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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE

By Kenneth D. Colen
Publisher

Welcome to 2016! Let's make it a good year for everyone in the community.

Last month, I wrote a few short paragraphs about the uncommon generosity of our community. The very genuine kindness and decency of our residents have once again manifested themselves in the overwhelming support and success of the community-wide food drive.

We are pleased to report that the outpouring of generous contributions supplied over 200 and a half tons of food for those in need! Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) has expressed both their surprise and gratitude at the generosity of all the On Top of the World communities. I've said it before, and it bears repeating: Kindness to each other is the glue that binds us together regardless of different backgrounds. It is the core of a successful community.

It is important to be grateful and to remind others that they are appreciated as well as important in some way. Thank you for all you do.

Annual Meetings

I would like to thank all of the association members who returned their proxies for the annual meetings. Second, I'd like to thank all those members who attended the annual meetings on Dec. 8, 2015, for Candler Hills and Indigo East Neighborhood Associations and the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association on Dec. 11, 2015.

Regardless of the specific items that apply to any given association, we also include a great deal of material generally dealing with the state of the community overall and the factors that affect the operation.

Enforcement matters were discussed. What one person does (or doesn't do) may adversely affect their neighbors. Also discussed was how the board deals with delinquencies in community services fees.

One topic I overlooked in my notes was the use of the community facilities in both Indigo East and Candler Hills, specifically the community centers. Residents are free to reserve use of the building for resident events. No facility may be reserved and used for commercial purposes. I mention this because Candler Hills Community Center was reserved by a resident for a widely advertised public lecture. The Indigo East Community Center was reserved for a for profit venture. Again, commercial use of the facilities is not allowed. In the first instance mentioned, the public library or Master the Possibilities would have been a better choice.

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association meeting building insurance was reviewed. Homes and villas are insured under a master policy in the name of the association. The per event deductible remains \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of three percent subject to a \$250,000 minimum deductible for any one occurrence such as a named storm. With respect to all other events all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

Again in On Top of the World, roof replacement work is contracted because of the extensive scope of work involved in replacement. In 2016, new re-roofing work will be bid, and Requests for Proposal were sent to eight contractors.

2015 saw a great many changes around the On Top of the World, Candler Hills and Indigo East properties. Besides adding or enhancing new landscape and hardscape features, the Candler Hills Restaurant (now called The Club at Candler Hills) was completely renovated and expanded. As I'm writing this column, the work is being wrapped up for a "soft" opening in late December. I use the word "soft" because some of the tables and booths are being rebuilt because their

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National Geographic Cinematographer Mark Emery coming to Master the Possibilities on Jan. 19.

The Gifts of Learning

By Margaret Spontak

Around this time of year, many are writing thank you notes for holiday gifts they received. I wish we could write a personal note to each and every faculty member, student, volunteer and support staff that helped make the fall term so memorable.

My favorite gifts of the season were the special experiences and joy shared with faculty, staff, students and volunteers during the fall term. Students took the time to share stories after a class or trip that inspired them. They proudly brought in their completed art projects, poems or photos. It was also a gift to witness students engaged in the drum circle on the square, The Voice Experience concert, the family art event and the dazzling samba dancers.

Students talked about acquired knowledge from the Global Science and Global Business Series, the World Religions and Beliefs line-up, and the many World Culture or Armchair Traveler talks. As the world wrestled with debates on immigra-

tion and religious freedom, we focused on better understanding each other's culture, values and the world around us. What a special term it was. Thank you so much for your support.

The winter term has our staff just as excited. The printed winter catalog with 730 classes arrives on New Year's Eve day. The theme, "Everything is Possible," will provide great inspiration for the New Year.

Visiting scholars include National Geographic cinematographer Mark Emery sharing striking photography and cinematography from his treks around the world (Tuesday, Jan. 19). Uncover health myths and misconceptions with neuroscientist Dr. David Diamond (Wednesday, Feb. 3). Join with hundreds of others during a special leadership volunteering conference featuring 4Generations Institute Founder Jack Levine and Volunteer Florida CEO Chester Spellman (Wednesday, Feb. 24). Spend two days experiencing art like never before with The Painting Experience, a

team whose work has taken them to prestigious retreat centers like Esalen Institute, Omega Institute, and Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health (Friday, March 18).

Our faculty and staff have added a wide array of wellness classes to help us meet New Year's resolutions. There are workshops designed to unleash your creativity. A dozen Encore Career lectures open your eyes to part-time work, paid or volunteer, to tap into your passion. The opportunities are almost endless.

Prepare to launch you into something new in 2016. Please note that catalog will not be included in home delivered issues of the World News. Please stop by the office Monday through Friday from 8 to 4 p.m. to pick up the new catalog or go online to MasterthePossibilities.com. The new catalog has been formatted for easy downloading and paging through on your tablet or personal computer.

And, don't miss our open house on Friday, Jan. 8 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to discuss the line-up and meet our faculty.

Everything is possible in 2016. Just open the door to learning and sharing.



More than 40 citizens from On Top of the World and our surrounding communities graduated from the Sheriff's Citizens Academy.

Graduation Day

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015 at Live Oak Hall, more than 40 citizens from On Top of the World and our surrounding communities graduated from the Sheriff's Citizens Academy.

Sheriff Blair was on hand to recognize each of the graduates and congratulate them and award them with a personalized certificate of achievement. Following the ceremony, there was a social and sharing of the graduation cake. It was a time for people from our local communities to meet, and get to know Sheriff Blair and learn more about the operations and objectives of the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Citizens Academy & Partnership is the brainchild of Sheriff Blair and has received overwhelming response from Marion County. Through a series of lectures and hands-on learning experiences participants are introduced to the everyday challenges of the department.

Because of the confidential nature of the program and all the data to which they would be introduced, each applicant underwent and was required to pass a background check. Once cleared, they were then able to participate in the 12-week program. The schedule included: a visit to the county jail and how the booking process works, the workings of crime scene

investigations unit, cold case processing, the violent crimes unit and a visit to the Marion County courthouse.

Graduates of the Sheriff's Citizens Academy, said they had new found appreciation for the challenges that face the Marion County's Sheriff Office. Mostly, however, they expressed awe at how knowledgeable, organized and disciplined each unit was at accomplishing their goals.

The next Sheriff's Citizens Academy, sponsored by Master the Possibilities, will begin on Thursday, Jan. 28. You may sign up online or in person at the Education Center.



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Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: If you receive a call from someone who claims to be with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and tells you that you'd better cooperate because you owe taxes and you will be arrested, you must hang up the phone immediately. Do not get into any discussion with someone like that. It's a scam and they are trying to steal money from you.

Q. What is the IRS gift tax law?

A. That's a neat question and way too complex for me to answer in this column. Here is what I can say, in 2015 the gift tax exclusion was \$14,000. That is, a taxpayer

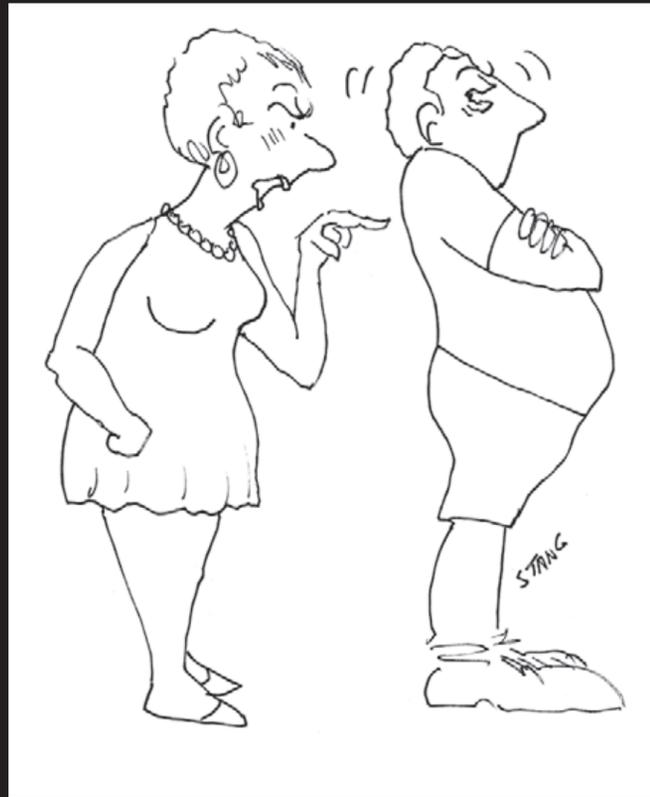
can give \$14,000 to whomever he or she wishes without filing a form 709, which is the gift tax return. A husband and wife can join and give double that, or \$28,000 to whomever they want. The lifetime gift tax exemption in 2015 was \$5,430,000 per taxpayer. For further information or for answers that are specific to your particular needs, you should consult your CPA or your attorney (if he or she handles such matters). You can also go to the IRS website at irs.gov.

Q. I read your column all the time and want to ask you why you don't like trusts since after all, they do avoid probate.

A. Thanks for reading my column and for asking me this question. First and foremost, it is not correct to conclude that I do not like trusts. I like them for folks who need them and should have them. I've come to understand that too often, trusts are marketed as being the "do all and be all" of estate planning. In my opinion, that's wrong. If the purpose of having a

GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



The handwriting on your wall is a forgery.

trust is to avoid probate, then I have continually maintained that for many, many people, there are easier and less costly ways to avoid probate when one passes on. Here are some ways to avoid probate without the necessity of having a trust: joint accounts, with right of survivorship, payable on death accounts (also called transfer on death accounts), "in trust for" accounts. Further, IRAs automatically result in transfers on death so long as a beneficiary is named for the account. The same is true for annuities and life insurance and other forms of pension plans. Now, I do think that trusts are very good estate planning vehicles for disability planning and estate planning where for whatever the reason, the owner of assets does not wish to manage his or her business matters. However, after saying that, a well-drafted durable power of attorney that is in compliance with Florida's 2011 durable power of attorney statute, is just as effective, in my opinion.

Q. My husband and I had our will signed in the 1980s. At that time, we resided in another state but moved to Florida in the early 2000s. Do I need to do another will? I still want to leave everything to my niece and nephew.

A. Of course, I haven't seen your will, so I can't really advise you about it. However, I want to use your question to focus on a form of that question that I get now and then. Here's the question: Is there a time when a last will and testament is no

longer valid because it is too old? The answer to that question is "no." A will is not invalid because of its age. So the thing to look at is whether your will says what you want it to say, leaves assets where you want them to go and names as personal representative (executor) the person or persons you want for that position.

Q. My husband and I purchased our home several years ago. At that time, the deed was in his name and mine as joint owner. He is now deceased and my neighbor says that I need a new deed. Can you comment on that?

A. When title to real property, and of course, that includes your homestead, is titled in the names of the husband and wife, this is what is known as a tenancy or estate by the entirety. It's also called the "husband and wife" estate. When one spouse passes away, the survivor does not need a new deed and there would be no point in having one, since simultaneously with death, the surviving spouse is the sole owner of the property.

Q. How would a same sex couple who are married, hold the title to their real estate?

A. One way would be: Joe and John a married couple or Sally and Susan a married couple.

Q. A woman in our building is going on a trip with a man who is married but who is not her husband. I would like to show her your answer so what are your comments on that?

A. Judge not!
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Keeping It Green

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Wow, did 2015 fly by or what? Hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

Did you remember to cut back the time on your irrigation timer? Even though current restrictions allow once per week watering, depending upon the community you live in, your grass and plants and the temperature, you may not need to water as frequently. Try reducing the run time little by little.

Many factors should be taken into account before reducing the run times though. How long have you lived at the location? Is it a new home or has it been there for longer than one year? If your

landscape is older than one year, gradually is the best way to reduce run times. Adjusting in small increments will keep you from creating a severe problem if you don't irrigate with enough water. If you do too much at once, waiting on the next run day could have a negative impact on your landscape.

Research conducted by the University of Florida indicates that during the shorter, cooler days of winter, grass and plants are growing slowly or not at all. During this time, their need for water is greatly reduced from the long, hot days of summer. Many people never change their automatic sprinkler system to compensate for this change in water needs and water is needlessly wasted.

If you have closed on a new home after 2010, the system is probably equipped with the Solar Sync rain sensor. This sensor is automatically adjusting your run times based on temperature and solar radiation. If you do not have this feature you may have to seasonally adjust your clock. You can lower the clock programming in increments of 10 percent to reduce watering without having to change the entire program.

Brown patch fungus results when abnormal weather conditions occur. Humid days compiled with regular irrigation and warm day temperatures with cool evening temperatures has created the perfect storm for growing conditions for this fungi. The fungus typically flares up when soil temperatures are between 60 to 70 degrees and soil moisture is high. Turning off your irrigation after rainfall events or simply turning it back using the seasonal adjust feature will help.

You can normally spot fungus issues in your yard by a large symmetrical ring or circular patch that has a yellowish edge. The spots typically start as one-foot diameter areas and grow from there. Keep from walking on and mowing affected areas. Fungus travels from spores and disturbance of the fungus could potentially cause more areas to pop up.

Routine lawn maintenance and pest

control is key to keep pest problems such as brown patch fungus from popping up in your lawns. Identification and treatment of this pest is crucial in control and will help keep the pest from spreading. Keep from fertilizing these areas until the fungus has been treated and has been eradicated.

Lowe's carries a product that is labeled for fungal control. It is called Spectracide Lawn Disease Control Systemic Fungicide. Although I have never used this product it will probably handle most fungal problems. LESCO also carries many fungicide products. The cost of these products is probably higher than the products purchased from Lowe's but chances are they are more concentrated products and will require mixing. LESCO carries Manicure and T-Storm.

Both the Lowe's and LESCO products are great products but be sure to read the label before using and make sure you have proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If you have a maintenance company taking care of your lawn, they can easily treat for the fungal problem. Fungus is preventable and controllable.

January is also a great time to think about trimming your crape myrtles, lantana and other dormant species. The method I prefer for residents to follow when pruning crape myrtles is the "pencil pruning" method. Basically you remove all branches pencil size and smaller. This method is the least invasive to the tree and still provides an aesthetic quality to the tree even when the leaves have fallen and all you have are sticks. Since crape myrtles bloom on the newer growth, this provides the new growth for summer blooms.

Lantana will need to be cut back in the late winter or early spring to remove dormant growth. You can trim them now or wait until late winter or early spring to make sure the plant is at its fullest stage of dormancy. If these plants are trimmed too soon, the pruning could cause the plants to flush new growth resulting in potential frost burn.

Try and stay warm and good luck in the landscape!

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dimensions were not consistent with the architectural plan. Once they are in place, there will be a formal opening. I should also mention, with a new kitchen, there will be a great new menu as well.

Circle Square Cultural Center

In 2015, we saw nine shows out of 24 sell out! That is a testimony to you coming out and enjoying the performances – great show after great show. The quality and quantity of performers continue to impress, with ticket sales being 21 percent ahead of 2014.

As we move into 2016, at this writing, the Jan. 9 show, Bronx Wanderers, is sold out. The Jan. 30 show, Atlantic City Boys, still has a few seats available. The lesson learned in all of this is to get your tickets as soon as possible!

I want to put in a word for February's shows – Feb. 13, a pre-Valentine evening with beautiful love songs by the stellar

vocalists Romantico and Quattro "Four" Divo. Then on Feb. 20, you won't want to miss The Texas Tenors, stars from America's Got Talent television show. Check out their website for video clips at TheTexasTenors.com.

For show information or to purchase tickets, go online at CSCulturalCenter.com, drop by the ticket office Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call (352) 854-3670.

The Town Square

As we take a moment to reflect back on 2015, it was a very "entertaining" year on The Town Square. Events were well attended by many of you, and it is gratifying for our team when so many of you come out and enjoy yourselves! Thanks for all of your support, input and appreciation. Look forward to 2016 being another fun-filled year as well.

Weather permitting, Friday and Saturday night entertainment will continue from 2 to 5 p.m. during January.

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Toastmaster Invitation

By David P. Wesenberg

For most people, their greatest fear is speaking in public. Perhaps their great-

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All Around Our World

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is ready to start a new year with new goals for the coming year. We wish you a wonderful 2016, filled with happiness, success and good health.

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 Jan. 20 this month. Customer Service may be reached by phone: (352) 236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: otowserotowservice@otowfl.com; or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons. If you reach our voice mail, please know that we are helping others and will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Please also note the Customer Service office will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1.

Food Drive

The annual food drive ran from Dec. 7 to 18, 2015, and we had a wonderful outpouring from our residents. Our residents are a very generous group, and we appreciate your support each year as we help Interfaith Emergency Services fill their food pantry.

The Club at Candler Hills (Candler Hills Restaurant)

At the time of this writing, our goal is

to have the restaurant reopened before the end of December. There are still a few more inspections that have to be completed prior to announcing 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 and the new menu. We thank the residents who participated in the focus group to help fine-tune the menu.

Holiday Lighting and Decorations

Please ensure that all holiday decorations are removed by Saturday, Jan. 16. Live Christmas trees may be placed on the curb in front of your home for pick-up on your community's regularly scheduled yard debris pick-up day.

Curbside Waste Pick-up in Indigo East and Candler Hills

Just a reminder, curbside waste will not be collected in the Candler Hills and Indigo East neighborhoods on New Year's Day. It will be collected on Tuesday, Jan. 5, instead of Friday, Jan. 1.

Trash/Waste Disposal Areas

Do not contaminate cardboard recycling or single stream recycling with items that should not be disposed of in these areas. Electronics and other small household appliances ("white goods") can be disposed of in the white goods section, behind the fence adjacent to the recycling, at the SW 90th Street post office area. We thank you for properly disposing of these types of items in the correct area.

We also ask that if the compactor is out for dumping that you take your garbage to the next closest compactor instead of setting the garbage on the ground around the

compactor area. Not only is it unsightly when this happens, but workers have to be called in to clear the area. The accumulation may also hinder Waste Management from being able to return the unit to the site.

Association Meetings

The annual meetings for the Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations and On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association were held in December 2015. Items discussed were annual budgets for Indigo East and Candler Hills, enforcement in all communities, the newly renovated Club at Candler Hills, the new models coming in Indigo and Providence, happenings at Circle Square Commons, and all of the 2015 improvements we see around the community along with the planned improvements for 2016. Also included were the businesses that will be opening along SR 200 and SW 80th Avenue and an update on the independent living facility.

Traffic, Speeding and Stop Signs

A resident recently asked that I address several of their concerns in my column. One of which was also one of the recurring topics brought up by residents in each of the Association meetings: traffic, speeding and stop signs.

It is appropriate to share information from a slide that was in the On Top of the World (Central) presentation regarding traveling safely. All modes of travel (golf cart, vehicle, bicycle or pedestrian) need to be courteous to others, yield to others, don't assume and be responsible for your own safety. You must also drive defensively, and don't forget, stop means stop! If you are in a golf cart, slow down and share the

path and remember that the Florida driver rules of the road apply to you as well. Bicycles should always bike with traffic and as a courtesy; notify walkers your directions when passing, for example, "passing on the right." Pedestrians should always be aware of their surroundings, wear reflective clothing and walk against traffic.

Please obey the speed limit signs posted throughout the community and keep in mind that we do have an agreement with Marion County Sheriff's office, so that they can patrol throughout the community.

And, from the web, I will leave you with one more thought, "SHARE: See, Hear, Act politely and Responsibly to Enjoy!"

Coyotes

A resident asked that I remind everyone to please not feed the coyotes. After the resident noticed that someone was leaving food on the side of the road, they became concerned that not only will this attract rodents and various wild animals but that it could attract coyotes as well.

There are several reasons not to feed wild animals. Among those are: people food isn't good for animals; it makes them lose their natural fear of people; and animals fed along roads tend to stay near the road, increasing the chance of vehicle-animal accidents.

If you happen to come across a coyote on your walk or ride, you can chase them away by shouting, making loud noises or throwing rocks. By making life for coyotes in your neighborhood more difficult, you will increase the likelihood that they will go somewhere else.

Getting Ready for the Cold

Winter is here and, even though we are experiencing warmer than normal temperatures, I'm sure that the colder weather is right around the corner. That being said, cold temperatures can have an effect on your backflow preventer. For those residents who maintain their own backflow preventer, have you seen Phillip Hisey demonstrate how to winterize it? If not, please check the "Homeowner Maintenance" section under the Resources tab on www.otowinfo.com to watch Phillip's demonstration and read more details about how to winterize your backflow preventer and protect it from freezing temperatures.

Best wishes for a wonderful year!

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Monday, Jan. 4, is known as National Spaghetti Day. If you are a pasta lover, then you don't want to miss this day. The Pub will be offering a plate of spaghetti with a side salad from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for only \$8 plus tax and gratuity. Save the date and enjoy a yummy dish that will be sure to please.

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Avalon Social Group

By Marie Roppel

On Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, 90 Avalon residents gathered for a holiday ham and potluck dinner. Holiday decorations and festive garments filled the Arbor Club Ballroom. A hearty dinner was followed by an array of desserts.

Following the meal, there was a holiday trivia game, which tested our knowledge of the season. The event concluded with the 50/50 raffle winners collecting their money. Members brought canned goods to share with a school.

The next meeting will be held on Monday Jan. 11. It will be a potluck and a chance to share holiday memories and adventures. If you have any questions, call Ed at (352) 304-8206 or Kurt at (352) 237-5747.



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Avalon residents on the buffet line.

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Candler Connection members trimming the Christmas tree in the Candler Hills Community Center.



Candler Connection

By Janet Wiles

Happy New Year to all residents! We wish you, your family, and friends a year filled with good health, fun, and happiness.

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to come and discuss any issue pertaining to the board.

The Candler Connection Social Club board of directors announces that the annual meeting and election for incoming board members will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the Candler Hills Community Center, at 3 p.m. When you arrive, be sure to get a ticket that will make you eligible for a free door prize. Liquid refreshments and light snacks will be served.

Several events have been scheduled for the speaker series in 2016. Major Terry Bovaird with the Marion County Sheriff's Office will discuss terrorist threats on Thursday, Feb. 11. Pat Gabriel, the president of the State Road 200 Coalition, will give us an update on developments along the SR 200 Corridor on Thursday, March 10. All presentations will be held in the Candler Hills Community Center at 3 p.m. on the dates specified.

Watch for two events in April. Lt. Dennis Joiner will discuss fire safety, and there will be a trip to the Marion County Sheriff's Inmate Work Farm.

The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, Jan. 26 in the Candler Hills Community Center. Those residents with last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring side dishes, salads, or vegetables; D-K, appetizers or desserts; L-S, main entrees. Label your dish with its name and ingredients to assist people with dietary issues.

Volunteers helping with set up should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; all others should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy appetizers. Make sure you get a number for the table where you will be sitting. The cost of \$1 covers eating

utensils, plates, napkins, and decaffeinated coffee. To attend contact, Bev McCarthy at (352) 854-9416 or bjtr6@yahoo.com to let her know how many will be attending, what dish you will be bringing, and if you can help with set up.

Following potluck on Jan. 26 will be an "Old Time Game Night." This will be a free event with neighbors having fun playing favorite board games.

The Valentine's Day dinner dance will be held on Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 6 to 9 p.m. The menu will consist of roast beef, chicken Marsala, broiled salmon, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea, and coffee. Entertainment will be Music by Ray & Kay. A cash bar will be available. Tickets, which will be \$33 per person, will be on sale in the Candler Hills Community Center from 10 a.m. until noon on Jan. 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, and 22. Remaining tickets may be purchased until Jan. 31 by calling John Bain at (352) 414-5434 or Peggy Janisch at (352) 484-0754.

Indigo East
By Jean DiPiero

Indigo East held a "Let's Celebrate the Holidays with Iridescence and Candlelight" holiday luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 at the Indigo East Community Center.

A great crowd turned out for this luncheon. They were treated to turkey with gravy, cranberry stuffing, sweet and mashed potatoes, corn, rolls and a variety of desserts along with a choice of drink.

Many door prizes were given away. The winners of the 50/50 raffle were Liz Becker, Annette Hodges and Lovada Gray.

Our talented Indigo East resident vendor, Helen Solan, displayed her bracelets, necklaces and earrings.

I can't stress enough about our wonderful volunteers who put their time and effort to make this luncheon a success: co-chairpersons Barbara Martyn and Shirley

Hamilton along with Helen Solan, Eve Gillespie, Sue Copeland, Barbara Kratz, Diane Place, Betty Chadwell, Charlotte Sodemani, Jeanne Collins, Eleanore Brown, Sara Logue, Tori Stevenson, Beth Coburn, Cris Ragsdale, Colleen Rockafort, Marsha Connolly, Jean and Frank DiPiero, Susan and Fred Knorr, Sheryl Browne and Wendy Gruselle.

Our next ladies luncheon will be held Saturday, Feb 27.

All residents are invited to play bunco at the Indigo East Community Center on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. Please bring a drink of your choice along with a snack to share. It can be cookies, chips, candy, etc. There is a fee of \$3. At the end of the game, there will be prize money for the most wins, loses, buncos, etc. Even if you don't know how to play there will be someone there who can show you. Come join in the fun and meet new people.

The residents of Indigo East want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.



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Indigo East holiday luncheon co-chairpersons Shirley Hamilton and Barbara Martyn.



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It's the Law

By Bob Woods

This month, we will review the bicycle laws in the state of Florida with information coming from Florida Statutes, Chapter 316, Section 2065, but first an overview from the Florida Bicycle Association.

"In Florida the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle and the bicyclist is a driver. Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways, and must obey the same traffic laws as drivers of other vehicles. These laws include stopping for stop signs and red lights, riding with the flow of traffic, using lights at night, yielding the right-of-way when entering a roadway and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks."

There is currently no federal law in the United States requiring bicycle riders to wear a helmet. In Florida, however, it is mandatory for riders under the age of 16 to wear a helmet. The helmet must meet the standards of the American National Standards Institute. In addition, the "passenger" must wear a helmet too. This refers to any child who is riding in a semitrailer to a trailer that is attached to the bicycle.

Here are the Florida Statutes pertaining to bicycle regulations:

(1) Every person propelling a vehicle by human power has all the rights and all the duties applicable to the driver of any vehicle under this chapter, except as to special regulations in this chapter, and except as to provisions of this chapter, which by their nature can have no applications.

(2) A person operating a bicycle may not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

(3a) A bicycle may not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his or her person in a backpack or sling.

(5a) Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic as the time and place and under the conditions than existing shall ride in the lane marked for bicycle use, if no lane is marked for bicycle use, as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of the following situations:

1. When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid any condition or potential conflict, including, but not limited to, a fixed or moving object, parked or moving vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, animal, surface hazard, turn lane, or substandard-width lane, which makes it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge or within a bicycle lane ...

(9) A person propelling a vehicle by human power upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk, has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

(10) A person propelling a bicycle upon and along a sidewalk, or across a roadway upon and along a crosswalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give a audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian ...



Community Emergency Response Team

By Beth McKeen

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2016.

CERT and Community Patrol members were honored at a Christmas luncheon on Monday, Dec. 14. Thank you to Kenneth Colen for hosting this annual event.

This past year has been a busy one for CERT members. It is an ongoing job to keep up with mapping the new communities due to all the growth that On Top of the World is undergoing. This growth has also provided extra recruiting opportunities with two Club Fairs this past year as well as an increase in the number of Get Acquainted Coffees for new residents.

CERT will have a table at both the ninth annual Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 14 and the 14th annual Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 23. Please stop by and see what information CERT has to offer.

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 regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 12.

CERT training classes at the Emergency Operation Center have been filling very rapidly due to an increase in CERT interest throughout the county. To receive an application 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.

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.



Republican Club

By Fred Pulis

"The Rolling Stones" are coming to the Republican Club on Friday, Jan. 8. Not the band, but 2016 Candidates Charlie and Michelle Stone. Current incumbent as the Florida State Representative for District 22 Charlie Stone will make his campaign rationale for his remaining in his current position.

Meanwhile, current first time candidate Michelle Stone, who is seeking the County Commissioner District 5 position will present her case for succeeding current incumbent Earl Arnett. This will be the first time the dynamic couple will be seeking political office at the same event and time.

In December, the Republican Club held its end of the year social gathering where discussions included ideas and recommendations for improving the club representation and improving membership. Everybody in attendance enjoyed the finger food and opportunity to share ideas and camaraderie.

The next meeting of the Republican Club will be on Friday, Jan. 8 in 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.



Veterans Club

By Fred Pulis

The Veterans Club will be hosting a club table at the 10th annual Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Veteran-related issues and up-to-date information on Veterans Affairs will be available.

Our last club meeting featured Nautilus Base spokesman Joseph Hilchey. He described the history and tradition of submarines and the submarine service. The meeting was well attended, and all in attendance considered his presentation very interesting and informative.

The Veterans Club is open 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 issues will be discussed, and various opinions and ideas are encouraged.

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

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

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Back at The Ranch

By David Gibas

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Adopting Healthy Habits

It's resolution time again! Many will commit to improving their health and wellness; however the unfortunate outcome is that most will not be successful. The underlying reality of improving your health means that you will need to adopt new behaviors, which can be extremely challenging. Let's look at building "healthy habits" for this New Year to help you set a course and stick with it!

The dictionary defines habit as an acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary. Therefore, building healthy habits makes lifestyle behaviors such as eating nutritiously and exercising regularly more automatic. The goal is to make wellness behaviors a regular part of your daily routine. Your initial New Year's resolution eventually becomes part of your lifestyle. Let's look at three ways to build healthy habits:

1. Emotions create habits, think positive – If you feel a positive emotion immediately after a new behavior it will become more automatic (Dr. BJ Fogg, Ph.D., Stanford University). Experts agree that longlasting changes are most likely when they are rooted in positive thinking (Harvard Health Publications 2012). Studies have revealed that adopting new behaviors out of guilt, fear or because the doctor told you to don't really work. Example: it can be as simple as having a personal code word that you shout out in your own head ... "Victory" is what Dr. Fogg used when he flossed his teeth after

brushing. He knew that if he felt good about flossing he would keep doing it.

2. Simplicity matters, make it easy – If a behavior is really easy you don't need much motivation to do it. However if the behavior is hard, you need a lot of motivation and that can wear you down. The human body is a very protective mechanism; after time your thoughts and actions will avoid something that is difficult. Dr. Fogg recommends making the new behavior you want really small, and then celebrate doing the behavior immediately. This underscores the point made earlier that emotions create habits and positive thinking is especially important. Example: with the earlier example of flossing teeth, Dr. Fogg started with flossing just one tooth! I realize this sounds silly but by keeping the task extremely easy he removed the roadblock to doing it. Eventually it was easy to add flossing more teeth and it became an automatic behavior.

3. Put the new behavior into an existing routine – this establishes a designated reminder to do the new behavior. For example, after I turn off the TV at night I will pack my gym bag.

Dr. Fogg recommends that you select behaviors that you want, not things that you should do. Make sure that the new behavior is easy to do, and that you have something that prompts you to do this behavior. Find a way to feel good about the new healthy habit immediately after doing it. This method encourages the easy, small habit to grow naturally, avoiding the common downfalls of failing willpower and diminishing motivation.

Stop by The Ranch's open house the week of Jan. 18 through Jan. 23 for exciting membership specials to see how we can support your New Year's resolutions and help you build healthy habits!



Democratic Club

By Dan Lack

Why do your friendly and helpful neighbors say the most amazing things when you discuss politics? Where do they learn their astounding "facts" about current events? Yours truly will be the speaker at our next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 28. I will talk about Roger Ailes, a man whose background is in the entertainment industry and the man who created the phenomenon of Fox News. My slide and video presentation will explain why moderate and liberal voters spend much of our time shaking our heads in wonder at the things that we hear and the e-mails that we receive.

If you did not attend a meeting during the last quarter of 2015 and you did not let us know that you want to continue in the club, your name has been dropped from our membership list. It's simple to rejoin if you change your mind: Simply attend a meeting and complete the short information form at the sign-in table.

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village so please bring paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, toiletries, laundry detergent, canned food and

dry food to our meeting. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club.

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

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Bannack

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The only town in the west to have the leader of an outlaw gang as its sheriff is believed to be Bannack, Mont., a ghost town today. Sheriff Henry Plummer was accused of holdups, robberies and the murders of over 100 people along the stagecoach route between Bannack and Virginia City as well as on the trail leading to Salt Lake City.

Bannack was founded in 1862 and was the site of a major gold discovery along Grasshopper Creek and served as the capital of Montana Territory briefly until 1964 when the capital was moved to Virginia City. Bannack continued as a mining town even with a declining, fluctuating population as gold was getting difficult to find, locate, and mine even though the population hastily grew to about 10,000 at the first gold discovery. The last inhabitants of Bannack left in the 1970s turning the town into a state of decay.

The majority of individuals arriving in Bannack hoped to strike it rich in the gold fields and along the Grasshopper Creek. Many others chose stable occupations such as selling various supplies and serv-



Photo by Bob Woods

The ghost town of Bannack, Mont.

es to miners. Businesses grew as saloons, general and grocery stores, blacksmiths, and stables set up shop here as well as a dance hall and houses of prostitution along with the ever important jail erected

by then Sheriff Plummer.

The most important location in the town was the "watering hole," Bannack's saloon known as Skinner's Saloon. The saloon was owned and operated by a friend of Plummer's who he had met while serving time together in San Quentin Penitentiary in California. Skinner's became a popular gathering place for Plummer's ruthless band of road agents. Skinner would tip off Plummer the times and locations of gold shipments. Plummer as sheriff was the perfect cover for all the road gang's robberies and murders.

Plummer provided his associates, a gang of outlaws known as the "Innocents" with information of gold shipment movements and ensuring they would avoid capture, since he was the law in this lawless territory.

Plummer along with two of his gang members, who were deputies, were captured by a Vigilance Committee (the Montana Vigilantes) and were hanged at the gallows erected by Plummer without a trial. Twenty-one members of Plum-

mer's road gang were either lynched or banished.

From the late 1860s to the 1930s, Bannack continued as a mining town. By the 1950s, gold workings had dwindled and most folks moved elsewhere. Some of the buildings were used as summer residences or vacation homes.

Over 60 buildings remain in Bannack today. Each building has a different story to tell. One can step inside the once state-ly Hotel Meade, Skinner's Saloon, the old school house, or perhaps into the doctor's house or a dusty one room, tumbled down bachelor miner's cabin. When you step inside these buildings one gets a feeling of what it was like living back in the mid- to late-1800s.

Wooden sidewalks line both sides of the Bannack's main street, which was once bustling with residents, now tourists walk along the street peeking or entering into the buildings of the past.

Bannack is perhaps the best ghost town and a fragile piece of the old west and Montana's heritage. Bannack is "preserved rather than restored, protected rather than exploited." Today, Bannack is under the direction of Montana's Fish, Wildlife and Parks and is a state park.

"Bannack is not a dead ghost town, but a living classroom for future generations to understand how far and from where we have come. We must recall our past, both good and bad," stated Stan Smith, a member of Bannack's Historical and Museum Association.

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OneBlood Bloodmobile
By Sara Sommer

I can't believe it is 2016! Where did the last year go? No matter what year it is, your help is still needed to save lives.

The Big Red bus was here on Monday, Dec. 7. Here are the names of those heroes who took the time to save a life: George Borgia, Eve Gillespie, Lorraine

LifeSouth Bloodmobile
By Sue & Dick Copeland

Start your New Year with a bang and a life saving gift for others! Lift your hearts and one arm to donate a pint of blood to save three lives. Yes, it is true! One pint per donor can help save the lives of three people who need your life saving gift!

The LifeSouth bloodmobile will be stationed in the front parking lot of the Recreation Center on Monday, Jan. 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help you save lives! Drop by, bring an ID (driver's license, etc.), spend some time answering a few health questions, decide which arm should be used, fall into one of the comfortable seats on the bus, have a drink of water, let the fantastically capable aides attach the equipment, relax and dwell on the fact that three people will continue to live because you came, you cared, and you donated!



Community Patrol
By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Community Patrol and CERT members enjoyed a very nice luncheon on Monday, Dec. 14 in the Candler Hills Community Center, hosted by Kenneth Colen, in appreciation of the commitment of these two service organizations.

At our November meeting, Kassi Reidt, volunteer coordinator with the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), announced that the next Citizens' Academy is scheduled to begin this month through Masters the Possibilities. This is a free 12-week educational course about the operations of MCSO. During the course, MCSO staff will highlight all units within the department, giving citizens an in-depth understanding of what the agency is doing for the community. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the agency, personnel, equipment, policies, procedures and overall function. Students will have an opportunity to view specialty unit equipment, hear from experts in the field of law enforcement, investigations, corrections, and prosecution.

After graduation, students will be offered an exclusive chance to obtain their concealed weapons license through a firearms safety course taught by licensed firearms instructors. The gun safety program is open to the public. The next scheduled class is in April and the fee is \$75. The money earned from this program goes to charity.

She also described the T.A.I.L.S. program in which dogs from the Humane Society are trained by the female inmates at the county jail to be obedient in order to make them more adoptable. Through this program the inmates learn certain life skills along with developing a sense of self-worth and accomplishment.

In follow-up to last month's column, the Marion County SWAT team did compete in the SWAT Round-Up International Competition in Orlando last month and won first place. There were teams from Hungary, Kuwait, Sweden and many others who traveled to Orlando to compete in this year's event. Each team competed in five different events meant to simulate real-life scenarios such as hostage rescue,

Gray, Carolyn Jackson, David Keitz, Tom McHaffie, Jerilyn Pino, Nancy Pohlson, Geoffrey Smith, Sara Sommer, Emma Wamaker, and Richard Westphal. Each of these donors received a free movie ticket from Fandango. The Alyx donors received two tickets.

The next time the Big Red bus is here will be Monday, Feb. 1. Another date to remember is Thursday, Jan. 14. The Club Fair has been scheduled for then. OneBlood will have a table. Please stop by and say hello. See you on the bus and at the Club Fair.

That's a long sentence, but it is really that easy! (Ask any of our 25 November donors whose names are listed below!) In a short period of time, you will be ready to go home ... but with a snack, a gift of thanks, a delicious cookie, and that really super feeling of knowing you have helped others live! The staff is great. The process is quick and easy ... and fun ... for donors.

Become a regular LifeSouth donor every eight weeks. Listed below are the names of the 25 donors ... your neighbors: Gary Carlson, Richard Copeland, Patricia Crowe, Douglas Doty, Carolyn Garren, Carmine Giattino, Joseph Hilchey, Laurie Hill, Annette Hodges, Barbara Ippolito, Carol Jezek, Sue Kobylack, Edward Lalonde, Linda List, Dawn Meldrum, James Nottingham, Marguerite Piotrowski, Carol Recknor, Norman Recknor, Michael Thomas, Deborah Tout, Lawrence Tout, Robert Tudor, David Vaughters, and Paul Wagnitz. Feel the joy and pride of being a donor!

officer rescue, tower scramble and the obstacle course. These competitions are the closest law enforcement officers can get to preparing for situations they may eventually face.

You may or may not have noticed that during the holidays MCSO instituted its crime prevention program S.T.R.E.S.S. (Stop the Robberies and Ensure Safe Shopping). This program entailed additional deputies out patrolling convenience stores, department stores, grocery stores and fast food restaurants, especially during the nighttime hours, allowing them to be able to respond to potential incidents before a crime occurred.

The Community Patrol wishes you a happy and safe New Year. The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, Jan. 25.

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.

It's Showtime!

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Happy New Year! Circle Square Cultural Center is celebrating 10 years of providing world-class entertainment! Let's start with a bang with The Bronx Wanderers entertaining a sold out crowd on Saturday, Jan. 9! Wow!

Atlantic City Boys Saturday, Jan. 30

As of this writing, tickets are still available for the ever-popular Atlantic City Boys show. This group will perform many

hits recorded by famous artists such as the Four Seasons, Bee Gees, the Rat Pack, Beach Boys, Beatles, along with rock and roll hits from the 60s. Don't miss this performance!

To purchase tickets, stop by the Circle Square Cultural Center ticket office at 8395 SW 80th Street or go online to culturalcenter.com.

Let's watch the lights dim as the curtain rises. It's showtime!



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The Picciorros at SW 93rd Lane and SW 89th Terrace.



Photo by Roger Foley

The Town Square at Circle Square Commons.

A Season of Lights

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Did you have a chance to view the many fantastic light displays over the holidays? If not, there is still a little bit of time left to drive around and see the many illuminated lights.

The Town Square at Circle Square Commons was especially beautiful with a newly erected Christmas tree and large menorah. The downtown square in Ocala

was also merry and bright; it even had an ice skating rink!

Many residences around the community were twinkling as well. In Friendship Colony, on the corner of SW 93rd Lane and SW 89th Terrace, the Picciorros went all out again this year with a beautiful display.

Hope your holiday season was bright and happy New Year to all!

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Holiday Festival

By Kay Chandler

The Holiday Festival in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Dec. 9 opened at 6 p.m. with free homemade cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee.

Many thanks to all of our residents who donated cookies for the event.

Kay Chandler was assisted by Janice Mead, Shirley Schopf, Gloria Hull, Ginny Rivers, Brenda Giandiletti, Louise Green, Alan and Virginia Rickards, Myra Post, and Jim Chandler, all who helped before, during and after the party.

After the refreshment period, Master of Ceremonies Bob Wroblewski, introduced some delightful children from Balcony School of Dance, who took to the stage and melted everyone's heart. From preschool to teenagers, they performed dance numbers in full costume.

Then Concert Chorus sang a selection of Christmas songs. A new group followed this year, The Dulcimer Players, who led us in Christmas songs.

Nancy Carp gave a special presentation about the meaning of Hanukkah. Our talented pianist, Dottie Burkowitz accompanied the chorus and our final song.

Mary Ehle ran up and down the room leading us all in the annual tradition of "The 12 Days of Christmas" – southern style. If you missed this "contest," you missed great fun.

Thanks to the sound and light crew for their technical assistance, and management for financial assistance. On the day following, my husband and I delivered a plate of cookies to each of our security gates.



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Master the Possibilities Fall Semester Comes to an End

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

"I attended many of the fall classes, and the lecture on Russia was a real eye opener. It was very well presented, interesting, and informative. They also pointed out how soccer is a unifying force throughout the many diverse regions of that vast country. We truly got a feel for how much the Russian people love their homeland. Generally, I thought the history and world culture series was amazing." – Sergio Istratoff

"I've been to many countries, and the One World, Many Cultures theme peaked my interest. I attended several lectures, and there were two that especially stand out in my mind: The tour of the churches and temples, and the Mangalarga Marchador horses of Brazil. When my husband and I were looking at communities in which to retire, we visited several. It was our introduction to Master the Possibilities that convinced us that On Top of the World was for us. It is actually more than we ever imagined." – Carole James

"Master the Possibilities is a community unto itself. I've met so many wonderful people these last few months when attending classes. I loved the African series and now want to visit South Africa. All the science lectures were fascinating. I got so much out of the program and am now looking forward to the winter offerings." – Consuela Vargas

The program was so varied, from a Japanese Tea Ceremony and African dancers, to visiting an Islamic center and bird watching. It was all so wonderfully put together and organized, and the faculty is amazingly knowledgeable. Master

the Possibilities is truly a gift to our community." – Mary Beth Neely

One World, Many Cultures was the theme for the fall semester at Master the

Possibilities. Lectures on countries and cultures around the world, the Global Science Series, a Japanese tea ceremony, International Foods, and the World Religions and Beliefs Series, were just a few of the programs contributing to the One World, Many Cultures theme. It was a semester of discovering new places, religions, ideologies, foods, arts and sciences.

In many cases there were field trips following a lecture. For example, participants witnessed a Hindu prayer ceremony, toured an Arabian horse farm, visited the Appleton Museum and took part in a drum circle. There were probably more courses to tempt the intellectually curi-

ous this past semester than ever before. The variety of classes and lecture offerings were never ending. Whether one was interested in international relations, horses, or art on canvas, there was an informative and stimulating program to attend.

Master the Possibilities Director of Education Margaret Spontak expressed her thoughts:

"It's not just about education, it is about connecting people, creating a learning community, and enhancing people's lives. I met Ruth Briggs who was just returning from a class and field trip. She was brimming with appreciation and enthusiasm. I knew then that we had done our job."



Photo by Ray Cech

Master the Possibilities visited "Shirdi Sai" a Hindu temple and ceremony as part of One World, Many Cultures theme.



Photo by Margitta Claterbos

Ron Broman, Anne Crutchfield, Sharon Buckner, and Bill Shampine showing the Christmas trees made by "their" fourth grade students at Romeo Elementary.

100 Grandparents Come Bearing Gifts

By Janet Fragapane

Wow! All this columnist can say is wow! I write and ask about the needs of the children of Romeo Elementary, and the wonderful residents of On Top of the World answer big time.

Again this past month, my phone rang with offers of items. I found boxes and bags on my porch for the school. Thank you is a small thing to say to you all for what you do. I took a drive to the school to drop off bags and boxes of clothing. Thank you to Heidi Battistini and Sara Sommer.

Then more things came in. I was loaded down with bags of books, shoes, a coat and many more items. Christmas gifts were also plentiful when I boarded the bus. I was not alone in the undertaking. The bus driver, Frank, helped Phyllis Jarskey with all the items she had which were a whole trunkful of clothing, food items and even knitted Christmas trees for a few teachers' desks. Mary Till and Sarah Loothen helped Phyllis with making and gathering these items. Thank you ladies.

Then the grandparents started to arrive. Everyone came loaded down with gifts for the children. Almost all were dressed for the Christmas season. Frank was up and down the bus steps helping with all the bags and boxes. We had to call the school to meet the bus to help us off-load and

carry everything into the meeting room.

You would think we would go home with a lighter load. Wrong! The children had made cards, pictures, and more. The children are quite talented at their crafts. We had a great and fun-filled day as we traveled to and from school.

Want to join us in all this fun? Sign on to be a reader. Call Evelyn Holiday today at (352) 237-0304. Our new and returning readers this month were Jane Boyer, Elaine Lamm, Pat Lakin, Don Rowell, and Joie Kurtz.

As you read this column, we are now in a new year. Maybe you would like to start off with a new resolve, to help children enjoy reading. Let them know that they matter. It costs nothing but one morning a month for eight months. Just think, maybe those few hours will make a world of difference in a child's life. That impact could be great.

Don't forget the food collection. A check in any amount made out to Dunnington Food 4 Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnington, Florida 34430, will help a lot. On the memo line, note for the backpack program. Sometimes that is the only food the child has. Thank you.

The bus will be at the back of the True Value store on Tuesday, Jan. 12. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. See you then!

Wild Coffee Joins the Garden of Weedin'

By Ron Broman

You're absolutely right! The photograph is a set-up. It took me at least 30 tries to capture the leaf veins and the berry, focused, with a minimum of shade and still in the sunlight.

The picture is a set-up because I'm not yet sure where to plant the wild coffee plant. *Psychotria nervosa* (sounds like something psychotic, but it's not) is still in the pot it came in when we won the plant raffle at the November Native Plant meeting at the Belleview Library.

The fact that it's best described in the book "Native Florida Plants for Shady Landscapes" more than suggests it does better in subdued light than in full sun.

Although *P. nervosa* can withstand some cold temperature, Marion County is approaching her northern comfort zone. Her preferred habitat includes coastal hammocks and swampy woods, neither of which fits our Garden of Weedin'.

But wait! She also "enjoys" tropical hardwood hammocks and pine lands. Live oaks flourish in a variety of habitats from upland well drained woods and pine-palmetto flatwoods to the edges of

the saltmarsh. Surely *P. nervosa* should find "comfort" under the canopy of our large live oak in the company of our native azaleas, coonties, Walter viburnums, and coral honeysuckle.

The decision has been made. Our wild coffee plant will be ensconced in the live oak microhabitat, where her progress will be observed. We will minimally care for her and wish her well.

The members of the Native Plant Group invite all interested folk to join us as we continue to maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail adjacent to the Arbor Conference Center; the SW 94th Street circle; and the native plant garden at the rear of the Belleview Library. We also meet at the library at 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month with the other members of the Marion Big Scrub chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. At that time, we engage in another of our group functions, namely learning all we can about native plants and their relationship to a healthy earth.

Please call (352) 861-4560, if you would like information. Join us as we pursue our passion. It's great to grow native!



Photo by Ron Broman

Wild coffee preparing for resettlement.



Travel Toppers

By Mary Lamp

We here at Travel Toppers hope you have had a very enjoyable holiday season and we want to extend to you and your families our wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year. Below are some of the trips we're working on for 2016 and beyond.

Tickets are available for the Show Palace's production of "West Side Story" on Sunday, Jan. 24. If interested, call coordinator, Linda Hein, at (352) 861-9880.

Registration will open Tuesday, Jan. 19 for our trip Thursday, March 3 to the Tampa Bay History Center. Call coordinator, Mary Lamp, at (352) 854-9378 to register.

Registration will open Monday, Jan. 25 for our trip to Tampa Downs on Saturday, March 19. Call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428 to register.

Our Danube River Cruise from Oct. 10 through Oct. 20 is now taking reservations. The trip includes an optional three-night stay in Prague and a seven-night cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest aboard AMA Waterways' Dante. For more information, or to book, call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428.

Other trips that you can look forward to, and that we are actively planning right now, are Sunday, May 8 on Mother's Day to see "Grease" at the Show Palace; a St. John's River Cruise on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19; in August, a trip to attend "Smokey Joe's" at the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville; in November, a shopping trip to Orlando as well as a Thanksgiving Day outing; in early December, a two-night trip to Callaway Gardens in Georgia for their Christmas lights; Friday, Dec. 23, leave for a Christmas at sea cruise open to book; and from Feb. 12 to 19, 2017, a Valentine's Day cruise aboard the Oasis of the Seas and open for booking. Call Inge Gaitch for both of the cruises at (352) 237-7428

More details and registration dates will be made available in future columns and on our website. To be kept up-to-date on the status of all 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.

Our brochures are available at your post office building in our blue box. They can also be found at the Recreation Center, the Arbor Club and the community centers for Indigo East and Candler Hills.

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On the Road Again

By Bob Woods

For those folks wanting to travel with us on motor coach trips there are some seats still available for the April 23, 2016 nine-day trip to San Antonio, Texas. Only a few seats remain for this trip until a stand-by list will be started.

There are some seats still remaining for the Oasis of the Seas and open for booking. Call John Ware at (352) 873-3516 for additional information on the motor coach trips.

John and Annette Ware are planning a nine-day coach trip in May 2017 to Niagara Falls, N.Y. Information is not available at time of writing. Call John if you would like to be added to the call list.

Bob and Bev Woods still have a couple of seats remaining for those wishing to join us for the Switzerland trip departing May 20, 2016 for a 10-day extravaganza touring the Swiss country side along with many tourist destinations.

Our Oasis of the Seas cruise is depart-

ing Port Canaveral, Fla. for a seven-night Eastern Caribbean cruise on Nov. 27, 2016. The bus from our community is currently full but call Bob for the possibility of joining the group. Ports of call for this cruise are Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten.

Bob and Bev Woods have scheduled a fantastic cruise circumnavigating Australia with a stop in Bali along with cruising three fiords with other destinations as ports of call in New Zealand. The trip is a back-to-back cruise on Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas. The total trip is 35 days including flight time. The cruise is a total of 33 days. This cruise departs Sydney on Feb. 9, 2017 but the group will depart On Top of the World two days earlier on Feb. 7, 2017.

A cruise is planned on Royal Caribbean's newest Oasis class ship, the Harmony of the Seas, departing Fort Lauderdale the first week of December 2017.

Additional information can be obtained on the website at bobwoods-ontheroadagain.com or call (352) 854-0702. Bob and John will be at the Club Fair scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14 in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Our families wish everyone a very happy, prosperous New Year and wishing each and everyone safe travels.



Southern Club

By Melanie Vittitow

The December meeting for the Southern Club was a combination of Thanksgiving and Christmas. We had turkey and ham with all the fixins', including some great homemade cranberry sauce.

After our delicious meal, we sang some Christmas carols, or I should say, "We tried to sing!" Some of us who were not familiar with karaoke had a hard time keeping up with the machine. But it was fun and at least we didn't have to try to remember the words. Thanks to Patty and Ann for putting together the program for us.

Our January meeting will be a bit different. We will have our regular potluck dinner, but then we will have a financial advisor talk to us about finances and the complexities of today's market. You will learn about investing and he'll probably have some tax tips just in time for tax season. He'll have some door prizes for us.

If you are interested in joining us, the date is Thursday, Jan. 7. We meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F at 5 p.m. for social time with the potluck 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. You can bring a casserole, vegetable or dessert to feed at least 8 to 10 hungry Southerners.

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?



LadyBirds

By Caren Kowalsky

Hope you all had happy holidays, and to all a very happy and healthy New Year.

We had some fun activities arranged for December. Naomi Berman hosted our annual cookie exchange and Toys for Tots. Wonderful homemade and store bought goodies, and a mountain of toys appeared. Hats off to our talented ladies for their delicious treats and thank you all for your generous gifts for the children.

Our holiday luncheon took place on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Stone Creek Grille in the lovely private dining room. Delicious food, and great company - a wonderful combination. Everyone had such a good time.

We have some interesting events planned for 2016. For our Friday, Jan. 8 meeting, Joanne Robinson from Prestige 55 will address us. Annette Krueger has

engaged first responders from CERT, Jan Keitz and Beth McKeen, to speak to us at our Friday, Feb. 12 meeting. Opal Stroud has engaged a speaker from The Canine Group for our Friday, April 8 meeting. We are still in need of a speaker for the March meeting. Please call me at (352) 291-1235 to volunteer.

Our January luncheon host is Joanne Sauger. Our February host is Jean Jarmel. Our March host is Naomi Berman. May is our installation of officer's luncheon, hosted by the LadyBirds board. We are still in need of a host for the April luncheon.

As always, Gloria Scicluna will host our now famous yearly birthday party, to take place on Sunday, Jan. 24 at the Arbor Club Ballroom from 2 to 4 p.m. She will provide us with details at our Friday, Jan. 8 meeting as to what activities she is planning. Can't wait to find out, as last year's party was great.

That's all for now, except to say that we invite all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers to come join us, and sit in on one of our monthly meetings which are held the second Friday of each month from September to April. Bring your favorite beverage, and we will supply the goodies. We are sure you will want to join our fun group. Any questions - please call me. Looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

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Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

By Luke Mullen

November marked the beginning of our holiday season of sharing great meals amongst our club members. Five dinners were held at club members' homes to accommodate 32 members. This included six couples who joined after attending our October meet and greet dinner at the pavilion last month.

Hosting our first dinner were Kathy and Luke Mullen. Helen and Jack Anderson brought two appetizers. One was meatballs in barbeque sauce and sweet jelly. The second was a bean dip with sour cream and taco seasoning served with

crackers. Kathy and Luke then served a traditional Greek salad. They then served the entrée, which was chicken cacciatore. Rhea Russell served an accompanying Italian flat green bean dish. Renee and Tom Bogan served desserts, which were strawberry brownies, and sweet potato bars with almonds

Carolle and Tom Carlton hosted our second dinner. Gertrude and Barry Southworth brought two appetizers, which were bruschetta melts and crab cheese bits. Carolle and Tom then served the main meal. It started with a salad made of spinach, oranges and grapes, topped with toasted pecans and orange vinaigrette. Next was cranberry pork cooked in a slow cooker, mashed potatoes and steamed fresh green beans with butter and lemon. Ann and Conrad Massa served a lemon angel torte.

Hosts for our third dinner were Phyllis and Al Richards. Marion and Dennis Bre-

non brought hors d'oeuvres, which were sausage bread, and stuffed mushrooms. Phyllis and Al then served mixed greens salad. This was followed by a Thanksgiving casserole, which consisted of steamed vegetables, cornbread stuffing and a layer of chunks of turkey covered with a sauce, topped with sharp cheddar cheese and baked. Also served were candied yams, cranberry sauce and rolls. Annette and Paul Hodges then served an apple cake topped with cream cheese.

Marsha and Steve Schmeer hosted our fourth dinner. Anne and Henry Crutchfield started by serving their two appetizers. The first was extra-large shrimp in green mayonnaise. The second was a bean, corn and cilantro dip. Marsha and Steve then served the main meal. It consisted of pumpkin soup, roast beef with shallot and mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, and grilled zucchini and squash. Ellie and

Terry Connolly then served a pecan, caramel and apple pie.

Gail Rosenzweig and Ed Bodnar hosted for our fifth dinner. Clare and Paul Pardee prepared two hors d'oeuvres. The first was Vienna sausages rolled up in Pillsbury crescent rolls and the second was a hot Mexican type dip served with chips. Gail and Ed then served the meal. It was an Italian feast of garden salad, garlic bread, chicken cutlet parmigiana, spaghetti and meatballs with marinara sauce. Ginny and Jerry Nardone then served a pumpkin ice cream freeze.

Favorite Recipes Dinner Club is planning on participating in the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

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



What's Cookin'

By Elaine Morrison

Now that the hectic holiday season with its gluttonous feasting is behind us, our thoughts and digestive systems turn to more comforting foods, none more so than mac and cheese. I offer for your consideration an East European version, which uses some of the basic components and is just as comforting. There probably is not any Jewish cook who does not prepare some version of noodle pudding. My recipe has brought me rave reviews for almost 60 years, and I am delighted to share it with you as my post holiday gift.

GrandE's Noodle Pudding

Serves 8 to 10

- 1 pound broad noodles, cooked and drained
- 2 sticks sweet butter
- 3 eggs, beaten with a pinch of salt
- 2 cups cottage cheese
- 2 cups sour cream
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup raisins, plumped in hot water and drained
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Place one stick of butter in 9x13 pan in 350 degree oven to melt. Add cooked noodles and coat with melted butter.

Combine beaten eggs, cottage cheese, sour cream, sugar, lemon juice, zest, vanilla and raisins in bowl. Add buttered noodles and turn back into pan. Dot with remaining stick of butter and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Bake for 30 minutes or until custard is set.

This dish is used as a side dish to accompany roast chicken or brisket. It is usually served at room temperature. It can be frozen. Enjoy.



American Jewish Club

By Carol Aronoff

I want to wish each and every one of you good luck and health for the New Year.

As we start the 2016, lets remember all the good times we had in 2015: our entertainment, food and refreshments not to mention our lunch bunches! We certainly enjoyed some new and exciting visitors to our club. Our last meeting for 2015 was our annual Hanukah party with lox and bagels ... and we all enjoyed it, to the last bite.

We are looking to keep up the momentum with a variety of entertainment. In the New Year, we will start the outings again. One of which will be a return trip to the Marion County Sheriff's Office Inmate Work Farm. We will keep you posted for time and date.

Don't forget our Sunshine Lady Sonni Crown, if needed. See you all soon.



Italian American Club

By Carole Dymond

Holiday decorations and cookies were enjoyed by the members of the Italian American Club. Thanks go to Vince Minniti for setting up the horseracing game, which is always a lot of fun.

We will begin 2016 with an informative presentation from Pat Gabriel, president of SR 200 Coalition. Pat will be giving us an update on all new development along our SR 200 corridor.

Did you know? St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is the largest Christian edifice in the world. Its construction took 120 years.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We meet at 2:30 p.m. for social time and the business meeting starts at 3 p.m.

We hope that 2016 brings everyone good health and happiness.



Computer Club

By David Wesenberg

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World Traveler

By Bill Shampine

Vancouver is a seaport city located in western British Columbia, Canada. With a population of about 2.4 million, Greater Vancouver is the third most populous metropolitan area in Canada.

Europeans first visited it in 1791 when José Maria Narváez of Spain explored the area. The city ultimately got its name from George Vancouver, who explored the area more completely in 1792. The Fraser River Gold Rush of 1858 brought thousands of men to the region, but they bypassed what later would become Vancouver – no gold there! A sawmill was built in 1862, and that became the nucleus around which Vancouver was formed. The city continued to grow and was officially incorporated and named in 1886, when the first transcontinental train arrived.

Vancouver is the most ethnically and linguistically diverse city in Canada. Almost 30 percent of the population speak Chinese as their first language, while an additional 22 percent speak something other than English as their first language. These other minority groups include: Asians, Filipinos, Latin Americans, Japanese, Koreans, Blacks, and Arabs. There also are significant groups of Germans, Italians, Greeks, English, Scottish, and Irish living in distinct ethnic neighborhoods.

The city of Vancouver is located on the Burrard Peninsula, and not on Vancouver Island as commonly thought. It is bordered on the south by the Fraser River and on the north by the Burrard Inlet. The Rocky Mountains are located just east of the city, so the surrounding land is pretty rugged and offers fantastic views. The moderate climate and abundant rainfall supports a lush landscape and immense forests of huge trees.

Indian Arm, located just northeast of Vancouver is a steep-sided glacial fjord that was formed during the last Ice Age. The area is so rugged that it is almost impassable, so there has been very little development other than a few national parks. The area is a natural paradise for wildlife viewing for campers, hikers, boaters and kayakers, and various commercial tours.

Surprisingly for its northern location, the climate in Vancouver is moderate. Summer high temperatures typically range up to the high 60s to low 70s and the winter low temperatures typically range down to the mid-30s. On average, the area only gets snow on eleven days per year. Interestingly, the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone for Vancouver is about the same as that for Ocala (9a)!

Vancouver's economy is centered on its port, forest products, mining companies, and tourism. Each year, over a million people pass through the city on cruise ship vacations. Often called Hollywood North, it also has become a major staple of the television and film industry.

Vancouver is a great place to visit. The climate is excellent, the scenery is amaz-

ing, and there is a lot to see and do. Its countdrum, however, is that it is consistently listed as one of the top five worldwide cities for livability and quality of life, but it also is ranked as the second most unaf-

fordable city in the world! In other words, it is a great place to live, but you likely cannot afford to live there. Nevertheless, you can afford to visit there; and you should.



Photo by Daderot

A picturesque cabin on Indian Arm, a fjord adjacent to Vancouver, Canada.



Birders' Beat

By Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders have a spectacular bird walk planned for Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Sweetwater Wetlands in Gainesville. Currently, visitors to Sweetwater are routinely identifying 30 to 50 species of birds including ducks, herons, egrets, storks, ibises, kites, harriers, hawks, gallinules,

cranes, sandpipers and many more. Please contact Ann at afhannon@sbcglobal.net, if you would like to join the Unique Birders on this trip. We will gather at the Recreation Center parking lot at 6:45 a.m. on Jan. 13. Maps will be provided to each driver on the day of the trip.

Sweetwater Wetlands Park is part of Paynes Prairie historic site in Gainesville. In the late 1600s, Paynes Prairie was home to La Chua, the largest cattle ranch in Spanish Florida. During the late 1800s, the prairie was flooded by heavy rains and became known as Alachua Lake. The lake was drained in the 1890s and once again became a marsh.

In the 1930s, ranchers created a ditch to drain runoff from Paynes Prairie to the Sweetwater grazing area. Unfortunately, the drainage ditch carried runoff from cattle grazing and urban runoff into the Alachua Sink and the Floridan aquifer. This dehydrated 1300 acres of Paynes Prairie and led to an eventual designation of impaired water body for the Alachua Sink.

In 2009, the City of Gainesville started the Prairie Paynes Sheetflow Restoration Project to reduce pollution to the Alachua Sink. The prairie's natural sheet flow is now restored and a wetland habitat has been constructed. Sweetwater Wetlands Park opened in 2015 and attracts over 200 bird species throughout the year.

The purple swamphen in the photo is not native to this area and has been sighted sporadically at the park. It would be a real treat to see it on our trip.

Please join the Unique Birders for this trip to Sweetwater Wetlands Park. Contact afhannon@sbcglobal.net by Tuesday, Jan. 12, if you plan to come with us.

Another event to consider in January is the fundraising event to be held by the Marion County Audubon Society at the Reilly Arts Center in Tusawilla Park on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. Greg Miller, bird consultant for the movie "The Big Year," will talk on his personal big year bird count.



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Purple swamphen.

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Women of the World

By Nancy Grabowski

Happy New Year! From your officers to our members, and from our members to the entire community, we send our wishes for the best year ever!

With the arrival of the New Year, our plans for the annual fashion show step forward. We hope, with tons of effort and support, to match last year's contribution to Hospice of Marion County. Naturally, our goal is to surpass the \$8,500 high-water mark; just maybe, we'll make it happen!

Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show go on sale at the January meeting. We have managed to keep the price at \$22. The first day of sales, traditionally, is hectic so please be patient. Remember that we cannot begin the actual sale until the aerobics class finishes and the maintenance crew sets up the tables. Plan on a sale start time of 11:45 a.m. Other reminders: sales are to current members only and each table seats eight.

The tickets sell quickly so make your plans early.

Additionally, we will sell tickets to fill the nest egg, one of the most popular items in the raffle. These tickets are \$1 each and proceeds fill the egg. The ticket affords each of us another chance to win.

If each of us bought at least one ticket, we'd already have \$250 in the egg; more than one per member would be fantastic!

Other areas of the fashion show and luncheon will be addressed at the meeting as well. These include sign-up sheets for the models, set up of the facility, clean-up crew, shuttle driving husbands, and baskets! Each of the committees is equally important and many hands will lighten the load.

We hope you'll partner with a friend or two (or more) to create those baskets. The baskets generate the bulk of our donation to Hospice of Marion County. Baskets can be as simple or elaborate as you care to create; be original or stick to the tried and true. Joan Connolly will chair this committee once again and is looking for a record number of entries.

Of course, the January meeting will center on more than just the fashion show plans. We'll have another fabulous speaker as well as the monthly charity to support. We continue to assist Marion County Senior Services and Operation Shoebox, too!

We are sending a shout-out to those who have volunteered to bring refreshments to the January meeting; we really appreciate your generosity. You will find sign-up sheets for the February meeting on each table for those who need to take a turn.

We can't wait to see you at the first meeting of 2016. Renew some friendships and create more; you're never a stranger at Women of the World!



Pennsylvania Club

By Micki Malsch

The Pennsylvania Club meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 was full of holiday cheer! A sumptuous dinner was provided with members who brought side dishes and desserts, and ham was donated by the club and prepared by Micki Malsch.

The enormous basket of Pennsylvania cheer (that had to be lifted by two people) was put together by Elmer and Hazel Radabaugh. Tom and Georgiann Hagerty won the basket. Beautiful poinsettias adorned the dinner tables and were later raffled off to eight lucky members.

Following dinner, members gathered around a bountiful table of gifts for the annual Christmas Chinese auction. What fun we had seeing all the lovely gifts exchange hands in this fun filled game of giving! Christmas dinner at the Pennsylvania Club just wouldn't be complete without our annual visit by Santa (Ray Utiss), spreading candy and goodwill.

Please check your serving utensils that you brought to the dinner. Someone accidentally picked up a scalloped edged serving spoon belonging to a dinner set of one of our members. If you picked it up by mistake, please return it at the January, 2016 meeting. It would be greatly appreciated.

President Ray Utiss is still in need of someone to fill his post. Please consider this opportunity - it can be one or two people. Ray and his wife, Pat, have administered this role for many years and have done a wonderful job as president and activities director, but unfortunately they can no longer retain these roles. We really



Photo by Michelle Malsch

Santa (Ray Utiss) at the Pennsylvania Club dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015.

need someone to step up to the plate, or the club may be no more!

As this was conveyed to the members by Micki Malsch, it was decided upon that members have the opportunity to think it over and a decision will be made at the January meeting as to whether or not the club can continue on either a monthly or every other month schedule. We have volunteers to host the meeting in January, February and March. We still are in need of a president to lead the meetings. We need your help for the club to continue, please consider lending a helping hand.

Just a reminder - club membership dues will be collected at the Wednesday, Jan. 13 meeting. This meeting will be held in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at 3 p.m. The theme for this meeting is "SuperBowl Fun." Please bring your favorite tailgating snack and wear your team colors. Lots of fun and games at this meeting!

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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The Glitzy Gals

By Janet Wahl

The Lake House Bed & Breakfast in Inverness was the location of our December luncheon with hostess QM Mary Curry. The rooms were all beautifully decorated for the season. QM Mary had a red poinsettia and a bag of candy at each place at the table. Lunch was delicious and the sharing of Christmas wishes was entertaining, as some were serious and others humorous.

Each one received a gift bag from QM Mary. All had a delightful time.

The Glitzy Gals who attended "A Show Palace Christmas Spectacular" at the Show Palace Theater in Hudson each received a little gift as they were the first group to respond to the invitation. The Red Hat Hot Chicks sponsored this event. Everyone enjoyed the glitzy costumes, choreography and singing along with some of the favorite Christmas carols. The message of the nativity story with music, song and drama made it special. Lunch, vendor shopping and door prizes were also included.

This month Christmas stockings, gift cards and cookies will be given to the families at Project Hope.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year and all good things in 2016. QM Mary Curry

Singles Club

By Cecelia Adams

We're moving! Beginning in January, our monthly club meetings will move to Suites G and H of the Arbor Conference Center.

We'll start the New Year with our meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, with a visit by Allie Gore, a representative of the League of Women Voters. What does the League of Women do? Is it only for women? She'll

tell us what the League does and answer our questions.

On Thursday, Jan. 21, we will tour the Island Grove Winery near Citra. We visited this winery last year and, because members enjoyed it so much, are going again this year. For details of the tour, come to the January meeting or call Cecelia Adams at (352) 840-3969.

The club welcomes new members – both single men and women – at any time of the year. Resolve to join us at our monthly meetings and fun outings in 2016! This is one New Year's resolution you'll want to keep.



Genealogical Society

By Peter Parisi

On Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, Kay Johnston, club member, gave a very informative and interesting presentation on "Writing My Family Story."

According to Kay, writing your family history is like putting together a puzzle. Frame the puzzle. Decide how the pieces will fit together. This is no longer a research project, but a writing project where you put together the genealogy data, the pictures, the family stories and letters into a completed project.

Consider your audience. Are you writing for an individual, extended family or are you going to publish it for a wider audience?

Consider the format. Are you including a family tree or are you going to set up an ancestor table?

Will your story be based just on genealogy data or a "life story" based on memories, photographs, family diaries and letters? Will your format be a book, a scrapbook, an album or a video?

However you do it, Kay found that her story flowed better if she started with her oldest known ancestor and came forward to herself as opposed to starting with herself and going backwards.

Determine the scope and content of your story. Will this be a family history going back generations or just about your immediate family, i.e. parents, siblings, spouse and your children or maybe just about one person?

Organize yourself. Identify your ances-

tor using either Family Tree Maker or print a timeline so you can organize the Vital Statistics data on them, maybe weaving it in with world or regional events. Organize and cite your sources of information.

Once you have determined all of the above, write an outline of "your Story," including a title, copyright statement (if needed), table of contents, other preliminary sections, main body of text and final sections.

When writing about yourself and your family, talk to relatives and friends about your ancestors, sort through old family papers, visit libraries to find news articles and obituaries in the local newspapers and visit local cemeteries.

When finalizing your story, you are writing about one life, but many stages. You can break it up into the early years, adolescence, education, young adulthood, middle years and retirement. It is about relationships with people, about the best of times and sometimes, the worst of times.

The Genealogical Society will hold a board meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 11, in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building. At the business meeting, we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations. Lori Cope will present "Census Documents" at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 18 in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center.

Our annual dues are only \$10 per person, or \$15 per couple. One of the benefits of membership is the 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 at otwgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.

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Active Living
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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Wednesday, Dec. 9. Many antique cars from Kingdom of the Sun club participated in the parade from Model Ts to convertible Corvettes and more. The R/C Flyers and our newest club, the R/C Car Club, were a hit during the parade as the cars drove alongside the golf carts, even greeting some of our spectators along the roadside. Residents also decorated their golf carts to partake in one of the biggest golf cart parades we've had in years, and Santa ended the show by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Trivia Night

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions on Thursday, Jan. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Arbor Club. Groups of four, six or eight per team are permitted. Select a team name and prepare to have a fun time. Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

Horse Farm Tour

Join us for a morning tour of Ocala horse country on Friday, Jan. 8, to see the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association Museum, Equine Veterinary Hospital, Thoroughbred Stud Farm with a third "mystery farm." Karen Grimes, horsewoman and Ocala "insider" since 1997, will take you on a beautiful drive with narration of the area between the stops. The last stop will be lunch on your own at Southern Pig & Cattle Co. The cost is \$31 per person. Please note there will be a lot of walking. Farm stops and lunch location subject to change. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

Club Fair

If you are looking for new activities or want to meet new people, our resident clubs are a great choice. Come to our Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 14, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., where you will learn about the many exciting and activity-based clubs available to join.

Plan to attend this event to learn about all the different clubs in our community, meet representatives and ask questions. This is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for sale by the S.P.C.A.

Majestic Manatee Tours

Join us on the Majestic Manatee tour on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Crystal River is well known for its West Indies manatees as well as its crystal clear springs. We will arrive at Charlie's Fish House, which is a great waterfront restaurant, around 11:30 a.m. You will have approximately one hour and fifteen minutes for lunch, and then we will board the boat for a departure time of approximately 1 p.m. You will tour the Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of our beloved manatees that inhabit the area. You will see an abundant amount of waterfowl in the area as well. The entire tour will keep you entertained with nature's wildlife and beauty. Plan on two and a half hours for the tour. Cost is \$54 per person, which includes transportation and river cruise (lunch is not included). Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

Get Acquainted Coffee

Join us in welcoming new residents to the community! Get Acquainted Coffee will take place on Thursday, Jan. 21, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be coffee, doughnuts and representatives from various clubs, the fitness department and more. Each representative will speak on the services and programs they have to offer. At the conclusion of this event, we will take you on a short walk to familiarize you with some of the facilities and amenities that are available to residents. For more information, please contact the Recreation Center office.

Health & Wellness Expo

New Year's resolutions to be healthy are now in full swing. Join On Top of the World Communities, Inc., and over 60 local healthcare agencies at the 14th annual Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center. Visit the vendor exhibitions showcasing ways to ensure you live well and enjoy fitness demonstrations throughout the day. The expo is free and open to the public.

Victory Casino Cruise

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Thursday, Jan. 28, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation along with 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. Please note that a valid government issued photo ID will be required to board. The cost is \$38 per person, which includes transportation, cruise, buffet, \$20 match in play and double points. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

Singing River Cruise

Join us for an educational tour on the Rainbow River on Friday, Jan. 29. The captain will share his knowledge of Florida's ecology and history through story and song, as we travel along the crystal clear spring-fed Rainbow River and the dark, swamp-fed Withlacoochee River. You will see amazing wildlife and gain knowledge of Florida's ecology and history. The tour is about an hour and forty minutes. Once the tour is completed, we will dock at the boat ramp where you will board the bus and take a short ride over to Swampy's for lunch. The cost of the trip is \$26 per person, which includes transportation and the river cruise. Lunch will be on your own. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

Line Dance Classes

Do you like to dance? Would you like to learn the latest line dance steps taught by a professional line dance instructor? For those who have some experience, join us on Mondays. For new dancers, join us Tuesdays to learn basic line dance steps. Choose your class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level, if necessary.

The cost is \$10 per four-week class each month. Pre-registration required; visit the Recreation Center office Tuesday through Friday. (Line dance tickets will not be sold on Mondays.)

IMPROVER PLUS (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Some dance experience required. Current



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popular dances taught at this level.

BEGINNER LEVEL II (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): 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 I (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Pre-requisite - Introduction to Line Dance class last season. Dancers 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 for those who want to learn to line dance. Step patterns described, practiced and used in simple patterns. Step sheets provided.

The above four classes are held on Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

ABSOLUTELY BEGINNER (3 to 4 p.m.): This is for anyone wanting to learn to line dance. Very basic step patterns taught and move forward each week as able.

Absolutely Beginner is held on Tuesdays in the fitness room in the Recreation Center.

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!

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 a "Jam Session" Happy Hour on Friday, Jan. 15, as you will have the opportunity to hear four different entertainers this night with extended hours from 3:30 to 9 p.m.

Our entertainment line-up is as follows:

- Jan. 1: No Happy Hour
- Jan. 8: Automatic (Arbor Club)
- Jan. 15: "Jam Session" with Trey

Dees (3:30 to 5 p.m.), Solid Gold (5 to 6:45 p.m.), Second Slice (7 to 9 p.m.) in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Fred Campbell (5 to 8 p.m.) on the veranda outside.

- Jan. 22: Starburst (Arbor Club)
- Jan. 29: One Flite Up (Recreation Center Ballroom)

There will be no Happy Hour on Friday, Jan. 1. Resident I.D. is required for entry to Happy Hour, and guest fees apply.

Community Bus

We are happy to announce that starting in January, we have added Windsor to the community bus route; Freedom Library to the morning route; and Save-A-Lot to the afternoon route. A copy of the new route is located below.

Facilities Hours

Due to the holiday, all facilities will be closed on New Year's day! Please plan accordingly!

Upcoming Events in February

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

- Thursday, Feb. 4: Trivia Night
- Friday, Feb. 5: Horse Farm Tour
- Tuesday, Feb. 9: St. Johns River Cruise
- Wednesday, Feb. 10: Florida State Fair
- Saturday, Feb. 13: Home Improvement Expo
- Tuesday, Feb. 16: Lowry Park Zoo
- Thursday, Feb. 18: Social Hour with Miranda Madison
- Friday, Feb. 19: Singing River Cruise
- Sunday, Feb. 21: "Women in Jeopardy" at the Hippodrome
- Tuesday, Feb. 23: Victory Casino Cruise
- Friday, Feb. 26: "Senior Prom" Happy Hour

Have a safe and happy New Year!

CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE

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

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



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.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:53 a.m.
Windsor West	95th Pl. - 95th Lp.	8:56 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	8:59 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:02 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:06 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:10 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:14 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:18 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:24 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:29 a.m.
Exit Community.....		9:34 a.m.
<i>Indigo East Community Center</i>	<i>Parking Lot</i>	<i>Call one day in advance for pick-up</i>

MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library.....	9:40 a.m.....	12:45 p.m.
Jasmine Square.....	9:48 a.m.....	12:40 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's.....	9:58 a.m.....	12:30 p.m.
Sam's.....	10:08 a.m.....	11:30 a.m.
Lowe's.....	10:13 a.m.....	11:40 a.m.
Paddock Mall.....	10:18 a.m.....	12:20 p.m.
Wal-Mart/Stein Mart.....	10:23 a.m.....	11:55 a.m.
Target.....	10:33 a.m.....	12:03 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks.....	10:43 a.m.....	12:10 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza.....	10:48 a.m.....	12:15 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.....	3:13 p.m.
Save A Lot Grocery.....	1:37 p.m.....	3:00 p.m.
Big Lots.....	1:40 p.m.....	3:03 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	1:50 p.m.....	2:50 p.m.
Wal-mart.....	1:52 p.m.....	2:45 p.m.

* All times are approximate
For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533

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Lions Club

By Estelle Clark

The Lions Club would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year. We wish you lots of good health and happiness. As the saying goes, it is so much fun to give and help those in need. The need is still there.

The Lions are joining Lions International Worldwide Week of Service Jan. 10 through Jan. 16 to fight hunger and poverty. During this week, we will have collection boxes for non-perishable foods to be dropped off at several locations. They then will be delivered to Interfaith Emergency Services. We hope that the community will support this project and donate lots of food. Hunger doesn't stop after the holidays are over.

We thank you in advance for your generosity. You can drop off your donations at the following businesses in Friendship Center: Winn Dixie, Yours Truly Gift

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Shop, Hair to Impress Salon and Estate Jewelry & More. In Canopy Oaks, you may drop off at Publix. The lobby of the Recreation Center will also be accepting donations.

We had a great 2015 helping those less fortunate. During the year, we were able to provide eye exams, eyeglasses, hearing aids and more. We delivered socks and stuffed animals to the children's emergency ward at Munroe Regional Medical Center. We also delivered stuffed animals to the Marion County Sheriff's Office on SR200. We supported many charities as well as helping to send 20 orphans to the Florida Kids Helping Kids Carnival. We also were able to give a \$500 scholarship to an R.O.T.C. student at West Port High School, \$1,000 to Feed the Children Backpack program as well as supporting our core entities. Our calendar was full and busy the way we like it.

We are still collecting socks and stuffed animals for the children at the hospital. We also collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones and inkjet cartridges. I could go on but space is limited.

To find out more about our club and amazing members give me a call at (352) 861-7358 or come visit. You too can be a Lion. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. We serve.



SPCA

By Maria Devine

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. For anyone who has made a New Year's resolution to volunteer their time, why not come to this meeting to see if this is a good way for you to give back to your community? Please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985 for all inquiries.

The SPCA will install new board members in January. We want to thank our current board members for all the hard work and dedication they have provided us with the past three years. We have grown significantly in this time due to their efforts and we have been able to reach out to other animal welfare organizations and individuals to improve the lives of animals in need in Marion County.

So a big thank you to Vice President Judy Singer, Second Vice President Melody Bickoff, Secretary Melanie Vittitow and Treasurer Betty Kyle. Our biggest thank you goes to President Beverly Carver who worked tirelessly and continuously to best serve the needs of the animals and their families.

We are so pleased to tell you that our beloved cockapoo Buster has been ad-

opted into his forever home. We've shared his journey with you in many columns and many of you have helped him with donations so that he could have a great life. So we want to congratulate Buster and his new family and thank one and all who made this possible.

The SPCA has written in the past about the sugar substitute xylitol used in many human foods and candies that are labeled reduced sugar or sugar free. If you aren't aware, this substance is severely toxic to dogs and can be lethal. Unfortunately, this deadly ingredient has now been added to peanut butter to reduce the sugar content. Please read the label before you purchase peanut butter if you have a dog in the house. This is especially troubling because many dog owners treat their dogs with peanut butter or use it to camouflage pills. Also please keep sugar free mints and chewing gum away from your pets since they are poisoning dogs. It may be inconvenient to have to police your food in this way, but your dog's life depends on it.

We desperately need cat fosters for when we get a call about a cat or kitten that needs help. All the cat sanctuaries in our area are full to the brim and won't be able to take in any more. We can only help if we have people we can count on to take these animals in while awaiting adoption. This is your chance if you've wanted to volunteer your time by doing something worthwhile. Please call our hotline number above and we will discuss the details further with you.

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View From The Library

By B.J. Leckbee

The category is "Jeopardy!" The answer is he won the Jeopardy! tournament of champions for the past season, and also \$1 million. The correct question is "Who is Alex Jacob?"

If you're a fan of this show of answers and questions, you knew that. Do you also know who created the show and how it came about? Here's a hint. He also created another popular game show based on the "hangman" game some of us played when we were much younger. That show is known as "Wheel of Fortune."

The answer is Merv Griffin. The book

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that tells his story is "Merv, Making the Good Life Last," which he co-wrote with David Bender.

He began his show business career as a band singer and segued into radio, then into television with the shows mentioned above; while he hosted a talk show that also became a long-term success.

Money flowed in and Griffin used it to build an empire. His personality and business sense led him into a variety of ventures after he retired from his television show. He purchased the Beverly Hilton Hotel, which required major renovations, then went toe-to-toe with Donald Trump when he bought a casino in Atlantic City. Actually, a group of lawyers went toe-to-toe for more than seven months, with both sides publicly claiming victory.

During this period of his life, he owned, not necessarily all at once, at least 13 hotels; and eventually Griffin sold his empire to The Coca Cola Company for approximately \$250 million.

After that it was playtime, and as the title of the books says, "Making the Good Life Last." It's in our biography section.

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CHLGA-18 Interclub Golf Event

By Pam Monk



Photo by Piper Thomas

Candler Hills Assistant Golf Professional Danial Janiak, Candler Hills LGA-18 President Pam Monk and Candler Hills Head Golf Professional Denise Mullen proudly holding the interclub trophy.

As we usher in another year, let us all give thanks for our great community in a country where freedom rings in every new year with hope and the promise of peace on earth and goodwill to humankind.

December was a glorious and wonderful month as we celebrated the holidays. Members of all golf clubs generously donated unwrapped gifts to Toys for Tots.

Our league's holiday party was held at Stone Creek Grille on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015. Thirty-nine members attended in their holiday finery. A 50/50 raffle netted \$90 to First Tee of Ocala and some excitement for Kathy Smyth, Paula Lilly, Gail Banavige and Laurel Rohrer as each lady held a winning ticket. Vivian Schofield shared a cleverly worded golf poem, which is posted on our website.

Thank you to our social and sunshine director, Jan Fulton, for putting this event together. We were invited back to her lovely home for dessert and continued festivities, which were beyond fabulous.

The league held its first ever interclub golf event with Stone Creek Golf Club in a best ball and alternate shot format played on Dec. 1, 2015 at Stone Creek and Dec. 3, 2015 at Candler Hills. The boards of both leagues came together to create a charity challenge for Voices for Children, a local, volunteer staffed, not-for-profit with a mission to assist children, removed from their families as a result of alleged abuse, neglect or abandonment and represented by Guardian ad Litem. We decided all money collected would go to the charity and one of their representatives, Sue Carpenter, joined us for lunch on the last day of play to accept our combined donation

check of \$1,050. This amount was beyond our expectations and we are overwhelmed by the generosity of both clubs members.

A beautiful crystal trophy cup was purchased by both clubs for bragging rights. The cup will remain with Candler Hills Ladies 18 Hole league as we were the winner this year with a score of 28 versus 24. Special appreciation to our golf professionals Matt Hibbs, Denise Mullen and Daniel Janiak for their support and encouragement. For an additional \$5 donation to Voices for Children, Daniel was on the fourth hole hitting drives and hit he did. Everyone agreed it was a very successful event.

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7 at Candler Hills Community Center following golf. We look forward to good attendance as we start the New Year off with eagles and birdies.

Two Best Ball-Team Event Nov. 19, 2015

118-Lynne Dickson, Sandy Chase, Piper Thomas, Joan Gustafson. 122-Lane Hobby, Angie Jingco, Irmgard Anger, Laurel Rohrer. 123-Iro Lisinski, Carol Oman, Gail Banavige, Heddy Racinowski.

Scotch Twosomes-Team Event Dec. 10, 2015

Flight A/D: 68-Su Freeman and Pam Monk; 70-Kathy Smyth and Sandy Chase; Tie at 72-Lynne Dickson/Laurel Rohrer and Joan D'Addio and Vicky Salyers.

Flight B/C: 64-Piper Thomas and Susan Rhodes; 65-Diane O'Brien and Irmgard Anger; 68-Nancy Shoner and Lorie Anderson.

A Year in Review

By Elliott Wilkins

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

The R/C Flyers had a very active and varied 2015, which included great fly-in events, membership growth, and other club activities. We have been and are still being lauded and acknowledged as one of the premier clubs at On Top of the World. We are always well represented in the community by participating in the Club Fair, Christmas golf cart parade, and a monthly column in the World News. Our club is also promoted through advertisements in various print media around the country as well as the AMA magazine.

Congratulations to all of our club members, and board of directors for a year well done and best of wishes for our newly elected board of directors for 2016.

This now brings me to our first honoree in our series for 2016 entitled "On Top of the World's Magnificent Men/Women and Their Flying Machines."

He is none other than John Workman. John has worn many hats in his lifetime and has excelled in every endeavor he has been associated with. He was born in Nashville, Tenn. and is a very proud Tennessean. He

was raised to work hard and dedicate time to his family. He is married to his beautiful and adoring wife, Leigh, for 36 years. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in architecture and was immediately employed by the Nashville public school system as a design services manager where he is worked for the next 29 years.

He started building and flying model airplanes in 1975 and has been in love with the hobby ever since. He is a dedicated perfectionist in everything he does. He is respected by all who know him. He is always available to help anyone who needs it and thrives on it.

John and Leigh moved to On Top of the World in 2013 and love it here. They have both become involved in different facets of life here in our community. John is an avid golfer and enjoys using the woodworking shop. Leigh is a LadyBird and also teaches porcelain painting.

Congratulations John for being our first honoree of "On Top of the World's Magnificent Men/Women and Their Flying Machines" for 2016.



Photo by Phil Moherek

Active R/C Flyer and builder John Workman.

Horseshoe Champions

By Jim Russell



Photo by Jim Russell

2015 fall season champion Carrie Beisler (left) and second place winner Larry Stickles pose with their award certificates. (Not pictured: Carl Buchanan who took home the third place award.)

Our Horseshoe League fall season concluded on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015 after 13 weeks of friendly competition. When the dust had settled, we crowned Carrie Beisler the season champion. She was a strong contender throughout the season, leading the pack almost every week. In addition to her first place certificate, Ralph himself presented Carrie the Ralph Voight trophy. This trophy is passed on to the most recent season winner and is greatly coveted by all who receive it. Great job, Carrie!

Taking second place was a relative newcomer Larry Stickles followed by our veteran, and award winning Carl Buchanan in third. To catch you up on the weeks leading up to the Nov. 24, 2015 finals, here are those weekly results:

Oct. 20, 2015

1: Carrie Beisler (16 wins/5 losses); 2: Carl Buchanan (14 wins/6 losses); 3: Larry Stickles (10 wins/6 losses).

Oct. 27, 2015

1: Carl Buchanan (17 wins/6 losses); 2: Carrie Beisler (16 wins/7 losses); 3: Ed Lalonde (12 wins/6 losses).

Nov. 3, 2015

1: Carrie Beisler (19 wins/7 losses); 2: Carl Buchanan (18 wins/8 losses); 3: Larry Stickles (14 wins/8 losses).

Nov. 10, 2015

1: Carrie Beisler (19.5 wins/9.5 losses); 2: Carl Buchanan (18 wins/8 losses); 3: Larry Stickles (17 wins/8 losses).

Nov. 17, 2015

1: Carrie Beisler (21.5 wins/10.5 losses); 2: Larry Stickles (19 wins/9 losses); 3: Carl Buchanan (18 wins/8 losses).

Nov. 24, 2015

1: Carrie Beisler (23.5 wins/11.5 losses); 2: Larry Stickles (21 wins/10 losses); 3:

Carl Buchanan (18 wins/ 8 losses).

Starting with play on Dec. 1, 2015, we kicked off our winter season. The results of the first two weeks of play are:

Dec. 1, 2015

Tie at 1: Larry Stickles and Dan Moore (3 wins/0 losses); Tie at 3: Henry Vieu, Ed Lalonde, Dan Ebbighausen and Ed Bodnar (2 wins/1 loss).

Dec. 8, 2015

1: Dan Ebbighausen (5 wins/1 loss); 2: Carrie Beisler (4.5 wins/1.5 losses); 3: Al Titcombe (3 wins/0 losses).

Our travel team opened the season with their first match on Dec. 3, 2015. Each match consisted of three games played by three two-man teams competing against the opponents three two-man teams. The opponents switch after each game so that each two-man team has a different opponent for each of the three games. Using this format, nine games were played during the match. The results of our first two matches are:

Dec. 3, 2015 at Beverly Hills: 5 wins/4 losses

Dec. 10, 2015 at The Villages Gold: 3 wins/6 losses

Please note that our league recycles aluminum cans as a way of funding some of the Horseshoe League maintenance items. If your home generates aluminum cans, consider donating them to our league. You can drop off bags at the horseshoe pavilion and leave them in front of the door with a horseshoe on it.

Also, another Club Fair will take place on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Please stop by and visit the Horseshoe League.

CARDS & GAMES



Bridge

Monday Afternoon
By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Nov. 9, 2015
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 2: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 3: Marge Benton & Doris Keathley; 4: Linda & Don Sprague.

Nov. 16, 2015
1: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 2: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett; 3: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 4: Marge Walker & Nancy Clarkson.

Nov. 23, 2015
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 2: Pat Goltgart & Marge Starrett; 3: Linda Hannon & Mary Walker.

Nov. 30, 2015
1: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 2: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold; 4: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson.

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Monday Night
By Kathie & Art Dushary

Nov. 2, 2015
1: Ed Bodner (4950); 2: Peggy Borro; 3: Ron McNeilly; 4: Myra Butler.

Nov. 9, 2015
1: Fran Griswold (6630); 2: Carmin Arroyo; 3: Ed Bodner; 4: Mickey Martin; 5: Ron McNeilly.

Nov. 16, 2015
1: Joan Sigafoos (4650); 2: Ken Hall; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Peggy Borro; 5: Shirley Stolly.

Nov. 23, 2015
1: Peggy Borro; 2: Miriam McNeilly; 3: Paul Agarwal.

Nov. 30, 2015
1: Joan Sigafoos; 2: Paul Agarwal; 3: Pat Poloncy; 4: Sarah Anderson; 5: Judy Wagnitz.

Tuesday Afternoon
By Joanne Jones

Nov. 3, 2015
1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 2: Agnes LaSala; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Nov. 10, 2015
1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Mazie Millward & Joan Lord.

Nov. 17, 2015
1: Agnes LaSala & Bob Buchan; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Joanne Jones & Colleen Trexler.

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Tuesday Night Dup
By Doris Keathley

Nov. 3, 2015
1: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino; 2: Marjorie Benton & Doris Keathley; 3: Katie White & Kathie Dushary.

Nov. 10, 2015
Tie at 1/2: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl and Katie White & Kathie Dushary; 3: Marjorie Benton & Doris Keathley; 4: John & Marie Fiorillo.

Nov. 17, 2015
1: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

Wednesday Afternoon
By Pat Goltgart

Nov. 4, 2015
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Pat Goltgart; Cons: Helen O'Brien.

Nov. 11, 2015
1: Helen O'Brien; 2: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Deloris Melberg.

Nov. 18, 2015
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Pat Goltgart; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

Thursday Afternoon
By Marge Starrett

Nov. 5, 2015
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Joanne Jones; 3: Marge Starrett; 4: Nancy Clarkson.

Nov. 12, 2015
1: Joanne Jones; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Cleona Redman; 4: Mary Walker.

Nov. 19, 2015
1: Pat Goltgart; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Marlene Floeckler; 4: Mary Klingzing.

Thursday Night
By Paul Pinter

Nov. 5, 2015
1: Kevin Briggs; 2: Howard Sale; 3: Ida Rosendahl; 4: Marian Hotz.

Nov. 12, 2015
1: Paul Pinter; 2: Ida Rosendahl; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Shirley Stolly.

Nov. 19, 2015
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Miriam McNally; 3: Paul Pinter; 4: Howard Sale.



Cribbage

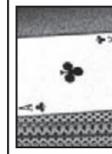
Friday Night
By Rose Marie Postin

Nov. 6, 2015
1: Herb Postin; 2: Norma Yonke; 3: Margaret Smith; Cons: Margie Saxon.

Nov. 13, 2015
1: Sheila Howell, Perfect Score; 2: John Smith; 3: John Kalen; Cons: Norma Yonke.

Nov. 20, 2015
1: Margie Saxon; 2: RoseMarie Postin; 3: Poppy Kalen; Cons: Glenda Lins.

Nov. 27, 2015
1: Herb Postin; 2: Donna Parrish/Poppy Kalen; 3: RoseMarie Postin; Cons: Margaret Smit.



Pinochle

Tuesday Night/Single
By Whitney Frye

Everyone is welcome on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Nov. 3, 2015
1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Betty Legg.

Nov. 10, 2015
1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Kathy Pinto.

Nov. 17, 2015
1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Whitney Frye; 3: Mary Klinzing.



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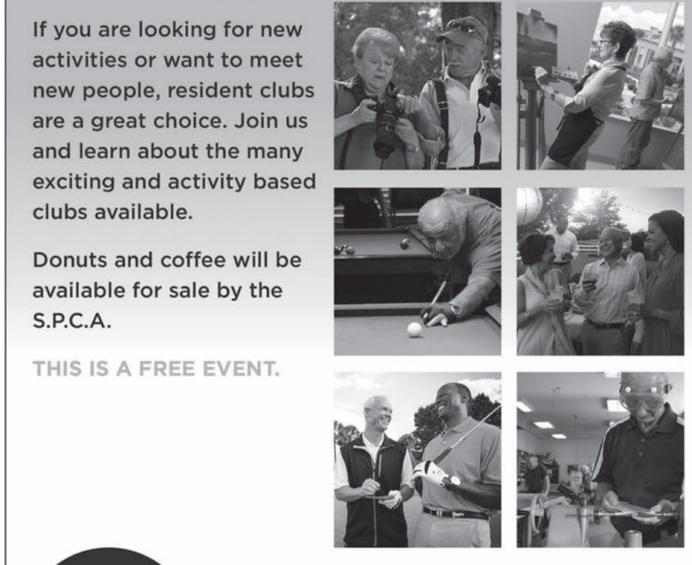
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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

By Susan Rhodes

Happy New Year to all! Attention all lady resident golfers! Our league is putting together a Women's Golf Invitational on Tuesday, Feb. 23! To play, the only requirement is that you must have an established handicap. Players will play 18 holes and choose the best nine net scores of 18.

Coffee will be served in the Recreation Center Ballroom prior to the 9 a.m. shotgun start. A light lunch will be served following golf with a 50/50 raffle to benefit First Tee of Ocala. We promise lots of laughter, fun and even some good golf. Sign up sheets will be available after the first of the year. The cost of this event will be \$15 plus applicable golf fees for those who are not On Top of the World Club members.

The Christmas luncheon held at Bella

Cucina on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 was a big success! The food was delicious, the tables were festively decorated, and we enjoyed each other's company. Many thanks to the luncheon committee (Deborah Martin, Gail LaGrange, Iro Lisinski, and Jo-Ann Roney) for all they did to make the luncheon a success! Our charity this year was First Step Food Bank. Many thanks for all the nonperishable food items!

The Black and White luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 12 following golf. It will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Our league is open to all women residents with established handicaps, and we always welcome new members. We play on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. (rally at 8:30 a.m.). There is no commitment to play every week. If you are interested in joining us, you are welcome to play as a guest up to three times before joining. For further information regarding the league or the Invitational, contact President Nancy Zielinski at (352) 861-3116 or Vice President Deborah Martin at (630) 779-0229. Alternatively, stop by our booth at the next



Christmas luncheon committee members: Jo-Ann Roney, Deb Martin, Gail LaGrange, and Iro Lisinski.

Club Fair scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14. **Criers (Individual Net) Nov. 17, 2015/Links**

Flight 1: 64-Beverly Ovrebo. 66-Gretchen Normandin. Tie at 69: Gail LaGrange, Lynne Dickson. 70-Nancy Zielinski. 71-Peggy Borro.

Flight 2: 64-Susan Rhodes. Tie at 69-Patricia MacMurray, Susan Maillet. Tie at 70- Margaret Hudacik, Sandy Chase. 71-Christine McIntire.

Flight 3: 65-Connie Sohl. 66-Dawn Hagberg. 67-Debbie Wilson. Tie at 68-Angelita Pena, Joyce Jones. 70-Geri Treppa.

Flight 4: 69-Carol Johnson. 71-Carole Robinson. 73-Carolyn Cummings. 74-Joan Cecchini. 75-Fran Griswold. 76-Yoshiko Young.

Both Ways (Mixed Flights) Nov. 24, 2015/Links

149-Deborah Martin, Debby Wilson, Jo Apperson. Tie at 150-Peggy Borro, Linda Blewitt, Renee Aden, Angelita Pena; Gail LaGrange, Mary Driver, Connie Sohl, Shirley Smagner. 155-Joan D'Addio, Harriet Hawkins, Joyce Jones, Dawn Hagberg.

Blind Partners (Team Net) Dec. 1, 2015/ Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 65-Gail LaGrange, Rosemarie O'Neil. 66-Lynne Dickson, Harriet Hawkins.

Flight 2: 59-Sandy Chase, Margaret Hudacik. 63-Mary Lyon, Susan Rhodes.

Flight 3: 60-Connie Sohl, Debby Wilson. 63-Johanna Forceno, Geri Treppa.

Flight 4: 64-Angelita Pena, Shirley Smagner. Tie at 65: Dawn Hagberg, Ely Rapacz; Jo-Ann Roney, Dea Johnson.



R/C Car Club

By Charlie Fisher

After months of evaluating and gathering information about different computerized timing systems for the track, the club approved and purchased the I-Lap system. We built a start/finish bridge over the track, installed the sensors, decoder, and downloaded an R/C scoring pro computer program.

To date, we have held several races as we learn to operate the program. Special thanks to Gail Baker for taking the lead learning this computer program. Once proficient, she will train other club members. This will take time as the scoring program requires many inputs before you can start a race.

Drivers were amazed at the impact the system had on their driving strategy. Drivers are now timed each lap by the computer and the lowest total time at the end of the race wins. Any mishap during the race like spinouts, bashing, hitting pipes, and the perimeter beams, will increase their time. We have seen slower vehicles win races because they avoided trouble.

The new timing system will also allow us to announce status during the race. This can enhance excitement to drivers and spectators as the lead changes. Once we become efficient operating the new

system, race days and times will be announced. On some race days, we plan to have cookouts so you can come hungry and cheer for your favorite driver.

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Tennis
By Jorge Privat
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The professional players, the big guns of tennis, are about to start the 2016 high level competition; making it exciting to watch and follow our favorite stars of the sport. Midway through this month, The Australian Open will feature top players, such as Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Stan Wawrinka, Rafael Nadal, Richard Gasquet, Key Nishikori, David Ferrer, Tomas Berdych, Andy Murray, among others in the men's, and Serena Williams, Petra Kvitova, Ana Ivanovic, Maria Sharapova, Belinda Bencic, Gennie Buchard, Simona Halep, Madison Keys among others, in the women's.

Anyway, I'm sure you will be watching them on TV and following their journey. Particularly the majors are a good opportunity to learn from the pros and the expert commentators.

On another subject, for those of you who missed our last social gathering, our tennis committee is working on others, and we will post signs and send e-mails to notify you all with the details.

In closing, I would like to echo the sentiments of Don Davis, USTA Florida president, who summed it up in this fashion, "As I've probably mentioned before, I've played in a couple of USTA league teams this year. I also played each week with a great bunch of guys on Thursday night. It's doubles, and for us, it's quite competitive but always friendly. There are four regular participants with several substitutes for

when work, travel or situations intercede, which happens on a regular basis. The sets are rarely blowouts, so, many nights we stay with the same partner but on occasion, we'll play a set with each of the other three players on the court. The point is that through the spring and summer, I've played with a lot of different guys, which is just to my liking.

Well, about a month ago, I was playing with a fellow that I just met this year. His name is Jose and he is of Chinese decent, but I believe he was born and raised for a period of time in Brazil. I'm not sure of all the detail about that, but what I do know is that he is relatively new to the game, say within the past five to six years or so, and he's absolutely captivated by it! He's always the first to the courts and the last to leave and for that whole time, he's talking tennis with anybody that he can engage on the subject. Any part of tennis is open for discussion ... preparation, strategy, placement, the USTA leagues, NTRP ... who, what, or why ... it doesn't matter - Jose will talk to you about it!

Well, one night after a match where Jose was a substitute and my partner, we were sitting with a cold refreshment as we often do, rehashing the match, and whatever else came up. There had been two courts that night, so there were about five or six of us and the subject turned to "why we play the game."

Everybody had a little different take on it, mine being that I'll play as long as my knees hold out but that I got involved with USTA Florida so that I could stay with the game after I could no longer compete. As for Jose, he kept saying "connection, connection, connection." Now, I sometimes have a hard time understanding him, but it finally dawned on me what he meant. What Jose meant is that tennis has become his "connection" with many, many people who love the game, people who he would

probably otherwise never had met except for tennis. Jose speaks Chinese, very well, and probably other languages but for Jose even if there is a bit of a language barrier, tennis has become the common language for him with his friends and now because of tennis, I am one of them! Jose helped put it all in perspective for me.

Tennis is the language I have in common with a lot of my friends and family, and well, all of you reading this column.

Just like Jose, if it hadn't been for tennis, I wouldn't have met all the wonderful folks over the years who love the game as much as I do, but the important thing is that regardless of gender, race, religion, socio-economics, whatever - tennis is our way to communicate - it's what brings us together - it's our common language!

Thanks to Jose, and to all of you! I wish you a wonderful New Year! See you on the courts!



Billiards
By Richard Impresa

As another year comes to an end we can look back at the accomplishments of the billiard community in 2015. Both our men's and ladies teams finished first in their respective leagues. One of our residents (Phil Panzera) won the league's annual nine-ball tournament in 2015 and, as of this writing, we have two players (Mike Carver and Fausto Coste) in the final four of the eight-ball tournament.

If you visit the billiard room around mid-day you will find a steady stream of regulars as well as new residents with their guests enjoying the best adult community billiard facilities in the area. Area realtors frequently bring prospective clients in to see the facilities and talk to the players.

There wouldn't be a Billiard Club without the hard work and foresight of the club's founding fathers. We should all give thanks to Ray Stover, George Tookma-

nian and Art Wilson, our club's equivalent to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin. They debated and wrote the club by-laws and worked tirelessly to improve our room.

The quality of our equipment and the ambiance of our facility is a testament to the commitment of the management team (Theresa Fields, Lynette Vermillion and Kenneth Colen). The dedication of the Billiard Club board (Joe Amigliore, Penny Wilson and Mike Retter) and all the club members who helped make ours a great room. The World News deserves a special thanks for their cooperation and guidance with these monthly columns.

Beginning next month, this column will be written by Phil Panzera. Phil is our club's newly elected recording secretary and is an accomplished three-cushion billiard player. He has his own billiard website and instructional YouTube videos. I am confident you will find his columns articulate and instructive. I hope you have enjoyed reading these columns as much as I have enjoyed writing them for the past several years. So long for now, keep stroking and keep your tip dry.



Softball
By Bill Leon

The regular softball league took the Thanksgiving week off. The softball players who were not traveling formed two teams and headed to Stone Creek for a game. Out of the two games played, On Top of the World won both games. We played Stone Creek again on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015.

Our league started up again after Thanksgiving with a little more weight on the players. The Last Frontier Autos team was first place for a few weeks but has now fallen into second place behind Pavarotti's Pizza and Tee Pee Tire. Both teams have come alive and have been squeaking out

wins unlike the Last Frontier team who have been struggling at the bat.

It's still early in the season so anything can happen and it usually does. The Ceibert Wealth team is holding their own but can't seem to get over that .500 mark. But with a few more wins, they could make a move to the top.

Bewilderment is in the teams of Dr Dunn and Tax Panic. Both teams just can't seem to play in unison and while they both show some signs of coming out of a slump, they just can't seem to hold on to a lead. A few personnel changes have been made in both teams and hopefully it will help getting them some more wins.

Team	Won	Lost
3-Pavarotti's (Paul)	9	5
2-Tee Pee Tire (Jeff)	9	5
4-Las Frontier (Jim)	8	6
5-Ceibert Wealth (Bill)	7	7
6-Tax Panic (Angelo)	5	9
1-Dr. Dunn (Ed)	4	10

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Golf
By Matt Hibbs
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Happy New Year to you and yours from the On Top of the World golf staff. We also would like to thank everyone for a tremendous 2015 and we hope 2016 will be even better.

With a New Year brings New Year's resolutions. If your resolution is an improved golf game then we have the answer for you. Our professional staff has created

a wonderful and exciting golf clinic schedule for 2016. The season kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 9 with a clinic on "Bunkers" at the Candler Hills driving range at 9 a.m. This clinic is \$10 per student. Please register in the Candler Hills Golf Shop no later than Friday, Jan. 8, at 5 p.m. Look for the complete 2016 clinic schedule in both the Candler Hills and On Top of the World Golf Shops.

Congratulations to the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association for defeating the Stone Creek Ladies Golf Association in the inaugural interclub challenge! The real winners were the children as \$1,055 was raised for the local charity, Voices for Children. Thanks to all that participated in raising money for this great organization! A friendly reminder from the golf staff

that all shop credits will expire Monday, Feb. 29. All credit winnings to your account will be posted through the January events. Any winnings during February will be held until the beginning of March to be posted.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, Jan. 16: Superintendent's Revenge, Links, 9 a.m. shotgun
- Friday, Feb. 12: World Sadie Hawkins, Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun. Check Golf shop for details.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Walt Pacuk, hole-in-one #13. Phil Bucchi, hole-in-one #17.
LINKS: Pete Peterson, hole-in-one #6. Andy Bulloch, eagle #17.

Congratulations to all.
Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you get frustrated and upset after each missed shot? Golf is a funny game that with one swing can manipulate your attitude and demeanor for not only your round but the remainder of your day. Keep in mind that everyone hits bad shots, yes including touring professionals. Don't let one swing ruin your round or even your day.

Every round, take a minute to appreciate your surroundings, the birds chirping, the beautiful flowers and trees and the friends you have made playing this wonderful game. Don't let the wonderful things in life pass you by and remind yourself golf is just a game we all enjoy to play. Everyone have a safe and exciting 2016!



Candler Hills Men's Golf
By Joe Alfano

I know I did everything right. I'm certain I did everything right. I warmed up the milk, left an ample and varied assortment of cookies and set the thermostat on toasty. Yet that rotund jolly old soul in the red outfit still didn't leave me the golf swing I so desperately was hoping I would find under the tree. Here's hoping everyone else got what they asked for this holiday season in addition to continued good health and happiness.

At our annual reorganization meeting, Dennis Norris was appointed president, Walt Pacuk is now our tournament director, Garry Gerlach continues to control the purse strings, Tony Mysterly and Randy Ford will share the social chairman's responsibilities and Dan Gill will continue

to liaison with the golf advisory committee. As to yours truly, these guys think my writing and recording prowess should continue for another year. I personally think I'm keeping this secretary's job because I have the best pair of legs amongst us. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Our website has been updated with all necessary and pertinent information. There are no surprises as to the games we will play this coming year but it would behoove all members to peruse the 2016 schedule for specific dates that may be important to y'all.

We will continue to celebrate a number of holidays in the coming year with complimentary appetizers and refreshments but we did have to quash some suggestions. Sadly, we will not be celebrating Pirates Appreciation Day, Bastille Day, National Hug Day and Royal Hobart Regatta Day. Nice try fellas!

A warm welcome to new member Glenn Nunn and don't believe the rumor that this bunch "tis not for the faint of heart." Though we are not inclined to

ward cajoling or flattery, there's not a societal popinjay amongst us. Rest assured that the subterranean element that binds us all together is the golf and the spurring conversation post-round. Anyone else interested in playing in such an environment can contact me at tjalf@otowhomes.com for more information.

Someone was once heard to comment concerning golf that, "it's always a case of what if versus what might have been." For Julian Hobby (73), Larry Kettlewell (74), Walt Pacuk (75), Bryant Giffin (76), Ron Fulton and Chris Jett (77), Garry Gerlach and Jon Hill (78) and Ken Zweiback (79), it was a case of "what it is!"

As always, allow me to continue to wish everyone "a life full of nothing but fairways and greens" and a hearty and healthy happy New Year!

Individual Stableford Nov. 17, 2015

Crosby Flight: 44-Julian Hobby; 42-Bryant Giffin; Tie at 41-Walt Pacuk & Ron Fulton.
Stills Flight: Tie at 43-Ken Zweiback &

Joe Alfano; 42-Gil Brooks; Tie at 39-Bob Hutson & RL Moore.
Nash Flight: 41-Tim Beaty; 39-Dennis Norris; 38-Jim Tait; Tie at 37-Jim McGrath & Dale Budd.
Young Flight: Tie at 39-Rich Freeman, Don Huston & Randy Ford; Tie at 36-Ed Viloria & Rick Lilly.

Four-Man Three Best Balls Nov. 24, 2015

195-Dave Martin, Paul Rubly, Joe Jingco & Rich Freeman; Tie at 197-Mike Deahl, Dave Miller, JC Van Bloom & Andy Bulloch and Julian Hobby, Jim Andrews, Dennis McCourt & Marvin Brooks; 198-Walt Pacuk, Gene Moff, Gil Brooks & Don Huston.

Four-Man Red/White/Blue Scramble Dec. 1, 2015

58-Julian Hobby, Ron Thompson, Dennis McCourt & Jim Harvey; 59-Ron Fulton, Mike Romm, Dale Budd & Randy Ford; 60-Chris Jett, Ken Zweiback, Rick Hiel & Ed Pozsony; 61-Bryant Giffin, Steve Rice, Tim Beaty & John Podkomorski.



Men's Golf Association
By Tom Cummings

As another year comes to a close, the MGA would like to thank all the golf employees for all the things they do so we may enjoy our golf.

The player assistants are always helpful as are the ones in the Golf Shops. The courses are both in very good shape thanks to the grounds crew. The pros do a lot more than most people know to help

us out. Being on the board of directors is a thankless job but without them there would be no MGA and they do a good job of keeping things going. Again, many thanks to all.

Here is wishing everyone a happy 2016!

Chicken Day Scramble Nov. 4, 2015

Tie at 63-George Lineman, Carl Zeiler, Tom Martinetto, Ed Rossi; Jim Merrick, Dave Miller (CH), Jack Hegarty, Tony Capillo; Tie at 64-Len Ruble, Dave Schaefer, Pete Trgovic, Danny James; Terry Connoly, R.D. Zink, Mike Flynn, Dave Miller; Robert Meyer, Ed Schwinn, Jim Harvey, Larry Chase.

Beat the Pro

Nov. 11, 2015
14 members accomplished this.

Individual Net Nov. 18, 2015

Flight 1: Tie at 67-John Langville, John Hudacik; Tie at 71-Rudy Normandin, Gary Hassett, Dennis Brown; 72-Terry Hoppes.

Flight 2: Tie at 68-Dave Hannasch, Dennis McCourt, Tom Fragapane; Tie at 70-Ed Schwinn, Larry Manion, Carl Zeiler.

Flight 3: 67-Guy Russell; Tie at 70-Jack Hegarty, Richard Freeman, Paul East; Tie at 71-Norm Lallier, Ron Abramovich, Dennis Pope.

Flight 4: 68-Phelps White; Tie at 69-Phil Johnson, Jerry Ashe, Ed Duke; Tie

at 70-Bob Moravec, Paul Perrault.
Flight 5: 67-George Lineman; 68-Doug Coleman; 70-Clarence Higdon; Tie at 71-John Ricciardone, Bernie James.

4 Men, 3 Best Ball Nov. 25, 2015

206-Larry Manion, Dale Budd, Armando Pena; Tie at 207-Jay Bouton, Dave Hannasch, Phil Johnson, Joe Polizzotti; Carl Singleton, Larry Rourke, Jerry Ashe, Clarence Higdon; 209-Len Ruble, Gene Sohler, Mike Almond, Dave Miller.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf

By Judith Parisi

Best wishes to all for a happy New Year! We can look forward to play opportunities this upcoming year on both the Links and the beautifully renovated Tortoise & The Hare.

Why would you not be a member of this fantastic league and enjoy weekly play and get together after play at The Pub as well as the multitude of special events that are upcoming throughout the year? If you play golf, have a handicap, and enjoy a morning on the course, you should consider joining with us. Details on joining is on our website at otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com. Take a few minutes to look at our site including the pictures.

And as we head into the New Year, remember this quote from Arnold Palmer, "Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

Come join us as we enjoy the trials and tribulations of playing. The league celebrated the holiday season with a festive Christmas party at Bella Cucina on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015. Thank you to Linda Dumeer for chairing this event. There was a fabulous dinner, gift exchange and much excitement. See our website for pictures.

We hope you marked your calendar for the events that are coming in 2016. The dates are listed on our website but you will also want to mark your digital or in my case, paper calendar so you won't book anything to conflict.

3s and 5s Individual Net Nov. 17, 2015

Flight 1: 20-Mervyn Paz, Lorraine Rourke, and Linda Dumeer; 21-Kay Budd and Eileen Gustavus.

Flight 2: 19-Pat Gill and Marlene Floeckher, 20-Judy Parisi, 21-Joyce

Smith, 22-Sheila Ashe. Flight 3: 15-Constance Deignan, 18-Pat Maine, 21-Linda Heenan and Dodie Phillips.

Flight 4: 19-Claire Pardee, 20-Charmaine Hassett, 21-Barbara Enos and Diane Barnaby.

Solheim Scramble, Shamble, Best Ball Nov. 24, 2015

31-Connie Deignan, Sheila Ashe, Cheryl Duke, and Mervyn Paz; 33-Linda Mandala, Betty Jo Dent, Pat Maine, Louise Lineman; Tie at 34-Lorraine Rourke, Jane Wilson, Jean Flynn, and Dodie Phillips and Kathy Hall, Mary Ann McCourt, Kay Baker and Michael Beyer.

Team Gross Scramble Dec. 1, 2015

40-Karen Piccolo, Patricia Howd, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Mary Vlieg; 40-Virginia Bayless, Joan Rappa, Diane Barnaby; 41-Linda Dumeer, Carol Bell, Clare Pardee; 42-Kay Budd, Mary Ann McCourt, Connie Deignan, Carolyn Abramovich; 42-Janis Hannash, Pauline Beloin, Cathleen Hathaway; 43-Mike Beyer, Grace Bock, Linda Heenan, Marianne Ingwersen; 43-Caroline East, Joyce Smith, Kathy Hall, Mary Harvey; 43-Lorraine Rourke, Betty Jo Dent, Louise Lineman, Charmaine Hassett.

Member Member-Team Net Dec. 8, 2015

31-Lorraine Rourke and Mike Beyer; 32-Joan Rappa and Grace Bock; 33-Kay Budd and Mary Ann McCourt; 33-Eileen Gustavus and Barbara Enos.



Model Railroaders

By Jim Lynam

The members of the Model Railroaders sincerely hope that everyone who viewed the three-rail layout at Master the Possibilities enjoyed the experience. We hope that viewing the steam engine and the various operating cars brought back many fond memories from Christmases past. For those who may be interested in continuing with the "Lionel" scale trains, please be sure to stop in to the club's main layout room on the first floor of the Recreation Center.

The club also hopes that you were able to visit the main HO layout at the end of December 2015. The variety of steam engines as well as diesel locomotives hauling passengers and freight was absolutely amazing! The scale miniaturization of the layout is spectacular. As we tell the visitors, "the more you look the more detail you will see!"

The members of the Model Railroaders would like to acknowledge and thank Jim Lynam, Bob Wilkes, Paul Lewandowski, Charlie Vartanian and Al Lohr for their service as club officers for 2015. Through their leadership and with the help from many of the club members, new "O scale" modules were constructed and completed in 2015 and were displayed at Master the Possibilities during December 2015.

In addition, the HO layout received realistic blinking lights, buildings, car crossings, landscaping, and numerous scale details to enhance the realism of the display. A new main line for freight was created and implemented into the layout, which increased the length of the main line by more than 20 feet. A center for fueling and sanding both steam and diesel locomotives was also incorporated into the layout, as well as an unloading facility for the oil tank cars. The rolling stock increased with the addition of operating boxcars, log cars, pipe cars, slag cars and dumping coal hoppers.

A spreadsheet was also created to keep an accurate inventory of the locomotives, rolling stock and businesses that the railroad will serve. This is in anticipation of operating the layout next year in the same manner as the full-scale railroads operate today.

To continue the progress into the New Year, the club wishes to congratulate the elected officers for 2016: President Jim Lynam; Vice President Bob Wilkes; Secretary Paul Lewandowski; Treasurer Charlie Vartanian; and Director Al Lohr.

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

Our next monthly meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Meeting Room #3 (Poker Room) of the Hobby Building. Happy New Year to everyone!



Photo by Judy Parisi

Executive committee planning session with Ethel Miller, Mike Beyer, and Kay Budd and Linda Dumeer, Jane Wilson, and Eileen Gustavus.

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Shuffleboard

By Grace Rohde

A shuffleboard match with The Villages took place on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 at On Top of the World. After everyone had a chance to meet each other, they found their places at the courts. We each had 16 players. Not only were the players anxious to compete, but they were ready to enjoy a game of shuffleboard with others from another community.

In all, we played 24 games, with the score ending in 17 for The Villages and seven for On Top of the World. Even though we lost, we still had a great time. Some of our new players also joined us that day. It was a good experience for them, not only for the competition, but also to have fun and fellowship with others who we have never competed with before.

Our top players were Nancy Dreimiller, Jim Baker, Maxine Malone and Armann Rohde.

The shuffleboard match was organized by our tournament director, Peter Van

Arsdale with Ed Daly from The Villages. Both teams had a chance to socialize between and after the games, while having refreshments served by Maxine Malone and Dottie Migliaccio, our social chairpersons. Also, Beverly Van Arsdale baked cookies for the players.

Peter and Ed are making future plans for a rematch in the New Year to be played at The Villages. Peter will keep you posted.

Have any of you gone by the shuffleboard courts on Wednesday mornings lately? If you have, you probably were surprised at all of the ladies who were there. This ladies only team is growing and filling up fast. Word got out about this fun-loving group; there are only a few openings left on this team. If you are interested, call Lois Nix, captain, at (352) 854-0558. Or stop by the courts on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

If you would like to learn more about the Shuffleboard Club, there will be a Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Recreation Center. Look for our booth, then stop and visit with us to find out what our club is all about.

The 2015 Florida Senior Games took place in Clearwater on Saturday, Dec. 5 and concluded on Sunday, Dec. 13. They had almost 2,000 athletes compet-



Photo by Armann Rohde

Players from On Top of the World and The Villages all set to compete in a shuffleboard match.

ing in 24 sports. Darryl Kenyon, resident shuffleboard player, competed in the singles shuffleboard tournament. In his age group, Darryl took second place, and he won a silver medal. When you see Darryl, remember to congratulate him on his achievement.

The winners in league play for November were as follows:

Men

Monday a.m.: Henry Erikson.
Tuesday p.m.: Jim Smith and Frank Scinlari.
Wednesday p.m.: Bob Durst.
Thursday a.m.: John Basch.
Friday a.m.: Jim Youngman.

Women

Monday a.m.: Vickie Lentz.
Tuesday p.m.: Maxine Malone.
Wednesday a.m.: Vicky Murray.
Wednesday p.m.: Linda McIntyre.
Thursday a.m.: Jane Boyer.
Friday a.m.: Shirley Lindsay.

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Men

Tuesday p.m.: Rick Vogel and Frank Scinlari.

Women

Tuesday p.m.: Cassie Smith.
Wednesday a.m.: Ellen Brin and Peggy Ellenberger.



Stamp Club

By Joe Rosinski

I'd like to start out by wishing you all a very happy New Year. It seems like 2015 just started and now it's over; time sure flies!

You might have noticed in the December issue of the World News that there was a photo of our president Stan Lander presenting a three-volume set of Mystic Stamp Company's American Heirloom Collection album to Doris Lumpkin, the winner of a raffle held during our recent stamp show. Our sincere thanks go out to the Mystic Stamp Company for their generous donation of this fine set of albums.

Stop by our table at the upcoming Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center. There are a lot of things besides stamps that make up the philatelic hobby. Stop by our table and take a look at some of the things we have to offer. I will also have a 1900s Christmas postcard on display.

Our Wednesday, Dec. 2 meeting was highlighted by our annual election of officers for the upcoming year. Don Parsells did a fine job of coming up with a slate of

candidates. Our executive board for 2016, as voted on by our members, is as follows: Steve Main, president; Russell Rumney, vice president; John Renyhart, secretary; and Elliot Natale, treasurer. Only one member of the new board is a rookie, with the remainder having served in previous years. Our thanks to all of them for volunteering their time and efforts on behalf of the club.

We're always on the lookout for some new blood in all of these positions. There are other areas that also require someone to spend some time on including membership chair, librarian, web master, and historian.

If you think you might have an interest in the hobby and would like more information, you can contact me at rosinski-joe@gmail.com. We can also be found on the web at ocalagfstampclub.com where there is a lot of other information about the club and some of the activities we are involved in.

At the request of one of our members, Al Kremer, the club is looking into the purchase of a projector that could be used with a laptop for our monthly presentations. We will, hopefully, make a decision on one in the near future. Thank you for reading our column and hope to see you at the Club Fair in a couple of weeks.

Information Is a Valuable Thing

Join us to learn about long-term care insurance and guardianships and to get your hearing checked.

Understand Long-Term Care Insurance
Thursday, December 10 | 2 to 4 p.m. | Brookdale Paddock Hills
Join us as guest speaker Bill Hon, agent with State Farm Insurance Company, discusses long-term care insurance. You'll learn who is a candidate for long-term care insurance and what it covers, and you'll discover which policy is best for you.
For reservations, call (352) 622-9696 by December 8.

Learn About Guardianship
Thursday, January 14 | 2 to 4 p.m. | Brookdale Canopy Oaks
Guest speaker Lona Hale with Florida State Guardianship Association will explain what a guardianship is and who may need a guardian. She will also discuss who monitors and regulates guardians and how to begin a guardianship proceeding. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.
For reservations, call (352) 861-4444 by January 11.

Get Your Hearing Checked
Thursday, January 28 | 2 to 4 p.m. | Brookdale Pinecastle
Stop by Brookdale Pinecastle to get your hearing tested by Beneficial Hearing Clinic. They will also be glad to answer any questions or concerns you have.
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Larry's Fit Tips
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Welcome to the Recreation Fitness Center!

Welcome to a New Year and welcome to your Recreation Fitness Center! There is no better time than the start of this New Year to begin a wellness program.

Let me start by inviting you to our free, weekly fitness center orientation. The orientations are conducted every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Please call ((352) 854-8707 ext. 7534) or stop by the fitness center to reserve your spot as space is limited.

The orientation is designed to introduce you to the equipment in the fitness center and guide you with exercise selection that is safe and effective. Our fitness center has 16 Cybex strength-training machines, nine Star Trac treadmills, two Concept 2 rowers, five recumbent bikes, four Nu-Step machines and three Precor elliptical trainers. We also have an assortment of free weights, a functional trainer (cable machine) and an assisted chin and dip machine. Getting acquainted with the fitness center is an important first step to your exercise routine.

Now let me shed some light on the five components of fitness. Understanding the five components of fitness will help you choose the right exercises and build a balanced workout.

1. Cardiovascular fitness – 30 to 60 minutes of moderate, aerobic exercise is recommended most days of the week to improve or maintain your cardiovascular health. We have a great selection of cardio machines for you to choose from. The fitness center orientation will help you select the piece of equipment that is best for you and demonstrate how each of the machines work.
2. Muscular strength – Each one of the strength training machines has a specific purpose, to strengthen a particular muscle or group of muscles. The orientation will highlight how each machine operates and how you can adjust it to meet your individual needs. I will also provide some general guidance on how to set up a strength-training program using reps, sets and load.
3. Muscular Endurance – Your en-

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Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Indoor pool closed for cleaning every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Outdoor pool closed for cleaning first Wednesday of every month

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

* Fitness Pass required to attend class

Rules for Lap Swimming:

1. Swimmers should swim on the line.
2. If lanes are full, share the lanes.
3. When sharing lanes, swimmers of matched speed should share lane.

Recreation Center Pool

Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to dusk. Closed for cleaning the last Wednesday of every month.

Children permitted Monday through Friday, noon until dusk, all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

duration affects your overall health. Muscular endurance and cardiovascular endurance go hand in hand. Improving the endurance of your muscles allows them to work for longer periods of time before fatiguing. Building your muscular endurance will allow you to walk farther, dance longer, and keep up with the grand kids!

4. Flexibility – As we age, we lose flexibility, unfortunately this will inhibit the range of motion you have at your joints. When flexibility diminishes you will notice that you may not be able to reach as high, bend down as low, or look over your back shoulder when driving in reverse! Stretching is the best way to improve your flexibility. Most fitness experts recommend a daily routine of stretching. The fitness center has a Precor Stretch Trainer; this unique piece of equipment allows you to stretch most major muscles groups without having to lie down on the floor.
5. Body Composition – Body composition is the percentage of fat in your body as compared to your lean mass (muscles, bones, organs, etc.). Regular exercising can transform or redistribute your body composition by burning fat and

increasing muscle mass. The fitness center orientation will provide you with the knowledge you need to start a safe and effective exercise program. Boost your confidence and your motivation to get active, come join one of our orientations soon! Don't forget to call or stop by to reserve your spot as space is limited. (352) 854-8707 ext. 7534.

FIT TIP #1: Strength train on non-consecutive days so that your muscles have

time to rest and rebuild. **FIT TIP #2:** Make your workouts efficient; a 30 minute cardio activity paired with 30 minutes of strength training provides you a great workout in one hour.

FIT TIP #3: Don't forget to stretch! No matter what type of workout you do, add a few minutes of stretching exercises to reduce stiffness and maintain good range of motion at your joints.



Monday Bowling League
By Bob Lingis

After 14 weeks of bowling ending Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 it looks like team #17 the Snowbirds have landed and are the team to beat. They have held on to first place since week five of the bowling season. Team #5, the Strikers, are in second place and team #14, Here 4 the Beer, in third place. This week's high scores:

- Men**
- High Game Scratch**
230-Jim Shepherd; 213-Danny James; 205-Bill Hull.
- High Series Scratch**
584-Jim Shepherd; 543-Billy Boone; 533-Bob Vitale.
- Women**
- High Games Scratch**
237-Debby Wilson; 212 Carol Oman; 193-Lesley Casey.
- High Series Scratch**
605-Debby Wilson; 569-Lesley Casey; 521-Linda McIntyre.
- Season-to-date achievements:
- Men**
- High Average**
188-Billy Boone; 182-Bob Vitale; 180-Jim Shepherd.
- High Game Scratch**
255-Dennis Turnipseed; 255-Jim Shepherd; 246-Bob Vitale.
- High Series Scratch**
666-Billy Boone; 630-Bob Vitale; 613-Bill Hull.
- High Game Handicap**

280-Jim Shepherd; 274-Roy Turner; 272-Dennis Turnipseed.

High Series Handicap
737-Roy Turner; 718-Bill Hull; 717 Bob Bernabo.

Women

High Average
179-Debby Wilson; 166-Carol Oman; 158-Linda McIntyre.

High Game Scratch
265-Debby Wilson; 235-Carol Oman; 225-Barbara Lingis.

High Series Scratch
644-Debby Wilson; 567-Carol Oman; 562-Linda McIntyre.

High Game Handicap
279-Barbara Lingis; 273-Joyce Machor; 270-Carol Oman.

High Series Handicap
737-Joyce Machor; 692-Debby Wilson; 685-Linda McIntyre.

Teams

High Game Scratch
752-OSIMA; 747-Alley Cats; 728-Invalids.

High Series Scratch
2130-Go Getters; 1973-Here 4 the Beer; 1920-The Four.

High Game Handicap
912-Should 'A Beens; 901-High Hopes; 879-Snowbirds.

High Series Handicap
2510-Strikers; 2503-Spare Me Not's; 2497-Yahoo's.

We hope everyone had a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. We will bowl for position when we return after the Christmas and New Year break on Monday, Jan. 4. As always, we are looking for new bowlers to join our league. If you are interested, please contact George Difrancesco at (352) 342-1667.

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Fitness Happenings

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Happy New Year, Make it a Healthy One!

It's the perfect time of the year to consider your personal wellness and reflect on what you can do to bring more health and happiness into your life. There is no mystery as to why some people seem to exude happiness and positivity; they embrace wellness through the decisions that they make every day. Wellness is a way of life; it is a state of being healthy in both body and mind especially as the result of deliberate effort.

On Top of the World has a vast opportunity for engaging in activities that represent the seven dimensions of wellness: physical, social, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, vocational and environmental. As we age, it is important to keep the body moving, keep the brain thinking, maintain strong social connections and keep the spirit soaring. I can think of no better resource for these opportunities than the Recreation & Wellness Connections publication out this month! A copy is included with all home-delivered issues of the World News or pick up your copy at the Recreation Center to discover what seems like endless activities for aging optimally.

If you add in the creative and intellectual pursuits at Master the Possibilities, you have a huge selection of wellness offerings to fill up your 2016 calendar. Here is a glimpse at some of the new wellness programming at the Recreation Center and Master the Possibilities.

1. Fitness demonstrations by our very own residents at the annual Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get inspired by your peers as you witness their mastery at Zumba Gold, Tai Chi, yoga, strength training and more!
2. Strength training workshops at the Recreation Center to help you understand the "why and how" of proper training techniques. The correct execution of strength exercises will ensure that your workouts are not only safe but effective. Join personal trainers from the Recreation Fitness Center in February for these special workshops.
3. Wellness Series at Master the Possibilities: "Embracing Wellness for Optimal Aging." Come discover how adopting the multi-dimensions of wellness can improve the health of your body and brain! This session looks at why it can be difficult to adopt new, healthy behaviors and what you can do to empower yourself for success. Come find out how to live long and strong on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 3 p.m.
4. Get Moving Series at Master the Possibilities: "Caring for our Carriage." This is a detailed presentation on the importance of good posture and how you can achieve it. Join Jessica Pinkowski on Friday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. for this important class.
5. "Lose for Life" is a weekly weight loss support group at Master the Possibilities. Starting in February, join me along with guest instructors on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. for all

FITNESS SCHEDULE

Recreation Center Effective: January 2016

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00-8:50 <i>Fitness Room</i>	Zumba Mix <i>Madelyne</i>	Fit & Flexible <i>Mary</i>	Wednesday Warrior <i>Jessica</i>	Fit & Flexible <i>Mary</i>	Dance Party <i>Jessica</i>
9:00-9:50 <i>Fitness Room</i>	Tai Chi <i>Art</i>	KBKB <i>Han</i>	Stretch For The Stars <i>Jessica</i>	KBKB <i>Han</i>	Essential Stretch <i>Mary</i>
10:00-10:45 <i>Fitness Room</i>	Balance Body <i>Madelyne</i>	Chair Yoga <i>Kathy</i>	Balance Body <i>Jessica</i>	Chair Yoga <i>Kathy</i>	Balance Body <i>Madelyne</i>
<i>New Time!</i> 10:45-11:30 <i>Ballroom</i>	ZUMBA gold <i>Kitti</i>		ZUMBA gold <i>Kitti</i>		ZUMBA gold <i>Madelyne</i>
10:45-11:30 <i>Fitness Room</i>	S.O.S. <i>Larry</i>	S.O.S. <i>Jessica</i>	S.O.S. <i>Larry</i>	S.O.S. <i>Cammy</i>	S.O.S. <i>Larry</i>
11:45-12:30 <i>Fitness Room</i>	Get Fit While You Sit <i>Kitti</i>	Golden Oldies Groove <i>Jessica</i>	Get Fit While You Sit <i>Kitti</i>	Golden Oldies Groove <i>Cammy</i>	Get Fit While You Sit <i>Madelyne</i>
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* <i>Larry</i>	Shallow Water Aerobics* <i>Barb</i>	Deep Water Aerobics* <i>Larry</i>	Shallow Water Aerobics* <i>Barb</i>	Deep Water Aerobics* <i>Larry</i>
9:15-10:15 Ballroom	Yoga* <i>Barb Anne</i>		Hatha Yoga* <i>Barb Anne</i>	(10:00) Intro Tai Chi <i>Art</i>	Meditative Yoga* (Fitness Studio) <i>Stuart</i>
11:45-12:45 Fitness Studio	Adult Karate* <i>Art</i>			(11:00) Tai Chi For Joint Health* <i>Art</i>	

*Denotes Fee Based Class

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

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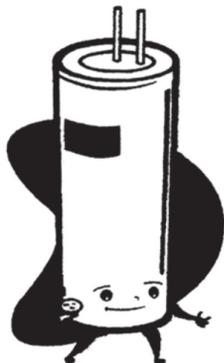
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Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole

By Judith Parisi

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year! As you compile your list of New Year's resolutions, consider joining the Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole League. It is a wonderful group of ladies who enjoy the camaraderie golf provides. You can find out more about us by visiting our website at chlga9.shutterfly.com.

The ladies changed from their golf shoes to their party shoes on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 to celebrate the holidays at Bella Cucina in Oak Run. A wonderful dinner was provided!

It was a festive evening organized by Vicki Olson and her committee comprised of Mary Giannukos, Carol Deahl, Lois Laine, Marilyn Mizrachi, Janice Sturm and Mary Harvey. There were donations by the ladies to Toys for Tots and a gift exchange that was highlighted by a guest appearance from Santa himself. To see the pictures from the evening, check out our website.

In November 2015, we had a contingent of golfers from the Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole League to participate in



Photo by Renee Aden

CHLGA-9 members enjoying the Christmas party with Santa.

the nine hole ladies Golf Around (GAR) hosted by the Stonecrest Ladies League in Summerfield. The feedback from our league was quite positive, describing the event as very enjoyable, with the participants from the other leagues being wel-

coming and friendly. Stonecrest provided a delicious seasonal luncheon. Our ladies represented us well with many of them "in the money" for the different flights. We have set up a special website for GAR. You can either go into the site directly at chlga9golfaround.shutterfly.com or you can go into our regular website and un-

der favorites click on the hyperlink for the Golf Around. This new website has photos as well as the results of play. Further, the site contains by-laws, rules and policies, as well as an excerpt on golf rules – a good refresher before play.

Another GAR is coming up this month and will be hosted by Spruce Creek Preserve. Some of our planned participants will be going out to Spruce Creek Preserve before the event to get better acquainted with their course. Hit 'em long and not too often!

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Flight 2 Low Gross: 57-Kathy Hall.
Flight 2 Low Net: 40-Cathy McKeithan.
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Flight 4 Low Gross: 57-Susan Layne.
Flight 4 Low Net: 37-Mary Giannukos.

Scramble, Two Drives Each Nov. 19, 2015

41-Fran Greenfield, Deborah Malo, Julie Crudele, Nancy Dreimiller; Tie at 43-Carol Deahl, Pat Gill, Mary Giannukos, Susan Layne and Virginia Redden, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Olive Curtin, and Eve Harvey.

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Bocce

By Michelle Malsch

This is how we roll! The Bocce Club held its annual Christmas party luncheon on Friday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m., in the Arbor Conference Center. What a fun time and bountiful feast it was! Members provided so many delicious side dishes and desserts. The Bocce Club board provided egg, ham, and chicken salad sandwiches. Coffee, iced tea and lemonade were provided and a cash bar provided by Friendship Catering was available as well.

Seventy-six members and their guests dined on a delicious variety of foods and desserts as good will was in the air as members shared their plans for the holidays. A

50/50 raffle was held, as well as a raffle for 10 poinsettias that adorned the tables as centerpieces, and a basket of cheer was also raffled off. Good times, food, and friends! All had a jolly good time!

League play will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 9 a.m. Open bocce will resume on Monday, Jan. 4.

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.

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, Bocce Club at (608) 553-1602. Until we roll again ...

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Dancin' On the Top

By Richard P. Vullo

Happy New Year! Members of Dancin' On the Top will be attending their New Year's Eve dance tonight (Dec. 31, 2015) at the Recreation Center. Our members will have the opportunity to dress in their finest, with many men in tuxedos and ladies in gowns. It will be an elegant evening with over 230 members and their guests dancing to the music of Automatic.

Our decorating committees will again show their talent in presenting outstanding displays celebrating the New Year.

Their efforts in creating the displays are appreciated by all. Our food committee will treat our members to a cornucopia of hors d'oeuvres and sweets throughout the evening.

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 the Dancin' On the Top, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293.

Our next dance is our traditional "Sweetheart Dance" on Saturday, Feb. 13. Our decorating committees are already working on creating displays to "wow" our members, and our food committee will be providing our special pastry display for all to enjoy. Our final dance for this season is on Saturday, April 9 (Spring Fling).

Dancin' On the Top is an all-volunteer

club and we encourage members to participate in helping, in any capacity, to support our resident dances. 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.



Ballet Club

By Eugenie Martin

As the new year starts, many of us seem to take stock of the year that is passing. In our ballet group, 2015 has been a year of growth. We have added two new introductory ballet classes to our roster, and more than doubled our membership. It makes my co-teacher, Julia Sines, and me very happy to be able to provide free ballet classes to a larger group of people. Right now, all of our dancers are women, but we welcome men as well.

Our classes are all held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent to the indoor swimming pool. The two introductory classes are held on Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon and on Fridays, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The more advanced classes are held on Mondays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 2:15 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Newcomers are always welcome to our ballet classes and no previous experience is necessary. If you do not have ballet clothes, you can just wear exercise clothes and socks, and bring a bottle of water, of course. If you are interested in attending our classes, please call me first. That way, I can determine what class or classes would best suit you, and Julie or I can be ready to welcome you and fit you into the class.

We have had a good 2015, and look forward to a wonderful 2016. Happy New Year to all, and happy dancing!



Line Dancing

By George Conklin

Think of all the friends you make line dancing. When we come to On Top of the World most of us are strangers. We meet the people next door and then what? Just join one of the line dance groups.

We have dancers from the newest members of the community and those who have lived here for years. There are dancers from all our neighborhoods. We have had Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's parties this year; all with friends we have met dancing.

Whether you dance once a week for the low-impact aerobic exercise at the Monday classes or show off your skills at Happy Hour and/or The Town Square, you will meet new people and be dancing with friends. The CDs we play at The Town Square have a variety of speeds and rhythms to match most of the dances from our newcomer through improver classes.

Dance with us at Happy Hour every Friday night; The Town Square every Friday and Saturday night; and the Recreation Center Ballroom every second Thursday of the month.

Come dance with us, just stay in line and step when the drum goes thump.

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



Square Dancing

By Walter Lamp

Happy New Year to all of our friends and neighbors! Have a great 2016!

On Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, we kept our promise and visited our friends down in Royal Squares in Leesburg. We retrieved our banner and enjoyed their company for the evening.

Our "Holiday Cookie Dance" on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 was a great success. We had so many homebaked cookies on display and for eating by the folks who attended. And yes, we even found time to dance.

On Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, many of us have plans to dance and eat at various locations. We all look forward to bringing in the New Year tonight!

On Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Recreation Center Ballroom, we will be celebrating winter, at least for our friends and families up north with our "Snowflake Ball Dance." The guest caller will be Scotty Scharrer from Delray Beach. Scotty is truly one of our favorite callers and we are glad he is back. Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick will be the cuers for the evening. This is their first time up here with us.

Bob Lockwood was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy of vice president. Thanks Bob!

We have a lot more events planned for the coming months, so stay tuned.



Sidekicks Western Dance Club

By Tony & Carla Magri

Our Christmas party is now history, and a great party it was. The first of our two catered events was a barbeque dinner, followed by a dance demonstration by our experienced dancers for our beginners. We previewed some of the dances our new folks will be learning for the rest of the dance year. After the demonstration, all of our dancers took to the floor to work off some of our delicious dinner.

Before we know it, we will be ringing in the New Year with our annual New Year's party. A potluck of hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic champagne toast at midnight, lots of socializing between members, and dancing, dancing, dancing are on the agenda. This is always a great party and this year will be no exception.

We look forward to our beginners putting the eight (yes, eight) dances they've learned on the floor and they'll be joined by our more experienced folks doing their "thing". All will surely have a good time.

The Sidekicks wish everyone in the community and their families a very happy, healthy and safe new year.

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Mah Jongg

By Mary Ehle

Happy New Year to all the wonderful mah jongg players at On Top of the World. I hope that this last year you enjoyed the game more and more each week. I know how addictive this game can be and I hope you had fun!

Remember that having a fun time is what it is all about! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful place to live where we can get together with friends and enjoy ourselves as often as we want to.

On that note, don't forget the tournament on Saturday, March 5. It is just around the corner so call me today to reserve your seat. Don't forget to order your new 2016 card in January. Have you played and won all the hands on the current card? How about 112233444455555? That is one that doesn't get much use as well as 113355777799999. Look your card over and see what you have been ignoring. Get familiar with all the hands and you will be surprised at how your luck will change. Jokers to you.

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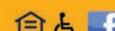
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New Pretenders Show Premieres in February

By Bill Shampine

The New Pretenders will be performing on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 and 6, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Ticket sales are hot, but there still are good seats available.

We always have prided ourselves on

having outstanding costumes for the troupe, and go to considerable effort to make this happen. For many years, Charley Earl was in charge of dreaming up the costumes and getting them prepared. She, and her helpers, did a great job for us. More recently, Fran Allan has taken over

the responsibility for the costumes. Rita Miller and Jeanne Wise, along with Jeanette Wroblewski and Connie Filip, are assisting Fran, but she makes the final decisions.

The job gets more elaborate and more complex every year. This season, for example, Fran and her assistants will have gathered, modified, or made, 109 different costumes for the upcoming two-hour show in February. These ladies are doing a fantastic job for us, and we could not be more proud of them and their efforts.

I am often asked where we get our costumes. They come from a wide array

of sources. Some are personal clothes. Our loyal fans in the community donate some. Some are purchased from second-hand stores, such as Divine Providence or Goodwill, or at estate sales. Some parts (tie, shirt, blouse, etc.) are purchased from various stores when they are on deep discount. Finally, many are modified from our large stock of costumes, or even completely handmade by our very talented group of seamstresses. As you might suspect, we are very frugal and try to stretch our dollars as far as possible.

Over the years, we have had some pretty spectacular costumes. For example, we have had people dressed as raisins, a streaker, a lady taking a shower, men and women dressed in drag, a witch, ancient cavemen and cavewomen, monks, old men, sexy women, almost anything! It has been great fun for us, and, we hope, entertaining for you.

I also get asked periodically about what is involved in joining The New Pretenders. Frankly, we never know when we might need new members, so I always tell folks that I am happy to gather some basic contact information and place them on a waiting list. We may need someone right away or we may not need anyone for a couple of years; we just don't know. So, if you are interested, give me a call at (352) 873-0753, or stop me some time when you see me and let me know of your potential interest.

For now, however, go to the Recreation Center Ballroom and buy a ticket for one of our February performances. We will be waiting for you from 8 to 10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.



Photo by Jeanne Wise

Fran Allan, Pat Biggers, Joie Kurtz, A.J. Smallwood, Edie Dieckman, Carol Shisler, and Shirley Schopf trying their costume for one of the songs in the 2016 show of The New Pretenders.

Concert Chorus Presented 'Christmas Around the World'

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Concert Chorus would like to thank all those who came and supported our winter concert, "Christmas Around the World" on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did bringing it to you. There is nothing like performing for a large audience! Thank you also for your generous donations.

A great deal of credit goes to our director, Audrey Strong, who worked so hard putting this show together. Her patience and never failing enthusiasm kept the chorus members going. Also thanks go to our pianist Ken Sarsony for sharing his talents and accompanying our performance.

Not noted in the program was Marietta Villaneuva, a member of the chorus, who added credibility by performing a beautiful Hawaiian hula dance while the chorus sang "Mele Kalikimaka." By the way, did you notice that other hula dancer who at-

tempted to hula like Marietta? That was Steve McDonald, a member of the theatre group, who provided some humor for our show.

Although we just completed our winter concert, the chorus will begin Tuesday, Jan. 5, to practice for our spring concert, "Hooray for Hollywood." We are always looking for residents who like to sing and join us. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Arbor Club Ballroom. So come and check us out, you might like it.

The beginning of a new year is a great time to start some new resolutions like new habits and focus on the things that are really important in life. It can be easy to live in the past and dwell on the things that you could have done in 2015, but starting with a clean slate and doing things the right way in 2016 will make you forget your problems of the past. When was



Photo by George Bausewein

Audrey Strong conducts the Concert Chorus during their concert on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015.

the last time you learned something new? Take the time to learn new skills or hobbies and it will not only make you more interesting, but it could end up helping your career and your personal life.

So while you are thinking about that New Year's resolution and learning something new, consider joining the chorus

and sharing your talents. If you love to sing, we will encourage a lot of that, and even provide some music education and vocal fitness. Be sure to contact Sue Layne, membership chair at (352) 414-5420 with any questions and let her know of your interest.

Good luck and happy New Year to all from the Concert Chorus!

Theatre Group Scholarship

By Steve McDonald



Photo by Anne Merrick

Scholarship recipient Ashley Emrick and Theatre Group President Dick Phillips.

We are pleased to announce that our Nov. 13, 14, and 15, 2015 play was presented as scheduled from the stage of the Recreation Center Ballroom. We sincerely appreciate our residents who attended as well as all the numerous businesses that placed ads in our playbill. Ticket sales and ad sales have once again allowed us to make an additional contribution to our College of Central Florida (CCF) drama student scholarship endowment fund. This year's scholarship recipient, Ashley Emrick, was introduced by President Dick Phillips prior to our Sunday performance, and she graciously thanked us for our contribution to her chosen field.

Over the past few months, our President Dick Phillips has spent numerous hours writing, editing, directing, and assisting others in our cast in order that we may be able to present our November shows to our community. Much appreciation is due him for his outstanding efforts.

Special thanks to the On Top of the World light and sound crew. Additionally, thanks to our videographers, Bill and Jean Monroe, and video editor Brad Pease, for recording our performances. Enormous thanks go to our cast and those members who made additional contributions and they are as follows: Carolle Carlton, stage management, props; Glo Hutchings, stage management, props, make up; Anne Merrick, set design, set decoration, microphones; Jim Merrick, microphones, sound and light planning and coordination, set construction; Gary Rodoff, set construction; Leonard Price, set construction; Dennis and Marion Brenon, set construction; Sherm Hutchings, props construction, set layout, set construction; Lennie

Rodoff, photography, playbill design; Joan Connolly, ticket sales; Betty Broman, CCF scholarship liaison; Ron Broman, usher; Odd Bjerkmann, head usher, playbill advertising, house management; Marie Munroe, usher; Marilyn Bettinger, cast plus stage management; Conrad Massa, cast, set construction; Steve McDonald, cast, sound effects design, publicity, playbill advertising, set construction; Jean Baumgardner, cast; Bree McDonald, cast plus ticket sales, publicity; Dick Phillips, cast, writer, director, miscellaneous other; Bob Cowie, cast; Emery Bjerkmann, cast, ticket sales, house management layout, playbill advertising; Ann Rogers, cast; and Jim Rogers, cast

We had a great cast party at Beef 'O' Brady's after our last performance and enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner at Stone Creek Grille on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 for our members.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month 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 and we have recently added four new members. We 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.

Our story board committee held our first meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015 in preparation for our spring show. 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.



Karaoke Friends

By Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

Sometimes it is just fun to sit and listen to the songs. Tom reminisced about the "Green, Green Grass of Home." Patty and Fred sang "The Reason They Hate Oklahoma" while Rudy told us where he left his heart.

Some commented on the weather. Gary was enjoying "The Rhythm of the Falling Rain" and Norma told us it was "Raining in My Heart." Karen reminisced about being at the shore at Ebb Tide while Bob loves his "September Morn."

What was Tari doing "Walking After Midnight?" Could she be like Donnie looking for "Trouble?" If that was the case,

John told them to pray "Take My Hand Precious Lord."

With all this going on, Ann "Felt the Earth Move Under Her Feet." Shirley felt it too but she warned "Don't Rock the Jukebox." Charlie decided to dream about "Venus." Keith had enough and hopped on that "Long Black Train." Of course we had our phantom, Laura, skate in and Kathy had to watch the "Evil on Her Mind." Tony threw up his hands and said, "You're Breaking My Heart." What a night!

You do not have to be a singer to enjoy karaoke. We have our Dancing Jewels to entertain. Let's meet them.

Linda Petersavage met Laura in the Sidekicks Western Dance Club. Laura invited her to join the Jewels. Being a person who prefers to be in the background, she was flattered beyond belief. Linda felt performing in front of an audience to be second only to having a colonoscopy! What Linda found was a group of ladies who

were great fun. She is now working on overcoming her self-consciousness. Life has become more fun.

Judy Walker is a line dancer. When she was approached to join the group, she thought it would be great exercise. It is great entertainment as well.

Donnell Briggs likes dancing and becoming a Jewel seemed like fun. None of the ladies knew one another before joining. All were from different backgrounds and parts of the country. Laura has inspired her to become a better dancer.

Laura Schnur started the group to be backup to John's karaoke singing. They auditioned for The World's Got Talent last

year. They are turning their attention now to performing in nursing homes. This is a great way to bring joy to others.

Pat Olsen began with Laura dancing for John's songs. She was having fun. When another woman joined the backup dancing, the Dancing Jewels were born. Laura is the choreographer and organizer. She finds Laura to be a great inspiration.

Suzanne Hazlett met Laura at Ballet Club. She was invited to join the group and the rest is history.

All are welcome whether you sing or not. We meet the first and third Mondays in Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there.



Photo by John Schnur

The Dancing Jewels: Linda Petersavage, Judy Walker, Donnella Briggs, Laura Schnur, Pat Olsen, Suzanne Hazlett.



Original Karaoke Group

By George Quaranta

I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah. Every year, we all start out making New Year's resolutions, some of us keep them and some don't. How many of us are still making New Year's resolutions and what's the secret to keeping them? One way to do it is to share your resolution with others. When you keep it a secret, no one is going to check up on you. So make it a good one and share it if you really want to keep it.

When did bringing in the New Year become such a big deal? Well about 4,000 years ago Babylonians rang in their new year with an 11-day festival in March and Ancient Egyptians celebrated the advent of their new calendar during the Nile Riv-

ers annual flood.

By 46 BC Julius Caesar moved the first day of the year to Jan. 1 in honor of the Roman God of beginnings, Janus. It took some time to catch on but in 1582 Pope Gregory X111 brought Jan. 1st New Years back in vogue with the Gregorian calendar and still exists today. So the origin of making a New Year's resolution started with the Babylonians, who made promises to the Gods in hopes they'd earn good favor in the coming year.

One great New Year's resolution is to have more fun in your life. Singing with friends is a great way to have fun. Bring in the new year trying something new or just get out of the house more and mingle.

Come to one of our karaoke nights and check it out. We meet at The Candler Hills Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday. Resolve to have more fun this coming year! For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



Dulcimer Group

By BJ Leckbee

We practiced, practiced, practiced, and recently had several opportunities to introduce the dulcimer to audiences here at On Top of the World.

The French Club invited us to play for them at their holiday luncheon in December. The playlist was holiday songs, and we were delighted to hear members of the club sing along with us in French on a few of them. As the dulcimer is not a well-known instrument here, Rich took a few moments to explain the instrument to the club, and encouraged all in attendance to

come to our practices to see how easy it is to learn.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, we were on stage at the Holiday Festival at the Recreation Center, again using our holiday repertoire. Setting up the stage and the microphones for this group was a challenge, but the sound and light crew figured it out and came through for us. What an exciting evening for a new musical group!

The next Club Fair will be held in the Recreation Center on Thursday, Jan. 14. We plan to be there and invite you to stop by our table to learn about this instrument. If you are interested in music and can get your right hand and your left hand to work together, you might be a future dulcimer player.

We practice every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H. Come listen sometime.



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Encore Collaborative Theatre

By Judy Gill

Encore Collaborative Theatre Club is proud to announce that "Too, Too, Too Many Hats" will premiere on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. with a 50/50 raffle at intermission. The second performance will be on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m. with a mini hat centerpiece auction during intermission. For tickets, call Judy at (352) 509-4033 or visit the Recreation Center Ballroom on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Long-time resident Terry Zarrella stepped into the challenging lead role of Sadie (our matchmaker) just six weeks prior to opening! This role is dialogue intensive and daunting for the best of actors, with months to rehearse, let alone a last-minute switch. However, Terry does not disappoint. As if that wasn't enough,

Terry also wears another hat as our lead director. Terry Gill is the assistant director and Judy Gill, the playwright, is the associate director.

We have two other actors who must be credited for playing dual roles ... James J. Jenkins as Ruben Schwartz and Izzy and Jean Baumgardner who plays both twin sisters of Rachel and Rita Fine.

Marge Reed is a first-time actor but you'd never know it. She plays Inky and will sing most of our vocals. One of those songs is an original "Too, Too, Too Many Hats" blues tune that our playwright woke up one night at 2 a.m. singing! How she was able to convey this to the character Marge plays was miraculous!

The deep, rich tone of our Narrator Bob Heit's voice will keep us organized as the story unfolds and a surprise from the audience will add to the fun and mayhem.

Farley Fairmont, Anthony LaPenta, Jr., author of "The Sniper" dusted off his acting shoes and plays a serious mortician who becomes our matchmaker's love interest. The story rounds out with Sadie's assistant, Tilly, Erin Baliya, who thinks

she has more "spec-i-al-i-ties" than she really does. Her terrific southern accent and beautiful voice are truly special!

Don't forget our production is comfortable cabaret-style seating at round tables, which makes the dessert presentation a nice treat. If you care to wear a hat, you won't be alone as our Portico Greeter Terry Gill will be in top hat and tails. The Glitzy Gals Red Hatters will welcome you as well. Our talented piano accompaniment is by James Grapes, who has years of experience playing music for a dinner theatre.

"Hats, the Final Encore" is the name of our celebration dinner. It will be held at The Club at Candler Hills. The restaurant will remain open Sunday after the matinee for our private party. Won't you join us? Anyone attending the play may sign up to be part of this celebration; everyone will have their own check and order from the menu provided. We need to submit a headcount two weeks prior - call (352) 509-4033 if you'd like to be added.

After expenses, our show will benefit Project S.O.S. They provide scholarships for military families in need.



Opera

By Bernie Kelly

We will feature a Puccini opera at the Opera Appreciation Class on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #3 in the Hobby Building.

Giacomo Puccini was born on Dec. 22, 1858, at a time when Verdi was winding down his great career. Puccini is usually considered the next greatest Italian composer, and four of his operas are the most popular and most performed operas in the whole repertory.

Giacomo was born in Lucca in Tuscany to a family of nine children. Michele, his father was highly esteemed by the other musicians of Northern Italy. Puccini received his musical education supervised by his uncle, Fortunato Magi, and in 1880 he graduated from the Pacini School of Music in Lucca.

He received a small grant from the Italian Queen so that along with help from

another uncle he was able to continue his studies at the Milan Conservatory. There he studied composition with teachers as Amilcare Ponchielli, the composer of La Gioconda. Puccini studied three years at the Conservatory during which time he composed his mass, which marked the end of his family's long association with church music.

Ponchielli invited Giacomo to spend time at his villa with Fernando Fontana to compose an opera. Fontana provided the libretto and Puccini the music for Le Villi, a one-act opera that was entered in a competition. It did not win but it was staged very successfully and Puccini was commissioned by Giulio Ricordi, a musical publisher, to compose another opera. This opus was "Edgar," which was a flop.

It could have been that Puccini's career ended there but Ricordi had faith in him and supported him while he worked on a new opera. He also was working with two librettists, Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giocosa, who would stay with him for his three greatest works. In 1893, "Manon Lescaut" made its debut, and Puccini became famous all over Italy as Verdi's heir. Soon he became famous throughout Europe as people had a chance to see the new opera.

"La Bohème" followed in 1896 as the first of the three great works he would compose to the librettos of Illica and Giocosa. In 1900, "Tosca" followed. "Madama Butterfly" premiered in 1904 and received such a bad reception that Puccini withdrew it to revise it. Three months later, it was given a second premiere to a very appreciative audience, and it was quickly performed around the world with great success.

In the years that followed, his most successful work was "Turandot" which was completed by Franco Alfano.

Our opera is "Tosca" which was based on a play by Sardou, which Puccini saw when he was touring Italy in 1889. The opera has three major roles: Eva Marton as Tosca, Giacomo Aragall as Cavaradossi, and Ingvar Wixell as Scarpia.

All opera lovers are invited to come to our first class on Jan. 7.



Poetry

By Rad Delaroderie

If I Were Eight

If I were eight and just met you I wouldn't know just what to do. So I'd ask mom and she would say, "Girls love poems - they're just that way!"

So I'd sit down and try to think of words that rhyme - like wink ... and fink! Then - thinking hard - I'd start to write a great love poem, something like:

"Hey you, I think that you're real neat. I even like the toes on your feet! I think about you all day long, and I'm sure you don't do anything wrong.

I act real nice when I see you ... don't pick my nose 'til you're out of view. I'm even getting in the shower and use dad's junk to smell like a flower!

So tell you what: If you'll be mine, I'll try real hard to write more rhymes. But I can't promise you'll ever see a poem as great as this one be!"

If I were eight and just met you, I think that this is what I'd do. It could be worse - think how'd it be if I met you when I was three!

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Art Group

By Anne Merrick

This month features Frankie Wexell, a new member to our group. Frankie moved to On Top of the World in June 2015 from Knoxville, Tenn. and started painting with us in September. She was born in Maryland and has lived in Illinois and Naples, Fla. as well as Tennessee. She came to the Club Fair in September, saw our booth, and signed up right away.



Frankie Wexell in the Art Studio.

A friend of hers encouraged her to take an art class with her over 20 years ago. She reluctantly agreed to do so and found herself engrossed in a most relaxing and fun hobby. The class instructor (Willie Swain) was so informative and helpful she made the class fun and enjoyable. Frankie ended up staying in the class off and on until she and her husband moved to Naples in 2003. Ironically her friend did not keep painting.

She mostly paints in oil but has done some watercolor. She has painted for family and friends and has done some commissioned work with oil portraits of babies and dogs. She says she is very happy to have found this group and to be a part

Photo by Anne Merrick

of it with enjoyable company, great conversations and relaxing painting. She does beautiful work and we are delighted she is part of this interesting group.

On Saturday, Dec 12, 2015, we had our annual holiday potluck luncheon at Sylvia's place. She does this every year and we had a great time with a wonderful variety of dishes: chicken, Ambrosia salad, coleslaw, corn casserole, vegetable casserole, lobster/ground beef cornbread, mini quiches, mincemeat tarts and many

desserts. The conversation was lively and we all enjoyed ourselves.

I want to thank all the people who have donated art supplies over the years. You can be sure we have made good use of them.

If you like to draw, paint, collage or doodle, come and join us on Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Art Studio in the Hobby Building. Call Anne at (352) 732-0706 for more information or just see you there. Don't be shy.



Sewing Bees

By Linda Lohr



Photo by Cathy Lewandowski

Edie Howard with two of the 50 stockings that were made and stuffed by the Bees.

We hope your Christmas was filled with family and friends, and that the New Year brings you health and happiness.

2015 was a wonderful year for the Bees. We were able to donate so many items for the children.

We are already working on the stockings for next year's donation! We have some new members and we are all stitching up a storm!

Regarding the officers of our club, I mistakenly said that Rita Miller was our secretary. Rita had filled that position for many years but now Rhea Russell will take over those duties. Thank you Rita for all your help.

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, 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.

We are in need of cotton material suitable for young boys. If you no longer sew but have cotton fabric of this kind, please consider donating the material 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.

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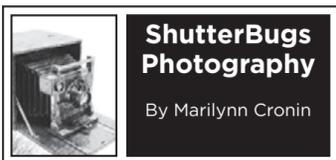
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Intermediate category second place:
What's that?



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Intermediate category third place:
Napa grapes.



ShutterBugs Photography

By Marilyn Cronin

Hope everyone enjoyed a safe, peaceful, fun-filled holiday season. New year, new boards, new ideas, new neighbors, and the list goes on. Time of renewal and restarts.

Have you gotten a new camera or need help understanding the one you have? Join us and we'll try to help, but always bring your manual.

Foregoing a field trip in December, we enjoyed dinner at Mesa De Noite Italian restaurant with fellow club members and spouses.

We know some of you went north for the holidays; now you can read these tips and figure out what you may have done wrong. For those heading out in the next couple of months, these may give you some ideas. Tips are adapted from an article, "Photography Tips for Snow Scenes and Storms" by John Maxymuk.

Snow scenes: Snow scenes are especially beautiful at sunrise and sunset when the snow takes on the colors from the sky. Do it with both a moderate wide angle lens and a moderate tele-focal length lens. Just remember to compensate your meter reading +1 to 1-1/2 stops.

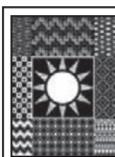
Snow storms: If you can get outside during a storm to a location in a park with evergreen trees or a large number of deciduous trees along the shore of a pond or lake, shoot with a slow shutter speed. Check the forecast; what are your possibilities? For example, if a large wet flake snowfall is predicted and wind will accompany it, forecast to drop off to calm before the snow stops, you might have the makings of an unusual snow scene. The wind will paste the wet falling snow to the exposed vertical surfaces and then, when it drops off to calm, allow the snow to come straight down onto every exposed horizontal surface. Walking through the scenery in the direction the wind is moving yields a snow-scape that looks much like a black and white negative. And always protect your camera from rain, snow, sand, and dust.

Always remember that photography is an art form; one of great self-expression. No two people ever see the same scene in the same way, with the same meaning.

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 usually 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.



Sunshine Quilters

By Tekla Krause

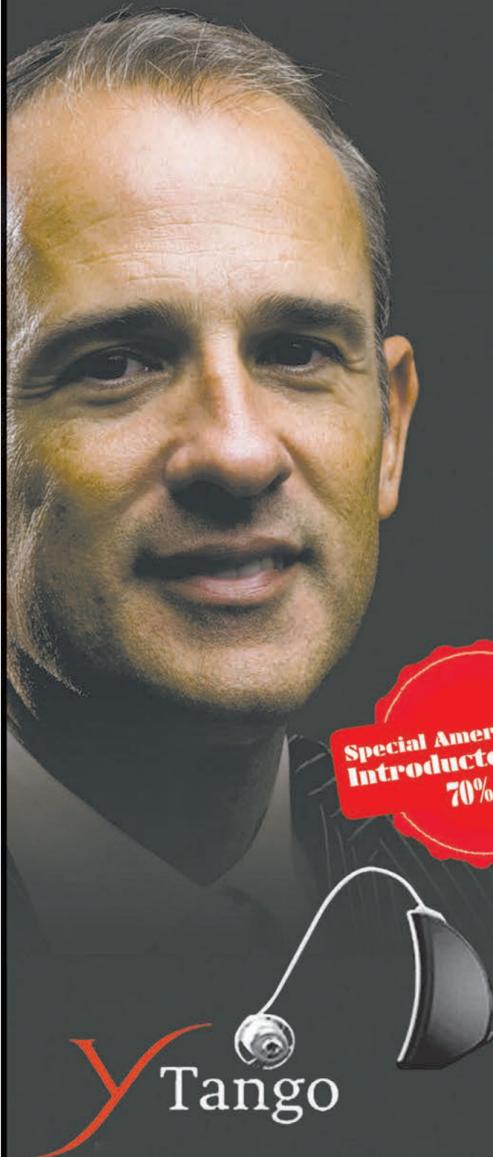
Happy New Year from the Sunshine Quilters! We wish to thank everyone who participated in our December raffle. The proceeds will allow us to buy more batting for future comfort quilts. The winner was Susan Weiss.

Workshops are planned for machine quilting in January and a stack-n-whack quilt in February. If you are interested in some of our activities, we welcome new members. On Tuesday mornings in the Art Studio there is always something going on, whether it is working on projects, learning a new technique, or visiting with fellow quilters. Our business meeting falls on the first Tuesday at 1 p.m. Join us if you can.

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Happy Hookers

By Marge Curran

Happy 2016! The Happy Hookers hope everyone had a great holiday and that the New Year brings continued good health and happiness.

The Happy Hookers meet all year long and time really seems to fly by at times, especially during the weeks leading up to the holidays. Last minute gifts for family, friends and charity take up a lot of time both at home and during our meetings. But as an annual tradition, the Hookers make the time to meet as a group to enjoy each other's company without the distraction of yarn, needles and patterns.

This year they chose Mesa de Notte, on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 to celebrate the holiday season. The luncheon was well attended and all had a great time. There's nothing better than spending time with supportive friends to emphasize the true meaning of Christmas.

Speaking of the New Year, if one of your New Year's resolutions is to try something new, resurrect a long abandoned skill, or make new friends, the Happy Hookers just might be the group for you. They meet

every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. There are no dues or agenda and no penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere.

Members bring whatever they happen to be working on and sometimes come empty handed looking for a new idea or just for a chat with friends in a comfortable setting. Many members are working on personal projects and some work on projects for various charities so if you need inspiration you will find it. When you join us, you will find an eclectic group of crafters doing a variety of crochet, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, card crafting and just about any handcrafting project imaginable. This is a really talented group who you can always count on for help with a pattern question or stitching issue.

If you happen to 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. I would like to thank Gladys Brown for her recent donation of yarn, not just a little bit of leftover yarn but two really big bags of yarn! Thanks Gladys! Please call me for pick-up of these items at (630) 336-7105.

Questions? Please call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328 if you have any questions about the group.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Cards presented by Suzi Burdan.



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

By Linda Lohr

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday with family and friends. Thankfully, we never have to worry about events delayed or cancelled due to snow or ice!

Our presenter for December was Suzi Burdan. She offered several different cards with a winter theme for thank you notes and happy New Year cards. Kits were provided for the participants who were able to use up a lot of scrap paper that we always have on hand!

We thank Suzi for her presentation, generosity and her creativeness.

Anyone can be a presenter – and the cards do not have to be fancy or compli-

cated. 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 at Kathy at (352) 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stamper!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Bunka Shi-Shu Classes Japanese Embroidery

Nine hundred years ago, the ladies of the Japanese Imperial Court were the only ones allowed to do bunka embroidery. The ladies worked so long on their embroidery in dimly lighted rooms that they were going blind. The emperor then banned the ladies from doing their embroidery and took all their needles away. The ladies missed doing their beloved embroidery so much that they grew their fingernails very long, filed them to a point and used them as needles.

Bunka embroidery in its present form was started in Tokyo, Japan, about 70 years ago. At that time, silk embroidery was taught and practiced by many Japanese. One Japanese gentleman, while touring Europe, noticed a form of embroidery being done with the use of punch needle. His immediate thoughts were how much simpler this would make the silk embroidery done in his native land.

Upon returning to Japan with this idea in mind, he experimented for 10 years

with various threads and needles until he perfected the needle and thread being used today.

He first experimented with pure silk thread used in their silk embroidery, but found the threads did not accent the different shades of dye the same each time. He then tried a manmade fiber called "rayon lily yarn," which is the thread used today. Because of the kinkiness of the thread, the embroidery could be worked in long stitches giving the soft smooth blending appearance the silk embroidery has.

Working the picture with a needle from the front or back of the canvas is a different variation. This is what makes bunka embroidery a unique art in a category by itself. Bunka or boonka, as the Japanese say, means "cultural" and this name has stayed with the art ever since.

Bunka embroidery is now being widely referred to as painting with thread. It can be used not only in its usual 2/4 pull form but also in quarter pull, three-quarter pull; unpulled glued, waxed, polished and brushed.

Classes start Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B or call Pauline at (352) 854-8598 for more information.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

By Barbara Lingis

We hope the holidays were special for everyone and that you stayed happy and healthy.

Our crafters featured in this month's column are Sharon King and Patty Hainzl. Patty has lived here for three and a half years and is a new member of our club for three months.

Patty creates beautiful earrings and necklaces from polymer clay. The detail and colors of these earrings and necklaces are incredible.

She joined the Clay Club, which really helped her with the process and forming the designs she makes. This clay is baked in an oven when finished. The clay is all colors and a metallic powder is used to create gold and silver jewelry, but can also be used with any color to make the metallic look. Her work is a must-see and would

make a wonderful gift.

Patty also has Christmas ornaments and faceplates for light switches with various clay designs.

Our next crafter, Sharon King, has resided here for a year and a half and has been a member of our club for one year. Sharon creates candy arrangements that are made from all your favorite candies.

When Sharon was working, she made these for her co-workers. After she retired, she started making them more often.

Sharon uses colorful vases and ribbon in her arrangements and will create these for any theme or occasion needed. The colors and designs are very unique and the best thing about them is that you can eat them. They make a really great gift for that special someone.

She also makes miniature aprons for decorating wine bottles and chef face magnets for the refrigerator.

Come join us every Tuesday in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon to see these items and many more. If you would like to be a member of our club, please contact Rene Beck at (352) 854-4918.

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For Sale

Appliance: Pressure cooker, Wolfgang Puck, electric, 8 quart, multi-function, \$35. (352) 229-4513.

Appliances: Small freezer, \$75. Small white refrigerator, \$75. (352) 250-9889.

Appliances: Standard GE washer & dryer, top load washer, front load dryer, white, dryer is gas, both excellent working order, \$50.00 each. 617-842-9500 text or voice message.

Bicycle: Hyper aluminum mountain bike, \$50. (352) 237-3391.

Camera: Nikon D-7000 DSLR with Sigma 18/200 OS lens, circ polarizer and UV filters, charger, manual, 16GB and 8GB SD cards, magic lantern guide with DVD. (352) 208-0923.

Embroidery Machine: Basic model. Software will need to be purchased to order/transfer patterns, \$150. (352) 854-4524.

Golf Cart: 2007 Yamaha. (352) 291-7679.

Golf Cart Batteries: 6-volt for \$89 each or 8-volt for \$96 each. (877) 829-9428.

Handicap Lift: Needs to be installed on a van or SUV. Backpacker Plus under warranty. (352) 390-3136.

Luggage: Brighton 3-piece set, \$250. Diane Gillman faux crocodile 3-piece set, \$150. (352) 237-5137.

Mattress: Adjustable queen, firm. (352) 427-0132.

Mattress Overstock Inventory: 50-80% off retail! New in original plastic and under warranty. All sizes and styles available. Pillow-top, plush, firm, memory foam and gel beds. Adjustable beds as well. Please call (352) 484-4772.

Misc. Items: Brighton ladies sandals, size 8 and handbags, \$50 to \$100 each. (352) 237-5137.

Misc. Items: Emerson microwave, 8 c.f., 900 watts, \$40. Dirt Devil vacuum, 12 amp with attachments, \$40. Bar stools (2), ivory/wood, 25", \$20 each. Propane grill, portable, 12"x18", \$35. HP Pavilion processor with keyboard, 24" monitor & printers, \$350. (216) 496-5736.

Misc. Items: Viking 4700 sewing machine, 19th century Ingraham banjo clock, gold plated silverware, art pictures, one of a kind Gunther Luna vase, 48" wood table, custom made king bedspread and cream drapes. (352) 291-1770 (after noon).

Office Furniture: 4-drawer file cabinet, very heavy, industrial type, black, 28-1/4" d x 15" w x 52-1/2" h. (814) 440-1237.

Patio Blocks (26): Concrete, 2" h x 2' w x 2' d, \$165/obo. (727) 376-8164.

Pet Supplies: Pet Gear 4-door, folding dog crate with plush pad, \$45 firm. (352) 854-8425.

Power Chair: Jazzy Select Elite with extras. (352) 390-3136.

Shells: Clean, great for crafts, free! (352) 368-2221.

Tickets (2): Atlantic City Boys, Saturday, Jan. 30 at Circle Square Cultural Center. \$20 Each. (352) 854-0309.

Tag Sales

Friday, Jan. 8 & Saturday, Jan. 9: 8854-B SW 91st Place (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9: 8960 SW 98th Avenue (Providence), noon to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9 & Sunday, Jan. 10: 8745-C SW 91st Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 13 & Thursday, Jan. 14: 8707-D SW 95th Lane (Friendship Village), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Jan. 15 & Saturday, Jan. 16: 8671-A SW 97th Street (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to noon. 8879-C SW 96th Lane (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16: 8830-B SW 98th Place (Americana Village), 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Jan. 20 & Thursday, Jan. 21: 9820 SW 97th Lane (Crescent Ridge II), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Jan. 22 & Saturday, Jan. 23: 8722-D SW 93rd Place (Friendship), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 27 & Thursday, Jan. 28: 10060 SW 90th Loop (Avalon), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Services

Alterations by Betty: Alterations by appointment only. 50 years experience. A Pine Run resident. Call Betty at 237-9909.

Alterations by Ernestine: Alterations, experienced. Call 861-0259 (resident).

Appliance, A/C & Heat Repairs: Electrical & plumbing. Experienced and honest. Call Tom Parker (On Top of the World resident) anytime at (352) 873-1297.

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

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

Carpet & Tile Cleaning: Country-side Chem-Dry, serving On Top of the World residents for 15 years. (352) 307-4100.

Cat Boarding and Sitting: Provided by loving experienced Cat Nanny. On Top of the World resident. (352) 854-8589.

Ceramic Tile: All types of installation and repair. 20+ years experience. Lic. & ins. References available. Call Bob Adkins (352) 274-8678.

Clock Doc: Clock repairs, experienced, inexpensive, house calls. (352) 246-2438 (resident).

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Computer Help: Arthur Burditt, (352) 875-7878. House calls, \$40/hour, 24/7. Tutoring, setups, installations, Windows upgrades, security, cloud apps, connections, internet, email, software, printers, mobile devices, Office, secretariat services, typing.

CZ's Cleaning: I will make your house sparkle and shine. 26 years experience. Reasonable rates. (352) 299-6088 (resident).

D&D Painting of Ocala LLC: Interior/exterior painting. Licensed & insured. 35 years experience. 10% discount for seniors & veterans. References available. Doug (352) 512-3852 or Donna (352) 425-3869.

Ehpic Cleaning & Services: House & carpet cleaning. Lic. #A49711, bonded & insured. Your wants are my number one priority! Done right every time! (352) 299-1623.

Garage Cramped? Attic Full? Free garage/attic clean up and haul away. James (352) 433-8301 or (352) 873-2982 (resident).

Golf Cart Onsite Mobile Service: Repairs, batteries, customizing and more. (877) 829-9428 or www.crazygatorlandcarts.com.

H&L Cleaning Services: Experienced in all of your cleaning needs. Residential/commercial. Call for a free estimate (352) 216-8236.

Hair Care: In your home. Licensed, experienced beautician comes to you. Full service. Call Cathy, PCA, resident, (352) 237-3347. Service homebound.

Handyman: Repairing sliding glass door rollers/tracks, sliding garage screen doors, window balances/parts, sliding shower doors/guides, doors & locksets, rotten trim/molding. One call does it all! Insured. Steve, S&T Quality Services LLC (352) 207-8682.

Herrera Tile Professionals: Special offer (January-June 2016): 10% off! All tile, laminate & vinyl installed. Free estimates & delivery. (352) 322-5723. Hablo Espanol.

House Cleaning by Mario: Free estimates, 15 years experience. (310) 746-8388 (resident).

Income Tax Preparation: Federal & state returns. Experienced in part year residency issues. IRS licensed enrolled agent & resident. Sponsor of On Top of the World Softball. Call Paula at Tax Panic Solutions (352) 861-8095.

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Painting: Add a Little Color to your Life! Free estimates, insured, references and photo gallery available at Suespainting.com. 10% off for residents. Sue's Painting (352) 237-0892.

Painting by Frank the Painter: 35 years experience, winter specials, free estimates, specializing in colors, quality service, affordable prices, references. (352) 237-5855 (resident).

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Pressure Washing: Houses, driveways, gutters, porches & yard work. Free estimates. 12 years experience. Call Steve (352) 237-5338 (resident).

Quickbooks Training, bookkeeping and consulting. As much or as little help as you want. Can come to you. (330) 494-1161 (resident).

Tax Preparation: CPA and former IRS agent with 30 years income tax experience. Marcia (352) 237-8844 (resident).

Transportation: Airports (Tampa, Orlando, Sanford, Gainesville). Safe & reliable service. Call Phil (352) 497-7670 (resident).

Transportation: Doctor appointments, shopping, errands. Call Anna (resident) at (352) 615-0174 (cell) or (352) 873-4151 (home), leave message.

Transportation: Personalized door-to-door transportation to airports, cruise ports, doctor appointments, shopping. Call Betty, (352) 861-1163.

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Windows Replaced & Patio Enclosures: George Watkins (352) 587-2735. Certified residential contractor #1330701.

Wanted

Donations: Musical instruments for local students; Ed at (352) 304-8206. Personal hygiene items for homeless shelters, pet food & blankets for animal shelters, shoes for needy & used cell phones for overseas troops; Donna at (352) 237-3062. Shoes and sneakers for the needy; drop off at Arbor Club office. Yarn for lap robes for VA hospitals and newborns; (352) 843-6519.

Guns: Buying guns (new, old, any condition), gold and silver. Estate appraisals. (352) 867-0381 (home) or (352) 266-9781 (cell).

Paying Cash for Antiques, collectibles, US coins & paper money, fine & costume jewelry, military, vintage art, guns, rifles & shotguns, fishing equipment. If it looks unusual, call Larry! Next American Picker (352) 697-1778 or (352) 400-8397.

Seamstress/Tailor: Experienced person to make drapes/curtains from my fabric and resize a cornice board. (352) 291-1770 (after noon).

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