Donnie is our countryman. He had his hat and fake pistol for "Don't Take Your Gun to Town." Nancy brought her buddy Shrek and sang, "I'm a Believer." My sister and I sang, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." We had green head pieces and glasses and fake smiles. Patty had her cats and sang "Nashville Cats." Dave brought a pot and pan and performed, "Shake Rattle and Roll."

As you see, we can get very creative. There is a lot of laughter on prop night. We do that every six weeks or so.

Remember you do not need to sing to come to karaoke. Listening, clapping and singing along is fun as well. Some singers start working on a song and email me ahead to make sure I have the song they want to do that night. People come in and out throughout the evening. Some nights we have over 30 people.

We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month in Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come join us. We would love to have you.



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr

It seems we were worrying about the frosty nights. Now we will concern ourselves with the upcoming hurricane season.

Stampers don't mind staying indoors during bad weather - gives us another excuse to spend the day stamping and crafting!

Ellie presented three great cards - a masculine card, a child's card and an all-purpose card. Each card can be changed to suit one's individual needs. We thank Ellie for her presentation and her suggestions to complete the cards.

Anyone can be a presenter and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on

friendship, socializing, and helping each other!

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 or third Thursday of the month, at the discretion of the demonstrator.

To find out which Thursday we will meet in any given month, contact Kathy. 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, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy at (352) 237-6439 or kathyh508@yahoo.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



Art Group

Anne Merrick

Carole has been painting with pastel for a considerable time. She has tried many surfaces finding something different with each one. She has encouraged several members of the Art Group who are going gung-ho at it. She is very talented.

Pastels are made with exactly the same pigment used to make all paints, including watercolor, acrylic and oil. The term "pastel" comes from the French word "pastiche," meaning paste. Powdered pigment, mixed with water and gum of tragacanth, is ground into a paste, rolled into sticks, then left to dry. When seen under a microscope, a pastel particle looks like a diamond with many facets. This is why pastel paintings reflect light like a prism. No other medium has the same intensity of color or long lasting stability.

Pastel does not refer to pale color as the word is commonly misused in the cosmetic and fashion industries. On the contrary, pastel colors can be more vivid and intense due to their purity. It is important not to confuse pastel with colored chalk which is a porous limestone substance impregnated with vegetable dye. The solvents used to make colored chalk often allow these dyes to be absorbed through the skin, while the pigments in pastel cannot. This is not to say that when using pastel you cannot get it all over your fingers and sometimes your face if you forget and rub your nose or chin while engrossed in getting just the effect you want.

Historically, pastel can be traced back to the 16th century. Its invention is attributed to the German painter Johann Thiele. However it was the Venetian artist Rosalba Carriera who brought the medium to Paris in the 1720s and dazzled French royalty with her beautifully rendered portraits of the Parisian elite. Since then, a galaxy of famous artists such as LaTour, Chardin, Watteau, Copley, Delacroix, Millet, Manet, Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec, Whistler, Degas and Mary Cassat have used pastel as a major painting medium. By the 1980s pastels by Edgar Degas were selling for more than \$3 million each at auction.

Today, pastel paintings have received the same stature as oil, acrylic and watercolor as a fine art medium. Many of our most renowned living artists have distinguished themselves in pastel and have enriched the art world with this wonderful medium.

If you want to see how this is done, come to the Art Studio in the Hobby Building on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon.



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For more information call the Recreation Center Office at 352-854-8707 ext. 7533 or 7530.

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For Sale

Appliance: Crockpot Smart Pot, 7 quart, programmable, \$15. (352) 291-7670.

Appliance: Nutri Ninja Auto iQ Pro Complete blender (BL487) with 4 to-go cups and 4 lids, green, \$60 (352) 867-7413.

Appliances: Sunbeam warm mist and cool mist humidifiers, \$20 each. (352) 291-7670.

Appliance: Whirlpool 36" drop in, five burner, gas cooktop. Stainless steel with black grates, \$400. (352) 861-3849.

Furniture: Craftmatic frame with attached box spring. May be used as full/split king or two twin beds. Legs are adjustable heights. Soft blue, fully reclining lift chair with electric controls. (352) 433-5576 or (352) 433-5567.

Furniture: IKEA sofa bed, \$125. Rattan glass top coffee table and benches, \$30. (352) 433-1018.

Furniture: Windsor antique armchair, splat back and rush seat. (352) 414-5671.

Golf Cart: 2004 Club Car with batteries, charger, custom overhead storage and center console with B&N drag shifter, side curtains, tinted windows high-speed motor, and mag wheels. (386) 451-0388.

Golf Cart: 2013 Club Car with cooler, sand bottles, ball washer, and electric charger. (270) 836-3571.

Golf Equipment: Hank Haney's plane finder and instructional DVD, \$30. (352) 237-2747.

Home Décor: 5' x 7' black floral rug, \$60. (352) 361-8874.

Misc. Item: Baby Lock Serger 400 and thread, \$120. (352) 433-1018.

Misc. Items: Kennedy Kits (1118-AL) fishing tackle box with 6 trays, aluminum, \$55. Garcia heavy spinning surf rod (2573), 11'4" with cloth case, \$115. (352) 237-2747.

Misc. Item: Lanai sliding door

screens (2), 96" h x 36" w, \$100 for pair. (734) 475-5876.

Misc. Item: Weber Spirit 300 grill cover. Will also fit any grill that's approximately 50" w x 48" h, \$25. (570) 640-6756.

Outdoor Furniture: Chaise (pipe) lounge, \$35. 48" white round (pipe) table, \$45. (352) 361-8874.

Sports Equipment: Flex foam roller, white, 36" x 6". Used to ease back pain, \$8. (352) 291-7670.

Tool: 10" Kobalt miter saw mounted on Bosch T4B gravity rise, roll around hand dolly, \$500/obo. (352) 877-3391 or (828) 729-3600.

Tool: 12' aluminum ladder, strong, lightweight and one hand carry handle, \$200. (352) 527-6425.

Tools: Rockwell skill saw, \$30. Miter saw, \$75. Air compressor, \$30. (352) 433-1018.

Yard Equipment: Scott's lawn spreader, \$20. Garden fountain, \$25. (352) 433-1018.

Tag Sales

Saturday, April 28: 9697 SW 90th Street (Providence), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, May 4: 8524-E SW 90th Lane (Friendship Colony), 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5: 9091-C SW 83rd Avenue (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon • 9020-B SW 93rd Lane (Friendship Colony), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, May 9 & Thursday, May 10: 9004 SW 89th Loop (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, May 10 & Friday, May 11: 8526 SW 94th Circle (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. • 8525 SW 94th Circle (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, May 11 & Saturday, May 12: 8650-A SW 92nd Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, May 12: 9127 SW 102nd Circle (Avalon), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 17 & Friday, May 18: 8872-G SW 92nd Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 19: 8701-A SW 94th Street (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. • 8874-E SW 95th Street (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23 & Thursday, May 24: 9055 SW 96th Court Road (Providence), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, May 26: 9275 SW 99th Court Road (Avalon), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Services

3T's Lawn Care: Complete lawn and yard care. Insured, licensed, weekly/biweekly cuts, hedges and weed killer. Free estimates. (352) 361-1555.

Alterations by Ernestine: Alterations, experienced. (352) 274-1438 (resident).

Alterations by Nancy: Reasonable rates, experienced. (484) 716-0270 (resident).

Appliance, A/C & Heat Repairs: Electrical & plumbing. Experienced and honest. Call Tom Parker (resident) anytime at (352) 873-1297.

Bathroom Remodeling: Painting, flooring, drywall, relaminating and handyman services. Licensed & insured. Precision Painting & Remodeling (352) 322-8154.

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Cleaning by Evelyn Lee: House cleaning, deep cleaning, move outs. Lic. #A27450 & insured. (352) 629-0855 or (352) 286-6055. sunshinecleaningocala.com.

Cleaning by Patty: 30 years experience, residential homes, move in/outs. References available. I'm here to help you! (720) 366-5510 or (352) 857-8953 (resident).

Computer Help: Arthur Burditt, (352) 875-7878. House calls, \$40/hour. Tutoring, setups, installations, Windows upgrades, PC clean-ups, security software, Internet connections, email access, printers, wireless devices.

Culligan Water Treatment: Free home water test. Find out what's in your water. Call Culligan for expert water treatment & trusted service! Request an in-home appointment today! (352) 274-3326.

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Handyman: Repairing sliding glass door rollers/tracks, sliding garage screen doors, window balances, sliding shower doors/guides, doors & locksets. Installing handicap grab bars. Cleaning gutters. One call does it all! Steve, S&T Quality Services (352) 207-8682.

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Massage Therapist: Experienced, professional & licensed. Deep tissue, neuromuscular, Swedish, \$45 / 60 min in the convenience and privacy of your own home. Treatments for either pain or relaxation. Call Elia Michelle Padron at (352) 464-0629 (MA45619).

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Miles & Miles Cleaning Service by Wendy: We will give you an old fashioned cleaning! Hourly rate. Licensed & insured. (352) 895-0940 or www.milesandmiles-cleaningservices.com.

Painting & Drywall: Over 35 years experience with all phases of drywall & painting. Insured. Visit josephdonofriodrywalland-painting.com or call (352) 857-8367.

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Pressure Washing: Commercial grade equipment. Houses, driveways, gutters, porches & yard work. Free estimates. 12 years experience. Steve (352) 237-5338 (resident).

Professional Organizer: Need help organizing your files, kitchen, storage area, or contemplating a major overhaul to your home? I can help! Call/text (817) 405-8066 or email margie_butler@att.net (resident).

Transportation: Doctor appointments, shopping, errands. Call Anna (resident) at (352) 615-0174 (cell) or (352) 873-4151 (home), leave message.

Transportation: Local errands and appointments. Call Mary (resident) at (954) 561-0871.

Transportation: Need to get there? Door-to-door service to Orlando/Tampa airport, doctor appointments, shopping. Call Jackie (resident) at (352) 873-7898 or (352) 216-8305, leave message.

Wade Home Maintenance and Repair: Reliable handyman. Services include carpentry, painting, screen repair, flooring, and general home repair needs. Call for free estimates (352) 872-2163.

Wanted

Donations: Bicycles and helmets for children – Tom at (352) 861-1575 • Bicycles for male veterans – Ronnie at (352) 438-3354 • Dog or cat food – SPCA of Marion County (352) 362-0985 • Musical instruments for local students; Ed at (352) 304-8206 • Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies for homeless, pet food/craft supplies for animal shelters, used cell phones, computers & musical instruments for troops/veterans – Donna at (352) 237-3062 • Shoes and sneakers for the needy – drop off at Arbor Club office • Small household items, linens, dishes, cookware, etc. for women's shelter – Sharon at (352) 509-4273 • Toiletries for troops overseas – Bob at (352) 854-0702 • Yarn for lap robes for VA hospitals and newborns – (352) 843-6519.

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