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OUR WORLD

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE
By Kenneth D. Colen
Publisher

On Top of the World has a long history of being a caring community. It is a safe place where neighbors have a genuine concern for each other. From simple acts of kindness like checking in on your neighbor's home in their absence to visiting a sick neighbor, it is all about community. Kindness to each other is the glue that binds us even though we may come from different backgrounds. It is the core of a community.

I mention this now for no particular reason other than the fact that it is good to be reminded of such things. Sometimes, we may be mindless of such fundamentally important things. It is essential to be grateful and to remind others that they are appreciated and important in some way.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention the 2015 food drive for Interfaith Emergency Services (IES), which is scheduled from Monday, Dec. 7, to Friday, Dec. 18. There is more detailed information on that in this edition of the World News.

Association Meeting Schedule

December will be a busy month for annual meetings:

- Friday, Dec. 4: Circle Square Ranch Master Association, Live Oak Hall, at 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8: Indigo East Neighborhood Association, Circle Square Cultural Center, at 9 a.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, and consider and approve the 2015 annual budget, as well as any other business that may come before it.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8: Candler Hills Neighborhood Association, Circle Square Cultural Center, at 1 p.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, consider and approve the 2015 annual budget, as well as other business that may come before it.
- Friday, Dec. 11: On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, Circle Square Cultural Center, at 9 a.m. The board will provide an updated report on what's happening in the community.

If you do not plan to attend your association's annual meeting, please either (1) return your proxy by mail, (2) drop in one of the ballot boxes, (3) e-mail it to associationinfo@otowfl.net, or (4) fax to (352) 854-0815.

Walking Your Dog(s)

Candler Hills, Indigo East, and On Top of the World are undoubtedly one of the most pet friendly places I've seen. I've often wondered if dogs and cats outnumber golf carts! Truth be told, we have some fantastic places to walk dogs and a dog park to allow them to run free and untethered. It is definitely not okay to walk the dog without a leash. Please avoid the Longleaf Pine Trail with your four-footed friends as they can damage the habitat and wildlife.

Also, it's not okay to let the dog harass wildlife. There is a very good possibility that your pooch will encounter a gopher tortoise or a Sherman's fox squirrel. The tortoise is a protected species in Florida, the animal and their burrows must be respected. Did I mention that their burrows are also home to some really big diamond-back rattlesnakes? No joking about this! Allowing your dog to "explore" a burrow can often end badly for the dog and owner.

As for fox squirrels, yes they may appear to be "friendly" and love peanuts, but if the dog goes after them and is unfortunate enough to catch one, the fox squirrel will protect itself aggressively. The squirrel's teeth can do incredible damage. It once took me three months to heal all the deep abscesses on a dog that tangled with a fox squirrel. And yes, the squirrel won that encounter without so much as a scratch!

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16th Annual HOLIDAY GOLF CART PARADE
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 • 2 pm
(Line-up Begins at 1:30 pm)

The poster features a map of the community with a red route for the parade. It includes photos of golf carts decorated with Santa Claus figures and Christmas lights. The On Top of the World logo is at the bottom.

Golf Cart Parade & Holiday Festival

By Jim Chandler

The annual Golf Cart Parade will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants will assemble in the parking lot of the Arbor Conference Center, at 1:30 p.m.

This is your chance to transform your golf cart into a holiday fantasy. Show your neighbors and the community your creativity. No need to sign up, just show

up. Please, no political or special cause themes.

The parade route is illustrated on the map above.

If you cannot join the parade, just put your lawn chair anywhere along the route, and cheer us on, as many do.

The annual Holiday Festival will occur in the Recreation Center Ballroom on

Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m.

The evening starts out with creative, delicious, homemade cookies provided by generous residents. This goes along with hot chocolate and coffee provided by the Recreation Center. All of these goodies are free of charge. If you would like to help us by making cookies, deliver them to the Ballroom between 3 and 5 p.m. on Dec. 9.

Our special entertainment will include the Concert Chorus, a Hanukkah presentation, a children's dance group (including some delightful little ones), a sing-a-long, and our traditional carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (southern style).

For further information about the Holiday Fest, contact Kay Chandler at (352) 237-3139 or jimcha62463@icloud.com.

Holiday Food Drive

By Patty Soriano

On Top of the World Communities has supported the local not-for-profit organization, Interfaith Emergency Services (IES), in the mission to meet the needs in Marion County. On Top of the World is IES's designated "Bring the Harvest All Year Long" food drive champion for the month of December.

Residents and employees have always been very generous in donating large amounts of nonperishable food items and various sundries during the annual food drive. Proof of that is with our donations in 2013-2014 that exceeded 12,000 pounds. With this in mind, we are asking again this year for any help you can lend. As you can see by the following message, the need has never been greater:

"While our country may be pulling out of the recession, many people who have been impacted continue to struggle. At IES, we continue to see the "working poor" who are barely making it. However, because of the kindness and concern from this community, we are able to restore hope and meet basic needs for those who need help. IES is forever grateful to On Top of the World and all of the participants of the Ocala Open Pro-Am golf tournament for their continued support. Our mission thrives because of your generosity. May God bless you and may you all get a hole-in-one this year!"

Karla Grimsley
Executive Director
Interfaith Emergency Services

IES is in dire need of the following staple food and hygiene items:

Food Items

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Boxed dry pasta

- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)

Hygiene Items

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant

- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Feminine products

The 2015 On Top of the World food drive will take place from Monday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 18. Your donation of any of the above-listed items would be of great help. Please place your item(s) in one of the collection boxes, which you will find at the locations below.

Let us all join together in making this effort a success and reflecting the caring community On Top of the World is especially for those in need!

Community Box Locations

- Customer Service
- Sales Center
- Recreation Center (upstairs or downstairs)
- Arbor Club
- Candler Hills Community Center
- Indigo East Community Center
- Candler Hills Golf Shop
- On Top of the World Golf Shop
- Master the Possibilities
- The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa
- Circle Square Cultural Center
- On Top of the World Real Estate

On Top of the World NEWS

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

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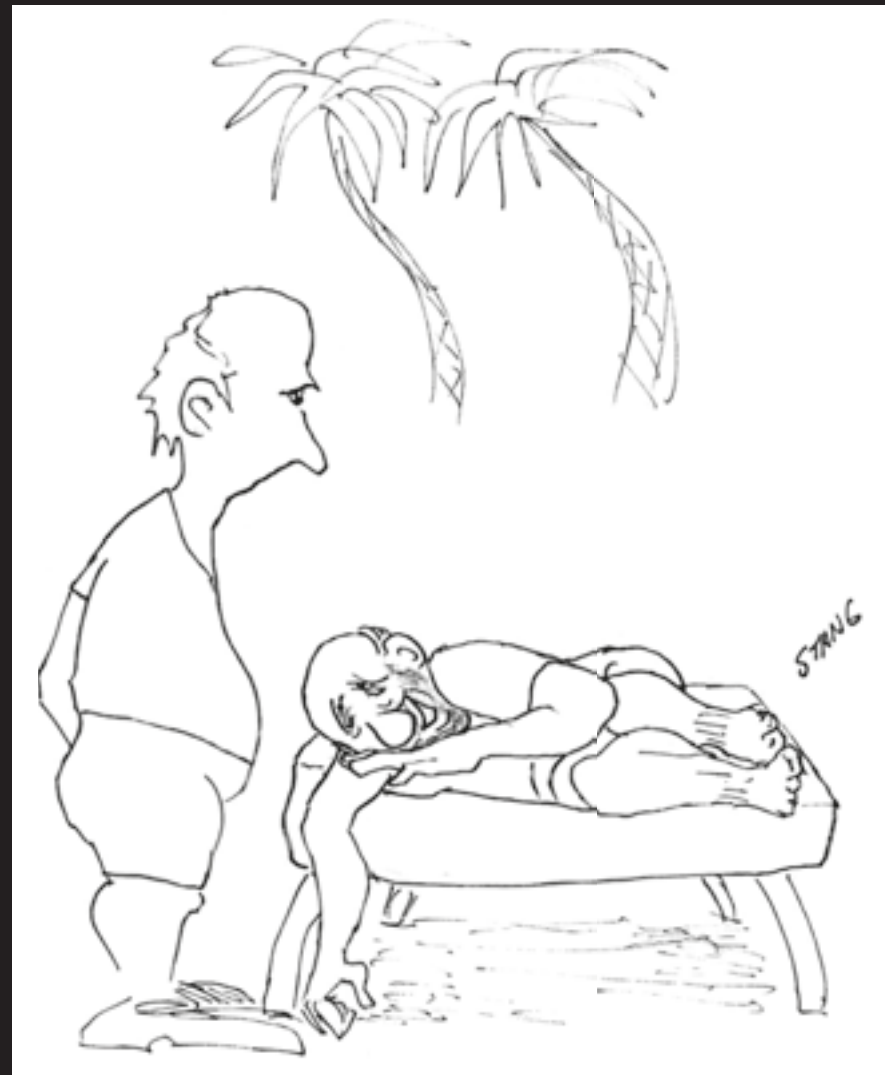
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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Relaxing is an excellent use of my time.



Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

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SCAM ALERT: Some of my clients have reported getting phone calls from scammers who claim to be from a credit card company. The scammer claims that there's been some sort of activity on a credit card and the credit card company wants to check on it. Then, the scammer gives you your credit card number. It sounds legit but it isn't at all.

The scammer is then going to want to get your three or four number security code. You must hang up the phone at once. If you even are still unsure, you should still hang up immediately and then

call your credit card company by using the phone number on the back of your credit card. Never give out personal information on the telephone!

It goes without saying, but I will say it anyway; if someone starts to yell at you on the telephone, you must not engage in further conversations with that person but you must immediately hang up the phone and then feel very proud of yourself for doing just that. Please pass this on to your friends, relatives and anyone else.

Q. I live in On Top of the World. Can I leave my apartment to my children who are under 55 years of age?

A. Sigh. I've answered this before but here goes ... you can leave it to anyone you want regardless of that person's age. You can. You can. You can.

Q. There are a whole bunch of folks running for president. Do you have any thoughts on any of them?

A. My thought is that you should study the persons who are running and

study their views and then decide for whom you wish to vote. Be informed. As for my column, I do not intend to turn it into a political column because I want everyone to enjoy it and hopefully find some interesting non-political, information in it.

Q. What do you think of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on Obamacare?

A. The correct name for this law is the Affordable Care Act (ACA). I believe that a country as wealthy as the United States should find a way to provide good health care for all its citizens. Perhaps there's a better method than the ACA but whether there is seems to me to be a political issue and one that should be discussed and debated at the political level. Of course, whether present-day politicians, from either political party, can seriously sit down and debate anything is in and of itself a separate issue. I am not optimistic. Although, by nature, I am an optimist, however, my optimism has its limits when politicians are involved.

Q. What are your views on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on marriage?

A. My views are the same now as they have always been. The Supreme Court's decision did not in any way alter my views. It should not come as a surprise to the folks who read my column that I try to treat everyone the same, regardless of one's race, sexuality, religion, or national origin. I've always done that and will always continue to do that.

Q. My husband and I have been divorced for many, many years. However, we do speak frequently and when our children were married, we had pleasant conversations and generally enjoyed each other's company (more than when we were

married). Neither of us ever re-married although both of us had significant others. His significant other is now deceased and mine is no longer significant. We are discussing re-marrying. I know that in his will he left his estate to our children and I did the same. Since we both have left whatever we have to our children, anyway, if we do get married again, do we need a pre-nuptial agreement?

A. That's a really neat question. In my opinion, even under your fact situation, you should have a pre-nuptial. For one thing, you might re-marry and then decide it was not wise to have done so. A pre-nuptial agreement, if properly drawn will enable you to terminate the marriage without any concern for the claims one might have against the assets of the other.

Q. Both my wife and I are involved in separate relationships. We are not mad at each other for this. It turns out that she and her friend booked a cruise on the same ship and at the same time that I've booked one for my friend and me. What legal issues exist for her and her boyfriend and me and my girlfriend?

A. I don't know; but I do know that this has given me a headache.

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Water Conservation Reminder

It has been a few years since the SW Water Management District and Marion County reduced watering to one day per week at the change of daylight saving time. Over the cooler months, this should be no cause for concern with lawns dormant (brown!). After March, when lawns again warm from dormancy, some hand watering may be advised.

Water Meter Change-out Program

In 2016, Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (BLCCDD) is beginning the first year of a five-year program to replace a total of 2,098 water meters. This multi-year project will begin in Friendship Colony with Friendship Village and Americana Village following. The new water meters are "smart meters" that track and record usage cycles. This feature will serve as a conservation tool to assist in the identification of excessive water usage and provide information to customers to aid in the identification of indoor water leaks.

The Town Square

December on The Town Square is a great time to kick off the holidays starting on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. Get in the spirit with a singing Santa and his candy cane girls (a.k.a. elves). There'll be food vendors, a horse drawn carriage for guest rides, Rocky and The Rollers and more. There's no better way to bring in the season than with the sights and sounds of the holidays!

Also, keep in mind that new winter hours on The Town Square are from 6 to 9 p.m., and check the calendar on otowinfo.com for the bands that will be performing.

Circle Square Cultural Center

On Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ocala Travel Service hosts a travel expo. It is free and open to the public. Come browse amongst travel service and destination providers to learn about great opportunities for travel in the coming year.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, Walt Matzke's Four Pianos will perform holiday favorites. This is a new group for us, bringing in four baby grand pianos. This will be a beautiful way to enjoy holiday tunes and celebrate this special time of the year. Tickets are still available, but going fast as the holidays draw near. The ticket office is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday or until show time during a scheduled show. Purchase online at csculturalcenter.com

On behalf of The Town Square and Circle Square Cultural Center team, we wish you a joyous holiday season, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide you with entertainment over the past nine years! In 2016, we celebrate 10 years of world-class entertainment in Circle Square Cultural Center. We couldn't have done it without you, and we sincerely appreciate your pa-

tronage! See you at the shows in 2016 and warm regards!

Irrigation

If you need assistance resetting your irrigation controller, please contact Customer Service to arrange for assistance.

Controlled Burning

As we slip into the winter season, property owners begin to look for weather windows that allow for the burning of native plant habitats. On Top of the World employees have been unable to burn any of the upland habitat and wildlife preserve areas in prior years due to the high draught index and little or no rainfall in critical months causing red flag advisories which were in effect. An additional limiting factor is having sufficient personnel to conduct a managed, controlled burn. We hope this year is different.

It is important to note that controlled burning is a very important practice from several perspectives. First, a controlled burn reduces the chance of wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is not uncommon to have fires started by lightning in Florida, which brings me to my second point. Fire in the upland habitats is necessary to maintain healthy succession. Much of the local

plant ecology revolves around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire to break down the tough outer coat in order to germinate. Intrusive and competitive species are also reduced by periodic fire allowing for less competition with more established native plants (a favorable advantage).

In the coming months, we hope to have opportunities for controlled burning. Steps are taken to ensure a burn stays under control. These include plowing wide firebreaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as the use of heavy equipment to contain the burn area. We apologize in advance for any smoke that may drift east over the community. Better to have a planned controlled burn than a wildfire.

Closing Thoughts

Happy holidays to all! This time of year reminds me of all the people and things for whom I am thankful of. And, very importantly, I am thankful to have been a part of this beautiful community for so many years. It continues to be a wonderful opportunity to meet so many interesting and kind residents, as well as working with such exceptional employees.

Please accept my and my family's wishes for a safe and happy holiday season as well as a very healthy new year filled with goodness.

**Lifelong Learning**

By Margaret Spontak

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What a term it has been! The wonderful sampling of Africa-related programs was celebrated with a large drum circle in Circle Square Commons. What a joyful sight that was. The harmonious chanting and drum beating could be heard for blocks.

Then the continent of South America became the focus in November with many countries being represented through lectures, horse farm tours, music and dance. The Town Square sponsored a Latin Samba team to compliment all the educational programming.

In December, we bring the topics closer to home with our eyes on North America. Hear lectures on Canada (Wednesday, Dec. 2), Puerto Rico (Wednesday, Dec. 9), and Cuba (Thursday, Dec. 10). Visit the Institute of Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC) in downtown Ocala to see why America is still leading the way in biomedical research (Wednesday, Dec. 2). If you have not heard one of the great Appleton lectures this term, Ancient North American Cultures and Arts is the final in the series on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Horses continue to spice up the curriculum with lectures on Triple Crown Winner American Pharoah (Tuesday, Dec. 8), Paso Finos from Puerto Rico (Friday, Dec. 11) and the American Paint Horses (Thursday, Dec. 16). The horses of the world have certainly found a prominent place in the line-up this fall. We thank Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association and the local farm owners and jockeys for their participation.

Two unique celebrations are planned at Circle Square Cultural Center. Rabbi

Marc Winer comes back on Wednesday, Dec. 2 to lead a discussion about learning highlights from the World Culture programming. Enjoy international desserts and coffee. On Tuesday, Dec. 15, an evening of special music and dance – American Traditions – will warm up your holiday season.

If you are missing that chilly weather, sit in on the Armchair Traveler: Antarctica course on Friday, Dec. 18. A well-placed closing lecture for our continental journey.

Finally, if you are still wondering what to give someone for the holidays, enroll in one of a wide range of art classes that will guarantee you will leave with a beautiful product. Crazy pinch pot bird pottery, watercolor holiday gift bag, stained glass menorah or ornaments, holiday wreath, and fabric art are just a few of your choices.

If you thought this term was chock full of delightful offerings with talented faculty, wait until we unwrap the winter term catalog. The catalog is scheduled to be online by Tuesday, Dec. 15 and a hard copy will be available at the Education Building on Thursday, Dec. 31. (Note: The catalog will not be home delivered with the World News.) A detailed insert will take the catalog's place in the January issue of the World News, reminding you of where you can pick up copies throughout the community. Our goal is to reduce waste, cost and save trees!



Bob Woods speaks on Antarctica on Friday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m., at Master the Possibilities.

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It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2015. I wish a safe and happy holiday season to all. I hope you enjoy this special time with your family and friends, and I look forward to spending time with mine and preparing for 2016. Best wishes for a safe December and may the holidays bring you much cheer and joy.

Customer Service Holiday Schedule

Please note that the Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Dec. 16 this month. Customer Service may be reached by phone: (352) 236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: otowservice@otowfl.com; or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons.

Please also note the Customer Service office holiday schedule:

- Thursday, Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to noon,
- Friday, Dec. 25: closed,
- Thursday, Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to noon,
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2016: closed.

HOA Meetings

The annual meetings for the Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively at Circle Square Cultural Center. On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association will have their annual meeting on Friday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. in the Circle Square Cultural Center. Please see Kenneth Colen's column for more information.

Guest Passes

If you need guest passes for the holidays, please visit Customer Service at your earliest convenience to arrange for passes for any family or friends visiting overnight.

Food Drive

The annual food drive will run from Monday, Dec. 8, through Friday, Dec. 17. Please help support needy families in Marion County by donating much needed items in the donation boxes located throughout the community. For more information on items needed and the location of the donation boxes, please see the food drive article on page 1.

The Club at Candler Hills (Candler Hills Restaurant)

At the time of this writing, our goal is to have the restaurant reopen by mid-December. There are still a few more changes and projects to be completed to announce a firm date. We appreciate your patience as we have worked to reopen the building, and we know you will enjoy the newly renovated restaurant.

Holiday Lighting and Decorations

As we mentioned last month, holiday lighting and decorations are permitted so long as the lights and decorations do not constitute a nuisance. Colored bulbs in low-voltage light fixtures and building mounted fixtures are not allowed. Rope and tube lighting are only allowed during the holiday season.

We ask that if you put out holiday decorations, please leave room for the maintenance workers. We all love getting into the holiday spirit and seeing the lights and decorations, and we would rather not damage your decorations, if it can be avoided.

Lights and decorations may be added no earlier than the second weekend in November and need to be removed by Jan. 15, 2016.

Lamp Posts

A friendly reminder to all residents, please keep your lamp post clean and replace bulbs as they burn out. Make sure the light sensor is clean and not covered by debris. Some of our evening walkers requested that we pass on this friendly reminder.

Tortoise & The Hare Renovation

The renovation of the Tortoise & The Hare golf course is now completed and the course has reopened for the golfing enjoyment of our residents. On Top of the World Director of Golf Matt Hibbs stated that there was a long line of residents when the course reopened in early November. "This has been a huge undertaking, and the final result is something our

residents can be proud of," said Matt. The course closed in early May to undergo the renovation.

As part of the work, the putting greens were overhauled and installed with TifEagle Ultradwarf Bermudagrass. The new grass will allow for better ball roll, faster green speeds and improved consistency throughout the year. Course Superintendent Andy Jorgensen selected the turf variety for its ability to maintain lower cutting heights and remain pure for the long-term future of the course. Andy first installed TifEagle at Candler Hills Golf Club as a test grass for a new practice putting green a little over three years ago. Since then, he stated that the turf "has been performing flawlessly."

Included in the renovation was the re-designing of the putting green complexes and their underground irrigation and drainage systems. Per Andy, the drainage was the most important item that needed to be completed in order to move the excess water out of the soil profile when the Florida rainy season kicks in. Although a contractor was hired to complete the majority of the work, Andy's crew was involved with every step of the process. Anytime a golf course is renovated, the on-site knowledge and experience of the staff make the job go much easier.

While the course was closed, staff was able to renovate the majority of the sand bunkers throughout the course. They were reshaped and installed with "G-Angle" sand. "G-Angle" sand is a premium sand made of crushed rock which will improve the playability and maintenance of a bunker. The sand also has great eye appeal with its white appearance.

The course is being used more now than it ever was in the past. The renovation was greatly needed, and residents have expressed they are appreciative of the effort. We expect to hold a celebratory event very soon so that our residents can see the work for themselves.

We thank all of our golfers for their patience and understanding while the course was renovated. We believe the end result was worth the downtime. This is a great time of year for golf at On Top of the World. Our team is very excited to be able to complete this size of project for the enjoyment of our golfing residents.

Golf Carts

We ask golf cart drivers to please use caution driving through the community. Be courteous of fellow walkers and bicyclists. Please do not cut through private property, single family home lawns or areas between villas not designed for proper ingress/egress.

A resident asked that we remind everyone that golf carts may not be operated on any County maintained roadway, including SR 200, SW 80th Avenue, and may only cross SW 80th Street and SW 80th Avenue and any future county-approved crossing at the designated golf cart crossing points. Residents may operate their carts on the multi-modal path on SW 80th Avenue that runs between SW 80th Street and SW 90th Street.

Golf Cart Permitting

Please make sure your golf cart has been updated with the new 2016-2017 decal by the end of the year. If you are a golfer and use your personal cart when playing golf, you will need to have the current decal to be able to get on the course as of Friday, Jan. 1, 2016.

Any of the residents, who work and are unable to visit Customer Service during normal business hours, please make special arrangements with the customer service office by calling Customer Service at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or emailing otowservice@otowfl.com.

Residents are asked to bring proof of insurance (\$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury), golf cart and handicap placard or registration (if applicable). All residents in the household will need to be present at the time of registration to sign a release prior to receiving a permit to operate the cart within the community.

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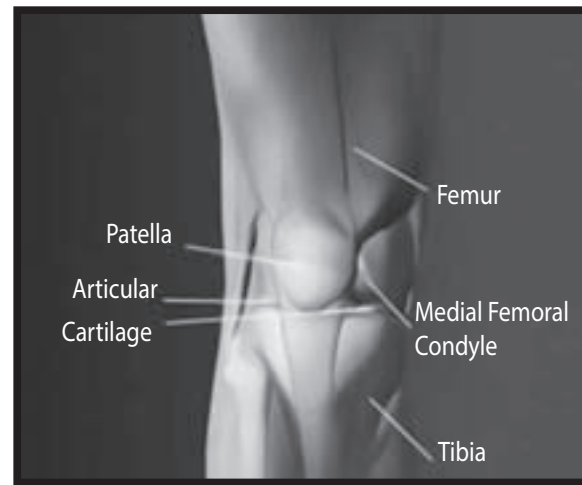


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Photo by Bob Woods

In the Canadian Rockies, whitish water is a result of glacier flour.

Milk Rivers

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Traveling through the Canadian Rockies, some streams and rivers are snow white, and others are a washed out white (like skim milk). What causes this coloration of the water? It is called glacier flour.

The whitish colored water comes from the glaciers. If the water is coming from the bottom or underneath of the glacier, it will be white. If the water is melting snow or ice from the glacier's top surface, then it will be blue. If the water is slightly whitish then it may be a combination of the two.

What makes the water white? It is the movement of the glacier as it moves downward. The glacier is rubbing and grinding on rocks and stones from underneath and along the sides. When these rocks or stones rub against each other they form what is called "glacier or rock flour."

The best way to explain the flour is to go out, get two stones and rub them together briskly and vigorously. You will see a little dust form on the bottom rock and this is the flour.

Most streams that carry small pebbles or stones into a larger body of water such as a pond or lake, these objects will sink to the bottom. Glacier flour will not settle to the bottom but will stay suspended in the lake. When one of these smaller white lakes dries, generally it will leave a large white spot where the water once was.

Blue water is either from springs or snow melts. There are times when both a blue stream and a white stream will come together and this forms a division of color until the water is mixed or dispersed.

There are also emerald lakes, which are a beautiful shade of light green, generally originating from light conditions and the depth of the lake along with both white and blue water mixing. There is one gorgeous lake called Emerald Lake in Canada's Yoho National Park.

The flour consists of fine grinded, silt-sized particles of rock generated by the glacier's movements or erosion. The particles become suspended in the melted water making the water appear cloudy. When this glacial milk water enters a river, it turns the river's color grey or light brown or iridescent green or just plain milky white. If this river flows into a glacial lake, then the lake may appear turquoise in color. The beautiful turquoise color in the lake is the true color of the water.

If a lake or pond is not blue in color, then it has sediment mixed in the water such as mud, silt, or glacial flour. The natural color of water in a lake is blue.

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Community Patrol

By Patricia A. Woodbury

At our October meeting, we celebrated and honored area patrol veterans. Those who were not able to attend the Sheriff's pinning ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 14, were given their pins by Gary Rodoff, president and Lieutenant Dennis Joiner, Southwest District commander at this meeting. A group picture was taken and coffee and cake were served.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) hosted the annual "Bad to the Bone" SWAT competition on Friday, Oct. 16. Law enforcement members of MCSO participated in this event. Teams and individuals faced 17 challenging obstacles. Bad to the Bone allows for individuals to build on their own respective talents as well as display their ability to work as a team. This competition helped teams prepare for the annual Orlando SWAT Round-up competition in November. MCSO's SWAT team won first place in the men's five-member team competition.



Photo By Lennie Rodoff

Members of the Community Patrol who are veterans of the various military branches were honored at the October meeting.

Congratulations gentlemen!
The Halloween party at the Southwest

District office on SR 200 on Saturday, Oct. 31, was a huge success. There were many costumed children with their parents who came to participate in the fun. Some members of the patrol were there to help the children with the games and hand out bags of candy, hot dogs and drinks. There were fire engines, horses from the mounted unit, dogs from the K-9 unit, the mobile jail unit, face painting, clowns and a bounce house.

The deputies were busy cooking the hot dogs and providing the music. Sheriff Blair attended with Supergirl. There were lots of batmen and one vampire. The candy was all donated from the community. The sheriff and deputies thanked all those

who donated and helped to make this event successful.

Patrol and CERT team members will be honored at the annual Christmas luncheon hosted by Ken Colen on Monday, Dec. 14.

The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, Jan. 25, 2016.

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.

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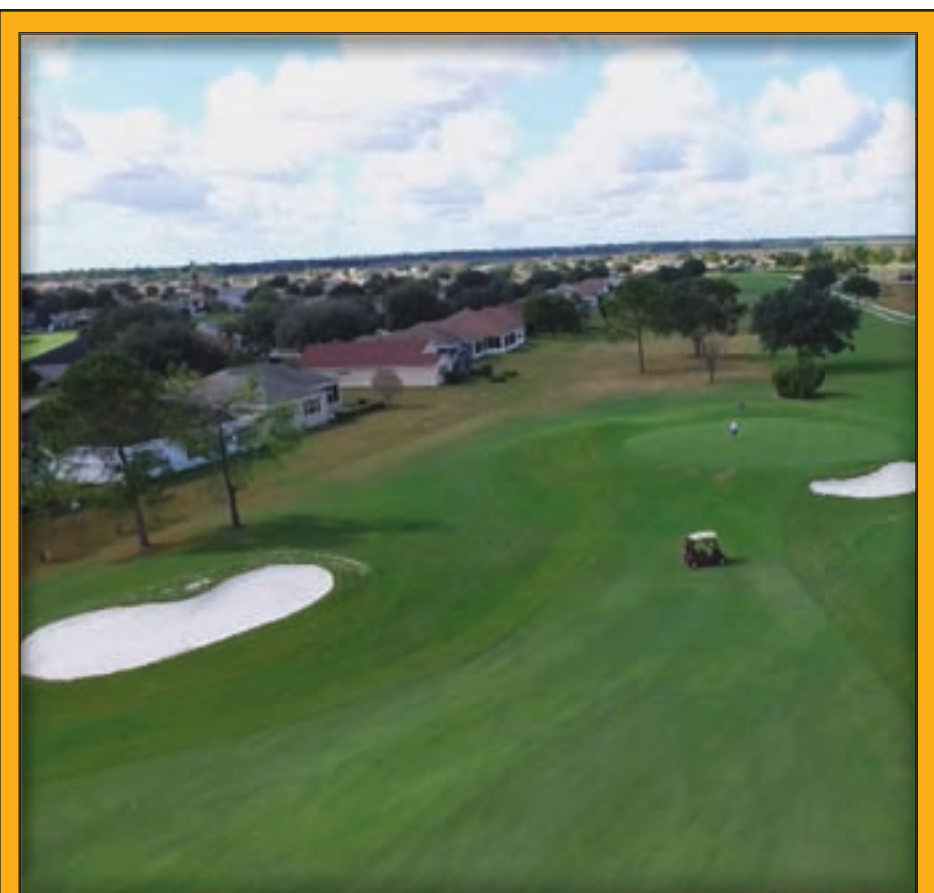


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Back at The Ranch
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Holidays bring social gatherings with friends and family to celebrate traditions. These are opportunities for socializing, eating, and drinking. Having a plan or strategy will help you to navigate through the social gathering landmines. You are not alone in this struggle.

Prioritize your exercise routine: Commitments around the holiday season can put a burden on your exercise routine. Make your exercise routine the priority and schedule your routine accordingly. You may already have a routine time to work out. Instead of missing the workout because of a scheduling conflict, change your workout time. This may mean getting up earlier or pushing off your workout to later in the day.

Do not save calories for one meal: Saving your calories by not eating throughout the day because of a social gathering will do two negative things.

1. It will slow down your metabolism and the "hunger games" will get the best of you.
2. Saving those calories will put your metabolism in starvation mode.

Have you ever had the experience when you tried to save calories for that one meal in the past? What happened? Were you able to control your appetite during the one meal? Saving calories will make it very difficult to resist temptation.

Gin & Tonic / Vodka & Tonic	Bottle of White Wine	Pint of Lager (5%)	Pint of Cider	Brandy
126 Calories	555 Calories	240-250 Calories	180-250 Calories	110 Calories

Eating small meals throughout the day will help maintain your metabolism and prevent the overindulgence.

Plan a workout before a holiday event: Our metabolism is heightened after a good workout helping to burn off those little indulgences. Also, our bodies are better able to handle the carbs found in starchy holiday foods better after exercise. When exercising, our bodies are burning carbohydrates reducing our muscle's glycogen stores. There is now more room to store those holiday carbohydrates preventing them from being stored as fat. Plus, you probably will not waste the effort of doing something "healthy" for yourself during the day by overdoing it later on.

Be mindful of the liquid calories: Alcohol is very caloric, lowers inhibitions to overindulge and affects our body's fat metabolism. They are truly empty calories with negative side effects. Alcohol contains almost twice as many calories as a carbohydrate and protein (seven calories per gram vs. four calories per gram) and almost as much fat (seven calories per gram vs. 9 calories per gram).

Also, when you overindulge in alcohol, it lowers your inhibitions to go for those high caloric foods loaded with sugar and fat. Try alternating a cocktail, glass of wine, etc. with a glass of water or spritzer. Not only will you be better off in the caloric intake department, but you will also hydrate yourself as well.

Watch where you hang out while socializing at holiday parties: How many times do you find yourself chatting it up with a friend or co-worker at a party, literally right on top of the chips, dips, cheese and crackers? You chat, catch up and snack while doing it. Before you know it, you've consumed several hundred calories. To make matters worse, dinner has not been served yet. We cannot forget about the liquid calories. Grab a plate with small por-


tions and move away from the snack table.

Remain active during the colder winter days/months: It is very easy to become less active. We tend to hibernate in the winter, which leads to eating more and exercising less. Get out and get moving! If it's really too cold for you to get outside to get you moving, then maybe pick up a class or two at The Ranch. Try planning an outdoor activity that is fun and exciting.

In terms of winter eating, stock your fridge with healthy alternatives. Should you have leftovers from a social gathering, give them to guests to take home. Remember, out of sight out of mind. If you are truly hungry and not just bored, start

with healthy options such as fruit and see how you feel after, before jumping right into the bag of chips.

Be realistic: We are all human and should keep everything in moderation. Know your limits and plan accordingly. You can enjoy the holiday by savoring them. Eat slowly, chew your food and enjoy the meal! Save room so you are not completely stuffed and uncomfortable. Do not set yourself up for failure either. If you overindulge one night, it is not the end of the world or an excuse to completely give up. Wake up the next day and start the day off right!



Democratic Club
By Dan Lack

We do not meet in December due to the holidays that keep everyone distracted and busy at the end of the month. This December column is a good opportunity to review our club's accomplishments during the past year and preview the plans for next year.

During 2015 we learned about Ocala's history (College of Central Florida Professor Darrell Riley), congressional campaigning (Congressional candidate David Koller), environmental issues (Sierra Club Education Chair Jonathan Brainard), Ocala Ritz Veterans Village (Property Manager Rob Thomas), Marion County emergency personnel (firefighter Ryan O'Reilly), Tri-County Unified Progressives (Gary Green and Cheryl Olin), the Democratic Party (Marion County Democratic Chair Joyce Blake), human trafficking (former school board candidate Diane Schrier), our library (Friends of Freedom Library President Florence

Pritchard) and local current events (Star Banner editorial page editor Brad Rogers.)

The veterans in our club presented the American flag in front of the Recreation Center that we donated on Flag Day in June. We participated in the Club Fair and the Get Acquainted Coffee for new residents. And our members enjoyed getting together at luncheons at the Olive Garden. Our high-tech club continues to post videos of our meetings on our YouTube channel.

Election year, 2016, promises to be an exciting one for our club. We are considering a joint meeting with the Oak Run Democratic Club to meet the candidates. We will continue to invite informative speakers to our meetings and to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. We will resume meeting 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.

Your board of directors wishes happy holidays and a happy and healthy New Year to all residents. And to the Democrats in our community, please remember: You are not alone!



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OneBlood Bloodmobile
By Sara Sommer

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat. Please put a penny in the old man's hat." If you haven't got a penny, then giving a pint will do.

The bloodmobile will be here on Monday, Dec. 7 to help you do just that. You

will notice I changed the words to the song slightly, but it rhymes.

Yes, the Big Red bus will be in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All donors will receive a mini physical and a free movie ticket from Fandango. You will be helping up to three people in need as well as their families. Then you can enjoy any movie of your choice. What could be better?

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Keeping It Green
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Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to more than the holiday season may bring.

In December, we may experience some temperatures in the low to mid-40s and maybe some temperatures in the 30s. I thought it would be a good time to touch

on back-flow prevention devices, what they do, and how you can protect yours from freeze damage.

Florida plumbing code specifies that a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) be installed on irrigation systems. Back-flow preventers are "an approved safety device used to prevent pollution or contamination of the irrigation water supply due to back-flow from the irrigation system." Basically, these devices prevent the contamination of the potable water supply in the event of a negative pressure within the potable system. These devices are a public safety measure to ensure that our potable water is safe.

Protecting your back-flow during the winter months needs to be a priority for

maintaining your irrigation system and your pocketbook. In 2008, we saw some of the coldest temperatures we had seen in 20 years. We had a couple of days where low temperatures were in the low to mid-teens and had a streak of several days where the temperature never got above 45 degrees. During that year, we had approximately 75 back-flows rupture as a result of the cold temperatures.

The device is made from brass which is a soft metal. Most homeowners do a great job of covering the PVC pipes, but the brass valves and body are typically damaged when temperatures reach freezing. The weather forecasters are calling for a cold-wet winter, so be prepared.

At otowinfo.com, you can select "Resources" at the top of the page and then choose homeowner maintenance from the drop-down menu. Once in the homeowner maintenance tab, you will see a section called "Shutting off your back-flow valve."

It is wise to cover your back-flow with a heavy blanket. This should help protect it during freezing temperatures. Customer Service also sells a back-flow cover bag for \$63.90. This is an investment worth its price. Back-flows typically cost anywhere from \$125 to \$200 to replace, depending on the contractor and what is needed to make the repair.

Happy holidays!



Food For Thought
By Sandy Curtis

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It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. The year 2015 brought a new name, renovations to a beautiful facility, and many successful events our way. We look forward to introducing new entrées and specials in the coming year.

Candler Hills Restaurant will be re-opening with a new name, The Club at Candler Hills. Our hours of operation have been extended and the new times are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the bar will remain open until 5 p.m. Our opening date will be announced soon on our Facebook page: facebook.com/candlerhillsrestaurant. The wait has been long; you can rest assured you will be amazed with the new updated look!

Friday, Dec. 4, is National Cookie Day. Stop by at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli and receive 10 percent off any cookie of your choice. While you're there, enjoy a bowl of our homemade soup of the day. We make it fresh daily.

Our holiday hours for hospitality are as follows:

- The Pub will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 27, with our normal business hours resuming on Monday, Dec. 28, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will also be

closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

We greatly appreciate this time to spend with our family and loved ones. Please check the website at candlerhills-golfclub.com/restaurant or facebook.com/candlerhillsrestaurant for hours on The Club at Candler Hills.

VIP World Passport and VIP Gold World Passport are reloadable cash cards that you can use like cash at The Club at Candler Hills, Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli and The Pub as well as both Golf Shops. You may purchase the cards at any of these locations, or at Customer Service. The minimum amount at the time of purchase is \$50 and the card can be reloaded with a minimum of \$25, increasing in increments of \$5 with no maximum. This card never expires.

With the card you will enjoy a five percent discount on all food and beverage purchases at the restaurants and on select items at the Golf Shops, not including sale priced items.

To receive the five percent discount you must use the VIP World Passport card to pay for the entire purchase. The VIP Gold World Passport card gives you the status of a VIP. To become a VIP Gold cardholder, you would pay a yearly fee of \$50, which entitles you to additional perks such as advanced dinner reservations, invitations to chef's tables and surprise monthly discounts in the restaurants.

If you are a current VIP Gold cardholder, you can renew for \$40 for 2016, and World golf members may sign up for \$40 as well.

I look forward to what 2016 has to offer. Our team is working to make The Club at Candler Hills, The Pub, Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli and Friendship Catering the greatest hospitality has to offer. Have a wonderful holiday season, from our family to yours.



Community Emergency Response Team
By Beth McKeen

At our November meeting, team member and medical coordinator, Jan Keitz, led the team in a review of triage, which is performed by first responders as soon as they arrive at the scene of any disaster involving multiple victims.

Triage is the process of sorting and prioritizing patient injuries and looks at the medical needs and urgency of each individual patient. Each patient's assessment is based on respirations, signs of circulation and mental status. CERT members can quickly determine which patients need to be treated immediately based on the severity of their condition. Color-coded tags are used to prioritize injuries so medical treatment can begin. Triage ratings that treatment efficiently when resources are insufficient for all to be treated

immediately.

There is currently a CERT training class in progress, but it is not too early to sign up for the next class beginning in March 2016. Contact Beverly Case, Division of Emergency Management, at (352) 369-8103 or visit marionso.com, Emergency Management Bureau, and click on EM Volunteer Program Application. Fill out and mail in the application.

We are always happy to welcome new members to our team, so please consider participating in this service organization and giving back to your community. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 12.

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

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Historic red buses provided a nine hour tour of Glacier National Park.

Glacier National Park

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Glacier National Park in Montana covers over one million acres including two mountain ranges (sub-ranges of the Rockies), over 130 named lakes along with hundreds of animal species. Its vast area encompasses a total of 16,000 square miles.

Of the estimated 150 glaciers, which are believed to have existed in the park in the mid-19th century, only 25 active shrinking glaciers remain. Scientists who study the park's glaciers estimate that all the glaciers may disappear by 2030 providing the current climate patterns persist. Glaciers all over the world are melting at an alarming rate of speed.

Bev and I toured Glacier National Park on Fourth of July. Little did we know that this is the slowest day for tourists in the park. We opted to take the historic shuttle system known as the red "jammer" bus from the park's western visitors' center over the mountains via Going-to-the-Sun Road. We had been to the park twice previously in the month of June but the road had been closed with heavy snow blocking the road at Logan Pass. This year, the pass was open almost half way through June as there was excessive heat melting the snowfields and drifts faster than normal.

The bus ride, totaling over nine hours, was on the expensive side but since we have never completed this portion of our Glacier National Park adventure in the past, we decided to venture on this narrated journey providing us with a fantastic, scenic interpretive tour enhancing the park's experience.

The red bus can carry a maximum of 17 passengers in four rows of seats with one passenger in the front seat providing spectacular scenic views. The canvas roof of the bus can be rolled back allowing those to stand when the bus comes to a complete stop or getting the "okay" signal from the driver.

The historic red buses were constructed between 1936 and 1939 and have become iconic symbols of the park. The vintage dressed touring drivers are called "jammers" by many, a name carried over the years when the buses had standard transmissions and the drivers could be heard jamming the gears of the bus as they climbed up and down the mountain roads.

Ford Motor Company rebuilt the original 33 red buses in 2001. The original bodies received new chassis. They have been converted to run on propane lessening their environmental impact. There are no more jamming of gears on these buses as they are now equipped with automatic transmissions. White Motor Company built the original buses.

The bus departed the visitors' center at the western entrance of the park taking those onboard along the shores of McDonald Lake before climbing up into the mountains. The bus made many stops along the way offering spectacular views. The driver pointed out all the points of interest including the history of the construction of Going-to-the-Sun Road.

We reached Logan Pass and visited the visitors' center at this location. Up on one of the barren peaks close to the stop a flock of mountain sheep could be seen blending in with the landscape.

The bus then continued along the shore of Saint Mary Lake as the driver stopped for a photo opportunity at what he called the most photographic location in the park. There was an island in the middle of the lake while in the background were snow capped mountains.

Traveling eastward, we departed the park's boundaries and headed north on a state road to another entrance to the park, which would take us to the Many Glacier Hotel for lunch, which was on our own. The hotel, which was one of the largest hotels in Montana, was celebrating its 100th anniversary. The hotel was completed and opened for business on July 4, 1915.

Getting back on the bus, we backtracked our way towards the western visitors' center seeing a few different outstanding views from a different perspective. The driver told the passengers that if it weren't for the Great Northern Railroad crossing the Continental Divide just south of the present day park, the park might not be the same as viewed and enjoyed by many today.

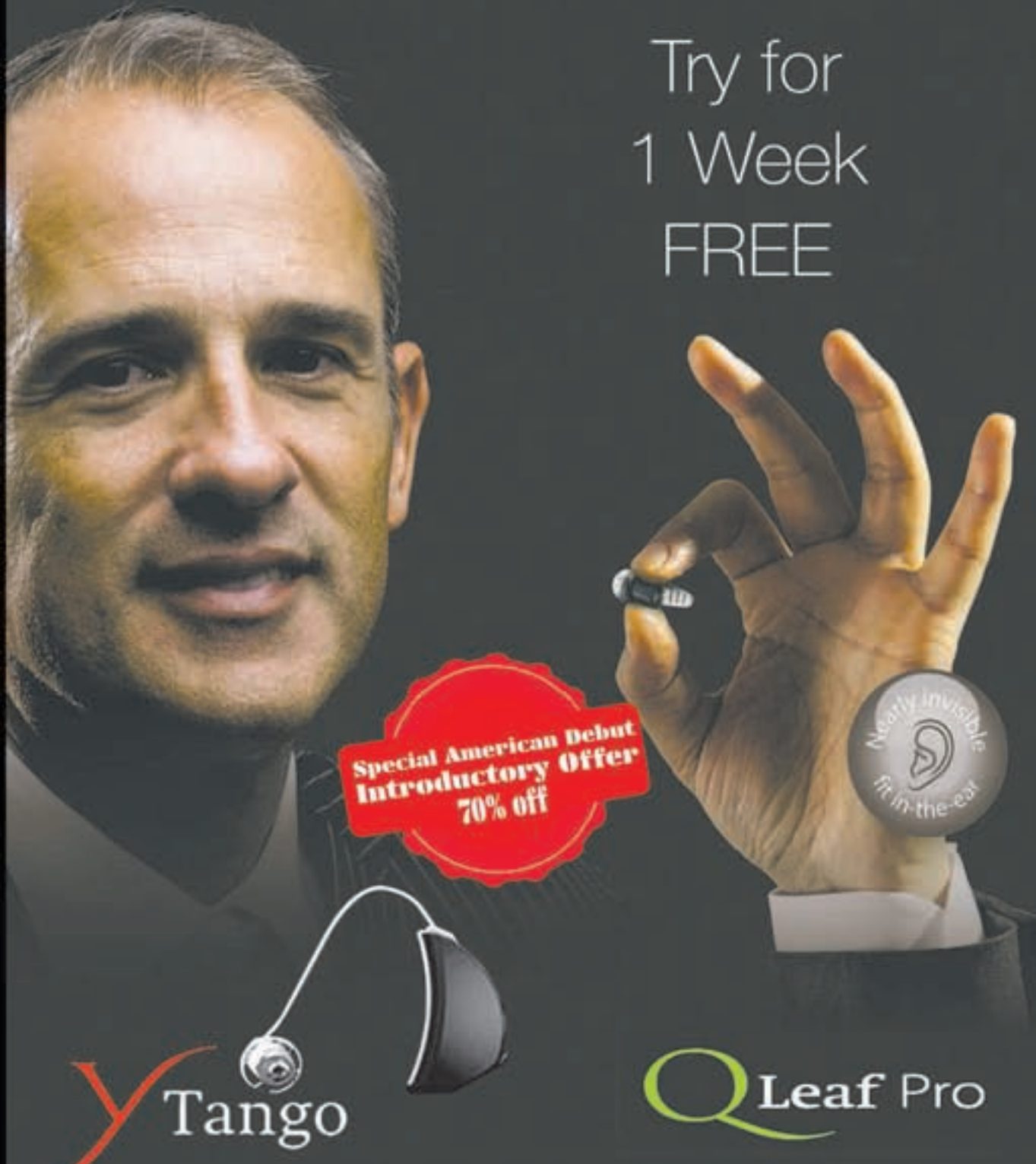
It was the railroad that constructed the majority of the park's hotels in a Swiss architecture advertising the park as "America's Switzerland." This enticed passengers from both the east and west to visit the area. There are two railroad stations from 1910, one located at East Glacier and the other at West Glacier. Both are still used today. Passengers disembarking or embarking the trains are transported to and from by the red buses.

The National Park was officially established by the signing of a bill by President William Taft on May 11, 1910. Glacier National Park borders the Canadian Waterton Lakes National Park.

The two parks are known as Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park and were designated as the world's first International Park in 1932.

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President Stan Lander from the General Francis Marion Stamp Club presents Donis Lumpkin her prize of a three-volume set of the American Heirloom Collection stamp albums at the Florida Stamp Dealers Association's Ocala Stamp Show held in October.

Indigo East

By Jean DiPiero

All residents are invited to play bunco at the Indigo East Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. Please bring a drink of your choice, if you wish, along with a snack to share. It can be cookies,

chips, candy, etc. This is a special Christmas bunco where you bring a \$5 Christmas gift.

Even if you don't know how to play there will be someone there who can show you. Come join in the fun and meet new people. Shirley Hamilton is the coordinator for bunco, please contact her at kable.shirley@yahoo.com.



Veterans Club

By Fred Pulis

The Veterans Club guest speaker will be Nautilus Base spokesman Joseph Hilchey on Thursday, Dec. 17. He will describe the history and tradition of submarines and the submarine service.

Several club members visited five assisted living facilities in Ocala on Veterans Day in order to honor and recognize veterans living there. Each veteran was thanked and individually presented a wristband so stating. Once again it was an emotional experience for us as well as the recipients.

Several club members attended the veterans benefits presentation at Master the Possibilities. Director Jeffery Askew indicated that the veterans identification card has been approved by the United States Congress and the specific guidance should be available by March 2016. Also, he stressed the importance of claim filers to remember all of the details involved in their claim and the importance of completely filling in all of the blocks on each form. Do not leave any block blank.

The Veterans Club is opened to all armed services veterans and their guests. People who are concerned about veterans affairs are encouraged to attend. Also, the meeting will provide an update on recent legislation concerning current veterans. In upcoming meetings, various topics concerning veteran's issues will be discussed and various opinions and ideas are en-

couraged.

The Veterans Club represents every branch of the military and meets quarterly on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. The usual meeting lasts for about one hour.

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



Republican Club

By Fred Pulis

The Republican Club held its annual Jerry Cauda holiday social on Friday, Nov. 13. The sold out crowd had a wonderful time enjoying each other's company with delicious food prepared by Friendship Catering.

Numerous Republican officials and candidates were present to celebrate another banner year of Republican victories. Those elected officials included: Charlie

Stone, Kurt Kelly, Wesley Wilcox, Earl Arnette, Kathy Bryant, David Moore, Nancy Stacy, Jim Pettus, and Don Goodman.

This month, the Republican Party won the governorship in Kentucky along with other state elections. These totals just add to the growing number of GOP victories. Since 2009, the Republicans have gained 14 U.S. Senate seats, 69 U.S. House seats; 12 governorships; and 910 separate state legislative races.

The next meeting of the Republican Club will be on Friday, Dec. 11 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G, at 7 p.m. For more information about the Republican Club, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.



It's the Law

By Bob Woods

This month's motor vehicle law pertains to noise coming from other vehicles. I am sure everyone reading this column has heard loud car radios. The Florida Statue Titles XXIII, Chapter 316, Section 3045 on the operation of radios or other mechanical sound making devices or instruments in vehicles; with exceptions.

(1) It is unlawful for any person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street or highway to operate or amplify the sound produced by a radio, tape player, or other mechanical sound making device or instrument from within the motor vehicle so that the sound is:

- (a) Plainly audible at a distance of 25 feet or more from the motor vehicle; or
- (b) Louder than necessary for the convenient hearing by persons inside the vehicle in areas adjoining churches, schools, or hospitals.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law enforcement motor vehicle equipped with any communication device necessary in the performance

of law enforcement duties or to any emergency vehicle equipped with any communication device necessary in the performance of any emergency procedures.

(3) The provisions of this section do not apply to motor vehicles used for business or political purposes, which in the normal course of conducting such business use sound making devices. The provisions of this subsection shall, not be deemed to prevent local authorities, with respect to street and highways under their jurisdiction and within the reasonable exercise of the police power, from regulating the time and manner in which such business may be operated.

(4) The provisions of this section do not apply to the noise by a horn or other warning device required or permitted. The department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall promulgate rules defining "plainly audible" and establish standards regarding how sound should be measured by law enforcement personnel who enforce the provisions of this section.

(5) A violation of this section is a non-criminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation ..."

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Candler Connection

By Janet Wiles

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to come and discuss any issue pertaining to the board.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center, there will be two presenters in the Candler speaker series: Jeannie Rickman, assistant county administrator for Public Services, who oversees tourist development, veterans services, community services, animal services, public library system, and public safety communications, and Tracy Straub, county engineer, who oversees the county-maintained roadway and storm water systems. This includes managing the county's traffic operations, road maintenance, engineering, and development review.

Be on the lookout for additional events in the Candler speaker series during 2016. In February, watch for a presentation by Major Terry Bovaird, the bureau chief, from the Bureau of Homeland Security. For other events in the speaker series, refer to "The Happenings" sent by e-mail to all residents of Candler Hills.

The Valentine's Day dinner dance will be held on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 6 to 9 p.m. The menu will consist of sliced sirloin of beef, chicken marsala, broiled salmon, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls,



Photo by Darryl Kenyon

Candler Hills residents enjoying food and friendship at the third annual picnic presented by the Candler Connection social committee.

dessert, iced tea, and coffee. Entertainment will be by Ray and Kay. A cash bar will be available. Tickets, which will be \$33 per person, will go on sale in the Candler Hills Community Center, from 10 a.m. until noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from Monday, Jan. 11 through Friday, Jan. 22, 2016. For additional details, please refer to "The Happenings"; or contact John Bain at (352) 414-5434.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Candler Connection Social Club, a nominating committee has been appointed to compile a slate of nominees wishing to

serve on the board of directors. There are three positions on the board up for elec-

tion for a two-year term. Current residents of Candler Hills interested in serving as directors are invited to contact one of the following members on the nominating committee: Caroline Caprano at (845) 820-1348 or cckaprano@gmail.com, Marilyn Lube at (352) 895-3954 or marilynube@yahoo.com, or Mary Walker at (352) 229-8688 or mary@walker-vt.us. Residents interested in running for election must contact a member of the nominating committee by the Tuesday, Dec. 15 deadline. Elections will be held during the annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at 3 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. Membership on the board does not take a lot of time or commitment; however, it is an excellent way to serve our great community.

The Candler Connection web site, candlerconnection.org, contains a neighborhood directory. If you wish to be added to this, you may now contact one of two board members: Marilyn Lube at (352) 895-3954 or marilynube@yahoo.com or Sami Odeh at (352) 229-0214 or sodeh65@gmail.com. If leaving a message, please include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

The Candler Connection board wishes everyone a happy holiday season.



Photo by Mike Roppel

Avalon residents with County Commissioner Kathy Bryant.

Avalon Social Group

By Marie Roppel

The Avalon Social Group had a lively evening with Marion County Commissioner Kathy Bryant. She answered many questions and encouraged the attendees to keep asking.

The next meeting will be held on Mon-

day, Dec. 7 at the Arbor Club Ballroom. This will be our Christmas potluck. Ham will be purchased with our raffle proceeds and served at the potluck. Please bring a dish to share. Setup will be at 5:15 p.m. with the festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m. The food line will open at 5:45 p.m.

The raffle committee asks you to bring small bills as the change quickly runs out and we run into difficulty dividing out the winning amounts.

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Circle of Drums

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

In keeping with the theme of "One World, Many Cultures," Master the Possibilities sponsored a circle of drums on The Town Square on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Approximately 50 people participated in the event.

When we hear "drum circles," the likes of Buddy Rich or Ringo Starr might pop to mind, but farther from the truth we could not be. Drumming is generally associated with countries on the African continent, as drums were used to communicate, celebrate and ward off enemies. The sound of the African drum was eventually spread around the globe during the slave trade and played primarily for relaxation and entertainment.

Raymond DeVries, a drum circle facilitator, was invited by Master the Possibilities to lead residents in a drumming circle. He told the participating drummers, "The African drum can have a very soothing and comforting effect. It allows a person to completely alienate themselves from the outside world and get lost in the rhythm and beat of the drum sound."

During the two hours that he led the group on The Town Square, the 50 drummers often created their own beat, and when someone was asked to lead with a new sound, there was never hesitation as everyone seemed to get into the swing and joy of the sounds.

In addition to using an assortment of African drums, a drum circle will often use pick-up instruments such as sticks and

turtle shells that can be found anywhere on the African continent. Mr. DeVries invited 12 year old, Emma Christoff, who was visiting here from France, to lead the

circle using an ordinary stick and a hollowed out shell. She took up the challenge, and the rest of the group quickly followed her beat.

"A drum, said DeVries is the one instrument that requires no lessons. All one needs is a sense of rhythm, and we all have a bit of that, don't we?"

Drum circles are growing through-

out the country, and there are more than 100 here in Florida. To find one, Google search "Florida drum circles," or contact Raymond DeVries at drumitupusa@gmail.com

The next drum circle will be back at The Town Square on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at 5 p.m. Register at Master the Possibilities.



Photo by Ray Cech

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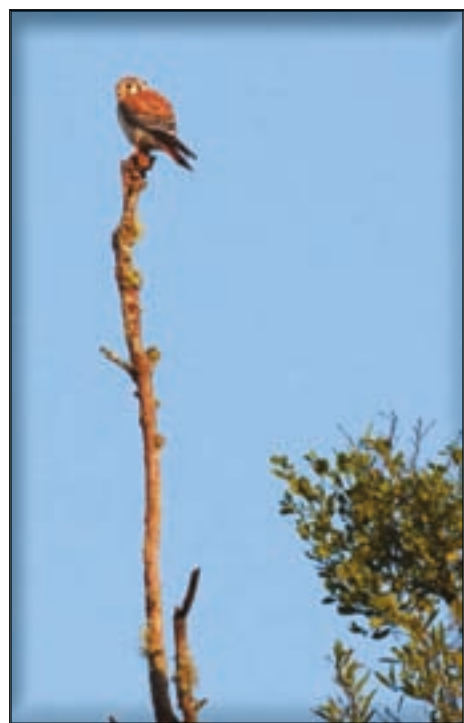


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American kestrel.

Christmas Bird Count

By Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders got off to a great start Saturday, Oct. 31, when we joined Citrus County Audubon Society birders to identify birds near the Rainbow Springs tubing entrance. The combined group of birders identified 48 species including ducks, herons, hawks, an American kestrel, woodpeckers, large wading birds, and many songbirds.

The Unique Birders hope to find some of the same types of birds when we participate in the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) for Marion County on Friday, Dec. 18. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with this important data collection effort. Contact Judy Greenberg at judygm@gmail.com, if you want to be part of a survey team for Marion County.

Frank M. Chapman started the CBC on Christmas day in 1900 in response to the traditional Christmas day "side

hunt" in which hunters killed thousands of birds for sport and feathers. Chapman started the tradition of counting birds and launched the first CBC by counting for 25 days in December. The 27 original bird counters identified 90 species in their winter ranges from Toronto, Canada, to Pacific Grove, Calif.

Each CBC is conducted within a 15-mile circle on a single day between Dec. 14 and Jan. 4. Over 2000 circles are surveyed in North America each year. The data from the CBC helps scientists study the long-term health and population status of birds across North America. When combined with the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) data, collected by the U.S. Geological Survey, scientists can detect changes in bird populations. BBS surveys began in 1965. The combined CBC and BBS data spans 50 years.

Data from past CBC and BBS surveys show that many of the birds so beloved and familiar to Floridians have lost massive portions of their winter ranges throughout the state. By 2080, Audubon scientists project that the boat-tailed grackle, anhinga, hooded merganser, American kestrel, bald eagle, black-crowned night heron, common loon, osprey, palm warbler, pine warbler and wood duck will have lost 100 percent of their summer range in Florida. This information is a huge call to action for bird lovers to participate in the CBC.

Please contact Judy Greenberg at judygm@gmail.com, if you wish to participate in the Christmas Bird Count for Marion County on Dec. 18.

Also, the Marion County Audubon Society will be holding a fundraising event on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Greg Miller, bird consultant for the movie "The Big Year," will talk on his personal big year bird count. Save the date and look for more details on the fundraiser in the January issue of the World News.

Adélie Penguin

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The Adélie penguin is one of 17 penguin species and one of six species that inhabit the continent of Antarctica. All penguins reside in the southern hemisphere with one exception in and around the Galapagos Islands due to the cold Humboldt Current that traverses up to that region from Antarctica.

Most Adélie penguins reside in and around Ross Island. The estimated count in one rookery alone was up to one half million birds with a total of five million birds calling Ross Island home. The island has approximately 38 distinct colonies.

Ross Island consists of volcanic ash and stone. It is approximately 100 square miles in size and is home to the most southern active volcano, 12,400-foot Mount Erebus. The island is home to the oldest rookery believed to be continuously inhabited since 4,000 B.C.

The island has year round ice on its southern shores and the only visible side of the island where the ice is free during the Antarctic summer is the northern shore. The northern shore is where the penguins of this area have rookeries. The Adélie is the most popular penguin sighted but the island is also home to the largest penguin, the Emperor, nearing the endangered list.

The Emperor stands up to 48 inches in height and can weight up to 100 pounds whereas the Adélie stands an average height of 27 inches and weighs in between eight to 13 pounds with the average weight being 10 pounds.

Adélies nest on shore building their nests with stones. They defecate in the nest and the heat from their guano (poop) helps melt the permafrost in the nest's bottom providing an indentation.

Adélie penguins generally mate for life. Each penguin has a distinct sound that can be heard by its mate and their young. The Adélie generally lays two eggs yearly in the nest that is incubated by both the female and the male. When the chicks hatch, only one will reach its first birthday.

Emperor penguins nest on the ice. The female will lay one egg and then transfer the egg to the male who will incubate the egg until the hatchling appears. The female places the egg on the male's feet and the male's flabby belly will cover the egg keeping it warm. The incubation period can take over two months and the male will keep the egg warm. The female, in the meantime heads to sea to feed and returns after the fledgling is hatched. Then, the male heads to sea to eat.

When traversing to an Adélie rookery, the smell, or I should say the stench, is horrible. These flightless birds eat nothing but krill, small fish and squid. So, you can imagine the smell! It's funny to watch the penguins as their nests are extremely close to one another.

Their sex life is something to behold. Male Adélies generally reach the rookery site before the females. A female will choose a nesting site and the male will approach dropping a small stone or pebble in front of the female. If that female accepts the stone and places it her nest, the couple will mate usually for life. If the penguin in the nest is not a female then a fight begins. Stones or other pebbles are classified to the female Adélie penguin as an "engagement ring."

The cute little Adélie penguin is a favorite of toy manufacturers to reproduce as stuffed animals for children. They come



Photo by Bob Woods

The Adélie penguin is one of 17 penguin species that inhabit the continent of Antarctica.

complete with the white ring around the eyes, white belly and black coat making the stuffed animal look like it is wearing a tuxedo. In reality, the penguins colored markings help protect them from predators.

The black coat keeps the penguin from being seen from above and the white front makes it difficult to see from the ocean's depths. The penguin's enemies are just about all other forms of wildlife around Antarctica. Skua gulls (a very large seagull) prey on the bird's eggs and fledglings when unprotected. Leopard seals (man-eaters) lay off the rookeries waiting for young and adults alike to hit the water. Killer whales also feed on them.

Live penguins are difficult to see in our country unless a particular zoo or aquarium includes them in their displays. One of the best displays can be seen in the Antarctic pavilion at Orlando's Sea World. The theme park has four or five varieties of penguins in a large glass enclosure and you can watch the captive birds on land and flying under water in a huge glass-viewing tank.

If you are interested in penguins, especially those that reside on Antarctica, I will be sharing my experiences living on this continent for one year through a class at Master the Possibilities on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 2 p.m. To register, please visit masterthepossibilities.com.



What's Cookin'

By Marilyn Cronin

The end of November through December is full of holidays, which for me equals faith, family, traditions, memories, and food!

When I was old enough to take the public bus by myself, I would go to my aunt's house after school. She was a fantastic baker and my mother, her sister, couldn't bake from a box.

My aunt always made "tarts" and she would try to teach me how to make pastry crust – never learned. I cannot make pie crust from scratch so I use Pillsbury prepared crusts; just spread them out and cut out the crusts for muffin tins. I fill them with strawberry, raspberry, or blackberry jams/preserves and my aunt's special recipe for butter tarts.

Butter Tarts

- 1 Egg
- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 1 Cup currants
- 2 Tablespoons butter (I use a little more)
- 2 Teaspoons vanilla
- 1 Cup of chopped dates (optional)

Beat ingredients until bubbles form. Drop a teaspoonful (more or less depending on the size of the tins) into crust-lined muffin tin. Bake at 425° to 450° degrees for eight to 10 minutes or until crust starts to brown.

Whether the tarts are filled with jam, preserves, butter tarts recipe or your own filling, add a dollop of whipped cream on top to complete it.



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

By Luke Mullen

October is when the Favorite Recipes Dinner Club resumed our normal schedule of multiple dinners held at various members' homes. This year's kick off dinner was held on Saturday, Oct. 17. The cookout was quite similar to last year's because of the success of a fun and entertaining evening.

Again, through the efforts of Rhea and Jim Russell, the club was able to sponsor a cookout meet and greet to introduce our club to residents who had expressed interest in joining us. These potential new members had been contacted through our own club outreach efforts by our success at the annual Club Fair.

Rhea and Jim organized the event. As a result, we had a total of 24 club members and 12 potential new members at the event. Many have decided to join the club after our cookout.

The club provided a complimentary meal for our guests. Rhea and Jim's plan was for club members to contribute various items to the event. They consisted of chicken, paper products, baked beans, appetizers, potato salad, coleslaw, beverages, cookies, brownies, etc. As a result, there was plenty of food for all attendees and all had a great time.

As part of the normal information provided to potential new members, I usu-



Photo by Luke Mullen.

Favorite Recipes Dinner Club held their annual cookout in October at the pavilion.

ally make an appointment, at their convenience, to go over our club guidelines. These guidelines, on a single sheet of paper, outline the basics of how the club operates. They describe what you can expect from the club, and what the guidelines are for all members, be they either as a host or as a guest at a dinner. These guidelines are not hard and fast rules, but more of an effort to make sure everyone has the same sense of what is appropriate for this type of club.

After we review these guidelines and discuss questions or concerns about how the club operates, you would then let me know if you think the club is right for you. I would then assign you a two-digit number. With the number, I take your name, address, telephone number, e-mail,

etc. Additionally, I would also ask you to decide your ideal, maximum/minimum number of people you would like to have at your home, including yourself for any dinner you might host. This is up to each individual/couple participant.

When you join, I send an e-mail to all club members indicating that you have joined, add your name to the roster along with your house guest accommodation list that identifies your preferences for the amount of guests you would like to have at your home when hosting.

Our club is currently seeking new couple members. If you are a couple who enjoys preparing and cooking food and entertaining in your home call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for more information.

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Pennsylvania Club

By Michelle Malsch

The Pennsylvania Club meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11 was a learning experience. Colleen J. Pallamary, local author and speaker, demonstrated hands only CPR and the use of the AED. Many members were surprised of the new CPR technique, as well as how easy it is to use the AED. Members welcomed her and her expertise and thanked her with a small

token of their appreciation (provided by Claudette Moher) for this life saving information.

Raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win a mesh decorated Christmas wreath (donated by Micki Malsch). Proceeds from the raffle will be used to purchase toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive. Many thanks to the members who purchased tickets. Claudette Moher won the wreath.

The Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Please contact Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790 if you did not sign up and provide what you will be contributing to the dinner – a

side dish or a dessert, as well as how many people will be attending. The club will provide ham. Please note that you do not have to bring your own eating utensils/plates; the club provides these.

Information regarding the Christmas party "Chinese auction" gift exchange was distributed to all the members. Everyone who wishes to participate brings a wrapped gift, not to exceed \$10. (Please, no gag gifts.) Before the exchange begins, each member who brought a gift will be given a number. As members sit in a circle, numbers will be called and the fun begins! Number one will choose a gift first and open it. Number two will then have the option to choose a gift, or "steal" the gift from number one. This continues until all the numbers have been called, then number one gets the last option to keep what he/she has, or steal from anyone else. It's a lot of fun and you never know what gift you will end up with!

Suggestions for gifts are boxes of candy, nuts, bottles of wine, \$10 gift certificates, candles, picture frames, etc.

A special thanks to Elmer and Hazel Radabaugh who will be filling the annual "Pennsylvania basket of cheer" to be raffled off at the Christmas party.

President Ray Utiss is still in need of someone to fill his post. Please consider this opportunity – it can be one or two people. As Ray has always said, the club members are always willing to lend a helping hand and his job was made easy because of members volunteering. We need your help for the club to continue.

Just a reminder – club membership dues are collected at the Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 meeting. This meeting will be held in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at 3 p.m. This Super Bowl-themed meeting will be snacks only (no potluck). Please bring your favorite "tailgating" snack and wear your team colors.

You don't have to be a member to join in the fun. Guests are always welcome in search of good fun, food and people! Until we meet again ...

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Stamp Club

By Joe Rosinski

Thank you for reading about the latest happenings at the General Francis Marion Stamp Club. Hope you all got to take a look at our exhibits at either or both the main branch library or Freedom Library during the past couple of months. We had fun putting them together and tried to come up with a variety of subjects.

As I reported in last month's column, the Charlie Brown Christmas stamps have been quite popular; especially since the U.S. Postal Service will not issue any new religious themed stamps this year, and rumor has it only one type of contemporary Christmas stamp will be coming. The word is that they are offering for sale stamps from previous years in order to clear their excess holdings.

The manager of our annual stamp and coin show advised us that it was considered a success. The venue was great and several of the dealers were quite happy with the turnout. Plans for next year's show are underway.

The picture accompanying this column shows a few seasonal items that I thought might be of interest. The two stamps on the top left are from Australia and are the first annual Christmas stamps issued

by any country. The year was 1957, and Australia has continued this ever since. In 1962 the U.S. Post Office Department (predecessor of the U.S.P.S.) finally got in the swing and issued its first Christmas stamp; it is shown on the right of the top row. The U.S.P.S. has continued to issue Christmas stamps annually in various designs with one having a religious theme and the other a contemporary design.

The next two rows show what are called prepaid meter stamps with slogan cancels and were widely used during the 1930s thru the 1960s. The two slogans "Give her an Electrolux gas refrigerator this Christmas" is from 1938 and the "Holiday Greetings" one is from 1943. The Christmas postcard on the bottom row is from 1915; these were quite popular in the early 1900s when postcards could be mailed for a penny; that price has since risen to 34 pennies. The U.S.P.S. now also issues annual stamps commemorating the holidays of Hanukkah, Eid, and Chinese New Year to name a few.

Any questions about the club or hobby can be directed to me at rosinskijoe@gmail.com or jrcr8850@embarqmail.com. Check out our website at ocalagfm-stampclub.com for more information.

Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving and we wish you a merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah. Look for our column next month and check out our meeting times on the club schedule inserted in the World News.



Photo by Bill Leon

Caribbean Club's Halloween feast.

Caribbean Club

By Bill Leon

The Caribbean Club held its annual Halloween party and celebrated with a feast to behold. The members and guests couldn't wait to get at it and after devour-

ing the menu it was time to work off those calories. The DJ did a great job in getting them on the dance floor with music that rocked the house. It was a festive occasion for all; as we welcomed back our snowbirds and summer travelers.

Now it's time to prepare for our Christmas party, which will be here in no time. Where will all those calories be heading?



Model Railroaders

By Jim Lynam

You are invited! The Model Railroaders would like to announce that the club has been invited to provide a holiday train display at Master the Possibilities in Room #1. The display will be available for viewing from Monday, Dec. 21 through Monday, Dec. 28. The Lionel gauge trains will be operational from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, Monday through Saturday. The exception will be Christmas Eve and Christmas Day when the building will be closed.

The club will also be hosting its fourth annual holiday open house on Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the main train room located on the lower floor of the Recreation Center.

The members will have multiple trains running continuously on the main layout in the train room. There will be passenger, freight, work, and yard trains running simultaneously throughout the city and countryside. For those of you who remember "the good old days" of railroading, you will be amazed at the variety of steam engines that will be pulling the consists. There will also be diesel locomotives

representing the more modern era running the main line and performing yard-switching duties.

The room will be filled with the sounds of railroading from the squealing of hot brakes on the turns, the bell of the engine working the yard, to the haunting and "throaty" sound of the steam whistle warning the automobiles at the crossings. The room will change from daylight operation to twilight time when the lights from all of the buildings, city streets, engines and passenger cars emerge and twinkle in your eyes to add to the enjoyment.

The club encourages you to bring your friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren to both the Lionel holiday display at Master the Possibilities as well as the holiday display open house on the Tuesday and Wednesday after Christmas in the Recreation Center.

May your present under the tree result in a train running around the tree! Happy holidays to everyone!

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

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



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Philatelic items for the holidays.



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The Glitzy Gals

By Janet Wahl

The Halloween party at the Polish American Club in Holiday, Fla. reminded us that Red Hatters do have fun. Those who attended had a great day of food, fun and fellowship.

All those who attended enjoyed our luncheon at Sweet Potatoes with hostess-

es Nancy Dreimiller and Hedy Schamal. QM Mary Curry was the prizewinner.

Future events and other activities were discussed at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli.

Treats were delivered to the children at Project Hope for Halloween. Paper products were also donated, as they are always needed.

Eight of us traveled to the Orlando Premium Outlets with Travel Toppers. A pleasant day of being with each other and shopping is always enjoyable.

"May the season's simple joys warm your heart, fill your home and last a lifetime." QM Mary Curry



Southern Club

By Melanie Vittitow

The Southern Club continues to grow and thrive despite the fact that we are operating without a full board of officers. That's due to our members stepping up to head projects and host different months. We had five new members at the November meeting and welcome anyone interested in enjoying some southern company!

After our delicious meal, we had a challenging game of Thanksgiving trivia. It wasn't easy! Do you know the name of the Indian tribe that joined the Pilgrims for the first Thanksgiving? Or how long the feasting continued? Look it up. Maybe you can impress your guests and family at your own Thanksgiving dinner.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 3. The club will be furnishing Honey-Baked ham and turkey and we need to know how many people will be there so we know how much meat to purchase. If you were not at the last meeting to sign up, you will need to contact Jean Hester at (919) 291-8542.

If you are interested in joining us, you will have to call Jean and let her know. We meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at 5 p.m. for social time with the potluck dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. You need to bring a dish to share and your own utensils and plates. The club will furnish tea and coffee. If you are pondering what to bring, think of what goes with a ham or turkey dinner and plan to feed at least 8 to 10 hungry southerners.

There will be entertainment after the meeting. I hear it's something to do with Christmas.

If you have any questions about our club that weren't answered here, call me at (352) 873-8690. "Y'all come on out and join us, ya' hear?"



Genealogical Society

By Peter Parisi

On Monday, Oct. 19, Alekandr J. Brzezanski, colonel, U.S. Army (retired), gave a very informative and interesting presentation on "My Russia to America Connection."

According to Col. Brzezanski, there are 108 different ethnic groups in Russia. There were 17 main groups of Cossacks in Russia, Poland, Lithuania and the Ukraine, who were semi-independent, with each having their own military. The history of the Cossacks for 1,000 years is a history of war and chaos. They were used by the Polish kings to protect Poland's borders and later by the Russians to defend the Russian frontier and as advance guards for the territorial expansion of the Russian Empire by the Czars.

Being protectors of the Russian emperor, the Cossacks received special favor as a result. As their wealth increased, they bought estates in Poland, Italy and France. During the Russian Civil War (1918-1920), the Cossacks in southern Russia formed the core of the anti-Bolshevik White Army.

Alek's family origin dates back to about 900 A.D. in Poland. His fourth great-grandfather, Augustin Brzezanski, fought against Napoleon at Waterloo. His grandfather and his father were Counts in St. Petersburg, Russia. When the Bolsheviks took over in 1918, Alek's family went to live in Poznan, Poland. His father, Henryk Brzezanski, was in the Free Polish Army and fought against the Germans when they invaded Poland in 1939. After Poland fell to the Nazis, Henryk escaped to London and served in the Free Polish Army in England. After World War II ended, his father came to the U.S. in 1946 and settled in Virginia where Alek was born.

His family crest shows that his ancestors were members of the Knights Templars (eastern section) and that they were the ones who protected the Russian imperial family, the Romanovs up until the Czar was forced to abdicate his throne during the Russian Revolution in 1917.

His mother was a descendant of the Austrian-Hungarian Habsburg royal family. His grandmother's godmother was Czarina Alexandra, Czar Nicholas' wife. Interestingly, Czarina Alexandra was not Russian. Her father was a German Grand Duke and her mother was a daughter of Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom.

Alex emphasized that he used the following sources to trace his genealogy:

- Discussion with relatives and friends
- Published books and personal journals of his ancestors
- Military archives
- Military artifacts, military medals and awards, including documentation

The Genealogical Society will hold its Christmas party at Stone Creek Grille at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 14. At this luncheon, we will also elect our new officers for year 2016. Our annual dues are only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. One of the benefits of membership is that we have a large library of genealogical books and CDs, which are available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check us out on our website, otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.

We would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas, happy Hanukah and a happy and healthy New Year.

Singles Club
By Cecelia Adams

Happy holidays everyone! The Singles Club will celebrate the season with a fun luncheon at Stone Creek Grille on Thursday, Dec. 10, at noon. As usual, we will have our gift exchange (optional for people who really don't want to participate). Gifts should cost about \$10 and

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be something you might like to receive. Please, no recycled gifts. Because we are a big group, the restaurant has given us four lunch entrée choices. If you are going to the luncheon and have not yet chosen your meal, or if you would like to join us for this event, call Dianne Rooks at (352) 509-4922 by Friday, Dec. 4, and she'll go over the options by phone. Carpoolers will meet in the Recreation Center parking lot at 11 a.m.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season and gets ready for an activity-filled 2016. And the Singles Club can help you do that with our monthly gatherings and outings. Remember, our meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center, with the next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14. New members are welcome at any time of the year.

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American Jewish Club
By Carol Aronoff

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving feast home or away. As we go into December, I can hardly believe it's that time of year again. Lox lunch will be held on the usual third Sunday, Dec. 20, at 12:30 p.m. Please, if you have one, bring a small menorah and candles for your table ... to ingest a little festivity.

Hope you are all well, and are enjoying all the good things Ocala has to offer at this time of year. See you all soon!

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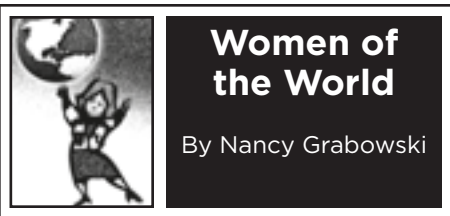
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Women of the World

By Nancy Grabowski

It's hard to believe that we have celebrated Thanksgiving and turned the calendar page to rush headlong into December! Ahhh, December: filled with activities and memories. Many of these activities fuel the hearts of Women of the World members since we are dedicated to service and charity.

Women of the World will continue to support Operation Shoebox and Marion County Senior Services while adding an additional charity for the month of December, which is the norm. Additionally, you may find our gals baking cookies for the annual Holiday Festival at the Recreation Center, decorating for the golf cart parade, ringing the bell for the Red Kettle Drive, or at scores of other functions sharing their time and talent.

The officers of Women of the World cannot express their thanks too often to the ladies who give so generously month after month. As a small token of our appreciation, the club will provide the re-

freshments at our December meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 4 and will begin about 12:15 p.m. We will have special entertainment, too!

When the jam-packed month of December gives way to 2016, Women of the World will truly swing into action to prepare for the annual fashion show and luncheon to benefit Hospice of Marion County. Last year's total, \$8,500 was an all-time record for us; we, naturally, would love to top it again this year.

Tickets for the event will be on sale at the January meeting and the cost will be held at \$22. Each ticket generates a donation to Hospice for our first check. If you

are purchasing a complete table of eight, please have all the information ready to help keep the line moving.

Then, another check will be generated by ticket sales for the baskets. Each year, the baskets are more inventive, more colorful, and more in demand. More information will be provided in the next column.

Consider adding one more item to your "to-do list" and join us at the meeting on Dec. 4! Bring a friend and enjoy yourselves with us: the best group of friends you'll ever have!

We wish everyone a merry Christmas, happy Hannukah, joyous Kwanzaa, and all the joys this season brings!



LadyBirds

By Caren Kowalsky

Happy turkey day to all. Hope your Thanksgiving was filled with lots of fun, good company, and lots of delicious food.

Thanks to Marianne Ingwersen and her talented volunteers for a lovely and delicious fall/Halloween potluck, which was held on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Nancy Dreimiller chose Edo Sushi

and Steakhouse (around the corner from Mimi's Cafe) for our Tuesday, Nov. 17 luncheon. Good food, and great company – a winning combination.

Jean Jarmel will host our December outing. Information to follow.

Naomi Berman is hosting our cookie exchange/Toys for Tots at our Friday, Dec. 11 meeting. We're looking forward to all of the wonderful goodies home baked and purchased, and there will be mountains of Toys for Tots.

Our holiday luncheon will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the private room at Stone Creek Grille. A sign-

up sheet will again be available at our December meeting, or contact me at (352) 291-1235 or allensky@earthlink.net.

As usual, Gloria Scicluna is hosting our famous annual birthday party, to take place at the Arbor Club Ballroom on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016 from 2 to 4 p.m. Gloria has requested you submit a photograph of yourself taken at an earlier age, to be used in one of the games which will be played at the party. This game was played at a previous birthday party, and was a lot of fun. Gloria also has some other interesting ideas up her sleeve, which she will make us aware of soon. Please direct any questions to Gloria at (352) 237-7439 or sci-

clunang@aol.com.

All LadyBirds and wives or significant others of R/C Flyers are invited to join this celebration, which has become a huge success and fun addition to our yearly activities.

We are happy to see wives and significant others of R/C Flyers sitting in at a meeting, which takes place the second Friday of each month from September to April. We would be happy to answer any questions about our club. Bring your favorite beverage, and we supply the goodies. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting Friday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m.



SPCA

By Maria Devine

We'd like to remind our members that instead of a regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17, we will have our annual holiday luncheon at 1 p.m. at the Ocala National Country Club. The address is 4782 NW 80th Avenue in Ocala and their phone number is (352) 207-5152. We look forward to seeing all our members there to celebrate.

If you need to get in touch with the SPCA for any reason, please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985. It's the quickest way to answer all your inquiries.

It turns out that our Bunco Spooktacular fundraiser was spectacular! We had a full house on Friday, Oct. 30 at the College of Central Florida. The college did a great job with the food and decorations. At the end of the evening, we had winners in different bunco categories, 50/50 raffles, and gift basket raffles. Our fundraiser was a win/win situation for the SPCA and guests alike, and we want to thank all our sponsors for making it happen. Once again, our generous friends and neighbors came out to support and help us big time.

For all cat lovers out there, the SPCA is fostering a kitten and a cat. The beautiful kitten pictured here is Joey. Young Joey showed up in Marion Landing one day. Generous and kind neighbors there

fed and cared for him but could not take him in because of their own pets. They chipped in to take him to the vet for shots and neutering and then turned him over to us to provide foster care and find him a good home. He's doing great in foster care, but he would prefer a home of his own. If you've had your heart set on a kitten to love, you couldn't do any better than Joey with the gorgeous face. If his picture melts your heart, please call Marilyn at (352) 465-7137 or (352) 445-2192 to see if this dear kitty is right for you.

If you'd prefer an older cat to a kitten, we are also fostering a six-year-old neutered male Siamese named Purr. He will make a lovely pet for someone looking for

a nice companion. Please call Marilyn at (352) 465-7137 or (352) 445-2192 to ask about Purr.

We're still looking for a tech savvy person to help us out. Is there anyone in our community adept at updating and maintaining Facebook and web pages? If so, we can sure use your help. It's not necessary to join our organization; you can volunteer to be a consultant or be responsible for these tasks on your own. This is a great way to do some volunteering if you enjoy spending time online. Our Facebook page is Marion County FL SPCA and our webpage is spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com. Please call us at (352) 362-0985 if you can help or to find out more.

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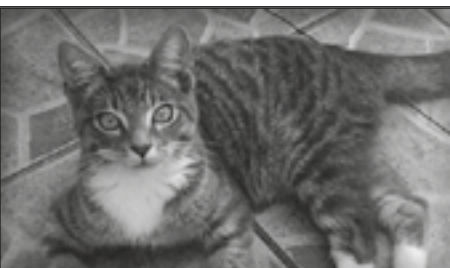
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100 Grandparents

By Janet Fragapane

Last month this column asked for help in getting much-needed shoes and clothes to the children of Romeo Elementary. Thank you! Boy did you ever come through big time. Pat Russell asked her church, First Congregational United Church of Christ, and they purchased \$500 in clothing. Joanne Leigh's, Saturday Morning Coffee Club, supplied shoes, socks, and clothing. Phyllis Jarskey donated a big box of items. Several more people climbed on the bus bearing bags and boxes filled with more things for the children.

Please don't think this is a one-time deal and we can move on. This is an ongoing need, please continue to help. Even if it is one pair of socks; you have given a child a much-needed pair. Grades in the school are kindergarten to fifth grade. If you know a family that may have hand-me-down clothing still in good condition, please ask to donate those items to the children at Romeo. Only underwear needs to be new. Mrs. Balias, principal at Romeo,

showed us a video of the enrichment of the school's activities. They now have a media specialist, a journalist program, and many more things that were made possible by help given by the community. She spoke about the three weeks of kindness that the school participated in and how the children are still showing kindness and helpfulness to all. She stated that parents were calling the school to ask, "What is going on because help at home was being done with out being asked."

Joining us this month were old and new readers Patty Roark, Edith Bucchi, Gene Matsui, Sharon Buckner, and Gloria Nelson. Welcome!

Don't forget food for the backpack program. You may donate via check in any amount made out to Dunnellon Food-4 Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Fla. 34430. On the memo line, note for backpack program

Calling all male residents! Please consider joining our group ... call Evelyn Holiday today at (352) 237-0304. Many children have no male role models in their lives. Maybe you could be that person?

The bus will be at True Value on Tuesday, Dec. 8. It will leave by 8:30 a.m. Please be sure to park near the back of the building, as we do not want to interfere with customer parking. Thank you.



Photo by Ron Broman

Boston fern also known as native sword fern (Nephrolepis exaltata).



Native Plant Group

By Ron Broman

"Boston fern? That's not a native!" She looked at me quizzically.

"Sure it is," I replied, forgetting all I had ever learned or taught about open-ended questions.

"I thought it was from Boston," she came back predictably.

"Everybody does," I said under my breath.

Have I written about Boston fern before? Researching in the three scrapbooks, carefully prepared by my magnificent partner in all of this native plant writing, - no column on Boston fern. Wow! I was groping for a new, unwritten-about native, thinking the list was ending, and here, under our noses (literally) is Boston fern. But wait. There must be a reason why there has been no column.

Craig Huegel's book, "Native Florida Plants for Shady Landscapes" leaped into my hands. Nothing on Boston fern in the index, but several ferns are mentioned in the book. Let's have a look.

Our native sword fern, also known as Boston fern - voilà! Pay dirt.

The first two sentences put me off. "Two native and two highly invasive non-native sword ferns occur in Florida." (My work has just begun.) "Of the two non-native sword ferns, tuberous sword fern (Nephrolepis cordifolia) is the most

widespread - occurs throughout central and south Florida - rarely north; spreads rapidly - underground rhizomes - forms large patches - difficult to remove - produces rounded tubers [which] will sprout and produce new plants."

I'm in trouble. But these aren't what we call Boston ferns. How are they different? Read on.

"Our native sword ferns, also known as Boston ferns, are better behaved but similar in appearance." (Thanks a lot! Now I know why I haven't written about them.) "There are good online publications that can help you in their identification (edis.ifas.ufl.edu/agl20)." So now it's off to the library.

Not so fast. Read on some more. "Native sword fern, (N. exaltata), is found primarily in central and south Florida - medium sized - remains green throughout the winter - about two feet tall - forms clumps, but it spreads slowly over time in all directions - rarely produces colonies, and never produces the distinctive golden tubers of [the non-native, spreading one]. Native sword fern is adaptable to a wide variety of growing conditions, from wet to relatively dry, and it adapts to all degrees of shade."

I'm now convinced that what we have in our Garden of Weedin' is the native variety of Boston fern (N. exaltata). If you're interested in a shade-loving ground cover, you might just check out that website. It's a neat plant.

Call (352) 861-4560 if you're interested in our Native Plant Group projects. Growing native. Wow!



Photo by Bill Shampine

Barbara Tibbetts, one of the 100 Grandparents, dressed as a pilgrim in order to help the students in her classroom better understand the Thanksgiving experience.

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World Traveler

By Bill Shampine

Sylt, the most famous of Germany's North Frisian Islands, is located in the North Sea, just off the coast of Germany and right at the border with Denmark. It is an anchor-shaped island, with a maximum length of 23.6 miles and width of 8.1 miles. To get there by car, you need to take a ferry or you can go by train across a causeway.

The west coast of Sylt (North Sea side) is all beach, whereas the east coast side (the Wadden Sea side) tends to be mostly heath and marshland. Sylt has been plagued by erosion of its beaches for millennia. The western edge of the island has been moving eastward an average of about three feet per year for about 8,000 years. The government has been trying to stop the erosion since the mid-1800s, but all attempts have failed so far. Since 1972, the government has been spending €10 million a year to dredge sand onto the shore. Periodic storm floods, however, quickly wash away this artificial accumulation of

sand, and the loss of land mass continues unabated.

Sylt is famous for being the resort of choice for the German jet set, with many tourists going there in hopes of an occasional celebrity sighting. Celebrity-watching notwithstanding, Sylt basically is a beach destination. Although the beaches are nice, be forewarned that the North Sea water is c-c-c-cold! The all-time high temperature for the water off the coast of Sylt is 72 degrees Fahrenheit. The average water temperature peaks for the year at 64 degrees in mid-August. For this Florida-born boy, that water is much too cold for swimming!

Second to celebrity watching, Sylt also has made a name for itself as a venue for some sporting events. For example, the annual Windsurf World Cup is held at Sylt in late September. In addition, surfers who can tough out the cold water can catch some pretty nice waves.

Even though the sand dunes on the main part of the island have a rather fragile ecosystem, the heaths and marshlands on the Wadden Sea side provide rich habitats for a wide variety of plants and animals, including many rare species. Especially notable are the 600 species of butterflies that live there. Perhaps these are the celebrity butterflies? Because the island interior



Photo by Noop1958

Haus Kliffende, one of the many thatched-roof cottages located on the German island of Sylt.

has such a fragile ecosystem, about half of it has been classified as a nature preserve or is under some other type of conservation protection.

About 21,000 people live in several villages on the island, with resorts catering to the rich and famous located all along the beach areas. Many of Germany's celebri-

ties also own houses there, some of which are built in the Frisian-style, with thatched roofs. There is a vibrant nightlife, top-end shopping, and many wonderful seafood restaurants to please the discerning palate. Oh yes, if you go, don't forget to take your checkbook. You just might need it.



Travel Toppers

By Mary Lamp

The slide presentation given by a representative from AMA Waterways last month really fired me up for the Legendary Danube River Cruise that Travel Toppers is offering. The presentation took us down the Danube from Nuremberg to Budapest with the breathtaking scenery of Germany, Austria and Hungary. I had already signed up for the trip (Oct. 10 through Oct. 20, 2016) and this presentation made me even more eager to go (but I haven't started packing yet!). For details and to book, call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428.

The following trips have been closed but there is a wait list: Singing Christmas Trees, Orlando, Dec. 12; The Lion King, Straz Center, Jan. 28, 2016; and cruise to Bermuda, April 9, 2016.

The Show Palace Christmas Spectacular trip on Friday, Dec. 25 is taking reservations, please call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428. West Side Story at the Show Palace will be seen Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016, please call Linda at (352) 861-9880 to make a reservation.

Registration has begun for the Calypso Queen cruise on Clearwater Harbor on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016. There will be a live captain's sightseeing narration along our route and a most complete tropical style buffet with complimentary beer, wine and punch. The cost is \$52 per person and the coordinator of this trip is Allan Rickards. Call him at (352) 390-3075 for more information and to register.

Our club welcomes new members/volunteers, and if you are interested, please call one of the club's board members: President Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-

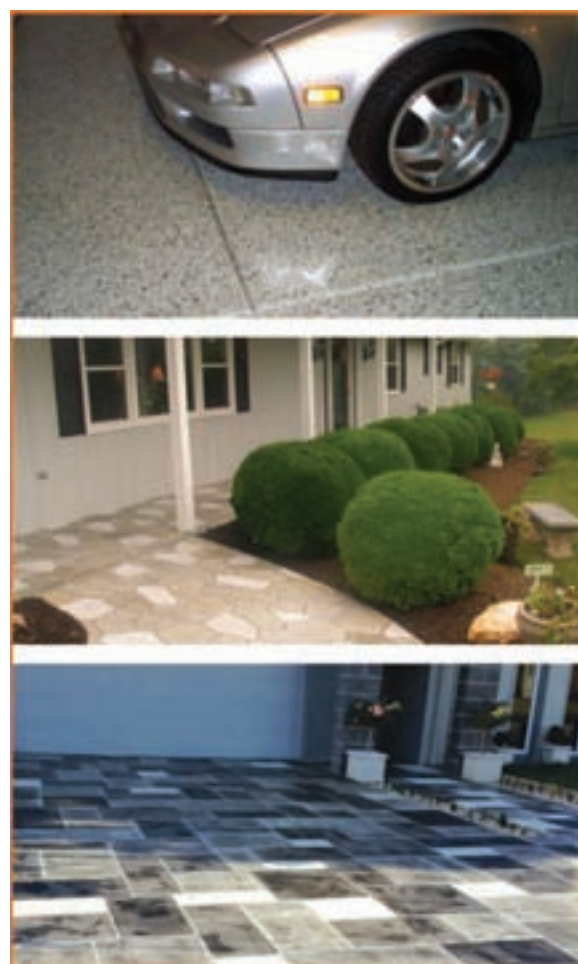
7428; Vice President Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880, or myself at (352) 854-9378. We also welcome suggestions for future trips, which you can also give to any of the three people above.

Travel Toppers is a club run by resident volunteers for the residents of On Top of the World and their guests. We welcome your involvement and thank you for your interest. For up-to-date information on our trips, please visit our website at traveltopperstours.com or sign up for our monthly e-mail newsletter by calling Allan Rickards at (352) 390-3075.

Travel Toppers (right) at the Gala Titanic Dinner in Orlando.



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Poetry

By Patricia B. Abrams

Lonesome Crow Broken Wing

He hops around my yard
 Dragging one foot and a wing
 I know his life is now hard
 But each morning I hear him sing

He cannot fly with the flock
 Now confined to my yard it seems
 He sits all day on a rock
 Sometimes taking flight in his dreams

When the evening crows come in
 to roost
 He sings to them please come by
 to see me
 They stop by to give him a boost
 And his demeanor seems to be pleased

When morning comes around
 He starts a new day with a caw
 I listen to his lonely sound
 And imagine he's calling his maw

Lonesome Crow Broken Wing I
 have named him
 With his feathers all tattered and
 torn
 Reminds me of our own native
 Indian
 Just wandering through thistle
 and thorn

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Lions Club

By Estelle Clark

The Lions had a busy month in November. We screened approximately 325 students at Saddlewood Elementary for vision and hearing. It is so much fun and very rewarding working with the children.

We would like to welcome our newest members: Donna and Charles Parrish, Beverly Cox and Peter Geden.

Please remember our Christmas tree that is in the lobby of the Recreation Center. We have so many children in Marion County who are disadvantaged and need our help. We will again be partnering with Fire Station 21 to get the gifts distributed.

We are still collecting eyeglasses, cell phones and ink jet cartridges which can be dropped off at the Arbor Club, Customer Service, Publix, Ocala Eye, Ritz Eye and Divine Providence. Another one



View From The Library

By B.J. Leckbee

Lisa Scottoline is a renowned author of legal mysteries as well as a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer. She began her career as a litigator and switched to writing as a way to work at home as she raised her daughter. She definitely found her niche, as 14 of her books have been best sellers. "Look Again," one of her more recent best-selling books, asks the question, "What would you do if the face in a missing child photo was your son's?"

Will was legally adopted shortly af

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ter his birth, so Ellen, his adoptive single mother, has difficulty believing this photograph could be of the child she is raising as her own. If it is, could she possibly give him back to his birth parents?

Ellen chooses to not share her fear with anyone and begins her lonely search for the truth. Scottoline stays with what she knows by placing Ellen as a writer by profession, and leading her through a review of the legal process of her child's adoption. Things can and do go wrong, and Ellen uses her skills as a reporter to find out what's really going on. Her unauthorized absence from work while she searches for the truth almost gets her fired, and a crime that was committed prior to the adoption puts both her and her son in danger.

"Look Again" is one of more than a dozen Lois Scottoline books in our inventory. They're shelved in the fiction section under the author's last name. By the way, Scottoline rhymes with fettuccine.

Give me a call at (352) 861-7358. We serve.



On The Road Again

By Bob Woods

The club has some exciting trips planned: motor coach, overseas and cruises! First a motor coach trip to the "Belle of Georgia" (Savannah). This is a five-day/ four-night trip with plenty to see and do. You will tour with a step on guide of the islands of Jekyll and St. Simon. There will be some free time down on River Street which at one time played host to many ships and warehouses that are now filled with all kinds of shops and restaurants. The trip will also take you to the "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands" Beaufort and a tour of the Marine Corps recruit training facility at Parris Island. This tour includes four nights of lodging and eight meals (four breakfasts and four dinners) departing on Monday, Oct. 3, 2016.

There are a few seats remaining at time of writing for the nine-day San Antonio, Texas trip departing Saturday, April 23, 2016. Call to see if space is available or get your name on the stand-by list. Call John for information.

The club has many cruises in the works. The Oasis of the Seas cruise departing Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 is sold out but the club is taking names in case of any cancellations. A cruise on the Majesty of the Seas departing Port Canaveral, Fla. in the spring of 2017 will be rescheduled.

The club is taking reservations for a 33-day circumnavigation cruise around Australia with a stop in Bali along with and touring ports and fiords on the South Island of New Zealand. This total trip is 35 days. At time of writing, the club does not have group space but it is being worked upon. The price is right. Cabins are scarce for this cruise so if you think you might like to go on this "bucket list" cruise, please call Bob for additional information. Deposits for this cruise are fully refundable up to final payment.

There are still a few seats available for the Switzerland trip departing Friday, May 20, 2016 for a 10-day fantastic tour of the Swiss country. The club has a total of three seats available, one single and one double.

Additional information and flyers can be obtained on the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com or call John Ware at (352) 873-3516 for motor coach trips and Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702 for overseas and cruises.

The club wishes everyone a merry Christmas and a safe traveling happy New Year.

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December is such a festive month – twinkling lights, colorful decorations and little red elves running the streets. These are all sure signs that we are into the holiday season. Many of us will be expecting guests and planning for that special dinner. We want to help ease some of the stress by lining up several activities and entertainment during this most festive time of year.

Holiday Cookie Exchange Party

Join us for a holiday cookie exchange party on Friday, Dec. 4, at the Arbor Club Ballroom, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. This is your chance to celebrate the holidays while sharing cookies and recipes! Everyone will be asked to bring in four dozen homemade cookies along with the recipe. The cookie exchange will take place at 2:30 p.m. There will be hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts for everyone to enjoy.

There will be prizes in the following categories: most amazing display, most unique cookie, prettiest cookie and most outrageous holiday outfit.

The cost is \$5 per person. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and don't forget you will be going home with four dozen holiday cookies! To register, contact the Recreation Center office.

Holiday Food Drive

The annual holiday food drive for Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) will run from Monday, Dec. 7, through Friday, Dec. 18. Donation boxes will be located at the following locations:

- Customer Service
- Recreation Center (upstairs or downstairs)
- Arbor Club
- Candler Hills Community Center
- Indigo East Community Center
- Candler Hills Golf Shop
- On Top of the World Golf Shop
- Master the Possibilities
- The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa
- Circle Square Cultural Center
- Sales Center

Please help those in need by donating non-perishable food items.

Foxy Lady Cruises

Join us on Foxy Lady Cruises on Tuesday, Dec. 8. This luxury yacht will take you on a two-hour cruise on the St. Johns River. Here you'll discover beauty from the water with magnificent scenery and sights of downtown Jacksonville while you enjoy lunch. The cost of the trip is \$71 per person. To register, contact the Recreation Center office.

Golf Cart Parade & Holiday Festival

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the 16th annual Golf Cart Parade will take place. The cart line-up starts at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center parking lot, and the parade starts at 2 p.m. This will amuse the young at heart, and you might even get a glimpse of Santa.

At 6 p.m., join us at the Holiday Festival in the Recreation Center Ballroom with complimentary entertainment and refreshments. We will also have the 12 days of Christmas performed southern-style. For more information on this event, please contact Kay Chandler at (352) 237-3139.

Majestic Manatee Tours

Join us on the Majestic Manatee tour on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Crystal River is well known for its West Indies manatees as well as its crystal clear springs. We will board on the dock next to Charlie's Fish House. Our departure time is approximately 10 a.m. We will tour the Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of our beloved manatees that inhabit the area. The entire tour will keep you entertained with nature's wildlife and beauty. The tour lasts approximately two and half to three hours. You will then be returned to the dock next to Charlie's Fish House for lunch on your own! Cost is \$54 per person, which includes transportation and tour. To register, contact the Recreation Center office.

Seminole Hard Rock Casino

Our next casino trip is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 17. Don't be left behind; join us for a fun-filled day. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person and covers transportation. To register, contact the Recreation Center office.

Please note that as of January 2016 we have suspended all Seminole Hard Rock Casino trips due to casino renovations. Continue to read my column for additional information regarding the rescheduling of these trips.

Victory Casino Cruise

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 29, on the Victory Casino Cruise ship out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy an afternoon of bingo, gambling, entertainment and relaxation. There will be live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in

the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. They will also match \$20 in free play on your casino card once you have played \$20 in the gaming machine. The cost is \$38 per person and includes transportation, boarding, dining and \$20 back in match slot play. Please note that a valid government-issued photo I.D. will be required to board. To register, contact the Recreation Center office.

Holiday Train Display

The Model Railroaders will be hosting their fourth annual holiday open house on Tuesday, Dec. 29, and Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the main train room located on the lower floor of the Recreation Center. "Children" of all ages are welcome.

Line Dancing

If you are looking for a way to meet friends and get a workout, look no more! We are happy to announce that line dance classes are in full swing at the Recreation Center Ballroom; so give yourself the gift of line dancing every Monday afternoon! The cost is \$10 per four-week class each month.

- Improver plus (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience required for this class. Current popular dances taught at this level.
- Beginner level two (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Class includes basic line dance steps, combinations and easy dance patterns, with low-impact movement to many different rhythms. New step patterns are taught as needed. Some prior dance experience required.
- Beginner level one (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Dancers have completed introduction to line dance and have some experience. Easy dances at this level with additional step patterns added.
- Introduction to Line Dance (5 to 6 p.m.): This class is an introduction to line dance for those who want to learn to line dance at their own pace. Step patterns described, practiced and used in simple patterns. Step sheets provided in this class. In January 2016, this class will be re-named absolute beginner and take place in the fitness room of the Recreation Center on Tuesdays.

For fun and fellowship, join one of our dance classes! It is medically proven that the best activity combining physical and mental effort at the same time is ... dancing! Marilyn McNeal teaches all classes. If you have any questions, please contact her at (352) 804-1546 or BoarsNestFarm@aol.com.

Line dance tickets are on sale Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center office. (Please note: line dance tickets will not be sold on Mondays.)

Happy Hour

Come out for a fun-filled evening of live entertainment during Happy Hour. Visit with neighbors and friends and dance the night away. Join us this month for the Holiday Party Happy Hour on Friday, Dec. 18! Come dressed in your favorite holiday colors, as Santa and his elves are sure to pay a visit.

Our entertainment line-up is as follows:

- Dec. 4: Gnarley Charlie (Recreation Center)
- Dec. 11: Karen Hall (Arbor Club)
- Dec. 18: Holiday Party with Second Slice (Recreation Center)

Please note that there will be no Happy Hour on Friday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. Don't forget Happy Hour is held at the Recreation Center Ballroom on the first, third and fifth Friday of every month and at the Arbor Club Ballroom on the second and fourth Friday of every month. Remember resident I.D. is required for entry, and guest fees apply.

Community Bus

Due to the holidays, the community bus will not be running on the following days: Thursday, Dec. 24; Friday, Dec. 25; Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1.

Holiday Hours

Holiday hours for the Recreation Center and Arbor Club are as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 24**
 - Recreation office: 8 a.m. to noon
 - Recreation Fitness Center: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled)
 - Arbor Club: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled)
- Friday, Dec. 25**
 - All facilities closed
- Thursday, Dec. 31**
 - Recreation office: closed
 - Recreation Fitness Center: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled)
 - Arbor Club: 7 a.m. to noon (all classes cancelled)
- Friday, Jan. 1**
 - All facilities closed

Facilities Information

It is that time of year to submit your 2017 room request. The bookings will be entered in January 2016 for the upcoming year. Don't delay as space is limited! Please remember, if you book a facility for an event or club meeting, you must have a minimum of 10 in attendance, fewer than 10 members will result in cancellation of the facility contract. If your club or event on any given day will not be utilizing the facility, please contact the Recreation of-

office a week prior to that date to cancel the booking.

Please note that On Top of the World facilities are for residents only! Guest fees apply to non-residents and Indigo East residents not holding a Gateway of Services pass. For more information, contact the Recreation Center office.

Upcoming Events in January

Contact the Recreation Center office to find out more information on these upcoming events:

- Friday, Jan. 1: No Happy Hour
- Thursday, Jan. 7: Trivia Night
- Friday, Jan. 8: Horse Farm Tour
- Thursday, Jan. 14: Club Fair
- Friday, Jan. 15: "Jam Session" Happy Hour
- Tuesday, Jan. 19: Majestic Manatee Tour
- Thursday, Jan. 21: Get Acquainted Coffee
- Saturday, Jan. 23: Health & Wellness Expo
- Thursday, Jan. 28: Victory Casino Cruise
- Friday, Jan. 29: Singing River Cruise

I would like to wish everyone at On Top of the World a very happy holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year!



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On Top of the World BUS SCHEDULE
Monday - Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

* All times are approximate

For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533. #9801 - 09/14



On Top of the World HOLIDAY HOURS

	Day After Thanksgiving (Friday, Dec. 27)	Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31)	Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 31)	New Year's Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31)	New Year's Day (Friday, Jan. 1)
Arbor Club	8 AM - 8:30 PM Normal Hours	7 AM - Noon	CLOSED	7 AM - Noon	CLOSED
Accounting	8 AM - 2 PM	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
Candler Hills Golf	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	8:30 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	8:30 AM - 2 PM	8 AM - 2 PM
The Club at Candler Hills	Check website for updates	Check website for updates	Check website for updates	Check website for updates	Check website for updates
Circle Square Cultural Center	11 AM - 2 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED (No Farmer's Market)	CLOSED (Town Square Closed)	CLOSED (No Farmer's Market)	CLOSED
Customer Service	8 AM - 2 PM	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
Master the Possibilities	8 AM - 4 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	8 AM - 4 PM	CLOSED
On Top of the World Real Estate (ReSales)	9 AM - 5:30 PM Normal Hours	Closing time based on traffic	CLOSED	Closing time based on traffic	CLOSED
OTOW Golf	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	8:30 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	8:30 AM - 2 PM	8 AM - 2 PM
The Pub	8 AM - 2 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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RECREATION

Ensley's Christmas Train

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

When boys and girls reach a certain age, some of them like to play with and own their own model train set and layout. They may dream of becoming a railroad engineer.

This was not the case of a youngster, age five, who was given an electric train at Christmas from his grandfather. This train ran around the base of the family Christmas tree and could only be used by this young lad during Christmas time when the tree was up. Then the train was put away until the following Christmas.

The train was under the Christmas tree from 1945 until 1952. In 2015, 70 years later, this lad had the opportunity to control this large, electric train again. Doug Ensley dug the antique train set out of storage and set it up under the Christmas tree.

Doug has moved countless times from many locations on the east coast to Alaska and now to On Top of the World. This antique train has always been in his possession and joined him in his travels but was always left in storage.

The train is a large, heavy metal 1924 Lionel standard gauge (model 402) with just a couple of the original cars. Standard gauge was an early model railroad and toy train gauge introduced by Lionel in the United States in 1906. Lionel Train Com-

pany introduced the 402 electric locomotives in 1923 ending production in 1929. Doug's train set is in its original condition with its original paint.

In 1937, Lionel introduced trains to scale, ending the standard gauge, which at that time symbolized the best of Lionel trains. The last standard gauge appeared in Lionel's model train catalogs during 1940 offering only rolling cars.

There is just something magical about having a train around the base of a Christmas tree. It's a wonderful tradition from Doug's childhood that he plans to continue. The Ensleys would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Can't get enough of trains? The Model Railroaders will provide a holiday train display at Master the Possibilities from Monday, Dec. 21 through Monday, Dec. 28. The Lionel gauge trains will be operational from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, Monday through Saturday (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Sunday after Christmas).

The Model Railroaders will also host their annual open house of the permanent HO layout in the Recreation Center on Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Photo by Bob Woods

Doug Ensley's 1924 Lionel standard gauge (model 402) train set.



Photo by Armann Rohde

Rick Vogel, winner of the Oktoberfest Ten Pin shuffleboard tournament, with Frank Scinlari as runner-up.

Ten Pin Tournament

By Grace Rohde

The Oktoberfest Ten Pin tournament took place on Saturday, Oct. 24. It was a beautiful clear and cool morning. We had 32 players anxious to play, and spectators eager to watch.

All eight of our courts were filled up. In this tournament, the players would have to first score 35 points. Then they would have to score a good "10" in the next or subsequent frames without getting knocked out by their opponent.

In addition, the rounds would be timed for 30 minutes each. Those players who were tied when the timer rang, would get four discs to score. The high scorer would then win that round.

Everyone was ready to play and at the end of the first round, we now had 16 players. After the second round, we were down to eight players. When the third round finished, we had four players: Rick Vogel, Vickie Lentz, Frank Scinlari, and Jim Baker. These players used a variety of strategies, and at the same time, tried to finish within the 30-minute limit to try and beat their opponent.

We then came to the final round of play. It was Rick Vogel and Frank Scinlari! And the winner was - Rick Vogel with Frank Scinlari as the runner-up. Congratulations to both of them.

Thanks goes to Peter Van Arsdale for his great organization of this tournament, and also to his wife, Beverly, for baking all of those delicious snickerdoodle cookies. We also want to thank Maxine Malone and Dottie Migliaccio, our social event chairpersons, for serving the refreshments.

The tournament was a lot of fun, and it was all finished in two and a half hours. With the players arriving early and every-

one wearing nametags, the sign up process went very quickly. Thus, we were able to start exactly at 9 a.m. We had a lot of nice compliments about how smoothly this tournament went.

Those, who have never tried playing Ten Pin, come and try it out. Some may feel that Ten Pin is only for the experienced players; however, others say that it helps you to become a better player. Why? In order not to knock the "ten pin" down, it causes you to become more accurate in pushing of the disc and your aim. You will be surprised how much it will help in your regular shuffleboard play!

For October, the winners in league play were as follows:

Men

Monday a.m.: David Lee, Henry Vieu.
Tuesday p.m.: Rick Vogel.
Wednesday p.m.: Tony Manzo.
Thursday a.m.: Bob Schuck.
Friday a.m. Roger Werner.

Women

Monday a.m.: Vickie Lentz.
Tuesday p.m.: Margot Thomas.
Wednesday a.m.: Marge Nick.
Wednesday p.m.: Linda McIntyre.
Thursday a.m.: Ernestine Pryor.
Friday a.m.: Nancy Kowsky and Shirley Lindsay.

30 Club Men

Monday a.m.: Nick Dreimiller.
Wednesday p.m.: Tony Manzo.
Thursday a.m.: Jess Taylor, Ernie Kelly, and Gary Fye.

Women

Monday a.m.: Annette Hodges and Agnes Hickman.
Tuesday p.m.: Trudy Brobst, Carol Scruggs, and Margot Thomas.
Thursday a.m.: Jane Lipps.

Golfing for a Cause

By Judy Parisi

The Candler Hills Ladies-9 fall Invitational was fantastic. The weather was perfect, the course was in pristine condition, we had super attendance, the décor was great and we raised monies for a very important cause - K9s for Warriors.

Our league outdid themselves with spectacular baskets that were raffled, which were coordinated by Eve Harvey and Marguerite Piotrowski. The basket raffle directly benefited K9s for Warriors.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, a cadre of ladies assembled to decorate the Candler Hills Community Center and assemble the favors for each participant - a key ring with a locket containing golf charms and a goody bag containing counting beads, candy, a patriotic ball mark and more. Kathy Hall provided decorative signage for each table, plus uniquely decorated pots containing coleus for table gifts.

A delicious meal was catered by Friendship Catering.

Guest clubs were Citrus Hills, Continental CC, Eagle Ridge, Lake Jovita, Oak Run Women's Golf Association, On Top of the World, Pine Oaks, Royal Oaks, and Spruce Creek.

Kudos to Kathy Hall, invitational chair, for her work and creativity in the table decorations, favors and more. Kay Budd helped with photographing the event and her shots really showed how much fun everyone was having. Take a few minutes to look at these photos on our website at chlg9.shutterfly.com.

A big thank you to Denise Mullen and the staff of the Golf Shop for coordinating the golf portion of the event. We also want to acknowledge and thank our tee sponsors: AXA Advisors, Beauty Within Hair & Nail Salon, Beef O'Brady's, Carmine's Café, CHLGA-18, Friendship Barbers, Lions Club, Miriam and Gary Gerlach, VFW Post #4781, On Top of the World

Golf Club, On Top of the World Golf Course Maintenance, Candler Hills Golf Club, Candler Hills Golf Course Maintenance, Pat and Dan Gill, and Susy and Rich Trembulak.

Individual Stableford Oct. 15

Flight 1: 21-Mary Ann McCourt; 18-Marianne Ingwerson
Flight 2: 20-Kathy Hall; 19-Cheryl Nesbit.
Flight 3: 18-Mary Giannukos; 17-Sue Layne.
Chip-Ins: Mary Ann McCourt, Marianne Ingwerson.

Red White Blue Oct. 22

17-Marianne Ingwersen, Kathy Hall, Susan Layne. 19-Pat Gill, Cheryl Engeman, Tina Hauer; Judy Parisi, Marcie Hock, Debra Massari; Carol Deahl, Cathy McKeithan, Olive Curtin.

Scramble Oct. 29

43-Marianne Ingwersen, Lora Rossi, Susan Layne; Linda Mandala, Kathy Hall, Donna Liphardt; Ginny Redden, Mary Harvey, Marguerite Piotrowski.

Tee It Up-Veterans Tribute Invitational-Scramble Nov. 5

Front 9: 34.6-Marguerite Piotrowski, Sylvia Gardener, Mary Lou Bruno, Kim Hessel, 35.7-Linda Mandala, Kitty Bruens, Barb Enos, Sue Conner; 36.5-Cheryl Engeman, Bev Scolaro, Lorraine Johnson Garnet Baker; 36.6-Eve Harvey, Bev Beam, Kay Hinton.
Back 9: 36.5-Renee Aden, Rose Wagner, Becky Hughes, Mary Hart; 35.6-Lois Laine, Lynn VerWymeren, Myra Noel, Millie High; 36.2-Marcie Hock, Claire Claffie, Lorraine Rourke, Cindy Scialabba; 37.2-Eileen Gustavus, Jamie MacDonald, Lora Rossi, Bonnie Calabrese.
Closest to the Line # 2: Mary Harvey.
Closest to the Line # 11: Mary Hart.



Photo by Judy Parisi

Marcie Hock of the Candler Hills Ladies-9 congratulating On Top of the World Ladies-9 Mary Hart for winning closest to the line on the back nine.



R/C Flyers

By Elliott Wilkins

This month's column is dedicated to those of us who had the distinct honor of participating in the Fall Fly-In and 25th anniversary of our club in October.

Preparation and planning for the fly-in and club anniversary took months. A contest director (CD) was nominated and oversaw the different and yet essential parts that would take place to make this year's event one of the best ever. This year's CD was Stan Stein and helping him coordinate and officiate was Dick Rose, Doug Ensley, and Rob Wroblewski as well as Alan Kowalsky, (concession) and Caren Kowalsky, (LadyBirds), John Workman (flight line) and all the club volunteers under the direction and guidance of our esteemed president Gayle Perry.

The day before the event was spent setting up the different tents, seating arrangements (chairs and tables), viewing areas, parking areas, pilot areas, concession, eating areas, flight line and sound system.

With that in mind, the day of the event started off with our traditional salute and flag raising ceremony with The Star Spangled Banner and a veteran from each branch of service as the honor guard.

We had 29 pilots and their planes ranging in size from small to medium to 1/4 scale (very big) and low wing, high wing and biplanes. There was even a replica of a World War I Fokker tri-plane (three wing.) Our club had 12 to 15 pilots and their aircraft flying side by side with pilots from other clubs in the area. The aerobatic maneuvers and flying demonstrations were beyond compare and performed by some of the most experienced and capable pilots from all over Florida.

The hot dogs and hamburgers were exceptional, as usual, and cooked by our own world-renowned chefs, Charlie and Bill. There was also an anniversary cake in honor of our club's 25th year in existence.

We parked well over 300 cars and 270 golf carts. We entertained approximately 700 to 800 spectators that day. Our master of ceremony was none other than, Bob Wroblewski, who kept us all on the edge of our seats with his descriptive oratory and witticisms on the flying events high in the sky.

If you missed this year's Fall Fly-In, please come to our summer fly-in (date to be determined).

CARDS & GAMES



Bridge

Monday Afternoon
By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Oct. 12
1: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 2: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 3: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 4: Pat Goltgart & Carol Johnson.

Oct. 19
1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Margie & Paul Pinter; 3: Linda & Don Sprague; 4: Helen & Joe O'Brien.

Oct. 26
1: Marge Benton & Ida Rosendahl; 2: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 3: Paul & Margie Pinter; 4: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord.

Nov. 2
1: Ida Rosendahl & Marge Benton; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Joanne Jones & Nancy Clarkson; 4: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold.

Tuesday Afternoon
By Joanne Jones

Oct. 6
1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 3: Agnus LaSala & Rich Fluett.

Oct. 13
1: Mazie Millward & Colleen Tobino; 2: Linda & Don Sprague.

Oct. 20
1: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 2: Margie & Paul Pinter; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Oct. 27
1: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 2: Linda & Don Sprague, Margie & Paul Pinter.

Tuesday Night Dup
By Doris Keathley

Oct. 6
1: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl

Rosenberger; Tie at 2/3: Katie White & Kathie Dushary and Doris Keathley & Marjorie Benton; 4: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 5: John & Marie Fiorillo.

Oct. 13
Tie at 1/2/3: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino and Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar and Katie White & Kathie Dushary; 4: Bill & Doris Keathley; 5: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger.

Oct. 20
1: Katie White & Kathie Dushary; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino; 4: Ida Rosendahl & Rita Smyth.

Oct. 27
Tie at 1/2: Doris Keathley & Marjorie Benton and Katie White & Kathie Dushary; 3: Ida Rosendahl & Rita Smyth; 4: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

Wednesday Afternoon
By Pat Goltgart

Oct. 7
1: Pat Goltgart; 2: Betty Morris; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Oct. 14
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Helen O'Brien; Cons: Pat Goltgart.

Oct. 21
1: Dolores Melberg; 2: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Mary Klinzging

Oct. 28
1: Dolores Melberg; 2: Fran Griswold; Cons: Helen O'Brien.

Thursday Afternoon
By Marge Starrett

Oct. 1
1: Don Sprague; 2: Nancy Clarkson; 3: Rich Fluett; 4: Pat Goltgart.

Oct. 8
1: Marge Sawel; 2: Nebbie Day; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Marge Starrett.

Oct. 15
1: Don Sprague; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Pat Goltgart; 4: Marlene Floeckher.

Oct. 22
1: Helen O'Brien; 2: Marge Starrett; 3: Joanne Jones; 4: Shirley Ebert.

Oct. 29
1: Carmen Aroyo; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Joyce Walchek; 4: Nebbie Day.

Thursday Night
By Paul Pinter

Oct. 1
1: Marian Hotz; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Ida Rosendahl; 4: Pat Paloncy.

Oct. 8
1: Margie Sowul; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Ed Horier; 4: Mickey Martin.

Oct. 15
1: Shirley Stolly; 2: John Matoya; 3: Megan Bitge; 4: Nancy Varig.

Oct. 22
1: Keith Briggs; Ron Mc Nally; 3: Paul Pinter; 4: Shirley Stolly.

Oct. 29
1: Jack Martin; 2: Keith Briggs; 3: Ida Rosendahl; 4: Lucy.



Cribbage

Friday Night
By Rose Marie Postin

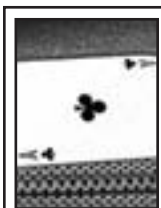
Oct. 2
1: RoseMarie Postin; 2: Alberta Sarris/Herb Postin; 3: Paul Genereux; Cons: Norma Yonke.

Oct. 9
1: Marge Saxon; 2: Paul Genereux; 3: John Smith; Cons: Margaret Smith.

Oct. 16
1: Margaret Smith; 2: Herb Postin; 3: Poppy Kalen; Cons: Donna Parrish

Oct. 23
1: Margaret Smith; 2: Marge Saxon; 3: Donna Parrish; Cons: Herb Postin.

Oct. 30
1: RoseMarie Postin; 2: John Smith; 3: Donna Parrish; Cons: Margaret Smith.



Pinochle

Tuesday Night/Double
By Alberta Sarris

Oct. 6
Table 1: Alberta Sarris & Norma Yonke.

Oct. 13
Table 1: Jerry Dean, Joe Eisgruber & Jim Keller.

Oct. 20
Table 1: Jerry Dean & Jim Keller.

Oct. 27
Table 1: Jerry Dean & Jim Keller.

Tuesday Night/Single
By Whitney Frye

Oct. 6
1: Andy Mark; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

Oct. 13
1: Whitney Frye; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; Tie at 3: Bernard Di Gregorio & Edith Kolb.

Oct. 20
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Bernard Di Gregorio; 3: Verna Harsh.

Oct. 27
1: Bernard Di Gregorio; 2: Kathy Pinto; 3: Joan Marie Rush.

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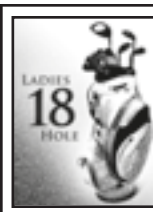
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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

By Joan Gustafson

The holidays are upon us, and the Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association is getting into the holiday spirit. Many activities are already on the calendar for this exciting year.

We are just finishing up the finals of the President's Cup. The finals will be Thursday, Nov. 12. The finalists are Judie Anderson and Sue List and in the consolation round the finalists are Mia Kolar and Piper Thomas. We wish them all the best. Let's be there to support and cheer them on the 18th hole.

The league, in conjunction with Stone Creek's ladies league, is planning a two-day event, Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Stone Creek and Thursday, Dec. 3 at Candler Hills. This is a charity golf event to benefit Voices for Children that helps meet the unique and often critical financial needs of children assigned to the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program. Lunch will be provided at both places after golf. A trophy will be awarded to the winning club, and they will keep it for one year.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf will have their annual Christmas party. This holiday event will be held at Stone Creek Grille with cocktails starting at 5:30 p.m. The

menu is available on our website. The response deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 1. This is always a fun affair. Don't forget your Toys for Tots gift!

The Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Until next time, "hit them straight."

Individual Stableford

Oct. 15

Flight 1: 44-Lynne Dickson.
Flight 2: 38-Carol Oman; 35-Betty Dong.

Flight 3: 37-Vicky Salyers; 36-Carol Clark and Linda Buschur.

Flight 4: 39-Dianne Masterson; 38-Piper Thomas.

Cha Cha Cha

Oct. 22

Flight 1: 90-Mia Kolar, Angie Jingco, Betty Werner.

Flight 2: 95-Donna Smith, Betty Dong, Heddy Racinowski.

Individual Odd Holes

Oct. 29

Flight 1: 31-Sue Freeman, Peggy Boros.

Flight 2: 28-Diane O'Brien; 30-Sandy Chase, Betty Dong.

Flight 3: 30-Vicky Salyers; 31-Ilyong Dicus; 32-Betty Werner.

One Best Ball Gross & One Best Ball

Nov. 5

Flight 1: 132-Beverly Ovrebo; Angie Jingco, Deanne Jung (blind draw).

Flight 2: 135-Iro Lisinski, Joan D'Addio, Joan Gustafson, Eunhee Andrews.

Flight 3: 145-Lynne Dickson, Lynne Thesman, Andrea Fratarangelo, Mary Pat Giffin.



Photo by Jim Russell

Horseshoe League travel team: Carl Buchanan, Pete Swanson, Team Captain Dan Ebbighausen, Ed Bodnar, Carrie Beisler, Ed Lalonde and Larry Stickles. (Not pictured: Ed Klodzen and Dan Moore.)



Horseshoe Club

By Jim Russell

- Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016: At Del Webb #1.
- Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016: At Beverly Hills.
- Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016: At The Villages Gold.
- Thursday, March 3, 2016: At The Villages Blue.
- Thursday, March 10, 2016: Make-up game day.
- Thursday, March 17, 2016: Divisional playoffs (location at the club with highest percentage of wins).

The column this month is devoted to our travel team. We'll get back to the results of our weekly league play and announce the fall season champion in our January column.

The Tri-County Horseshoe League-North Division begins play on Thursday, Dec. 3. Our travel team competes with other community teams in the area that include Del Webb #1 Team, The Villages Red Team, The Villages Blue Team, The Villages Gold Team and The Beverly Hills Community Team. During the course of the season, matches are played both at home and away, so no team has a home court advantage. The tentative schedule for play is as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 3: At Beverly Hills.
- Thursday, Dec. 10: At The Villages Gold.
- Thursday, Dec. 17: Home vs. The Villages Red.
- Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016: Home vs. Del Webb #1
- Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016: Home vs. Beverly Hills.
- Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016: Home vs. The Villages Gold.
- Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016: At The Villages Red.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016: Home vs. The Villages Blue.

Our travel team came close to winning the title during the 2014/2015 season. To give you an idea of how close the competition was ... we finished in third place, just one game out of second place and four games out of first place. When you consider that we lost a match by less than one point, you appreciate how close the competition really was.

A review of each match revealed that if we could have scored just four additional ringers, at crucial times, during the course of the entire season, we very well might have been the defending champs! This year, the team has the strongest line-up of players in recent memory, so look for good things to happen.

Come out and support the travel team by attending any of the matches held at our horseshoe facility, located adjacent to the softball field. You will get a chance to see some outstanding players from the area, including championship players from our very own team. And who knows, attending a match might just be what it takes to help you decide to join our regular Tuesday morning league play.



Photo by Piper Thomas

Judie Anderson is the winner of the President's Cup and Sue List her worthy opponent is runner up.

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Candler Hills Men's Golf

By Joe Alfano

I cannot vouch for how well our new CHMGA Club Champion Larry Kettlewell handles a stethoscope when at his day job as a M.D. but we all found out how well he can handle a golf club. Posting a two-day aggregate score of 144 based on rounds of 73-71, Larry garnered the championship trophy by six strokes over runner-up Dave Berryman and a passel of other fine golfers. We all in the association congratulate Larry on his golfing prowess but more importantly, we commend him for his sportsmanship, integrity and the gentlemanly manner in which he conducts himself on and off the golf course.

Hearty congratulations also go out to all those who competed in our tournament and were willing and able to put their games on display. A "job well done" goes out to Tournament Director Dennis Norris and the members of his committee, Director of Golf Matt Hibbs and Candler Hills Golf Professionals Denise Mullen and Daniel Janiak for all their help and Andy Jorgenson and his staff for the fine condition of the golf course. A loud shout-out goes to Sandy Curtis and her staff for being on top of their game with the post-round luncheon and courtside beverage stand.

At our annual member's meeting, board members Dan Gill and Dennis Nor-

ris were re-elected to another term and the membership also voted in new member Randy Ford. In addition to all the league business that was taken care of at the meeting, the pièce de résistance was again the culinary feast provided by Friendship Catering. For this and all the other fine bill of fares these past few years, we have to thank out-going board member and favorite Social Chairman Rich Trembulak. Rich took the job of satisfying the appetites and liquid replenishment requirements of this association quite seriously and in a determined manner and for that we thank him for his service to the members.

Our company of gentlemen golfers welcomes newest members Bob Hutson and Jim Tait into the fold. Rest assured you will enjoy the experience but be forewarned that we have a bottomless capacity for banter, sardonic humor and all kinds of harmless chicanery. Anyone interested in playing in such an environment can contact me at tjalf@otowhomes.com for more information.

Someone once quipped, "The easiest shot in golf is the one-inch putt. Unfortunately, your problems increase as the distance from the cup increases." Not having trouble from any distance this past month were Larry Kettlewell (69), Jay List (71), Garry Gerlach and Mike Deahl (73), Jim Andrews, Art Taylor and Dave Berryman (75), Walt Pacuk (76), Paul Rubly, Ron Fulton and Larry Smallwood (77), Dan Gill, Al Wassmer, Charlie Dove, Jon Hill and Dave Martin (78) and Julian Hobby, John Langville, Larry Joseph, Bruce Venslavsky, Gene Moff, Mike Buschur and Chad Robinson (79). That was a "good bit

of stuff" lads!

As always, please allow me to wish everyone "a life full of nothing but fairways and greens." And may I also wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and don't forget the cookies and milk for the rotund guy in the red suit.

CHMGA Championship Oct. 13/14

CHMGA Champion: Larry Kettlewell.
Hogan Flight Gross: Dave Berryman.
Hogan Flight Net: Mike Deahl.
Snead Flight Gross: Al Wassmer.
Snead Flight Net: Joe Jingco.
Jones Flight Gross: Garry Gerlach.
Jones Flight Net: Jim Andrews.
Nelson Flight Gross: Dan O'Brien.
Nelson Flight Net: Jim Harvey.

Four-Man Three Best Stableford Oct. 20

136-Larry Joseph, Dan Gill, Rick Heil & Ed Vilorio; 129-Charlie Dove, Bryant Giffin, Andy Bulloch & Rich Freeman;

Tie at 128-Mike Deahl, Paul Rubly, Chris Lyndrup & Dan O'Brien and Jon Hill, Gene Moff, Dave Green & Larry Berra.

Four-Man Modified Scramble Nov. 3

56-Jay List, Mark Monk, Tony Misterly & Paul Kannapel; 59-Larry Kettlewell, Gene Moff, Jim Harvey & Al Arbour; 60-Walt Pacuk, Bob Hutson, Gene Francisco & Leo McCormick; 61-Larry Smallwood, Paul Rubly, Rick Lilly & Dan O'Brien; 62-Bill Anger, Al Wassmer, Chris Lyndrup & Randy Ford.

Two-Man Best Ball Nov. 10

Funk Flight: 57-Art Taylor & Jim Andrews; 60-Jay List & Paul Rubly; 61-Julian Hobby & Ken Zweiback; Tie at 62-Walt Pacuk & Ron Thompson and Larry Kettlewell & Joe Jingco.
Wagnalls Flight: 60-Rich Freeman & Ed Vilorio; 61-Jim Tait & Don Huston; 62-Rich Trembulak & John Workman; 63-Jim McGrath & Rich Vullo.



Monday Bowling League

By Bob Lingis

After 10 weeks of bowling ending Monday, Nov. 9, Team #12-Snowbirds are still in first place with Team #8-High Hopes, in second place and Team #14-Here 4 the Beer in third place.

This week's highs:

Men

High Game Scratch

246-Bob Vitale, 228-Billy Boone, 225-Art Buecher.

High Series Scratch

666-Billy Boone, 630-Bob Vitale, 593-Art Buecher.

Women

High Game Scratch

194-Debby Wilson, 187-Carol Oman, 187-Barbara Reynolds.

High Series Scratch

509-Carol Oman, 498-Debby Wilson, 496-Barbara Reynolds.

Season-to-date achievements:

Men

High Average

195.47-Billy Boone, 183.74-Bob Vitale, 182.11-Dennis Turnipseed.

High Game Scratch

255-Jim Shepherd, 255-Dennis Turnipseed, 246-Bob Vitale.

High Series Scratch

666-Billy Boone, 630-Bob Vitale, 613-

GOT TRASH?

Please put all trash in compactor.

Bill Hull.

High Game Handicap

280-Jim Shepherd, 272-Dennis Turnipseed, 268-Danny Newby.

High Series Handicap

737-Roy Turner, 718-Bill Hull, 717-Bob Bernabo.

Women

High Average

185.46-Debby Wilson, 169.07-Carol Oman, 154.37-Linda McIntyre.

High Game Scratch

265-Debby Wilson, 235-Carol Oman, 225-Barbara Lingis.

High Series Scratch

644-Debby Wilson, 567-Carol Oman, 548-Joyce Machor.

High Game Handicap

279-Barbara Lingis, 273-Joyce Machor, 270-Carol Oman.

High Series Handicap

737-Joyce Machor, 692-Debby Wilson, 683-Lynn Shepherd, 683-Barbara Buecher.

Team

High Game Scratch

742-Alley Cats, 728-Invalids, 694-Rising Stars.

High Series Scratch

2098-Go Getters, 1973-Here 4 the Beer, 1946-Osima.

High Game Handicap

917-Should'a Beens, 899-High Hopes, 878-Yahoos.

High Series Handicap

2510-Strikers, 2503-Spare Me Nots, 2486-Snowbirds.

We want to wish everyone a happy holiday season. We are always looking for new bowlers. If you know anyone who would like to bowl, please have them contact George Difrancesco at (352) 342-1667.

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Golf

By Matt Hibbs

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The holiday season is upon us and the golf staff would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

With only a few weeks left to finish your holiday shopping, I would like to announce our holiday sales at both Golf Shops. The On Top of the World Golf

Club holiday sale will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. Candler Hills Golf Club will host their event on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. Please stop by to shop for great deals while enjoying a beverage.

I would also like to encourage everyone to register for our annual "Beat the Pro" holiday event, at 9 a.m., at Candler Hills Golf Club on Monday, Dec. 14. Call either Golf Shop for details. Please try and take it easy on us this year.

This month brings our third annual On Top of the World Golf Club Member Appreciation Golf Tournament. This event is for golf members only and will be held at On Top of the World Golf Club. This

event will be a scramble format and you can create your own foursome. Following the event, Friendship Catering will cater the lunch. The event will be held Thursday, Dec. 17, at 9 a.m. Please register in the On Top of the World Golf Shop.

The Tortoise & The Hare renovation is finally complete. Included in the renovation was the redesigning of the putting green complexes, underground irrigation and drainage systems. If you haven't had a chance to come out and play, please put it on your schedule. The golf course is in magnificent shape, something our residents can be very proud of.

Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. In order for Andy Jorgensen and his staff to provide perfect playing conditions, all golfers need to fill their divots with sand and fix ball marks on the greens. When putting, please be sure to lift your feet and not shuffle across the greens. It is your responsibility as golfers to help maintain these beautiful golf courses.

The golf staff would like to remind everyone to register or renew your golf membership for 2016. If you're renewing your membership or considering joining for 2016, please contact Trudy Foster at (352) 861-2765 with any questions. We encourage everyone to register early in December because the membership office will become very busy the closer we get to Jan. 1. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Dave Green, eagle #2. Judy Anderson, eagle #7. Dave Thomas, eagle #7. Marguerite Piotrowski, eagle #7.

LINKS: Jim Merrick, eagle #9. Ralph Solvold, shot under his age.

TORTOISE & THE HARE: Bob Gore, hole-in-one #13.

Congratulations to all for these fine accomplishments.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Dec. 2: On Top of the World Holiday Sale, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8: Candler Hills Holiday Sale, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 14: World Holiday Golf Event, Candler Hills, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Thursday, Dec. 17: On Top of the World Member Appreciation, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Thursday, Dec. 24: Both Golf Clubs close at 2 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 25: Both Golf Clubs closed all day.
- Thursday, Dec. 31: Both Golf Clubs close at 3 p.m.
- Friday, Jan 1, 2016: Both Golf Clubs close at 2 p.m.

Golf Tip of the Month

You hit your second shot in a greenside bunker, you need to get up and down to save par and win the match. You step up to the shot, dig your feet in and take a swing. Next you look up to see the ball sailing clear across the green. Does this sound familiar?

This is a common mistake that all golfers make. Most are defeated before they even set foot in the bunker. Bunker shots should be easier than any other shot in golf. The reason being is you're not actually trying to hit the ball.

When hitting a greenside bunker shot, you should open your stance and club. Swing a little harder than a typical shot from the same distance and try and hit an inch behind the ball. Never decelerate your swing. This will allow your club to dig into the sand forcing the ball to pop out nice and soft. Next time, step in that bunker with confidence, trust the shot and win the match.



Men's Golf Association

By Tom Cummings

The big news this month is the Tortoise & The Hare re-opening. It still has some maturing to do but overall it is much improved and in great shape. The new greens are a bit more challenging, the first few times you play the course at least. It is wonderful having both courses open again.

November has provided some great golf weather and some really fun events. "Beat the Pro" is always fun and Russ was nice enough to "let" most who play win. The Member-Member is a little more competitive event but always fun for those who participate. Congrats to those who won.

December brings us the "big sales" at the Golf Shops. Wednesday, Dec. 2 at On Top of the World and Tuesday, Dec 8 at Candler Hills. Member appreciation will be on the Saturday, Dec. 19. Take advantage of those and enjoy the free food and drink.

Now I will give you my lousy golfers, and this is totally me, reasons we have more fun than the really good golfers. It must be very boring to hit it down the middle shot after shot. Then either onto the green or very near it. The only excitement these guys get is putting. To us lousy golfers, most every shot is an adventure. We know half the trees lining the course and have named half of those; of course the names we gave them are not suitable to print. Escaping trouble is an art that most of us lousy golfers know much better than the good golfers. So see there are some things lousy golfers are better at than good golfers.

Wishing everyone a fabulous holiday season.

Chicken Day Scramble Oct. 7

59-Ralph Solvold, Paul Walker, Charlie Casale, Ed Rossi; 62-Raymond Wilson, Pete Trgovic, Norm Lallier, James Moran; 64-George Noltensmeyer, Dan Carly, Dave Miller (CH), Tom Marta.

Stableford Oct. 14

Flight 1: 43-Gary Hassett; 42-Larry Manion; 41-Paul Walker; 37-Pete Trgovic.

Flight 2: 43-Larry Sickles; 39-Phil Johnson; 37-Mike Altomare; Tie at 3-John Bauer, Tom McHaffie.

Flight 3: Tie at 40-Terry Connolly, Bob Moravec; Tie at 39-James Merrick, Norm Lallier.

Flight 4: Tie at 38-James Moran, Doug Coleman; 37-Pete Peterson; 36-Bill Walker.

Team Quota Points Oct. 21

21-Phil Johnson, Paul Walker, Harold Barnaby; Tie at 13-Tom McHaffie, Terry Connolly, Jack Singer, Steve Molnar; John Spielvogel, Marvin Brooks, Joe Jingco, Bill Walker.

Individual Net Oct. 28

Flight 1: 68-Pete Trgovic; Tie at 70-Gary Hassett, Rudy Normandin, Jon Hill, Paul Walker.

Flight 2: Tie at 68-Harvey Howd, Robert Meyer, Carl Zeiler; 71-Tom McHaffie.

Flight 3: 65-Jim Merrick; 66-Ralph Solvold; 68-Norm Lallier; Tie at 69-Terry Connolly, Bill Wertz.

Flight 4: Tie at 65-Paul East, Ron Abramovich; 67-Jack Hegarty; 70-Mike Flynn; 72-Dennis Pope.

Flight 5: 67-Pete Peterson; 69-Roland Schwab; 70-Bill Walker; 71-Joe Polizzotti; 72-Barry Barringer.

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

By Susan Rhodes

Our golf season is in full swing. League members enjoyed our first luncheon, the "Red, White and Blue" luncheon, held on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The tasty meal was catered by Gourmet Affair. The gathering provided an opportunity to welcome back our snowbirds and to renew acquaintance with our social members. Many thanks to the luncheon committee for all they did to make the luncheon a success!

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Oak Run's Bella Cucina. The deadline for paying and sign up was Tuesday, Nov. 24. Our charity this year is the First Step Food Bank. Please bring donations of canned vegetables, cereal, peanut butter and other non-perishable foods to the luncheon.

Be sure to check out our new brochure promoting our league. This brochure will be distributed in all packets for new golf course members and has been placed on bulletin boards strategically throughout the community.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, we are inviting all lady golfers in the On Top of the

World community to join us for our first Community Golf Invitational. This event is a great way for ladies to try out our league. More information will be provided in our column next month.

Our league is open to all women residents, and we always welcome new members. The only requirement to join is that you must establish an official handicap. Our league plays on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. If you are interested in joining us, you may play as a guest up to three times before joining. For further information, contact President Nancy Zielinski at (352) 861-3116 or Vice President Deborah Martin at (630) 779-0229.

Two Best Ball (Team Net) Oct. 13/Links

129-Gail LaGrange, Connie Sohl, Elly Rapacz. 131-Rosemarie O'Neill, Margaret Hudacik, Carol Johnson, Harriet Brower. Tie at 132-Iro Lisinski, Nancy Nicholas, Yoshiko Young; Deborah Martin, Dawn Hagberg, Dea Johnson.

Nine Best Front or Back (Individual Gross) Oct. 20/Links

Flight 1: 31-Joan D'Addio. 32-Rosemarie O'Neil. 33-Gail LaGrange. Tie at 34-Sandy Case, Beverly Ovrebo. Flight 2: 31-Linda Blewitt. 34-Sandra DeChambeau. Tie at 35-Johanna Forceno, Mary Driver. Flight 3: 32-Carol Johnson. Tie at 35-



Photo By Susan Rhodes

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Red, White and Blue luncheon committee Maggie Hudacik, Joyce Jones, Lynne Dickson, and Dawn Hagberg. (Not shown: Joan Cecchini.)

Joyce Jones, Dawn Hagberg. 36-Fumie Veatch.

Flight 4: 35-Marianne Ford. 36-Maureen Trgovic. Tie at 37-Elly Rapacz, Fran Griswold.

Low Gross Low Net (Individual) Nov. 3/Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1 Gross: 85-Deborah Martin. 86-Beverly Ovrebo. 90-Gail LaGrange. Flight 1 Net: 70-Lynne Dickson. Tie at 72-Nancy Zielinski, Iro Lisinski, Sharon Bartholomew. Flight 2 Gross: 92-Linda Blewitt. 95-Valerie Smith. 99-Susan Rhodes. Flight 2 Net: 73-Mary Driver. 75-Susan Watters. 76-Johanna Forceno.

Flight 3 Gross: 94-Joyce Jones. 101-Connie Sohl. 104-Molly Lucieier.

Flight 3 Net: Tie at 71-Dawn Hagberg, Debby Wilson, Susan Maillet.

Flight 4 Gross: 112-Yoshiko Young. 118-Maureen Trgovic.

Flight 4 Net: Tie at 80-Carole Robinson, Harriet Brower.

Red, White Blue (2 Best Balls) Nov. 10/Links

Tie at 95-Iro Lisinski, Patricia MacMurray, Molly Lucieier, Harriet Brower; Beverly Ovrebo, Connie Sohl, Jo Apperson. 100-Sandy Chase, Susan Rhodes, Jo-Ann Roney, Carol Johnson. 103-Gail LaGrange, Susan Maillet, Dea Johnson, Elly Rapacz.

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Bingo
By Denise Johnson

Whew! We all survived super bingo on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Thanks to each and everyone who attended; we had over 275 folks trying their luck. Three folks won the first two \$250 jackpots. There were additional \$20 restaurant and grocery store gift cards given

out. I hope those winners enjoy their visits.

Lots of folks are wealthier after their play on Wednesday night.

Micki Malsch reported the success of her bake sale. We all just love her goodies and appreciate the hard work it takes to get this sale ready. Micki raised over \$500 for March of Dimes. Thank you to all!

The Pub did a brisk business and we appreciate all three waitresses taking care of the crowds.

We are closed the month of December. Bingo will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf

By Judith Parisi

We are so glad to be playing again on the Tortoise & The Hare. The course is in terrific shape. It's so important that we work to keep the greens in great condition by repairing our ball marks.

We have many activities to look forward to. The league Christmas party will be at Bella Cucina on Thursday, Dec. 10. The bar will open at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Cost for members is \$15, and for guests is \$17. There will be a gift exchange for those interested. The recommended limit is \$10 for a new gift. Thank you to Linda Dumeer for chairing this event.

Kathy Dushary has volunteered to coordinate the Valentine's Day event for the nine and 18 hole leagues which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016. We will host this event.

We will also participate in a Valentine Cup on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 at On Top of the World and Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at Candler Hills, with a dinner at The Club at Candler Hills.

On Saturday, March 5, we will have our charity event. Thank you to Linda Mandala for chairing.

And, of course, we are anticipating the Invitational, which will be held Tuesday, April 5 at On Top of the World. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendar!

We are so happy to welcome new members: Linda Hoffman, Diana Barnaby, Karen Piccolo, Mary Vliek, and Patty Howd. We're certain you will enjoy our weekly play and the opportunity to gather at The Pub after to get to know other league members.

Individual Low Net Oct. 13

Flight 1: 35-Caroline East, 36-Mary Paz, 37-Linda Mandala, 38-Eileen Gustavus.

Flight 2: 38-Marlene Floeckher, 40-Lydia Flinchbaugh, 42-Carol Bell, 43-Barbara Cribbs, Grace Bock.

Flight 3: 37-Connie Deignan, 37-Kathy Hall, 39-Louise Lineman, 42-Mary Harvey.

Flight 4: 34-Shirley Altomare, 40-Mike Beyer, 41-Marcie Hock, Charmaine Hassett.

Three Blind Mice (net) Oct. 20

Flight 1: 24-Caroline East, 27-Eileen Gustavus, Kay Baker, 28-Virginia Bayless, Linda Dumeer.

Flight 2: 26-Judy Parisi, Lydia Flinchbaugh, 27-Carol Bell, 28-Barbara Cribbs.

Flight 3: 21-Kathy Hall, 26-Ethel Miller, 27-Marcie Hock, 28-Pauline Beloin, Louise Lineman, Donna Liphardt.

Flight 4: 24-Mike Beyer, Connie Deignan, 25-Charmaine Hassett, 26-Shirley Altomare.

Scramble Nov. 3

Tie at 39-Caroline East, Marlene Floeckher, Karen Piccolo, Lynn Holland; Judy Parisi, Virginia Bayless, June Tassinari, Lora Rossi. 40-Kay Budd, Betty Jo Dent, Ethel Miller, Carolyn Abramovich. 41-Janis Han-

great and we are over one third full. Call me at (352) 873-7507 to reserve your spot and then we'll make payment arrangements.

We have taught a lot of new people to play the game. Please welcome them and help them when they come out to play.

Try to play a different hand on the card this month. Get in the habit of using the entire card. There are many excellent hands. Jokers to you and have a happy holiday season.



Photo by Judy Parisi

On Top of the World Ladies Golf-9 gathering before play.

nasch, Pauline Beloin, Kathy Hall, Shirley Altomare. Tie at 42-Linda Mandala, Myra Noel, Pat Maine, Charmaine Hassett; Connie Deignan, Barbara Cribbs, Mervyn Paz, Marcie Hock.

Individual Net (Stroke Play) Nov. 10

Flight 1: 35-Virginia Bayless, Linda Dumeer; 37-Myra Noel; 39-Linda Mandala

Flight 2: 36-Marlene Floeckher; 39-Pat Gill; 41-Judy Parisi; 42-Barbara Cribbs, Joyce Smith.

Flight 3: 33-Connie Deignan; 40-Louise Lineman, Pauline Beloin; 41-Jean Flynn.

Flight 4: 34-Marcie Hock, 39-Barbara Enos, 41-Claire Pardee, 43-Dodie Phillips, Diane Barnaby.



Mah Jongg

By Mary Ehle

The holidays are around the corner and we are all looking for the New Year and all that it will bring. Don't forget that the spring tournament will be Saturday, March 5, 2016. The response has been

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Dietary Fiber

I am sure you know that fiber is an important part of your diet. Do you know why and if you get enough? Read on to see if you are satisfying a healthy, daily intake of fiber.

What exactly is dietary fiber and what healthful benefits does it provide? It is found mainly in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes, and supports many facets of health. Perhaps foods containing fiber are best known for digestive health; however, they also help to maintain a healthy weight and lower your risk of diabetes and heart disease. This is pretty significant stuff! Find out how much dietary fiber you need, the foods that contain it, and how to add them to meals and snacks.

Dietary fiber, also known as roughage or bulk, includes the parts of plant foods your body can't digest or absorb. Unlike other food components, such as fats, proteins or carbohydrates, which your body breaks down and absorbs, your body doesn't digest fiber. Instead, it passes relatively intact through your stomach, small intestine and colon and out of your body. Fiber is commonly classified as either soluble or insoluble.

Soluble fiber dissolves in water to form a gel-like material. It can help lower blood cholesterol and glucose levels. Soluble fiber is found in oats, peas, beans, apples, citrus fruits, carrots, barley and psyllium.

Insoluble fiber does not dissolve in water, it promotes the movement of material through your digestive system and increases stool bulk, so it can be of benefit to those who struggle with constipation or irregular stools. Whole-wheat flour, wheat bran, nuts, beans and vegetables, such as cauliflower, green beans and potatoes, are good sources of insoluble fiber.

Most plant-based foods, such as oatmeal and beans, contain both soluble and insoluble fiber. However, the amount of each type varies in different plant foods. To receive the greatest health benefit, eat

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 - 7:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Open
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Shallow Water Fitness Class*	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Shallow Water Fitness Class*	Deep Water Fitness Class*	Open
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Open	Open	Closed for Cleaning	Open	Open	Open
11:30 - 12:30 PM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open

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- Improved digestion, some dietary fibers can help regulate your digestion and help your intestines defend you from germs.
- Lower cholesterol, certain dietary fibers reduce the risk of heart disease by helping to lower blood cholesterol.
- Reduced glycemic response, some fiber can slow down the absorption of glucose and lower the glycemic effect of food.
- Healthy microflora, fiber can give a boost to the beneficial bacteria in the intestine (and help defeat the

bad ones!). This reduces inflammation and possibly the risk of cancer.

- Increased mineral absorption, certain dietary fibers help the body to better absorb minerals, especially calcium.
- Increased insulin sensitivity, some fibers have been shown to improve insulin sensitivity.
- Increased satiety, research suggests that added fiber can encourage the body to produce hormones that leave you feeling fuller, longer.

FIT TIP #1: Eat more fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables are rich in fiber, as well as vitamins and minerals. Try to eat five servings daily.

FIT TIP #2: Read your food labels to discover how much fiber is in the food you are eating. Strive to meet the daily recommendation: men—38 grams and women—25 grams.

FIT TIP #3: Avoid refined grains such as white flour, white bread, white pasta and white rice. Replace these with whole grains to boost your fiber intake.



Ballet Club

By Eugenie Martin

It is hard to believe that the holidays are here again, and with it, all the events of the season. For us ballet people, of course, it means "The Nutcracker," which can be seen on television, but is much better when performed live. Ocala is now lucky to have a resident professional ballet company, Dance Alive National Ballet, which will be performing "The Nutcracker" on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the newly renovated Reilly Arts Center. The new home of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra, the Reilly Arts Center is located at the northern end of Tusawilla Park, and is a beautiful venue.

In October, my co-teacher, Julie Sines, and I attended the first performance of the Dance Alive National Ballet. We saw the company do "A Haunted Swan Lake," which was very clever and beautifully performed. The State Touring Company of Florida, the Dance Alive National Ballet is based in Gainesville, Fla. and performs there at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. We are lucky to have them join us in Ocala from time to time.

In the meantime, our Ballet Club has doubled in size, with introductory as well as intermediate classes. Most dancers wear leotards and ballet skirts, which look pretty and are lots of fun, as are our classes. Our introductory classes are held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, and Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Our intermediate classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Mondays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 10:15 a.m. All classes are held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio next to the indoor pool.

Both beginner and experienced dancers are welcome to join our classes. To start, ballet clothes are not necessary. All you need are exercise clothes, socks and a bottle of water. A small towel or sweatband might be good; I use both in class. If you do want to join us, please call me first. That way, I can help you decide which class is best for you, and Julie or I will be on the lookout for you when you start. My telephone number is (352) 854-8589. Happy holidays and happy dancing!

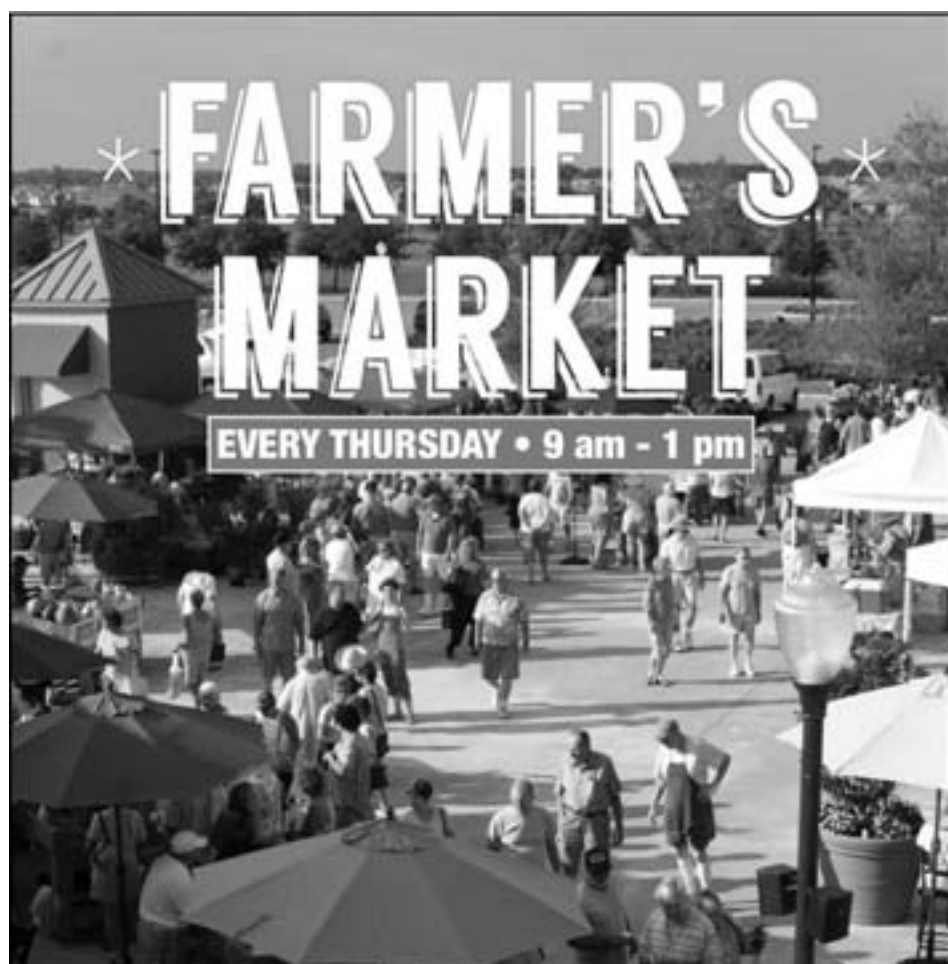
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Fitness Happenings
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Healthy-Holiday Gift Giving!

Share in the holiday spirit by giving a gift that supports health and wellness. Wrap up something that has a healthy twist! After researching the latest and greatest in healthy-holiday gift giving, I have compiled the following list:

NEW WORKOUT CLOTHES: Exercise clothing gets a lot of wear and tear; a new workout outfit can provide just the inspiration your loved one needs to keep exercise motivation high. Look for active sports fabrics that provide wicking for sweat and moisture. The bearer of this gift will feel and look cool!

A DAY AT THE SPA: Stress is extremely detrimental to one's health. Provide that special someone with the opportunity to rest, relax and restore vital energy. There are numerous treatments that support relaxation and stress reduction; massage, facials and pedicures are among the favorites. Spa time isn't just for ladies; men love to be pampered too.

A JUMP ROPE: The body will respond to exercise whether it comes from a \$5 jump rope or a \$5,000 treadmill! Jump ropes have long held their place in the fitness "tool box" because they provide a great way to interval train and can be combined with so many other workouts.

HEART RATE MONITOR, Pedometer or FITNESS TRACKER: These high tech fitness accessories have become very popular for good reason; they provide valuable, quantifiable information about your workout. A heart rate monitor measures the exertion of your heart (how many times your heart beats per minute). A pedometer will count the number of steps you take; the goal is to get to 10,000 steps every day. Some fitness trackers can measure both of these things and more.

NEW ATHLETIC SHOES: Put some "spring in the step" of someone you love this holiday. Athletic shoes typically hold up for 300-500 miles; after that the support and cushion breaks down. A new pair of walking or running shoes will boost foot support and the inspiration to keep on moving!

STARTER LESSON IN YOGA, KARATE OR DANCE: In many cases someone might have the desire to learn something new but doesn't make the effort to do that for themselves. Introduce a family member or friend to a new activity by giving them the opportunity to learn it from an expert. They will gain confidence along with valuable exercise.

EXERCISE DVDS OR MUSIC: There is a vast selection of fitness DVDs and music CDs to choose from. The receiver of this gift can Zumba, Tai Chi, kickbox or do "downward facing dog" in the comfort of their own home! New workout music is also a great way to promote exercise motivation and adherence; from high energy techno to soothing meditation, there is something for everyone.

A SESSION WITH A PERSONAL TRAINER: A trip to the gym can be overwhelming, even for the best-intentioned fitness seeker. If you know someone who needs some exercise guidance to ensure safety and effectiveness, a gift certificate for a personal training session(s) is just the thing! Personal trainers instill confidence and provide the support needed to

FITNESS SCHEDULE

Recreation Center Effective: December 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00-8:50	Zumba Mix Fitness Room Madelyne	Fit & Flexible Mary	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	Fit & Flexible Mary	Dance Party Jessica
9:00-9:50	Tai Chi Fitness Room Art	Kick & Tone Cheri	Stretch For The Stars Jessica	Kick & Tone Cheri	Essential Stretch Jill
10:00-10:45	Balance Body Fitness Room Madelyne	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balance Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balance Body Jessica
10:30-11:15	ZUMBA Ballroom Kitti		ZUMBA Kitti		Light Aerobics Cheri
10:45-11:30	S.O.S. Fitness Room Larry	S.O.S. Jessica	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Cammy	S.O.S. Larry
11:45-12:30	Get Fit While You Sit Fitness Room Kitti	Golden Oldies Groove Cheri	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	Golden Oldies Groove Cheri	Get Fit While You Sit Cheri
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientations**		Balance Assessments**	

Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are FREE. Reservation required.

Arbor Club Ballroom/Studio

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-9:45 Indoor Pool	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barb	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry
9:15-10:15 Ballroom	Yoga* Barb Anne		Hatha Yoga* Barb Anne	(10:00) Intro Tai Chi Art	Meditative Yoga* (Fitness Studio) Stuart
11:45-12:45 Fitness Studio	Adult Karate* Art			(11:00) Tai Chi For Joint Health* Art	

*Denotes Fee-Based Class

help someone achieve their fitness goal.

BLENDER OR JUICER: Both of these will provide energy-boosting beverages rich in vitamins and minerals. I like the blender because this process of pureeing fruits and vegetables keeps all of the fiber in the mix. Juicers extract the juices from fruits and vegetables through a process that grates the produce into a pulp and then spins the liquid out. The juice is separated from the pulp, which contains the majority of the fiber.

HEALTHY, GOURMET FOOD BASKET: Healthy food is nutritious and delicious! Gift someone a basket brimming with healthful treats such as extra virgin olive oil, smoked salmon, almonds and walnuts (all high in the omega-3 "good"

fats); fresh, and dried fruits (high in vitamins and minerals, go for organic); and whole grain crackers and pasta (less processed and higher in fiber). Finish it off with some dark chocolate high in antioxidants!

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Dancin' On the Top

By Richard P. Vullo

Dancin' On the Top held its "Harvest Dance" on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Recreation Center. Over 200 residents enjoyed the dance music of Starburst. Our decorating committees created beautiful displays of fall colors and scenery and our

food committee provided our dancers with a delectable selection of sweets.

At each dance, we have the pleasure of meeting new residents who enjoy attending our dances and we welcome them. If you are interested in joining Dancin' On the Top, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293.

We already have well over 200 residents who've purchased tickets for our New Year's Eve celebration. For New Year's Eve we will be entertained by the very popular duo Automatic.

Our decorating committees are already

working on presenting an outstanding presentation for you. As usual, our food committee will provide an abundant choice of hors d'oeuvres for our dancers.

Our remaining schedule of dances for the upcoming season is Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 (Sweetheart Dance) and Saturday, April 9, 2016 (Spring Fling). In future columns, we will provide the entertainers and dance themes.

If you're interested in volunteering your services, please contact any one of the board members: Richard Vullo at (352) 854-6772; Gene Melnick at (352) 304-

8293; Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400; or Grace Raymond at (352) 873-4454.

There's plenty of opportunity to dance here in On Top of the World starting with Happy Hour every Friday and on Friday and Saturday nights at The Town Square. The list of performers each week is listed in the World News.

There are also many local venues that provide ballroom dancing opportunities throughout the year. For more information about dance lessons and dance venues, please check the website for USA Dance at usadanceocala.com.



Square Dancing

By Walter Lamp

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the dancers from Recreational Plantation, in Fruitland Park, Fla., visited us and took our banner. Dick DeMerritt was our guest caller for the eve-

ning.

Then, after having the Royal Squares visit us on Tuesday, Nov. 17 and take another banner, it's only right that we visit them in Leesburg, Fla. to retrieve it. And that's what we are going to do on Monday, Dec. 7. Of course, we'll also be dancing to their caller, Ron Libby, and socializing. Speaking of Ron, this is the start of his 48th year of calling. He is a well-known and respected national and international caller, who knows how to judge a crowd and call accordingly.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, our annual "Holiday Cookie" dance will take place. All in attendance will enjoy numerous cookies baked by our members. So, why don't you come down for a while, enjoy some cookies and watch us dance?

The weekend of Oct. 23-25, my wife and I were able to share an experience that many Florida square dancers enjoy. The Florida Association of National Square Dance Campers sponsored their 40th an-

nual "Camp O Ree" in Eustis, Fla. There are numerous similar sites all around the state, where these types of events take place.

My wife and I are not campers, however we were able to rent lodging and enjoy all the events, as if we were. There was square dancing, shared meals, sports, games and other entertainment. The weather was perfect and allowed for all of the outdoor activities to take place. A campfull of recreation vehicles, making this patch of land their home for a weekend, was another way for square dancers to come together and have fun.

We had our semi-annual club meeting

on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The biggest change was in our officers. Ely Cyr moved up to president. We also voted not to use computer cards in selecting squares. We also changed the times of the dances to 6:30 p.m. The beginners class is now from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.

The beginners class is led by Gary and Gail LaRue and called by Steve Zeller. The class is progressing very well. This year, we will have a much larger graduating class than in previous years.

This being December, there are some things left to be said: merry Christmas and happy New Year!

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R/C Car Club

By Charlie Fisher

Information about the R/C Car Club is spreading throughout the community. Almost daily we are handing out new applications to residents. Once they come out and see the fun and excitement of driving R/C trucks and buggies it doesn't take



Photo by Charlie Fisher
Bob and Peggy Greer of the R/C Car Club.

long for some to get hooked.

We had our first cookout in October for the members and their spouses. It was great to see everyone having a good time. After the goodies, the races began.

Every club has interesting people with stories to tell. This story is about Bob and Peggy Greer. Bob is an avid R/C Flyer and after his morning flying sessions he would visit the R/C track to watch the activities. Once Bob brought his wife Peggy to the track, he became aware of how much she really wanted to drive the R/C cars.

Members let Peggy drive their trucks and it wasn't long until Bob had to buy one for him and Peggy. Bob should have known Peggy would really enjoy this hobby because Peggy retired from the Saint Cloud Police Department. She was and still is a highly skilled driver and an expert marksman. The male officers in the department were very impressed with her skills.

So Bob got this great idea. Unknowing to Peggy, he purchased another car, painted it in Saint Cloud Police Department colors, installed a flashing light bar on the roof and a siren. He surprised her with the R/C police car after she returned from a short trip. Needless to say, she was ecstatic. Peggy now drives her custom police car and Bob is a very happy husband.

You are invited to join us at the track and meet our members and take a test drive. We are located next to the R/C flying field. You may also join us at our monthly meetings held on the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B.

The R/C Car Club logo that was printed in last month's issue was designed by Bela Mandl.

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Tennis
By Jorge Privat
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What happened to 2015? I remember all the decorations and preparations to receive the New Year as if it was yesterday. I wish we could all move as fast as the year has done.

We welcome new players who joined us during the year, and hope we gain a few more in the coming year. I urge us all to work together in growing the tennis community. I will continue to promote tennis as a lifetime sport, encourage anyone who is willing to learn it or re-start it, because we play tennis mainly for the health and fun of it. So, it is with great optimism that we close out the year and welcome the new one with a positive mental attitude.

I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank everyone for your cooperation and help in organizing and running tennis and

social events.

General Tactics

Some points call for certain tactics. If you're ahead 40 to zero, you may want to risk five cannonball services in a row. If one goes in, it may mean an ace or a weak return. If you're behind 15 to 30, pick his weakness area and make your return steady. Get that deuce to count. The score of 15 to 40 is bad odds to win a game.

By working harder and patiently on these critical points, you will, in the long run, have a better game. The first point of every game and the first game of every set are very important. It is the time when players are not concentrating quite as hard. Especially the player who has just won a close set very often tends to relax. This is the time to break his serve. Concentrate and play his weakness now.

Call the score before each service during a match and insist that the opponents do the same. There is nothing more irritating than losing a game because your opponent forgot to give you that second-last point. If the server does not call the score before he serves, it is perfectly correct to hold up your hand and request the score. This may annoy some players who never

call out the score, but that is their problem, and they are usually the first to complain when their opponents get confused regarding the score. Particularly deuce and ad calls are often sloughed over once deuce is reached.

Put it where they ain't. Or as one veteran player says "jerk them around the court." True, you have to be able to sustain a rally, but you can't use a drive for every shot, look for the opportunity to change direction, throw a lob or a drop shot. You need to learn to move around the court, read the incoming ball from the second it leaves your opponent's racquet (how deep it's going to be, what kind of spin it carries, how high and how fast it's traveling, etc.). Try not to run through your shots. You should pause before you hit - practice a split-stop.

A common error, even for intermediate players is getting too close to the ball, or not getting away from it. Consider that the average racquet length is 27-inches long, plus the length of your forearm, you need almost three-feet of space between you and the ball in order to hit your ground strokes cleanly. Your shots will also have more power if you stay away from the ball.

Too many intermediate players only have one or two reliable strokes. They learn to play a cross-court driving game because one usually learns the forehand first and then stops learning. Just try this one suggestion. Spend some time learning a good fast-moving forehand chop. Then, when you're playing some of your forehand driving buddies, start returning a mixture of drives and chops; making your chops as deep as your drives. You will probably find that they will hit the chops way out or in the net because they always expect a ball with forward spin, in the backcourt, bouncing four feet high.

Tired at the end of the second set? Don't let your opponent know. Don't sit with your head between your knees. Instead, walk briskly; get back to the court before your opponent does. Don't worry; he's darn pooped too. No need to overdo it, but tennis is part poker as much as it is chess. Mental grousing about bad calls will lose you two or three points before you know it. It interrupts your concentration on the next ball.

Be more aware of the beauty of the game. Sock that ball, have fun and stop thinking in reverse. See you on the courts.



Bocce
By Michelle Malsch

This is how we roll! How time flies when you're having fun! It's that time of the year again for the annual Bocce Club Christmas luncheon. If you have not signed up to attend, please contact Lois Osis at (352) 854-1681 or Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790.

The luncheon is open to members of both league play and open bocce and their guests. The board will provide sandwiches and guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The luncheon will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at 1 p.m. See you there!

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. These are open play days and anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play! Response to open bocce has been overwhelming! There have been many days where more than 32 people have arrived to play, so make sure to get there a little early to enable your position to play.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar:


- Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m., Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.
- No bocce the week of Christmas and New Year's (Dec. 22, 24, 29, and 31)
- Bocce will be played the week before and after Easter.
- League best of bocce will be played at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and the open best of bocce will be played on Thursday, April

28, 2016 at 9 a.m.
• The league banquet will be on Friday, May 6, 2016, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

If anyone is interested in helping with the setup for the Christmas luncheon or the league banquet, please contact Lois Osis at (352) 854-1681 or Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for members to substitute or join the league. If you are ready to make a commitment to play, and we have enough people interested, we may be able to form another Thursday league. So please call and express your interest in playing so this league can be formed.

For further information, please contact Joe Bartosh, president, at (608) 553-1602. Until we roll again ...



Line Dancing
By George Conklin

Do you speak golf? I shot a triple bogie on the first par three. Or maybe you speak tennis? The score was three love. Each game or sport has its own language.

Well we speak "line dance." vine right, vine left, step back, back, back touch, step forward touch, back touch, step forward turn left and hitch right. These words describe "The Electric Slide" dance. Word phrases like vine right, coaster step, kick ball change, describe step sequences that are used again and again in line dances. Once you learn these step sequences and their names, learning a new dance is easy.

Marilyn McNeal's Monday newcomer class, at 5 p.m., is learning these step sequences. Several of the dances Marilyn teaches are done on Friday and Saturday nights at The Town Square. Newcomers should join us!

Halloween candy and Thanksgiving dinner are behind us; Christmas Dinner and cookies are on their way and so are the pounds. Get up and dance to work off some of the extra weight. Come dance with us.

We dance at Friday night Happy Hour at the Arbor Club or Recreation Center, Friday and Saturday night at The Town Square, and our second Thursday of the month line dance in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Come join us.

For detailed information, contact Janice Meade at (352) 861-9345, Nancy Carmack (352) 533-8870, or Marilyn McNeal (352) 804-1546.

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By Richard Impresa

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pocket or straight
And I'll spot you all three balls
right out of the gate"
As he slammed his money down
hard on the rail
He dared all the house players not
to go frail
The hall fell silent, the shooters all
still
He laughed as the suckers lined
up for the kill
His cue had eight points with
gold rings galore
A true work of art, not sold in a
store
He screwed it together with one
quick turn
And bellowed, "Let's see who's
ready to learn?"
Ray quickly jumped up to the
front of the line
And was dispatched by Santa in
world record time
Next was Gene, then came
George, Dan, and Dick

None came even close to besting
Saint Nick
Up stepped John and gave it his
best
But like the others before him, he
too failed the test
Just as he was ready to take all
the money and go
A lone voice yelled out, "Not so
quick, fatso"
"Put up your money and that cus-
tom cue
And sure as it's Christmas I'll mop
the floor with you"
Saint Nick replied, "Son take my
advice and don't even bother
Cuz I'll make you wish your moth-
er never met your father"
Mike came forward and quickly
racked the balls
The game was on, deck the halls
They banked and they jumped,
they masse-ed and they kicked
But in the end it was the old saint
himself who got licked
That bearded stranger still roams
our pool hall
He just looks kind of average, nei-
ther too short or tall
He defeated Saint Nick despite all
the odds
For on that Christmas Eve he
owned the pool gods
So if you come to the pool hall
looking for a game
Bring all your skills and call out
his name
Don't call out for Jimmy, Joe, Ron,
Al or Mitch
Just so you know it, he answers
to Rich
As Nick dashed to the sleigh with
his reindeer of eight
He said, "Got to go now, it's get-
ting real late"
As the crowd gathered round, he
shot to the sky
He looked back and yelled, "Merry
Christmas, keep stroking, and
keep your tip dry"



Photo by Diane Desrosiers

New Billiard Club players: Babe Carver, Jerry Gill, Lynne Dickson, and Peggy Fallon.



Sidekicks Western Dance Club

By Tony & Carla Magri

"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?"
Well okay, how about golf cart horns are
beeping? As we enter the holiday season,
we want to wish everyone in the com-
munity a wonderful holiday and a happy,
healthy New Year, especially all of our
dancing friends.

The Sidekicks have been busy partying
(tough job but someone has to do it). We
had our Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct.
27 and all of our goblins served up a tasty
spread. We even ate from a skull, which is
something you don't do every day.

We're now turning our attention to our
Christmas party and members can relax

and enjoy a catered meal this time. After
that it will be our annual New Year's bash.

We continue to enjoy the addition of all
of our new members. Most of these folks
are beginners who are new to our type of
dance and they're doing beautifully, al-
ready mastering a waltz, a merengue and
a few swing rhythm dances of different
speeds. They're on their way to "catching
up" to our experienced dancers.

Speaking of our experienced danc-
ers, they've also learned a couple of new
dances already, and continue to review
some previously taught. As always, they
do a great job on the dance floor and make
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Sweaters for Christmas

By Bob Woods
World News Writer



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Phyllis Jarskey's second bedroom is stacked high with 122 boys and girls knitted sweaters, which will be donated to Romeo Elementary.

Phyllis Jarskey spends most evenings and mornings at the end of knitting needles making all kinds of knitted items for underprivileged children, unwed moth-

ers, our troops and veterans. She loves and enjoys to knit. At one time in her life, she crocheted dresses for Saks Fifth Avenue.

All of the yarn she uses is donated by residents.

Recently, she knitted 185 scarf and hat sets along with 55 pairs of fashionable slippers for a 100 Grandparents project. These items will be donated to underprivileged students at Romeo Elementary School in Dunnellon, Fla.

In the past, Phyllis knitted 800 helmet liners for our armed forces serving in combat regions. The liners were donated to Operation Shoebox for shipment overseas.

She has knitted over 400 lap robes for hospitalized veterans in VA hospitals through our local VFW Post. Her generosity does not stop with children and military. She has also knitted 121 baby blankets to be used by unwed mothers in Marion County.

Entering her home in Friendship Colony, you will find Phyllis in her favorite chair knitting sweaters in various sizes, both for girls and boys. Phyllis' second bedroom is stacked high with balls of donated yarn along with 122 boys and girls sweaters knitted in various sizes and colors to be handed out to those students in need by members of 100 Grandparents.

Not all of the finished products are knitted by Phyllis alone. Her friend Sarah Toucher from Dunnellon, Fla., also contributes time at the end of the knitting needles.

Additional information can be obtained and yarn can be donated by calling Phyllis at (352) 843-6519. She has been donating her knitted items for the past five years.

Ghouls & Goblins

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

A spooktacular Happy Hour took place on Friday, Oct. 30 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Ghosts, ghouls and goblins were scaring everyone around them while the witches devoured their brewed potions along with countless zombies strutting around with erratic twitches.

A wide variety of other costumes were worn by residents, which added to an amazing and entertaining evening for all. There were four categories in the costume contest with four prizewinners per category.

At 6 p.m., the Light Aerobics fitness class entertained the crowd with Michael Jackson's Thriller dance.

Fred Campbell provided the musical entertainment for the evening.

On the following night, Oct. 31, The Town Square was filled to capacity with even more ghouls and goblins as everyone danced the night away with Rocky and The Rollers.

On Top of the World was definitely the place to be this Halloween!



Photo by Bob Woods

Light Aerobics fitness class entertained the Happy Hour crowd with Michael Jackson's Thriller dance on Friday, Oct. 30.

Photography Exhibit Results

By Marilyn Cronin

Congratulations to the winners of the 10th annual ShutterBugs photography exhibit that took place in November:

Novice

1: Gail Schultz; 2: Patricia Anderlot; 3: Ginny Peyton; Honorable Mention: Dave Schultz, Gail Schultz, and Patricia

Anderlot.

Intermediate

1: John Bauer; 2: Connie Filip; 3: Pam Schmitt; Honorable Mention: Hal Stanley (2) and Connie Filip.

Advanced

1/2: Ingrid Parady; 3: Linda Uhley; Hon-

orable Mention: Linda Uhley (2) and Mike Roppel.

Masters

1/2: John Ware; 3: Norbert Sachs; Honorable Mention: Norbert Sachs, Daisy Rowell, and Carla Traudt.

Black and White

1/3: Norbert Sachs; 2: John Bauer. Honorable Mention: Ginny Peyton, Carla Traudt, and Ingrid Parady.

We want to thank Theresa Fields and On Top of the World for the wonderful reception held on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Please enjoy our members' photos throughout the year displayed at Master

the Possibilities and Freedom Library; they change monthly. Feedback is appreciated.

The ShutterBugs meet every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C except the second Tuesday of the month when we have a field trip.

If you want to further your photographic ability, please come to a meeting to see what we are all about. Annual fee is \$12. A membership form may be downloaded from our website at otowspc.com. For more information, contact Gary Uhley at guhley@cfl.rr.com.



Photo by ShutterBug Gail Schultz

Novice category first place: Street in Village of Eze, France.



Photo by ShutterBug Patricia Underplot

Novice category second place: Lady Antebellum in concert.



Photo by ShutterBug Ginny Peyton

Novice category third place: Little bird.



Art Group

By Anne Merrick

At this time of year all the small towns have their fall festivals. Every weekend could be spent wandering through the displays of fine art, woodworking, jewelry, metal work, sewn crafts and much more. I had the fortunate experience to be asked to judge the crafts section at the Inverness festival on Saturday, Nov. 7. I have not done this before so it was very interesting talking to all the vendors about techniques and all the ins and outs of creating their product. It was a lot of walking and after about two and a half hours I had talked to everyone.

Now came the hard part, trying to decide who would be the winners. There were so many excellent works but I wanted to choose from three different categories

and was looking for originality, creativity, construction and how well they were made. There were quite a few duplicates and many jewelry booths but after much looking and eliminating I came up with the first, second and third best from my perspective.

From the jewelry point of view, there were some wonderful silver and natural stone creations. I was torn between several very nice exhibits but similar ones have been around for quite a while so I went with fun, made from scratch, creations in polymer clay, painted with acrylic, frogs and all sorts of animals and insects.

The woodcarving was interesting with some unique pieces done with chainsaw, chisel and planes. I didn't choose them because you see them all over the place. I am partial to wooden boxes - what can I say - and one of the gentlemen I talked to had sailed around the world and collected bits of wood which he has turned into amusing, fun trinket boxes, again with animal themes; pigs, frogs, cats etc. They made me laugh and were executed wonderfully

with exotic wood, polished and shaped beautifully.

The last category I chose consisted of a husband and wife team making birds out of polypropylene pipe, which again is fairly common but some of the woodpecker species he created were so lifelike, fun and different from the usual egrets - I wanted one. His wife made molds of sea creatures and shells right off the beach and had some unique plaques with detail and texture. This was something I had never seen before.

My day ended with lunch at a local restaurant and a tour around the fine arts part of the festival. Some of the artwork, watercolors and mixed media were very good. And so the day ended and we headed home.

If any of you out there have an art topic or something about your own art I could write about, give me a call at (352) 732-0706 or come to Art Studio at the Hobby Building on Thursday or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon and bring your work.



Theatre Group

By Steve McDonald

On Sunday, Nov. 8, our stage builders under the able supervision of member Gary Rodoff (and all his tools) came together at the Recreation Center and constructed our stage for our Nov. 13, 14, and 15 shows. Our playbill was printed, ticket sales were continuing up to and including show times and our cast started "tech week" that Sunday evening, which included complete rehearsals on stage.

On Monday evening, the sound and light crew was actively ensuring our microphones were properly set up for each individual cast member. After some initial sound issues, by Tuesday night's rehearsal, these much-appreciated crews had our issues handled and sound was perfect.

After Tuesday's rehearsal, our stage crew came together with input from our bingo representatives to dismantle a portion of our stage in order to accommodate Wednesday's super bingo night. Reassembly took place early Thursday morning and we had our final dress rehearsal on Thursday evening.

After a few minor lighting issues, we completed our full dress rehearsal and were looking forward to our first full show on Friday.

We will present a summary of our performances in the January 2016 issue of the World News. The play, "Are We on the Air Yet?" was presented as a radio theater comedy from the stage of the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We are again very appreciative for all the sponsors of ads in our playbill, and we sincerely hope that all of our residents who attended our shows will honor their contributions by placing some business with them. Each of our advertisers will receive a copy of our playbill.

We anticipated a very respectable turnout from our residents and hope they enjoyed our performances. Our cast and supporting crews, including the light and sound crew and videographers, are to be commended for their efforts and we could not have completed our commitments to entertain our residents without all their support.

After our final performance and disassembly of our stage on Sunday, Nov. 15, our cast and crew came together at Beef 'O' Brady's for a well-deserved cast party.

Due to our very intensive activities in preparation for our shows, we canceled our Monday, Nov. 9 general business meeting. Our next scheduled meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. All residents, members or not, are encouraged to attend - you might just join our group if you do.

We meet on second Monday of each month, have a short business meeting, enjoy some light refreshments, and watch some of our members perform some skits, tell some jokes, sing, or do some readings. It is a fun time. We will start immediately preparing for our spring show as soon as our storyboard committee schedules our first meeting.

Please contact our President Dick Phillips at (352) 861-0779 or dick.phillips@reagan.com if you have need of any additional information concerning our group.

Hoofin' It

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Recently there was a passing of the torch for our community's annual Hoofin' It for Hospice event that will tentatively take place in February 2016. Taking over the helm as chairperson for this the 16th annual event is Valerie Sanders. Valerie can be reached at (352) 873-8605.

The Hoofin' It for Hospice is a two-mile leisurely walk around selected sections of our community benefiting Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House. One does not have to participate in the walk to make a donation. Anyone who would like to participate in the walk should be out and about limbering up those leg muscles for this charitable walk. More information will be forthcoming in the World News.



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Hoofin' It for Hospice walk in February 2015.

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Rita being Rita with Tilly.

Photos by Judy Gill

Encore Collaborative Theatre
By Judy Gill

Rehearsals are moving right along with Encore Collaborative Theatre's cast for their premier performance of "Too, Too, Too Many Hats" in early 2016. Tickets are nearly sold out for the two dessert theatre performances: Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m.

After expenses, the \$10 donation admission benefits Project S.O.S. (homeless veterans and families of the Ocala National Forest). Intermission will offer a 50/50 raffle where there will be an auction of our amazing miniature hat centerpieces for charity.

The original comedy was written by resident Judy Bowen Gill, and collaborated by the cast as well as two theatre

groups: All About Theatre in The Villages and Encore Collaborative Theatre Club in On Top of the World, as well as the Freedom Writing Club of Ocala.

Recently, we had the good fortune to add resident Jim Grapes as piano accompanist for the production. His years of experience, which include playing for a dinner theatre, is a perfect fit.

Tickets will continue on sale as long as they last at the Recreation Center from 8 to 10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays or by the cast and committee.

Call Judy or Terry Gill at (352) 509-4033 if you need more information. There is always room for help - the next committee meeting is Sunday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H.

Remember collaborative theatre is unique and might be just what you've been looking for to start the New Year! From concept to encore benefitting charity with the magic of storytelling ... Encore Collaborative Theatre Club wants you!

The New Pretenders
By Bill Shampine

The New Pretenders will be performing for residents on Friday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. Please note that these dates are different from what I told you in the October issue.

Ticket sales will begin on Monday, Dec. 14 at the Recreation Center Ballroom at 8 a.m. I must advise you, however, that ticket sales on the opening day historically are so high that we have had to institute a process to try to make it easier and fairer for you, our audience, to buy reserved seat tickets. This process does not apply to general admission seat tickets, which are always available through the "normal" process described below.

The opening day process is much like the one used at the deli at Publix and goes like this. I will be at the Recreation Center Building front door by 6 a.m. on the opening day (only that day). Historically, even at that early time, there will be a line of people already there waiting to buy tickets. I will take names and assign each person a sequential number indicating the order in which the ticket purchaser arrived. I will ask if you want tickets for Friday or Saturday night, and how many you wish to buy (you are limited to four per number). You don't have to choose at this time, it simply helps us keep track of where we stand.

Once you get your number, you can go home, get some breakfast, and return at 8 a.m. when the sale actually starts. We also will continue to assign numbers to those who show up at 8 a.m. or later.

When the sale begins at 8 a.m., you will be called by number and given the opportunity to buy your tickets. If your number is called and you are not there, you forfeit your place in line, and have to sign up again. We will work as quickly as we can, but be aware that it may take awhile to get to the higher numbers.

Please also note the following: You

may buy only four tickets at a time; so one person cannot come in and buy reserved seats for a large group of friends who want to sit together. If you and a friend have sequential numbers, however, you can go to the sales table together if you wish.

You do not have to get a number to buy general admission tickets. You can walk in anytime after 8 a.m., buy your ticket(s), and go home.

You do not have to get a number to buy reserved seat tickets for Sunday. You can walk in at any time after 8 a.m., buy your ticket(s), and go home. Early sales for Sunday tickets have never been a rush, as most folks want Friday or Saturday night tickets. So, you only need a number if you want tickets for the Friday or Saturday performances.

After the rush on the first day, place numbers no longer will be needed and ticket sales will revert back to the normal process. They will be on sale in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 8 to 10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until showtime (except for Dec. 25).



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Janet Becker, A.J. Smallwood, and Edie Dieckman singing "Suds in the Bucket" in the 2015 show of The New Pretenders.

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Original Karaoke Group

By George Quaranta

Once again the holidays are upon us; wow they come and go so fast. So let's make some memories this holiday season ... like John and Laura did at our last karaoke. Laura surprised us with some back-up singing for John; they were so cute together. Everyone start brushing up on your Christmas songs, and let's have some

fun. Some of our karaoke regulars will be entertaining the folks at Brookdale Senior Living with some holiday music and a sing-along. We've been there before and they had such a great time they want us back. This time, we're even bringing Santa Claus with us. Come on out and have some fun with us; everybody has a favorite Christmas song, so give it a try. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the Candler Hills Community Center. For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



Photo by Sindy O'Brien

Laura surprised the Original Karaoke Group with some back-up singing for John.



Karaoke Friends

By Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

I think it is time for you to meet our karaoke jockey (K.J.), Charlie Petrosky, who was born and raised in New Jersey. He and Kathy moved to Florida from Califon, N.J. Charlie worked as a lithographer for many years. He did other jobs during his work career but retired from this one.

Charlie is also a wood carver and chain saw carver. He made many pieces large and small and is proud to say two of his pieces are in churches. If you visit the house here, Charlie is happy to give a tour of his carvings.

After settling in at On Top of the World, Charlie and Kathy began clowning with the Ocala Clown Express. Charlie enjoys just clowning around. He does a lot of that when he plays the line dance practice music.

Charlie did not get into karaoke right away. He went with Kathy for a couple of years. When asked to sing, he would say, "I don't sing." One day at home he decided to try a song and as we say the rest is history. It has become a great hobby for him.

It is fun to try finding a new song and learn it when he has down time. He has several systems he can use.

Does he still clown? Of course he does! Come and watch his walking cow at karaoke. You never know what hat or glasses he will put on. He makes karaoke fun.

Speaking of fun, we had a lot of that on prop night. Donnie wore a hat and had a fake drink. I think he looked like Elmer Fudd singing, "Chug a Lug." Tom had a princess phone and Shirley a pillow singing, "Send Me the Pillow." Karen Piccolo came dressed to perform with the Dancing Jewels.

Frank came dressed as Frank Sinatra. Lora was our own Dolly. Kathy had a baby bonnet, bib and pacifier to sing "Baby Face." Charlie wore his huge hat and had a pony to sing "Long Tall Texan." Tari wore stripes and Gary was our witch doctor. Patty had Fred's picture on her shoulder singing "Put Your Head on My Shoulder." Laura was John's prop for "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Bikini." She had a great bikini outfit.

Fun is what we like to have on karaoke nights. We never know what will happen. Why not come out and see for yourself? We have had new residents come and sing. We meet the first and third Mondays in Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 6 to 9 p.m. Hope to see you there.



Photo by Kathy Petrosky

Charlie Petrosky is the K.J. for Karaoke Friends.

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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

By Barbara Lingis

This month, we highlight crafters Barbara Allen and Mary Till.

Barb has been a resident for 16 years and has been a member of our club for nine months. Barb is an expert plastic canvas crafter. She has enjoyed this craft most of her life and her work is beautiful. Barb is also proficient at cross-stitch and crewel.

She took up the craft of plastic canvas 30 years ago for relaxation. Barb exhibits coaster sets, which have the most unique designs and colors. Most of her patterns

are her own and some she uses from books. She also does custom orders using different patterns but matching colors. Barb attaches foam bottoms on the coasters so they won't leak through and won't slide on the table. They are durable and washable. Each coaster set has a matching box in which to store the coasters. Barb has the unique ability doing plastic canvas work in any direction and not just one angle. Barb also crafts eyeglass cases from plastic canvas with the same patterns and colors.

Mary Till has been a resident for five years and a member of our club for one year. Mary crochets afghans, lap warmers, baby blankets, reversible placemats and

much more. Her stitching ability is fantastic. Her patterns are different and very colorful.

Mary crochets washcloths all different sizes and sews bibs, long and short, for adults. On her table, you will find aprons that are adjustable around the neck and waist. She also sews baby sleepers with sack bottoms that are soft and in sizes newborn to six months.

Come to the Recreation Center Ballroom every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon to see all the unique and beautiful crafts for sale. They will make great Christmas gifts for that special someone. If you are interested in joining our club, contact our director, Rene Beck, at (352) 854-4918.



Sewing Bees

By Linda Lohr

Hard to believe that the year will soon be over! The Bees have elected officers for the coming year: President Louise Green; Vice President Edie Howard; Treasurer Linda Lohr; Secretary Rita Miller; and Keeper of the Keys DeeDee Springer. Congratulations to all officers and best wishes for a wonderful 2016!

Our winner of the recent Rags to Riches quilt drawing was Barbara Martyn, who was thrilled with her prize. We again thank everyone who stopped by our tables and purchased a "treasure." The Rags to Riches events are our only fundraisers and we appreciate everyone's generosity.

Fifty stockings for local children were stuffed with assorted toys on Thursday, Nov. 19. The Bees have been collecting various small items all year long in anti-

ipation of the "Stuff the Stockings" event!

It's been a wonderful year for the Bees to be able to donate so many items for the children.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Art Studio, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

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

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

Best wishes to everyone for a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!



Happy Hookers

By Marge Curran

Happy holidays from the Happy Hookers!

One of the best things about moving to Florida from the Midwest is the anticipation of winter without the snow and the cold. Now, I'd much rather create a fun hat or a cozy blanket and ship it north for the family to enjoy!

While most elves work tirelessly morning 'til night during the month of December the Happy Hookers take time off to celebrate the season with a special luncheon. This year the event is on Monday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. at Mesa de Noche. This restaurant is located at 2436 E. Silver Springs Boulevard. Please call Naomi Ber- man at (352) 873-4328 if you would be

interested in joining us for lunch.

The Happy Hookers meet every Monday afternoon, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. There are no dues or agenda. Attendees bring whatever handcraft they happen to be working on.

If you are new to On Top of the World, please feel free to drop in and check out the crafting talents of the Happy Hookers. You will find ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, card crafting, embroidery, and just about any craft project you can imagine. If your skills are rusty or you need inspiration to get going on a previously started project this is the group for you.

When you're doing your fall closet cleaning and come across yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for donations are always greatly appreciated. Please call me for pick-up of these items at (630) 336-7105.



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Rags to Riches quilt drawing winner, Barbara Martyn.

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Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

By Linda Lohr

Presenters for the last meeting of the club for 2015 were Ida Swanson and Donna Hamende. They offered the group a small gift box and two cards, providing some of the items needed to complete both projects.

We wish to thank them for their time and generosity, as well as their creativity! All who were present enjoyed the class.

Anyone can be a presenter – and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship and socializing, and helping each other plays a big part of the club!

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

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, please call Kathy at (352) 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!

We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!



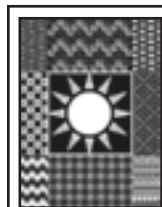
Photo by Ida Swanson

Projects presented by Ida Swanson and Donna Hamende.



Photo by Tekla Krause

Diann Devereaux displayed her memory quilt in honor of her dad.



Sunshine Quilters

By Tekla Krause

Our recent meeting was filled with ideas. The quilts with pockets are accumulating for Christmas delivery.

Election of officers was held. Joining Pat Szabo as president, and Ann Weldishofer as treasurer is Rosemary Borgia as

corresponding secretary, Carol Wheeler as recording secretary and Ruth Kinney as vice president. Jeannette Wroblewski volunteered to be sunshine chairwoman and Diann Devereaux, Evelyn Ebbighausen and Tekla Krause will organize craft workshops for 2016. The items we create will be sold to help defray expenses of batting and quilting our comfort quilts.

Show and tell is always fun and this month was no exception. In addition to many comfort quilts completed by members, a queen size quilt of beautiful batiks, was done by Shirley Shellman. Diann also

made a lovely queen size quilt in honor of her father who served over 30 years in the armed services including being a veteran of World War II. He was also a marksman and coach in the Army National Rifle Team. His various insignia, award patches and ribbons are artfully placed in a red, white and blue setting.

Quilts are made for many reasons: newborns, weddings, birthdays and memories. No matter what, as someone once said, "Quilts are love you can touch."

It's Showtime!

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The 2015 entertainment line up is coming to an end with one show left. Don't dismay! 2016 is around the corner with a fantastic line up and Circle Square Cultural Center will be celebrating 10 years of providing world-class entertainment!

Walt Matzke's Four Pianos Holiday Experience

Saturday, Dec. 19

Experience the joy and wonder of the holiday season as four exceptional master pianists present an amazing evening of musical magic on four grand pianos. The holiday favorites will fill the venue with the Christmas spirit.

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Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Facilities are for use by residents and guest(s) only.
- Guest(s) under 15 years of age may use the pool from noon to dusk and must be accompanied by parent or resident.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guest(s) under the age of 15.
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- No throwing of objects or littering.
- Food, drinks, glass containers, and pets must be kept outside of fenced pool area.
- Water bottles are allowed as long as they are plastic - no coolers allowed.
- No smoking in and around pool area including pool deck.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but please no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- 911 emergency phone located on the veranda.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load capacity is 100.
- Be safe, responsible, and considerate while using the pool.
- Pool will be closed on the last Wednesday of the month for cleaning.

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Indoor Pool Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Pool use is for residents and adult guest(s) only.
- Guest(s) must purchase a pass - \$2.25/day or \$10.75/week per guest.
- Children under the age of 15 are not permitted in pools or on pool deck areas.
- Please refer to Arbor Club indoor pool schedule for complete listing of hourly activities.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool or spa.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
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- Water bottles are allowed as long as they are plastic - no coolers allowed.
- No smoking in and around pool area including pool deck.
- 911 emergency phone located outside the ladies bathroom wall.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Be safe, responsible, and considerate while using the pool.
- Noodles are allowed, but please no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Food, drinks, glass containers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Indoor pool bathing load is 75, the outdoor pool bathing load is 37 and the spa bathing load is 8.
- The indoor pool will be closed for cleaning every Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- The outdoor pool and spa will be closed for cleaning the first Wednesday of the month.

CANDLER HILLS POOL

Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Pool is open to all Candler Hills residents and their guest(s).
- Guests under the age of 15 are permitted in the pool from noon to dusk only when accompanied by a resident or parent.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guest(s) under 15.
- Children in diapers must wear swim diapers or Little Swimmers®.
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- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing objects or littering.
- Plastic water bottles are allowed.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers, coolers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load is 55 persons.
- The pool will be closed for cleaning the second Wednesday of the month.

CANDLER HILLS SPA

Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- Shower before entering.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in spa and on deck.
- Bathing load is 10 persons.
- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.
- The spa will be closed for cleaning the second Wednesday of the month.

INDIGO EAST POOL

Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Pool is open to all Indigo East residents and their guest(s).
- Guest(s) under the age of 15 are permitted in the pool from noon to dusk only when accompanied by a resident or parent.
- Children in diapers must wear swim diapers or Little Swimmers®.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guest(s) under 15.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing objects or littering.
- Plastic water bottles are allowed.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers, coolers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load is 55 persons.
- The pool will be closed for cleaning the third Wednesday of the month.

INDIGO EAST SPA

Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk

Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- Shower before entering.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in spa and on deck.
- Bathing load is 10 persons.
- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.
- The spa will be closed for cleaning the third Wednesday of the month.



Concert Chorus

By Patricia A. Woodbury



Photo by Bill Shampine

Kenneth Sarsony

much more festive and Christmas-like. Jewish children receive gifts for Hanukkah - often one gift for each of the eight nights of the holiday.

Our featured member this month is Kenneth Sarsony, our pianist. Ken is originally from Dover, N.J. He shares a versatile background in both his occupational and musical background. He moved to Florida in 1992. He has a tenor or bass voice that he has used singing with the Marion Civic Chorale and in church choirs, and also has sung the Messiah. He started playing piano at nine years of age and continues to this date at churches and hotels. He not only plays the piano but also the electric bass guitar. His current occupation is as a legal videographer and he is frequently called on to video depositions. The chorus is pleased to have Ken accompany us on the piano for our upcoming concert.

The next practice for the Concert Chorus will begin in January when we will begin practicing for our spring concert. The Concert Chorus meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. We are always seeking people who like to sing and look forward to you joining our group. Interested persons may contact David Wesenberg, president, at (217) 280-4454 or Emery Bjerkman, vice president, at (352) 873-9032.

The Concert Chorus will hold their Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The concert is entitled "Christmas Music Around the World" and the music will be presented in four-part harmony by 30 of our residents.

The concert will have selections of Christmas carols and songs from both the Western and Eastern Hemispheres. There will be energetic gospel-style songs and Caribbean carols as well as beautiful carols from Ireland, Germany and France. Audrey Strong directs the chorus with pianist Ken Sarsony. No tickets are needed, as it is a free concert. A free-will collection will be taken to help cover the costs of supporting this performance.

A song from the Western Hemisphere that will be performed is "Do You Hear What I Hear?" This song was written in October 1962 with lyrics by Noel Regney and music by Gloria Shayne Baker. The couple was married at the time, and wrote it as a plea for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The lyrics, "Said the night wind to the little lamb, Do you see what I see?" and "Pray for peace people everywhere" were inspired by watching babies being pushed in strollers on the sidewalks of New York City. Bing Crosby made the song into a hit when he recorded his own version on Oct. 21, 1963.

From the Eastern Hemisphere, one of the songs that will be performed is "Hanukkah Holiday." In Hebrew, the word Hanukkah means dedication. The name reminds us that this holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the holy temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C. According to Jewish law, Hanukkah is one of the less important Jewish holidays. However, over time Hanukkah has become

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