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**COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE**

By Kenneth D. Colen  
Publisher

**Safety Check-up**

March is a great time for a safety check-up. The holidays are over, the family and guests are back to wherever they came from and it's just you and your home (finally!). So ask yourself a simple question: What do I do if ... ?

Ask yourself; do I enjoy walking or biking in the community in the evening or early morning hours? If the answer is yes, do you wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight for signaling oncoming traffic, or have proper red/white lights on your bicycle? I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather, and I'm the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precautions. Note to self: practice what I preach!

Another lifesaving question to ask is: If I were to have a kitchen fire, do I have a fire extinguisher handy and could I use it? If I had a water leak in my unit, would I know what to do or who to call?

If I'm getting out of the tub or shower, is my bath mat absorbent and non-skid? Do I have a grab rail that is properly installed in my tub or shower?

Have I overloaded any extension cord with too many plug-in items? This is much more common than you think!

Do you have a first aid kit in the home? How old is it? Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list? Do you remember where it is? When was the last time it was checked? The best recommendation is to keep a clearly legible list of current emergency contacts, your primary physician, and any medications you are taking in a clearly identified vial in the refrigerator. You'll also want to post a reminder on the refrigerator door that vital information is stored there. This can be a life or death difference to you should emergency responders be needed.

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

The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association board meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 17, with approximately 150 residents in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2016-17 operating budget and to adopt a resolution for roof replacement special assessments, amongst other things. Numerous questions on roof replacement costs and the process were addressed.

Robert Colen made a presentation on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. This is an alternative means of funding home improvements that promote energy savings and make the home more storm resistant. This program will be of interest to residents whose roof is scheduled for replacement. Fundamentally, the program advances funding, which is then paid back by an owner through an additional assessment on their property taxes. The obligation runs with the home when it is sold. For more information on the PACE program, please visit [evestflorida.com](http://evestflorida.com).

The fiscal year 2015-16 community-wide improvement work was reviewed. This included the substantial renovation of the Recreation Center, as well as landscape improvements throughout the community.

The renovation work will continue into 2016 with the men's and women's shower and steam rooms tile replacement work, as well as renovating the restrooms at the Hobby Building. Other programmed work will include expanding the tennis courts at the Arbor Club and renovating the current tennis courts at the Recreation Center over to more pickleball courts.

Your board is committed to providing an expansive bundle of services available for residents. We strive to provide access to numerous fitness, recreation, entertainment, and educational programs good for both the body and soul. Your board strives to build and reinforce the sense of community, enhance the opportunity to make friends, and enjoy the peace of mind of living.

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**Springtime, Flowers and the Ocala Open ...**

By Greg Wise

The Florida Professional Golf Tour returns to Candler Hills Golf Club, Tuesday, March 15 through Friday, March 18.

I am beginning to understand the whole concept of what professional golfers have said about Candler Hills all of these years playing in the Ocala Open. It is a "great golf course" to come back to. "The staff is always friendly." "The golf course is always in great condition." And ... "the beauty that surrounds this course, makes playing here a very great experience."

In late January, GolfAdvisor.com released its 2015 Top 50 Courses to Play. Candler Hills Golf Club was listed ninth! "GolfAdvisor.com is the website where golfers write comments about courses they have played. To be placed on that type of a list is a great honor for our staff," mentioned Andrew Jorgensen, golf superintendent for On Top of the World's three

golf courses.

"The Ocala Open is one of our most attended tournaments of the year," stated Rick Hendershot, Florida Professional Golf Tour president. "This is our 10th annual Ocala Open hosted by Candler Hills Golf Club," Rick said. He went on to state, "I am looking forward to a great championship again this year at Candler Hills, I know the players have been expressing a lot of interest in returning to play in Ocala."

Matt Hibbs, director of golf at On Top of the World Communities, said, "The Ocala Open is an event we look forward to every year. A tremendous amount of preparation and hard work from all departments of On Top of the World goes into making this event a success."

One of the big reasons the Ocala Open continues to be successful each year, is

the support of local vendors and residents who partner with the Ocala Open to help raise money to support our two local charities, Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County.

"From a maintenance standpoint, this event is the highlight of our year. Months of preparation go into making this event a success, not only for the tournament, but also for our members who enjoy the course leading up to and after the event. It really showcases our knowledge and expertise in golf course preparation," stated Andrew Jorgensen.

Andrew went on to say, "Our residents are ready to play the next day, calling the play, 'the morning after the Open.' To play under the conditions that these professional golfers play under on a day-to-day basis gives our members the experience of championship golf. The greens are running fast and some of the pin placements make play a little more challenging."

To keep an eye on who is committed to play in this year's event with a guaranteed champion's check of \$12,000 ... go to [ocalaopen.com](http://ocalaopen.com) and click on the "Player" tab

Who is the real winner at the Ocala Open? "Again this year, the official charities that win big along with the playing of the Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 15 will be Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services," commented Lynette Vermillion, general manager of On Top of the World. "These charities are very strong supporters of the Ocala/Marion County residents and we are pleased to be a major support mechanism for these organizations giving over \$350,000 with the help of our sponsors since the inception of the Ocala Open," Lynette said.

Help support our charities and play golf with the pros! The Pro-Am field is limited to the first 30 paid teams. Entry deadline is Monday, March 7. To register yourself or a team to participate in the Pro-Am, download the registration form at [ocalaopen.com](http://ocalaopen.com) or contact Matt Hibbs at (352) 861-9712.

**Know Before You Go!**

Residents may park their golf carts behind the Candler Hills Community Center. No spectator golf carts will be allowed on the course during the professional play days, Wednesday through Friday.

The VIP viewing area will again be located adjacent to the 18th green. VIP tickets will be required to enter this exclusive seating area. Please purchase your tickets at the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Please remember no cell phones on the golf course. This is a major distraction to the players when a cell phone starts ringing in the middle of a backswing.

More information can be found on page 4 in this issue of the World News. Thanks for your cooperation.



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**Dan McCarthy - 2015 Ocala Open champion.**

**Vote Yes for a Safe, Sound & Secure Marion County**

By Kevin T. Sheilley  
Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership

Marion County voters have the opportunity to vote "yes" on a local option sales tax referendum on the Tuesday, March 15, Presidential Preference Primary ballot to keep Marion County safe, sound and secure.

Amid the challenges of an economic downturn and increased population, Marion County government delivered all of the basic government services to citizens while maintaining a millage rate at 3.90 or slightly below over the past six years. This rate is significantly lower from the highs of fiscal year 2002 to 2003, when the millage rate was at 6.06. The steady millage rate was maintained despite billions of dollars in property tax revenue loss caused by falling property values during the Great Recession.

Funding for public safety equipment and transportation infrastructure has reached the critical need level. Investments in these areas were delayed during the economic downturn, in an effort to cut budgets and try to keep ad valorem tax rates steady.

While necessary to keep the economy stable, it has left the Marion County Sheriff's Office and Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) with fleets of aging vehicles. The union that represents MCFR

employees has publicly stated that the agency continues to have ambulances break down during rescue operations. Additionally, our roads have suffered a similar backlog in funding for maintenance.

According to a recent Star Banner article, Marion County has an estimated 400 miles of county roads rated as poor or failing. The proposed one-cent sales tax revenue generated by this proposed increase would be used to pay for a backlog of needs that are unfunded per future budget year projections (due to lack of projected revenue that would be sufficient to pay for them). The added one-cent sales tax would move those needs to the forefront and fund those items sooner.

If the sales tax does not pass, those items would remain as unfunded and would have to be addressed during the regular County budget cycle for each fiscal year based on each year's projected revenue. If it is determined that some items need to be funded during a particular fiscal year, anticipated funding alternatives would be potential increases in the millage and assessments rates, which would represent an increase in homeowner property taxes.

In that case, the projects would be paid for by property owners in Marion County

and not all residents and visitors collectively, as the sales tax option would allow. Currently, there are no additional grants or any other forms of additional revenue projected to cover the expenses associated with the identified needs.

A one-percent sales tax, paid by everybody, including visitors to our County, can reduce the backlog of safety, transportation and infrastructure needs in only four years. If passed, the sales tax would fund public safety equipment needs for law enforcement, fire rescue and emergency medical services, as well as transportation capital road projects for Marion County and its municipalities (Bellevue, Dunnellon, Ocala, Reddick and McIntosh).

The proposed tax would be levied over a period of four years, starting on Jan. 1, 2017, and ending on Dec. 31, 2020. The sales tax is estimated to generate approximately \$166,220,685 over a period of four years and the revenue generated would cover five budget cycles. The tax revenue would be distributed among the County and municipalities in accordance with statutory provisions. All sales tax funds collected over the four-year period would be placed in a trust fund to pay for specified equipment and projects only.

After Dec. 31, 2020, the one-percent sales tax collection would cease. Only Marion County voters could approve a continuation of the sales tax after that time. The present referendum is for a four-year collection period. Should the County consider another sales tax upon expiration of the first one, it would be brought before voters to approve in another referendum.

More information on the referendum and the proposed equipment and projects may be found at [www.VoteYes2016.com](http://www.VoteYes2016.com) or on the board's website [www.MarionCountyFL.org](http://www.MarionCountyFL.org).

Help keep Marion County safe, sound and secure by voting "yes" on the Sales Tax Referendum for Public Safety and Transportation Infrastructure.

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## GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Some people consider shopping their calling.



### Is It Legal?

By Gerald Colen

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**Q.** I really like your column and I suppose that some folks appreciate the scam alerts you put in it but it seems to me that by now we seniors should all be aware that we are targeted for scams and therefore, you being an attorney, would it not be better if you just added another question and answer?

**A.** I don't know about anyone else, but I really care about the folks whose paths I cross and whose paths cross mine; so if I can warn at least one person who might not otherwise know of a particular scam,

I intend to keep doing it. Thanks for the nice comment about my column.

**Q.** In a previous column, someone asked a question about leaving an apartment to his child who is not yet 55. You answered: "Yes, you can." My question: Can the child who is not 55 live in this apartment?

**A.** I did answer that and I've answered it a few other times but here goes again: To be very specific, if a person who is under the age of 55 (such as a child) inherits a unit within On Top of the World Communities in either Clearwater or Ocala, Fla., that person can inherit the dwelling, can own the unit and can live in the unit the very same as if he/she were 55 or older. I don't know how else to say this; but see the next question.

**Q.** I am way over 55. If I marry a woman who is way under 55, can she live with me? Can I leave my apartment to her in my will? Upon inheriting the unit, can she occupy it? Also, since I would leave it to her, can she do with it whatever she wants such as sell it or will it to someone else?

**A.** (1) She can live with you. (2) You can leave your apartment to her in your will. (3) When you pass on, she can in-

herit it. (4) When she inherits it, she can occupy the unit. In fact, if she is living with you, I rather assume that she's already occupying it. If you leave it to her, she can do whatever she wants with it such as sell it or will it to someone when she, herself, passes on. I hope this answers your questions. Oh, by the way: Congratulations!

**Q.** My CPA said that I should get some debt to offset some of my income. What do you say?

**A.** It is not a view to which I ascribe. However, I don't know anything about your financial affairs and therefore, I say you should pay attention to your CPA who surely knows more about you and about your financial affairs than I do.

**Q.** Your name came up at a seminar I attended with my wife a while ago. The person making the comment was not any of the three speakers. I was told that you don't like trusts and you don't like annuities. I thought I'd give you a chance to respond.

**A.** I rarely, if ever, respond to comments made about me when I wasn't there to hear them and therefore when I wasn't able to fully understand the context in which they were made. Context is always

important.

I will simply state that it is not trusts that I don't like. It's when they are marketed as being the best estate planning for everyone. How can that be? I firmly believe that the planning for one's estate purposes should be based on facts. Those facts should be directly related to the specific person for whom the estate planning is being accomplished. So to my way of thinking, for someone to indicate that everyone should have a trust makes no sense and in my opinion, is inappropriate. There are plenty of valid reasons why a trust might be a significant estate planning method for someone. However, there are also plenty of significant reasons why a trust is a silly estate planning method for folks.

As for annuities, my comment is pretty much the same. I wasn't there to hear the comments nor was I there to know the context in which the comments were made. As I said, context is always important.

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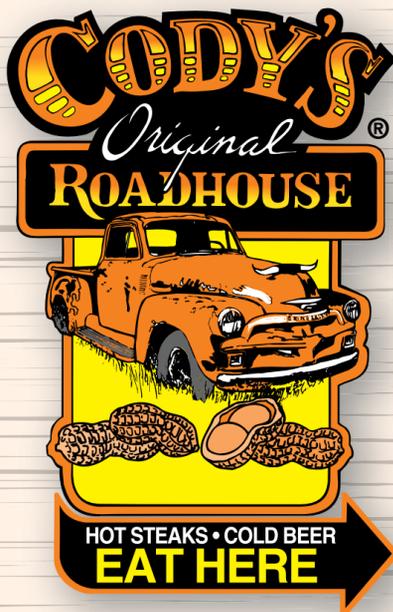
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Update on Candler Hills

Other big news for Candler Hills residents is that vertical improvements for The Lodge at Candler Hills should be underway by the time this column is published. Edwards Construction was awarded the contract in mid-February. At that time, we were still waiting for the Marion County Building Department to release the building permit. Horizontal improvements were previously completed to 90 percent with the last phase of paving in Stonebridge.

Indigo East

Our neighborhood just outside the gates, Indigo East will be unveiling new floor plans in March.

Circle Square Cultural Center

Shows are being well attended and we see sold out shows every month. I encour-

age you to get your tickets right away for the shows in March. One of the area's most popular performers - Rocky and The Rollers - is bringing a Lady Legends show on Saturday, March 12. The Rollers are joined by famous ladies: Barbara Lewis - "Hello Stranger," "Baby I'm Yours," and "Make Me Your Baby" and Merrilee Rush - "Angel of the Morning." The show wouldn't be complete without FOXXX - featuring the vocal talents of Kathleen, Petrina and Jules!

The Official Blues Brother Revue performs on Saturday, March 19. Wayne Catania and Kieron Lafferty are the only duo sanctioned by Dan Ackroyd and Judith Belushi. They are outstanding performers, and you'll remember them from "Soul Man," "Rubber Biscuit," "Sweet Home Chicago" and more!

The ever-popular Motown in Motion will wow you on Saturday, March 26, with the music of Gladys Knight & The Pips, Dionne Warwick, The Platters, James

Brown, Martha & The Vandellas, The Four Tops, The Marvelettes, The Temptations and The Supremes.

For tickets, go to CSCulturalCenter.com or visit the ticket office Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Town Square

During the month of March, The Town Square hours will be 2 to 5 p.m. Then we switch back to evening hours in April, 6 to 9 p.m. Don't miss entertainers including Sounds of Time, Mark Raisch, William Cintron and Gnarly Charlie. Look for details about the upcoming Spring Jam in April.

Winter Weather and Shrubbery

March can be a tricky month when it comes to the weather. We may have wonderfully warm days and cold nights. So it is worth a reminder to not remove plants affected by the cold. They will surprise you with their recovery. Neither should they be pruned back until mid-April. There may be several more periods of cold and possible frost. Pruning at this point will spur plant growth that is vulnerable to the cold. Rather, wait until mid-April to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter so be forewarned.

Lawns and shrubbery will continue to grow, albeit very slowly, when the ground temperature warms above 65 degrees. That said, watering requirements are significantly less during the cooler months.

Controlled Burning & Habitat Management

Controlled burning is a very important wild lands habitat management practice. A controlled burn reduces the chance of uncontrolled wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is not uncommon in Florida to have fires started by lightning. Fire in the upland habitat areas, such as the westerly side of the On Top of the World properties, is necessary to ensure healthy succession of native plant communities. Much of the lo-

cal plant ecology evolved around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire in order to germinate. Invasive plant species are also reduced allowing for less competition with more established native plants.

In the coming months, we hope to have additional opportunities for controlled burning. Much is dependent on having the right moisture content in the soils, humidity levels, wind speed, and direction in order to secure a State permit. Nothing can be easily forecasted and planned in this regard. Steps are taken to make sure a burn stays under control. These include maintaining wide fire breaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as the use of heavy machinery to contain the burn area. We apologize in advance for any smoke that may drift east over the community. However, it is better to have a planned, control burn than a wildfire.

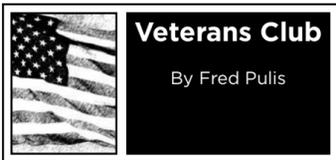
If we are successful in having the conditions that support a controlled burn, permits will be in hand, emergency services notified, and fire control management steps in place before a controlled burn is started. Typically, we try to begin early in the morning when the dew is down and the winds are low. The goal is to send the smoke high and away from populated areas, and to have the burn area completed before late morning or afternoon breezes begin. Timing of a burn is mandated by actual weather conditions on the day of the possible event.

Safety Tips

For those of you who use dryer sheets, now is a good time to scrub your lint vent with a brush and hot soapy water. Believe it or not, some dryer sheets emit a waxy substance that adheres to the mesh lining of the lint vent. This can be verified by running hot water over your lint vent, if the water does not pass through the mesh, then it's a good idea to clean your lint vent.

Conservation Tip

Depending on the type irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 24 to 36 gallons per zone per run time which can save 103 to 155 gallons per month per zone for once per week watering and 206 to 310 gallons per month for twice per week watering. Monthly water savings for seven zones may be in a range of \$1.67 to \$7.49 for once-per-week watering and \$3.33 to \$14.974 for twice-per-week watering depending on the rate tier.



The Veterans Club will be hosting author, Fred Pulis, as guest speaker at the Thursday, March 17 meeting. The retired naval petty officer will be describing relevant chapters of his published book, "The Impact and Legacy Years, 1941, 1947, 1968."

The author considers those three years (in the 20th Century) the most significant and relevant in history to the nation and worldwide, as well as having a lasting effect on major league baseball. The hour

long presentation and discussion should be lively, informative, and interesting.

The Veterans Club is open to all armed service veterans and their guests. Residents 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-related issues will be discussed, and various opinions and ideas are encouraged.

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

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

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**Parking** Golf cart parking for residents is located at Candler Hills Community Center behind the gate. Parking for patrons of The Club at Candler Hills is located at Circle Square Commons with complimentary shuttle service available.

**Schedule of Events** Tuesday, March 15 - Charity Pro-Am Benefiting Hospice of Marion County, Inc. & Interfaith Emergency Services 9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble Format 1 Professional & 3 Amateurs  
Ocala Open Professional Tournament  
Wednesday, March 16 - First Round  
Thursday, March 17 - Second Round  
Friday, March 18 - Final Round

**Food** The Club at Candler Hills, Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli and Mr. B's Ice Cream Shop will be open.

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**All Around Our World**

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Don't forget to move your clocks forward by one hour — spring forward — on Sunday, March 13. A good rule of thumb is to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks, since daylight-saving time provides a convenient reminder.

Daylight-saving time also means that you may water your lawn twice per week. Please make sure to switch over your irrigation to water on the correct days and times.

For those of us who love to celebrate, St. Patrick's Day gives us a reason to do so. Be sure to check out the yummy specials at The Club at Candler Hills, The Pub

and Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli on Tuesday, March 17. Our first official day of spring is Sunday, March 20, and I am looking forward to seeing spring flowers, longer daylight hours and beautiful weather.

**Customer Service**

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

**Ocala Open**

The 10th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course is just days away! It's hard to believe that we have been

hosting this wonderful event for so many years, and we have raised over \$350,000 for our charities. We couldn't have done it without the support from our vendors, volunteers, residents and employees, and we are looking to make our 10th year our best yet. We hope that you will join us for this event.

The event is sure to be one of the largest charity golf events in Marion County in 2016 and will be held on March 16, 17 and 18 with a Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 15. You still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro-Am, which will help benefit our two local charities – Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. The professional tournament will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight professional golfers from around the world. You will not want to miss this – come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf.

Be sure to take advantage of the VIP ticket which not only gets you a prime seat and viewing spot under the tent at the 18th hole, but you also receive tickets for a free lunch, appetizer and two beverages that day. This deal can't be beat. Tickets are available at Candler Hills Golf Shop for \$25 daily or \$65 for three days. World Passport members will receive their member discount, and each charity will receive a portion of the ticket proceeds.

**Animal Waste and Walking Your Pet(s)**

I have been asked by quite a few residents to write (once again) regarding animals. If you are walking your dog(s), we know that odors and smells entice your animal to want to mark the spot. As a courtesy, when using an expandable leash, please keep your dog(s) along the edge of the roadway and off of your neighbors' lawns. In order to avoid your dog(s) going potty in someone else's yard, you may want to dally a little longer in your own before starting your walk. All feces must be picked up whether it is in your yard, your neighbor's or the common property. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

I have also been asked to remind pet owners that if you are walking your animal(s) through the owl preserve (which we do not encourage), to please keep your pet(s) on a leash and in your control at all times and be mindful of the nests. We ask that you not let your dog dig

in this area. If you wish to play fetch with your dog, please go to the dog park where your dog may be off leash while inside the park.

**Budget Meeting**

The board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association was held on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Circle Square Cultural Center and was well attended. The board took action to approve the 2016-2017 budget as well as a resolution for the 2016-2017 roof replacements. The board also reviewed improvements planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Post Offices**

I have also been asked to remind residents to obey one-way traffic signs at the post offices in regard to the one-way entrances and exits.

**Crimes Against Seniors**

We would like to remind everyone that each year billions of dollars are lost due to scams and fraud against seniors. Here are a few of the most frequently used scams: imposter schemes, where criminals pose as government officials or other figures of authority and claim that money is owed. Recently a resident had a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS and said they owed money. The IRS will never call you; they will mail you. Scammers can call and pretend to be a relative in trouble and will ask for money. Scammers can also call or mail and claim that a person has won money, but the catch is that the winner must pay fees or taxes up front.

Several steps you can take to protect yourself against these types of crimes are to opt out of commercial mail solicitations, have someone you trust help you pay bills, sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry at (888) 382-1222, and make sure any contractor you use is licensed (if needed) and insured.

**Solicitation**

Even though we have "no solicitation" signs posted at each of the gates, occasionally we still have incidents occur where someone tries to solicit our residents. We ask that if this happens that you notify Customer Service at (352) 236-6869 and report the company or individual. If you notice any suspicious activity, we ask that you call the non-emergency number at the Marion County Sheriff's Office at (352) 732-9111.



**Back at The Ranch**

By David Gibas

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**Love the Skin You're In!**

In a recent discussion with one of The Ranch's spa professionals, it became evident why the request for facial services is so sought after during this time of the year. Jessica Richardson is one of the estheticians at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa and she has been providing facials to Ranch customers for two years. She is especially busy at this time of the year helping her clients to have healthy, beautiful skin.

I asked Jessica a few questions to gain insight into skin care and just what it takes to get healthy, beautiful skin.

**Q:** "What is the most troubling thing for skin during the winter months here in Florida?"

**A:** "Our skin becomes dry in the winter due to three main causes: (1) there is a lack of humidity in the air during the winter months and since most women tend to stick to the same daily skin care routine throughout the year, this does not

accommodate for the seasonal change. It is important to add extra hydration to the skin in the dry, winter months. (2) With cooler temperatures we put the heat on in the house, which compounds the low humidity and further dries out the skin. (3) Lastly, with the busy lives we lead it is easy to neglect drinking enough water to keep the skin hydrated."

**Q:** "What are three tips you would give your clients to help combat dry, winter skin?"

**A:** "I would encourage them to drink lots of water. It's important to stay hydrated and nourish your skin from the inside out. Number two would be to make sure you are diligent with a daily cleansing and moisturizing routine. It is inefficient to moisturize skin that is not properly cleaned, clean skin allows for better absorption of the moisturizer. And lastly, treat yourself to a facial!"

**Q:** "What benefits are gained from getting a facial?"

**A:** "A facial provides professional cleansing which includes exfoliation, and then your skin will be effectively hydrated with organic products. My repeat clients claim that their skin benefits more and more with each facial service. This makes sense ... since the benefits of regular cleansing, exfoliating and organic nourishment is healthy, beautiful skin!"

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### Lifelong Learning

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#### Opening Yourself to the Possibilities

Late yesterday, I walked around the Master the Possibilities campus and saw a lot that made me smile. From the main classrooms to our new studios at Circle Square Commons, students were exploring the possibilities.

Dr. Marty Hoffert's class was deep in discussion on "Communities of the Future." Just a few doors down, Dr. Nicola Brown had students exploring avenues to natural healing. Larry Paz and Edith Gandy were inspiring people in The Writer's Circle to publish their work. New Studio 9 was oozing with creativity with charcoal sketches adorning the walls and finished paintings propped on large wooden easels. Vanessa Fuller-Brown had challenged her class to create without a structured design or pattern. In the lecture hall, Dr. Ed Tenhor was teaching over 100 students about "The Ocala Winter Night Sky." Scenes like

these are what make Master the Possibilities so special.

At the beginning of the term, faculty member Elaine Smith encouraged students to be open to the possibilities – to try different things, to explore their passions. Students and faculty are doing just that.

If health, weather, or other challenges have kept you from exploring something new, it is not too late. Spring is the perfect time to start. Enjoy the outdoors with courses like Bicycling Basics (Wednesday, March 23), Birds of the Withlacoochee and Rainbow Rivers (Tuesdays, March 8 and 22), and A Walk in the Woods (Tuesday, March 8).

Shed some pounds through Lose for Life, a new on-going discussion and support group. Take charge of your health by learning how to Make the Best Use of Your Doctor Visits on Tuesday, March 23, 2 to 4 p.m. Master healthy eating by learning more about how to live gluten free, use rice cookers, and prepare raw foods dishes. Try a new art technique from alcohol inks to wood veneer inlay to floor cloth painting.

The Giving Back Series continues with several sessions a month featuring community volunteer heroes. Jerry Snyder leads a session on "Corporate Altruism," featuring famous philanthropists like Gates, Buffet and Zuckerberg (Thursday,

March 17). All are designed to ignite ideas on how to make a difference, big and small.

Women's history month includes programs to inspire everyone. Visiting author Doris Weatherford presents excerpts from her recent book, "They Dared to Dream: Florida Women Who Shaped History" on Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Dee Collier portrays in costume Susan B. Anthony on Wednesday, March 9, noon to 1 p.m. New faculty member Nancy McGlen delves into "Women in Politics: Is 2016

the Year of Possibilities?" on Wednesday, March 16, 10 to 11 a.m.

Master the Possibilities had the opportunity to add another great visiting scholar to the winter line-up. Dr. Eben Kirksey from Princeton University Department of Anthropology and author of a new book, "Emergent Ecologies," will discuss his book and study of the monkeys of the Silver River. Join us on March xxx, x to xx p.m. We too stay open to great possibilities like this.



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Christine Mills stands proudly with her painting created in Vanessa Fuller-Brown's class.

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**Community Patrol**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The January meeting was very special as we had deputies from the K-9 Unit. Deputies Todd Winkler and Matt Hooper came with their dogs to tell us how the unit functions and show some of the techniques for which the dogs are trained.

There are eight members in the K-9 Unit and each member has a dog. The type of dog is a German shepherd. The K-9 Unit was formed in 1987 at the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). Money to purchase these dogs is provided by donors to the MCSO, as they cost \$6,000, for which the donor gets to name the dog. The cost increases as it takes 480 hours of training with an additional continuing education for 16 hours a month, as well as daily training.

The dog's sense of smell is its greatest attribute and certainly one of the requirements to be in the K-9 Unit. They also must be alert, not afraid of gunfire and have no health problems. They come to the team to be trained, and training starts with basic obedience. The next training is built off of the obedience training. Most of the commands given to the dogs are in the German language and they also respond

to hand signals. K-9 dog's tenure is about eight to nine years.

Selection of the handler for these dogs is important too. The deputy must have had three years as a patrolman. He/she must have the ability to make sound decisions, be self-motivated and not need a lot of supervision. Because of the nature of the functions of the K-9 unit, the deputy must pass rigorous physical tests to prove their capability. The deputy's home and family are assessed to see if it is a good fit for the dog in that the dog actually will live in the deputy's home with the family.

Deputy Winkler narrated and Deputy Hooper gave the commands to Rambo, a two and a half year old German shepherd to seek out drugs that were planted in the meeting room. When Rambo found the drugs he sat down. He was rewarded with a favorite toy. Deputy Winkler acted as the predator and wore a very padded arm while Deputy Hooper gave Rambo the command to attack.

The K-9 Unit always has a dog out on the road in the county in case they are needed to assist with a robbery or a missing person.

Kassi Reidt, MCSO volunteer coordinator, reported that someone from On Top of the World donated money to MCSO for a K-9 dog and that dog will be named "OTOW."

Sheriff Blair will hold a town hall meeting, for residents only, to speak about current happenings on Thursday, March 3, at

5:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center

The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, March 28.

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 the Law**

By Bob Woods

Chapter 316 of Florida's Statute, Section 610 pertains to the safety of vehicles; inspection. This section of the statute will cover vehicles with broken windshields, excessive muffler noise and breaking noise including lights that are not functioning.

"It is a violation for any person to drive or move, or for the owner of his or her duly authorized representative to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person or property, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with such lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required in this chapter, or which is equipped in any manner in violation of this chapter, or

for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required under this chapter.

(1) Any police officer may at any time, upon reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, or that equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, require the driver of the vehicle to stop and submit the vehicle to an inspection and such test with reference thereto as may be appropriate.

(2) In the event the vehicle is found to be in unsafe condition or any part or equipment is not present or is not in proper repair and adjustment, and the continued operation would probably present unduly hazardous operating condition, the officer may require the vehicle to be immediately repaired or removed from use. However, if continuous operation would not present unduly hazardous operating condition, that is, in the case of equipment defects such as tailpipes, mufflers, windshield wipers, marginally worn tires, the officer shall give written notice to require proper repair and adjustment of same within 48 hours, excluding Sunday."



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**Deputy Todd Winkler wears the padded arm as the predator while Deputy Matt Hooper gives Rambo the command to attack.**

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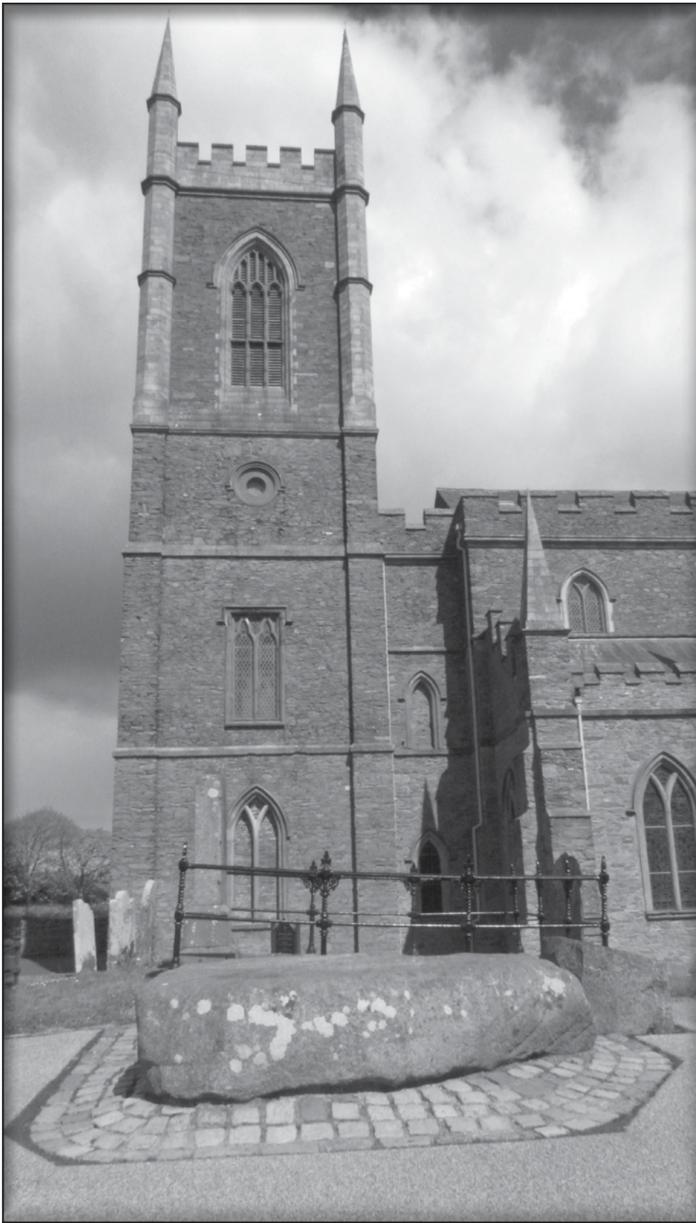


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**A granite stone marks the possible location of St. Patrick's grave on Hill of Down. The Down Cathedral is in background.**

## Free Tax Assistance

Through Friday, April 15, the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program will offer free, individualized tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers – especially those 50 and older – at more than 5,000 locations nationwide. Below is a list of the facilities closest to On Top of the World:

Ocala West Methodist Church  
9330 SW 105th Street  
Ocala, FL 34481-7614  
Tuesday & Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Appointments preferred; stop by church office. Walk-ins welcome if scheduling permits. Site closed on Friday, March 25.

Freedom Library  
5870 SW 95th Street  
Ocala, FL 34476-4027  
Monday & Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Appointment required; stop by the library.

Queen of Peace Church  
6455 SW SR 200  
Ocala, FL 34476  
Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Appointment required; stop by church office or call (352) 854-2181.

For additional locations or questions, call (888) AARP-NOW (227-7669) or visit [AARP.org/findtaxhelp](http://AARP.org/findtaxhelp).

## Saint Patrick

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Who was St. Patrick? We all know he was a saint and we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 each year in his honor.

However, St. Patrick is a bit of a mystery. It is known that Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. At the age of 16, Irish raiders, who attacked his family's estate, kidnapped him. St. Patrick spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, spent much time alone and "found God."

After six years of being a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice – which he believed was God's – spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he had a second dream – an angel told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick then began religious training to become a priest, which lasted more than 15 years. He then returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity.

He spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland converting thousands to Christianity. Patrick became known as the patron saint of Ireland. According to tradition, Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to Irish pagans. The three-

leaf shamrock is what we refer to as the three-leaf clover.

According to beliefs, St. Patrick is buried on a hilltop at Downpatrick. Over the centuries, many legends have grown around Patrick becoming Ireland's foremost saint.

On the hilltop beside a cemetery is the Down Cathedral, a Church of Ireland. The cathedral stands on the site of a Benedictine Monastery built in 1183. Following the dissolution of the monastery in 1538, the building gradually fell into disrepair. In the 18th century, the building was restored in its present style.

At the beginning of the 20th century, a granite stone bearing the name "Patrick" was placed as a symbolic marker of the saint's final resting place. According to historians and the cathedral's spokesperson, the final resting place is on Hill of Down but exactly where is a mystery.

Today the Hill of Down is not just a tourist destination but a place of pilgrimage for many people from all corners of the world. According to tradition, the remains of St. Patrick with those of St. Bridgid and St. Columba are buried on this site thus fulfilling the prophecy that three saints would be buried in the same place.

St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in America since 1737. In 1762, the first parade took place in New York. Today on March 17, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated just about everywhere by Irish and non-Irish descendants. One of the biggest celebrations in our country is in Boston, which has a large Irish-American community.



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**Inside the Down Cathedral.**

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**Keeping It Green**  
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March is a great month to fertilize. With the Marion County Fertilizer Ordinance Number 08-35 in effect, all fertilizer applicators for hire must be certified by the Green Industries Best Management Practices for the Conservation of Water Resources. This ordinance went into effect May 4, 2009. The ordinance restricts how many pounds of nitrogen can be applied per year to St. Augustine, Bahia and Zoysia grasses. Certified applicators must carry a card and it should be on them at all times when applying fertilizer. If you have a contractor fertilizing for you, ask to see their card.

Per the ordinance, all applicators must be certified individuals and cannot work under another's license. Private homeowners are required to follow the rec-

ommendations made by the UF/IFAS program when applying fertilizers except where this ordinance provides more stringent requirements. Marion County offers training for fertilizer applicators and residents at the Agricultural Extension Office. Recently, many of the parkway maintenance employees took the eight-hour course and exam to become certified or recertified. Parkway Maintenance and Management Company has many other certified applicators on site as well.

St. Augustine can have three pounds of nitrogen per year or one pound of slow release nitrogen per 1,000 square feet at each application. If you are using water-soluble or readily available nitrogen source, 0.7 pounds of nitrogen is the maximum per 1,000 square feet at each application. I recommend using a slow release blend of fertilizer of at least 50 percent to get longevity out of the application and reduce your cost. John Deere Landscapes/LESCO sells the 9-0-24 or 12-2-14 blends. Both of these are great for turf, the 12-2-14 blend is better suited for both turf and shrubs.

Bahia grass is also restricted on how much nitrogen you can apply. The Marion County Fertilizer Ordinance mandates that no more than two pounds of nitrogen

be applied per year. Again, no more than one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet at each application and if you are using water soluble or readily available nitrogen, 0.7 pounds of nitrogen is the maximum per 1,000 square feet at each application.

For Empire Zoysia, the ordinance mandates that four pounds of nitrogen can be applied per year. The same rules apply for the application rates not to exceed one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet for slow release blends and 0.7 pounds of nitrogen is the maximum per 1,000 square feet for water soluble or readily available blends.

To understand how to know if you are buying a slow release blend versus a water-soluble blend, look for words like urea nitrogen for slow release blends. For water-soluble or readily available nitrogen sources, most turf and ornamental blends will have ammoniacal nitrogen as the nitrogen source.

To understand how much fertilizer you should be applying to achieve one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet or 0.7 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, use this equation: 1 / percent of nitrogen in the bag (first number in the analysis) = pounds / 1,000 square feet.

For instance:

- **SLOW RELEASE NITROGEN:** 12-2-14 has 12 percent nitrogen - 1 / .12 = 8.3 pounds of product for 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.
- **WATER SOLUBLE NITROGEN:** Use the same equation 0.7 / .12 = 5.8 pounds of product per 1,000 square feet.

Golf courses and athletic fields are not under this ordinance as they fall under the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, "Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses, January 2007." Agricultural operations are also exempt from this ordinance, these operations fall under the Florida Right to Farm Act, Section 823.14, Florida Statutes.

On Thursday, April 21, I will be teaching a class on "How to Operate Your Irrigation Controller." Contact Master the Possibilities for more information or to register. Also, check out the Resources Tab at otowinfor.com for items such as a "Homeowner Maintenance Calendar" and "Shutting Off Your Back Flow Valve."

Hope you have a great spring!



**Food For Thought**  
By Sandy Curtis  
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We have many exciting events that take place during this time of the year. With the Ocala Open just two weeks away, we want to remind you of a few events we offer in hospitality.

On Thursday, March 17, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., come join us for St. Patrick's Day at The Club at Candler Hills. The menu will consist of corned beef and cabbage, soda bread, Irish bacon and cabbage soup and Irish shepherd's pie. Please note that our regular menu will be served as well. The Pub will also be serving up an Irish meal from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note that at both locations, it is while supplies last. It's the luck of the Irish.

Girls Night Out is back by popular demand. This month we will host a Spring Fling Night on Tuesday, March 22, from 8 to 10 p.m. Be creative and design a costume that shows off the spring spirit in you. It's sure to be a great time for all. If you haven't been able to make it out for a Girls Night Out event, I encourage you to do so. It's only \$15 for a night of relaxation, cocktails, appetizers and fun with great friends.

In August 2015, we started renovations on Candler Hills Restaurant. On Dec. 28, 2015, we reopened with a new look and a new name. We are now known as The Club at Candler Hills. To share our new and gorgeous look along with a new menu, we invite you to our Grand Reopening Celebration on Wednesday, March 23, and Thursday, March 24. Themed lunch and dinner features will be offered along with door prizes and so much more. These are exciting times and we want to share them with our guests. Follow us on Facebook for details at facebook.com/theclubatcandlerhills!

This month also brings a wonderful day of the year to us and that is Easter. People around the world celebrate this day in a variety of ways. We are offering a special lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our menu will consist of glazed ham, leg of lamb, prime rib, asparagus, steamed broccoli, sautéed vegetables, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes and much more. Our regular menu will be offered as well. All VIP World Passport holders receive five percent off their ticket. All VIP Gold World Passport holders will receive a complimentary glass of wine. Reservations are highly recommended on this day. Please call (352) 861-9720 to make your reservation.

Until next month, have a wonderful and joyous day.

**LifeSouth Bloodmobile**  
By Sue & Dick Copeland

The cold breezes have stopped blowing ... just in time for the bi-monthly visit of the LifeSouth Bloodmobile on Monday, March 7! Now, isn't that a lucky spring sign? From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the tri-colored LifeSouth bus will be here for all donors, regular and newcomers, in the Recreation Center parking lot to take your donation.

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**OneBlood Bloodmobile**  
By Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus was here on Monday, Feb. 1. It was such a beautiful day. I want to thank all those donors who took the time to share their precious gift of blood.

The next visit of the Big Red Bus will be Monday, April 4. Please mark your calendar.

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**Candler Connection**

By Janet Wiles

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to come and discuss any issue pertaining to the board.

Events for the speaker series have been set for March and April. 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. The two presentations on Tuesday, March 22 include Phillip Hisey on preparing your yard for spring and summer, and Jo Salyers on how entertainers are scheduled at Circle Square Cultural Center. On Tuesday, April 12, Lieutenant Graff, commander of the Friendship Fire and Rescue Station 21, and Captain Joyner, commander of the local Sheriff's Office, will provide updates on their respective areas. Members of the Community Emergency Response Team will discuss their role in dealing with community emergencies. All presentations will be held in the Candler Hills Community Center at 3 p.m. on the dates specified.

The next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, March 29 in the Candler Hills Community Center. Attendees must contact Bev McCarthy at (352) 854-9416 or bjtr6@yahoo.com to let her know how many will attend, what dish you will be bringing, and if you can help with set up. Residents with last names beginning with



Photo by Bob Scherff

**Major Terry Bovaird from Marion County Sheriff's Office conducting a presentation to Candler Hills residents on terrorism in Marion County.**

A-C and T-Z should bring appetizers or desserts; D-K, main entrees; L-S, side dishes, salads, or vegetables. 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. Please get a number for the table where you will be sitting. The cost of \$1 covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaffeinated coffee. Following potluck will be another old time game night with neighbors having fun playing favorite board games.

Another tour of the Marion County Sheriff's Office Inmate Work Farm has been scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, April 19. Please contact Bob Scherff at bob.scherff@otowhomes.com or (352)

291-1505 to register for this event.

Mark your calendar for the third annual ice cream social scheduled on the afternoon of Sunday, June 12, in the Candler Hills Community Center. This has been a very popular event the past two years. Details covering time of the event, cost, and ticket sales will be covered in a future column.

The Candler Connection website, candlerconnection.org, contains a neighborhood directory. If you wish to be added

to this, you may contact one of two board members: Mary Purfeerst at (206) 250-8260 or marypurfeerst50@hotmail.com or Sami Odeh at (352) 229-0214 or so-deh65@gmail.com. If leaving a message with either person, please include your name, home address, phone number, and e-mail address. By submitting your e-mail address, you can receive "The Happenings" monthly and notifications of any changes made after the submission of this column.

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Photo by Mike Roppel

**Larry Robinson presented an interesting talk about heart health at the Avalon Social Group meeting.**

**Avalon Social Group**

By Marie Roppel

The group met on a chilly day in February for their monthly potluck. A wide variety of dishes were prepared and enjoyed by all amid a flurry of red. As this was heart month as well as Valentine's Day, our speaker, Larry Robinson, presented an interesting talk about heart health.

On Monday, March 7, to bring in the luck of the Irish, we will be serving corned beef. Tickets are \$3 per person and can be obtained by contacting Wendy Maxwell. The balance of the meal will be the usual potluck so there will be plenty for those of you who are not fans of corned beef. There will be an Irish-themed event following the meal.

As usual, bring a dish to share of appetizer, salad, fruit, vegetable, meat or casserole. Bring a serving utensil if needed and a non-alcoholic beverage. I already have volunteers for dessert.

If you have questions, please contact either Ed Barnes at (352) 304-8206 or Kurt Bancroft at (352) 237-5747.



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**Community  
Emergency  
Response Team**

By Beth McKeen

With an average of 1.4 million lightning strikes each year, no other state in the country has more lightning than Florida. Thunderstorm activity peaks in the summer.

When thunder roars, first go indoors! Then use the 30-30 rule to determine the threat of lightning in your area before going out again. Count the seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder. If the time is less than 30 seconds, lightning is still a potential threat. Seek shelter immediately. After hearing the last thunder, wait 30 minutes before leaving shelter. Stay in a safe area until you are sure the

threat has passed.

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, March 8.

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.



**Democratic  
Club**

By Dan Lack

Rick Perry will be the speaker at our next meeting on Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. Please note that this is not the last Thursday of the month. Also please note that the former governor of Texas and former presidential candidate is not traveling to Ocala to speak to the On Top of the World Democratic Club. Oops.

This Rick Perry is the Democratic candidate for the Florida House of Representatives 23rd district. The seat is currently filled by Dennis Baxley who is not running for reelection. Rick is an attorney who is one of the two Marion County representatives to the state Democratic Party. He will talk about his upcoming race as well as local and state political issues.

Don't forget that the Presidential Preference Primary Election is on Tuesday, March 15. You can vote early starting Saturday, March 5 at Freedom Public Library

or the Southwest District Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office on SR200. Hillary and Bernie are awaiting your vote.

The "Proud to be a Democrat Dinner" will take place at the Hilton on Sunday, May 1 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$55. Please contact me if you would like to go so that we can fill one or more tables with residents of On Top of the World. The dinner is a major fundraiser for the Marion County Democratic Party.

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. Videos of our speakers may be viewed on youtube.com at "otow demclub."

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

# Newest Senior Care Neighborhood

By Dennis L. Ott

Land development has begun on Bridgewater Park, On Top of the World's newest neighbor. This community will include skilled nursing, assisted living with memory care, and independent living facilities, medical and health care offices and other ancillary services and amenities. Bridgewater Park developers have begun preparing the land for construction on a vacant 35-acre parcel located on the west side of SW 80th Avenue just off of SR 200.

TLC Management, a premier senior living developer/operator, is looking forward to providing a variety of healthcare and senior options for residents living at On Top of the World and Marion County. A sales office will be located onsite by summer of 2016 to accept employment applications, answer questions, and to pre-sell assisted and independent apartments.

Bridgewater Park Health and Rehabilitation will offer 120 private suites for those residents who require 24-hour skilled nursing and rehabilitation services. "Our goal is to restore our residents to their highest potential through kind, compassionate medical care. Our therapy team will customize each resident's rehabilitation by optimizing function and restoring quality of life," explains Gary Ott, CEO, TLC Management. The team will be involved in every aspect of each individual's health, recovery, and active lifestyle to assure the highest standard of care

and services are provided.

Bridgewater Park Assisted Living will offer 100 resort-style private suites where individuals will receive assistance with daily activities while enjoying numerous opportunities such as health spa, theater, gym, indoor garden, snack shop, and town square. As part of the assisted living services, a separate wing of 20 apartments will be specifically dedicated to residents with Alzheimer's or other forms of age-associated memory impairment. Services include everything from bathing, dressing, and grooming assistance to medication reminders and management.

Bridgewater Independent Living Center offers 90 spacious and beautifully designed apartments located on the north end of the campus. Residents will enjoy a safe, inspiring environment where each day brings with it the opportunity to meet new friends and explore new passions. Our goal is to nurture independence while providing opportunities to live the most fulfilling life possible. The Independent Living Center features an elegant dining atmosphere, club bistro, gaming center, fitness/wellness facilities, and a relaxing pool.

TLC anticipates the first residents of Bridgewater Park will begin to move into the community in the spring of 2017. This new senior living community will assist in boosting employment within Marion County by creating more than 400 new jobs.



**Republican  
Club**

By Fred Pulis

Mary Thomas, conservative Republican candidate for the United States House of Representatives, gave a rousing presentation on the reasons for her candidacy for the Second District of Florida. The applause heard from the Republican Club on Friday, Feb. 12 was a testimony to the effectiveness of her presentation. If elected, she would represent On Top of the World residents in Washington, DC under the newly proposed redistricting of the Florida election boundaries.

In addition, Marion County Commissioner Carl Zalak discussed the proposed Sales Tax Initiative that will be on the Tuesday, March 15 presidential primary ballot. Following his informative presen-

tation, numerous questions were asked and answered to the over-flow crowd in attendance.

Other dignitaries in attendance were incumbent County Commissioner District 5, Earl Arnett; County Commissioner District 1, David Moore; and School Board District 1 candidate, Caroline Noble Pharmer.

The next meeting of the Republican Club will be on Friday, March 11 with speakers: incumbent County Commissioner, District 5, Earl Arnett; incumbent Clerk of the Court David Ellspermann; School Board candidate Carolyn Pharmer.

Also, Charlie Stone, State Representative for District 22, will provide an end of session synopsis of the major legislative action that was accomplished in the 2016 session

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

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Photo by Ray Cech

Megan Fritschi and Jamila Blake shared their personal story in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, India in January.

## 30 Days in Kaziranga National Park

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Megan Fritschi and Jamila Blake shared their personal story of how they survived the heat, mosquitoes, rhinos and snakes this past August in the northeastern reaches of India. Their experience was shared at Master the Possibilities and presented in Live Oak Hall in January.

Both ladies are seniors at the University of Delaware and have been studying wildlife preservation and endangered species. When the opportunity came up for them to spend almost a month in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, India, one of the largest rhino preserves in the world, they both signed on. On Top of the World residents were treated to an hour and a half of travelogue photos and a PowerPoint discussion of their experiences.

What we learned was that poachers are still the biggest threat to rhinos and elephants even in a park as well guarded as Kaziranga. The park, established in 1908, is 166 square miles and maintains 75 percent of the world's one-horned rhinos. They are hunted for their tusks, which according to some cultures are used as a cure for illness. We know that elephants are poached for the same reason. The highest number of rhinos poached in one year was in 1992, when 48 were slaughtered.

The park also holds the largest density of Bengal tigers and is home to what is referred to as "The Big Five:" elephants, rhinos, tigers, water buffalo, and swamp deer.

During their stay in Kaziranga National Park, Megan and Jamila took part in animal rescue missions, met with local residents, and were treated to musical soirées by some very young and smiling school children. To get a first-hand feel for life in the park, they spent time with native residents and learned that the monsoon season is their greatest threat, since their homes are built of mud and straw and the rising river and vicious winds easily destroy them. On the other hand, they are easily replaced, and rebuilding has become a ritual throughout the park after every monsoon season.

Monsoon season or not, the quotidian threat to park natives are snakes, and busybody rhinos and elephants wanting to make a house their home.

Megan Fritschi and Jamila Blake wrapped up their presentation by taking questions, of which there were many. Coincidentally, three people in the audience were heading to India, one young lady to Kaziranga Park. What advice was she given? "Bring plenty of mosquito repellent."

## Hoofin' It for Hospice

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

With the signal from the starter, the 16th annual Hoofin' It for Hospice walk began with a rush of participants crossing the imaginary starting line under cool but partially sunny conditions. The two-mile leisurely walk took place through some of On Top of the World's neighborhoods. This was by no means a race to see who finished first but to raise money for Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House.

Valerie Sanders, event coordinator, and the entire volunteer staff would like to personally thank all individuals, clubs, groups, and organizations who made contributions to this successful worthwhile event. The event raised just under \$2,000. On hand to assist this year's event was Karen Haven, Hospice of Marion County's community support manager.



Photo by Bob Woods

The 16th annual Hoofin' It for Hospice walk took place on Saturday, Feb. 6.

## A Gift for 100 Grandparents

By Janet Fragapane



Photo by Bill Shampine

Romeo Elementary's after school choir, directed by Miss Billit and composed of third, fourth, and fifth grade students, proudly sang "This Little Light of Mine" for the 100 Grandparents.

If you were not with us last month, you missed a great gift from the third, fourth, and fifth grade students of the after school choirs. Lead by their music teacher, Miss Billit, they sang for the 100 Grandparents, "This Little Light of Mine." It was beautiful.

Come join us and get to enjoy all these wonderful children at Romeo Elementary in Dunnellon, Fla. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. for the bus at the rear of True Value Hardware, on Tuesday, March 8. Call Evelyn Holiday at (352) 237-0304 and get on the list.

Remember the only thing you need to bring is your desire to read to the children. One morning a month will give you quite a high. The rewards are great to the giver and the receiver.

A reminder to keep collecting those Box Tops for Education, pull tabs, and Campbell soup labels. Give them to anyone who you know who reads to the children or call Evelyn or myself at (352) 861-1575. We will gladly come pick them up.

I will also be happy to pick up donations of clothing for the children. A big thank you again to all who supplied clothing for this cold snap we had in February. The coats and warm clothing that you gave really kept several children warm.

Remember that the food drive is always on. Send a check addressed to Dunnellon Food 4 Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Florida, 34430. In the memo line write "for backpack."

If you wish to donate food, think instant single serve soups, cereals (hot and cold), peanut butter, jelly, etc. Sometimes this is the only food outside of school that some of these children have. No glass containers please.

The school will have a career night on Friday, May 13. If you would like to share your career with the children, please call Mrs. Balus, principal, at (352) 465-6700 and let her know that you would like to share your experiences with the children.

The school is already planning for "Summer Slide" (part two). Because many of you gave so much support to last year's "Summer Slide," this summer's reading program will be funded with a grant from Florida schools, for English to children who speak another language. In the case of Romeo Elementary, that amounts to 40 to 45 percent of the whole student body needing help in learning English. Time and money can be of great help.



**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

By Luke Mullen

January saw 28 diners attend four dinners at the homes of club members. Additionally, the club was able to participate in the annual Club Fair.

Hosting our first dinner were Sue and Bob Wilkes. Rhea and Jim Russell brought the appetizers, which consisted of thinly sliced French bread with a blue cheese spread, some topped with pecans and others with pepperoni. They also had a tray with scallions wrapped in ham and chive cream cheese sliced into pinwheels and small tomatoes stuffed with crab salad. These were interspersed with black olives.

Following the appetizers, Gail Rosenzweig and Ed Bodnar served a salad they had prepared. Sue and Bob then served the main meal. It was baked ziti accompanied by green beans and garlic bread. Gertrude and Barry Southworth prepared a Hawaiian cake for dessert.

Anne and Carl Crutchfield were hosts for our second dinner. Carolle and Tom



Photo by Kathy Mullen

**Rhea Russell and Luke Mullen at the annual Club Fair in January.**

Carlton prepared two hors d'oeuvres. One was cranberry chicken filo cups. The cups were filled with chicken salad with walnuts and rosemary topped with cranberries. The second appetizer was fig and blue cheese tarts. These were made with crescent rolls, cream cheese, blue cheese, and figs. Wendy and Joe Kakolowski then served a Greek salad made with avocado. The salad consisted of cucumbers, tomatoes, Kalamata olives, Feta cheese, Italian parsley, and avocados.

Anne and Carl then served an entrée called company casserole, which consisted of jumbo shrimp and scallops with a cheese sauce. Accompanying side dishes served were buttered peas with sautéed mushrooms and minced onion. Helen and Jack Anderson served dessert, which was an apple cranberry pie.

Third dinner hosts were Ann and Conrad Massa. Phyllis and Al Richards made appetizers. The first was a red, white and blue cheese ball. It consisted of softened cream cheese, crumbled blue cheese, minced green onions and chopped dry cranberries. The second was Romano and Parmesan stuffed portobello mushroom caps, which included mushrooms, lemon juice, garlic powder, sherry and Romano and Parmesan cheese. Following the appetizers, Ann and Conrad served the main meal. They had prepared baked pork chops, which were served with side dishes of rice pilaf, glazed carrots and a green salad. Ginny and Jerry Nardone then served a fresh apple cake with ice cream.

The hosts for our fourth dinner were Pat and Russ McNulty. Clare and Paul Pardee brought two appetizers. The first was a Mexican hot dip served with tortilla chips. The second was sausage links rolled in crescent rolls. Pat and Russ prepared the main course of chicken tetrazzini. This recipe contained chicken and mushrooms on a bed of spaghetti with white sauce. They also prepared a salad served before the main course. Annette and Paul Hodges then served a chocolate pecan tart.

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



**What's Cookin'**

By Marge Curran

I particularly love the recipe books put out by schools, churches and other small groups. The recipes are usually very "real" with regards to ingredients, ease of preparation and appeal for a large number of people. This recipe originally came from my kid's elementary school cookbook. I've made a few additions as well and have discovered some substitutions over the years, but it is a great meal for a potluck luncheon or dinner. It can be made ahead of time and you can even split the recipe into multiple containers for smaller portions.

**White Enchiladas**

- 1/2 to 1 pound grated Monterey Jack cheese
  - 4 large chicken breasts
  - 1 can cream of mushroom soup
  - 1 can cream of chicken soup
  - 8 ounces sour cream
  - 1 small can of sliced black olives
  - 1 to 2 bunches green onions, sliced
  - 1 package large flour tortillas
- Boil chicken, save the broth. Cube chicken.

Combine soups and sour cream to make the sauce.

Combine cubed chicken, sliced green onions, sliced olives and half of the sauce to make the filling.

Divide filling equally among the flour tortillas, roll the tortillas and place them seam side down in a 9 x 13 pan.

Add 1 to 1-1/2 cups (you don't want the sauce too thin) of the saved, strained chicken broth to the remaining sauce and pour over the tortillas. Sprinkle the Monterey Jack cheese on the top. Cook at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until bubbly. If previously refrigerated, add about 15 minutes to the cooking time.

These enchiladas are not spicy, and the basic recipe is absolutely delicious. But if you want to get creative or use up a few leftovers from your refrigerator here are some options for you to consider. You can add cooked rice, whole kernel corn, or even black beans to the filling. You can also add cheese to the filling. You can substitute Mexican blend shredded cheese for the Monterey Jack cheese. You can use another can of cream of chicken soup if you don't like mushrooms. You can use light sour cream, if you prefer. The finished tortillas are a good size. When going to a potluck I usually cut the enchiladas in half once they come out of the oven. Enjoy!



**American Jewish Club**

By Carol Aronoff

I hope you all kept warm during the cold spell and I know, I just know, that now we can look forward to an early spring. And that's because I wished for one on my birthday and that's the day the groundhog

did not see his shadow!

I hope you were not too disappointed that the League of American Women Voters could not appear due to a conflict of interest. However, the Humane Society filled in on short notice and was very interesting. We are much obliged to them.

Our lunch bunch at Bianca's was very successful, almost as good as the turnout for the Braised Onion.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting on Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m.

**Apple Product Class at Master the Possibilities**

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Classes have begun at Master the Possibilities on all Apple products.

Apple demands luxury prices, whatever the device, yet most users utilize no more than 20 percent of the products' capabilities.

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**Women of the World**

By Nancy Grabowski

Whether March roars in like a lion or slips in gently like a lamb, the beginning of the month signifies how close the fashion show is! The menu has been selected, the models have chosen the clothing, the decorations are being prepared, and women throughout the community are creating those fabulous baskets for the raffle.

On Friday, March 9, a group of dedicated ladies will meet at the Recreation Center Ballroom at noon to begin the transformation. With many hands at work, the ballroom will be ready in a few hours.

Saturday, March 10 is the big day! Early workers will be on hand, beginning at 9 a.m. (until 10:30 a.m.), to accept baskets for the raffle. It is most helpful when the basket is tagged with its contents although it is up to the creators if they wish to add their names. The baskets will be staged around the ballroom for easier viewing.

Barbara Steinfeldt has arranged for the shuttle service to begin at 10:45 a.m. in each parking lot. Our wonderful husbands will be driving carts and cars to keep us looking lovely for this special occasion.

Doors will open at 10:45 a.m. so everyone has ample time to look at the bas-

kets, purchase and enter tickets, and enjoy some conversations with friends. Watch for the ladies on hand who will be selling the raffle tickets. Tickets will cost \$1 each or three for \$2 or 10 for \$5; we hope you will bring many smaller bills with which to purchase your tickets. Don't worry if the ticket colors vary, each is accepted into the collection.

Remember, the money raised at the basket raffle is donated in its entirety to Hospice of Marion County. We hope to present them with a very generous check because of your willingness to give.

The luncheon service will begin at 12:15 p.m., followed by the fashion show. As we usually do, some baskets will be raffled off while the models change outfits. The West Port High School Key Club will continue to deliver the baskets to the lucky winners. We are so fortunate to have these young people volunteer each year; we cannot thank them enough!

After the models have completed showing us the colors and styles of this season, we will finish with the raffle ... and the last winner to be announced will be the nest egg, which holds a whopping \$600 this year! Thank you for being so generous.

Before we can close the chapter on the 35th annual fashion show, we will have to restore the ballroom to its normal order. We hope many of you will lend a hand here, making it easier for everyone to get the work done.



**The Glitzy Gals**

By Janet Wahl

The Royal Orchid was the choice of our hostesses, Betty Tesmer and Dottie Hinde, for our luncheon. All those attending enjoyed good food and service. A Valentine's Day theme was used for the favors and decorations. Sara Riehm was the prizewinner.

We again participated in Hoofin' It for Hospice and our group collected over \$400! Breakfast was enjoyed after the walk at Sweet Potatoes.

Six of The Glitzy Gals attended the Chinese New Year luncheon, "Year of the Monkey" at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey, Fla. This event included lunch, a Chinese auction, raffles, and "Share the Wealth" for breast cancer. Several of our girls won a basket of goodies.

Valentine treats for the children and a flower for the mothers were delivered to Project Hope for Valentine's Day. Other needed items were also collected.

The Red Hat Gala in Tampa, National Red Hat Day, the International Convention in San Antonio and the first Florida state convention in Daytona Beach are future events. "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all." QM Mary Curry



Photo by Bob Woods

Members of the Red Hat Society Glitzy Gals participated in the annual Hoofin' It for Hospice in February.



Photo by Mike Roppel

Dave Schlenker from the Ocala Star Banner gave an interesting presentation at the last WOW meeting.



**Computer Club**

By David Wesenberg

Are you having trouble with your network or updating to Windows 10? How to e-mail pictures with your iPad or tablet? Join the Computer Club. We meet at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites A and B on Thursdays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. Coming up are a presentation on e-

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**LadyBirds**

By Caren Kowalsky

Hope your Valentine's Day was filled with yummy candy, flowers, and lots of fun.

Thanks to Annette Krueger, our guest speakers for our Friday, Feb. 12 meeting were Jan Keitz and Beth McKeen from CERT, who gave us a very interesting and

informative presentation. Spouses and significant others were also welcomed to attend.

Lyn Titcome, Barb Marvin and Barbara Wright were in charge of our Valentine's Day potluck on Saturday, Feb. 13. Lovely music by Elaine Fitchpatrick, and delicious food prepared by our very talented LadyBirds, and happy couples made for another wonderful evening.

Thanks to Jean Jarmel for our Wednesday, Feb. 17 luncheon at Carmine's Café. It was a huge success.

Mark your calendar, and be sure to attend our next meeting! Ruth Kuntar has

engaged Patricia Gabriel, president of the SR200 Coalition, as our guest speaker for our Friday, March 11 meeting. This should be a very interesting and exciting presentation, as we will learn about all of the new industries, stores, etc. that will be coming our way in the future.

March is the month we appoint a nominating committee to solicit potential candidates to fill the board of directors as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Voting takes place at our April meeting. Installation of officers takes place at our May luncheon meeting, which is arranged by the outgoing president and

board of directors.

We are always happy to have spouses and significant others of our R/C Flyers join us, and sit in at a monthly meetings, held on the second Friday of each month between September and April at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 9 a.m. Please feel free to bring your favorite beverage, and we will supply the goodies. If you need any information regarding our club, please feel free to contact me at (352) 291-1235. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



**Southern Club**

By Melanie Vittitow

The Southern Club has continued to meet and grow even without a full board of officers. Twenty-three people have joined us since September and I think they are having a good time. We have been able to do this because a few members have stepped forward to host the meetings and help with the chores (set-up and clean-up). But to operate fully we need officers.

In March, we will have elections and vote for a board for next year. They will be installed in April and have lots of time to learn and plan for next September. If you have thoughts and ideas about what the Southern Club should be doing, you should consider running for office or at least chair a committee so the new board and all of us can benefit from your suggestions.

We had a great meal at our last meeting. All of our Southern cooks outdid themselves to provide scrumptious dishes and desserts. Speaking of desserts, we have to give a great big "thank you" to John and Jean Battocletti for the huge pan of bread pudding that they bring every month. And they don't forget the vanilla sauce that goes on top! For many of us, the meal just wouldn't be complete without their bread pudding.

If you are interested in joining us, we meet on the first Thursday of the month. This month it will be Thursday, March 3. We meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F at 5 p.m. for social time with the potluck dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. You need to bring a dish to share and your own utensils and plates. The club will furnish tea and coffee. You can bring a casserole, vegetable, meat, salad 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?"



**Italian American Club**

By Carole Dymond

President Mike DeBari brought our February meeting to order. Nellie Stasiak was recognized for the outstanding job she does as treasurer. She also uses her decorating skills to make our meeting room come alive each month with different holiday decorations.

Joe Berger introduced our special guest speaker, Major Terry Bovard, bureau chief for Homeland Security. Major Bovard gave us very interesting insights into the workings of this agency and precautions to take if we were ever involved in an active shooter event. The recommended way to survive an incident is to run, hide or fight. Run as far away from the scene as you safely can. Hide behind a locked door

and barricade yourself. Fight as last resort when your life is in imminent danger by using objects and improvise weapons that may be around you to defend yourself. Hopefully, we will never be involved in this situation.

Major Bovard also suggested carrying wasp spray to ward off any possible attackers if you don't have pepper spray or mace.

Major Bovard is very proud of the fact that Marion County Sheriff's Office was named the top SWAT team in the world and said that with grant money received they were able to purchase state-of-the-art equipment. A special treat is in store for the club next month, as we will have a talented and gifted person who will delight us with his amazing performance singing oldies and playing on the keyboard.

Did you know that in Italy the number 17 is considered unlucky?

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 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.

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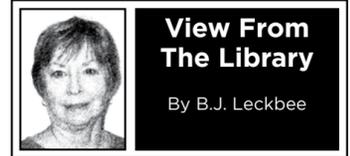
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**View From The Library**

By B.J. Leckbee

A television producer needs to develop a successful documentary in order to keep her job. She remembers an unsolved murder from 20 years ago that is still talked about today. The suspects were four young females, best friends, one of whom is the daughter of the victim.

Laurie Moran, the producer, discovers that the four women went their separate ways after the case went cold and all still live under a cloud of suspicion, unable to live fulfilling lives. She believes that bringing them back together at the scene of the crime and having them talk on camera

about the events of that night will either convince the public that they are indeed innocent, or will cause local law enforcement to take another, closer look at one of them.

What could possibly go wrong?

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Leave it to Clark to convince the reader that any one of the four young ladies might really be guilty; and to point out that even the best of friends don't know each other's secrets.

Clark has written more than 25 suspense novels and they are all still in print. She has been able to attract a wide and loyal audience in part by not writing sexually explicit or violent scenes, and by developing characters that readers can relate to.

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**SPCA**

By Maria Devine

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. This will be the St. Patrick's Day edition of our meeting, so please come and wear green to help bring the luck of the Irish to all of our furry friends. Our hotline number is (352) 362-0985. Please call this number for all inquiries.

We are happy to report that sweet beagle Barney highlighted in last month's column has been adopted into his forever

home. Congratulations to Barney and his new family, and thank you to all who called.

The SPCA is currently fostering a small dog to get him ready for adoption. We will tell you all about him in a future column when he is ready for a new home.

Don't forget that you can get on our waiting list for pet adoptions by calling our hotline number above. Just tell us the type of dog or cat you are looking for, and we will call you when we have a best match to your criteria. This way, you will get the chance to learn about or meet the new pet before he or she gets into the local newspapers. You can also check out adoptable pets on our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA) and website (spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com).

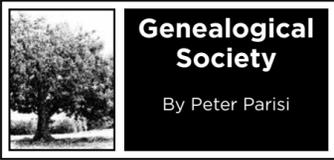
Several months ago Debbie Horvath

of Marion County Animal Services was a guest speaker at our meeting. Animal Services has a staff of 47 – half work at the Animal Center and half at Animal Control. The Animal Center is Marion County's only open-admissions shelter, which means they accept all animals that arrive on their doorstep, not just the ones deemed most adoptable. The center receives over 12,000 unwanted or stray animals a year. These include dogs, cats, horses, livestock and farm animals. Healthy and friendly animals are sheltered until they are adopted with no time limits in place. The center will often work with local rescue groups to help young, old, or sick animals eventually find homes of their own.

There are only 14 full time Animal Control officers who respond to over 20,000

calls a year and are on-call for emergencies 24 hours a day. About seven to 10 officers are on the road each weekday. Marion County is large – it spans 1,652 square miles – and each officer is responsible for about 120 square miles a day. They rescue injured, sick, or stray domestic animals; investigate aggressive attacks; investigate animal cruelty cases that can range from one poor animal to large-scale incidents involving hundreds. You can contact Animal Control on a normal business day at (352) 671-8727. The after-hour emergency number is (352) 732-9111.

If you've lost your pet or found a stray, don't forget to check the Animal Center website at marioncountyfl.org/animal.htm. The site is updated hourly. The Animal Center's main number is (352) 671-8700. You can get neuter information at (352) 307-1351.



**Genealogical Society**

By Peter Parisi

On Monday, Jan. 18, Pat Rand, past president of The Villages Genealogical Society, gave an informative presentation on the upcoming National Genealogical Society 2016 Family History Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from Wednesday, May 4 to Saturday, May 7. The Florida State Genealogical Society is hosting the conference. There will be more than 150 lectures on a wide range of topics, such as federal records, the law and genealogy, methodology, analysis and problem solving, military and land records, DNA and much more. If you are interested in attend-

ing, register at conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/.

Jean Monroe, our past president, then gave an excellent presentation on some of the 50 Best Genealogy Brick Wall Solutions to obtain hard-to-find information on your ancestors.

When checking a ship's manifest, realize that your ancestor's name was recorded how it sounded and not necessarily spelled correctly, especially if your ancestor couldn't speak good English.

- Long foreign surnames were Americanized when immigrants reached the U.S. Also, if a name ended in a double consonant, a vowel might have been added at the end. If a name began with a vowel, a consonant might have been added in front of the vowel.
- When trying to find the maiden name of a female, check the U.S.

Social Security or the Canadian Social Insurance records, which will normally give the mother's maiden name.

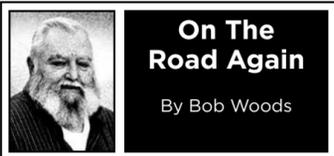
- If a child died in childbirth or at a young age, that name might be given to the next child born of that gender.
- Whether researching court documents, Census records, city directories, birth and death certificates, check using both the first name and the middle name. Many people went by their middle name if a relative had the same first name. Focus on the family member with the least common first name.
- When researching Census records, use an old map of the area in which they lived and check houses on the same street and adjoining streets because many large immigrant

families lived near their relatives.

- Also, check if the name of the street has changed since that time, even the name of the town or city. For instance, Brooklyn was originally a city until Jan. 1, 1898 when it became one of the 5 boroughs of New York City.

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, March 14 in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building. At the business meeting, we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations. We will hold an educational presentation at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 21 in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center. The presentation will be "Understanding DNA Test Results" by Julia Hendrick.

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 out our website at otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.



**On The Road Again**

By Bob Woods

The club has a few unexpected openings on a motor coach trip and a cruise.

The motor coach trip is a nine-day, eight-night to San Antonio, Texas departing our community on Saturday, April 23. There are just a few seats available. Destinations include the historical Alamo, Missions, the famous River Walk, President Johnson's summer White House ranch including a stop at an Acadian Village in Lafayette, La. on the return leg of this motor coach trip. If interested, please call John Ware at (352) 873-3516 for additional details or view a flyer by heading to the club's website at bobwoodsontheroad-again.com.

The cruise has a couple of openings on the Oasis of the Seas which is departing Port Canaveral, Fla. on Sunday, Nov. 27 for a seven-night voyage to Nassau, St. Thomas, and St Maarten before returning to Florida waters. Prices for this cruise are at prevailing rates and the club is providing a \$75 shipboard credit per cabin. Call

Bob Woods for details at (352) 854-0702.

The club has another motor coach trip planned on Monday, Oct. 3 heading for the Savannah, the "Belle of Georgia." There will be guided tours of Jekyll and St. Simon Islands along with a guided tour of Beaufort, S.C. and Parris Island Marine Corps Base. A step-on-guide will conduct a guided tour of Savannah with a stop at a famous historic home within the city and plenty of time to explore the old city's famous and historic River Street.

Bob has a cruise that is on many people's "bucket list" and that is a circumnavigating cruise around Australia with a stop in Bali, Indonesia and many locations on New Zealand's South Island before returning to Sydney. This "once in a lifetime" cruise is onboard Royal Caribbean's Radi-

ance of the Seas departing Sydney on Feb. 9, 2017 returning to Sydney on March 14th. Interested? Call Bob.

The club is planning a motor coach trip to Niagara Falls departing the last week of May 2017 for a nine-day trip and a cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest Oasis class ship, the Harmony of the Seas that is planned for the first week of December 2017. There are no details available at this present time but if you would like to have a phone call when details are available, call John for the Niagara Falls trip and Bob for the Harmony of the Seas cruise.

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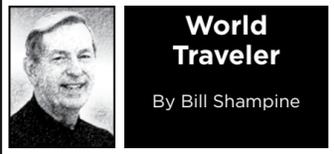
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Greenland, about the size of Mexico, is the world's largest non-continental island. It is located near the top of the world, between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, and east of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

Greenland has been inhabited for at least 4,500 years. For the most part, the indigenous Inuit peoples lived in the northern and western parts of the island. We all have heard about the Vikings colonizing Greenland but they didn't get there until 986, when the Norwegian-born Icelander, Erik the Red, was exiled from Iceland for manslaughter.

When he was forced to leave, he was able to convince 14 boatloads of people to leave with him. They settled on the southwestern coast, probably the most people-friendly portion of the island. According to legend, he named the island "Greenland" in the hopes that the pleasant sounding name might attract more settlers. Because the island's topography is so forbidding for travel, there was relatively little exchange between the Inuit in the north and the Vikings in the south.

In spite of the Viking settlement founded by Eric the Red, Greenland did not formally become part of Norway's governance until 1262. Then, roughly 100 years later, the Black Plague devastated Europe! The loss of life in Norway was so bad that the government was forced to accept a union with Denmark in order to stay viable. Struggling for its own survival, Norway no longer had much to do with the Greenland settlement, and the Viking settlements vanished during the late 14th and early 15th centuries. No one is quite sure why, but it is thought to be the result of what is called the Little Ice Age, a period of major climate change that made the region significantly colder.

Greenland became a Danish colony in 1814, and was granted home rule in 1979. Since 2009, Greenland has been operating under the Self-Government Act, which is slowly weaning Greenland away from governance by Denmark.

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Photo by Oliver Schauf

**Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, with the Sermitsiaq mountain in the background.**

cold and snowy, you were right. The average daily temperature of Nuuk, the capital, varies over the year from 18° to 45° F. It has snowed so much over the millennia that more than 80 percent of the land mass is covered by ice that is up to 13,000 feet thick. This huge mass of ice in the center part of the island is why all of the people live along the coast. With a population of only 57,000 people, Greenland is the least densely populated country in the world. The people mostly live on the southern and southwestern coast.

The island is very rugged, with mountains ranging up to more than 12,000 feet. The mountains extend to the coast for the most part, so there are very few plains and arable land. There also are very few paved roads on the island because of the ice and the topography. The rugged coasts and the many broad, deep fjords make road construction almost impossible along the coastline. Then, if you try to go inland to build a highway, you immediately run into huge glaciers, which will not support a road base.

Greenland's economy is dominated by exports of shrimp and fish, although income from mineral exploration and extraction is increasing. Tourism also is becoming an increasingly important source of income, as cruise lines expand visits to the western and southern waters during the summer season (both days - writer's feeble attempt at humor). The population is small enough that everybody knows where everything is located, so you often don't see signs advertising places. Nevertheless, the people are very friendly, and are happy to offer directions or suggestions for local shops or restaurants.



Our new spring/summer brochure is out! It's yellow and can be found at your post office building in our blue box, at the Recreation Center and Arbor Club and at the Indigo East and Candler Hills Community Centers. This brochure describes upcoming trips in detail.

Linda Hein is coordinating a trip to Williston Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens with lunch at Great Outdoors Restaurant in High Springs, Fla. The trip date is Thursday, April 28, and the cost is \$53 per person. To book, call her at (352) 861-9880.

A trip to the Show Palace on Mother's Day, May 8, to see "Grease" is now open to book. The cost is \$72 per person. Call Pat Hood, the coordinator, at (352) 237-8533 to register.

Registration opens Monday, March 7, for our Father's Day (June 19) St. Johns River cruise out of Sanford, Fla. This is a three-hour luncheon cruise that travels across Lake Monroe and up the St. Johns River. It has proved very popular in the past. The cost is \$65 per person and Pat Hood is again the coordinator for this trip.

Join us on our 2017 Valentine's Day cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas. Cruise dates are Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 to Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 from Port Canaveral, Fla. to Haiti, Jamaica and Mexico. The cruise is now open to book, and

early booking is recommended to secure the fares. Travel Toppers has arranged. Price includes all taxes, tips, gratuities, insurance and transfer to the port. Call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428.

Inge is also taking reservations for our "Legendary Danube" river cruise from Monday, Oct. 10 to Thursday, Oct. 20. After an optional three-night stay in Prague, we will have a seven-night cruise from Nuremberg to Budapest, through the beautiful riverside scenery of the Danube with many interesting ports of call. Inge can give you pricing and detailed information regarding this cruise.

The last trip I have room to mention is our trip to celebrate Callaway Gardens' 25th year of "Fantasy in Lights." We leave Monday, Dec. 5 for Pine Mountain, Ga., and return Wednesday, Dec. 7. We will have an escorted tour of the renowned "Fantasy in Lights," a garden tour and stay at the beautiful Mountain Creek Inn. More details are on the front cover of our brochure. Please contact Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428 to book.

Travel Toppers is planning a motor coach trip to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Canada and the surrounding areas in the fall at a reasonable price for nine days/eight nights at a cost of \$799 per person, which includes tips for driver and guide plus travel insurance. If you are interested in this trip, please call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428.

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**Native Plant Group**

By Ron Broman

Forgive me, please, if I sound a little sour in this column. It has nothing to do with the season or the weather. Attitude is not even a factor; in fact I feel upbeat that a subject for this piece has finally been determined.

Sorrel is the reason. Sorrel equates to sour. If you chew a sorrel leaf, it tastes sour because it contains oxalic acid. That's probably why someone somewhere decided it should have the botanical name of Oxalis, from the Greek, which means in

English, sharp, or even oxygen. How that computes to sour; who knows?

Sorrel is sometimes known as wood sorrel. Who would have guessed? Several species of Oxalis are found in this part of Florida. One species, cropping up just now, perhaps in your yard, as it has in ours, has a beautiful pink blossom. So what would you think? You're right; it's the pink wood sorrel.

She prefers wet sites, open woodlands, roadside ditches, forest margins and our lawns. Per Wildf Flowers of Florida Field Guide, by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, "Native to the American tropics, this weedy wildflower has naturalized throughout Florida and other parts of the Southeast. Although attractive, it is an invasive species that should not be planted in home landscapes."

One wood sorrel that is native to Florida is the creeping (not creepy) wood sorrel, Oxalis corniculata. Its yellow, funnel-shaped flower, (quarter to half foot long), with five petals, is born singly or in small clusters from upper leaf attachments.

Then there is O. stricta as well as O. dilenii, both with yellow flowers. O. violacea has a violet bloom.

One or more of these low, erect perennials are common in lawns, old fields, disturbed sites and along roadsides throughout Florida and other central and eastern U.S. states.

So, since I am not sure which yellow wood sorrel is growing in our yard and pictured here, we'll call her Oxalis spp., a species of sorrel or wood sorrel. If someone reading this is not quite satisfied with this decision, he/she would be more than

welcome to do further research, and share the findings with us.

It's "sorrel" like asking, "What would you call it?"

On that "sour" note (not really), this cooler weather has put the sorrel to sleep just now; but come a few more degrees and Oxalis spp. will be wide awake.

Even through these cooler months, the members of the Native Plant Group are actively working to protect our native flora. On the second Wednesday of each month we maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail and Native Plant Garden. On the fourth Wednesday, we maintain the SW 94th Street circle at SW 89th Court Road. Both activities begin at 8:30 a.m. To find out more, call (352) 861-4560. Join us if you would like to grow native.



Photo by Erik Sherer

**Great blue heron.**



**Birders' Beat**

By Debbie Sherer

Birders will meet at the large tree in the Recreation Center parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and leave for Leesburg at 7:30 a.m. Newcomers are encouraged to join us and experience the world of birds in Florida.



Photo by Ron Broman

**Wood sorrel in the Garden of Weedin'.**

The Unique Birders plan to visit Bourlay Historic Nature Park on Thursday, March 31. Bourlay Park is on 88 acres of land in Leesburg donated by Arthur "Buddy" Bourlay III.

This park is an excellent site for bird watching. It is like a secluded garden estate on the southwest shore of Lake Griffin. It has two miles of nature trails all with good views of the lake and a two-story 1930s cracker-style historic landmark house.

Bourlay Park staff is dedicated to good resource management. They encourage native species and discourage exotic species. Prescribed fire is being introduced as part of the plan for re-establishing native communities. The birding group at The Villages identified 48 bird species at Bourlay. On Friday, Feb. 5, they saw or heard ducks (grebes, coots), wading birds (herons, egrets, ibises), gulls and terns, woodpeckers, vireos, crows, grackles, hawks, vultures and many songbirds. This trip should be a great opportunity to see plenty of birds like the great blue heron.

Please join the Unique Birders for the trip to Bourlay Nature Park in Leesburg, Fla., on March 31. Contact Norm Lantz at (352) 854-5713 by Monday, March 28, if you plan to come with us. The Unique



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# Sheans Horse Farm

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Last year on a tour of Northern Ireland, a group of residents stopped at Sheans Horse Farm and Heritage Centre on the way to Giant's Causeway. Arriving at the farm, the group was greeted by Danny McKinley, owner of the farm along with his family. The group descended into a large room where tea, coffee and home-made scones were served.

Enjoying the refreshments and comfort facilities, Danny showed a PowerPoint presentation about the history of the area and the farm along with the historic battle fought on the farm's property by generations past. The group then boarded the motor coach for a ride to the top of the hill behind the farm buildings known as the peak. The peak is the site of one of Sorley's great battles, the Battle of Aura in 1583, resulting in a victory for the heavily outnumbered McDonnells over the combined forces of two Irish clans and the English. Danny explained the battle that occurred at the peak.

The farm is located at Armoyle, just off the Causeway Coastal route on the edge of the Glens of Antrim, one of the last



Photo by Bob Woods

## Residents climbing to the peak.

regions of Ireland to be held by the Irish clans. Sorley Boy McDonnell controlled Northeast Ulster in the 16th century. He had strong links with the Highlands and the Western Isles of Scotland.

Danny stated, "At Sheans, we engage our visitors by relating the epic life story of the great chieftain and defender of the Causeway Coast, Sorley Boy McDonnell, who controlled this area in the 16th cen-

ture." When the motor coach neared the top of the peak, the group disembarked and viewed the landscape from the peak where turf cutting was demonstrated and anyone in the group could try their hand at the ancient art still being employed today. Turf is nothing more than peat moss that is burned after drying and then used for cooking and heat.

At the conclusion of the excursion to the peak, the group viewed about a dozen corralled Gypsy Vanner horses. Sheans Horse Farm is the most extensive off-road horse riding facility along the entire Ireland's North Coast. The farm has many breeds of horses.

The Gypsy Vanner horse is a beautiful

and rare new breed of horse envisioned by the European gypsies. These horses have been selectively bred for many years to be a perfect horse to pull gypsy caravans. These horses are easily recognizable by their long flowing manes and tails and "feathers" on their lower legs. The origin is from breeding Shire, Clydesdale, Friesian and Dale ponies. Gypsies today do not like that name but would rather be called European travelers.

The group took all kinds of pictures of the horses as some came close to the group to be petted. There was a barn that housed many horses to the delight of the group.



Photo by Bob Woods

## Residents petting one of the many horses at Sheans Farm.

## Free Tax Services

Since January, United Way of Marion County has been offering free income tax preparation through a number of VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) locations. Call 2-1-1 to make an appointment.

Residents will need to bring:

- Government issued photo I.D., such as driver's license.
- Social Security cards, ITN numbers and birth dates for taxpayer, spouse and dependents.
- All wage and income statements (example: W-2, W-2G, 1099-R forms).
- Interest and dividend statements

from financial institutions (Form 1099) if applicable.

- Copy of last year's federal tax return
- Proof of day care expenses including provider's name, address and federal identification number.
- To receive direct deposit of refund, bring checking/savings account and routing numbers.
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**Active Living**  
By Theresa Fields  
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It's hard to believe that spring is less than three weeks away, starting Sunday, March 20. We have been very fortunate to experience a mild winter. We know why we are well known as the Sunshine State and the envy of many of our neighbors to the north.

Don't forget daylight-saving time is fast approaching. On Sunday, March 13, you will want to move your clocks ahead one hour. America will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17. Don't forget to wear your green!

**Telephone Directories**

The 2016 On Top of the World telephone directories will be available for pick up starting April 2016. You will be able to pick up your copy at Customer Service.

**Room Request Forms and Club Guest Notification Forms**

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2017 are now due. Rooms will not be automatically rebooked for the year without submitting a new request.

Events or club meetings that have guests in attendance must submit a Club Guest Notification form two weeks prior to your event. Guests will be denied entry into the community without the proper paper work submitted to the Recreation 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 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. This class 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!

**Town Hall Meeting**

Join us on Thursday, March 3, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, at 5:30 p.m. as Sheriff Chris Blair and staff hold a town hall meeting. Sheriff Blair will discuss the current happenings at the Marion County Sheriff's Office and address any questions and concerns. Safety will be one of the main topics and how you can protect yourself from many different types of crime. They will also talk about popular scams, identity theft and homeland security in Marion County.

**Horse Farm Tour**

Join us for a morning tour of Ocala horse country that includes the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association Museum, equine veterinary hospital, thoroughbred Stud Farm and a third "mystery farm." Karen Grimes, horse-woman and Ocala "insider" since 1989, will take you on a beautiful drive with narration of the area between the stops. The last stop will be lunch at Southern Pig & Cattle Co. (on your own). This trip is scheduled for Friday, March 4, and the cost is \$31 per person. Please note there is a lot of walking on this trip. Farm stops and lunch location subject to change. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

**Majestic Manatee Tours**

Join us for the Majestic Manatee tour on Tuesday, March 8. 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 in Crystal River around 11:30 a.m. where you will have approximately one hour and fifteen minutes for lunch. Then we will board the boat on the dock next to Charlie's Fish House at 1 p.m. You will tour the Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of our beloved manatees. You will see an abundant amount of waterfowl. The two and a half hour tour will keep you entertained with nature's wildlife and beauty.

Cost is \$54 per person, which includes transportation and river cruise (lunch is not included). Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

**Victory Casino Cruise**

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Thursday, March 10, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, 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 I.D. will be required to board.

Cost is \$38 per person, which includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, \$20 match in play and double points. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

**Relectrocycle**

Do you have electronic items sitting around that you would love to dispose of? We are making that possible by offering "Responsible Electronics Recycling" on Thursday, March 10, in the Recreation Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a free event with the exception of the following items incurring a \$5 fee per item: box cabinet and projection TVs and CRT monitors.

**Happy Hour**

Join us for our next themed "Bike Night" Happy Hour on Friday, March 11. Pull out the leather for a fun-filled night with all your biker friends. Please remember that a resident I.D. is required for entry into Happy Hour and guest fees apply. Saving of tables is not permitted.

- March 4: The Chauffeurs (Recreation Center)
- March 11: D.J. Magic Mark (Bike Night at Arbor Club)
- March 18: Johnny Alston (Recreation Center)

- March 25: No Happy Hour
- As of July 1, 2016, Happy Hour will be held weekly in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

**Rags to Riches Sign Up**

Rags to Riches is scheduled for Friday, April 22, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Table sign up will commence on Monday, March 14, at the Recreation Center office. Cost will be \$8 per table (two table maximum per resident). Get your table(s) early as this event sells out quickly.

**Voting Precincts**

The Presidential Preference Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, March 15. To vote, please visit your assigned precinct from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.:

- **PRECINCT 4650:** Hobby Building, 9125 SW 98th Street.
- **PRECINCT 4651:** Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F & G, 1070 SW 94th Street.
- **PRECINCT 4652:** Master the Possibilities, classroom #1, 8413 SW 80th Street.
- **PRECINCTS 4653 AND 4654:** Master the Possibilities, classrooms #2 and #3, 8413 SW 80th Street.

If you are unsure of your precinct, please visit votemarion.com.

Early voting runs from Saturday, March 5 through Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the following locations:

- Freedom Public Library, 5870 SW 95th Street.
- Southwest District Office of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 9048 SW Hwy 200.

To vote, you must show photo and signature I.D.

**Holy Land Experience**

Join us for an amazing trip to the Holy Land Experience, a Christian theme park in Orlando, Fla., on Thursday, March 17. You will see four major dramas with a combination of indoor and outdoor presentations. The last show will start at 4 p.m. You will have the opportunity to meet and greet the cast throughout the park. Dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes. There are plenty of cafés and restaurants on site for lunch on your own. Cost of the trip is \$61 per person, which includes transportation, entry into the park and all four shows. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation

Center office.

**Tropic Trivia Night**

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions on Thursday, March 24 at the Arbor Club. You will be able to have teams of four, six or eight! 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.

**February Team Winners**

1: The Conquistadors; 2: The Know Nothing's; 3: Panhandlers.

Congratulations to all teams! For Trivia night, 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 non-resident attending with a resident. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

**Lazy River Cruise & Dinner**

Join us for a relaxing two-hour guided riverboat cruise down the Withlacoochee River. Captain Mike will give you information on the history, flora, fauna and points of interest while trying to find as much wildlife as possible during the tour. We will dine at Stumpknockers Restaurant at 3:15 p.m. and take the boat cruise at 5 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$28 per person which includes transportation and the river cruise. Dinner will be on your own. Pre-registration required; contact the Recreation Center office.

**April Events**

- Friday, April 1: Singing River Cruise
- Thursday, April 7: Enviro Shred
- Friday, April 8: "Egyptian" Happy Hour
- Wednesday, April 13: New England Shire Centre Tour
- Thursday, April 14: St. Johns River Cruise
- Saturday, April 16: Hands Across the Highway
- Tuesday, April 19: Victory Casino Cruise
- Thursday, April 21: Get Acquainted Coffee
- Friday, April 22: Rags to Riches
- Tuesday, April 26: John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
- Thursday, April 28: Tropic Trivia Night

Have a safe spring!

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# 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.
<b>Exit Community.....</b>		<b>9:34 a.m.</b>
<i>Indigo East Community Center      Parking Lot      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.
<b>Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.</b>		
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.

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# Annual Home Improvement Expo

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

There were rescue animals on the square up for adoption and home improvement vendors at Circle Square Cultural Center. Saturday, Feb. 13 welcomed more than 1,500 visitors to the annual Home Improvement Expo.



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Over 1,500 visitors attended the annual Home Improvement Expo in February.

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Sixty pre-approved vendors were set up inside, as well as outside. Everything that you ever wanted to know about your home could be learned at the show, and if you didn't want to do it yourself, there was someone there you could hire to get it done for you. There were energy saving ideas, duct cleaning experts, solar contractors, drapery and screen vendors, and, of course, if you wanted to remodel the bathroom or your whole house, professionals were there to discuss your plans.

"The annual Home Improvement Expo is always a welcome event for On Top of the World residents," said Program Supervisor Theresa Fields.

The expo was also well attended by folks from all around Marion County making up more than 50-percent of the visitors. If the vendor waiting list and the attendance figures are any indication of the show's popularity, it may be, "The Greatest Show on Earth."

# Cayman Turtle Farm

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Hot or cold soup anyone? Let's make that turtle soup. How about a turtle steak or turtle stew? You can have your turtle fried, baked, grilled or any other way you might enjoy this meat delicacy.

There are hundreds, if not thousands of turtle farms throughout the world but there is only one sea turtle farm still in operation in the world and that is on Great Cayman. Not only is this farm operation a source of meat for the island's inhabitants but it is also the island's biggest tourist attraction.

The Cayman Turtle Farm is owned and operated by the Cayman Islands Government, which raises the green sea turtle. The turtle's meat cannot be exported from the island because the giant green sea turtle is an endangered species.

Christopher Columbus came across the Cayman Islands in 1503 while sailing and discovering landmasses in the Caribbean. When he found this group of islands, he called them "Las Tortugas" because of the abundance of green sea turtles. Over centuries, the Cayman Islands became a stopping point for ships plying the Caribbean waters in need of food. Turtles captured in the Caymans were taken and kept alive aboard ships as a source of meat.

The supply of green sea turtles started to become extinct.

The Cayman Turtle Farm was the first commercial enterprise to domesticate green sea turtles and the only facility of its kind in the world. The green sea turtle does not have a green shell, in fact, many have gray, brownish, black and yellow colors in their shell but their name comes from the greenish color of their fat. The green sea turtle is one of seven species of sea turtles remaining in the world.

There has been controversy over the turtle farm on Cayman. Conservation and animal welfare groups such as the Sea Turtle Conservancy are trying to stop the farm on Cayman from raising turtles. This group claims that while the farm releases some of the turtles back into the wild that these farmed raised turtles have diseases that threaten those in the wild.

The turtle farm has reputed allegations of cruelty and congenital defects and reportedly has claimed to having released 31,000 green sea turtles into the wild since the establishment of the farm in 1968. They have stated that some of those released have been spotted all over the Caribbean and some females have come back to Cayman to lay their eggs. Turtles released by the farm are tagged.

The farm is very informative and educational. It not only breeds turtles but conducts research on them as well. If you are visiting Grand Cayman, the turtle farm should be on your list of excursions.

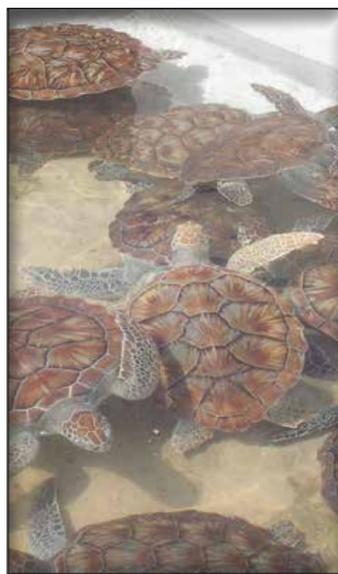


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The Cayman Turtle Farm.



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**Pickleball for New Players**

By Bill Daugherty

A two-hour class for new players will be held on the pickleball courts at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 3. In case of rain, the class will be held on Saturday, March 5, at

1 p.m. If you are a new player, feel free to join us – I guarantee you will learn something and have fun at the same time. Remember, for your safety, only court shoes

or athletic shoes can be worn on the court. No fee for this class.

I just finished reading, "Smart Pickleball" by Prem Carnot. His five rules for smart play are as follows:

1. Always choose the shot that buys you more time so you can get in position and be ready for the next shot.
2. Always choose the shot that keeps your opponents towards the back

of the court.

3. Always choose the shot or strategy that requires the least amount of effort to play out the point.
4. Always play the higher percentage shot.
5. Always anticipate your next shot as you play your current shot.

Smart pickleball is about taking control of the game. Have fun, play hard and make some friends.



Residents playing pickleball.

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



Photo by Sue Watters

**Congratulations to Sue Maillet on her hole-in-one!**

**A Hole-in-One**

By Susan Rhodes

Over the past five weeks weather interfered with ladies 18-hole golf league day three times – perhaps a record. Although the Cupid Open, hosted by the Ladies Nine-Hole League was cancelled, the luncheon, held in the Recreation Center Ballroom, went on as planned. Many thanks to the nine-hole ladies for hosting us this year!

Our first annual women's Invitational was held on Tuesday, Feb. 23. We will provide the details on this event next month.

March will be a very busy month for our league. First, coming up on Tuesday, March 8 is the Member-Member golf event and luncheon/general meeting. A boxed lunch will be offered for \$9. The deadline for signing up was March 1. Election of our 2016-2017 officers will take place at the meeting. Then, on Tuesday, March 15, the ladies from the Candler Hills 18-Hole League will be joining us for league play. Finally, the league championship is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22 and Friday, March 25.

Congratulations to Sue Maillet on making a hole-in-one on the 11th hole of the Tortoise & The Hare!

We want to welcome three new members to our league. Relocating here from Pensacola, Sara Nunn has been living in Candler Hills for four months. Peggy Wiechman has been playing golf for 50 years and has had two holes-in-one. She moved to Windsor from Michigan about

a month ago. Hailing from Atlanta, Ga., Lane Hobby has been living in On Top of the World about nine months. She's been playing golf for 22 years. We look forward to playing golf with you all and getting to know you.

**Even Holes (Individual Net) Jan. 26 / Links**

Flight 1: 33-Gretchen Normandin. Tie at 34-Janet Juhlin, Bobbie Wiener. Tie at 35-Gail LaGrange, Iro Lisinski. Flight 2: 30-Linda Blewitt. Tie at 35-Sandy Chase, Rosemarie O'Neil, Johanna Forceno. 36-Mary Lyon. 37-Harriet Hawkins.

Flight 3: Tie at 33-Lorie Anderson, Debby Wilson. Tie at 34-Connie Sohl, Geri Treppa. 36-Susan Maillet. Tie at 37-Molly Lucieer, Linda Bervinkle.

Flight 4: 32-Elly Rapacz. Tie at 33-Shirley Smagner, Yoshiko Young. 35-Angelita Pena. 36-Joan Cecchini. 39-Renee Aden

**Red, White, Blue (2 Best Balls Net) Feb. 2 / Tortoise & The Hare**

Tie at 88-Nancy Zielinski, Harriet Hawkins, May C. Chin, Carolyn Cummings; Connie Sohl, Mary Muller, Bobbie Wiener, Shirley Smagner. 90-Gretchen Normandin, Janet Juhlin, Molly Lucieer, Joan Cecchini. Tie at 91-Iro Lisinski, Mary Lyon, Debby Wilson, Renee Aden; Gail LaGrange, Susan Rhodes, Patricia MacMurray, Elly Rapacz; Beverly Ovrebo, Margaret Hudacik, Susan Watters, Yoshiko Young.

**Charity Event for Local Firefighters**

By Judy Parisi

February was a very busy month for the On Top of the World Ladies 9 Hole League. There was the first ever Valentine's Cup competition against the Candler Hills Ladies 9 Hole League. This posed somewhat of a dilemma for some league members in that we have many ladies who are members of both leagues; after all you can't play too much golf, and they needed to decide which team they would play for.

We invite you to visit our website at otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com for the results of play as well as pictures.

The weather did not cooperate for the 9/18 Invitational on Tuesday, Feb. 9 that was being hosted by the Ladies 9 Hole League. Play needed to be cancelled; however, the luncheon went on as planned.

On Tuesday, March 15, the league will sponsor its annual charity event. Our event, benefitting Marion County Firefighters Benevolence Fund, is chaired by Linda Mandala. The men and women firefighters help our community daily and we want to express our thanks to them by selecting them as the recipient of the proceeds from our charity event this year. Please consider making a donation in the On Top of the World Golf Shop. A big thank you to the On Top of the World's Men's Golf Association who donated \$120 after their play on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Thank you also to the CHLGA-9 for their donation.

Coming up on Tuesday, April 5 there is a very special invitational: Fairways in Bloom. Chairs for the event are Mervyn Paz and Charmaine Hassett. Invitation-

als are always fun events but it does take an enormous amount of work to put the event together. The two nine hole ladies leagues are going to collaborate on putting on annual invitationals, and alternating each year which course hosts the event. In April, the event will be hosted at On Top of the World. We can promise that if you participate you will have an awesome time from a delicious continental breakfast, fun play with a scramble format, shotgun start, a yummy lunch, lots of prizes, a 50/50, and a spectacular array of baskets on which you can take a chance.

**Red, White, Blue Jan. 26**

Flight 1: 25-Linda Dumeer. 27-Lorraine Rourke. 28-Virginia Bayless, Mervyn Paz. 29-Linda Mandala.

Flight 2: 19-Marlene Floeckher. 25-Mary Ann McCourt, Pat Gill. 27-Jane Wilson. 31-Sheila Ashe, Betty Jo Dent. Flight 3: 27-Kathy Hall. 28-Mary Harvey, Pauline Beloin. 29-Louise Line-man.

Flight 4: 20-Barbara Enos. 23-Carolun Abramovich, Marcie Hock. 27-Char-maine Hassett, Linda Heenan.

**Team Gross Scramble Feb. 2**

38-Virginia Bayless, Maryanne Polizzoli, Eve Harvey. 40-Betty Jo Dent, Joyce Smith, Mary Hart, Ethel Miller. 41-Susy Trembulak, Carol Bell, Cathleen Hathaway, Linda Hoffman. 42-Jane Wilson, Myra Noel, Mary Vliek, Carolyn Abramovich. 42-Lorraine Rourke, Pat Gill, Susan Wilkes, Barbara Enos. 42-Kay Budd, Mary Ann McCourt, Patricia Howd, Ann Flynn.



Photo by Judy Parisi

**Mary Harvey and Mary Ann McCourt at the Club Fair**



**Horseshoe Club**

By Jim Russell

The mild winter weather (so far!) has been a pleasant surprise and has helped to make our Tuesday morning play even more enjoyable. We'll get to the latest results later on in the column, but first we want to go back in history and talk a little about the roots of the game we enjoy so much.

The roots of horseshoe pitching goes back as far as the first or second century BC and possibly evolved from the Olympian games, where the discus throwing event was a prominent sport. The Grecian armies spread the popularity of discus throwing far and wide. Many who were exposed to it could not afford to make the metal or stone circular plate, 10 to 12 inches in diameter so they took the shoes used for horses and formed them into a circular shape. They then used them to see who could throw one the greatest possible distance.

At some point, and no one knows exactly when, the idea of throwing the circular disc at a post or peg in the ground. The idea was to throw the disc with a hole in the middle and have it land on the stake. This, then, became the game we call Quoits. At some point, the game was modified so discs were thrown back to a second stake, just like we do in horseshoe pitching today.

The game of Quoits was spread throughout Europe by the Roman armies and by the 14th century was being played extensively in England where some were simply using horse and mule shoes to play the game. The rulers of England at that time decided that Quoits should

be banned because it was distracting men from military training. By the 16th century, the English were back playing Quoits, along with the version played by the peasants that simply used horseshoes. By the time of the American Revolution, both versions had been exported to North America and were enjoyed by the soldiers as a good wartime recreation.

We'll continue the story of the history of horseshoes in the next column. Thanks to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association website for the background information.

Here are the results from our latest matches:

**Jan. 19**  
1: Dan Ebbighausen (15 wins/ 8 losses); 2: Carrie Beisler (13 wins/11 losses); 3: Ed Bodnar (12 wins/12 losses).

**Jan. 26**  
1: Dan Ebbighausen (16 wins/ 10 losses); 2: Carrie Beisler (16 wins/ 11 losses); 3: Ed Bodnar (14 wins/ 13 losses).

**Feb. 2**  
1: Carrie Beisler (19 wins/11 losses); 2: Dan Ebbighausen (18 wins/11 losses); 3: Ed Klodzen (15 wins/15 losses).

**Feb. 9**  
1: Carrie Beisler (21 wins/12 losses); 2: Dan Ebbighausen (19 wins/13 losses); 3: Ed Klodzen (18 wins/15 losses).

The travel team continued play in the Tri-County Horseshoe League - North Division. We had some excellent results in four of the last five matches:

**Jan. 14**  
Beverly Hills (2 wins) at On Top of the World (7 wins).

**Jan. 21**  
The Villages Gold (4 wins) at On Top of the World (5 wins).

**Feb. 4**  
The Villages Blue (2 wins) at On Top of the World (7 wins).

**Feb. 11**  
On Top of the World (4 wins) at Del-Webb #1 (5 wins).

**CARDS & GAMES**



**Bridge**

**Monday Afternoon**

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

**Jan. 4**  
1: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 2: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 3: Joan Walchak & Marge Starrett; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl.

**Jan. 11**  
1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe; 3: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 5: Kay Boland & Nancy Clarkon.

**Jan. 18**  
1: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 4: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord; 5: Linda & Don Sprague.

**Jan. 25**  
1: Ida Rosenberger & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 3: Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak; 4: Don & Linda Sprague; 5: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

By Joanne Jones

**Jan. 5**  
1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 3: Betty Morris & Mary Rose Janssen.

**Jan. 12**  
1: Jan Dash & Diane Turin; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward.

**Jan. 19**  
1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 2: Betty Morris & Shirley Stolley; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

**Jan. 26**  
1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 3: Betty Morris & Shirley Stolley.

**Tuesday Night Dup**

By Doris Keathley

**Jan. 19**  
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 2: Marjorie Benton & Doris Keathley; 3: Katie White & Kathie Dushary.

**Jan. 26**  
1: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobino; 2: Marjorie Benton & Paul Pinter; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

By Pat Golgart

**Jan. 6**  
1: Betty Morris; 2: Helen O'Brien; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

**Jan. 13**  
1: Pat Golgart; 2: Mary Klinzing; 3: Betty Morris; Cons: Annette Helwig.

**Jan. 20**  
1: Annette Helwig; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Diane Robinson; Cons: Pat Golgart.

**Jan. 27**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Jan Whitman; 3: Diane Robinson; Cons: Helen O'Brien.

**Thursday Afternoon**

By Marge Starrett

**Jan. 7**  
1: Betty Morris; 2: Joyce Walchak; 3: Marge Starrett 4: Pat Golgart.

**Jan. 14**

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Mary Rose Jansson; 3: Joanne Jones; 4: Cleona Redman.

**Jan. 21**

1: Kay Boland; 2: Linda Sprague; 3: Nancy Clarkson; 4: Joyce Walchak.

**Jan. 28**

1: Don Sprague; 2: Betty Morris; 3: Mary Rose Jansson; 4: Marge Starrett.



**Cribbage**

**Friday Night**

By Rose Marie Postin

**Jan. 8**  
1: RoseMarie Postin; 2: Poppy Kalen; 3: Paul Genereux; Cons: Margaret Smith.

**Jan. 15**  
1: Poppy Kalen; 2: Margaret Smith; 3: John Smith; Cons: RoseMarie Postin.

**Jan. 22**  
1: John Smith; 2: Donna Parrish; 3: Sheila Howell.

**Jan. 29**  
1: Sheila Howell; 2: Margaret Smith; 3: Herb Postin; Cons: Donna Parrish.



**Euchre**

**Friday 4 Fun**

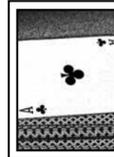
By Chip Parsons

**Jan. 15**  
Table 1: Pidge Spring; Table 2: Joan Sigafoos, Rad, & Ken Hall; Table 3: Edith Kolb & Claude Howie.

**Jan. 22**  
Table 1: Cheryl Ball & Pidge Spring; Table 2: Richard Bartel & Verna Harsh; Table 3: Chip Parsons.

**Jan. 29**  
Table 1: Jerry Dean, Vicki Garwold, Jean Sylver & Debbie Weaver; Table 2: Walter Hickenlooper & Paul Agarwal; Table 3: Phyllis Wall.

**Feb. 5**  
Table 1: Joan Sigafoos; Table 2: Wayne Garwold, Pidge Spring & Chip Parsons; Table 3: Debbie Weaver & Phyllis Wall.



**Pinochle**

**Tuesday Night/Single**

By Whitney Frye

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**Jan. 1**  
1: Edna Frye; 2: Larry Hartman; 3: Ilems Kessey.

**Jan. 12**  
1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Ilse Rieder; 3: Bob Hoerr.

**Jan. 19**  
1: Gayle Argano; 2: Bernard DiGregorio; 3: Bob Hoerr.

**Jan. 26**  
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Kathy Pinto; 3: Gayle Argano.

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### Candler Hills Men's Golf

By Joe Alfano

This game is hard enough but to add blustery winds in February to the equation can make it downright miserable. I, for one, am so looking forward to the month of March so as to make life out on the course that much more enjoyable even after making yet another double or triple bogey.

Our Match Play Championship is well under way with the final matches taking place in the coming weeks. A "well done" to all those competitors who weathered the cold and chilly breezes and put their games on display. The final results, including the naming of our 2016 Match Play champion, will be in next month's column. The association is reaching out to for-

mer members in good standing who no longer play with us Tuesday mornings on a regular basis. Based on their past participation and the contributions they made to the association, we are inviting them to become "honorary members" of the CHMGA. The designation will allow them to continue to feel like an integral part of our association and we will welcome them to join us after play on any Tuesday, most especially on those occasions when the association is having those infamous post-round holiday celebrations. We will also look forward to having "honorary members" join us at our annual November member's meeting.

We continue to welcome new members to join us on Tuesday mornings for golf and other such things. By that I mean a collegial atmosphere of camaraderie, sportsmanship, fellowship with a sprinkling of wry humor thrown in for good measure. Anyone interested in playing in such an environment can contact me at tjalf@otowhomes.com for more informa-

tion.

Famous golf writer Henry Longhurst was once heard to mutter, "They say practice makes perfect. Of course, it doesn't. For the vast majority of golfers, it merely consolidates imperfection." In the case of Walt Pacuk (75), Chad Robinson (77) and Joe Schuberth (79), that time on the range paid off handsomely. The absence of low scores this past month had to be attributed to those fast greens. In no such way, shape or form could it be blamed on fast cars and even faster women. Not at our age.

March will also be that time of the year when we will again begin our fundraising efforts. All members should be on the lookout on Tuesday mornings for that dynamic and bombastic duo of Misterly and Alfano for that winning ticket.

In closing, please allow me to continue to wish everyone "a life full of nothing but fairways and greens."

**Individual Quota**  
**Jan. 19**

Three Tenors Flight: +3-Mike Deahl; +1-Chad Robinson; Even-Julian Hobby. Three Amigos Flight: Tie at +4-Bob Hutson & Jim Andrews; Even-Larry Rackstraw.

Three Stooges Flight: +5-Stan Jarmel; +4-Paul Silliman; +3-Don Huston.

**Four-Man Team Shamble**  
**Jan. 26**

255-Julian Hobby, Mark Monk, Bruce Venslavsky & Don Huston; 258-Mike Romm, Craig Riber, Jim McGrath & Joe Jingco; 260-Chris Jett, Paul Rubly, Larry Garvin & Ed Viloría; 261-Dennis Norris, Jim Andrews, Joe Schuberth & Rich Freeman.

**Four-Man Three Best Quota Scores**  
**Feb. 2**

+20-Jim Andrews, Al Wassmer, John Podkomorski & Dan O'Brien; +18-Walt Pacuk, Dan Gill, JC VanBloom & Bill Horton; +17-Chad Robinson, Ken Zweiback, Tim Beaty & Jim Harvey; +16-Dave Martin, Bruce Venslavsky, Andy Bulloch & John Spielvogel.



### Men's Golf Association

By Tom Cummings

Guess what? Only another month or so and we will be wishing for some cooler weather. To me, this has been the coolest, windiest winter in several years. We've had to cancel a few events. However, I can't complain since my family was dealing with -11 degrees in New Hampshire!

With all the new homes going up, the

MGA is growing. The best way for the new members to meet everyone is our famous Chicken Day. After play that day, we all get together for some food, drink and lots of "BS." So all you new guys sign up and come meet everyone.

Remember guys, if you want to keep the course in good shape, you need to do your part by repairing divots and ball marks.

**Two Best Balls of Four**  
**Jan. 6**

112-John Langville, Dan Carty, David Miller, Bill Engels; Tie at 121-Gary Hasset, Francis Caprez, William Miller, Tony Capillo; Gary Singleton, Ron Abramovich, Guy Russell, Harnold

Barnaby; Ralph Solvold, Mike Altomare, Larry Chase, Hira Roy.

**Individual Net**  
**Jan. 13**

Flight 1: 70-David Miller (CH); 72-Jim Andrews; Tie at 73-Gary Singleton, John Langville.

Flight 2: Tie at 71-Paul Wade, Larry Manion; 72-Mike Altomare; 74-Jay Bouton

Flight 3: 69-Gene Sohler; 71-Richard Freeman; 72-Randy Ford; 77-Tom McHaffie

Flight 4: 68-Len Ruble; 71-Jerry Ashe; 73-Francis Caprez; Tie at 75-Tary Bole, Phil Johnson, Hira Roy.

Flight 5: 70-Joe Polizzotti; Tie at 71-

Loren Magsam, Bill Walker; Tie at 73-Pete Peterson, John Ricciadone.

**Scramble**  
**Feb. 3**

64-Jim Weaver, George Blankenship, Larry Ziesler, Doug Coleman; Tie at 65-Carl Singleton, Paul Wade, Tom Bogan, Armando Pena; Len Ruble, Bob Meyer, Terry Hoppes, Art Frescura.

**Individual Quota Points**  
**Feb. 10**

Flight 1: 4-Ken Zweibeck; Tie at 1-John Langville, Dennis McCourt; Tie at 0-Dave Miller (CH), Ted Foster.

Flight 2: 4-Francis Caprez; 0-Harold Barnaby; -1-Carl Zeiler; -3-Andy Bulloch.



### Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

By Joan Gustafson

Spring is starting to stir in the air, and many of the upcoming activities the league has scheduled for March and April are very exciting.

This was not a league event but many of our members volunteered at the LPGA golf tournament, held at Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club Wednesday, Feb. 3 through Saturday, Feb. 6. This was

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very exciting to have 10 of the top players in the world as well as many others competing in our backyard.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 was the first On Top of the World Invitational tournament. It was open to all women golfers who have an official handicap.

The Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association will be hosting the Thursday, March 24 Mid State Golf Tournament. Social Chairwoman Jan Fulton is working out the details for the event to be held at The Club at Candler Hills. We encourage all members to play in this event. We won the trophy last year and we certainly want to keep it. More information will be coming.

Upcoming dates to keep in mind: Solheim Cup on Tuesday, April 12 and Thursday, April 14; and Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association League Championship on Thursday, April 21 and Thursday,

April 28.

If there are any questions regarding eligibility to play, you must have 10 rounds of golf in before the League Championship, please contact our tournament director.

The league board of directors has been working very hard this year and has appreciated all the members' help with various activities. They are hoping that some interest will be shown by members to have an interest in becoming a new board member in May.

Until next time "hit them straight."

**Team Stableford**  
**Jan. 14**

Flight 1: Tie at 109-Sue Freeman, Deborah Martin.

Flight 2: 108-Carol Oman.

**Criss Cross-Individual Game**  
**Jan. 21**

Flight 1: 26-Connie Norris. 28-Sue Freeman. 29-Deborah Martin.

Flight 2: 23-Diane O'Brien. 27-Betty Dong. 28-Peggy Boros.

Flight 3: 28-Nancy Shoner. Tie at 29-Lorie Anderson, Piper Thomas.

Flight 4: 27-Joan Gustafson. Tie at 29-Gail Schultz, Kate Beaty.

**Low Putts**  
**Jan. 28**

Flight 1: 32-Sara Nunn. 33-Deborah Martin.

Flight 2: 32-Nancy Shoner. 36-Carol Oman.

Flight 3: 37-Kate Beaty. 38-Pam Monk. 39-Heddy Racinowski.

**Odd Holes**  
**Feb. 4**

Flight 1: 33-Lynne Thesman.

Flight 2: 32-Piper Thomas.

Flight 3: Tie at 31-Marge Cowie, Pam Monk.



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**Golf**  
By Matt Hibbs

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Wow – time flies! Spring is almost here. Take advantage of the weather and play some golf before the Florida summer arrives. We all know the high temperatures and extreme humidity will make us dream of this time of year again.

The 2016 Ocala Open will be held at Candler Hills Golf Club from Wednesday, March 16 through Friday, March 18, with the Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 15. We are offering all of our golf members a discount to participate in the Pro-Am, \$800 for a three-person team while being paired with one of the pros. Included in the entry fee is a gift package from our Golf Shop

worth \$200 and a barbeque luncheon after the event.

The benefiting charities for this year's event are Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Admission is free with VIP tickets available for \$25 per day or three days for \$65 in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. For more information regarding VIP tickets and the Ocala Open, visit ocalaopen.com.

Also being held in March is the annual On Top of the World Club Championship. This championship is for On Top of the World golf members only. This is a two day event with round one being played Friday, March 11 on the Links followed by round two on Saturday, March 12 on the Tortoise & The Hare. Both days will be 8 a.m. tee times. Please see the staff at the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more details.

Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. In order for Andy Jorgensen and his staff to provide perfect playing conditions, all

golfers need to fill their divots with sand and fix ball marks on the greens. When putting, please be sure to lift your feet and not shuffle across the greens. It is your responsibility as golfers to help maintain these beautiful golf courses.

**Upcoming Events**

- Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12: On Top of the World Club Championship.
- Tuesday, March 15: Ocala Open Pro Am, Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 16 through Friday, March 18: Ocala Open, Candler Hills Golf Club.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Julian Hobby, eagle #18. Rod Maul, eagle #15. Keith Nesbit, shot 76 lowest round ever. Peggy Borro, eagle #7. John Smith, eagle #18. Jim Andrews, hole-in-one #5. Jim Andrews, eagle #18 and best round ever of 69.

**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Peggy Wiechmann, hole-in-one #11. David

Schaefer, eagle #5. Susan Maillet, hole-in-one #11.

**Golf Tip of the Month**

You have a five-foot putt to make birdie and win the match. Your palms are sweating, hands shaking and mind is wondering.

If you can relate to this scenario then here are a few tips to help ease your nerves:

1. Create a pre-putt routine. This routine should be kept simple and quick, 30 seconds or less. Make sure to follow this routine for each putt during your round.
2. During your stroke be sure to have nice rhythm. Nerves tend to get the best of players and create a quick stroke. This often causes the putt to fall off line.
3. Stand over the putt with confidence, keep a good frame of mind and sink that putt.



**Tennis**  
By Jorge Privat

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For some time, some of us have been going to Gainesville to watch the men's and ladies tennis teams compete against other big schools. It's always been fun, and the best part is that the admission is free and the level of play is about one notch down from pro level! I encourage you all to attend some of these meets because you just cannot watch better tennis unless you are willing to travel a long way and pay more than \$100 to watch the pros play.

And of course if you happen to have the Tennis Channel, you can also follow the

pros play around the world.

I also encourage you to continue to participate in all the tennis activities the tennis committee and I organize throughout the year.

I would like to offer you a reflection on one segment of the inner game of tennis. Let me preface this by saying that what we know and the way we perform in tennis is the result of habits formed over a long period of time, and that, changing some of those habits takes indeed a considerable effort and time.

**The Groove Theory of Habits**

Why is it so easy for a child to pick up a foreign language? Primarily, because he hasn't learned how to interfere with his own natural, untaught way of learning. The inner game way of learning is a return to this childlike way. By the word "learning" I do not mean the collection of information, but the realization of something,

which actually changes one's behavior - either external behavior, such as a tennis stroke, or internal behavior, such as a pattern of thought.

We all develop characteristic patterns of acting and thinking, and each such pattern exists because it serves a function. One hears a lot of talk about grooving one's strokes in tennis. The theory is a simple one: every time you swing your racquet in a certain way, you increase the probabilities that you will swing that way again. In this way, patterns, called grooves, build up which have a predisposition to repeat themselves.

Every time an action is performed, a slight impression is made in the microscopic cells of the brain. When the same action is repeated, the groove is slightly deeper. After many similar actions, there is a more recognizable groove into which the needle of behavior seems to fall automatically. Then, the behavior can be termed grooved.

Because these patterns are serving a function, the behavior is reinforced or rewarded and tends to continue. The deeper the groove in the nervous system, the harder it seems to be to break the habit. We have all had the experience of deciding that we will not hit a tennis ball in a certain way again. For example, it would seem a

simple matter to keep your eye on the ball once you understand the obvious benefits of doing so. But time and again, we take our eye off of it. Often in fact, the harder we try to break the habit, the harder it becomes. Usually the battle is won only after a great deal of struggle and frustration over the course of some time.

It's a painful process to fight one's way out of a deep mental groove. It's like digging yourself out of a trench. But there's a natural and more childlike method. A child doesn't dig his way out of his old grooves; he simply starts new ones. The groove may be there but you're not in it unless you put yourself there.

If you feel you're controlled by a bad habit and you feel you have to break it, like a child, you simply leave it. Habits are statements about the past, and the past is gone. Remember that your muscles are as capable as they ever were, unless you choose to step into the trench, you just need to start anew and start a new habit. Starting a new pattern is easy when done with childlike disregard for imagined difficulties. You can prove this to yourself by your own experience. Experiment with this method and you will discover a workable way to make any desired change in your game.

See you around the courts!

**Bunco for Babies**

By Micki Malsch

A "Bunco for Babies" luncheon and bunco game will be held on Saturday, April 9, at the Indigo East Community Center, at noon. Barbara Martyn and Micki Malsch will host this event, with all proceeds benefitting the March of Dimes.

The cost of the ticket is \$20 and includes lunch, beverage, dessert, door prizes, and cash payouts for the most buncos, the most minis, the most wins and the

most losses. This is a fun game of chance and requires no skill other than rolling three dice!

For a good cause and a fun afternoon of fellowship with lunch, dessert, and your chance at a prize, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790 or Barbara Martyn at (352) 854-7850.

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**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole**

By Judith Parisi

There's never been a better time to play golf is the theme of a recent article in Golf Magazine.

For us living in On Top of the World Communities this is so true. We have three beautiful golf courses available to us, two driving ranges, practice putting greens and more. The price is attractive to pay as you play, or to become a member. And for the ladies, our courses are exceptionally women friendly.

For those ladies who have a golf handicap, you should explore joining one of the ladies leagues. They provide the opportunity to play both competitively, and in fun games, plus enjoy the camaraderie of fellow golfers during the game and at the 19th hole!

Some reasons to consider joining the Candler Hills Ladies 9 Hole League is that nine-hole play is very time-friendly, so that you can enjoy a great round of golf and still have time for other activities. We play every week year round, typically at 9 a.m. except during the cold weather when we begin at 2 p.m. to allow time for the sun

to warm things up for us.

We have a myriad of social activities including our monthly league lunch, holiday parties, and more. Plus, by being a member of the CHLGA-9 you are able to participate in the Nine Hole Ladies Golf Around, which involves play at some outside courses with the other member leagues of the Golf Around in competitive but fun, play.

If you have any questions about joining our league, please contact League Vice President Eve Harvey at seharvey68@msn.com.

We invite everyone to visit our website at chlga9.shutterfly.com. You'll get a good idea of our league's schedule, the upcoming happenings, and the pictures from past events.

**Fewest Putts Dec. 17, 2015**

Flight 1: 16-Renee Aden. 19-Susy Trembulak.

Flight 2: 17-Marcie Hock. 19-Olive Curtin.

Flight 3: 17-Mary Giannukos. 18-Sue Layne.

**Red, White, Blue Jan. 7**

23-Linda Mandala, Sheila Ashe, Tina Hauer, Susan Pleinis. 32-Susy Trembulak, Kathy Hall, Cheryl Engeman, Eve Harvey. 32-Renee Aden, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Marcie Hock, Lora Rossi. 32-

Kay Budd, Mary Ann McCourt, Cheryl Nesbit, Miriam Gerlach.

**Low Gross Low Net Jan. 14**

Flight 1 Low Gross: 45-Susy Trembulak.

Flight 1 Low Net: 37-Kay Budd; 39-Eileen Gustavus.

Flight 2 Low Gross: 54-Cheryl Engeman, Flight 2 Low Net: 36-Kathy Hall; 37-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Mary Ann McCourt.

Flight 3 Low Gross: 58-Olive Curtin.

Flight 3 Low Net: 37-Marcie Hock, Julie Crudele.

Flight 4 Low Gross: 57-Tina Hauer, Mary Giannukos.

Flight 4 Low Net: 39-Susan Layne.

**Three Blind Mice Jan. 21**

35-Linda Mandala, Carol Deahl, Cheryl Nesbit and Mary Giannukos. 37-Eileen Gustavus, Kathy Hall and Eve Harvey, 38-Renee Aden, Sheila Ashe, Julie Crudele and Susan Layne.



Photo by Judy Parisi

**Eve Harvey, league vice president and membership coordinator, at the Club Fair.**



**Monday Bowling League**

By Bob Lingis

After 20 weeks of bowling ending Monday, Feb. 1, it looks like Team #5 Strikers is in first place. Team #8 High Hopes is in second place and Team #19 Invalids are in third place.

This week's high scores:

**Men**

**High Game Scratch**

267-Jerry Roney, 223-Bob Vitale, 206-Lacoste Rivers

**High Series Scratch**

645-Jerry Roney, 603-Bob Vitale, 554-Rod Shepherd.

**Women**

**High Games Scratch**

196-Georgie Maguire, 192-Debby Wilson, 188-Pat Gorczok.

**High Series Scratch**

543-Debby Wilson, 487-Georgie Maguire, 484-Claire Pardee.

Season to-date achievements:

**Men**

**High Average**

188-Billy Boone, 182-Bob Vitale, 182-Mike Rivers.

**High Game Scratch**

267-Jerry Roney, 267-Darryl Kenyon, 255-Dennis Turnipseed, 255-Jim

Shepherd.

**High Series Scratch**

673-Billy Boone, 645-Jerry Roney, 630-Bob Vitale.

**High Game Handicap**

304-Jerry Roney, 294-Darryl Kenyon, 283-Larry Fleck.

**High Series Handicap**

756-Jerry Roney, 737-Roy Turner, 718-Bill Hull.

**Women**

**High Average**

177-Debby Wilson, 164-Carol Oman, 159-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, 271-Jackie Winn.

**High Series Handicap**

737-Joyce Machor, 692-Debby Wilson, 685-Linda McIntyre.

Team scores:

**High Game Scratch**

752-OSIMA, 742-Alley Cats, 720-King Pins.

**High Series Scratch**

2098-Go Getters, 1987-Here 4 the Beer, 1920-The Four.

**High Game Handicap**

917-Four Balls & 2 Bags, 917-Should'a Beens, 913-High Hopes.

**High Series Handicap**

2510-Strikers, 2510-Invalids, 2503-Spare Me Not's.

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### Shuffleboard

By Grace Rohde

Vito Chieco, Tony Manzo, Ernestine Pryor, and Bob Schuck are the Shuffleboard Club's oldest members. Nevertheless, they still enjoy and actively play shuffleboard. Vito, Ernestine, and Bob are all on the Thursday a.m. team, and Tony is on the Wednesday p.m. team.

Vito Chieco has been playing shuffleboard since 1989. During this time, he has been team captain, co-captain, play instructor, and equipment and grounds chairperson. Vito has helped maintain the courts for more than 15 years. In the April 2002 World News, Joe Tuohy said this about Vito, "The good condition of the courts and equipment is due in part to the unceasing efforts of Vito Chieco, our grounds and equipment supervisor. He has given freely of his time, labor, and know-how to assure us of an A-1 facility."

At the monthly meeting on June 1, 2010, a certificate of appreciation was presented by the Shuffleboard Club to Vito. This certificate honored his hard work in helping to care for the shuffleboard courts and for his devotion to the club.

Vito has also participated in a number of tournaments. In 1992 and 2003, he was the winner of the Jack Huard Tournament, and in 2005 and 2007, he was runner-up. In 2014, Vito was the runner-up in both the April Showers and the Oktoberfest



Photo by Armann Rohde

### Shuffleboard Club's most senior members: Vito Chieco, Tony Manzo, Ernestine Pryor, and Bob Schuck.

Ten Pin tournaments.

When Vito was asked why he played shuffleboard, he replied, "For the fun and enjoyment of the game." He then added, "and anyone can play, regardless of age."

Tony Manzo says this about shuffleboard, "I like the people and I fell in love with the game."

Tony had a late start in shuffleboard, first playing when he was about 73 years old, after never having really played any sports during his lifetime.

However, Tony made up for his lost

time in playing sports by excelling in shuffleboard. In the Jack Huard Tournaments, he was the runner-up in 2000, and winner in 2001, 2004, and 2006.

As Tony became better in shuffleboard, he soon began playing in competition outside of On Top of the World. In December 2005 at Leesburg, in May 2006 at The Villages, and in December 2006 at Cape Coral, all in the Florida Senior Shuffleboard Games, Tony won gold medals in men's singles. In September 2007, Tony played in the National Senior Shuffle-

board Games in Louisville, Ky. and took fourth place in men's singles.

Ernestine Pryor has been playing shuffleboard here for about nine years. Ernestine said that she really likes the game and finds it to be very challenging. She also mentioned that she plays shuffleboard for fun and fellowship.

Bob Schuck has played shuffleboard for about 15 years. He has held the positions of both captain and co-captain. Bob says that he enjoys playing shuffleboard for the competition. In the Jack Huard Tournaments, he was a winner in 2005 and a runner-up in 2009.

Whether you are young or old, are playing shuffleboard for competition, fun or fellowship, or are playing just to get some exercise, shuffleboard is the way to go!

The winners for January in league play were as follows:

#### Men

Monday a.m.: Jim Baker  
Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher  
Thursday a.m.: John Basch, Phil Crump, Bob Flynn, and Phil Weiner  
Friday a.m.: Roger Werner:

#### Women

Monday a.m.: Vickie Lentz  
Tuesday p.m.: Grace Rohde  
Wednesday a.m.: Lois Nix,  
Thursday a.m.: Jane Lipps  
Friday a.m.: Nancy Kowsky

#### 30 Club

#### Men

Thursday a.m.: John Basch

#### Women

Wednesday a.m.: Joann Porschien, Bev Rooks, and Lois Nix

### Softball

By Bill Leon

2016 has brought on some changes within the softball league. Although the Dr. Dunn team continues to struggle, it has, at times, shown that they have the capabilities of coming through with some good defense and hitting, but when and if the team will turn around is yet to be seen.

The Pavarotti's team was once in first place, but has had a string of losses, which pushed them down into third place. They have since revived their winning ways and now are back in the hunt and in a tie for second place. The Tee Pee Tire team with its string of hitters is sitting in fourth place, but only two games out of first place.

The team that has shown it can win some games is the Tax Panic team, which has slowly moved up into second place and seems to get stronger each game. The Tax Panic team now is the team that is expected to be on top very soon.

Last Frontier has been struggling and has fallen close to last place. A few changes have recently been made and perhaps it will be the beginning of a comeback.

The surprise team is the Ceibert Wealth team, which rose from the bottom and is now in first place one game ahead of the pack. A string of wins and some good defense has given the team a lift, but any-

thing can happen during this long season and every team is still close and a few wins by any of them can easily change the standings.

Team	Won	Lost
6-Ceibert Wealth (Bill)	14	10
3-Pavarotti's (Paul)	13	11
5-Tax Panic (Angelo)	13	11
2-Tee Pee Tire (Jeff)	12	12
4-Last Frontier (Jim)	11	13
1-Dr. Dunn (Ed)	9	15

### Mah Jongg

By Mary Ehle

The spring tournament is Saturday, March 5, and will be at the Arbor Conference Center. Hope that everyone stays

well and can partake in the festivities that day. Next month, I will report on who all the big winners were.

I am sure that everyone has ordered their new 2016 cards by now. They will arrive at the end of March so don't get left out.

Until then, jokers to you.

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**Muscle Myths**

We all know that physical activity is good for us. In fact, the World Health Organization states that sedentary living is the greatest health risk for older adults. Research shows that being moderately to vigorously active for as little as 60 minutes a day brings about important health benefits at any age. There are 1,440 minutes in a day. Making a small 60 minute investment in your own health makes good sense!

As we age, there seems to be a school of thought that older adults cannot or should not partake in certain types of activities, this is a myth! Your age should never define what you should or shouldn't do; let your capability guide you. The more active you are, the more capable you stay! Read on for more older adult muscle myths.

**MYTH #1:** Older adults can't make significant muscle gains. This is absolutely false. There are large bodies of research that demonstrate the opposite. In fact, these studies used people in their 70s, 80s and even 90s to prove that they were able to significantly increase their strength and muscle mass with a routine of regular strength training.

**MYTH #2:** I have existing health conditions that prevent me from exercising. Typically the opposite is true, exercise can help with many existing health conditions. Physical activity can help with arthritis, diabetes, heart conditions and more. In many cases you can reduce and even eliminate medications with a regular activity. The key is to get the recommended amount of exercise, which is 30 to 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity most days of the week. It is always advisable to check with your health care provider before starting an exercise program.

**MYTH #3:** My joints hurt and exercise will make it worse. Studies show that joints can be strengthened and pain can be reduced with exercise. Begin slowly and seek out activities that reduce impact and weight bearing, i.e., swimming, cycling, water walking, or fitness classes that incorporate seated exercises. Movement will increase the synovial fluid (lubricant)

Arbor Club Indoor Pool						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:00 - 7:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*	
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Open	Open	Closed for Cleaning 10:30 - 11:30 AM	Open	Open	Open
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Aqua Belles	Aqua Belles	Aqua Belles	Aqua Belles	

*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*  
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**Recreation Center Pool**

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**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 a lane.

in your joints as well as help to flush out fluids that cause inflammation. Then add in some weight training machines to build strength and provide integrity for the stability of your joints.

**MYTH #4:** I am afraid I will hurt myself if I fall. This is a serious concern with a very grave underlying problem ... when you restrict activities due to a fear of falling or getting hurt you actually lose more

muscle (due to the inactivity) and become at greater risk of falling or getting hurt! Staying strong is one of the best defenses against falling so it's very important to keep moving and keep your muscle!

**MYTH #5:** I am too old to do anything. Age is merely a number! You are what you believe and what you are capable of doing. Ask yourself if you are truly restricted from being active or is it more reluctance. This

is an important self-realization. In order to ward off disease and remain independent with a high quality of life you need to defy these muscle myths and keep moving!



**R/C Car Club**

By Charlie Fisher

High winds and gust once again damaged our canopies. Gust over 40 mph pulled canopy poles out of the ground bending the canopy frame. Members removed the canopies and disassembled the frames. The plan now is to secure the poles in the ground with cement, which should solve this problem. When we know that high winds are predicted we can remove the canopies leaving only the structure. We have become believers that "You don't mess with Mother Nature." This setback hasn't dampened the member's enthusiasm. Once they cleaned up the mess the track became active again.

Our membership is growing because we have a lot of fun playing with our trucks and buggies. Come see us in action and join the fun. There's normally someone at the track racing every afternoon, weather permitting. Timed racing is held on Fridays and Sundays at 1 p.m. Come get hooked!

For any additional information please contact, club president, Charlie Fisher, at (352) 304-8730.



**John Toner won first place in his age group (80-84) for the Ocala Turkey Trot on Nov. 26, 2015 with a time of 39:45. Way to go John!**

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**Fitness Happenings**  
By Cammy Dennis

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**Five Healthy Habits of Good Nutrition**

Most of us have a pretty good sense of what eating healthy is: lots of veggies and fruit, whole grains, lean proteins, healthy fats and limiting sugar intake. If we all have a sound understanding of what we should eat to stay healthy, feel good and look good, then why don't we do it? I believe that eating nutritiously has more to do with understanding behaviors than knowing what foods we should be eating. Here are five healthy habits of good nutrition!

- EAT REAL FOOD.** The quality of your food is very important; eating real foods will ensure that you are getting vital nutrients. We need to get fast food and processed food off our radar! Those foods, which are so seductive because of the ease and comfort they provide, are high in calories and low in nutrients. The quality of food influences two important things: (1) your blood sugar levels and (2) the hormones that tell your brain when you're hungry and when you're satisfied. Real foods help to stabilize your blood sugar and regulate hormones. When your blood sugar is better stabilized you stay satisfied longer. Fast foods and processed foods will cause sharp highs and lows in your blood sugar. When blood sugar drops you are likely to make a poor decision because your body is looking for a pick me up. Seek out foods that are as close to their natural state as possible. One of the best ways to do this is check the ingredients on the food label. The more ingredients listed on the label, the less that food is to its natural state!
- FOCUS ON THE PROCESS.** It's important to reflect on what, when, why and how we are eating. Here are a few things to consider when focusing on the process of eating: (1) You should eat breakfast every day. This jump starts your energy and revs up your brain. (2) Think about how you do your grocery

# FITNESS SCHEDULE

March 2016

Recreation Center Fitness Room					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00 AM	Zumba® Mix Madelyne	Fit & Flexible Mary	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	Fit & Flexible Mary	Dance Party Jessica
9:00 AM	Tai Chi Art	KBKB Han	Stretch for the Stars Jessica	KBKB Han	Essential Stretch Mary
10:00 AM	Balance Body Madelyne	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balance Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balance Body Madelyne
10:45 AM	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Dara	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Dara	S.O.S. Larry
11:45 AM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	Golden Oldies Groove Madelyne	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti	Golden Oldies Groove Madelyne	Get Fit While You Sit Madelyne
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation**		Balance Assessment**	
5:30 PM	S.O.S. Joe		S.O.S. Joe		

Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 8 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM

Recreation Center Ballroom					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:45 AM	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Madelyne

Arbor Club					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM Indoor Pool	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barb	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry	Shallow Water Aerobics* Barb	Deep Water Aerobics* Larry
9:15 AM Ballroom/ Fitness	Yoga* Barb Anne		Hatha Yoga* Barb Anne		Meditative Yoga* Stuart
10:00 AM Ballroom				Into to Tai Chi Art	
11:00 AM Fitness Studio				Tai Chi Joint Health* Art	
11:45 AM Fitness Studio	Adult Karate* Art				

\* Denotes fee-based class.  
\*\* Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are FREE. Reservation required.



❖ ❖ NEW THIS MONTH ❖ ❖

Zumba Gold and Groove! Special guest presenter Deborah Puskarich Friday, March 4 at 10:45 AM Recreation Center Ballroom  
Ballet Bootcamp! Welcome new instructor Kris Gibbons! Wednesday, March 16 at 9 AM Recreation Center

shopping; do you go once a week or every few days? When you shop once a week you are more likely to purchase things with a longer shelf life, which means more preservatives, more processing. Shopping every few days will allow you

to focus more on fresh produce. (3) Lastly, look for simple swaps, instead of snacking on a cereal or granola bar (which are mostly sugar). Try some almonds and yogurt, or fruit and walnuts or whole grain crackers with low fat cheese.

- DRINK WATER.** Start and finish your day with a glass of water. Water keeps you hydrated (which we sometimes confuse for hunger) and helps to regulate hormones. Be very cautious not to drink your calories: soda, coffee drinks, energy drinks and even some cocktails are loaded with sugar and calories! Diet drinks, although low in calories, offer nothing in terms of nutrition.
- DON'T COUNT CALORIES.** I realize that this might come as a surprise especially if you are trying to lose weight; however it goes back to healthy habit number one, count quality not calories. High quality foods are "nutrient dense," which means that they are typically lower in calories and higher in nutrients. Most researchers agree that people tend to underestimate how many calories they are consuming and overestimate how many they are using up through activity and or exercise. Therefore calories

in vs. calories out is in most cases an inaccurate science. Let's look at counting the number of ingredients in a food (focusing on quality) rather than counting calories. Here's a great example: A Subway sandwich, with a bag of Sun Chips and a Diet Coke, has over 100 ingredients! Compare that to a sandwich you prepare yourself with Great Harvest whole grain bread, sliced chicken or turkey that you prepared, yellow mustard, lettuce, an apple and a glass of water with lemon. You just brought the ingredients down from 100 to 20 and improved the quality of the nutrition for your body!

- DON'T OBSESS.** Care about what you are eating but don't obsess about it. I would urge you to eat mindfully; that is to eat with attention and intention. Behavior will be the greatest determinant of how successful you are in managing good nutrition. Vow not to go on a diet but rather to eat healthy. The 80/20 rule works well here. I'm a realist and I know that we all should enjoy our food and indulge from time to time so if you eat healthy 80 percent of the time you can afford to indulge about 20 percent of the time.



Sara Sommer placed second in her age group (70-74) for the Ocala Half Marathon in January; she completed the 13.1 miles in 3 hours, 14 minutes and 23.8 seconds. This was Sara's eighth half marathon!

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**Model Railroaders**

By Jim Lynam

The Model Railroaders are currently very busy creating more detail to the layout with the addition of operating grade crossing flashing lights. New technology has made it possible to enable the flasher unit to detect when a train is approaching and begin the sequence of having the red lights alternately flash within each cross-buck on both sides of the road. Likewise, once the cabin car passes the grade crossing and it is safe for the automobiles and pedestrians to cross the tracks, the light sensors inform the control unit to stop the lights from flashing. Although this scenario of starting and stopping flashing lights seems to be such a simple situation, the electronic and light energy technologies are very complex. Why not stop into the train room and see the flashers in operation?

How long has it been since you traveled anywhere via a railroad? Although the most famous excursion by rail is the trans-Canadian railway through the Canadian Rockies, there is a multitude of trips by train right here in the U.S. Amtrak has The

Silver Meteor (train # 98) that leaves Miami at 8:10 a.m., reaches Orlando at 1:35 p.m. and arrives in Washington D.C. at 7:07 a.m. the next morning. From Washington, The Capitol Limited (train # 29) will arrive at Chicago the next morning at 8:45 a.m.

There are several choices when departing Chicago. If Seattle is the destination, Amtrak's luxury liner Empire Express will travel through Montana and the Cascade Mountains and arrive in Seattle on the third day. If San Francisco is the destination the famous California Zephyr will travel through breathtaking vistas of the Rocky Mountains and arrive in San Francisco on the third day. Amtrak's Southwest Chief will arrive in Los Angeles within three days after traveling through New Mexico and Arizona. Prior to hurricane Katrina, the Sunset Limited would enable travel from New Orleans to Jacksonville, but the hurricane damaged several bridges beyond repair, which closed the line.

In addition to Amtrak's daily schedule, there are tour companies that start with Amtrak and provide escorted and guided tours throughout the United States and Canada. For anyone who wishes to "ride the rails" the opportunities are nearly limitless.

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. The layout is located

in a room with entry from the Recreation Fitness Center. The club members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m.



**Stamp Club**

By Joe Rosinski

Welcome once again to our column on the happenings at the General Francis Marion Stamp Club. It's been a busy month for the club with quite a few things going on.

During the recently held Club Fair, I had on display at our table a number of picture postcards from the early 1900s, including the one in the photos accompanying this column. One of the residents who

Our monthly meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6 in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center. Happy St. Patrick's Day, Easter and Passover to all!

stopped by the table asked me if I had any other Haynes cards available and I had to claim ignorance as to what she was talking about.

Her name is Carla Traudt and she happens to spend her summer months as a volunteer at Yellowstone Park. She asked me to keep an eye out for a particular card that could be worth a few shekels. She also provided me with some interesting information concerning photographer Frank J. Haynes and his exploits in Yellowstone. He ran a rather lucrative business that had photo shops at all major spots within the park that provided next-day developing service for customers throughout the park.

My sincere thanks to Carla for the information she provided on Mr. Haynes and his business. I've been on the lookout on the web for other Haynes postcards and have found a plethora of them.

Russ Rumney gave an interesting presentation on U.S. Revenue stamps at our Wednesday, Feb. 3, meeting. Revenue stamps were used to collect a tax on just about every conceivable thing you could think of, initially to fund the Civil War. They were purchased at post offices and had to be applied to either the item, or paperwork that was involved in a purchase. Initially they were mostly blue in color and could only be used for the purpose stated on the stamp. In later years, they could be used indiscriminately. Everything from butter, potatoes, wines, fermented spirits, documents, deeds, stock transfers, playing cards, cigarettes, cigars, matches, medicines, narcotics ... you name it, it was taxable. Funny how that idea still exists to this day.

The members of our club have a wide range of interests and can provide you with help with anything about the hobby in general, or a specific area you might be interested in. You can contact me at rosinskijoe@gmail.com and I will do my best to put you in contact with someone who can help you.

Want to get started in stamp collecting? We have plenty of stamps available, free of charge, to get you started. You can also check out our website at ocalgfmstampclub.com for additional information about the club. We're always looking for new members, and at the bargain price of \$6 per year, how can you go wrong? Stop by and see us on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Bank of The Ozarks on SR200.

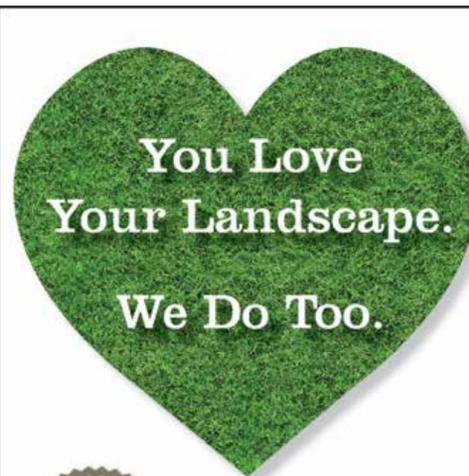


1928 Haynes postcard showing a view from Yellowstone Park.

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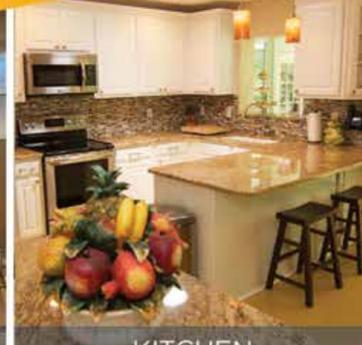
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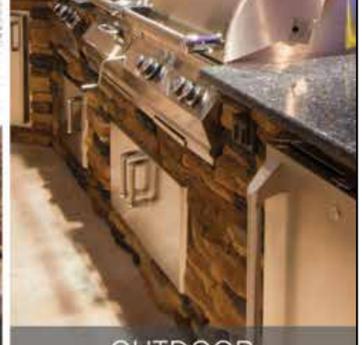
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**Square Dancing**

By Walter Lamp

Well, the 10th annual Winterfest is over and it was another fun packed weekend with couples from all over the United States. 28 states were represented, from as far north as Maine and as far west as California. The state of Maine always sends a large group. The folks we danced with are good dancers and we enjoyed them. And,

of course, we had many dancers from Florida.

Two other countries were represented. Folks from England and Canada were there.

We had four national callers as usual. Tony Oxendine, John Saunders and Jack Pladdys were the regulars. Ted Lizotte was the newcomer to this group. Ted has been calling for 28 years and comes from New Hampshire. He led off the plus section on Friday morning. Don and Linda Hichman, with Jimmy and Carol Griffin, were the cuers doing the rounds.

There were six sessions. Mary and I made five of them. It was fun and different

dancing to national callers. The dancers see calls and moves we might not encounter in our club here. A fast paced two days left us all smiling and happy, as we said goodbye to each other for another year.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, our friend from Fruitland Park, Lenny Newberry, came up to call for the evening. He moved to Florida last fall from Alabama, where he called for years. He wasted no time joining the Florida Callers Association, which we are sure glad he did, and thanked him for helping us out that evening.

On Saturday, March 5, at the Recreation Center Ballroom, we are having our Spring Swing dance. The callers will be

newcomers to this area. Gerry and Chuck Hardy from Vermont, via Tampa for the winter, will be our callers. This will be the first husband and wife team that most members of Circle Squares will be dancing too. Lloyd and Ruth McKennick will be doing the cueing. They recently called for us at our Snowflake Ball in January.

On Thursday, March 10, we will visit our friends, Fountain Squares, in Summerfield. We will take their banner for a while, until they visit us and retrieve it.

On Sunday, April 3, we will visit Orange Blossom Squares, down in The Villages, to retrieve our banner.



**Line Dancing**

By George Conklin

Spring is here. Nancy Carmack's Thursday night dances "Wear Your Blue Shirt" in January and "Valentine's Day" dance in February were a great success. We had our

dancers, at all levels, up and dancing. It was a good selection of music and matching dances. Thanks to the group leaders for picking and leading the dances. Dancing to music that is not what we learned in class is a challenge.

How do we dance to a "strange" piece of music? First, we dance to music because it has rhythm, a beat, the guy with the drum or bass, the thump, thump, thump. The drummer sets the tempo to keep the band

together; it is the same for dancers. We step when the drum goes thump. We listen to the speed and emphasis of the beat. Is it a slow waltz (1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3)? A march beat (1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4)? A cha-cha (1, 2, 3 and 4) or a rumba? We then pick a dance we know that follows that same pattern and speed. This may all sound daunting, but it is not.

Dance with us at Happy Hour every Friday night; The Town Square every

Friday and Saturday afternoon; and the Recreation Center Ballroom (Arbor Club Ballroom in February) 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.



**Ballet Club**

By Eugenie Martin

As kids, many of us remember hearing, "Don't slouch!" "Stand up straight!" Posture was a big issue in life, both at home and in school. Many school systems sponsored annual posture pictures or examinations to make sure there were no problems with our bones. There were even classes where girls were taught to walk gracefully while balancing books on their heads.

Maturity can bring additional posture issues, and proper posture is basic to many exercise programs. In our ballet classes, every exercise or dance step has good posture at its foundation. We encourage control and strength through a tucked pelvis, firmly held abs, lifted chest, relaxed shoulders and head held aloft. This may sound complicated, but we practice in every class and eventually it becomes a habit. When we rise on the balls of our feet, we hold our bodies from within, so balance is improved while we move with grace and beauty.

Outside the studio, our everyday posture also improves. The other day, I noticed a woman with lovely carriage going to get her mail. As I got closer to her, I recognized one of our dancers, which made me very happy. Good posture lifts the body and keeps it from collapsing into the joints. It helps us become more fit, look better, and move more securely.

My co-teacher Julie Sines and I share the teaching of our six ballet classes each week. We have two beginner classes: Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to noon, and Fridays, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Our 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. All of our classes are held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent to the indoor swimming pool.

Newcomers are always welcome, whether experienced or not. If you are interested, please give me a call at (352) 854-8589. That way, I can help you decide which class is best for you, and Julie or I will be able to welcome you to class. Happy dancing!

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**Dancin' On the Top**

By Arlo Janssen

Our traditional "Sweetheart Dance" held on Saturday, Feb. 13, was a great success. Our decorating committee worked very hard on the individual table decorations, and our bandstand was a special show to view. Retro Express provided the music. The food committee featured a special

pastry display for this great night of dancing. The dancers were all in their best attire for this very special night. We want to thank all of our volunteers who made it possible for this annual event.

Our social calendar for the year has listed Solid Gold on Saturday, April 9, for our spring dance themed "A Neon Night." The remaining dance calendar has Automatic on Saturday, Sept. 24, with a "Tailgate Party" theme. The Starburst Band will provide the music on Saturday, Nov. 5, and we will have a "Salute to Our Veterans" as part of the program. The New Year's Eve event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31 and will

feature Automatic.

The Dancin' On the Top committee is already hard at work setting the dance calendar for 2017.

There are numerous opportunities to dance here at On Top of the World starting with Friday night Happy Hour at the Arbor Club Ballroom or Recreation Center Ballroom on alternate weeks. Also on Friday and Saturday, there is dancing outdoors at The Town Square.

For membership or ticket information, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293 or Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400.



**Sidekicks Western Dance Club**

By Tony & Carla Magri

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! The Sidekicks welcomed nine new couples to our newcomer's class on Tuesday, Feb. 2. They learned some of our most

basic dance steps and put them together in their first dance, "Country Star." They have already had their second session and are moving right along. We're all hoping they'll be able to join our beginner level dancers very soon.

As of this writing, we're gearing up for our Valentine's party. We'll be welcoming our friends from Stone Creek to join us for a great potluck dinner, some fun and games, and most importantly, dancing. This will be an indoor version of our week-

ends at The Town Square with food added (always a good thing) and we expect everyone to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Next on our agenda will be dancing to some Irish music for St. Patrick's Day, always a challenge and lots of fun.

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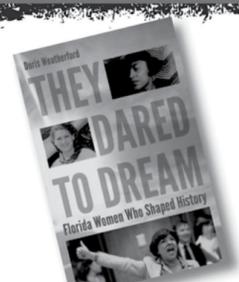
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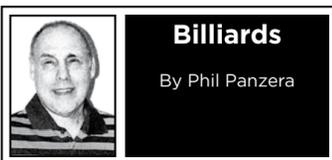
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In the poolroom, please roll the table covers like a carpet.



**Billiards**

By Phil Panzera

It's been a quiet month in the pool room. We did get two new storage lockers, and one of them is unlocked so cleaning supplies are available to all. Of these, feel free to use the table brush anytime the table picks up too much dirt (brush only in one direction, from the head of the table down to the rack area). Dirt on the table can really interfere with one's game, especially when hitting the ball slowly.

With regard to keeping the tables clean, here's an important request to everyone using the room: please do not fold the table covers like a bed sheet, but rather roll

them like a carpet.

The problem is the gray bottom of the cover goes on the floor, and then back onto the table, transferring a lot of dirt. By rolling the cover there's only a thin strip on the floor, so the table stays much cleaner. Rolling is also easier than folding, and when you recover the table it's just a simple flick of the wrist instead of awkwardly undoing a number of folds.

**TIP OF THE MONTH:** There are easily 20 things one can do wrong technically in the mechanical execution of a pool shot, and another dozen or so factors that can be considered regarding shot selection, making the ball, getting position, strategy, solving run-out problems, etc. These dozens of checkpoints to master make pool a difficult game, as they unfortunately translate to dozens of opportunities to do something wrong. How then do we improve our game?

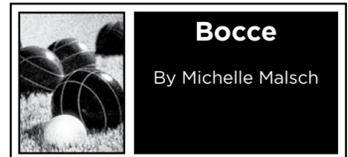
There's a simple answer – as in all things, fundamentals have to come first. In my view, here are the “four cardinal sins” that prevent people from playing better: (1) hitting the ball too hard; (2) not following through; (3) rushing the final warm-up stroke; and (4) not staying down through and after the stroke.

Did you ever wonder why many people have been playing for decades and are still intermediate players? These four sins are a very large part of the answer. Here's some incentive toward working to get rid of these problems: every one of these sins you eliminate will improve your game by anywhere from 10 to 25 percent! Eliminate all four and you're looking at an easy 40 percent and possibly even a 100 percent improvement!

Sounds too good to be true? It isn't, and with some thought and effort on your part you can make a substantial improvement in your game within a month.

I do have a confession to make though. I said above there was a “simple answer,” but that's both true and false. You can read and understand what I mean about the four sins fairly easily, however – and it's a big “however” – no improvement will come without concentration and some dedicated practice. It's hard to change a mechanical stroke that you've done forever, but it's quite doable if you really want to play better.

In the next few columns, I'll address the four sins above in more detail. Feel free also to ask me anytime for a quick sin-assessment, and some brief advice as to where to focus your efforts. It's possible that just a few tips can improve your game significantly, but know that I can only point you in the right direction. You have to make the journey yourself, and better play (and more fun) are yours for the taking if you have the desire and willpower to make it happen.



**Bocce**

By Michelle Malsch

This is how we roll! The Bocce Club board members met on Monday, Feb. 1 to begin preparations for the annual banquet. The banquet will be held on Friday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at Sweet Potatoes in the Canopy Oak (Publix) Shopping Center. The food will be catered by Gruff's Elite Banquet and Catering of Dunnellon (owners of Sweet Potatoes). The menu will include a cranberry/walnut spring mix salad, garlic red skinned mashed potatoes, Belgian carrots, and your choice of chicken breast stuffed with Brie, apples, cranberries and chives, or roast beef au jus, Hawaiian dinner rolls and dessert, and your choice of coffee, tea, or soft drinks. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Team captains will have a sign-up sheet and be collecting the money. All money and reservations for the banquet must be turned in by Friday, April 15.

We are trying to form a new league to play on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. If you are already playing on a different day, and would like to switch to this league, you can. If interested in playing on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., please contact Joe Bartosh at (608) 553-1602. Sixteen players are needed to start this league; we have eight who have expressed interest thus far.

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! Players are showing up earlier and earlier to assure their spot 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 can form a new league. We encourage you to stop by and see how the game is played and what fun we have. So please call and express your interest in playing! It's a lot of fun and you get to make new friends!

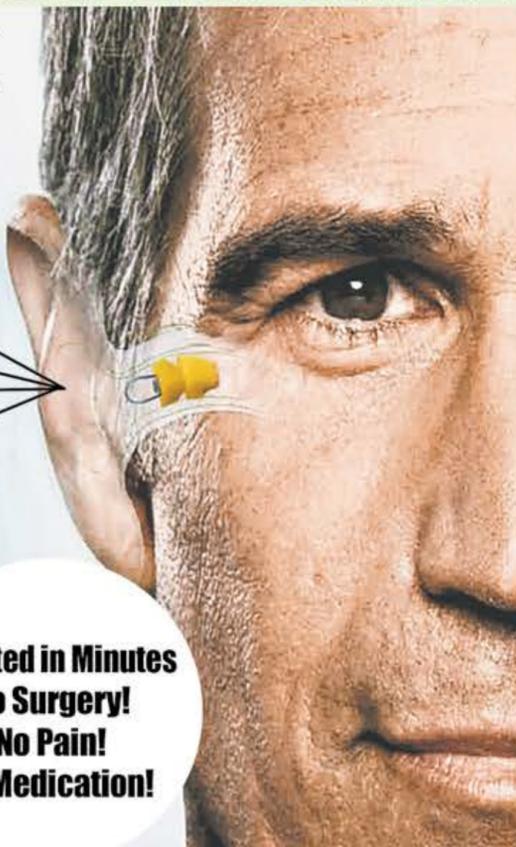
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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

## Buy Your Tickets for 'Under the Influence ...'

By Steve McDonald

Several of our Theatre Group members are actively rehearsing for our spring show, which will be presented on the stage of the Recreation Center Ballroom on Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 24, at 3 p.m.

There will be a cash bar starting at 6 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively, and continuing through to the end of the each show. Seating is Cabaret style at tables of eight with light snacks on the table.

This one and a half hour show called "Under the Influence - The Last Cabaret" is about a cabaret theater being torn down to make a parking lot. The owners are taking a last inventory when they have an idea for a last memorial show featuring five of their friends who are influenced by songs that Barbra Streisand (Marilyn Bettinger), Julie Andrews (Donna Fisher), Colm Wilkinson (Mike Hill), Mel Torme (Dick Phillips), and Ethel Merman (Audrey Strong) have sung.

Lenny Price and Jean Baumgardner portray the owners of the club.

Anne and Jim Merrick are directing the overall production and Audrey Strong, who also directs the Concert Chorus, is musical director. Jim Grapes is our piano accompanist. Many of your favorite songs are included and the voices are wonderful.

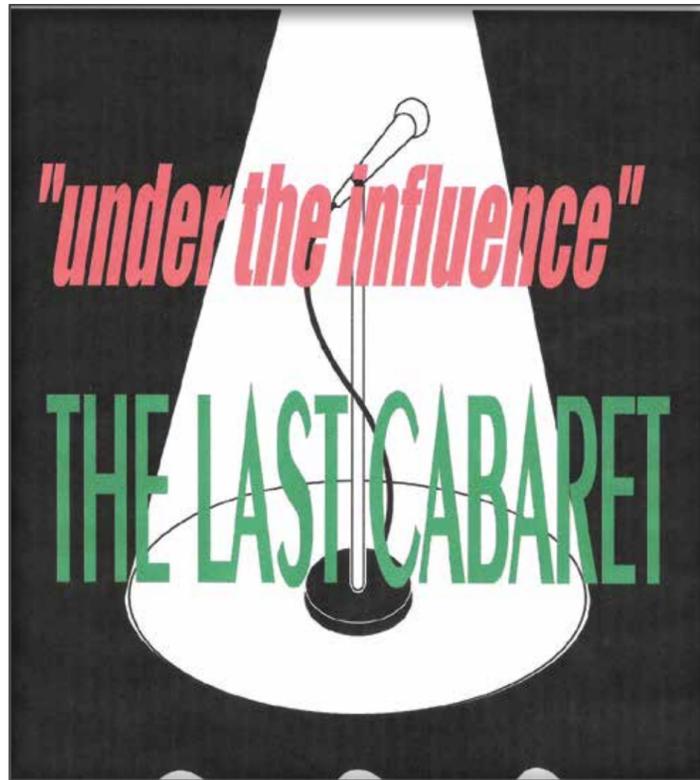
Tickets are on sale in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Monday, Wednesday

and Friday, 8 to 10 a.m. from Monday, March 14 until show time. Reserved table seating only is applicable for this performance and cost is \$8 per seat.

As a result of our community "Meet and Greet" and Club Fair events, we are proud to announce that we have had eight residents recently indicate their interest in joining our group. We are looking forward to their attendance at our monthly meetings and that they continue to show interest, including joining our efforts. Thanks to our Membership Chairman Bree, Ann Rogers, and Dick Phillips for representing our group during these events.

Our general meeting was held on Monday, Feb. 8. After our meeting, we enjoyed refreshments and some entertainment by some of our members. The entertainers included: Emcee Bree; Steve - joke "Reincarnation"; Anne (emcee), psychiatrist (Lenny), woman (Jean) - skit "The Psychiatrist"; Steve - series of jokes for member participation; Jim M. - A True Story; Bree - each member given a different word to continue a sentence using their different words; Dennis - joke.

We have three more meetings prior to our group taking our summer hiatus and we start back up in September. During that period, our storyboard committee will meet occasionally to plan our November show. We urge our fellow community



residents who have yet to experience our fun to try to make our next general meeting, March 14.

We meet on the second Monday of each month, September through May, at 7 p.m. at Arbor Conference Center, Suites

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Residents who wish to learn more about our group may contact our president, Dick Phillips at (352) 861-0779 or dick.phillips@reagan.com.



**Rocky's Lady Legends Show**



**Official Blues Brothers Revue**



**Motown in Motion**

## It's Showtime!

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Tickets are selling quickly! Buy your tickets now to attend a show or two in March at Circle Square Cultural Center.

### Rocky's Lady Legends Show

**Saturday, March 12**

Rocky and The Rollers have over 35 years of experience touring around the world. On this night, three famous ladies will join them: Barbara Lewis, Merrilee Rush and FOXXX. This will no doubt be a rockin' show!

### Official Blues Brothers Revue

**Saturday, March 19**

This is the only duo in North America sanctioned by Dan Aykroyd and Judith Belushi to don the official hat of the Blues

Brothers. They are backed by a powerhouse band performing classic hits such as "Soul Man," "Rubber Biscuit," "Sweet Home Chicago," plus many more.

### Motown in Motion

**Saturday, March 26**

This high-energy show will perform famous Motown hits from such artists as The Platters, Dionne Warwick, James Brown, The Four Tops and many more. This show will have you dancing in the aisles!

To purchase tickets, stop by the Circle Square Cultural Center ticket office at 8395 SW 80th Street or go online to [culturalcenter.com](http://culturalcenter.com).

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

## The New Pretenders Rock the House

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

You just had to be there Saturday night, Feb. 6 at the Recreation Center. It was a standing room only crowd who laughed, clapped, and sang along to this year's stage production by The New Pretenders.

Under the direction of Bill Shampine and his right-hand lady, Nancy Grabowski, all 29 acts and 106 costume changes were a smash success. The audience sang along to many of the songs, but not quite

as boisterously as with "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" and "It's Hard to be Humble." The costumes were especially colorful and some even bawdy, but were well suited to the songs being sung; Fran Allen and Rita Miller deserve a big hand for their creativity in costume design.

Bill Shampine said that every year the attendance grows, and this Saturday night greeted more than 450 at the Recreation Center, a record crowd. Bill said, "That's really a good thing for the charities we support, because the more tickets sold the more we can contribute." This year, more

than \$3,000 will be given to six charities, including On Top of the World's Sewing Bees, whose efforts are contributed to needy children in Marion County.

After their two-hour shows at On Top of the World, the troupe will perform several one hour shows: a fundraiser at Queen of Peace on Wednesday, March 9 for The Knights of Columbus, and then to Spruce Creek Preserve on Friday, March 18. Their last show of the season will be at Oak Run for the Upstate New York Club.

Then, after just a few months off, rehearsals start for the 2017 season.



**Joie Kurtz, backed up by A.J., Darlene and Edie in a rousing rendition of "Proud Mary."**

Photo by Ray Cech



Photo by Bob Woods

A typical early Irish stone house with thatched roof. Smoke coming from the chimney is from a turf-fueled fire.

# Ulster American Folk Park

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The Ulster American Folk Park is an open-air museum in Castletown on the outskirts of Omagh, Northern Ireland. The park focuses particularly on the lifestyles and experiences of immigrants who sailed from Ulster to America in the 18th and 19th centuries to escape The Great Famine from 1845 to 1852. Most people who emigrated went to America with some heading to Canada, Australia, and a few to Britain.

Most of the park is outdoors with the exception of a large exhibition gallery. The outside portion allows you to follow the immigrant trail as you journey from the thatched cottages of Ulster to boarding a full-scale immigrant sailing ship leading to the log cabins of the American frontier.

The storefronts were brought to the park from local towns and villages. They are rated as the finest collection of original, traditional 19th century Ulster storefronts in the world. The homes in the old section of this museum are actual homes complete with thatched roofs.

Thomas Mellon's birthplace is with-

in the park (people from Pennsylvania should recognize his name). The house and outbuildings are located in the original location where this Irish-American banker and lawyer was born.

There are many early Irish homes to visit while touring the park. This museum is themed with volunteers dressed in period costumes while demonstrating life as it was including cooking, embroidery, spinning, and the list continues. In each home, a fire fueled by turf (peat) is burning to cook and heat with.

At the end of the Ulster Street, you enter the ship and dockside gallery, which includes a full size replica of the immigrant sailing ship, Brig Union.

The Union took many immigrants to America including members of the Mellon family to Baltimore in 1816. The dockside buildings are original. Touring the ship one would depart in the same manner as the immigrants did upon arrival in America. The Union is a reconstructed two-mastered square-rigger.

The voyage, depending on winds and weather conditions, would take six to 12 weeks crossing the Atlantic with 200 immigrants below deck on a ship of only 100-feet in length.

Departing the dockside gallery, you arrive at a recreated American street scene immigrants would have observed in ports such as Boston, New York, or Baltimore. The street contains original storefronts of that era and a replica of the first Mellon Bank.

The New World section of the folk park contains typical stores, houses and farms including log cabins. Some of the houses and farm buildings were actually imported from the states to the museum from such places as Lancaster County and other counties located in Pennsylvania.

Other structures imported from America came from Summer County, Tenn. and another from West Virginia. Most of the properties imported to the museum were homes, plantations, farms, and log cabins that once belonged to Irish immigrants.

The Ulster American Folk Park is one of four national museums in Northern Ireland. Residents from On Top of the World spent hours at this location coming away with a different outlook on Ireland and the immigrants who settled in America.



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Turf-fueled fire.

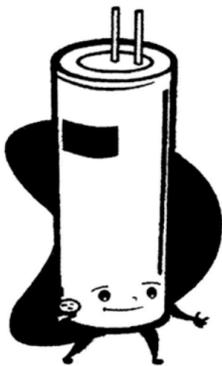
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**Art Group**

By Anne Merrick

The Art Group had a great reception at Master the Possibilities. We were so pleased with our show and gave a big thank you to the staff for providing the drinks to complement our cookies and placing our art so well. We hope you got to see the exhibit with all the different styles and mediums used. We are a versatile and interesting group.

I would like to talk about some of the mediums used in the group.

**Acrylic:** This is a versatile medium, which can be applied watered down and very thin, somewhat like watercolor, or beefed up with a modeling paste or other thickening agent and applied with a spatula. If you don't like what you've done, more paint can be applied over it immediately because it dries quickly. It can be scraped off or more applied for texture. Sponges, paper towel, cloth, aluminum foil, tissue paper or anything you can think of can be used to change the texture and dimension. Spackling compound is easy to apply and acrylic paint covers beautifully. Only your imagination and sense of adventure limits what you can do. Water and spirit-based oil can be used in the same way. They flow a bit easier but take a lot longer to dry. Both mediums can be used on a variety of surfaces (canvas, Masonite, wood board, mat board, plastic, ceramic, etc.). I even use house, craft and artist's paint in combination to get the effect I want, especially if using a large canvas. House paint goes a long way and highlights are easy to do in the other paints.

**Watercolor:** This paint comes in several different forms: tube, stick, pencil and even pen. It can be quite a challenge to use it in the traditional way from the tube. To get the easy loose look you only get one chance to create the look you want. The stick needs a wet applicator in order to apply effectively or you can use it like chalk on wet paper. It is not easy. The watercolor pencil that I love is used to draw the design in much the same way as a colored pencil. Then a wet applicator is used blend



Photo by Jim Merrick

**Artists at the 2016 Master the Possibilities reception.**

the colors. My favorite is a cotton-tipped swab.

**Pastel:** This is used primarily in our group by Carole. She loves it and has all sorts of different papers and boards that she draws on. Some are smooth and others are like sandpaper. She even makes her own. This is probably the messiest of media with a lot of finger involvement. The end results are spectacular both of the work, the hands and sometimes the face.

More details will be addressed in the future.

We have so much fun playing around with this varied "stuff." Join us Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Art Studio in the Hobby Building.

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**Bob Wroblewski, Hal Stanley, Rich Cooperman, and George Brush singing "This is for My People" in the 2016 show of The New Pretenders.**



**The New Pretenders**

By Bill Shampine

Awesome! The New Pretenders have completed their three performances at the On Top of the World's beautiful new Recreation Center Ballroom, and they were a smash hit. We had an unprecedented level of attendance this year, even beating last year's record. Saturday night was a sellout with 455 tickets sold, with Sunday afternoon being a close second. This year, we entertained 1,205 people! Thank you to our residents! We sincerely appreciate your support, and hope you feel you got your money's worth.

Although we have finished our shows at On Top of the World, our season is not yet over. We will perform three more times in March: for the Knights of Colum-

bus at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Spruce Creek Preserve, and the Upstate New York Club at Oak Run. The show at Queen of Peace Catholic Church is the only "outside" show we do that is open to the public. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9. If you missed the show here, this will be your only opportunity to see what your friends and neighbors are talking about. All of our "outside" shows are reduced in size. We only perform the entire two-hour show here, for you, our On Top of the World fans.

The New Pretenders never stop working for you. Even though we are not finished with the 2016 season, our music committee for the 2017 season is starting the song selection process. It is a lot of work for us, but we dearly love watching you laugh, swing and sway in time to the music, and have a good time at our performances. That is what makes it worth our time commitment and hard labor. Bless you all.



**ShutterBugs Photography**

By Marilyn Cronin

**PHOTO TIPS:** Adapted from "Black and White Photography Tips" by Balal Rizvi.

It's often believed that good photos are ones with beautiful colors. There are other forms of photography such as black and white, monochromatic, infrared, etc.

Photography records light regardless of color and outcome. Black and white has been popular since the early days where cameras would only take these images and were unable to interpret colors.

Black and white photography can be hard because your subject is the most important in these photos. With practice, you'll get the hang of understanding the lighting, the subject, and how you want to compose your final image. You must imagine your subject in black and white before you shoot the photograph.

Here are some techniques to help you become better at interpreting the situation for a great shot.

**Viewpoint:** The most important consideration is the viewpoint. Before you even touch your camera you want to know what is it that you want to photograph and how you want to present it. Give a little thought on the angles. Shape is depicted by blocks of light and dark areas in the photo.

**Amount of Light:** Make sure you have enough light to capture the details because there are no colors to distinguish and make details. A blue sky will look gray in a black and white photo.

**Source of Light:** This important because different sources have to be shot differently and with different settings. Where is the light coming from?

**Quality of Light:** Think of the types of shadows and contrast. Direct light - sharp dark shadows. Diffused or indirect light - softer tones. For high contrast difference between light and dark use direct light. For tones of gray and softer looks use a diffused light.

**Direction of Light:** Decide on the type of depth, dimensions and details you want in your photo. Sidelights give larger dimensions. Direct light hitting from front points out texture and depth. Lights from the rear help in reducing details. Place the lights according to your desire.

**Shape Tone:** Dark tones use harsh shadows to portray a sad or empty mood. Light and smooth textures convey open and free feelings.



Photo by ShutterBug Norbert Sachs

**Black and white category first place: Hooded walker.**



Photo by ShutterBug John Bauer

**Black and white category second place: Titanic Museum.**



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**Black and white category third place: Contempt and resolve.**

**Texture:** The subject's surface can define the realism in the photo while smooth or blurred out details produce mythic or ideal images.

**Lines:** These can be used to draw attention to a certain point in a photo. Repeated lines and shapes produce patterns and give a rhythmic sense to the image.

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

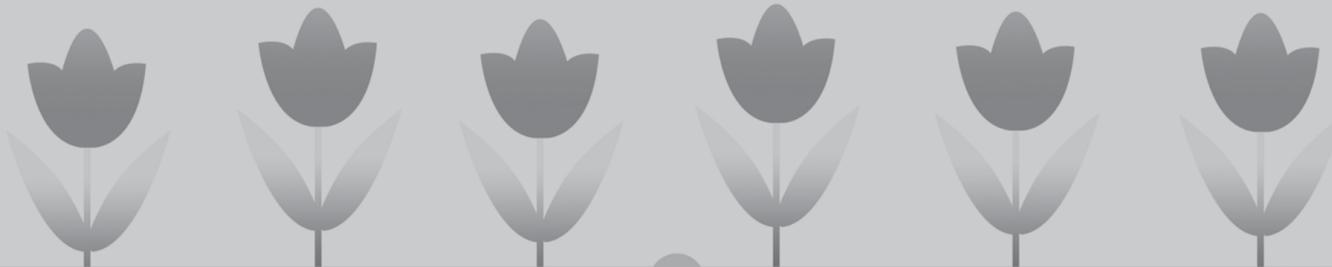
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**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

By Barbara Lingis

If you are looking for that special gift for a certain someone, our craft club can be a great source. Our crafters meet every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Recreation Center Ballroom where they display countless crafts that can be purchased. We have a large variety of items all handmade and done with great care and pride. Please come and join us and see the many interesting items that are available.

Susan Weiss and Barbara Lingis are our crafters in the spotlight this month.

Susan has resided here for one and a half years and been a member of our club since September of last year. Susan is an artist and paints delicate flowers on wine glasses, mason jars, and other types of glassware. She has been painting for 26 years and took up this art after her twins were born.

The flowers that she paints on the wine glasses are at the bottom of the glass so that when you tip the glass up to drink out of it the center of the flower is displayed at the bottom of the glass. These are really pretty and very unusual. All the items Susan paints are baked in an oven so that the design remains on the glass item when washed.

Susan also makes paper cranes with beads that she varnishes so that they keep their shape and color. She took a class at Master the Possibilities to learn how to make the cranes. She also enjoys, and has on display, painted wood items with beautiful designs and colors. Susan is a self-taught artist who has a great deal of natural talent which shows in all the items she creates.

Our next crafter, Barbara Lingis, has resided here for five years. She has been a member of our club for four years.

Barbara creates purses and wallets made from plastic bags and tablecloths. She uses plastic bags from the various stores in and around the area, cuts them up, strings them together and then rolls the plastic in a ball as if it was yarn. She does the same with plastic tablecloths. These purses are heavy duty and washable. She also makes jewelry to match the purses and wallets. Both items are crocheted and come in many colors.

Barbara created her own pattern for these purses and wallets, but will also take custom orders for those who want a different design. The purses come in small and large sizes and come in different shapes and designs.

Please come join us and see the gifts made by all our crafters on the above-mentioned day and time. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Rene Beck at (352) 854-4918. Hope to see you soon.



**Encore Collaborative Theatre**

By Judy Gill

Hit the lights, raise the curtain! What a sweet sound! Guess who has a front curtain in our future... Encore Collaborative Theatre Club! We are proud to announce that our performances this fall will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center! Although we truly enjoyed and are grateful for our last experience, those of you who know theatre, realize how much easier it is to work with a professional stage with a front curtain and many other amenities.

We're well into 2016 and making plans for our next theatrical production. Our play is a comedy and is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2.

James J. Jenkins, a talented dual actor in our last play, was chosen as the playwright and lead director for our autumn project. We have many wonderful improvements set in place for our second play, "Dancing Beneath A Paper Sky."



**Happy Hookers**

By Marge Curran

Top of the mornin' to all! My husband was born in Dublin, Ireland so St. Patty's Day takes on special meaning in our home and I would like to spread the luck of the Irish to all!

Obviously, it's March and spring is in the air, but when I was writing this column it was pretty darn cold in central Florida. I'm not complaining, because as many of you know I moved here from Chicago, and this is nothing! I just hope that when you're reading the paper this month you're enjoying a beautiful warm day as well.

The Happy Hookers continue to meet year round on Mondays 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 at times.

Members bring whatever they happen

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Encore committee meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. The first part of our meeting will be business and planning, while the second portion will be social, rehearsal or a function.

Our functions/activities at the end of each monthly meeting change - why not see if you'd like to be part of our exciting group? This month, after our business portion, all members with paid-in-full dues who are interested in joining us for the committee collaboration of the script will be welcome. The script will be collaborated a final time with our cast, once we have held our audition.

Please contact us to be on our mailing list or to sign up for notification of our upcoming audition. We invite both male and female actors; those interested in being part of the directing team, and also are looking for singers to form a small chorus. Actually, there are many available areas we could use assistance, with or without theatre experience that would help us bring our next story to life! Contact Judy or Terry Gill at TheCruiseGenie@aol.com or (352) 509-4033.

to be working on and sometimes come empty handed looking for a new idea or just to chat with friends in a comfortable setting. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new ladies who have joined us over the past few months. Newcomers are always welcome and we would love to meet you!

When you join us, you will find a mixed group of crafters doing a variety of crochet, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, plastic canvas and just about any hand-crafting project imaginable. This is a really talented group whom you can always count on for help with a pattern question or stitching issue.

Since it is the season for spring cleaning, 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 appreciated. Please call me for pick up of these items at (630) 336-7105. I would like to thank Linda Piscatelli for her recent donation of yarn. Thanks Linda!

Additional questions about the Happy Hookers, please call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328.



**Sewing Bees**

By Linda Lohr

Coming from Connecticut, winter in Florida is just wonderful! A few days cool enough to wear jeans and a light jacket and then ... back to warmer weather with clear blue skies and lots of sunshine!

The Bees have been busy. We participated in the Club Fair at the Recreation Center. This was such a well-attended event. We met lots of new people, gained a new member, and sold some quilts and wonder wallets. We thank anyone who stopped by our table. It was great to meet you!

Our Christmas luncheon had been scheduled for January, but was actually held on Friday, Feb. 5 at Stone Creek Grille. We had a great menu to choose from and the staff was very accommodating. Those who wished brought gifts to exchange and we all had a fantastic time.

And we are back to work again, creating our comfort quilt kits for the children.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Art Studio from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been look-

ing for to round out your week.

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

Please contact LeeAnn (352) 854-7205 or Rita Miller (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.

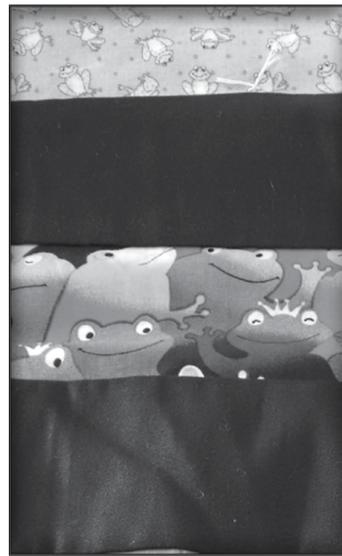


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A quilt created by the Sewing Bees.

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**Original Karaoke Group**

By George Quaranta

It was duet night at Candler Hills. Maybe it was because of Valentine's Day or maybe it was just being comfortable singing together. We had a full house, 16 singers and four enjoying the show. Everyone sang romantic songs, with a little country and rock thrown in, but it's always nice to have a few duets.

Norma and Bob started off the night by singing "Do That to Me One More Time." Then a big welcome to our new karaoke friends, Linda and Mark, who sang "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" and "My Heart Will Go On." Sindy and Richie then sang "Let It Be Me." John and Laura sang "Dream."

Norma and Bob should have sang their beautiful duet, "Baby It's Cold Outside," because it was a cold one, but we all seemed to make it out on a chilly February night to have some fun.

Fourteen of us even met at The Club at Candler Hills at 4:30 p.m. for some good food and a few drinks, before heading next door to the Candler Hills Community Center, where we meet the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun!

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

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Photo by Sindy OBrien

**Norma and Bob, John and Laura, Linda and Mark, Sindy and Richie of the Original Karaoke Group.**



Photo by Linda Lohr

**Trinket boxes and card by Ida Swanson.**



**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

By Linda Lohr

Our presenter for the February class was Ida Swanson. She offered very clever trinket boxes for any gift-giving occasion! They can be decorated with any themed paper to suit the event. Ida generously supplied the boxes and members were allowed to decorate them for their own special occasions.

The stylized cat on the birthday card was designed by Ida. The card would be very appropriate for any cat lover.

We thank Ida for her creativity and her generosity for presenting at this class.

Anyone can be a presenter – and the

cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship and socializing, and helping each other plays a big part of the club!

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

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, please call Kathy at (352) 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!

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For a registration form, visit us online at [OcalaOpen.com](http://OcalaOpen.com) or stop by the Golf Shop.



**Bingo**

By Denise Johnson

Spring is around the corner! Hop on in every Wednesday night in the Recreation Center Ballroom for bingo! Maybe you'll be one of our lucky winners!

Lolly Foss, who claims she never wins, won the last jackpot and had a mile wide! There were many others, either win-

ning the big jackpot or multiple games. May be reportable to the IRS? Ha, ha!

Come on out to socialize and fun with us for a few hours. Remember, it only takes one bingo card to win.

We sell cards from 5 to 5:45 p.m. We call out the 70/30 winners and then start playing at 6 p.m. There is a short break after the 10th game.

We are looking for volunteers for various jobs. If interested, please see Nancy G. or me on Wednesday night.

Hope to see you at bingo. Remember, The Pub is open if you need a bite to eat.

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# National Geographic Cinematographer

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Thirty-one summers in Alaska and counting. Mark Emery and his wife, Mary, have traveled the world taking photos, making movies, and waiting out wild animals until the scene is perfect. And, they

are residents of Ocala.

Mark Emery shared his stories of adventure, shooting in the wild for National Geographic. His presentation at Circle Square Cultural Center was made possible

by Master the Possibilities, on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Mark has been with National Geographic since 1989 and has traveled the world with his 80-pound camera through forest, swamp and desert; his wife is usually by his side. Every summer, for the past 31 years, they lived and filmed in Alaska.

His life, it seems, has never been dull. He's wrestled alligators, was a champion kick boxer, and when growing up, played in a rock band. When watching the National Geographic channel chances are pretty good that some or all of the footage was shot by Mark. He has also produced and directed many of those segments.

During Emery's presentation, the audience was treated to film clips of scenes from the Florida Everglades, Silver Springs, Alaska, and the African plains. There were alligators, brown bears, anaconda and, perhaps one of the more re-

warding segments, salmon swimming the rapids and being caught in mid-air by "fishing" bears.

Mark and Mary often collaborate with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and a very interesting portion of his presentation was how the salmon population is counted. They fly up river in a pontoon plane and actually count the salmon ... one-by-one. Well, how else?

Mark emphasized, "When shooting animals in the wild, it is important to wait out your subject. If you want to get them in their natural state, and doing what comes naturally, you can't chase after them." He said it will generally take 10 weeks of filming and three more weeks of editing to get a one-hour show.

So the next time you're watching the "nature" channel, check out the credits and see if Ocala resident, Mark Emery has played a role.



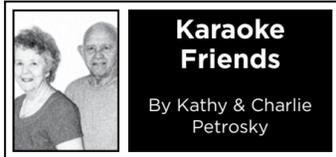
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Photo by Ray Cech

Ronald Pisnoy of Karaoke Friends.

Mark Emery in the Florida Everglades.



We had another fun prop night. If you missed it, here is what happened. As always, we had a variety of songs. Tom had his suitcase because he was taking a "Sentimental Journey." Gary must have heard about it because he played "Leavin' On a Jet Plane" on his guitar.

Charlie wore his oversized clown shoes and sang "Charlie's Shoes." Kathy had her sister Mary and they used feathered fans to sing "Sisters." Shirley wore her "Top Hat, White Tie and Tails." Bob and Norma were dressed up because they were "Steppin' Out With My Baby."

Poor Patty came wrapped up in a fence singing "Don't Fence Me In." Ann and Keith had their Patriot Dog and sang "Old Dogs and Children and Watermelon Wine." Ann asked "How Much Is That Doggie In the Window?" George came with his striped prison hat singing "Prisoner of Love."

Donnie came all dressed and made up as our "Bandy, the Rodeo Clown." Tari had her box of lies for "Take It Back." Gary told her to "Go Away Little Girl." Frank had his hat for "My Way." Shirley Haskell came all smiles for "Country Sunshine." Rudy went "Crazy" and Ron had his big fish to go to the "Octopus Garden."

Prop nights are great fun. On our third Monday session we came dressed in red ready to sing love songs for Valentine's Day.

We are highlighting Ronald Pisnoy this month. I asked what he wanted to say to the readers. He said, "I have a passion for music. I am especially passionate about The Beatles and the music that I grew up with. I always sing along with the songs. My fantasy was to be a singer in a rock and roll band. I started singing karaoke in my 40s and it felt like I was fulfilling my fantasy of singing the songs that I love in front of an audience. My friend is a DJ and I am able to burn my own karaoke discs. I have thousands of songs of all genres and would be glad to make a disc for anyone who would like one."

We are happy to have new residents just stop in to see what it is all about. We hope they stay or come back. Our next karaoke is on March 7 and 21. Hope you can join us.

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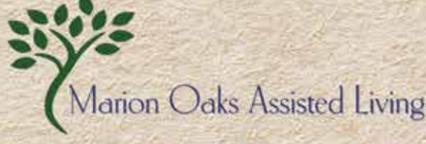
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## Pool & Spa Rules

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### RECREATION CENTER POOL

**Hours: 8 a.m. to dusk**

#### Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Facilities are for use by residents and guest(s) only.
- Guest(s) under 15 years of age may use the pool from noon to dusk and must be accompanied by parent or resident.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guest(s) under the age of 15.
- Diaper age children must wear swim diapers or Little Swimmers®.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing of objects or littering.
- Food, drinks, glass containers, and pets must be kept outside of fenced pool area.
- Water bottles are allowed as long as they are plastic - no coolers allowed.
- No smoking in and around pool area including pool deck.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but please no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- 911 emergency phone located on the veranda.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load capacity is 100.
- Be safe, responsible, and considerate while using the pool.
- Pool will be closed on the last Wednesday of the month for cleaning.

### ARBOR CLUB POOLS & SPA

#### Indoor Pool Hours:

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- Guest(s) must purchase a pass - \$2.25/day or \$10.75/week per guest.
- Children under the age of 15 are not permitted in pools or on pool deck areas.
- Please refer to Arbor Club indoor pool schedule for complete listing of hourly activities.
- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool or spa.
- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing of objects or littering.
- Water bottles are allowed as long as they are plastic - no coolers allowed.
- No smoking in and around pool area including pool deck.
- 911 emergency phone located outside the ladies bathroom wall.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Be safe, responsible, and considerate while using the pool.
- Noodles are allowed, but please no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Food, drinks, glass containers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Indoor pool bathing load is 75, the outdoor pool bathing load is 37 and the spa bathing load is 8.
- The indoor pool will be closed for cleaning every Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 am.
- The outdoor pool and spa will be closed for cleaning the first Wednesday of the month.

### CANDLER HILLS POOL

**Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk**

#### Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
- Pool is open to all Candler Hills residents and their guest(s).
- Guests under the age of 15 are permitted in the pool from noon to dusk only when accompanied by a resident or parent.
- During weekends and holidays, there are no time restrictions for guest(s) under 15.
- Children in diapers must wear swim diapers or Little Swimmers®.
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- No running, jumping or horseplay in or around the pool.
- No throwing objects or littering.
- Plastic water bottles are allowed.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers, coolers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load is 55 persons.
- The pool will be closed for cleaning the second Wednesday of the month.

### CANDLER HILLS SPA

**Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk**

#### Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- Shower before entering.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in spa and on deck.
- Bathing load is 10 persons.
- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.
- The spa will be closed for cleaning the second Wednesday of the month.

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**Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk**

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- No alcoholic beverages allowed on pool deck.
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- Remove any oils or lotions by showering before entering the pool.
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- No throwing objects or littering.
- Plastic water bottles are allowed.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers, coolers and pets are prohibited in pool and on pool deck.
- For your safety, please exit the pool during thunderstorms.
- Water wings and noodles are allowed, but no tubes, rafts or inflatables.
- Diving is prohibited.
- Bathing load is 55 persons.
- The pool will be closed for cleaning the third Wednesday of the month.

### INDIGO EAST SPA

**Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk**

#### Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty.

- Shower before entering.
- Food, drinks, smoking, glass containers and pets are prohibited in spa and on deck.
- Bathing load is 10 persons.
- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.
- The spa will be closed for cleaning the third Wednesday of the month.

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## Concert Chorus

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Concert Chorus hopes you have marked your calendar for Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom for our concert entitled, "Hooray for Hollywood." We are working hard to bring you a concert that you all will enjoy under the direction of Audrey Strong.

One of the songs we will be singing is "Under the Sea." You remember that delightful song from the animated Disney movie "The Little Mermaid"? The music was composed by Alan Menken with lyrics by Howard Ashman. It was based on the song "The Beautiful Briny" from the 1971 film "Bedknobs and Broomsticks." It is influenced by the Calypso style of the Caribbean, which originated in Trinidad and Tobago. The track won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 1989 as well as the Grammy Award for Best Song Written for Visual Media in 1991.

The movie story involves a plea by the crab Sebastian imploring Ariel (The Little Mermaid) to remain sea-bound, and resist her desire to become a human in order to spend her life with Prince Eric, with whom she has fallen in love. Sebastian warns of the struggles of human life while at the same time expounding the benefits of a care-free life underwater. However, his plea falls on deaf ears, for Ariel leaves before the end of the song.

This song is present throughout all the Walt Disney parks and resorts and the



Photo by Bill Shampine

## Rosie Lynam

Disney Cruise line.

Our featured chorus member this month is Rosie Lynam. Rosie originates from Cambridge, Ohio. After high school, she worked for 25 years with a small shipping company as a computer operator in Youngstown, Ohio. She moved to On Top of the World in 2004. Her singing experience began as a young child in a musical family where both her mother and grandmother were singers. She continued to sing in school and church choirs. The alto section of the chorus is pleased to have the benefit of Rosie's singing talents.

The Concert Chorus rehearsals are in the Arbor Club Ballroom every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. You are welcome to come and check us out. For more information, contact Sue Layne, membership chair, at (352) 414-5420 with any questions and let her know of your interest.

In 1837, Verdi's first opera, "Oberto," was staged at La Scala and had a respectable reception by the audience and was given 13 additional performances. By now, Verdi was happily married and the father of two children and working on his new opera, "Un giorno di regno," an opera buffa, which was a disaster and received only one performance.

The La Scala impresario, Bartolomeo Merillo, had confidence in Verdi. Verdi began working on the libretto for his third opera, "Nabucco," which premiered at La Scala with overwhelming success. Six months later it was revived to receive an unheard of 57 performances.

This was the start of the first period of Verdi's career, which contained many operas, which were popular then but are rarely performed today. An exception is the "Masked Ball." The second period contains "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore" and "La Traviata," which have multiple performances yearly. "Aida," "Otello" and "Falstaff" are in the standard repertoire but not performed as often as the middle three.

"Aida" was commissioned to be performed at the opera house of Cairo to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, but it actually premiered in 1871. Instead, "Rigoletto" was performed for the opening of the Cairo opera house and the Suez Canal.

Come to Meeting Room #3 today to study and enjoy "Aida." Our performance is from The Met in 1989. Plácido Domingo and Sherrill Milnes are joined by Dolora Zajick and Aprile Mollo, the female leads. James Levine conducts the orchestra and chorus.

We look forward to seeing all you opera lovers at 1 p.m. We will discuss when we will reschedule "Tosca."



## Opera

By Bernie Kelly

We had a very enthusiastic group of members who met for our first class in February. Our opera was Rossini's "Barber of Seville."

"Tosca" which was scheduled for January will have to be rescheduled for another time.

Our next opera is today, Thursday, March 3, at 1 p.m., in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building. We will see Verdi's very popular opera, "Aida."

Giuseppe Verdi was born on October 10, 1813, which was 21 years after the birth of Rossini and still two years before the end of the Napoleonic Wars. His birthplace was the little village of Le Roncole in Northern Italy, where he displayed a talent for music at an early age.

In 1823, when he was 10, his parents arranged for young Verdi to go to Busseto to attend school. From the age of 13 to 18, he wrote a large number of music works. He also wrote his first vocal music, especially duets and trios.

From 1829 to 1830, Verdi was established as the head of the Philharmonic in Busseto. Next, Verdi set his sights on Milan, the cultural capital of Northern Italy. He applied unsuccessfully for the Conservatory (he was four years too old).

Instead, he became a private pupil of Vincenzo Lavigna who had been maestro concertatore at La Scala. He also made many contacts with people in the world of music who would be able to help him in the future.



## Dulcimer Group

By BJ Leckbee

We started 2016 with five new members who are either learning or relearning how to play the dulcimer. One man built his own dulcimer before he learned how to play one. We think he's serious about this.

In January, we participated in the Club Fair in the Recreation Center for the first time and were pleasantly surprised by the number of people who stopped and asked for information on the dulcimer. Some

had experience playing other instruments and some had never played one. Some could read music and some could not (it doesn't matter). Some had recently moved here and were interested in learning something new.

All were encouraged to try strumming one of the dulcimers on the table and some were brave enough to do that, including a few who learned to play a simple melody on the spot.

At the time of this writing, four of us are preparing to drive to Mt. Dora for the annual Central Florida Dulcimer and Autoharp Festival. It's actually a two-day learning experience taught at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels by professionals from around the country, who seem happy to have a reason to be in Florida in the middle of February.

We anticipate coming back to Ocala with new ideas and techniques we can share.

The Dulcimer Group practices from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H. Come listen sometime.

## LOST PET?

If you have a missing pet or have found a dog or cat, please call the S.P.C.A. hotline at (352) 362-0985.

## CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE

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

\* Due to volumes, pick-up may extend into Tuesday

\*\* Begins at 7:30 a.m.

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**Appliance:** Hoover SteamMax Extract Dual V carpet cleaner, \$135. (352) 817-0944.

**Appliances:** Kenmore refrigerator & electric stove, Hamilton microwave, almond. Best offer. (352) 509-4262.

**Art:** Serigraphs (5) of various cartoon characters playing golf, framed and matted, \$250 each. (352) 509-4486.

**Antiques:** Coca Cola bottle case, wood, 18" x 12" x 5", red. \$25. (352) 237-2747.

**Automobile Accessory:** Cargo rooftop carrier, 20 c.f., includes hardware and keys, \$199. (774) 437-3568.

**Automobile Accessory:** Seat covers, custom made for 2013 Hyundai Elantra, leatherette, red with black trim, \$100/obo. (352) 873-7866.

**Bedding (2):** Complete twin sets include comforter, sham, bed skirt, mattress pad, sheets, \$50. (352) 854-9178.

**Bicycle:** Raleigh women's mountain bike, size 26, light green, gel seat, STX Shimano gears, brand new road tires, U.S. made. Helmet and car rack included, \$200. (352) 236-6334.

**Clothing:** Mink coat, full length, autumn haze, size 6-8, \$499. (352) 509-4486.

**Clothing/Shoes:** Women's Alfred Dunner pants, size 14-14P, many colors, \$5 each. Flats/heels, size 7-7 1/2, brand names, \$3 to \$10 each. (352) 509-4221 or (352) 512-5549.

**Collectibles:** All Night \$3 Check, Lillie's Saloon, Hangtown, Calif. brass coins, \$10. Playboy (11/1975, 12/1975, 11/1976, 10/1977) and Penthouse magazines (1/1977, 5/1977, 6/1977, 8/1977, 7/1985), \$100 for all. (352) 237-2747.

**Computer Equipment:** HP Photo Smart premium wireless printer, copier & scanner, \$30. (352) 873-0133.

**Computer Equipment:** Laptop with 12" touch screen, \$125 (352) 873-2607.

**Electronics:** Samsung Smart DVD 3D Blu-ray player (5900) with remote, \$75. Samsung 60" LED Smart TV with stand (UN60ES8000F), 3D includes 3D glasses. Samsung 40" TV (UN40H5003AFXZA) Series 5 1080p resolution, asking \$299.99. (339) 933-1835, call or text.

**Electronics:** Wharfedale Diamond 8.1 surround sound speakers, \$120. Pioneer (SP-FS52) floor standing speakers, Andrew Jones design, \$125 for pair. (352) 300-3445.

**Exercise Equipment:** Full size Image 17.5S treadmill, \$150. (352) 873-1859.

**Furniture:** Bedroom set with dresser, nightstand, poster headboard, 3 lamps, comforter with 3 pillows, double mattress & box spring, \$500. (352) 414-5426.

**Furniture:** Bedroom set with headboard, night stands (2), mirror, dresser & armoire. Beige sofa. Barrel chairs (2). Wood rocking chair. Kitchen table with 4 chairs on wheels. Sewing machine cabinet. (352) 861-3032.

**Furniture:** Beige vanity with glass top and chair, \$38. (352) 873-0133.

**Furniture:** Dinette table with leaf and 4 chairs on wheels. Dinette natural wood table with 2 leafs and 4 chairs. (352) 509-7622.

**Furniture:** King mattress, box spring and frame, \$450. (352) 300-3025.

**Furniture:** Loveseat and sofa, with beige faux suede seat cushions and burgundy faux leather back cushions, asking \$75 each. Bookcase (2), 6'3" h x 30" w x 16" d, asking \$50 each. (352) 205-4666.

**Golf Carts:** Best prices, reconditioned or prior owned. I also buy & accept consignments of golf carts. (352) 256-9068 (resident).

**Golf Equipment:** Balls, \$5/dozen. Sleeves, \$2. (352) 873-7866.

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**Mattress Overstock Inventory:** 50-80% off retail! New in original plastic and under warranty. All sizes and styles available. Pillowtop, plush, firm, memory foam and gel beds. Adjustable beds as well. Please call

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**Misc. Item:** Chrome motorcycle mufflers (2), \$50. (352) 873-0133.

**Misc. Items:** Contractor's large wheelbarrow, \$25. Heavy-duty 2-wheel hand truck, \$15. (352) 873-1859.

**Misc. Items:** Trouble dolls (6) from Guatemala with instructions, \$10. Oriental hand fan with case, spreads from 1" to 16", carved sandalwood and scenic paper, \$20. Particle board, 26" diameter, 3/4" thick, \$20. (352) 237-2747.

**Office Furniture:** Computer desk, solid oak, 48" wide, 2-drawers, keyboard tray. Filing cabinet, solid oak, 3-drawer. Desk chair & floor pad. Bookcases by Ikea, 23" x 78", adjustable, white. Make an offer. (352) 509-4218.

**Rug:** Beige and maroon, 7-1/2' x 5' w, asking \$40. (32) 205-4666.

## Tag Sales

**Thursday, March 3:** 9819 SW 97th Lane (Crescent Ridge II), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**Thursday, March 3 & Friday, March 4:** 9659-D SW 95th Terrace, 9 a.m. to noon.

**Friday, March 4 & Saturday, March 5:** 9028 SW 103rd Avenue (Avalon), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 9286-A SW 89th Court Road (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 5:** 8650-A SW 92nd Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon.

**Wednesday, March 9 & Thursday, March 10:** 9270-C SW 97th Street (Crescent Ridge II), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12:** 8879-B SW 96th Lane (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Friday, March 18:** 9275 SW 92nd Place Road (Williamsburg), 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friday, March 18 & Saturday, March 19:** 8431-E SW 93rd Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon.

**Saturday, March 19:** 9708 SW 97th Street (Crescent Ridge II), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 8830-B SW 98th Place (Americana Village), 10 a.m. to noon.

**Tuesday, March 22 & Wednesday, March 23:** 8580-D SW 97th Lane Road (Americana Village), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**Wednesday, March 30 & Thursday, March 31:** 8592-A SW 91st Street (Friendship Colony), 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).

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