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**COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATE**

By Kenneth D. Colen  
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**Feel the Ground Shake**

It's been a long time since there has been so much commercial construction happening around On Top of the World Communities. Tender Loving Care, Inc. (TLC), had a ground breaking in late March for Bridgewater Park, just north of SR 200 off SW 80th Avenue. While they have already been in construction since late February, this was about beginning the vertical improvements to the 100-bed assisted living facility and to the 120-bed skilled nursing facility. They are also moving ahead with plans for the development of a medical office park onsite.

We have experienced and anticipate some early morning noise beginning around 4 a.m. on the following dates: April 29 and May 3, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 13. These are the anticipated dates that the contractor will need to pour and finish concrete slabs. They are starting at these early hours before it gets too hot and dry later in the day to make sure they can get a good finish on the work. It's not just about short duration noise, but the project will need to be lit-up before sunrise as well, and we appreciate your patience as the work progresses.

Meanwhile, The Lodge at Stonebridge is taking shape. The walls are coming up very quickly. Once again, there was an early concrete pour around 3 a.m. in mid-April, to make sure the contractor could get a good finish on the concrete slab. Residents of Stonebridge were advised of this in advance. Fortunately, it will be a longer time into the project before there is another concrete pour that needs to start so early.

While, I am generally ambivalent about Taco Bell that as well as the Walmart Neighborhood Store are taking shape very rapidly. It looks like Walmart will make their anticipated opening in the fall of 2016. There is considerable work to be done between now and then, notably the signalization of the project entry onto SR 200. As that improvement schedule progresses, we will post changes in the World News.

Continuing along with choices in food stores, Aldi is entering the market as well. They will be coming in next to Lowe's. We have no information on the opening date.

**Circle Square Cultural Center**

Ticket sales opened in April for the remainder of 2016 and most of next year. There's more great entertainment coming! Our team has put together an incredible line-up that you will want to check out. With so many shows selling out, don't procrastinate, go online today - CSCulturalCenter.com to purchase your tickets!

Upcoming, we have a bit of the '60s nostalgia with a group called Peace of Woodstock. If that era was your thing, then you'll enjoy reminiscing on Saturday, May 14.

**The Town Square**

With temperatures heating up, The Town Square hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. Come out to enjoy an evening visiting with friends and dancing to your favorite tunes. There are some new groups coming to The Town Square, along with some of your favorites. Go online to check out the schedule at CircleSquareCommons.com.

For your sweet tooth, don't forget to check out Mr. B's Big Scoop for some frosty smoothies and delicious ice cream treats.

**Managing for Water Conservation!**

April brought much needed rain. April also brought strong wind to dry out what rain did fall. It would have been nice to have soil moisture to carry us into Florida's dry season of May and into June. The dry season puts stress on lawns, but residents of this part of the County are allowed twice-per-week watering via ordinance 08-09 and inter-local agreement with the St. Johns River Water Manage-

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**From Aquifer to Home**

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

The story of how we get our water is an interesting tale of pumps, meters, storage, testing, and 12 very dedicated engineers/operators. And you can see it all live by taking the Master the Possibilities "Water Behind the Scenes" field trip.

Bryan Schmalz is operations manager at Bay Laurel Center CDD, a non-profit company charged with the task of delivering water to On Top of the World, Stone Creek, and to some of the surrounding businesses, such as Winn Dixie and the new Walmart Neighborhood Market.

"It's a system that we monitor 24/7 to ensure that every drop of potable water we deliver is safe and delicious," says Mr. Schmalz. There are seven ground water wells that pump pristine water up from the aquifer that is actually safe to drink, as is. However, government regulation demands that before water flows to house-

holds it must receive a disinfectant. This process is completed and monitored at the main pumping station using automatic chemical feeders; water is then pumped to holding tanks waiting to be delivered to Bay Laurel customers.

Each holding tank behind the Recreation Center holds two million gallons, and the two tanks up behind Stonebridge at Candler Hills are capable of storing five and a half million gallons total. Bay Laurel services a lot of thirsty folks; on average, 2.4 million gallons a day are delivered. In 2015, 875 million gallons were pumped, averaging 222 gallons per person a day.

Seventy-nine percent of water delivered goes to irrigation, and in the summer, four times more water is used as compared to winter months.

Two of the golf courses and much of the common areas are now consuming re-

claimed water.

"Our goal by 2020," said Bryan Schmalz, "is to reduce water usage to 150 gallons per person per day." To achieve that goal, new Solar Sync™ controllers are now being installed to replace older, less efficient irrigation controllers, low flush toilets and water inhibitor showers and sinks are already producing results.

The proven ingredient to water reduction, however, is homeowner education. Unless every person responsible for turning on a faucet and sprinkler system understands the "how" of water management, the goal of 150 gallons per person per day may not be achievable.

Master the Possibilities' "Water Behind the Scenes" field trip is conducted once every month. This free class includes a short classroom introduction followed by a practical, in-the-field tour of how water is procured, tested, stored and pumped to our homes. The tour is led by Bryan Schmalz and is considered to be one of the most interesting and valuable programs for On Top of the World residents.

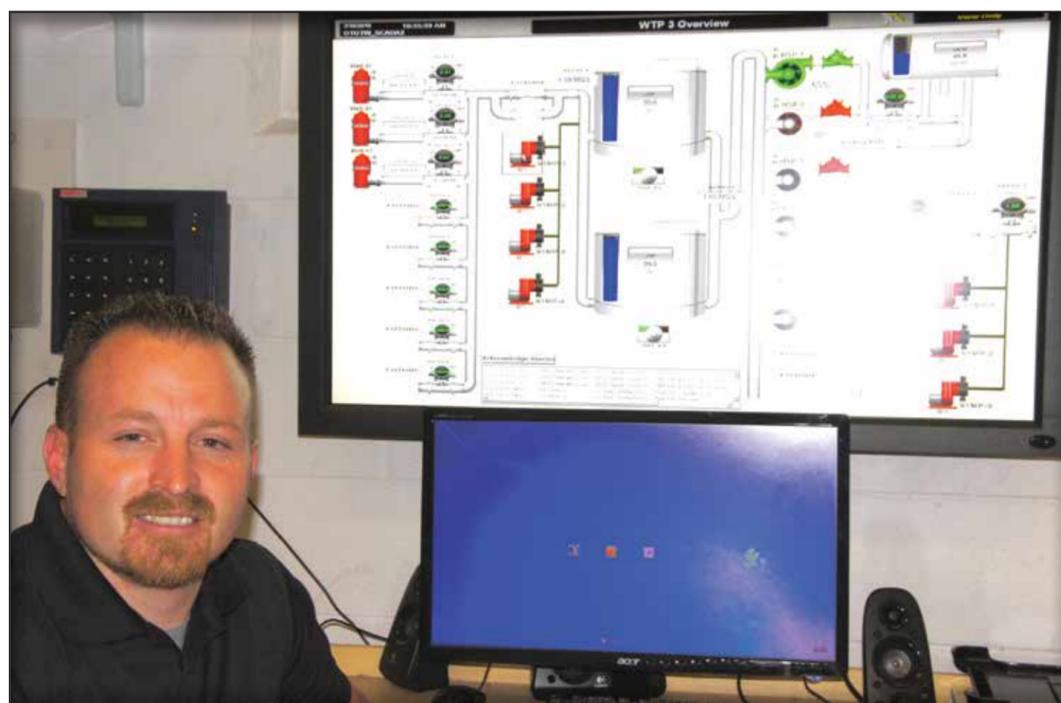


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Operations Manager Bryan Schmalz oversees Bay Laurel Center CDD.

**Community Gardens**

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

"Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow?" Remember that verse from a nursery rhyme? There is nothing more delectable or refreshing than devouring fresh vegetables. Most folks head for farm stands, farmer's markets or perhaps the grocery store seeking the freshest produce. But there is nothing more satisfying or delicious than freshly harvested produce right out of your own garden.

A group of residents, who we will term "urban farmers," have the privilege of growing their own fresh vegetables in one of three garden areas located within our community.

"The SW 99th Street gardens are modeled after the Avalon layout," stated Jerry Schneider, president of the SW 99th Street Garden Club. "Its impact on the community is overwhelming," Jerry added.

Schneider commented, "Bill did 80 percent of the work himself," referring to Bill Raupach who is the Garden Club's maintenance chairman and vice president. "The work he has done is phenomenal," Jerry added.

Raupach stated that the idea of transforming the SW 99th Street gardens started back in late fall (2015) and those planning the transformation figured it would take two years to complete. President Schneider stated the renovation project started in January of this year and is just about completed.

Raupach had help from other club members. On Top of the World supplied and had delivered all the required pressure-treated wood and the maintenance department hauled away all the discarded garden materials.

Bill commented that the Garden Club has 49 raised member plots, which are 10 feet by 20 feet in size, and each plot has its own water supply. There are two community lots that are a little smaller in size open to all club members. There are three remaining lots to be transformed. "Since the renovation, 13 new members have joined the Garden Club," Schneider commented.

Bill stated, "Members of the club reside

in every neighborhood in On Top of the World." The club has some restrictions but is open to all residents. The club has minimal yearly dues and does have a couple of general meetings during the year.

Tom and Connie Filip are one of the first urban farmers in the newest of the three gardens located in Avalon. "The garden opened in February and when I heard about it, I put my name in for one of the plots," Tom stated. "We planted broccoli and onions right away but a frost raised havoc with the broccoli," Tom commented. The couple visits their garden every day giving it TLC (tender loving care).

The plots in Avalon are located near the

postal center and contain 44 raised lots measuring 10 feet by 20 feet in size.

The other gardens are located next to the SW 90th Street postal center and "have been in existence for approximately 23 years," according to Jim Miller who has overseen the gardens since its inauguration. The lots in this garden measure 10 feet by 30 feet.

There are just 20 garden plots in the SW 90th Street garden, the smallest of the three community gardens.

If interested in placing your name on the wait list for a garden plot in any or all of the gardens, please contact:

- **SW 90TH STREET:** Jim Miller at (352) 854-4947.
- **SW 99TH STREET:** Jerry Schneider at (440) 785-4502.
- **AVALON:** Theresa Fields at (352) 854-8707 x7530.



Photo by Bob Woods

Community garden at SW 99th Street.

# On Top of the World NEWS

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**GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR**

By Stan Goldstein



**A flawed diamond is finer than a perfect brick.**



**Is It Legal?**

By Gerald Colen

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**SCAM ALERT:** If you haven't already got them, some of you will soon enough be getting phone calls from the IRS regarding your unpaid taxes or some such baloney. Hang up without saying a word. If they call back, hang up again.

**SCAM ALERT:** Some folks received phone calls supposedly from the United States Marshals Service office or from someone claiming that you missed jury duty. Hang up your phone! You never get phone calls that allege you've missed jury duty.

**JERRY'S COMMENTS:** I am pretty much at the point where if I see an e-mail from some company that's advertising a product or a service and I never asked to be contacted by that company, then I just delete it without ever reading it. And cer-

tainly, I never click on any link in an e-mail unless I first contacted the sender; and even then I might not open a link or attachment without checking further with the company that sent it.

**Q.** What is your favorite type of estate planning method for folks who are retired?

**A.** I don't have a favorite type of estate planning method for folks who are retired. For that matter, I don't have a favorite type of estate planning method, at all. My view is that first and foremost, it is necessary to plan reasonably and rationally based on the particular facts that one has in his/her/their lives. Usually, all that is needed is a will, durable power of attorney and advance directive; but having said that, there are, indeed, many estate planning situations that require different estate planning methods. In a newspaper column like this, it is not possible to list the various methods that exist, other than to say that my strong advice is to meet with an attorney who handles estate planning matters, explain what your goals are and see what he or she suggests.

**Q.** What is a codicil?

**A.** It's an amendment to a previously

executed last will and testament. Frequently, I am asked to change something in a will. If it's a small change, like deleting a previous beneficiary or perhaps changing an amount of a bequest, then it might make sense just to do a codicil. However, many times, folks do not want a codicil because they don't want anyone to know what they'd done with in their wills in the past. If so, then it's best just to do a new will that automatically revokes the previous one.

**Q.** Can I amend the durable power of attorney that I did a year ago? I want to change my agent from one child to another.

**A.** You cannot amend a durable power of attorney. You would have to execute a new one. The same is true for your advance directive.

**Q.** Can I delete one of my children as a beneficiary of my will?

**A.** I've answered this before and the answer is "yes" but if you are going to do that, I always recommend that you explain to your attorney why you are doing that so he/she can make notes about it in his file. Also, I strongly suggest that language be included in your will (or your trust for that matter) that in some form or other says that you are intentionally making no provision for anyone other than the persons specifically named.

**Q.** I am a single person with no close relatives and no one in particular that I want to leave any part of my estate. Your thoughts please.

**A.** You need to think through how you want to have the assets of your estate distributed at your passing. Then you need to discuss those thoughts with your attorney and get his or her advice on how to accomplish your goals. You also need to think who you want to be the personal representative in your will and the agent in your durable power of attorney and the health care surrogate for your advance directive.

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The OneBlood Big Red Bus came on Monday, April 4. It was a glorious spring day. I would like to thank all of you who took the time to save lives. Each time you donate you save three lives and brighten the lives of their family members.

They had a new device on the bus. Now you don't even have to have your finger pricked to get your clotting factor. The machine squeezes your thumb. That's all there is to it. It has been checked side by side with the pricking method and proved to be just as accurate. Aah!

The bus will be here next on Monday, June 6, at the Recreation Center parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please mark your calendar. See you on the bus.

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**All Around Our World**  
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We have many reasons to celebrate this month with Cinco de Mayo on Thursday, May 5; the 142nd Kentucky Derby, the most famous horse race in the United States, which has been referred to as “the run for the roses” and “the greatest two minutes in sports” on Saturday, May 7; Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 8, a time to celebrate all those special mothers in your life; and last but certainly not least, we honor our Armed Forces on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. We also honor and appreciate those who are serving today.

Be sure to stop by The Club at Candler Hills in May for the following: Cinco de Mayo specials on the 5th; and a limited menu Mother’s Day luncheon from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 8th. Check out Sandy Curtis’ column on page 4 for more information on these and other exciting events happening this month at The Pub, Sid’s Coffee Shop & Deli, and The Club at Candler Hills.

This month’s column may sound like I am nagging, but please know my goal is to not only keep you informed, but also to keep you safe, make sure our community is beautiful for all to enjoy and that neighbors live in harmony.

**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 May 18 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.

**Seasonal Residents and Extended Trips**

During this time of year, many of our seasonal residents are heading back home and will not return until the fall, and others may be leaving on an extended trip. These residents may want to consider having a neighbor periodically check their ir-

rigation system while they are away. Power outages can sometimes cause the system to revert back to a default watering schedule. We also ask that neighbors help so that homes do not appear vacant by picking up any newspapers or flyers that may be left at the residence. It also makes the home and neighborhood look nicer which benefits everyone. I urge you to read Mr. Colen’s column for a checklist for extended travel this month.

**Indigo East Dog Park**

A reminder that the gates between the large and small dog areas at the Indigo East Dog Park are to be kept closed at all times as we have received several complaints that someone keeps opening the gate between the two areas. The dog parks are designed to separate large and small dogs to safeguard our pets. Also, the Indigo East Dog Park is for use by residents of Indigo East only, and we ask that you park in the designated parking areas and not in the grass or in the road.

**Golf Carts**

After an employee observed a golf cart attempting to cross State Road 200, I thought it best to remind everyone that the Rules and Regulations for your Association and Marion County Ordinance 12-08 state, “Golf carts may not be operated on any county maintained roadway, including SR 200, SW 80th Avenue. They may only cross SW 80th Street and SW 80th Avenue and any future county-approved crossing at the designated golf cart crossing points.”

**Spraying**

Please do not walk on the grass after it has been sprayed with pesticides. There will be notices posted in the area, and we ask that you please observe them and also safeguard your pets from walking on the grass until totally dry.

**Service Mark for Clubs**

A reminder to all clubs that use the On Top of the World name, please make sure that you have requested to use our service mark within the last three years. If you have requested to do so in the past, please make sure that the request is current and not expired. Your request may be directed to On Top of the World Communities at 8445 SW 80th Street, Ocala, Florida 34481.

**Litter**

We ask that all residents please pick up after themselves. We have received a

complaint from one of our residents who actively walks the community. They have found everything from wrappers, tissues, and cigarette butts to beer cans and even a menu from a nearby restaurant. We’ve also reminded our employees and contractors to do the same. We want to keep our community clean and looking beautiful and thank you for your support.

**Construction Areas**

We have received notification from our subcontractors who have observed residents walking around homes that are under construction because they “just want to look.” Please be advised that this is not allowed for obvious safety purposes, and we ask that you please obey signage. Only the construction crews who are working on the homes under construction are allowed on site, regardless of whether the home is actively being worked on or the crews have left for the day. We ask that if you’d like to see the homes available, please visit one of our beautiful model homes in any of our model home parks. Providence and Indigo East model parks have one model in each park that showcases construction methods.

**Insurance Class**

Join us on Wednesday, May 18, at 2 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center Suite G for an informative session with our insurance provider for our master policy. They will be discussing the type of insurance you should have in On Top of the World (Central), the Association’s responsibility as well as the resident’s responsibility should an incident occur. There will be a

brief question and answer session afterwards.

**On Top of the World Central Re-Roofing Schedule**

The following is a list of roof replacements that are scheduled within the next 90 days: Buildings 1928, 1937, and 1955 and single family homes in Crescent Ridge II 0307, 0432, 0601, 0720, 0726, and 0809. Due to unforeseen weather conditions, we are unable to provide exact dates of replacements. Schedules are also based upon several other factors as well: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority.

**Dumpster and Postal Centers**

Please properly dispose of your garbage in the dumpster. If the dumpster is out for service, please take garbage to another location. Please do not stack any household items at any of the dumpster locations other than the designated area at the SW 90th Street dumpster and post office area.

We ask that you please not go through the trash or dispose of items in the construction site dumpsters or remove any items from the construction areas.

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ment District (SJRWMD), the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and Marion County.

For those homeowners with SolarSync™ irrigation controllers, there is really nothing to do in terms of resetting your run times. The intelligent program in these devices sets watering times for optimal irrigation efficiency as long as your controller is applying half to three-quarter inches at each application. This saves you money in the long run and benefits your lawn and landscape as well. We have actually tested this product and found that the water savings can be as high as 30 percent!

The SolarSync™ takes in data collected throughout the day and captures the information to determine an evapotranspiration (Et) value for your local climate. The information is sent to the controller each day at midnight where it has the past three days data collected and determines the proper value to adjust your irrigation timer. The end result is an irrigation run time that is determined on the climatic conditions of your local climate and resulting water savings.

For all other conventional systems, it is a good time to review basic water conservation measures that will save you money and preserve your landscaping:

- Set your irrigation clock to water on the right day, at the right time, and for the time it takes to put out

no more than three-quarter inches of water on the lawn. (Watering frequency is determined by the SJRWMD and SWFWMD. Bay Laurel Center CDD determines watering times. For more information on the watering schedule, please go to otowinfo.com and click on the Resources tab.)

- Take advantage of the water audit service provided through customer service.
- Do not wash down your driveway with a hose.
- Spray heads and rotor heads have different precipitation rates. Rotors have an application rate of about an inch per hour. Compared to sprays, they require more run time to achieve half to three-quarters of an inch per application but require fewer heads to cover a larger area. Sprays put out about two inches per hour but require many heads to cover a smaller area. Spray heads are typically used in areas smaller than 20 feet in radius where rotors would over-spray onto areas that do not need irrigation.

April and May are also the time that the management company fertilizes the common areas of the community as well as the lawn areas of homes under its management. Consistent with recent local ordinances and industry best management standards, the management company applies a slow-release fertilizer that carries the turf areas for 100 days or more. The benefit of this practice is a much lower chance of unintended contamination of ground water with nitrates, a component in all fertilizers (and hot dogs), because of a sudden flush of nitrogen release.

Residents of Candler Hills and Indigo East are encouraged to also use slow-release fertilizers, as well as follow best management practices for turf care. More specific information can be found online through the Marion County Extension Service at hort.ifas.ufl.edu/yourfloridalawn.

It is the efforts of many residents acting as good neighbors and taking pride in their community that make all the communities of On Top of the World a wonderful place to live. Thank you!

**Extended Trip Checklist**

The summer season is right around the corner, and we know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches that added steps need to be taken before going on that extended trip. Below is a short list of things to do:

- Leave a contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Update the Association as well with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of your home checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in with the trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- Turn off the electric to the hot water heater (but not the gas).
- Have the air conditioner properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Drain line flushing should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate flooding your home. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.

- Leave the thermostat set between 78 and 80 degrees; this helps regulate humidity in the home and prevent the occurrence of mold or mildew. If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.
- Make sure your homeowner's insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, water, and mold. In most cases, this is now an added rider on the policy.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold and mildew can result and become a serious problem. Improperly vented dryers (plugged vent duct) may also be a source of both heat and moisture. Water leaks in the home may also be a source of moisture. If you suspect a water leak, contact the customer service at (352) 236-6869 immediately to arrange for a leak detection! A fast response on leaks can prevent further damage and save you unnecessary expense.

Mold is evidenced by the appearance of a black, sooty substance on furniture or walls. If you suspect you have mold, it is best to contact the customer service and arrange for a visual inspection. There is no charge for this service.

Rarely does mold or mildew present a health problem. Usually the main complaint is an odor and its unsightly nature. I mention this because the home repair industry is rife with scare tactics and scams, causing homeowners to spend thousands of dollars on matters that are generally easily resolved. Use common sense and have a great spring and summer!



**Food For Thought**

By Sandy Curtis

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We have many things planned during the month of May starting off with Cinco de Mayo on Thursday, May 5. Many cities celebrate with parades, dancing and festivals. The Club at Candler Hills and The Pub will be serving up some traditional Mexican food that is often served or sold on this day. It's a fun holiday and has become more about celebrating the Mexican

way of life than about remembering a battle, which happened 150 years ago. Stop in and purchase a refreshing margarita on the rocks to enjoy with one of the following specials:

- Two beef or chicken tacos with rice and beans for \$6.50 (plus tax and gratuity).
- A basket of chips and salsa for \$4 (plus tax and gratuity).
- Quesadillas and more.

There are many ways to enjoy cucumbers: pickling, in a vegetable tray, on a salad, in a glass of water or just by itself. Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli will be serving a crisp cucumber salad on Thursday, May 12, in honor of National Cucumber Day.

The second Sunday in May is a special day to honor mothers. The Club at Can-

dlers Hills will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will offer a limited menu on this day to include the following:

- Hot entrée presentations: Leg of lamb-\$23, glazed honey ham-\$19, and Cornish hen-\$18 with your choice of any two side items of fresh asparagus, roasted vegetable medley, broccoli, rice pilaf or roasted scallion potatoes.
- Cold food presentations: House salad, Caesar salad or fresh fruit selection;
- Desserts: Sweet assortment by Chef Marlon.

Prices do not include tax or gratuity, and reservations are recommended, so give us a call at (352) 861-9720, and let us make this day special for you.

Do you like hats? Do you have one that is really crazy? Let's see just how creative we can be for "Crazy Hats" Girls Night Out. Coming to you on Tuesday, May 17, from 8 to 10 p.m., enjoy two drinks from

the bar and appetizer for \$15 (tax included).

The Club at Candler Hills now offers a variety of wines for your enjoyment. Purchase it by the bottle or by the glass. There are many to select from including Cambria Chardonnay, Maso Canali Pinot Grigio, Alamos Malbec, Broadside Cabernet, MacMurray Ranch Pinot Noir and a few others. All wines were sampled by residents who took the time to help us select a few favorites. What better way to celebrate National Wine Day on Wednesday, May 25?

Last but not least, we honor those who served in the armed forces. Memorial Day is the last Monday in the month of May. Come out to enjoy a cookout on the patio with friends and family. If the outdoors is not where you want to be, we have plenty of seating inside.

Who can resist the smell of hot dogs and hamburgers cooking on the grill? All items are served with potato salad and coleslaw. Burgers are only \$9, and hot dogs are \$6 (tax and gratuity not included). We are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on this day. Don't forget to wear your red, white and blue.

The Pub, along with Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

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**2015 Quality Water Report**  
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The Bay Laurel Center Community Development District is very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

Bay Laurel Center Community Development District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015. Data obtained before Jan. 1, 2015, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

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

In 2015, the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment showed no contamination at this time in the source of the seven wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://dep.state.fl.us/swapp).

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

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

**CDC:** Center for Disease Control

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency.

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

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

**N/A:** Not applicable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NON-SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS TABLE							
** Results in the Level Detected column for radiological contaminants, inorganic contaminants, synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides, and volatile organic contaminants are the highest average at any of the sampling points or the highest detected level at any sampling point, depending on the sampling frequency.							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Radium 226 or combined radium (pCi/l)	1/14, 4/14, 7/14, 10/14	N	1.6	0.8 - 1.6	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	1/15	N	2.54	1.82 - 2.54	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (ppm)	1/14	N	6.9	5.9 - 6.9	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil.
Barium (ppm)	1/14	N	.0046	.0045 - .0046	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	1/14	N	0.012	ND - 0.012	N/A	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions and paint; lead pipe, casing, and solder.
<b>STAGE 2 DISINFECTANT AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS</b>							
For chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. For haloacetic acids or TTHM, the level detected is the highest RAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples collected if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of Results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations.							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
HAA5 Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	07/15	N	7.34	5.34 - 7.08	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	07/15	N	6.56	6.04 - 9.34	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (ppm)	1-12/2015	N	1.46	0.80 - 1.69	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>COPPER</b>							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of Sampling Sites Exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	7-8/2014	N	0.93	1	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

with service lines and home plumbing. Bay Laurel Center Community Development District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

es and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

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

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

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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

fect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

We at Bay Laurel Center Community Development District would like for you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Bryan Schmalz at (352) 414-5454 Ext. 4105, our business hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

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**A Summer You Don't Want to Miss**

What do ice cream, jazz, voting, fireworks, Steinbeck, and national parks all have in common? They are all examples of great American traditions, the theme for Master the Possibilities' summer catalog. All are featured in the line-up of more than 400 classes.

Here is a sneak peek. The Campaign 2016 Series brings in leading local and state experts on the presidential campaign, polling, voter demographics and candidate research, along with League of Women Voter Forums on Tuesday, June 28, and Tuesday, July 19.

We salute America's founding fathers and mothers with lectures, a film and a living historian. The series ends with the return of a remarkable visiting scholar, Doris Weatherford, on Friday, Aug. 19, with "Remember the Ladies."

Black history comes alive on Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26, with the Juneteenth Celebration and Symposium featuring a two-day exhibit and unpre-

cedented line-up of six scholars. Ersula Knox-Odom portrays Mary McLeod-Bethune. Gary Monroe, a national humanities scholar and author, shares stories about Florida's unsung black artists. Leroy Chandler's exhibit is incredibly moving and contains artifacts not found anywhere else. It all wraps up in Sholom Park on Sunday afternoon with a peace walk, music and lecture on the lawn.

Music, movies, art and literature highlighting America's best are threaded throughout the summer. Pat Wellington has a series on the best of American authors and classic literature. Master the Possibilities' little free library will contain summer reading focused on these renowned writers.

The Appleton Museum of Art docents are back with courses highlighting American artists and works that feature America. A special treat is the addition of the College of Central Florida's Professor of Music and Humanities Dr. Sarah Satterfield with an American music series.

The new catalogs roll out around Thursday, May 26. Online registration with new online payment is planned to start around the same time. Watch MasterthePossibilities.org for details.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4, for the Master the Possibilities summer kick-off event. It begins at 2:30 p.m. with a preview of classes followed by time to meet the faculty and see art samples and demonstrations. From 4 to 6 p.m., the American Traditions Art and Photography exhibit opens in Studios 9 and 10.



Photo by Penny Schaefer

**Windsor residents attending the Marion County Special Olympics and cheering on Robert Schaefer.**



**Winds of Windsor**

By Marlene Zink

Windsor is very proud of one of our own residents: Robert Schaefer. On Saturday, March 5, Robert Schaefer, son of Penny and Dave Schaefer, and grandson of Judy and Robert Schaefer competed in the Marion County Special Olympics.

The night prior to the competition, Robert was presented with a special t-shirt with well wishes and signatures from all his friends and neighbors in Windsor. On the day of the event, some of the neighbors were able to show up to volunteer, support, and cheer Robert on.

The event took place at the Forest High

School Sports Complex. It began with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial Olympic torch. Robert was chosen to carry the torch for the final leg of this relay. Next came the Special Olympian's oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Robert was entered in the men's softball throw and men's 50-meter dash. Thanks to what was without a doubt the single largest fan base in the stadium and a lot of training, Robert received the blue ribbon in both events.

This is Robert's fifth year competing in Marion County and his fourth year in track. Altogether Robert has been competing in Special Olympics for 34 years.

He went on to compete in the Area 4 Competition in Gainesville, Fla. on Saturday, April 9.



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**Volunteers from Master the Possibilities are getting a head start on the summer term by perusing great American literature for Pat Wellington's class.**

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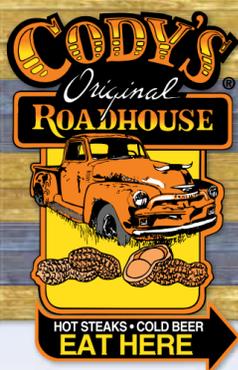
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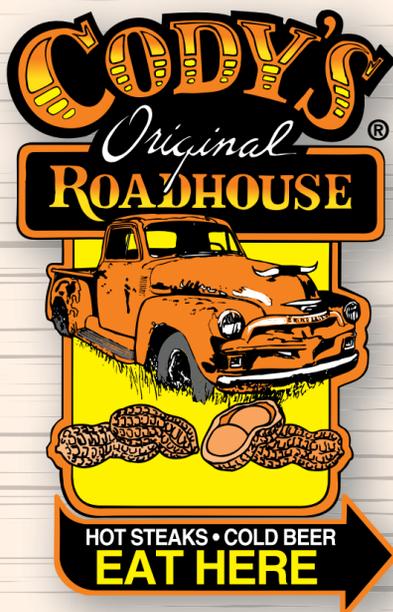
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**Landscaping in the Drier Months**

With watering restrictions already in place, residents may have a concern with maintaining the landscape plants and turf during the drier months. The irrigation system installed with your home can be a great tool if used correctly but can also be a detriment to you, your landscape and

your wallet if used improperly. Water restrictions are designed to conserve water during drought conditions while meeting the minimum needs of you and me, our landscapes and other forms of industry. The landscape plants within On Top of the World Communities, Inc., are irrigated with a low volume or drip irrigation system. With this system, residents have an advantage when irrigating the lawn because of the system's efficiency. Drip irrigation systems apply the water directly to the root ball of the plants decreasing water loss to evaporation and wind throw, and low volume applies the water closer to the ground within a smaller diameter than conventional irrigation. Watering times for landscape plants should be no more than one hour but no less than 20 minutes. If you have installed plants that are

not drought tolerant, hand watering may be needed. Prioritize your water use and water stressed plants only or areas that are highly visible. Grass is typically the first thing in your yard to show signs of stress. Train your lawn to grow a deep, extensive root system by deep, infrequent watering. When watering your lawn, apply half to three-quarters of an inch at each application. Water your lawn only when 30 percent of the lawn is starting to show signs of stress and try to stretch the duration between automatic irrigation cycles. To determine how much water you put down, use a rain gauge. These are provided at the Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service office (2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala) free of charge or you can use a tuna can and measure the water applied. Put the rain gauge in various areas of the

yard to determine what the distribution of the irrigation is. Dry or problem areas should be monitored first to check coverage. If a problem is noticed, contact an irrigation contractor to repair the problem. Mowing height and frequency will also help with drought stress. Maintaining your lawn at a taller height will allow the grass to develop a stronger root system. This is because when you mow you are basically creating an injury that the plant must overcome before it can do anything else. The plant expends valuable energy in restoring the blades rather than producing newer and stronger roots. Sharp mower blades will also help with drought stress by producing cleaner, less ragged cuts. Clean cuts cause less plant stress and water loss. Good luck during the upcoming warmer months!



**Candler Connection**

By Janet Wiles

Mark your calendar for the third annual ice cream social scheduled on Sunday, June 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. This will be a very informal event for Candler Hills residents to enjoy some great ice cream and time with neighbors. Tickets, priced at \$3 each, will be on sale in the Candler Hills Community Center on May 17, 19, 24, 26 and June 1, 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. Since this has been a very popular event the past two years, make sure you get your tickets early.

The annual fall picnic will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23. This is a great time for residents of the various communities to come together. Watch for details later in the year.

We wish to thank Bev McCarthy for coordinating the potluck dinners and all volunteers who assist with set up. The first four of these events this year have been well attended. Participants have enjoyed a variety of delicious appetizers, entrees, salads, vegetables, and desserts. What marvelous cooks we have in Candler Hills!

Since many of our residents are snowbirds or are traveling during the summer months, the next potluck will not occur until fall. Mark your calendar for the next potluck on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Details for this will be published in a future column. Many residents have attended the "Speaker Series" events the first four months of 2016. Plans are being made for additional speakers during the fall. At this time, Phillip Hisey has been scheduled to discuss preparing lawns for winter. For additional events in this series, please refer to "The Happenings" in your e-mail. The Candler Connection website, candlerconnection.org, contains a neighborhood directory. If you wish to be added to this, you may contact Mary Purfeerst at (206) 250-8260 or marypurfeerst50@hotmail.com. If leaving a message, 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. The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 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. In the meantime, continue to enjoy the warmer weather and the variety of amenities available throughout our great community.

**Avalon Social Group**

By Marie Roppel

A smaller but lively group met in April for a delicious potluck supper. There was delight for the meal and a chance to meet with some of the people who will travel or go north. Those of us who remain here enjoyed hearing about plans for the summer.

The last meeting before the summer break will be Monday, May 2 and will include our famous potluck meal and sharing. As usual, bring a dish to share of appetizer, salad, fruit, vegetable, meat or casserole, a serving utensil if one is needed and a non-alcoholic beverage to drink. I already have volunteers for dessert. If you have any questions, contact Ed Barnes at (352) 304-8206 or Kurt Bancroft at (352) 237-5747.

**Community Emergency Response Team**

By Beth McKeen

Last month, CERT members gave presentations to two clubs in the community, Candler Connection on March 12 and the American Jewish Club on March 17. We wish to thank both clubs for giving us the opportunity to speak about who we are and what we do in the community.

When CERT members are at the scene of a disaster where injuries are involved, they will first triage (sort) patients according to the severity of their condition. Patients are put into one of three categories: immediate or life threatening injuries; delayed or non-life threatening injuries; and minor injuries. Since all injuries are not readily apparent, patients will next receive a head-to-toe assessment to look for unseen injuries.

At our April meeting, CERT members, Jan Keitz, Tim Moore and Melinda

Ammirati led the team in a review of this assessment. Team members practiced assessments on each other in order to keep up-to-date with our skills. This head-to-toe assessment allows us to determine the extent of the patient's injuries, which will then be treated.

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, May 10.

Our March CERT training class recently graduated, but a new class will be starting in July. These classes have been filling very rapidly due to an increase in CERT interest throughout the county. To receive an application for the next training class, 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.

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**Democratic Club**

By Dan Lack

Marion County's Property Appraiser Villie Smith will be the speaker at our meeting on Thursday, May 26. The initials, "ASA," appear after his name on his website. Googling "ASA" leads you to the American Society of Appraisers and the American Society of Anesthesiologists. I'm reasonably sure that Mr. Smith belongs to the former but if anyone dozes off during his presentation, I may have to change my mind.

Mr. Smith is the last of Marion County's five constitutional officers to speak to our club. We have already heard from the court clerk, sheriff, election supervisor and tax collector. Villie Smith will tell us about how properties are appraised and what we can expect regarding our property taxes in the future. Mr. Smith is a Republican running unopposed for his sixth four-year term in November.

Our club luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 at noon at Stone Creek

Grille. This is absolutely your last chance to sign up. Use the contact information at the end of this column to do so.

It is time to get into campaign mode and help out at the Marion County Democratic headquarters on SW 1st Avenue. We are making phone calls to local Democrats where you read from a script and note their responses. We are manning and womaning the phones on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and on Thursdays at 6 p.m. Please volunteer!

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 our otow demclub youtube channel.

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



**Republican Club**

By Fred Pulis

The next meeting of the Republican Club is on Friday, May 13. It will be the annual all you can eat pizza party. Also, the special 6:30 p.m. meeting will feature guest speaker Marlene O'Toole who is running for the Florida Senate seat.

The Friday, April 8 meeting of the Republican Club was very informative and entertaining. Specifically unopposed incumbent Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox provided the membership with several demographic data about the recent voting in Marion County.

Also, Charlie Stone, State Representative for District 22, provided an end of session synopsis of the major legislative action that was accomplished in the 2016 session. Representative Stone, who is a

candidate for re-election, responded to numerous questions and comments from those members in attendance.

In addition, two other speakers made their case for election. These candidates seeking voter approval were Neal Dunn, running for the United States House of Representatives, District 2, and also Bill Archibald seeking to be elected to represent Marion County School Board, District 2.

All of the speakers answered questions either during the meeting or shortly thereafter. Other elected dignitaries in attendance answering questions or discussing issues were Sheriff Chris Blair, County Commissioner David Moore, and candidates for election in August: Marlene O'Toole, Heidi Maier, Michelle Stone, and Dennis Baxley.

The next meeting of the Republican Club will be held on Friday, May 13 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G, starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information about the Republican Club, please contact Fred Pulis at (352) 854-9976.

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**LifeSouth Bloodmobile**

By Sue & Dick Copeland

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# Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

One man's vision turned a 100-year-old retired lime rock quarry into a sanctuary home and refuge for all kinds of plants and creatures. Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens in Williston, Fla. was the vision of a retired dentist, Dr. Ray Webber, resulting into a spectacular 20-acre sanctuary. Living in this area of Florida for over 18 years, I had never heard of this destination until reading upcoming trips published in our community.

The quarry took over 21 years to transform with quaint gardens, waterfalls, bridges and decks, with countless overlooks. Benches are provided and are a perfect way to soak up the beauty of this location. There is a pair of mute swans swimming around in the main pond as well as bass and countless koi. There is one giant blue catfish weighing over 100 pounds named Big Ben, and he has some buddies that look almost as big.

Big Ben must measure between four to five feet in length. There are feeding times for the swans and the fish. Every little pond has many small fish that are countless small minnow type fish for the sole purpose of devouring mosquito larva.

The quarry walls are lined with concrete and rock planters filled with all kinds of plants and flowers. Each rock was introduced into the quarry by wheelbarrows

and placed strategically by human hands. Concrete was transported throughout the quarry by wheelbarrow.

There all kinds of trees in the quarry along with the topography allowing plants to survive year round. The gardens are loaded with azaleas, camellias, bamboo, gingers, ferns, roses, water lilies, along with orchids and countless aquatic plants.

The mission is to develop and maintain a unique creation for future generations. The location is still under construction adding many flowers and scrubs each year. Middle to late April is the best time to view all the flowering plants. Good non-skid walking shoes are a must and make sure you bring your camera.

The quarry is basically split into two sections. There is an upper level walking path and bridges and a lower level bringing the guests closer to the water. There are countless overlooks and places to relax enjoying the scenery. The doctor still lives on the premises. Dr. Webber commented, "Everywhere you look is a little slice of heaven."

This location is approximately 45 minutes from On Top of the World in Williston, Fla. The entrance fee is \$12 for adults. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy this destination.

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**Community Patrol**

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The March Community Patrol meeting consisted of a question and answer session with President Gary Rodoff, Captain Joiner and Sergeant Welch regarding patrol issues.

The next Citizen's Academy and Partnership (CAP) class at Master the Possibilities is scheduled to begin Thursday, May 12, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Live Oak Hall. Interested persons may register for this class by calling (352) 854-3699 or online at masterthepossibilities.org.

Recently reported to the sheriff is that citizens are concerned with pedestrians not wearing bright or reflective clothing at night on the roadways. Even if pedestrians are just walking around their neighborhood, they are encouraged to wear bright and reflective clothing so that they are seen clearly by drivers in the dark.

Did you know those automatic turn signals in your car have a history? Some of you might remember that before mechanical turn signals, we simply stuck our arms out the window, when driving, to let others know where we meant to go – something still occasionally done today.

The development of the turn signal be-

gan back in 1914 and went through a series of changes from one placed on the back of the fender, to a set of hands attached to each side of the car to a light with two arrows and a brake light in the late 1930s. In 1939, Buick introduced the first electrical turn signal and a year later added the self-canceling mechanism attached to the steering column. Basically we are still using this 67-year old technology even with its flaws of premature shut off, the relentless tick tock noise and the left turn signal that stays on after the turn.

However, the turn signal is still a good safety device whether it is by arm out the window or the automatic ones. Either should be used when driving any motor vehicle or even when cycling. It is not only a safety issue but also a courtesy to use a signal when you change lanes, pass another vehicle or make a turn. How else is the person in front of you or behind you to know your intentions? It is wise to use the signals daily while driving or cycling even if there is no one around so it becomes an automatic part of your driving practice.

The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, May 23.

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 meetings are open to everyone.



**Back at The Ranch**

By David Gibas

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**Aqua Exercise that "Raises the Barre"**

There is a lot of buzz about "barre" workouts, a very popular fitness trend that has been gaining momentum and attention. Barre workouts utilize the ballet barre as a prop to support balance as participants move through postures and exercises influenced by dance, Pilates and yoga. These workouts may look like a ballet class but they are not, they are fitness classes that are ballet inspired.

Barre workouts typically focus on isometric strength training; you'll hear cues such as, squeeze, pulse and hold. Isometric training is a very controlled muscular contraction; the body is still while you contract specific muscle groups. The goal is to sculpt long, lean muscles, therefore the resistance is usually low (your own body weight or small weights) with high

repetitions.

The Ranch Fitness Center is excited to bring this barre training into the pool! On Wednesday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m., we will feature a special aqua class "Barre-a-cuda," which brings barre training into the water. The pool has some great features that support these types of exercises; foam noodles (floating ballet barre) and the sides of the pool will serve as the barre. Because the movements in this workout are very controlled and take place in the water they will provide a great challenge for your muscles but go easy on your joints.

The ballet influence highlights posture as a key component of the class, which can provide significant improvements in core strength. Another goal of barre training is to improve flexibility and increase range of motion. Strength training is great but sometimes we lose sight of how important it is to train for flexibility. For the human body to function optimally muscles should be strong and flexible.

Join us for this unique workout; free for Ranch members. Not a member? Not a problem! Residents can purchase a guest pass at a reduced rate or a "Class Pass" which entitles the user to 15 visits at an even greater savings! For more details, please call (352) 861-8180.



**It's the Law**

By Bob Woods

Speed limits are put into place for a reason. Speeding can result in speeding tickets, fines, driving record points, increased insurance premiums and last but not least accidents.

The 2015 Florida Statutes, Chapter 316.183 states:

(1) "No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards existing. In every event, speed shall be controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other conveyance or object on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

(2) On all streets or highways, the maximum speed limits for all vehicles

must be 20 miles per hour in business or residence districts, and 55 miles per hour at any time at all other locations. However, with respect to a resident district, a county or municipality may set a maximum speed limit of 20 or 25 miles per hour on local streets and highways after an investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable. It is not necessary to conduct a separate investigation for each residence district. The minimum speed limit on all highways that comprise a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and have not fewer than four lanes is 40 miles per hour, except that when the posted speed limit is 70 miles per hour, the minimum speed limit is 50 miles per hour."

There are posted speed signs on all roads within our community. If no speed sign is posted the speed limit is 20 miles per hour. There are some streets posted at 25 miles per hour and only four streets marked at 30 miles per hour.

Drive safely and obey the speed limits.

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By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The Spring Band Concert took place at Circle Square Commons on Saturday, April 2 with three entertainment groups taking the stage throughout the evening. Although the weather was not Florida's finest, many people attended and took refuge under umbrellas until the skies cleared.

Entertainer, Lisa Coan, started the musical event off singing many favorites. About ten minutes into her performance, blue skies started to peak through the clouds allowing many to step out on the

dance floor. The 45's and Cactus Jack and the Cadillacs followed. There was plenty of dancing: ballroom, line and pattern plus more.

The event also included an antique car show and plenty of food vendors. Parked right in the middle of a bunch of Corvettes was a 1935 Ford Coupe. When the misty conditions ended, a few more antique cars descended to the area including a Ford Mustang and MG.

It was a fun night out with great music and yummy food!

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## Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The 12th annual volunteer appreciation luncheon was held at the Arbor Club in April. This annual luncheon honors those who volunteered during the previous calendar year at On Top of the World.

Kenneth Colen, president of On Top of the World Communities, stated "The backbones of the community are the residents who reach out and participate in the volunteer program. The volunteers enhance the quality of life." and thanked all in attendance.

Lynette Vermillion, general manager, also expressed "a heartfelt thanks on what you do for the community."

Receiving the awards as Volunteers of the Year for 2015 were Gary Rodoff and Diana Riegler, both recognized by Theresa Fields, activities director. The plaques were inscribed with the recipients' names along with the inscription "in appreciation for your dedication to the volunteer

programs."

Lolly Foos was also recognized as heading up the volunteer program for the past 12 years and presented a gift for her dedication.

Theresa thanked all the volunteers for their time and support. Due to construction last year, the volunteer luncheon was not held in 2015. Rita Mandl and Cynthia Paige were presented plaques for their services to the volunteer program for 2014 in a special luncheon held at Candler Hills.

The volunteer program has existed in our community for 13 years where those volunteers donate their time serving in the library, offices and special events. This year, the volunteer luncheon and awards coincided with the celebrations held throughout the country during the National Volunteer Week and the National Library Week.



Photo by Bob Woods

**Theresa Fields with the volunteers for 2015: Gary Rodoff and Diana Riegler.**



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

**Theresa Fields with the volunteers for 2014: Rita Mandl, Cynthia Paige and Lolly Foos.**

## Bonsai Exhibit and Classes

By Peter Wood

What is bonsai? Bonsai is an ancient oriental horticultural art form. It originally started in China centuries ago and spread to Japan and then the western world. The word bonsai in the Japanese language literally means tree-in-a-pot. Shape, harmony, proportion and scale are all weighed carefully as art, and then combined by the human hand with horticultural skills.

Master the Possibilities and the Marion Bonsai Society are hosting their seventh annual bonsai exhibit. The exhibit will open on Tuesday May 3, late afternoon, and close on Friday, May 6, at noon, in

the lobby of the Education Center. Hours are 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. until noon on Friday. A Japanese stone art appreciation section will be included in the exhibit.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Classes and demonstrations are offered on Wednesday, May 4, at 1 p.m. (Basics of the Living Art of Bonsai) and Thursday, May 5, at 1 p.m. (The Living Art of Bonsai - Demonstration). To register for these classes, visit [masterthepossibilities.com](http://masterthepossibilities.com) or call (352) 854-3699.



Photo by Peter Wood

**The annual bonsai exhibit takes place at Master the Possibilities from Tuesday, May 3 to Friday, May 6.**

## Faroe Islands

By Bill Shampine

A recent television special on the Faroe Islands inspired me to write about this lovely and fascinating archipelago. There are 18 major islands in the archipelago, located about 400 miles off the coast of Northern Europe. They lie roughly halfway between Norway and Iceland.

Norsemen settled the islands around 800. Norway controlled the Faroes until 1814 when the Treaty of Kiel gave possession of them to Denmark. In an attempt to counterbalance the invasion of Denmark by Germany in World War II, the British mounted a friendly invasion of the Faroes in 1940.

Great Britain returned control to Denmark in 1948. The long-term result of this relatively brief occupation was a local hankering for British fish and chips and Cadbury chocolate! Although Denmark is a member of the European Union, the Faroe Islands declined to join with it. The islands have enough autonomy from Denmark that such a move was acceptable.

The landscape of the islands is amazing. It is very rugged and rocky, with some low peaks. Most of the coasts are sheer cliffs, some rising as high as 900 feet, with many fjords, narrow sounds and deep grottoes. The land tends to be green as arctic-alpine plants and grasses cover it, but Faroe is characterized by a lack of trees.

About 50,200 people live on the islands, so it is not very densely populated. The people are pretty well connected, however, through an outstanding transportation system. The roads are quite good, and almost all of the islands are connected by bridge or under-sea tunnels. The rest of them are connected by ferry-boat traffic.

The islands are windy, cloudy, and cool

throughout the year with over 260 rainy days per year. The mean temperature in the winter is 38 degrees, and the mean temperature in the summer is only 50 degrees. Temperature extremes since 1961 are 12.2 degrees for a low and 71.6 degrees for a high. So, if you go there, take a jacket.

Fishing and fish farming drive the economy on the islands. There is relatively little agriculture owing to the harsh climate, although sheep farming is common. North Sea oil deposits may help improve the long-term economic prospects, and information technology businesses are being introduced as well. The recent introduction of Burger King into one village is seen as a sign of burgeoning globalization of the Faroese culture.

The Faroese language is similar to the Old Norse language spoken by the Vikings. However, from 1538 until 1890, the language was banned in the schools, churches, and official documents. Consequently, nothing was put into written form for 352 years. All historical records, stories, and ballads were handed down orally over the generations; which was quite a feat as there were 70,000 ballads alone. The records, stories, and ballads often were set to music and a mnemonic medieval chain dance performed that persists today in annual ceremonies.

Notwithstanding the cool, cloudy weather, the Faroe Islands are a great place for nature lovers to visit. Transportation around the islands is easy, the landscapes are striking and beautiful, and you can hike on your own almost anywhere. You can fish, enjoy viewing thriving bird colonies, sail or kayak around narrow sounds and fjords into deep grottoes, and marvel at the steep cliffs rising straight up from the sea.



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**View of Klaksvik, Faroe Islands, looking north into the Haraldssund fjord.**



**100 Grandparents**  
By Janet Fragapane

Tuesday, May 10, will be the last day for the grandparents to read to the children at Romeo Elementary for this school year. The bus will be parked at the rear of True Value Hardware store at 8:30 a.m. Please park your car near the rear of the store.

Evelyn Holiday is looking for readers for next year. Our first day to read will be in September. If you would like to read, call her at (352) 237-0304 and get on the list.

The summer is coming and we need to remember that some of the children need the food that we help supply. As it is the only food they may have. Please help by sending a check in any amount, made out to Dunnellon Food 4 Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430. Write in the memo line, "for the backpack program." The children thank you.

A big thank you to Pat Russell for the many years of reading with the children. The grandparents and the students love you.

Keep saving those Box Tops, Campbell's labels, and pull-tabs. You can always call me at (352) 861-1575; I am here all summer and will gladly come to you to pick up these items.

I am also collecting clothing for the children. There is always a need as they are growing fast! Donations can be left on my porch at 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II).

Romeo Elementary now has an art teacher, but supplies are limited. If you have any art/craft supplies such as yarn, pipe cleaners, buttons, shells, ribbons, beads, feathers, artificial flowers, paper towel tubes, etc., please contact me. Children at the school range in age from five to 12 years old.



**View From The Library**  
By B.J. Leckbee

The historical novel a la James Michener lives on (yes!) in the writings of Edward Rutherford. As Michener wrote of Texas and Poland, for example, Rutherford has written of Russia, New York, Paris, London and Ireland. He recreates history and lets the reader experience it through the lives of fictional families.

In "New York," he takes us back to 1664 when the Dutch merchants formed associations to control commerce in the city they called New Amsterdam. Through generations of the van Dyke (Dutch) and Master (British) families he lets us experience the evolution of New York from an Indian fishing village to the center of commerce that it is today. He takes us through the Revolutionary and Civil War eras, the immigration explosion that brought many of our ancestors to this country, and changes that have created our lives here in the 21st century.

Here's something you might not know about New York City: There used to be an earthen wall at one end of Wall Street.

Another Rutherford book in our inventory is "Paris." It is an education in the lives of the aristocracy, when nobles financed and fought territorial wars and France's borders changed shape depending on who won. The pressure to marry within one's class, the fall of the Bastille, the overthrow of the monarchy and the courage of the French underground during World War II are shown through the lives of fictional families.

Here's something you might not know about Paris: The Eiffel Tower was intended to be a temporary structure.

Rutherford's books are epic, so he provides maps of New York and Paris in their formative years and as they exist today.



**LadyBirds**  
By Caren Kowalsky

A big thank you to all of the LadyBirds who volunteered to work at the R/C Fly-In.

Nancy Dreimuller and Lyn Titcombe provided the delicious goodies for our Friday, April 8 meeting. Thanks ladies.

Thanks to Opal Stroud for arranging for our guest speaker Deputy Todd Winkler and his K-9 partner the German shepard, Solo. Deputy Winkler gave us very interesting information regarding the Marion County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, which supports all law enforcement activity and the community of Marion County. The K-9 Unit was established in 1987, and currently has eight K-9 teams. The teams work alongside the patrol deputies on a daily basis, while providing assistance with the needs and requests of the other special units within the department.

Nancy also headed up the LadyBirds yearly nomination of officers committee along with Millie Mobley and Mary DeGirolomo. Voting took place at our



**Women of the World**  
By Nancy Grabowski

It's difficult to believe we have finished one-third of 2016, but there it is on the calendar page! May brings the last meeting before our summer hiatus and a wealth of small details to finish. Hopefully, the meeting will remain short and sweet, giving us plenty of time to enjoy the entertainment scheduled!

Our year cannot end without a recap of the amazing generosity each of you has demonstrated. The outpouring of love, goods, and services has touched the hearts and lives of thousands of Marion County citizens. It has also reached out to our service personnel overseas!

Our charity for May is Stuff the Bus; we hope Friendship Fire and Rescue will

be able to come and collect our donations. We just love to see them in action!

We cannot express our thanks too often nor too loudly to each of our members for the various contributions, including one of the most precious: time. If ever the phrase "it takes a village" could be applied, it is to our wonderful ladies.

Annual dues will be a subject at our Friday, May 6 meeting in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Those who wish to pre-pay for 2016-17 can do so at the meeting. This option is available throughout the summer, too. Simply mail a check (made payable to Women of the World) to: Terri Molnar, 9789 SW 89 Loop, 34481.

Each of the officers is thrilled to remain on the slate for next year. We are striving to prepare a program that strikes a chord with you every month. It is our hope to pair a local charity with each program, as well. We are open to suggestions, always. Contact any officer with your ideas.

Committees will need workers when we re-convene in September. Maybe this will be your year to step forward with that extra pair of hands we look for constantly.

Until then, we wish you a safe and happy summer. May each of your days be spectacular in some way and bring you new vitality to begin again when we meet. Bring a new neighbor or a member who has not joined us in awhile. We are the group that has no strangers, only smiles you haven't yet met!

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**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

By Luke Mullen

Our Saturday, March 19 dinner brought another fun and entertaining evening to our club members. Four dinners were held at club members' homes for 24 diners.

Our first dinner hosts were Gail Rosenzweig and Ed Bodnar. Two hors d'oeuvres were prepared and brought by Carolle and Tom Carlton. The first was spinach and feta cheese stuffed mushrooms. The second was a cheese spread with crackers and fresh vegetables. Following the appetizers, Gail and Ed prepared and served a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner. It included corned beef, cabbage, potatoes as well as a scalloped corn dish and carrots. They also served homemade Irish soda bread. Pat and Russ McNulty then served a trifle – a layered confection of angel food cake, vanilla pudding, blueberries, strawberries, and whipped cream – as dessert.

Wendy and Joe Kakolowski hosted our second dinner. Sue and Bob Wilkes prepared and served two appetizers: bacon wrapped dates and a cheese board with olives and marinated mushrooms. After the appetizers, Wendy and Joe served a Greek salad followed by the main course of roasted Parmesan asparagus, saffron rice and baked chicken breasts stuffed with

cream cheese and scallions and wrapped in bacon. Following the main meal, Clare and Paul Pardee served a cake from Mimi's Café with strawberry ice cream. This cake had many layers of crepes and cream filling between the layers and on top.

Marion and Dennis Brenon were the hosts for our third dinner. Valerie and George Ostrom started things off with Hawaiian meatballs and deviled eggs made to look like little chicks. Marion and Dennis then served a tossed salad, bread and baked chicken, roasted red potatoes and seasoned vegetables. Annette and Paul Hodges brought and served strawberry shortcake, made with an Irish teacake, fresh Florida strawberries and Cool Whip topping, for dessert.

Cathy and Terry Putman hosted the fourth dinner. Helen and Jack Anderson prepared a vegetable pizza. It was made with a Pillsbury pizza crust and layered with a ranch vegetable dip, chopped red and yellow peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, celery and olives. The second was stuffed mushrooms. Cathy and Terry then served pork tenderloin over brown and wild rice. This was accompanied with an Italian salad of fresh mozzarella cheese, ripe sliced tomatoes and olive oil drizzled with balsamic vinegar. Also served were deviled eggs and yeast rolls. Kathy and Luke Mullen then served a choc-full-of-apples pie topped with a whipped topping.

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



**Southern Club**

By Melanie Vittitow

Thursday, May 5 will be the last meeting for the Southern Club until September so we are having a pizza party instead of the usual potluck. Because we need to know how much to order, we are asking members to buy a \$1 ticket and place their order for the type of pizza they prefer.

Those members who were at the April meeting have already done this and the others will be notified so they can sign up. We will also have salad, dessert and we don't have to cook a thing! It's sure to be a great dinner. Remember, you still need to bring your utensils and plates and don't forget some money for the 50/50 chances.

After the dinner, we will be installing our new officers: Ann Fields, president; Patty Hainz, vice president; and Carolyn Hancock and Ann Berry sharing the treasurer's duties. (Ann is a brand new member who raised her hand to help Carolyn. Thank you, Ann!)

Since we are not presently having formal meetings, we decided we didn't need

a secretary to keep minutes. Melanie Vittitow will remain the membership chairperson, Betty Starr will be the phone chairman and Joan Connolly will be our sunshine person. Catherine Brower and Jim McCazzio are going to be the 50/50 committee.

The new board will have the summer to learn the ropes and plan for next September. They will need everyone's cooperation and help. They may be contacting the members and asking what they can contribute. If you have thoughts and ideas about what the Southern Club should be doing, please contact one of the officers and be an "at large" member. The new board and all of us can benefit from your suggestions.

The Southern Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 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. We always welcome guests but this month the cost will be \$5 since the club dues money is subsidizing the cost of the meal. If you still want to come, contact Jean Hester at (919) 291-8542.

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?"



**What's Cookin'**

By Kathie Dushary

This is a wonderful refreshing summer time salad. Enjoy!

**Couscous Salad with Shrimp**

Serves 4

- 2 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups cherry tomato, halved
- 8-ounces fresh cut shrimp pieces, cooked
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2-teaspoon pepper

- 1 cup couscous, uncooked
- 1/2 cup finely chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Bring water to a boil in a medium saucepan, stir in couscous. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, five minutes. Fluff with a fork. Uncover and let cool 10 minutes. Combine cooked couscous, cherry tomatoes, parsley and shrimp in a large bowl, toss gently. Combine lemon juice, olive oil, lemon zest, salt and pepper in a bowl. Stir with a wire whisk. Add to couscous mixture. Toss to coat. Serve chilled or at room temperature.



**Pennsylvania Club**

By Micki Malsch

The Pennsylvania Club meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, made us all a little wiser. Guest speaker Pat Gabriel from the SR 200 Coalition informed us of all the news surrounding new development in and around our area. Some of the new development includes a Walmart Neighborhood Marketplace and gas station that will be built next to Walgreens, and a Starbucks coffee shop. A Taco Bell will be opening near there, as well as a Twistee Treat ice cream shop. Further down the road near Lowe's, Aldi will be setting up shop. Across the street from Sullivan Cadillac, Cheddar's, a restaurant, will be built. Estimated time for work completion is 2017.

Members welcomed the information Pat shared and thanked her for such an informative talk. We are smart cookies now!

Micki Malsch announced that the Wednesday, May 11, meeting will be our farewell picnic potluck. Please bring picnic type foods and your own eating utensils and plates for this meeting only. Bingo will be played for prizes and we will have surprise entertainment as well. This will be the last meeting until the club resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

You don't have to be a member to join in the fun. New members may join at any time. Dues are \$5 per year per member and are due in January 2017. Guests are always welcome in search of good fun, good food and good people! Until we meet again ...

**Singles Club**

By Cecelia Adams

On Thursday, May 12, Pat Gabriel will update Singles Club members on the flurry of new building activity along the State Road 200 corridor. This will be the last club meeting of the season, and the officers for the club's 2016-17 year will be installed then, followed by a traditional ice cream social. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H. Remember to bring your own bottled water or soft drink.

The May outing falls on Sunday, May 22, when members will see "Sister Act" at the Ocala Civic Theatre. Although tickets have already been ordered, members who haven't yet signed up can call the theater directly to obtain a ticket. We won't be carpooling for this activity, but Nancy Grant, coordinator of this event, will organize transportation to and from the theater, possibly stopping for an early dinner on the way home. You can call her at (352) 854-9185. This fast-paced play will ensure enough laughter to get summer off to a good start.

On Top of the World single men and women are welcome to join us anytime to learn more about the club. If you aren't able to come to the May meeting, we'll meet again on Thursday, Sept. 8. Have a pleasant summer!

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Wood stork.

## Storks

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Every adult knows exactly where babies come from and how they were conceived. But how do you explain it to youngsters?

Storks have been associated with the delivery of babies for centuries. A stork would be flying high with a cloth bundle gripped in its beak landing on an excited couple's doorstep, who in turn opened the bundle and found the smiling newborn. Children were commonly told this story.

Ancient European folklore has been responsible for stating the stork brings babies to new parents. It was popularized by a 19th century story by Hans Christian Anderson called "The Stork."

This article probably brings back many memories and stories of many years gone by of storks delivering babies, but there are many folks who see this large bird and have no idea it is actually a stork, or commonly known as a wood stork.

The wood stork is the largest wading bird native to America. It is tall standing, a little less than four feet high, long-legged with white and black flight feathers, a dark bald featherless head and a long beak that is curved in the downward position. When in flight, it likes to soar, utilizing its five-plus-foot wingspan, and is generally seen with its legs, neck and head extended.

The wood stork is generally seen in watery areas along our highways, in drainage ditches, flooded pastures and swampy lands where it forages for small fish, frogs, lizards and bugs. The bird generally builds large nests out of sticks in cypress trees located in wetland areas and sometimes in mangrove habitat. Many pairing storks will build their nests in the same tree. The wood stork is a subtropical and tropical species breeding in South and Central America and in the Caribbean.

The wood stork is the only stork breeding in North America where small populations can be found in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina along with a small rookery in southeastern North Carolina. The wood stork is often seen in areas of

theme parks that have water attractions, state parks and basically anywhere a free meal can easily be found.

Encroachment of the stork's habitat has decreased the bird's population. Restoring the river of grass in the Everglades, which historically is the stork's nesting and feeding grounds, is starting to pay dividends with the increase of the stork populations. Cleaning up the shores of Lake Okeechobee has enabled foraging of the storks, which led to increasing the bird's population. The Audubon Sanctuary in Southwest Florida at Corkscrew Swamp is also protecting one of the state's largest wood stork rookeries.

The male storks return year after year to its nesting location, often mating with the same female. Currently, the wood stork is listed as a threatened species by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Florida, where the stork is one of Florida's signature wading birds.

The ever-lasting question by adolescents of where babies come from will keep the myth alive by saying storks deliver babies.

## A Mining Town

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Philipsburg, Mont. was officially designated a town in 1867 following the discovery of gold and silver in the nearby hills and streams. Philipsburg became the hub of the area. The most valuable ore in this region was silver chloride, otherwise known to miners as "horn silver." Miners would virtually scrape pure silver from the rocks with a knife.

Philipsburg became somewhat of a ghost town after one of the largest mills closed due to lack of profitable ore in 1869. The town's recovery started slow at first but then after two new mining companies entered the area, recovery was in full force by 1881. The Northern Pacific Railroad completed a branch to the town in 1887. Since the introduction of the railroad, Philipsburg has had its up and downs and at one point became the county seat and mercantile center of the region.

Mining in the area collapsed again and the town relied on logging and ranching until other interests discovered other gold and silver areas, along with copper,

lead, iron, phosphate, manganese, tungsten, sapphires, platinum, mineral-paint, fire clay and coal. In 1929, one of the local newspapers claimed the county and Philipsburg area "the richest mineralized district in the West."

During World War I, Philipsburg was the largest supplier of domestic manganese.

Sapphires are still mined today in the region. One mine, the Old Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine, is one of the largest, oldest and best sapphire mines in the world. It has produced over 180 million carats of sapphires for over 120 years.

With the closure of local mines and sawmills in the 1980s, the town's future was uncertain. In the early 1990s, many newcomers to the area purchased and started restoring the town's historic buildings. One popular retailer expanded on the popularity of sapphire hunting in gravel from the local Sapphire Mountain range.

The surrounding country-side around Philipsburg contains many mines and around 24 ghost towns of former silver and gemstone mines along with countless other mining and timber towns. Most of the ghostly locations are in various stages of ruins and decay.



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Downtown Philipsburg, Mont.

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**Native Plant Group**

By Ron Broman

In February 2010, Tampa verbena was the subject of this piece. Since then, I've been surprised that the ones we planted then are still there, as you can see, and doing quite well. In fact, with the exception of tropical sage and shrimp plant, they are almost the only flowers blooming in our Garden of Weedin'.

The resource I'm using now names this species, *Glandularia tampensis*, Tampa mock vervain. Although names often change, *G. tampensis* is endemic (unique) to Florida. In fact, it is listed as endangered in Florida and called "short-lived." So much for ours.

At one time, its central Florida range was more extensive than now, due mainly to coastal development.

Per "Wild Flowers of Florida Field Guide" by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekie-la, "Despite its rarity in the wild, Tampa

mock vervain is widely cultivated and has become a commonly available landscape plant. It is particularly popular for butterfly gardens, and its low-growing habit makes it an ideal ground cover."

Now we switch gears. As the World News arrives at your abode on Thursday, April 28, Betty and I will be exiting the Mediterranean Sea and visiting the Islands of the Azores. The area is rich in Vulcan history – volcanoes that is. The resulting soils are rich in minerals brought up as magma from deep in the earth. Funchal on the Island of Madeira, a couple of hundred miles south, has a wide variety of plant life.

The flora at Ponta Delgada and Horta, depending on how recent the volcanic activity and the distance from the calderas, ranges from almost no vegetation, to aloe and yucca relatives, to a wide range of species. (At least that's my take based on our last visit.)

How interesting it is to discover which plants are native to which area of the world; and contemplate how that has happened. It's magnificent to study the natives!



Photo by Ron Broman

**Tampa mock vervain persisting in our Garden of Weedin'.**



**Stamp Club**

By Joe Rosinski

Welcome once again to the General Francis Marion Stamp Club. I'll start this column off by explaining the purpose of the accompanying photo of a 1959 cover, which I found at a stamp show. The "Top of the World" jumped out at me as it is a one of a kind first day cover with a hand drawn cachet, which are rather rare. The date of April 6, 1959 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the conquest of the Arctic by land in 1909 by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary.

Admiral Peary was born on May 6, 1856 in Cresson, Penn. where the cover was postmarked. During his career he led a total of eight Arctic expeditions, and during another foray into the north provided proof that Greenland is an island. The stamp also depicts the USS Nautilus (SSN-571), the first operational nuclear-powered submarine to complete a submerged transit under the North Pole on Aug. 3, 1958.

We had a rather spirited auction at our last meeting that included some interesting items. Our members proved the old adage that you have to have two or more interested bidders to have a successful auction. Several members went away happy with their purchases, while others came up short. We'll have to see what the next auction has to offer.

Our primary focus over the next few

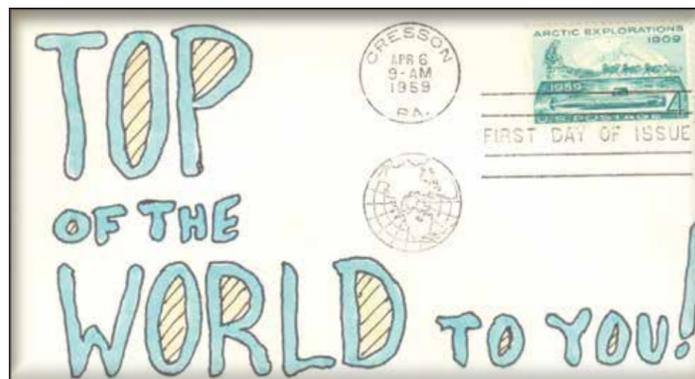


Photo by Joe Rosinski

**1959 cover postmarked Cresson, Penn.**

months will be identifying a theme for our annual show in October and designing a

cachet for a special event cover we hope to offer for sale during the show.

Just a reminder that our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Bank of the Ozarks on SR200, and the second Tuesday of each month at Freedom Library at 6 p.m. Our Tuesday meeting is just an informal gathering with no actual business conducted. Come join us and see if you don't agree it's quite a bargain for \$6 a year and a chance to meet some nice people, as well as learning what stamp collecting is all about. You can contact me at rosinskijoe@gmail.com if need any other information about us.

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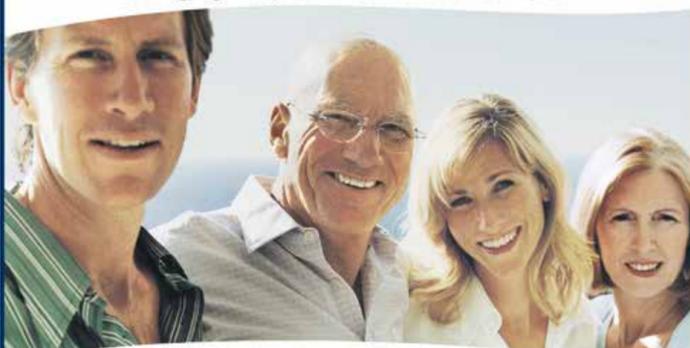
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### Genealogical Society

By Peter Parisi

On Monday, March 21, Julia Hendrick, club member, gave a very interesting presentation on autosomal DNA and genealogy. Testing your DNA may help if you have big holes in your ancestral tree, you are adopted or you have hit a brick wall.

There are three major companies that perform DNA tests: 23andme.com; FamilyTreeDNA.com; and Ancestry.com.

All three companies test autosomal DNA, which provides information from both sides of your family, mother and father. Fifty percent of your chromosomes come from your mother and 50 percent from your father. The further away from yourself, you only receive 25 percent from each of your four grandparents and only 12.5 percent from each of your eight great-grandparents.

23andme.com and FamilyTreeDNA.com also perform tests on the following:

- Y chromosome DNA of the males in the family.
- Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), which comes from the mother and is passed on to both her sons and daughters. However, only the daughter passes mtDNA on to her children.

For more information and a description of the above DNA tests and their costs, go to each of the above websites.

The presentation focused mainly on 23andme.com and the testing of autosomal DNA. While you will get much better results if you can test your grandparents and your parents, that is probably impossible for most of us at our age. Therefore, if

you can test at least one cousin from each side of the family, it makes interpretation easy. Test results are more meaningful the more relatives that have been tested. You will get redundant results if you test a sibling.

If the DNA report from 23andme.com shows that you have a possible relationship to someone else, send an e-mail, with surnames of appropriate ancestors, to those matches that you received and ask if those names mean anything to them so that you can share genealogical information with each other.

To increase your exposure to more relatives, you can upload your data from any DNA testing service to the free website, gedmatch.com, and check the website periodically to see if they have found any matches to your data from any of the other DNA testing websites.

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, May 9 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 also will hold an educational presentation at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 16 in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center. The presentation will be a "show and tell" with some members presenting the format of their family stories, other members showing family heirlooms and others describing the paperwork required to join a lineage society, such as the DAR.

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 DVDs available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check out on our website otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.

Nancy Carp and Treasurer Stan Magen. Officers will be installed at the May meeting. We want to thank them for their past year of service.

The April meeting featured a speaker from CERT combined with an ice cream social. It was interesting as well as enjoyable. The last meeting of this year will be held on Sunday, May 15 and will be our annual TooJay's boxed lunch. The cut off date for ordering is Wednesday, May 11. We will also have a Jewish trivia contest.

Just a reminder that Thursday, May 5 is Holocaust Remembrance Day and Sunday, May 15 is Israel's Independence Day.



### Lions Club

By Estelle Clark

It's so much fun to be a Lion especially when you have the opportunity to induct new members. We would like to welcome Lion James Peveler; we are proud you have chosen to join our club.

It is also that time of year when new officers are elected for the coming year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). We know they are going to have a great a productive year. The officers are President PDG Jack Anderson, First Vice President PDG Bob Barto, Second Vice President Steven Snowman, Secretary Lion Helen Anderson, Treasurer Lion Lora Rossi, Member-

ship PDG Estelle Clark, Lion Tamer Lion Peter Geden, Tail Twister Lion Beverly Cox, and board members: Lions Charlie Hassett, Ed Michelson, Marty Schley and Pattie Barto.

We are still collecting used eyeglasses, ink jet cartridges and cell phones that we recycle and use the funds to send children to diabetes camp. There are drop off boxes at the Arbor Club, Customer Service, Publix, Ocala Eye and Ritz Eyecare. We appreciate all donations.

We are also collecting stuffed animals, children's books and all sizes of socks that we deliver to Munroe Regional Medical Center Children Emergency Department.

We would love to have you as a member of our club. If you are interested in having fun and helping those less fortunate in our community, please give me a call at (352) 861-7358. We serve.



### Model Railroaders

By Jim Lynam

Have you ever wondered how railroad tracks were designed for their width between the rails? The answer to that question goes back over 2,000 years to the time of the Roman chariots! How could Roman chariots have determined the gauge of modern day railroads?

The U.S. standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is four feet, eight and a half inches. That is an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that is the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed the U.S. railroads. The same people who built the tramways built the first rail lines. Why did they use that gauge? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? If any other spacing were used the wagon wheels would break on some of the old roads because that is the spacing of the wheel ruts. So, who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in England for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the

chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore, the United States standard railroad gauge of four feet, eight and a half inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot!

Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two warhorses. Now, the twist to the story: The Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, had two big booster rockets (SRBs) attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. The SRBs are made in a factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit larger, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, the width of the Space Shuttle, which is the most advanced transportation system, was determined over 2,000 years ago by the width of a horse's derriere!

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

Our next monthly meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4 in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center.

### American Jewish Club

By Sandra Wolf

Last month's lunch bunch at Long-Horn Steakhouse was another huge success. The board would like to thank the members for their support. The last lunch bunch for the 2015/2016 year will be held on Thursday, May 19. The restaurant has not been decided on at this time.

Elections were held at the April meeting. The current officers were voted in unanimously: President Jackie Ludmer, Vice President Sandra Wolf, Secretary

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**Active Living**  
By Theresa Fields  
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Spring is in the air and summer is quickly approaching. The temperatures may feel like they are in the triple digits, so make sure you are well hydrated by drinking plenty of water when participating in outdoor activities.

**Community Pools**

Warmer weather has arrived, and what better place to enjoy the outdoors than while taking a refreshing dip in one of the community pools? Please remember when utilizing the pool areas that pets, coolers, food and alcohol are prohibited on the pool deck. Plastic water bottles are allowed in the designated areas.

Please note that pool rules are posted around all pools and non-compliance will result in loss of privileges! Please have resident I.D. available when visiting the pool areas. Rules and procedures are strictly enforced.

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

If you have a medical reason that would require a cooler be present, you will need to submit a letter to the Homeowners Association requesting "special accommodations" and receive approval. Pool monitors are now present at the Recreation Center pool.

**Volunteer Luncheon**

The 12th annual volunteer luncheon was held on Tuesday, April 12. This event took place recognizing the coordinator and volunteers within On Top of the World who have given their time throughout the community in 2015.

Lolly Foos was recognized with a gift as a thank you for starting the volunteer program 12 years ago, and she continues to support it with her services. Gary Rodoff and Diana Riegler were named volunteers of the year for 2015 for all their dedicated services.

We would also like to recognize the volunteers for 2014 as we were unable to have this annual event due to renovations at the Recreation Center. Rita Mandl and Cynthia Paige were named volunteers of the year for 2014.

Thanks to all our volunteers for your dedicated service throughout the community.

**Trivia Night**

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions on Thursday, May 12, at the Arbor Club. You will be able to have groups of four, six or eight per team! Select a team name and prepare to have a fun time. Each team's scores will be calculated, and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table.

The cost is \$3 per person for residents and \$5 per person for guests attending with a resident. Pre-register at the Recreation Office.

**April Trivia Winners**

1: Tequila Mockingbirds; 2: Know Nothings; 3: Eight is Enough.

**Daytona Flea Market**

Come join us at the Daytona Flea & Farmers Market on Friday, May 13. This event features over 1,000 booths, 600 vendors, hundreds of antique dealers, crafters, artisans and a swap meet. We should arrive around 10 a.m., and you will have approximately four hours to browse and shop. We will then board back on the bus and head over to Aunt Catfish for some down south river cooking. The cost of the trip is \$27 per person (lunch is on your own). Please note that this trip requires a lot of walking, and limited space is left. Pre-register at the Recreation Office.

**Social Hour**

Join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, May 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. The entertainer for the evening will be Tony with Sounds of Time playing soft music on the keyboard. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. This is a free event for all residents.

**Victory Casino Cruise**

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Thursday, May 26, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation. Live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. 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.

The cost of \$38 per person includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, \$20 match in play and dou-

ble points. Pre-register at the Recreation Office.

**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 with a third "mystery farm." Karen Grimes, horsewoman 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, May 27, and the cost is \$31 per person. Please note there is a lot of walking on this trip. Farm stops and lunch location are subject to change. Pre-register at the Recreation Office.

**Memorial Day Service**

Join us for a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom as we remember the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. Honored guests include all active duty and retired military personnel. Participants and events will include the West Port High School R.O.T.C. Honor Guard, musical selections from the Con-

cert Chorus and a guest speaker along with the traditional placing of the memorial wreath. This event is sponsored by the On Top of the World Lions Club.

**Happy Hour**

Last month's "Egyptian Night" Happy Hour was held on Friday, April 10. This theme was quite a challenge but our residents really know how to use their imaginations, as the costumes were unique in every way. Our next themed Happy Hour is "Disco Latin Night" on Friday, May 6, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The entertainment line-up is as follows:

- May 6: "Disco Latin Night" with Automatic (Recreation Center Ballroom)
- May 13: Danny & Johnny (Arbor Club)
- May 20: One Flite Up (Recreation Center Ballroom)
- May 27: The Beat Goes On (formally the Bontempos/Arbor Club)

Please note that Happy Hour will be moving to the Recreation Center Ballroom as of Friday, July 1. Guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident I.D. at the door (no exceptions). All guests must be over the age of 21 and guest fees will be \$5 per person.

**Community Information**

Smoking is not permitted on the veranda at the Recreation Center. We have added a smoking area in front of the On Top of the World Golf Shop with signs posted. Please refrain from smoking around the pools, The Pub and veranda areas.

On Monday, May 30, the Recreation and Fitness offices will be closed. The Fitness Center and Arbor Club will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with all classes cancelled that day.

**Upcoming Events in June**

- Thursday, June 2: Mazaros Italian Market and Southgate Shopping Center
- Friday, June 3: Lazy River Tour
- Sunday, June 5: Ice House Theatre "Becky's New Car"
- Wednesday, June 8: St. Johns River Cruise
- Friday, June 10: "Tacky Tourist" Happy Hour
- Tuesday, June 14: Victory Casino
- Thursday, June 16: Trivia Night
- Friday, June 17: Horse Farm Tour
- Wednesday, June 29: Tampa Bay Rays vs. Red Sox baseball game

Have fun and stay safe!



Photo by Janis Holte-Pavlatos

"Egyptian Night" Happy Hour was held on Friday, April 10 with some very unique costumes.



# 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</i>	<i>Parking Lot</i>	<i>Call one day in advance for pick-up</i>

MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library .....	9:40 a.m.....	12:45 p.m.
Jasmine Square.....	9:48 a.m.....	12:40 p.m.
Dillard's//Kohl's .....	9:58 a.m.....	12:30 p.m.
Sam's.....	10:08 a.m.....	11:30 a.m.
Lowe's .....	10:13 a.m.....	11:40 a.m.
Paddock Mall.....	10:18 a.m.....	12:20 p.m.
Wal-Mart/Stein Mart.....	10:23 a.m.....	11:55 a.m.
Target.....	10:33 a.m.....	12:03 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks.....	10:43 a.m.....	12:10 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza.....	10:48 a.m.....	12:15 p.m.

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

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

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Publix Grocery .....	1:32 p.m.....	3:13 p.m.
Save A Lot Grocery.....	1:37 p.m.....	3:00 p.m.
Big Lots.....	1:40 p.m.....	3:03 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree .....	1:50 p.m.....	2:50 p.m.
Wal-mart.....	1:52 p.m.....	2:45 p.m.

\* All times are approximate

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



**Travel Toppers**

By Mary Lamp

The club has three motor coach trips open right now for booking. On Father's Day, June 19, travel to Sanford to cruise aboard a paddle wheeler on the St. Johns River. Call Pat Hood at (352) 237-8533 to register for this.

"A Tribute to Frank Sinatra" at the Show Palace in Hudson is scheduled for Thursday, July 28. To register, call Mary Lamp at (352) 854-9378.

There is a wait list for our Callaway Gardens "Fantasy in Lights" two-night trip to Pine Mountain, Ga., from Monday, Dec. 5, through Wednesday, Dec. 7, to witness the 25th anniversary of this beautiful holiday light show. Call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428 if you wish to be placed on the wait list.

There are two cruises that are currently open for booking. Beginning Sunday, Oct.

9, through Thursday, Oct. 20, the Legendary Danube River cruise starts from Nuremberg, Germany and ends in Budapest, Hungary with an optional trip to Prague. The Valentine's Day cruise, Feb. 12 to 19, 2017, will be aboard Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas, the ship that is a destination unto itself. For questions and reservations regarding these cruises, call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428.

A trip that will open for registration shortly is "Smokey Joe's Café" at the Alhambra Theater in Jacksonville, Fla. We will travel there Saturday, Aug. 6. Begin-

ning Monday, May 2, you can call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to register for this dinner theater show.

Details for all of these trips, as well as others for which registration has not opened yet, can be found at our website at [traveltopperstours.com](http://traveltopperstours.com), or pick up a copy of our yellow brochure at your postal center, community center, the Arbor Club, or the Recreation Center. All Travel Toppers trips are escorted by a member of the board, include gratuities and taxes, and are open to all residents and their guests.



**On The Road Again**

By Bob Woods

Satisfaction and many thanks are the greatest rewards a person can receive. When John, Annette, Bev and I receive gratitude, it not only warms the heart but makes us cherish the fond memories and

the camaraderie made on our trips.

All the club's remaining trips for 2016 are full. John is taking names for a standby list for the Monday, Oct. 3 five-day motor coach trip to Savannah. If you think you would like to join this trip, please call John at (352) 873-3516.

John is putting together a trip to Niagara Falls sometime in late May 2017. At present, dates and pricing are not available. Call him if you are interested and he will place your name on a call list when information is available.

Bob and Bev have two cruises planned for 2017. The first cruise is on Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas departing Sydney, Australia, on Feb. 9, 2017, for a total of 33 nights circumnavigating Australia with stops in Bali, Indonesia, many locations on New Zealand's South Island and in Wellington on New Zealand's North Island. Call Bob for details.

Bob and Bev have also booked a seven night cruise on Royal Caribbean's newest Oasis class ship, the Harmony of the Seas, departing Fort Lauderdale on Dec. 2,

2017 heading to Labadee, Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Phillipsburg, St. Maartin before heading back to Florida.

If you are interested in joining the club on any of its trips or cruises, please call Bob at (352) 854-0702 or John at (352) 873-3516 any time. At present, the club's website is being revamped so no flyers or additional information is available. Hopefully, it won't be long before the site is up and running.

In the meantime, we will see you on the road again.



**SPCA**

By Maria Devine

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. Our hotline number is (352) 362-0985. Please call this number for all inquiries.

We are looking for permanent loving homes for two cats this month. The white cat with black markings is Miss Cassie. This dear 11-year-old girl has been in foster care since September. She was given over to us when no family member or friend could take her in, and she has come far in foster care. She was originally very stressed with worry for her mom, which

caused her fur to thin and fall out. She has since healed and all her fur has grown back. Miss Cassie should be the only pet in the house and would thrive where she has peace and quiet with a gentle, loving family or individual.

The regal black cat with white markings is Bootsie. Bootsie wandered into someone's yard one day and wanted to get in the house. They couldn't keep her so she was surrendered to the SPCA. Bootsie is about five or six years old, spayed and up-to-date on all shots. She's a gentle, laid-back girl who likes to be petted. She would make a great companion for someone who is home most of the time. She gets along with other dogs, which means she ignores them.

Please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985 to meet Miss Cassie and Bootsie. Both these kitties deserve their own home soon.



**Miss Cassie**

You can also find information about our animals on Facebook at Marion County FL SPCA and our website at [spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com](http://spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com).

If you are thinking about adopting a dog or cat, please consider a senior pet instead of a puppy or youngster. Young animals are the first to be adopted at shelters or rescue organizations, leaving their older brethren behind. Most senior animals are the product of loving homes where they've been tenderly taken care of for many years. Suddenly an owner can no



**Bootsie**

longer care for them, and without family or friends to step in, they are left on their own. Older animals are resilient, and can learn to love another family again - they just want to be part of one, whatever their age. The problems and care of puppy or kittenhood are long gone. They are usually house trained, know many commands, and know how to interact in a household routine without too much fuss. They will bring you much joy, and you will give them a new home for which they will be forever grateful.

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RECREATION

## Ladies Billiard League Emerges Victorious

By Phil Panzera

Congratulations to our ladies team for winning the championship of the Ladies Billiard League. They emerged victorious with a strong 10-2 performance against Cherrywood, and another excellent 10-2 score against Ocala Palms. Our very giv-

ing and multi-talented Penny Wilson, who captained the team, also won the Florida Senior Games in ping-pong.

The Men's Billiard League recently finished the first half of their league, consisting of 14 teams from eight local senior

communities. Our community has four teams.

Team 1 had been leading the entire session, and a thrilling finale was in store when Team 1 had to play the second place team, Stone Creek, in the last match of the season. That match ended in a tie, which sent both teams into a three-game tie-break.

After the first two tie-break games, both teams were tied again, so – after 470 games over 13 weeks of play – it all came down to one last game, for both bragging rights and to determine the winner of ses-

sion one. After a long and tension-filled game, a Stone Creek player made a very difficult and improbable shot, got position on the eight-ball, and won the match. It was a tough loss for Team 1, but Stone Creek earned the victory with some excellent play.

Team 1 members include Rich Impresa (captain), Mike Carver, George Deignan, Gene Hueber, John Mansfield, Phil Panzera and Ray Stover.

Team 2 improved throughout the season, and finished strong in fourth place. Team 2 members include Ron Cruce (captain), Joe Amigliore, Fausto Coate, Mike Cruz, Jim Fallon, Steve King, Dan Newby, Ron Rose and Bob Toy.

Teams 3 and 4 are still restructuring and developing, but they are both doing well in session two.

**TIP OF THE MONTH:** I'm not alone in thinking that "speed" is perhaps the most critical fundamental in playing pool well. I have a 188-page book in my billiard library, and the author started his treatise on "Mastering Pool" with this opening line, "I'm sorry, but I'll just bet your hitting the balls too hard."

Putting balls in pockets is of course what the game is about, but if you're banging balls around all you'll generally make is one or two an inning, and that's not a winning approach.

It's really simple: the harder you hit the balls, the more margin of error you have and thus the harder it is to get position for the next ball. Adding insult to injury, the harder you hit the worse your stroke gets, introducing mechanical error and unintended squirt or curve, which causes you to miss more. Also, the sharp angles of the pocket rails reject a hard-hit ball coming in at a steep angle, so effectively the pocket becomes "smaller."

**SOLUTIONS:** pick the shot and position path that lets you shoot more softly; and deliberately leave yourself more angle on the ball so you can just naturally roll it to the next ball. Keep that stroke smooth, level and s-l-o-w.



Photo by Mike Carver

Ladies Billiard League champions: Diane Desrosiers, Barbara Bonomo, Penny Wilson, Babe Carver, Lynn Dickson, Peggy Fallon, Jerry Gill and Irmgard Anger (not pictured).

## Bunco for Babies

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

A dice game that was originally a confidence game dating back to the 19th century was held recently in support of the March of Dimes. The game is called bunco and on Saturday, April 9, a luncheon and game was held called "Bunco for Babies" supporting the March of Dimes.

The fundraiser was scheduled to help support and improve the health of babies. March of Dimes helps prevent birth defects, premature births and infant mortality through research and awareness.

"Bunco for Babies" took place at the Indigo East Community Center and was hosted by Micki Malsch and Barbara Martyn. All proceeds from the event benefited the March of Dimes. Micki reported that 85 ladies were present for the event raising over \$1,600. Micki stated she hopes this will become a yearly fundraising event.

Local merchants and individuals donated money, gift certificates, and products. The \$20 entrance fee went toward

lunch and cash prizes for game winners, and any profits from the fees went to the March of Dimes. A 50/50 raffle was also held with the winning numbers receiving merchants' products and gift certificates.

According to the World Bunco Association there are over 50 million women who have played bunco and over 27 million play the game on a regular basis. The game is open to both genders.

Bunco is a social dice game involving 100 percent luck and no skill. The object of the game is to accumulate points and rolling certain combinations. It is extremely easy to pick out the game's procedure even if new players have never played before. The "Bunco for Babies" event saw quite a few ladies who had never played before.

All attendees had a good time but the real winner of the day was the March of Dimes.



Photo by Bob Woods

"Bunco for Babies" raised over \$1,600 for March of Dimes.

## Give Martial Arts a Try

By Don Noel

Taekwondo and karate are martial arts. Taekwondo, stemming from Korea, combines elements of karate and Chinese martial arts along with the indigenous Korean martial arts traditions of Taek-

kyeon, Subak, and Gwonbeop. Karate was developed on the Ryukyu Islands in what is now Okinawa, Japan. Karate is now predominantly a striking art.

Practicing a martial art is a great all

round exercise. You exercise your whole body – from head to toe. In addition to the positive physical aspects, it gives your brain a workout too.

I became interested in taking Taekwondo/karate a few years ago. I was taking a Tai Chi class by Art Stalbow at the Arbor Club in hopes of improving my golf game. Tai Chi helps you learn to breathe, focus and provides many health benefits. If

there was something I needed to learn, it was how to focus when playing golf. I can say with absolute certainty that Tai Chi helped my golf game. I am still an average player but significantly better than before.

In addition to Tai Chi, Art Stalbow also teaches a Taekwondo/karate class. I did not initially think that Taekwondo/karate would be an activity I could participate in, but I was impressed with Art's teaching and asked if I could look in on a class.

After observing a class, I was impressed. I thought ... if they could do it, why couldn't I? That was about two years ago and I am still taking classes and am working on getting my fourth belt but still have a long way to go to be awarded the coveted black belt.

Art is great at helping us be the best that we can be, and that makes trying worthwhile. He always tells us if we feel that we cannot continue with a series of moves, just stop and catch your breath. No one is ever pushed to do something that they don't feel capable of, but everyone is encouraged to try. I am always impressed with Art's patience as a teacher.

Taekwondo/karate is excellent exercise for both the body and mind. The moves we learn are progressively more complex and require coordination and mental training. Classes are held in the Arbor Club Fitness Studio on Mondays at 11:45 a.m. For more information, call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534.



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Monday's karate class at the Arbor Club.

# CARDS & GAMES



## Bridge

### Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

#### March 7

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 2: Marlene Floecker & Pat Goltart; 3: Kathie Dushary & Doris Keathley; 4: Lynda Hannon & Mary Walker; 5: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson.

#### March 21

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 2: Lynda Hannon & Mary Walker; 3: Joyce Walchak & Rad O; 4: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 5: Don & Linda Sprague.

#### March 28

1: Ida Rosendahl & Carol Rosenberger; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 4: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 5: Nancy Clarkson & Kay Boland.

#### April 4

1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Mary Walker & Lynda Hannon; 3: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 5: Kay Boland & Nancy Clarkson.

### Monday Night

By Kathie & Art Dushary

#### March 7

1: Al Kremer (730); 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Marion Hotz; 4: Lucy Malloy; 5: Bob Durst.



## Pickleball

By Bill Daugherty

A free two-hour class for new players will be held on the pickleball courts on Tuesday, May 10, at 1 p.m. In case of rain,

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**March 21**  
1: Gail Tirpak (4310); 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Kathie Dushary; 4: Ron McNeilly; 5: Judy Wagnitz;

**March 29**  
1: Sharon Miller; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Paul Agarwal; 5: Linda Detweiler.

### Tuesday Afternoon

By Joanne Jones

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

#### March 8

1: Mazie Millward & Rad; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

#### March 15

1: Agnus LaSala & Bernie Kelly; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

#### March 22

1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 2: Agnus LaSala & Bernie Kelly; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

#### March 29

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

### Tuesday Night Dup

By Doris Keathley

**March 1**  
1: Julian & Liz Wachs; 2: Joan Lord & Colleen Tobine; 3: Jim & Betty Devoy; 4: Dan Lack & Ed Bodner.

#### March 8

1: Doris Keathley & Marjorie Benton;

Tie at 2/3: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl and Paul Pinter & Margie Sowul; 4: John & Marie Fiorillo.

#### March 22

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Katie White & Kathie Dushary; 3: Paul Pinter & Margie Sowul; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl.

#### March 29

1: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: John Lollo & Colleen Tobino; 4: Jim & Betty Devoy.

### Wednesday Afternoon

By Pat Goltart

#### March 2

1: Annette Helwig; 2: Diane Robinson; 3: Helen O'Brien.

#### March 9

1: Carmen Anoyo; 2: Betty Morris; 3: Annette Helwig; Cons: Kay Breyfogle.

#### March 16

1: Helen O'Brien; 2: Betty Morris; Cons: Kay Breyfogle.

#### March 23

1: Diane Robinson; 2: Bernie Kelly; 3: Helen O'Brien; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

#### March 30

1: Pat Goltart; 2: Carmen Anoyo; 3: Mary Klinzing; Cons: Betty Morris.

### Thursday Afternoon

By Marge Starrett

#### March 3

1: Joanne Jones; 2: Kay Boland; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Marge Starrett.

#### March 10

1: Kay Boland; 2: Marge Starrett; 3: Cleona Redmon; 4: Dianne Robinson.

#### March 17

1: Shirley Ebert; 2: Serine Rossi; 3: Agnes LaSala; 4: Pat Goltart.

#### March 24

1: Nancy Dreimiller; 2: Marge Starrett; 3: Don Sprague; 4: Mary Rose Janssen.

#### March 31

1: Linda Sprague; 2: Serine Rossi; 3: Mary Klinzing; 4: Carmen Arroyo.

### Thursday Night

By Paul Pinter

#### March 3

1: Marion Hotz; 2: Ron McNally; 3: Ida Rosendahl.

**March 10**  
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Keith Briggs.

#### March 17

Jack Martin; 2: Keith Briggs; 3: Howard Style.

#### March 24

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Ida Rosendahl; 3: Paul Pinter.

#### March 31

1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Howard Style.



## Cribbage

### Friday Night

By Rose Marie Postin

#### March 4

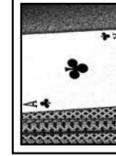
1: Paul Genereux; 2: Sheila Howell; Cons: Glenda Lins.

#### March 11

1: Gerry Mills; 2: Herb Postin; 3: Norma Yonke; Cons: Poppy Kalen.

#### March 18

1: Alberta Sarris; 2: Paul Genereux; 3: Poppy Kalen; Cons: John Smith.



## Pinochle

### Tuesday Night/Single

By Whitney Frye

Everyone is welcome on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Hobby Building.

#### March 1

1: Andy Mark; 2: Gayle Argano 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

#### March 8

1: Tim Cunningham; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Bernard Digregorio.

#### March 15

1: Bernard Digregorio; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Gayle Argano.

#### March 22

1: Whitney Frye; 2: Jim Mazzotta; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

#### March 29

1: Edna Frye; 2: Verna Harsh; 3: Bernard Digregorio.



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

We would like to thank all who participated in the second annual On Top of the World Club Championship. Congratulations to all the flight winners in both the men's and women's divisions. A special congratulations goes out to our On Top of the World Club champions Joe Wilks and Deborah Martin. Great playing!

To wrap up the month of May, Candler Hills will host the annual World Memorial Day Tournament. The event will be held Monday, May 30 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be two best balls of four and you can create your own foursome. The cost is \$25 per player, which includes a cookout and awards after play. Please register in your respective Golf Shop.

Golf is a wonderful game that we all love but don't forget about the most important part of golf, safety. If not careful,

you can get injured in a variety of ways on the golf course. Here are some safety tips to help you in case of an emergency:

- Always call 911 first in emergency situations.
- Make sure to carry a mobile device in case of emergency.
- On Top of the World scorecards have Golf Shop phone numbers and addresses in case of emergency.
- All Golf Course restrooms have addresses in case of emergency.
- Play with a buddy.

**Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, May 1: Candler Hills closed at noon for curfew application.
- Monday, May 2: Candler Hills closed all day for curfew application.
- Wednesday, May 4: Candler Hills closed at 1 p.m. for Ronstar application.
- Monday, May 16 through Thursday, May 19: Tortoise & The Hare closed for aerification.
- Sunday, May 22: Links closed at noon for curfew application.
- Monday, May 23: Links closed all day for curfew application.
- Monday, May 30: World Memorial Day Tournament at Candler Hills Golf Club.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Joe Schuberth, hole-in-one #17, with 6 birdies and lowest score ever of 69. Bill Anger, eagle #6. Phil Moherek, eagle #7. Ilyong Dicus, eagle #7.  
**LINKS:** Dan Cohen, eagle #1.



Photos by Matt Hibbs

**Congratulations to our On Top of the World Club Championship winners Joe Wilks and Deborah Martin.**

**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Dennis Pope, eagle #5. Joe Hawkins, shot his age 73.

Congratulations to everyone!

**Golf Tip of the Month**

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

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

or slices to be more severe.

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

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

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



**Bingo**  
By Denise Johnson

Hello to all you bingo players. I will report about all the happy super bingo winners in the June issue of the World News.

March was very successful with regards to the folks who came out to play and those who had that "lucky" touch! We have a new caller, Carl. Come on out and see how clear he calls. Thanks Carl for all you do.

We will be losing some of our players who head north for the summer, but hurry back so you can play again! There are many new residents who have found their way to bingo, but if you have a new neighbor, be sure to invite them.

We are still in need of more volunteers; anyone who would want to join us, call Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315 or Denise Johnson at (352) 873-1281 or see us during bingo.

All the volunteers will be celebrated at a spring picnic Sunday, May 1.

See everyone on Wednesday night! Don't forget to stop by The Pub for a bite to eat beforehand!

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**Outdoor Water Aerobics**

By Jo Swing

It's that time of year again "water babies!" Water aerobics at the Recreation Center outdoor pool will start on Monday, May 2, at 11 a.m. Sessions are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from May 2 through Sept. 30 (weather permitting).

Water aerobics is one of the best exercises around for all ages. It is especially gentle on the joints as it is low impact. At the same time, it burns more calories and tones your muscles. For more information, call Jo Swing at (352) 237-4564.

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**Tennis**  
By Jorge Privat  
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Our outing to the University of Florida Tennis Center was a success. We had the opportunity to watch the men's and women's teams compete against other schools in the Southeastern Conference. They have some pretty outstanding teams and you can appreciate the support from the local community because the stadium is always full. And best of all, it is "free" and close by.

If you follow the World Tour – men and women – there is a big tournament taking place around the world almost every month. Most tournaments are covered by the Tennis Channel, and the "big four" on ESPN. As I mentioned before, you can learn a lot by watching the top players whose playing style is similar to yours.

Please note that the free monthly tennis clinics will now take place on the first Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

**Improving Your Game**

Experts say, "The sooner you can visu-

ally "lock in" on the ball, the more time you have to get into position and catch the ball out in front." However, it is important to use your other senses as well and here's how.

Listening to the ball: It rarely occurs to a player to listen to the ball, but I found great value in this form of concentration. When the ball hits your racket, it makes a distinct sound, the quality of which varies considerably, depending on its proximity to the center of the racket, the angle of the face, the distribution of your weight, and where the ball is met.

If you listen closely to the sounds of one ball after another, you will soon be able to distinguish a number of different kinds and qualities of sounds. Soon, it's possible to recognize the sound produced by an over-spin forehand hit squarely and an under-spin forehand hit slightly off center. You will come to know the sound of a flat backhand, and to distinguish it from one hit with an open face.

One day when I was practicing this form of concentration while serving, I began hitting the ball unusually well. I could hear a sharp crack instead of the usual sound at the moment of impact. It sounded terrific, and the ball had more speed and accuracy. After I realized how well I was serving, I resisted the temptation to figure out why, and simply asked my body to do whatever was necessary to

reproduce that "crack." I held the sound in my memory, and to my amazement my body reproduced time and again.

Through this experience, I learned how effective the remembering of certain sounds can be as a cue for the built-in computer within our brains. While one listens to the sounds of his forehand, he can hold in his memory the sound that results from solid contact; as a result, the body will tend to repeat the elements of behavior, which produced that sound.

This technique can be particularly useful in learning the different kinds of serves. There is a distinct difference in the sounds of a flat, slice and twist serve. Similarly, one can learn to achieve the desired amount of spin in a second serve by listening closely to the sounds of balls hit with varying amounts of spin. Further, listening to the sound of the ball when volleying can improve both volley footwork and racket work. When a volley is met squarely at just the right moment, the action produces a wonderfully memorable sound. Practice this and the habit will increase the number of balls hit in the center of your racket.

Feeling: When I was 12 years old, I heard my mentor say of my doubles partner, "He really knows where his racket head is." I didn't know what he meant, but I intuited its importance and never forgot the remark. Very few players understand the importance of concentrating attention

on the feel of the racket as they are holding it.

There are two things that a player must know on every shot:

1. Where the ball is.
2. Where his racket is.

If he loses contact with either of these he is in trouble. Most players have learned to put visual attention on the ball, but many have only the vaguest notion about where their racket head is most of the time. The critical time to know the position of the racket is when it is behind you, and this requires concentration through the sense of feel.

On the forehand, your hand is about 18 inches from the center of your racket. This means that even a tiny change in the angle of your wrist can produce a significant difference in the position of the center of the racket. Similarly, the slightest change in the angle of the face of the racket can have a substantial effect on the trajectory of the ball.

Hence, to achieve consistency and accuracy, you must become extraordinarily sensitive to "feel." You should spend some time merely feeling the exact path of your racket on your back swing. Also become sensitive to how the handle feels in your hand and increase your awareness of muscle feel.

See you on the courts!



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

Wow! Time sure does fly. It seems like we just started our regular dance year

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and here we are preparing for our end-of-dance-year party. This is the time we bid a "see you soon" to our snowbirds and summer travelers. The rest of us keep on dancing, of course. You can't keep a Sidekick down.

We've had a wonderful dance year. The club is growing by leaps and bounds, and we were just one couple short of the century mark this year. We also added another class for brand new beginners in February. They're coming along nicely; having learned five new dances already, and will be able to join our regular beginners soon. Speaking of our regular beginners, they have mastered 14 dances so far, and our intermediates are continuing to review their catalog of dances and learning some new ones.

As always, the Sidekicks are all about having fun. Dance, laugh, have a good time and help each other. That's the Sidekicks spirit.

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**Monday Bowling League**  
By Bob Lingis

After 28 weeks of bowling ending Monday, April 4, it looks like Team #5 Strikers, are still in first place. Team #19 Invalids are in second place and Team #8 High Hopes are in third place.

This week's high scores:

**Men**

**High Game Scratch**

234-Darryl Kenyon; 233 -Billy Boone; 218-Bob Vitale.

**High Series Scratch**

613-Bob Vitale; 611-Billy Boone; 608-Darryl Kenyon.

**Women**

**High Games Scratch**

236-Debby Wilson; 235-Sandy Fleck; 192-Judy Shuster.

**High Series Scratch**

632-Debby Wilson; 543-Sandy Fleck; 506-Linda McIntyre.

Season to-date achievements:

**Men**

**High Average**

191-Billy Boone; 185-Bob Vitale; 181-Dennis Turnipseed.

**High Game Scratch**

269-Dennis Turnipseed; 267-Darryl Kenyon; 267-Jerry Roney.

**High Series Scratch**  
674-Dennis Turnipseed; 673-Billy Boone; 648-Jim Shepherd.

**High Game Handicap**

304-Jerry Roney; 294-Darryl Kenyon; 288-Dennis Turnipseed.

**High Series Handicap**

756-Jerry Roney; 737-Roy Turner; 731-Dennis Turnipseed.

**Women**

**High Average**

179-Debby Wilson; 163-Carol Oman; 162-Linda McIntyre.

**High Game Scratch**

265-Debby Wilson; 235-Carol Oman; 235-Sandy Fleck.

**High Series Scratch**

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

**High Game Handicap**

301-Sandy Fleck; 279-Barbara Lingis; 273-Joyce Machor.

**High Series Handicap**

741-Sandy Fleck; 737-Joyce Machor; 693-Peggy Dengler.

**Teams**

**High Game Scratch**

785-Here 4 The Beer; 742-Alley Cats; 720-King Pins.

**High Series Scratch**

2159-Go Getters; 2033 -Invalids; 1920-The Four.

**High Game Handicap**

920 -OSIMA; 917-Four Balls & 2 Bags; 913-High Hopes.

**High Series Handicap**

2559-Should'A Beens; 2522-Strikers; 2503-Spare Me Not's.

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**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole**

By Bev Overbo

Spring is such a busy time! During the second week of March, while another successful Ocala Open was taking place, our league played a Red, White and Blue tournament with the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole league.

On Thursday, March 24, we hosted the Mid State Tournament at Candler Hills. As always, our members volunteered their time and talents, contributed breakfast items, and extended our hospitality to a field of 80 women! We performed well, earning a total of 120 points. The results give testament to our success! Thanks to all who assisted in staging this tournament, including members of the nine-hole league, our rangers, bag handlers, Golf

Shop staff, and our pros, especially Denise Mullen.

During April, our league participated in the Solheim Cup, determined to reclaim the cup from the On Top of the World! Our league championship took place during the last two Thursdays of the month. The results of both events will be reported in next month's column.

Mark your calendar! The final Mid State Tournament of the season is on Tuesday, May 17 at Ocala Palms (results from April's Mid State Tournament at Inverness will be reported in next month's column).

Thursday, May 12, following golf, is our final luncheon of the year – not only our awards ceremony, but also our election of a new board.

Finally, we welcome our newest member – Beth Wolinsky!

**Red, White and Blue/Two Best Balls March 15**

74-Gretchen Normandin, Harriet

Hawkins, Heddy Racinowski, Angie Jingco. Tie at 78-Susan Rhodes, Judy McGrath, Carol Johnson; and, Beverly Ovrebø, Mary Driver, Betty Werner, Fran Griswold. 80-Lynn Dickson, May Chin, Kate Beaty, Molly Lucieer. Tie at 81-Peggy Borro, Janet Juhlin, Linda Buschur, Kathy Smyth; Iro Lisinski, Linda Blewitt, Dawn Hagberg, Piper Thomas; and, Deborah Martin, Connie Norris, Debby Wilson, Pamela Monk. 82-Margaret Hudacik, Nancy Nicholas, Jeanie A. Gallo, Shirley Smagner.

**Mid State Tournament March 24**

Flight 1 Low Gross: 74-Deb Martin. Flight 1 Low Net: 64-Connie Norris. 65-Jeanie Gallo. Tie at 67-Su Freeman, Bev Ovrebø. 68-Sara Nunn. Flight 2 Low Net: 70-Susan Rhodes. 73-Sharon Bartholomew. Flight 3 Low Gross: 88-Angie Jingco. Flight 3 Low Net: 67-Lynne Thesman. 71-Diane O'Brien. Flight 4 Low Gross: 91-Piper Thomas. Flight 4 Low Net: 69-Carol Clark.

Flight 5 Low Gross: 96-Gail Schultz. Flight 5 Low Net: 65-Betty Werner. 68-Heddy Racinowski. 71-Ilyong Dicus. 72-Laurel Rohrer.

**Even Holes / Low Net March 31**

Flight 1: 34-Bev Ovrebø. Tie at 39-Donna Smith, Connie Norris. Flight 2: 29-Kate Beaty. 34-Betty Dong. Flight 3: 36-Kathy Smyth. 37-Linda Buschur. Flight 4: 33-Lorie Anderson. 35-Ilyong Dicus.

**Solheim Cup Practice April 7**

Tie at Both 9 Hole Matches-Linda Buschur, Betty Werner; Angie Jingco, Piper Thomas; and, Connie Norris, Su Freeman. Tie at One 9 Hole Match-Paula Lilly, Kate Beaty; Betty Dong, Toni Stevenson; Donna Smith, Gail Banavage; Sara Nunn, Pamela Monk; Bev Ovrebø, Iro Lisinski; and, Judie Anderson, Judy McGrath.



**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

By Joe Alfano

A few years back, I mentioned in this column that one of our members came up with an inventive way to solve the pace of play problem we were sometimes experiencing on league day. Should that suggestion have slipped your mind, please allow me to refresh your memory.

Said member, who will continue to remain anonymous, proposed that each foursome simply keep in contact with the group in back of them and that would alleviate one or two hole gaps between groups that sometimes occur during the course of play. Needless to say, this stratagem of reverse psychology never did take hold. Considering that we sometimes still encounter pace of play problems, I'm all for revisiting the suggestion.

The month of May will bring us an-

other encounter with the Stone Creek Men's Club as we both battle for possession of the Veterans Cup and the bragging rights that come with it. These Ryder Cup type matches will again benefit Veterans Helping Veterans. Both clubs are looking forward to the competition, sportsmanship and comradeship with a sprinkling of harmless chicanery thrown in for good measure.

The association welcomes newest members Mike Wathen and Terry Sigler to our dapper and dandy bunch of gentlemen golfers. Rest assured gentlemen that although we have a panoply of interests, golf is always at the top of the list on league day. Of course, that doesn't mean that we are adverse to all kinds of innocent sketchery with a sampling of wry and sardonic humor thrown in for good measure. Should anyone else be interested in playing in such an environment, please contact me at tjalf@otowhomes.com for more information.

Someone once suggested, "When your golf is at its worst, do the opposite of what you think you should be doing." Having

no need for such advice this past month was Jon Hill (72), Rick Hiel (73), Walt Pacuk, Jim Andrews and Larry Smallwood (74), Bill Anger (75), Terry Sigler (76), Dave Miller, Chris Jett, Jay List and Julian Hobby (77), Al Wassmer and Paul Rubly (78) and Larry Rackstraw, Ron Fulton, Jim McGrath, Bruce Venslavsky and Tony Bruno (79). That was a good bit of stuff this past month lads!

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

**Four-Man Modified Stableford March 22**

277-Larry Kettlewell, Joe Jingco, Stan Jarmel & Don Zimmer; Tie at 280-Garry Gerlach, Ken Zweiback, Paul Siliman & Ed Pozsony and Mike Deahl, Dennis McCourt, John Podkomorski & Bob Cowie; 285-Walt Pacuk, Larry Garvin, Chris Lyndrup & Dave Green.

**Individual Stableford March 29**

Jerry Flight: 46-Jon Hill; Tie at 44-Walt Pacuk & Larry Smallwood; 42-Terry Sigler. Elaine Flight: 46-Tony Bruno; 44-Dave

Miller; Tie at 42-Ron Fulton & Joe Alfano.

George Flight: 43-Rick Hiel; 42-Dan Gill; 41-Rick Lilly; 39-Chris Lyndrup. Kramer Flight: 44-Dan O'Brien; 42-Marvin Brooks; 40-Rich Freeman; Tie at 39-Jim Harvey & John Podkomorski.

**Four-Man Worst Drive Scramble April 5**

64-Walt Pacuk, Rick Hiel, Mark Monk & Dave Miller; 66-Paul Rubly, Joe Alfano, Rich Freeman & Leo McCormick; 67-Steve Thesman, Ron Fulton, Ed Viloria & Randy Ford; 68-Larry Rackstraw, Dwight Johnson, Dale Budd & John Workman; 69-Joe Schubert, Dennis McCourt, Dave Schultz & Ed Pozsony.

**Four-Man Three Best Balls April 12**

172-Larry Kettlewell, Ed Pozsony, Rick Hiel & Joe Jingco; 181-Jim Andrews, Bruce Venslavsky, Chris Lyndrup & Bob Cowie; 183-Craig Riber, Bryant Giffin, Jim McGrath & John Workman; 184-Al Wassmer, Keith Nesbit, Tim Beaty & Marvin Brooks; 185-Chris Jett, Dennis McCourt, Andy Bulloch & Don Huston.



**Men's Golf Association**

By Tom Cummings

What a fabulous spring it has been! With the weather and the great people who play in the MGA, it has been so much fun. By the time this is published the annual Ryder Cup will have happened. That is always fun and exciting event. Thanks to everyone who make all of our events happen.

Even with the great weather and fun friends, my golf game is not a bit better. I've tried lessons (heck I cannot make the same swing twice with a teacher there with me, much less after I leave), golf books, and reading about focus and relaxation while golfing. Nothing is working for me. The reading only confuses me more.

- Visualize your shot.
- Make sure you have a slow smooth back swing.
- Keep your head still.
- Keep your left elbow tucked in close to your body.
- Check your alignment.
- Bend your knees slightly.
- Watch the club hit the ball.
- Do not stand too far from the ball.

With all that to think about, I just close my eyes and yank at the ball (wishing and hoping for good contact and direction). If anyone has a well-focused brain and good coordination to loan me, you know how to reach me!

**Scramble March 2**

63-Joe Bolonga, Larry Rourke, Jerry Ashe, Loren Magsam; 64(tie) James Merrick, Paul East, John Hudacik, Harold Barnaby; Ralph Solvold, Tom Fragapane, John Toner, Art Frescura

**Four Man Three Best March 9**

184-Andy Bullock, Jack Hegarty, Bob Moravrc; Tie at 189-Larry Manion, Paul Wade, Art Frescura; Carl Singleton, Gene Robinson, Bob Egger; 190-Wally Schilf, Larry Rourke, Steven Rice, Joe Polizzotti

**Individual Net March 16**

Flight 1: 65-Rick Ciletti; Tie at 66-Al Wassmer, John Langville; 67-Jon Hill. Flight 2: 61-Jay Bouton; 62-Dennis Brown; 65-Jim Weaver; Tie at 69-Tom McHaffie, Larry Manion. Flight 3: Tie at 63-Dave Hannasch, John Spielvogel; Tie at 67-Guy Russel, Charlie Casale, Bon Meyer. Flight 4: Tie at 65-Armando Pena, Bill Engels; 66-Tom Cummings; 67-Tony Magri. Flight 5: 62-Jack Hegarty; 64-Norm

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**Individual Quota Points March 30**

Flight 1: 12-Terry Hoppes; 9-Gary Singleton; 7-Dennis McCort; 6-Joe Wilks. Flight 2: 10-Jay Bouton; 6-Ken Zweiback; 4-Ed Schwinn; Tie at 3-Joe Bolonga, Jim Weaver. Flight 3: Tie at 7-Dale Budd, Bill Wertz; Tie at 5-Richard Freeman, Paul East.

Flight 4: 9-Jerry Ashe; 8-Dennis Pope; Tie at 7-Norm Lallier, Len Ruble. Flight 5: 12-Keith Buckhold; 11-Barry Barringer; Tie at 9-Tony Magri, Jack Singer.

**Scramble April 6**

Tie at 61-John Langville, Mike Driver, Jerry Ashe, Jack Martin; Dan Carty, Paul Wade, Ron Madison, Pete Peterson.

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**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

By Susan Rhodes

Congratulations to the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association for winning the Solheim Cup. It was a very close match with Candler Hills getting 26-1/2 points and On Top of the World 25-1/2 points.

The annual awards banquet was held Wednesday, April 13 at Stone Creek Grille with 38 league members attending. Participants were pleased with both the quality of the food and the excellent service. We both recognized league members for their golf and marked the changing of the guard. Many thanks to the luncheon committee members: Connie Sohl, Bev Ovrebø, May Chin, Johanna Forceno, Sandy DeChambeau, Debby Wilson and Bobbie Wiener.

Congratulations to our 2016 league champion, Deborah Martin. This is Deborah's fourth consecutive year as champion! Also honored at our awards banquet were the gross winners for each flight. Congratulations also to our most improved player, Renee Aden, who reduced her handicap index from 27.2 to 22.8 over the course of the year.

Also honored were the "ringer" winners in each flight on each course. The ringer score represents a player's lowest gross score on each hole over the season.

Birdie pins were given to the 30 members. Those with the most birdies over the season were Gail LaGrange (11), Deborah Martin (14), and Beverly Ovrebø (17).

At the banquet, Nancy Zielinski, outgoing president, thanked the board and members for the support during her term in office, and then passed the gavel to incoming President Deborah Martin. Deborah Martin, in turn, presented Nancy with a gift from the members. Thank you Nancy for your service!

**Red, White & Blue Team Net, Two Best Balls**  
**March 15/Links**

74-Gretchen Normandin, Harriet

Hawkins, Heddy Racinowski, Angie Jingco. Tie at 78-Susan Rhodes, Judy McGrath, Carol Johnson; Beverly Ovrebø, Mary Driver, Betty Werner, Fran Griswold. 80-Lynne Dickson, May Chin, Kate Beaty, Molly Lucieir. Tie at 81-Peggy Borro, Janet Juhlin, Linda Buschur, Kathy Smyth; Iro Lisinski, Linda Blewitt, Dawn Hagberg, Piper Thomas; Deborah Martin, Connie Norris, Debby Wilson, Pamela Monk. 82-Margaret Hudacik, Nancy Nicholas, Jeannie A. Gallo, Shirley Smagner.

**League Championship**  
**March 22/Tortoise & The Hare**  
**March 29/Links**

Champion: 154-Deborah Martin.  
Flight 1 Gross: 163-Gretchen Normandin. 179-Nancy Zielinski.  
Flight 1 Net: Tie at 137-Lynne Dickson, Beverly Ovrebø.  
Flight 2 Gross: 178-Harriet Hawkins. 187-Rosemarie O'Neill.  
Flight 2 Net: Tie at 139-Linda Blewitt, Sandy Chase.  
Flight 3 Gross: 187-Debby Wilson. 190-Mary Driver.  
Flight 3 Net: 139-Susan Rhodes. 146-Linda Bervinkle.  
Flight 4 Gross: 196-Milly Lucieir. 207-Dawn Hagberg.  
Flight 4 Net: 137-Joan Cecchini. 145-Carol Johnson.

**Color Wars**  
**April 5/Links**

Blue Team 7-1/2: 2-Gretchen Normandin & Gail LaGrange; Joan Cecchini & Lynne Dickson; Debby Wilson & Johanna Forceno. 1-Dawn Hagberg & Geri Treppa. 1/2-Joan D'Addio & Molly Lucieir.  
Red Team 6-1/2: 2-Connie Sohl & Margaret Hudacik; Nancy Zielinski & Christine McIntire. 1-1/2-Sandy Chase & Rosemarie O'Neil. 1-Iro Lisinski & Beverly Ovrebø.

**2015-2016 Ringers**  
**Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: 66-Deborah Martin. 71-Lynne Dickson. 72-Beverly Ovrebø.  
Flight 2: 74-Rose O'Neil. Tie at 77-Sandy Chase, Harriet Hawkins, Susan Rhodes.  
Flight 3: 77-Debby Wilson. 87-Mary Lyon. Tie at 88-Dawn Hagberg, Joyce Jones.



Photo by May Chin

**Linda Bervinkle (left) displays most improved player plaque awarded to Renee Aden. Deborah Martin (right) displays league championship trophy presented by Mary Lyon.**

Flight 4: 85-Angelita Pena. Tie at 89-Carolyn Cummings.

**Links**

Flight 1: 66-Gail LaGrange. 70-Deborah Martin. Tie at 71-Nancy Zielinski, Joan D'Addio.

Flight 2: 75-Rosemarie O'Neil. Tie at 79-Sandy Chase, Maggie Hudacik, Susan Rhodes.

Flight 3: 76-Debby Wilson. 81-Dawn Hagberg. 84-Sue Watters.  
Flight 4: 84-Angelita Pena. 86-Carolyn Johnson. 87-Carolyn Cummings.



**Bocce**

By Michelle Malsch

This is how we roll! The Bocce Club board members will meet to finalize preparations for the annual Bocce Club banquet to be held on Friday, May 6, at 4 p.m. at Sweet Potatoes Restaurant in the Canopy Oak (Publix) Center. Catering will be by Gruff's Elite Banquet and Catering of Dunnellon who also operate Sweet Potatoes Restaurant. 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. A 50/50 raffle as well as a door prize drawing will be held.

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, please contact Joe Bartosh at (608) 553-1602. Sixteen players are needed to start this league; we have 12 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!

League players are available to teach you how to play the game every Wednesday. This will continue as long as interest warrants.

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

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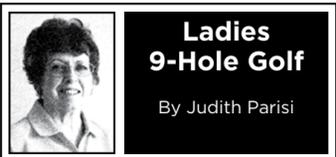
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**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

By Judith Parisi

The On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole knocked it out of the park with their Fairways in Bloom Invitational that was held Tuesday, April 5. Thank you to Mervyn Paz and Charmaine Hassett for chairing this event and to all the committee chairs and volunteers who put the event together. It began with registration in the Recreation Center Ballroom where a light continental breakfast was available.

The ladies played one of two loops on the Tortoise & The Hare. Comments in my foursome included that the course was in great shape. Following play we gathered in the Recreation Center Ballroom where the tables were festively arrayed with a centerpiece containing an array of brightly colored golf balls and sprigs of flowers on a handcrafted placemat. Each participant received a white golf towel embroidered with "Fairways in Bloom."

Gourmet Affair provided the lunch. Topping off the lunch was a delicious bread pudding that broke the resolve of many to resist dessert.

Following lunch the array of baskets were raffled, and the 50/50 ticket winners drawn.

We invite you to visit our website at otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com for pictures.

**Team Gross - Charity Event March 15**

41-Susane Trembulak, Judy Parisi, Barbara Enos, Eve Harvey; 46-Linda Mandala, Barbara Cribbs, Louise Lineman, Mary Klinzing; 46-Kay Budd, Carol Bell, Marcie Hock, Lora Rossi; 48-Eileen Gustavus, Mary Ann McCourt, Teresa Wilks, Susan Wilks; 48-Kathy Hall, Dee Howie, Patricia Howd, Mary Harvey

**Trifecta March 22**

16-Eileen Gustavus, Carol Bell, Louise Lineman; 15-Kay Budd, Mary Harvey; 13-Barbara Cribbs, Myra Noel, Jean Flynn; 13-Susy Trembulak, Kathy Hall, Carolyn Abramovich.

**Animal Golf March 29**

Hole 1: Susy Trembulak-\$1.50; Karen Piccolo-\$1.50; Virginia Bayless-\$4; Mervyn Paz-\$1.

Hole 2: Lorraine Rourke-\$1; Myra Noel-\$3.50; Dianne Robinson-\$2, Dee Howie-\$1.50.

Hole 3: Connie Deignan-\$1.50; Pat Gill-\$1.50; Joyce Smith-\$1; Lydia Flinchbaugh-\$4.

Hole 4-Jane Wilson-\$1.50; Kathy Hall-\$4; Betty Jo Dent-\$1.50, Maryann Polizzoti-\$1.

Hole 5: Barbara Enos-\$2.50; Teresa Wilks-\$1.50; Cathleen Hathaway-\$3; Marcie Hock-\$1.

Hole 6: Judy Parisi-\$3.25; Lora Rossi-\$2.25; Mary Vliek-\$1.25; Joan Loureiro-\$1.25.

Hole 7: Susan Wilks-\$1.50; Mary Harvey-\$1.50; Mary Ann McCourt-\$3.50; Pauline Beloin-\$1.50;

Hole 8: Louise Lineman-\$3; Mary Hart-\$1.50; Patricia Howd-\$2; Ann Hetzel-\$1.50.

Hole 9: Linda Heenan-\$1; Charmaine Hassett-\$2; Diane Barnaby-\$4; Eve Harvey-\$1.

**Fairways in Bloom April 5 / Tortoise & The Hare**

Front 9: 33-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Connie Haas, Marlene Floeckher, Olive Curtin; 34-Barbara Enos, Teresa Wilks, Myra Noel, Linda Langley; 34-Betty Jo Dent, Myra Bennett, Janet LoBianco, Julie Crudele; 35-Virginia Bayless, Mary Kay Boich, Mary Ann McCourt, Joan Loureiro

Back 9: 33-Diane Barnaby, Carol Bell, Kathy O'Connell, Kathy Triolo; 34-Mary Harvey, Laverne Broward, Carol Deahl, Bette Johnson; 34-Kay Budd, Muriel Alsobrook, Mary Giannukos, Frankie Roberts; 35-Kathleen Dushary, Irene Rooney, Bev Benjamin, Patricia Howard.



**Shuffleboard**

By Grace Rohde

The 2016 Senior Games took place in The Villages, Fla. from March 11 to 16. Three On Top of the World shuffleboard players won medals.

In men's singles for each of their age groups, Paul Hodges won a gold medal, John Mataya won silver, and Darryl Kenyon won bronze. In doubles, Paul Hodges and Darryl Kenyon were partners and they won silver medals.

Paul Hodges had never played shuffleboard until he moved to On Top of the World and played in the fall of 2013. He said, "We are fortunate to have the best courts for playing shuffleboard in the area. This gives us an advantage in being able to try out and implement various strategies."

While at The Villages, Paul felt it was a great idea to put these strategies that were shared by the best players he played with at our courts to a test, to see if what worked here would work there. Paul mentioned that the games were very well organized, and everyone was very supportive.

John Mataya played shuffleboard for four years before he came to On Top of the World, and he has played here for 14 years. During this time, John competed in a number of Florida Senior Games, the Summer National Senior Games at Palo Alto, Calif. in 2009 and at Cleveland, Ohio in 2013. John said, "Shuffleboard next to walking is the best exercise a retired person 60-plus can do to have mental growth, physical activity, experience, social interaction, new friends and continued life."

Darryl Kenyon first played shuffleboard at On Top of the World in January



Photo by Armann Rohde

**Paul Hodges, John Mataya, and Darryl Kenyon were medal winners at the Senior Games in The Villages, Fla.**

2014 and has been playing ever since. He said that he loves to play in tournaments as "it makes him a better player. Win or lose, it's great fun." Darryl added that any shuffleboard player here should give another competition a try as it is a lot of fun and you get to meet some great people

With their wins at The Villages Senior Games, Paul, John, and Darryl, are now eligible to compete at the Florida State championship in Clearwater. These games will be held Dec. 3 to 11. Those who qualify in Clearwater, then would be eligible to play at the National Senior Games in Birmingham, Ala., June 2 to 17, 2017. This event is expected to bring over 12,000 qualified athletes, both men and women, age 50 and over.

The winners for March in league play were as follows:

**Men**

Monday a.m.: Henry Vieu.  
Tuesday p.m.: Rick Vogel.  
Wednesday p.m.: Paul McIntyre.  
Thursday a.m.: John Basch, Phil Crump, Bob Schuck, and Jess Taylor.  
Friday a.m.: Jim Youngman and Roger Werner.

**Women**

Monday a.m.: Nancy Dreimiller.  
Tuesday p.m.: Paula Magen.  
Wednesday a.m.: Lois Nix.  
Wednesday p.m.: Linda McIntyre.  
Thursday a.m.: Jane Boyer.  
Friday a.m.: Nancy Kowsky.

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Wednesday a.m.: Lois Nix, Marilyn Herrick, Barbara Stickle, Cindy Richhart, and Diane Carlton.

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**Larry's Fit Tips**  
By Larry Robinson  
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As the summer approaches, we say hello to warmer temperatures and bid farewell to the pollen (thank goodness!). As we all know, Florida summers are never short of heat and humidity. The rise in temperature and humidity can raise some serious safety concerns.

Avoid heat illness by staying hydrated and protected from the sun. Keep active but stay safe by participating in outdoor activities when temperatures are cooler, either earlier or later in the day. You can always take your workout to the fitness center where it's nice and cool!

When you do find yourself outside during these hot summer months, don't forget your water and sunscreen. This column celebrates 25 fun facts about human beings, enjoy.

1. A human being loses an average of 40 to 100 strands of hair a day.
2. A sneeze can exceed the speed of 100 miles per hour.
3. An average human drinks about 16,000 gallons of water in a lifetime.
4. An average human scalp has 100,000 hairs.
5. An individual blood cell takes about 60 seconds to make a complete circuit of the body.
6. Babies are born with 300 bones, but by adulthood we have only 206 in our bodies.
7. By age 60, most people have lost half of their taste buds.
8. By the time you turn 70, your heart will have beat some two-and-a-half billion times (figuring on an average of 70 beats per minute.)
9. Each square inch of human skin consists of twenty feet of blood vessels.
10. Fingernails grow faster than toenails.
11. Fingerprints serve a function - they provide traction for the fingers to grasp things.
12. Humans shed about 600,000 par-

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9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*	Shallow Water Aerobics*	Deep Water Aerobics*	
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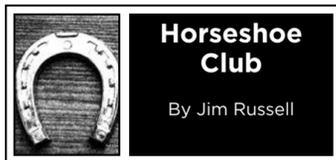
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13. It takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown.
14. Jaw muscles can provide about 200 pounds of force to bring the back teeth together for chewing.
15. Laughing lowers levels of stress hormones and strengthens the immune system. Six-year-olds laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day.
16. On average women say 7,000

17. The average human body contains enough iron to make a three-inch nail, sulfur to kill all fleas on an average dog, carbon to make 900 pencils, potassium to fire a toy cannon, fat to make seven bars of soap, phosphorous to make 2,200 match heads, and water to fill a 10-gallon tank.
18. The body's largest internal organ is the small intestine at an average length of 20 feet.
19. The brain is soft and gelatinous - its consistency is something between

20. The feet account for one quarter of all the human body's bones.
21. The human body has over 600 muscles, 40 percent of the body's weight.
22. The largest human organ is the skin, with a surface area of about 25 square feet.
23. The sound of a snore (up to 69 decibels) can be almost as loud as the noise of a pneumatic drill.
24. There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body.
25. The left lung is smaller than the right lung to make room for the heart.



**Horseshoe Club**  
By Jim Russell

In the April column, we discussed the first "world championship" of horseshoe pitching in 1909. In those days, there were no regulations as to the size or weight of the shoes. Competitors had shoes made by a blacksmith in ways that suited

their throwing style which might give them an advantage over the competition.

It was not until May 16, 1914 that the first ruling body was established in Kansas City, Kansas. A constitution, by-laws and rules were adopted and officers elected and this new organization was known as the Grand League of the American Horseshoe Pitchers Association.

Rules were adopted to increase the height of the stakes to eight inches, establish a minimum weight of two pounds and maximum weight of two pounds, two ounces for the shoes. Scoring was changed so that ringers counted five points, leaners three points and one point for shoes within six inches of the stake.

On Feb. 26, 1919, the National League of Horseshoe and Quoit Pitchers was organized at the National Tournament in St. Petersburg, Fla. and additional rule changes were implemented. The distance between stakes was changed from 38 feet to 40 feet (the distance used today). Stakes were to be three-quarter inch in diameter and lean one inch toward the other stake.

In 1920, more changes were made which increased the height of the stake to 10 inches, increased the stake diameter to one inch and changed the scoring so that ringers counted three points, within six inches (including leaners) counted one point. Games were played to 50 points in-

stead of 21 points.

In 1923, the stake lean was increased to three inches. Around 1940, the stake height was raised to 12 inches and in 1950, the final stake height change dictated the stake be between 14 and 15 inches high. The last major rules change occurred effective Jan. 1, 1982 establishing 40 points for an official game.

We'll conclude our review of the history of horseshoes in the June column.

Our travel league team has concluded the 2016 season and finished fourth in the Tri-County Horseshoe League - North Division. As is the case every year, competition is extremely well balanced and any of the teams in this division has a good chance of taking home the title. Only a few ringers separated the first place team from our team. We'll get them next year!

As of Tuesday, April 12, we are half way through the spring league championship play. Rather than give the week-by-week results, we'll tell you who is leading the pack at the midway point.

1: Henry Vieu (8 wins/1 loss); 2: Jim Russell (7 wins/1 loss); 3: Ed Lalonde (8 wins/3 losses).

With only seven more weeks before our summer break, things are heating up at the horseshoe pits every Tuesday at 9 a.m.



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**Fitness Happenings**  
By Cammy Dennis

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May is the host month for National Senior Health & Fitness Day, and the Recreation Center is eager to participate! National Senior Health & Wellness Day will be celebrated nationwide on Wednesday, May 25. We will participate by hosting special classes all morning and furnishing important health and wellness information. The special classes are free for residents and Gateway of Services pass holders, no reservation is required. Here is the class schedule for this day:

- 8 a.m.: "A Minute to Win It" (interval circuit training).
- 9 a.m.: "Lose the Shoes" (barefoot workout for balance and strength).
- 10 a.m.: "Boomer Beat" (drumming exercise).
- 10:45 a.m.: "Sports and Strength (S.A.S.)" (cardio and strength training).
- 11:45 a.m.: "Mindful Moves" (seated exercise class that also trains the brain).

Last month we enthusiastically opened the new Power Park at 8995 SW 90th Street (across from the dog park). The Power Park allows you to take your exercise outdoors! The equipment at the park feels more like fun than fitness, and this adult power-playground provides all the same benefits you can get in the gym. You will find exercises to improve strength, cardiovascular health, flexibility and even balance.

The fitness team was on hand to provide instruction and orientation to the new equipment, and the residents who came out to try it just loved it. We realize that many of you missed the orientation so we will be back! Join us on Tuesday, May 3, from 8 to 10 a.m. for your introduction to the new Power Park.

Water walking will be back at the Arbor Club next month! Water Walking is free and will be offered every Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. in the outdoor Arbor Club pool. Water walking starts in June and will run through August. Grab your buddy and head to the pool for some fitness fun under the sun.

The Recreation Fitness Center is going green! Beginning in June, we will no

## FITNESS SCHEDULE

May 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	Posture Practicals Jessica	KBKB Han	Balance Barre & Tone Kris
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	Intro to Yoga Kathy	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		Yoga* Mary
10:00 AM Ballroom				Intro 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.

Please call 854-8707 Ext. 7534

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National Senior Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 25! Special group fitness classes 8 AM to 12:30 PM, Recreation Center!

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Welcome Mary! Yoga\* at the Arbor Club on Fridays at 9:15AM

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**R/C Car Club**

By Gail Baker

And what a day it was. It has been just a year since a few people got together, bought remote controlled (R/C) cars and started the R/C Car Club here at On Top Of the World. We celebrated in early April by hosting an open house inviting friends, neighbors and the general public to come and help us celebrate.

The big day started out cold and windy. But as it got warmer and the wind calmed down, people showed up and the celebration was on! The races on the oval track entertained everyone but the big hit was the new and challenging figure eight course. Cars were racing around the curves, fly-

ing over the jump, flipping, smashing and lining up to do it all again! Novice drivers were the hit of the day with "creative" shortcuts and wrong turns that kept the track marshals on their toes.

There was a grass track alongside the racing oval where visitors and newcomers could learn to drive and see what this addictive hobby is all about.

We had food. What could be better than grilled burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings? Yum!

Club member Bill Prichard was the lucky winner of the R/C buggy donated by New Red Hobbies of Ocala. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

All in all, it was a fun day with great camaraderie, wonderful food and lots of laughs. We are already planning to do it again!

If you missed the celebration but still want to learn more about the club, call Charlie Fisher at (352) 304-8730.



Photo by Charlie Fisher

R/C Car Club celebrates with an open house.



Photo by Judy Parisi

Participants the League Championship.



**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole**

By Judith Parisi

We had wonderful participation by our league membership in the annual League Championship on Thursday, March 31 and Thursday, April 7. It was exciting on day two as a group of players gathered at the 18th hole to observe the final few groups conclude play and cheer on the contenders. Coming in with a low gross of 94 was Eileen Gustavus who is our 2016 league champion. Great job Eileen, and congratulations on two days of fine play. Eileen will be recognized at our an-

nual league meeting on Thursday, April 28 and presented with a plaque. We will also recognize members who achieved birdies and chip-ins during the league year as well as our most improved player.

In addition, we will thank our outgoing Secretary Susan Pleinis, our outgoing Treasurer Angie Ward and our outgoing Invitational Chair Kathy Hall for their hard work over the past two years on behalf of the league. They will receive a small token of our appreciation.

The membership voted new board members: MaryAnn McCourt as treasurer, Susanne Trembulak as director of invitationals, and Renee Aden as director of the Nine Hole Golf Around, representing Candler Hills. Kathy Hall will be moving from the position of director of invitationals to secretary.

We're pleased to announce that Renee Aden and Nancy Dreimiller will be the delegates on behalf of our CHLGA-9 to the Nine Hole Ladies Golf Around League succeeding Judy Parisi and Susy Trembulak. They will be coordinating Candler Hills' hosting of the Nine Hole Ladies Golf Around Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 27, as well as the monthly Golf Around Tournaments at other host clubs.

Changes to the by-laws were voted upon, and members were able to sign up for various committee assignments.

We want to extend a hearty welcome to the new board members and thank the retiring, and continuing members for their work on behalf of our league. We also want to thank our LPGA Golf Professional Denise Mullen who provides us essential direction and guidance throughout the league year. It is only through the active and enthusiastic support by Denise, the board, and all the volunteers that we are able to have such a vibrant league.

We invite everyone to visit our website at [chlga9.shutterstock.com](http://chlga9.shutterstock.com) to see pictures from the Championship and our annual meeting as well as other events. Anyone who is interested in joining the league should contact league Vice President Eve Harvey at [seharvey68@msn.com](mailto:seharvey68@msn.com).

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March 31 & April 7**

- Flight 1 Low Gross: 94-Eileen Gustavus (league champion).
- Flight 1 Low Net: 65-Pat Gill.
- Flight 2 Low Gross: 110-Carol Deahl.
- Flight 2 Low Net: 73-Mary Giannukos.
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**Square Dancing**

By Walter Lamp

On Saturday, April 2, we hosted the central Florida Beginner's Ball at the Recreation Center Ballroom. This was a chance for beginner square dance students to get an opportunity to dance with fellow students and club members. Whit Brown was the caller and only used calls that the students have learned.

We had club members and students from eight clubs: Ocala Twirlers, Ocala;

Orange Blossom Squares, The Villages; Clover Squares, Williston; Celebrity 55, Anthony; Fountain Squares, Summerfield; Citrus Squares, Dunnellon; Grand Squares, Gainesville; and, of course, the Circle Squares. All of the club members enjoyed dancing with our future club dancers.

On Sunday, April 3, we visited the Orange Blossom Squares in The Villages. As always, we received a warm welcome from the largest club in the area. We went down there to retrieve our banner and dance to the calling of Jack Lewis. We accomplished both of these goals and as always, had a fun time doing so.

This season ended on Tuesday, April 26. We had a cake and ice cream party for

the beginner class. They seemed to enjoy the gesture, along with the fun of learning square dancing.

A special thanks to Ron Libby, who took over the club when we needed a new caller. He is a real talented national caller, who is enjoyed by one and all. The Florida Round and Square Dance Convention will be held in Lakeland, Fla., on Friday, May 27, and Saturday, May 28. Some of Florida's best callers and dancers will be there to share in the action.

We had our annual club meeting on Thursday, March 31. The officers remained the same, except for the banner chairman: Walter Becker replaced Bob Lockwood. But the most important news to come out of that meeting is that we agreed to a new

arrangement, which would keep the club moving forward for the next season. Specific details will be forthcoming over the next few months.

We will be getting some new members from the current class. And, we are planning to start a new beginner class in the fall, so we may continue to add to our membership.

With so many new residents, we hope that you will think about signing up and getting on the square dance floor with us this fall. So, I will keep you informed over the summer on our upcoming schedule. But, in the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions on this subject, feel free to call me at (352) 854-9378 or Ellie Cyr at (352) 237-9938.



**Line Dancing**

By George Conklin

We are near the end of our winter dance class schedule. Combining the Tuesday newcomers and the four levels of dance classes, we have received instruction in over 60 dances; some are new and some are old favorites from years past. Several

have been taught to all levels so we can dance together. Sixty dances give us a lot to choose from when we pick music and dances at The Town Square. If it was just that easy.

When there is no live entertainment on The Town Square, the dance groups provide the music we want played. We all dance, line, pattern and ballroom to music, a certain tempo, a certain rhythm is best for each dance. Line dancers and pattern dancers repeat a fixed pattern unlike ballroom dancers where a new interpretation (lead and follow) of the music occurs

each time you dance.

We like to dance to music with a fixed repeating pattern. Sometimes the music we like best has "lumps" in it. The tempo is inconsistent or the composer, arranger adds a few bars of music here and there. The line dance choreographer adds a few steps called a "tag" or stops and restarts the dance sequence to accommodate these inconsistencies.

The pattern dancers depend on consistent tempo or just tough it out when the music has one of these spots. Selecting the music that all levels and groups can dance

to can be a challenge.

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.

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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

Dances have always been used to celebrate important events. Native Americans danced around the campfire after a successful hunt. Weddings have often featured group dances, such as the tarantella or hora, as well as dances between

the bride and her groom or father. Certain times of the year have called for dances; including the harvest dances and the traditional May Pole dance of May Day.

In our ballet classes, we dance each week to celebrate the fun we have exercising to beautiful music with like-minded people, who nevertheless have different levels of experience. Some of our dancers had never done ballet before joining us. Others danced briefly, but only when they were much younger. Some, including me, started dancing as mature adults. Others were well-trained and had even

performed in the past. It is a joy to teach dancers of differing abilities and to dance with everyone.

We offer six weekly classes, which are held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio adjacent to the indoor swimming pool. Two classes are designed for beginning dancers, or dancers who have not done ballet for a long time. These are held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, and Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. Our four 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 Satur-

days from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Julie Sines and I share the teaching of the classes and lead the classes at the barre and in combinations in the center of the studio. All of our classes are free, and we welcome new dancers at any time. We do suggest, however, that newcomers call in advance, so that we can recommend the class that might be best for you, and additionally, so that we can greet you and integrate you into the class. My telephone number is (352) 854-8589. Happy May Day, and happy dancing!



**Dancin' On the Top**

By Arlo Janssen

Our spring dance was held on Saturday, April 9, at the Recreation Center Ballroom. The theme was "A Neon Night," and it featured colorful lighting. The decorating committee worked very hard on the individual table decorations, and our band stand was a special show to view. The mu-

sic was by Solid Gold and provided excellent dancing and musical entertainment for our members and their guests. The food committee did a great job with a special display for this great night of dancing.

Our dance calendar for the remaining year has Automatic on Saturday, Sept. 24, with a "Tailgate Party" theme. Help us with getting the football season started with plenty of school colors, favorite team hats, and shirts for this event. The Starburst Band will provide the music on Saturday, Nov. 5, with a "Salute to Our Veterans" as part of the program. This will be a red, white, and blue patriotic event for our

dancers. The New Year's Eve event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31, and will feature Automatic. The Dancin' On the Top committee is working on the final 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 the Recreation Center Ballroom on alternate weeks. Also on Friday and Saturday, there is dancing outdoors at The Town Square.

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## The Bees Keep Giving

By Linda Lohr

The summer heat will be here soon. And the cool hive will be hummin' along!

If you are a new resident, perhaps you might wonder what our comfort kits comprise? Each child receives a quilt, pillow with case to match, or stuffed animal, and a tote bag in which to put these items and any personal items they might have. Sometimes children are taken from a home with no possessions, so this gives the child something to call their own. The comfort kits are donated to organizations for children, including Marion Children's Alliance, Kimberly's Cottage, Guardian Ad Litem and Head Start.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Art Studio from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

We are in need of cotton material suitable for young boys. If you no longer sew but have cotton fabric of this kind, please consider donating the material to the Sewing Bees. We will put it to good use!

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

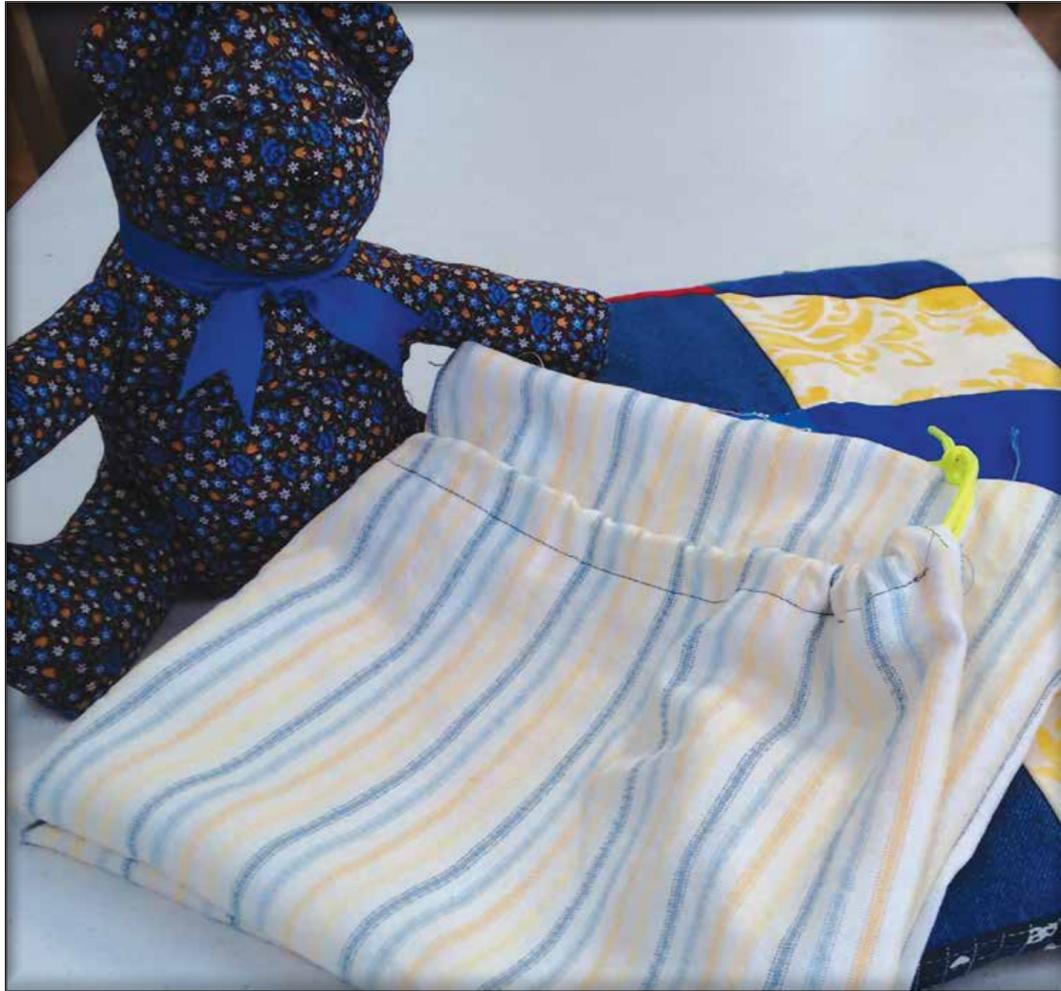


Photo by Linda Lohr

Comfort kits include a quilt, stuffed animal and tote bag.



Peace of Woodstock

## It's Show Time!

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Knock your socks off and get ready to rock out in the month of May at Circle Square Cultural Center. Please note that Arrival from Sweden the Music of ABBA on Friday, May 6 is sold out.

### Peace of Woodstock Saturday, May 14

Woodstock was a music festival, attracting an audience of 400,000 people, on a dairy farm in New York state from Aug. 15 to 18, 1969. Peace of Woodstock will bring that festival back to life with re-

corded hits by artists such as Janis Joplin, The Who, Santana, Jefferson Airplane, Joe Cocker and a host of other singers from that era.

Ticket Sales for the new entertainment line-up (August 2016 through July 2017) are now on sale. To purchase tickets, stop by the Circle Square Cultural Center ticket office at 8395 SW 80th Street or go online to [csculturalcenter.com](http://csculturalcenter.com).

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

## A Red Carpet Concert

By Patricia A. Woodbury

The Concert Chorus would like to thank all those who came and supported our spring concert, "Hooray for Hollywood," on Sunday, April 10. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did bringing it to you. There is nothing like performing for a large audience!

Thank you also for your generous donations. You may not realize, but all the songs we sing have a copyright and we have to purchase the sheet music. The music for any given song is not overly costly,

but since we need many copies even a single song is a moderate expense. So your generosity will enable us to sing new songs for your entertainment.

Our thanks also go to Director Audrey Strong and Jeremy Trout, our pianist, for their artistic talents, great effort, and support that helped to make our performance a success.

Officers of the board agreed to continue for another year with President David Wesenberg, Vice President Emery Bjerk-

man, Secretary Patricia Woodbury, Treasurer Linda Hein and Member-at-Large, Michele Bennett.

Our featured member this month is Iris E. Hoffert. Iris originally came from New York City. She got her master of arts degree in history and government from the C.W. Post College at Long Island University. She taught junior and senior high school students for 34 years in Levittown and Farmingdale, N.Y. She moved to On Top of the World in 2013. Iris has had no singing experience until joining this chorus. In her early years, she was introduced to music and always thought someday she would like to find that opportunity. Like some of us, Iris found her voice and ful-

filled her wish by joining the chorus. She has been warmly welcomed and accepted as a novice in the alto section. Way to go Iris!

This will be the last column for a few months, as the chorus takes a break over the summer. We will re-gather in late August to begin preparing for our annual Christmas concert. The Concert Chorus rehearsals are in the Arbor Club Ballroom every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to drop by and hear us in practice. In the meantime, if you think you would like to find your voice and join the chorus, please contact Emery Bjerkman, vice president, at (352) 873-9032 with any questions.



Photo by Bill Munroe

The Concert Chorus performed on Sunday, April 10, at their spring show entitled "Hooray for Hollywood."



**Theatre Group**

By Steve McDonald

After many rehearsals and much planning and preparation by our Directors Anne and Jim Merrick, our spring show was presented on Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24 and was well received by our residents. Our performers were very happy to entertain you and greatly appreciate the support of our community, advertisers, and On Top of the World staff and crews.

Please note again, that if you attended our show, some of our advertisers offered

incentives as part of their ads in our playbill and you may enjoy these benefits by presenting a copy of their ad during a visit to their business.

Our show, presented on the stage of the Recreation Center Ballroom, included a cash bar and light snacks on each table. Our show called "Under the Influence - The Last Cabaret" featured songs that Fanny Brice (Marilyn Bettinger), Julie Andrews (Donna Fisher), Colm Wilkinson (David Wesenberg), Mel Torme (Dick Phillips), and Ethel Merman (Audrey Strong) have sung. Lenny Price and Jean Baumgartner portrayed the owners of the club.

Anne and Jim Merrick directed the overall production and Audrey Strong, who also directs the Concert Chorus, was musical director and Jim Grapes was our

piano accompanist. We also appreciate the efforts of several other group members who served as stage hands, stage builders, props handlers, ticket sales persons, ad sales persons, ushers, etc. And, of course, we greatly appreciate all our advertisers.

Our Monday, April 11, general meeting provided us an update on our ongoing strategic plans, setting a date for our end of season membership party, completion of our election of board membership (President Dick Phillips; Vice President Gary Rodoff; Recording Secretary Conrad Massa; Treasurer Jim Merrick; Corresponding Secretary Carolle Connolly; and Members at Large Bree McDonald and Jean Baumgartner.

We also are pleased to announce that 13 of our members have volunteered to participate in the College of Central Flor-

ida nursing health sciences curriculum activities. After our meeting, we enjoyed some light refreshments and some more great entertainment performed by Anne, Jim, Jean, Dick, Marilyn, and Steve. We urge our fellow residents who have yet to experience our fun to try to make our final general meeting of our season, Monday, May 9. We meet on the second Monday of each month, September through May, at 7 p.m. at Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

In order to promote more community involvement, we would like anyone who wishes to be involved to submit an idea for a joke, skit, song, true-to-life special interest story, etc. and be willing to perform (or have us perform) your idea during the entertainment portion of our meetings. Your suggestions may be e-mailed to dick.phillips@reagan.com.



**Encore Collaborative Theatre**

By Judy Gill

Encore Collaborative Theatre Club is preparing their second original play presentation, a witty, quick-paced comedy. It is called "Dancing Beneath a Paper Sky"

and is written and directed by James J. Jenkins. The talented cast was chosen at our April auditions and will be featured in future columns along with developing information.

The production, with cabaret-style seating, will be performed Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 3 p.m. at our fabulous Circle Square Cultural Center.

Our group is welcoming aspiring singers for this production and assistance for

props, artwork, ticket sales and/or general camaraderie! Vocal auditions will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. (contact information below for more details).

All are welcome to investigate the fun and challenge of live theatre with Encore before joining. Should you then decide to be part of our family, annual dues are \$10.

Committee meetings have been set for the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The new schedule begins Tuesday, June 21. See for yourself, at the June Encore

meeting, and enjoy the planning stages of this exciting production with an innovative and fun group of thespians and singers.

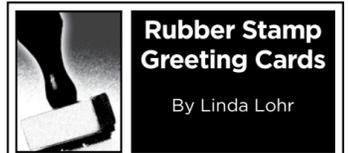
Judy and Terry Gill are the contacts for Encore Collaborative Theatre Group and can be reached at (352) 509-4033 or thecruisejenie@aol.com.

Whether years of theatre experience, or none at all; only desire and enthusiasm is needed. Come for the fun of live theater!



Photo by Cathy Lewandowski

Three all occasion cards presented by Cathy Lewandowski.



By Linda Lohr

Our presenter for Thursday, April 7 was Cathy Lewandowski. The "hello" card featured a unique cut out area; the "thinking of you" card featured embossed pieces of different lengths; the "happy birthday" card introduced a woven technique. All the cards could be remade for different occasions as needed - endless possibilities! We thank Cathy for offering us those cards and everyone enjoyed them.

Anyone can be a presenter - and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship, socializing and helping each other plays a big part of the club!

Our group is open to all crafters, beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group usually meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, unless the demonstrator requests other arrangements. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, please call at Kathy at (352) 237-6439. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!

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**Opera**

By Bernie Kelly

We will close our year with one of the most popular operas of the repertory, "Carmen" by Georges Bizet. "Carmen" was staged in 1875 in Paris, but the audience did not warm up to it immediately. It was moved to Vienna and was an immediate hit.

George Bizet was born on Oct. 25, 1838, to parents who were gifted musicians. His father was a voice teacher and his mother was an accomplished pianist. George showed musical talent and was admitted to the Conservatoire just before

his 11th birthday.

As a student at the Conservatoire, he would often have Gounod or Fromental Halévy, two distinguished composers, impart their wisdom rather than the regular teachers. Bizet showed considerable talent on the piano and was praised by Liszt, himself, later in life.

One of the compositions he is known for today is "Symphony in C Major." He completed the work at the age of 17, but it was in 1935 that the composition, which was lost, was found and performed.

By the time Bizet was 30, he had little success since his youth. In 1872, he composed the opera, "Djamileh," which was very poorly cast and, therefore, had a very short run. He did write incidental music for the play "L'Arlesienne." It failed dismally in the theater but, separated from

the play, took on a life of its own and is still often played at symphonic concerts.

Even though "Djamileh" had been a failure, the director of the Opéra Comique commissioned a new opera from Bizet. To help make it successful, he hired two writers who had been working with Offenbach on his operettas.

Bizet, however, chose "Carmen," which was a naturalistic novella that was not operetta material. The librettists revised the work of Mérimée, so that it was much different from the original story. They invented the character, Micaela and eliminated Carmen's husband. Escamillo the matador is a much-glamorized role from that of a picador in the novella. Bizet was active in the development of the libretto. His contribution was the lyrics of the Habanera. "Carmen" finally received its premier

on March 3, 1875. It had a mixed reception from the public. By June 3rd, the public began to make "Carmen" the popular work that it is today.

We are going to see the 1984 movie with Plácido Domingo singing the role of Don José and Julia Migenes singing Carmen. It is not a stage presentation on film but a movie with the outdoor scenes giving the audience the Spanish flavor, which you would never get from the stage. Ruggero Raimondi is Escamillo. Lorin Maazel conducts the Orchestre National de France.

I hope all our members and opera lovers will be able to attend. It will be in Meeting Room #3 in the Hobby Building at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 5. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



**Karaoke Friends**

By Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

This month we will highlight Lora Rosi. She and her husband Ed moved to On Top of the World in 2013 from Connecticut. Lora is a retired kindergarten teacher. In addition to teaching, she was the school musical theater director. She directed 100 students in the musicals Wizard of Oz, Annie Jr., The Music Man Jr. and Beauty and the Beast. Until joining karaoke, Lora never sang in public. Recently, her husband attended karaoke for the first time and she sang their wedding song "Hello" by Lionel Richie. Lora's favorite artists are Bruno Mars and Lady Gaga. Very often Lora gives a theatrical touch to her songs.

Just for fun I wanted to share with you the 10 commandments of karaoke. You can find these on various websites giving tips on how to run a good karaoke session.

1. Thou shalt not walk in front of the monitor when someone is singing.
2. Thou shalt applaud every singer.
3. Thou shalt not sing backup or hop on the stage unless the singer asks you to do so.
4. Thou shalt make sure the number you submit for your song is correct.
5. Thou shalt not continually ask the KJ when it is your turn to sing.
6. Thou shalt not make derogatory remarks at singers.
7. Thou shalt not get on stage to sing a duet unless the singer asks you first.
8. Thou shalt handle the microphone carefully.
9. Thou shalt not gripe if someone sings a song you like.
10. Thou shalt above all have fun!

Most definitely our group observes the 10th commandment. This month we meet on May 2 and May 16 at 6 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. All are welcome to listen or sing. We love new people. Come join us.



**Original Karaoke Group**

By Richard & Sindy O'Brien

"If you're happy and you know it clap your hands." We are all kids at heart! With family in town, karaoke was experienced by music fans of all ages. When it was



**Dulcimer Group**

By BJ Leckbee

Some of our members are multi-talented; that is, they play more than one musical instrument. Recently Rich and Sue entertained us with music ranging from Sinatra to Broadway to Mozart, with Sue on the piano and Rich on the saxophone and clarinet. They had practiced, practiced, and it was obvious. What a treat!

At least five of our members are also members of the Concert Chorus, and two

are in the cast of "Under the Influence – The Last Cabaret." Marilyn was Fanny Brice, and Donna was Julie Andrews. I hope many of you were able to see and enjoy the show.

And now, as our snowbird members make their plans to head north for the summer, those remaining here will continue to meet weekly and practice those songs that need some work, play the ones we enjoy playing, and probably add a few more to our playbook.

The music never stops; the fingers keep moving across the strings; the songbook keeps growing; and we have a good time.

The dulcimer group practices from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays in Suite H at the Arbor Conference Center. Come listen sometime.



**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

By Barbara Lingis

Our club will soon be taking a break for the summer. Our last day for this season will be Tuesday, May 24. Many of our crafters will spend the summer making new items to have on display for purchase when we return after Labor Day on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Our crafters want to thank all of you who have visited our craft fair on Tuesdays at the Recreation Center Ballroom and we all appreciate your patronage. We also appreciate the many ideas you have had to assist us in making a better quality and purposeful item.

We still have several weeks left, so please come visit us on Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Hope to see you there.

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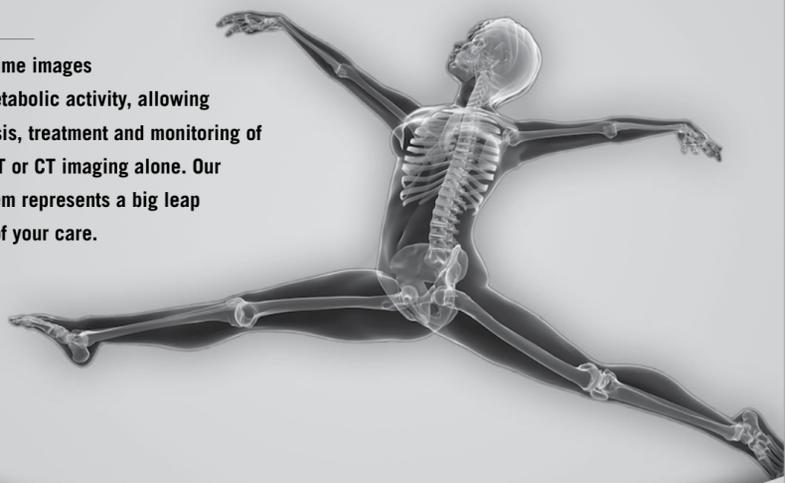
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Janet Becker and Larry Gering singing "Honey Bun" in the 2016 show of The New Pretenders.



**The New Pretenders**

By Bill Shampine

As Margitta Claterbos, The New Pretenders announcer, mentioned at our performance, we donate the money we receive for our performances to local charities or needy causes. Thanks to you for our record-breaking attendance this year, after recovering our expenses, we were able to donate \$5,000.

We gave \$500 to the Sunshine Quilters in support of their charitable efforts, \$500 to the Sewing Bees in support of

their charitable efforts, \$500 to the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village in support of homeless veterans, \$500 to Open Arms Village in support of folks trying to get their lives back together, \$500 to the Summer Slide Program at Romeo Elementary in support of a summer reading program for kids, \$500 to the Florida Center for the Blind, \$1,000 to Food 4 Kids in support of a group that provides food for children for weekends, and \$1,000 to the Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center.

We are very pleased to be able to make these donations. The New Pretenders believe we are blessed to have such devoted fans from On Top of the World who support our entertainment efforts which, in turn, gives us this opportunity. Thank you all.



**Ceramics**

By Marilyn George

days from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. Everyone works at their own pace so you tailor those hours to meet your needs.

With the hotter weather upon us, club members have graduated from decorating Christmas trees to flowerpots and garden decor.

For additional information on the Ceramics Club, please call Marilyn George at (352) 237-8228.

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Doris, the rabbit, was created by Marilyn George.

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**Novice category honorable mention:**  
**Caesar's temple, Rome.**



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**Novice category honorable mention:**  
**Up and over, Live Oak.**



Photo by ShutterBug Patricia Anderlot

**Novice category honorable mention:**  
**Silver Lake Mills, Dayton, Va.**



**ShutterBugs Photography**

By Marilyn Cronin

In April, 23 ShutterBugs went to Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando, Fla. The entire garden was a photography wonderland. In May, we will be heading to the Giraffe Ranch in Dade City, Fla.

**PHOTO TIP:** Adapted from an article entitled "Beginner Tips for Shooting Action Photography" by Kalyan Kumar.

Digital camera owners often find it hard to capture the action scenes they desire. It can be a challenge to engage in sports and action photography. Movements are fast and unpredictable, so you need to be quick in clicking your shutter.

Whatever type of digital camera you have, you need to take the extra effort to take clear pictures of people and animals in motion. In action and sports photography, the most important factors to keep in mind are pre-focusing and timing, especially for very fast moving or far away subjects. It pays to be alert and ready with your camera so that anytime you see an action worth capturing, you can do it instantly.

**PRE-FOCUSING:** This means locking the focus of your camera to the scene where you want to take your shots (consider using AF to lock onto the spot, then simply switch to manual focus so you stay focused on that spot). This technique will lower the lag time between the pressing of your shutter release button and the actual taking of the image. This will also help you plan your shots well.

**SHUTTER LAG:** In terms of timing, you need to learn the shutter-lag delay of your own camera. To determine your camera's shutter-lag delay, first take a test shot and observe the lag. Take note of how long it is so that you can pre-shoot to compensate for that lag. Normally, it's only a matter of seconds but in action photography, time is gold if you want to take the best shots possible.

**PANNING:** Think of it as following your subject with your camera as you snap the photograph. Some of you may be surprised to know that panning helps in taking clearer photos of a subject in motion than when photographing it while you're holding still. It helps capture subjects in which you are matching the speed of their movement. Having an optical viewfinder will be helpful for this purpose.

**FLASH:** Using your camera's flash is also a tactic to capture unique action shots. It's best to use the flash when you're closer to the subject and when the scene is dark. This helps to freeze the action and highlight your subject more. As the light is focused on the subject, the background will usually become blurry resulting in a beautiful effect.

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. The third Tuesday we have show and tell (critiquing).

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.

**Local Donations**

The Entertainment Group closed the books March 1 with donations to the following organizations Ritz Veterans Village, Veterans Helping Veterans, Women's Pregnancy Center, Homeless Children & Youth Program, Food-4-Kids Backpack Program, 100 Grandparents, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Brothers Keeper, Volunteers of America, Marion County Senior Services and Marion County Animal Services. Many thanks to our residents and sponsors. The final donation made totaled \$51,435!

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**Art Group**

By Anne Merrick

For my whole life I have intended to journal about my day. I have bought various kinds of books to write in, some lined, unlined, ring bound or plain, special pens, but still I have not started. I want to illustrate my words, which is a whole other story.

I took a class 30 years ago and became enthused but found I only wrote once in a while when I was upset about something. I keep looking at journaling websites to get ideas but then my notebooks don't seem right, not good enough or too good to mess up. I don't really know what I am trying to do and wonder who I am trying to impress? It should only be me, shouldn't it?

So, how to start? Forget all about the books I have, go to Big Lots and find a book with a fantastic cover to inspire me (right Jerry?). I want one like yours and

you bought them all. I will find one and then glue two or three pages together so I can paint and draw without messing up the other pages. What is this about messing up I ask myself?

One question: "Do I need a plan before I start because I'd like page one to be really good. Maybe that's why I can't get started because we all know there's no guarantee it will be okay. A loose-leaf binder would solve that dilemma. Just tear the page out.

Well, I got to talking to the Art Group this morning and it turns out that Margaret has kept journals throughout her life. There is a lot of writing. As she said, "You need to be immediate with your observations" so they are fresh and reflect your emotions at the time. Margaret has a humorous way of writing and catches the funny aspect of everything, even her daily lists of things that need to be done.

While we were talking and painting, Carole showed us an e-mail Jerry had sent of a cartoon sketch she did in her new inspiring notebook! Good start Jerry.

To get started painting, drawing, journaling, etc. come to the Art Studio in the Hobby Building from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays and Saturdays.



Photo by Anne Merrick

**Journaling or doodling.**



Photo by Bob Woods

**Anaconda Copper Mining rail in Anaconda, Mont.**

**Anaconda**

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Heading east or west on Interstate 90 in the State of Montana a large object appears on the horizon in between some of the foothills of the area's Rocky Mountains. It is a giant smoke stack rising from on top of a hill with black pilings in the foreground. This giant smokestack, one of three, once belonged to one of the largest copper smelters in the region, if not the world.

Local folks welcome everyone to Anaconda - once a company town and now a town that enjoys company. In 1980, after more than a century of smelting copper in Anaconda, the smelter closed. Anacondans saved the huge 585 foot-plus tall smelter smoke stack from demolition. The stack now stands as a monument to the thousands of men and women who worked the smelter.

The stack was constructed in 1918 as part of a smelter, replacing a 300-foot stack. When the Anaconda smelter was built back at the turn of the century, it was the largest nonferrous metallurgical plant in the world. The stack today is the largest freestanding masonry structure.

The stack's dimensions are 86 feet out-

side diameter at the base and 75 feet inside diameter. The walls at the base are five feet, four inches thick and the inside diameter at the top is 60 feet. There is a 30-foot high base with 5,100 cubic yards of concrete. Special tile blocks were used on the stack numbering some 2,464,672, which is the equivalent of over six and one half million ordinary bricks. It took only 142 days to construct. The stack was tested by surveyor's transit during a 60 mile per hour wind and the stack did not waver or tilt.

The copper mine was located in Butte and the ore shipped by rail to the Anaconda smelter. At the time, the local railroad was charging too much for the transportation of the ore so the mine decided to build its own railroad, which became known as Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railroad.

The railroad was utilized from 1898 to 1955, carrying both passengers and freight. It was designed to haul millions of tons of ore required by the Anaconda smelter. The last passenger train ran between the two locations in April 1955. The last train hauling copper concentrates was in May 1982. The distance between the copper mines in Butte and the smelter at Anaconda is 26 miles.

Officials hope the rail bed might someday carry tourists within the nation's largest National Historic Landmark between Butte, the mining city and Anaconda, the smelter city.

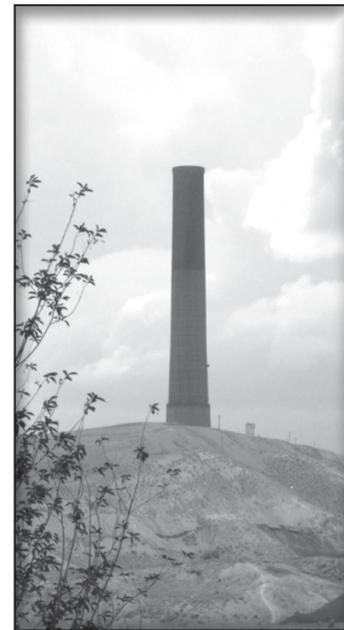


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**Smelter smoke stack in Anaconda, Mont.**

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