

Community News

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Publisher

Spring is in the air around On Top of the World, and as I'm writing this column, the Ocala Open is wrapped up. This event raised \$72,000, which was distributed equally to Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County. We had a playing field of 144 top golfers. The planning that went into this event was nothing short of phenomenal. Most of the effort came down to the 60 days preceding the event. Matt Hibbs together with the other pros and golf course staff have worked very hard at getting the word out to potential players and the Florida Professional Golf Tour coordinators.

Golf Superintendent Andy Jorgenson and his staff have done a great job getting Candler Hills Golf Course in really terrific condition and able to withstand the rigors of three days of hard play. So far, as the technical aspects of course condition and tournament organization go, we were in great shape.

Many thanks to Kristine Harrell, Sherrill Slade and Lisa Lazaro for overseeing the VIP tent and guests. That said, nothing would work as well as it did without the coordination of resident volunteers. Many thanks to the entire Ocala Open employee committee for the hard work that went into this tournament; and special thanks to Denise Mullen who was in charge of volunteer coordination. We can't say enough about the support we get from our volunteers. They make our tournament a great success!

The amount of work required by our marketing department is extensive and is led by Linda Massarella. The hospitality department headed by Sandy Curtis and the Candler Hills staff did a great job on the food and beverage service for the Pro-Am roundup, as well as all three days of tournament play. We look forward to 2018 and repeating this success. Hopefully, we can expand the field of players and raise even more money for local charities.

Golfadvisor.com has recognized Candler Hills Golf Club in the top 25 of Florida golf courses for 2016. **No Need for a 'Broker' or Other Agent if You Choose To Finance Roof Replacement**

A resident recently asked about the PACE program for payment of a roof replacement. While many of our residents have had a very good experience with the PACE/Alliance NRG program, the resident raised a matter of great concern. The great concern is that it appears that less than credible parties are attempting to make a fast buck by interjecting themselves into the PACE process.

Be assured that your Association is very concerned. As a result, Robert Colen contacted the program director, Steve Cropper, who is president of the Alliance NRG program. Mr. Cropper's reply was, "That the NRG program had had a rash of people out there calling after being contacted by a company that uses the name of our PACE program. Apparently, they also indicate that they are from or are with the State of Florida. So, Florida and PACE somehow get linked with this company."

From what the Association can gather from this is that a telemarketer is contacting folks in order to solicit appointments to discuss or to sign up our Association members for the legitimate PACE program. It seems that the solicitor pitches the PACE program; but never leaves a phone number.

Your Association wishes to warn our residents against being tricked or persuaded into using someone calling himself or herself a broker or a referral agent. They might use

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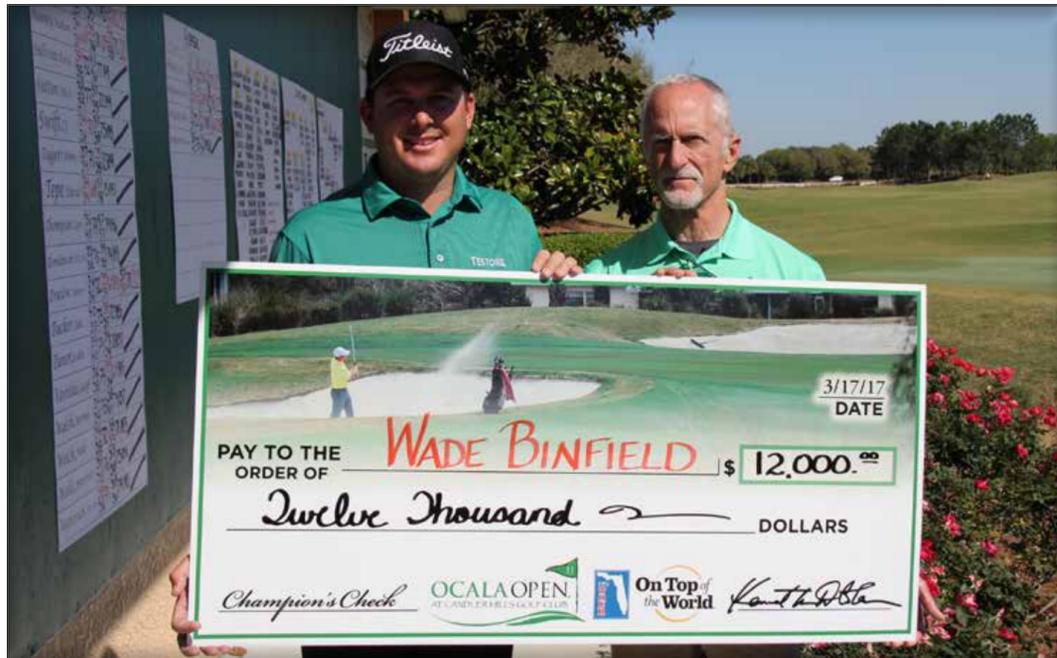


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2017 Ocala Open champion Wade Binfield with Kenneth Colen.



By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Congratulations go out to Wade Binfield from Fayetteville, Ga. for winning the 2017 Ocala Open. Binfield truly found the "pot of gold" on the Candler Hills Golf Course during the last day of competition on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, when the leprechaun presented him the winning title and Kenneth Colen, president of On Top of the World Communities, presented Binfield with the \$12,000 ceremonial check.

The 2017 champion's score for the three-day, 54-hole tournament was 199, 14 strokes under par. Second place went to Brad Miller from Timonium, Md. winning \$8,000 and finishing 11 strokes under. Third place was tied with Jeff Corr from Apopka, Fla. and Ryan Gildersleeve from Clearwater, Fla.; both finishing nine strokes under par and receiving \$5,000 each.

The Ocala Open is the most popular tournament out of 22 tournaments in the Florida Professional Golf Tour (FPGTour) according to Rick Hendershot, the tour's presi-

dent and CEO. The FPGTour was formerly known as the PGA's North Florida Winter Tour. This was the 11th year of the Ocala Open. Hendershot stated, "The reason for its popularity is because of the course and it has the highest purse out of any of the other tournament locations." Only 144 players can enter and many are turned away.

A few familiar names appeared on this year's roster who played the Ocala Open in the past. Willie Mack III from Flint, Mich. and Orlando, Fla., has played the Ocala Open three times previously making this year his fourth try to win the event. Mack was tied for 18th place with seven others scoring a 209 for the three-day event and was four under par. Patrick Sheehan from Oviedo, Fla. was the Ocala Open champion in 2014. He scored a 205 for the event tying him with four others at eight under par.

The Ocala Open champions to date are as follows: 2017: Wade Binfield; 2015/2016: Dan McCarthy; 2014: Patrick Sheehan; 2013: Travis Hampshire; 2012: Yohann Benson; 2010/2011: Ted Potter Jr.; 2009: Danny Ellis; 2008: Travis Hampshire; 2006/2007: Rod Perry.

The FPGTour winter tournament series is always a favorite accord-

ing to the tour's website, providing journeymen golf professionals along with top amateurs from around the world. This year's roster for the Ocala Open had the majority of the golfers coming from states east of the Mississippi River, along with seven Canadians, three from the United Kingdom and one from Italy. Many of the golfers playing in the FPGTour reside in Florida during the winter months. As in the past Ocala Opens, there were many spectators following golfers around the course and a fair amount of spectators sitting on erected grandstands cheering on the players at the 18th hole.

At the start of the Ocala Open on March 14, local amateur golfers have a chance to play with a professional in the Pro-Am (professional/amateur). There were 30 teams in the field of play, three teams consisting of members of the Candler Hills Golf Club. The other teams were made up with members of the event's sponsors.

The biggest winners of the entire four-day Ocala Open event were two local charities: \$72,000 was raised and split between Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services.

Grand Opening of The Lodge at Candler Hills

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

It was indeed a grand opening with more than 600 Candler Hills residents attending the event.

On Thursday, March 9, beginning at 5 p.m., invited residents of Candler Hills, some dressed in black tie and evening dress, got their first look at their beautiful and spacious new resort-style clubhouse. As they entered through the double doors they were greeted with a huge assortment of hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

As guests mingled and found seating in the ballroom, One Flite Up struck up some lively tunes, and those who felt the rhythm got up and exhibited their talent on the dance floor. On Top of the World President Kenneth Colen gave a short speech about the importance of continuing to offer this kind of facility and ambience to the Candler Hills community.

The grand opening had guests expressing their delight and awe at the many amenities: the card/game room was inviting enough to cause a few players to deal a couple of hands; the inviting foyer and lodge room, each with stone fireplaces and large, comfortable seating speak out to guests to relax, meet friends, read a book, or

just go deep into thought while enjoying the warmth of the fire; the ballroom is spacious and just waiting for the next band and/or event. The Lodge at Candler Hills is also equipped with a catering kitchen.

There are over 18,000 square feet of pure indoor and outdoor enjoyment. The resort-style pool seems to go on forever with a beach-en-

try lap lane. The pool deck includes a rambling waterfall feature with bridge and outdoor fire pit. You can relax on comfortable seating under the covered pavilion or one of the many umbrellas. Or you can just lie about and soak up some vitamin D, making your winter visitors cringe with envy. Hmmm? How do you get them to go back home?

The grand opening was, indeed, grand. Invited guests stayed beyond the announced closing time, "Because it is all so beautiful and comfortable," said one couple, expressing the sentiments of many. The Lodge is now officially open for all Candler Hills residents to enjoy.



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**GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR**

By Stan Goldstein



The best preparation for tomorrow is today.

**Is It Legal?**

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**SCAM ALERT #1:** The daughter of a woman who lives in Florida told me that an IRS scam caller scammed her mother out of \$2,500. This is unbelievable to me since the mother knew it was a scam because she reads my column; however, she decided to "play along" with the scam caller for a while. However, according to the woman's daughter, the more she spoke with the scammer the more she got frightened until she finally gave them her credit card number.

Listen up ... do not speak with these folks! If you know it's a scam - and every IRS call saying you owe money to the Internal Revenue Service is a scam - hang up the phone. Don't "play along." Don't tell them you know who and what they are. Just hang up the phone. You should have caller ID on your phone so you can see who's calling. If it says IRS, do not answer it! If they leave a

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message that it's the IRS, don't return the call. And if your caller ID doesn't list the call as from the IRS but that's who the caller claims to be - hang up the phone.

Look, if you return their phone call it's going to be answered as though it's the Internal Revenue Service. If you ask for a badge number, they will give you one. It's a scam. It's a scam! These scammers are vicious and the only way to deal with them is not to deal with them. By the way, the lady was lucky it was only \$2,500 and I hope to high heaven that she cancelled her credit card immediately.

**SCAM ALERT #2:** The certified copy of deed scam is alive and well. No one ever needs a certified copy of his or her deed for anything. You don't even need a copy if you have the originally recorded one. But if you want to have a copy, go ahead and make one. Do not ever pay anyone to get you a certified copy or any copy at all, of your deed.

**Q.** My mother printed out an online form for her will and in it she left everything to me and nothing to my sister, because I've been to see her a lot and also because she and my sister don't get along and haven't for many years. Now,

a court has declared my mother's will invalid and my sister will get half of everything. I have to believe the court was biased in my sister's favor because she did leave everything to me and the will was notarized, in a county in Florida. This is not fair.

**A.** Of course, I haven't seen the document you call a will but I can tell you that frequently, downloaded wills are not completed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Oftentimes, the language in the form is not even correct or is poorly written. Sometimes there turns out to be only one witness, but Florida requires two. Other times they are notarized but do not have at least two witnesses that subscribe that they saw the person making the will and he/she said it was a will. A judge is bound by the law and must issue opinions in conformity with that law. So I doubt that there was any bias by the judge. More than likely, it's a typical case where a will was not written or was not signed in accordance with Florida's laws.

**Q.** At a lecture that you gave in Ocala, someone disagreed with what you said to the effect that a person is not required to have a

will that is drawn in Florida. Can you reiterate that for us?

**A.** If it's what I think you are referring to, then I believe that someone in the audience claimed to have been informed that for a will to be valid in Florida it has to have been drafted in Florida by a Florida attorney. I think it was my partner Rachel Wagoner who answered that and she said that a will from any state is valid in Florida if it is correctly signed, witnessed (and notarized); and it doesn't have to be done by a Florida attorney. Someone in the audience did not agree with that; but I think that the person was actually thinking about a situation where the personal representative of a will has to post a bond to assure lawful performance with the terms of the will.

In any case, a will does not have to be drafted in Florida or by a Florida attorney. Having said that, it is my opinion that if a person resides in a state as his/her residence - any state and it doesn't have to be Florida - then it makes sense to me to at the least, have a will, durable power of attorney and advance directive drafted by an attorney who not only is licensed to practice law in Florida but who lives here full time and has an actual law office here. Florida's laws can be complex.

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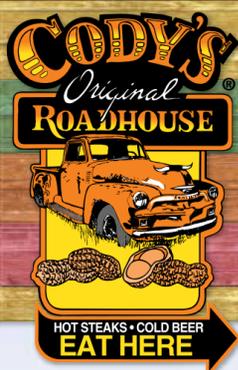
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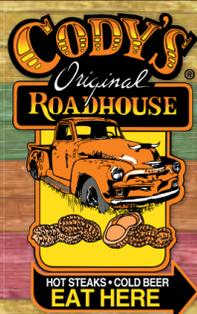
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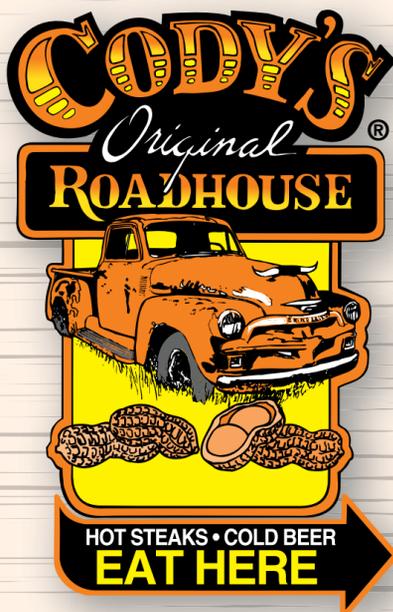
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the name PACE program and then claim they are advisors to the program or perhaps they claim they offer efficient solutions for the program. Then, if the resident signs up, they wind up being charged some kind of fee, be it a referral fee or a solicitation fee and for what? Simply so that the "advisor" or "solicitors" can charge you, our residents, a fee just to show how to sign up for PACE.

Please know that if you use the Alliance NRG program, the total assessment carries a coupon rate of 5.99 percent. Example: A project with a total cost of \$7,000 should result in fees in the range of \$654.41 and there are no other fees of any kind that get charged other than that coupon rate. Your Association wishes to inform you that the Alliance NRG program is not in any way tied to the assessed value of your property. If someone says your assessed value has to do with any kind of charge of fee, this is not true. Ignore it!

For On Top of the World Central Owners Association, we recommend that you work with your contractor, C&S Roofing, United Roofing or New Phase to apply for the program. They have all completed the paperwork with the PACE/Alliance NRG program and will make the process easier and less burdensome.

Your Association continues to have faith in the Alliance NRG program. If you have any questions about any of this, you should call the customer service at (352) 236-OTOW (6869).

## The Lodge at Candler Hills

The Lodge at Candler Hills officially opened with a bang on Thursday, March 9! The grand opening was celebrated with a black tie event with over 600 Candler Hills residents in attendance.

Although we have a few odds and ends to complete - cabanas on pool deck, umbrellas on veranda area, wall sconces, etc. the facility is up and running with Sandy Curtis managing it.

Currently, there is no alcohol license but residents may bring their own. We will offer catering services and host bars when requested.

There is a kitchen residents may reserve and use for events and chef demonstrations.

I would like to take a moment and recognize a few key players: Linda Massarella, Robert Stepp, Phillip Hisey, Shawn Coughlin, and Jerritt Weaner. Many more employees played a role ... thank you for all your hard work!

## The Town Square

On Saturday, April 15, from 5 to 9 p.m., we celebrate spring with a Spring Band Concert! This year's bands include TC and Sass, The Caribbean Chillers and Kathleen Kane. There are food trucks, a classic car display and more. Join in on the fun and celebrate the arrival of spring!

During the rest of the month, live

entertainment includes Sounds of Time, The 45's and Johnny Alston.

The Farmer's Market is ongoing every Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Circle Square Cultural Center

Wow! Ticket sales for the new line up to residents kicked off with huge sales! Shows are for the remainder of 2017, through first quarter of 2018! There are dance parties through the summer months, a free opera performance by VOICE Experience and top names, including The Family Stone, Frankie Avalon, Bill Haley, Jr., and The Comets and The Kingston Trio. With so many shows selling out these past couple of years, you don't want to wait to purchase your tickets.

The ticket office is open Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's also open all day on the day of performances. Or purchase tickets online at CSCulturalCenter.com. See you at the shows!

## Travel Season

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!

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**All Around Our World**

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Spring is definitely in the air. Flowers are blooming, the grass is growing, and pollen is everywhere. I love this time of year but I know all those suffering from allergies are probably wishing that we had not had such a mild winter. April also brings April Fool's Day, tax day, which has been extended to April 18 this year, Passover, Good Friday, Easter, Earth Day and, let's hope, lots of rain.

**Customer Service**

The customer service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, April 19, this month. Customer Service may be reached by phone, (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or by e-mailing [otowservice@otowfl.com](mailto:otowservice@otowfl.com) Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you reach our voicemail during normal business hours, please know that we are helping others and will get back to you as quickly as possible.

**Ocala Open**

The 11th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course was a huge success! Many, many thanks to the volunteers, employees, residents, vendors and partners who helped make this year's Ocala Open the best yet. This type of event couldn't be done without this great support.

We had 144 players in the field for the first two days of the Ocala Open and 48 when the field was narrowed down on the third and final day of play. We are very thankful for the beautiful weather for all three days of tournament play. Congratulations to Wade Binfield who won the first place prize of \$12,000.

We were able to raise \$72,000 for charity - Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. Both received \$36,000 each and are such a benefit to our community. We sincerely appreciate the continued support and look forward to doing it all again next

**year. Cigarette Butts**

We have experienced a drier than normal winter, and we ask that you please do not flick your ashes or cigarette butts into the landscape or yards. It has been very dry, and it doesn't take much to start a fire. There are cigarette butt disposal containers located all over the community, and we ask that you please dispose of your cigarette butts properly.

**Water Restrictions Change**

Now that we are observing daylight saving time, watering may return to twice per week. It is recommended that you check your irrigation system for proper coverage, leaks and head adjustment if you are not already doing so monthly. Your irrigation system should be set to water half to three-quarters of an inch each watering application. If you have not checked your rain sensor lately, please take time to make sure it is functioning properly. Not maintaining the irrigation system may have a negative impact on the lawn, and stressed grass attracts weeds, disease and insects. Please refer to [otowinfo.com](http://otowinfo.com), Resources, Watering Restrictions, for your specific scheduled days and times. Due to the extremely dry season, the water management district may mandate additional water restrictions. If so, we will also post that information on the website.

**Telephone Directory**

The new community telephone directory is now available at the customer service office and you may be wondering what to do with the old one. Please dispose of it in one of the single stream recycling units located at the waste disposal areas throughout the community. Alternatively you could place the old directory in your car or golf cart to use as a reference when needed.

**Inspecting Your Gutters**

If you have gutters, please check them on a regular basis and keep them clean of debris. It is especially important to do so after each leaf season. If you don't, the gutters could become weighted down with leaves, acorns, branches, etc. and clog the downspouts. If we have a heavy rain, this could result in the gutter pulling from the roof and possibly taking the soffit and fascia with it. Clogged gutters can also be



Photo by Theresa Fields  
**'Bike Night' Happy Hour took place on Friday, March 3.**

a source of a serious roof leak, as the water backs up and penetrates behind shingles. Please take a few minutes to visually inspect them before we begin to see the much needed rain.

**The Lodge at Candler Hills**

On Thursday, March 9, The Lodge at Candler Hills had its grand opening, and over 600 Candler Hills residents attended. It was a very lovely event with live music and dancing, as Candler Hills residents checked out their newest amenity for the first time.

**Parking on Lawns**

Please be advised that parking

on your lawn, whether it is your golf cart or vehicle, is prohibited. Parking on the common areas is also prohibited. Please refrain from doing so. Residents needing extra parking space may contact customer service for a space at the RV parking area. All golf carts and motorized vehicles licensed for road use must stay on the designated cart paths and roadways and shall not be driven in private yards, between villas (unless operated in ingress and egress areas) or homes, on sidewalks, and on any golf course unless playing golf. Thank you for complying with the rules. Enjoy this beautiful time of year.

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**Pat Gabriel, president of the SR200 Coalition, updates Candler Hills residents on new commercial projects along the SR200 Corridor.**



**Candler Connection**

Debra Keirn

The grand opening of The Lodge at Candler Hills on Thursday, March 9 was a wonderful event, and we now have the use of a beautiful facility for future events. The wait was certainly worth it! What a beautiful setting and decorated structure. A special thank you to Ken Colen and his entire staff who made this event a raving success.

Also a thank you goes out to John Bain and Peggy Janisch and to all of those helpers from ticket sales, to setup and cleanup who made the St. Patrick's Day spring dinner

dance at The Lodge at Candler Hills a success. What a great evening we had with the showing of the green.

As for the speaker series, Michelle Stone, our Marion County commissioner, will speak at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. Please take this opportunity to learn what is going on in the county and to have your questions answered.

The next potluck dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Those residents with the last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring appetizers or desserts; D-K, main dishes; L-S, side dishes. Labeling your dish with its name and ingredients will assist people with dietary issues. Volunteers helping with setup should arrive at 4:30

p.m.; others should arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy appetizers and to get a number for the table where you will be sitting. \$1 cost covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaffeinated coffee. To attend, contact Bev McCarthy at (352) 854-9416 or bjtr6@yahoo.com to let her know how many will be attending, and if you can help with setup.

A "New Neighbor Welcome Session" is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. New residents will find this session to be both informative and beneficial, and it is a way to have questions answered and to meet other new residents.

The ice cream sundae social is

planned for Sunday, June 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets will be \$3 each. Put the date on your calendar, and more information will follow next month.

Our fifth annual neighborhood picnic will be held in the fall. More information will follow in the next few months.

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log onto the website candlerconnection.org to fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" monthly by e-mail.

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.

## Arts & Crafts Fair

By Nancy Ludvik

Saturday, May 13, is the date for the sixth annual Indigo East Arts & Crafts Fair. It will be held in the newly expanded and renovated Indigo East Community Center, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Nancy Ludvik, coordinator, at (352) 369-9973 or mn-ludvik@earthlink.net for further information. Vendors must hand-craft all merchandise to participate.

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For those interested in jewelry making, try "Beaded Glass Jewelry" with Beth Cox (Wednesday, April 5), "Beginner Wire Wrapping" with Donna Tredway (Thursday, April 6), "Intro to Netting: Necklace with Seed Beads and Crystals" with Cindi Reinhardt (Tuesday, April 11) or "Crystals & Daisies Bracelet" with Mari Hellwege (Wednesday, April 12). Make something special just in time for Mother's Day.

Dive into fabric or the paper arts. Join us for "Card Making" (Saturday, April 8), "Scrapbook Page Layouts" (Thursday, April 27), and "Brag Book Paper Mini-Album" (Saturday, April 22) with Beverly Wojnar. Practice paper stamping with "Rubber Stamping Rocks" (Wednesday, April 12). Create the ultimate landscape from fabric with Jackie Tanner during "Landscape Quilting" (Tuesday, April 4). Pick up your needles for the "Basics of Crochet" (Monday, April 10) and "Basics of Knitting" (Monday, April 17).

Connie Ferreira demonstrates how to use polymer clay to "Make Polymer Clay Easter Eggs" (Thursday, April 6). Make beautiful pottery "Bella Bells in Clay" with Jan Hitchcock (Monday, April 10 and 17) or create a variety of pottery projects with Gail Ashford throughout April.

If you have not noticed, Master the Possibilities' photography program has been expanded. Photographers Bruce Bouley, John Ware and Diane Cahal are featured in pages 23 to 26 of the catalog.

During April, you can attend classes on "Shooting and Processing in HDR" (Saturday, April 8), "Photo Composition" (April 19, 22 and 26), "Fun with Photoshop Elements" (Monday, April 17), and "Night and Low Light Photography" (Friday, April 21).

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Samples of many of these art projects are on display now in the Master the Possibilities' office, just across the lobby from Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli, or you can see them online at MasterthePossibilities.org. See the online course catalog under Arts Hands-On. If you need help registering, staff is ready to help by phone at (352) 854-3699.



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# St. Johns River Water Management District Water Shortage Warning

By Michael A. Register  
Division of Water Supply Planning and Assessment

As of Feb. 28, 2017, current county average rainfall for Nassau, Flagler, Baker, Clay, Putnam, Marion, and Lake counties was low or below the 15th percentile. As of March 2, 2017, the U.S. Drought Monitor identifies a significant portion of the District as "abnormally dry." Monitoring indicates that stream flows are average to very low (less than the 25th percentile) in these areas.

To date, 2017 rainfall for the District has been below average and the rainfall prediction from the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center for both one month (March 2017) and three months (March-May 2017) call for equal chances of normal, above normal, or below normal rainfall.

Although conditions have not yet reached the point where there is the anticipation of an insufficient amount of water to meet anticipated user demand and protect the water resources in the District, current conditions do warrant heightened water conservation awareness in those portions of Nassau, Flagler, Baker, Clay, Putnam, Marion, and Lake counties located within

the District. Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ordered:

- A water shortage warning is issued for all surface and groundwater sources throughout those portions of Baker, Clay, Flagler, Lake, Nassau, Marion, and Putnam counties located within the District, except for the unincorporated area lying within The Villages of Marion, FOD (for which water shortage-related orders have been delegated to the Southwest Florida Water Management District).
- All classes of water users are encouraged to reduce their water use and to conserve water to the maximum extent possible.
- All landscaping irrigation users are urged to voluntarily reduce their water use by limiting irrigation to no more than two days each week, which is also required by Rule 40C-2.042, F.A.C., during daylight saving time.
- All golf course irrigation users are encouraged to use water in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 40C-21.631(3)(e), F.A.C.
- All water-based recreation users are encouraged to use water in accordance with the

provisions of paragraph 40C-21.631 (3)(f), F.A.C. recommends that the Governing Board adopt the Water Shortage Warning Order.

- These voluntary restrictions shall not be construed to limit any activities designed to prevent the spread of fire or to save property from being destroyed by fire.
- These voluntary restrictions do not exempt any water users from complying with applicable mandatory water use restrictions placed on utility customers due to capacity problems with water supply facilities. In such cases, water users are urged to reduce water use in a manner consistent with the specific, local restrictions and, to the extent practicable, with this Order. For example, landscape irrigation should be reduced to two days per week on the days allowed under local utility restrictions.
- This order in no way affects the District's permanent water conservation rule, Rule 40C-2.042, F.A.C., which, among other restrictions, prohibits in most instances lawn and landscape irrigation between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- The Governing Board requests that water supply utilities notify customers of this water shortage warning and the importance of water conservation, notify the District's Office of Communication prior to implementing any utility-specific water restriction, and provide input and comment through the District's Water Utility Advisory Board on proposed water use restrictions that may become necessary.

**What's Cookin'**



**Nancy Grabowski**

This recipe is quick and easy to execute. It is cool with a very light texture. Best of all, it is one of the most versatile recipes I use. I highly recommend it!

**Lemon Chiffon**

- 1 tablespoon plain gelatin
  - 1/4 cup cold water
  - 4 eggs, separated
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 1/3 cup lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
  - 1 cup sugar
- Soften gelatin in cold water; set aside.
- Place egg yolks in saucepan; whisk until thick and lemon-colored, about 1 minute.
- Add salt, lemon juice and rind; gradually add half of the sugar; whisk to combine.
- Cook on low heat until thickened, stirring constantly.
- Remove from heat; add softened gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool.
- Place egg whites in a bowl and whip to soft peak stage. Gradually add remaining sugar and whip to combine.
- Add cooled custard mixture to egg whites; whip to combine. Scrape bowl, turning mixture over three to four times.
- Pour into serving vessel of your choice. Chill until firm. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.
- This is where the versatility enters the picture! You can pour the mixture into a baked pie shell; into dessert glasses; or over a crumb crust in a 13-inch x 9-inch pan.
- It can be a parfait, pie, tart, trifle ... the suggestions are endless.
- Note that lemon juice and rind may be substituted with orange or lime. Like I said, this recipe is very versatile!

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The whole world, including The Ranch fitness members, will join in celebrating World Tai Chi and Qigong Day on Saturday April 29, at 9 a.m. in beautiful Sholom Park. The Ranch is proud to support this special event, led by our respected, master instructor Art Stalbow. Join Art under the pavilion for a Tai Chi and Qigong experience that celebrates harmony through movement and meditation. This event is free and open to the public, for more information please call (352) 854-8070 ext. 7532.

Important health and wellness benefits derived from Tai Chi and Qigong:

- IMPROVED STRENGTH:** Tai Chi movements are weight bearing, and can improve both lower-body and upper-body
- MUSCLE STRENGTH:** Tai Chi movements are weight bearing, and can improve both lower-body and upper-body

strength. According to Harvard Health, when practiced regularly Tai Chi is comparable to resistance training and brisk walking.

**IMPROVED FLEXIBILITY:** Tai Chi and Qigong's fluid movement patterns encourage large ranges of motion which support maintaining and/or improving flexibility.

**REDUCED FALL RISK:** Proprioception is the body's ability to sense where it is in space. Unfortunately as we age this sensory function declines. Mind-body exercises such as Tai Chi and Qigong help to train this sense which is governed by neurons in the inner ear as well as the stretch receptors in the muscles and joints.

**PAIN MANAGEMENT:** Both Tai Chi and Qigong have been proven to help manage the pain and stiffness associated with osteoarthritis. The low impact movement will not overly stress knees or ankles. The weight-bearing joint activation (when movements are performed standing) signals the body to send synovial fluid into the joint, which acts as a lubricant.

**BETTER SLEEP:** Tai Chi and Qigong participants have been found to have improved sleep quality and length. A study out of UCLA reported that the sleep improvements are similar to those gained through drugs and/or behavioral therapy.

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**Beth McKeen**

There are three vital steps to ensuring your pet's safety in an emergency situation: identification, vaccination and transportation. Proper identification, such as a name tag or microchip, may be your only hope of reuniting with your pet in the event that your pet becomes lost. Vaccination records should be kept in a pet survival kit and you will need a secure carrier or collapsible cage (for larger animals).

The pet survival kit should be kept in an accessible place in your home. You will need ample food and water supply for your pet, non-breakable food and water bowls, medications and care instructions, first aid supplies as well as toys and other comfort items.

Throughout and after the storm, your pet will need reassurance from you. Remain calm, keep pets as close to their normal schedule as possible and speak to them in a calm reassuring voice. You may need to evacuate your pet to a friend's home or kennel out of the area. There is a pet friendly shelter in Marion County at Vanguard High School.

Join this service organization and give back to your community. Become a volunteer for the Emergency Management Bureau of the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

CERT training classes have been filling very rapidly due to an increase in CERT interest throughout the county, so it is not too early to apply for the next training class. To fill out an application go to marionso.com, EM icon, EM volunteering, or call Beverly Case, CERT coordinator, at (352) 369-8103.

CERT meets every second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11. 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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**Community Patrol**

Patricia Woodbury

At our February meeting, Lieutenant Welch, commander of the Southwest District, thanked the members for their continued service to the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the community.

He commented that the car burglaries are still ongoing in the area because people continue to leave their cars unlocked. Also the phone and Internet scams continue. He stated that the Sabal Pipeline Project demonstrations are mainly peaceful. However, he did talk at length about the two people who climbed into the pipe out on SR 200 past Spruce Creek Preserve and what it took to extricate them.

Our speaker this day was Pat Gabriel, president of the SR200 Coalition. Pat has been a longtime resident of the county and member of the Coalition. She keeps in touch with county and city planners who review the applications for community development.

Ms. Gabriel describes Ocala as being in a prime geographical area and sees our Marion County population increasing from its current level of less than 350,000 to 380,000 in 2020 and 411,000 in 2025. The immigration of folks from South Florida is equal to the

northern immigration to this area.

She described several new applications for development. One is a large development called the Ocala Ranch. It is a 20-year project to develop 3,500 acres near the Withlacoochee River. The intent is to build 500 homes for adults over age 55 and family members not less than 19 years of age. The price of the homes will be about \$250,000. The problem will be the increase of traffic on SR 200 requiring a need to increase the road to four lanes in that area. Unfortunately the legislature has not funded that expansion, which would take \$36 million. The project went to the county Tuesday, March 21, for approval and then to the state for approval in mid-July.

She also mentioned the Wind-ing Oaks horse farm in which the owner wants to keep 300 acres for horse training and sell 800 acres for housing and commercial development. The TimberRidge proposed 100-bed hospital will start building in a year and a half.

The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, April 24.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Community Patrol should call Gary Rodoff at (352) 291-7508. Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center, at 3 p.m. Come and join us, the meeting is open to everyone.



**Winds of Windsor**

Marlene Zink

Windsor is very proud of one of our own residents, Robert Schaefer. On Saturday, March 4, 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 for Robert.

The event took place at the For-

est High School Sports Complex. It began with the athletes' parade followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the lighting of the ceremonial Olympic torch. Rob was chosen to carry the torch. 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 won blue ribbons in both events. This is Robert's sixth year competing in Marion County and his fifth year in track. Altogether Robert has been competing in Special Olympics for 35 years.

He will now be competing in the Area 4 Competition in Gainesville, Fla. on Saturday, April 1.



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Rob Schaefer with his blue ribbons wearing the t-shirt from Windsor.

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**Democratic Club**

Dan Lack

The Silver Springs Alliance is an organization that fights for a healthy Floridian Aquifer System, which eventually comes out of our faucets. There was a recent request to remove millions of gallons of water from the aquifer for a huge cattle farm. While the decision is on hold, what can we do to keep our water supply clean and plentiful? Karen Chadwick and Mo Driggers, two members of the Silver Springs Alliance board of directors, will speak at our meeting on Thursday, April 27 and they will provide vital information to us.

We need to transform our civic-minded energy that we have produced since the last election into supporting incredibly credible candidates for the next election. This requires money in the coffers of the Marion County Democratic Party. And this is accomplished with the "Proud to be a Democrat" dinner that will take place on Sunday, May 7 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion. You may use the contact in-

formation at the end of this column to order your tickets for \$50 each. If 10 of us attend, we can sit at our own On Top of the World Democratic Club table.

Our club's annual spring luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 11, at noon at the Stone Creek Grille. There will be a sign-up sheet at our meeting. These luncheons provide opportunities for us to socialize and get to know each other better.

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

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. 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.com channel.

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



**Republican Club**

Bill Richhart

We were pleased to return to the newly renovated Suites E, F and G at the Arbor Conference Center for our Friday, March 10, meeting. We welcomed Florida House Representative Charlie Stone and County Commissioners Jeff Gold, David Moore and Michelle Stone.

Speaker was County Commission Chairman Carl Zalak. He spoke of growth in Marion County, specifically the FedEx distribution center, and coming soon, AutoZone and Chewy Pet Food Company. The commission is looking at 900 acres near I-75 and Highway 484 near Marion Oaks for development of a commerce park, offering local jobs where currently employees travel

outside Marion County. Carl said Silver Springs needs our community attention. He is passionate to build a civic center. He also spoke of information technology companies coming to the area.

President Bill Richhart reported on his recent trip to Tallahassee regarding Senate Bill 1210 and House Bill 989.

Our speaker in April is Superintendent of Schools Dr. Heidi Maier. She will provide a broader picture on this subject. She has made positive progress to date in bringing our schools to a higher level.

Tickets are available at our April meeting for the Friday, May 12, Pulus pizza party. All you can eat pizza, salad, dessert, beer and coffee for \$10 per person.

Suggestions always welcome to grow membership. We encourage members to attend commission, school board, and Federation of Republican Women meetings.



**Finding Zen**

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From infants to octogenarians, nearly 3,000 visitors spent their afternoon at Sholom Park on Sunday Feb. 26, celebrating literacy and the joy of reading while enjoying Fun at the Park and its montage of activities.

The afternoon elicited an ambience to tickle all the senses. Aromas from food trucks wafted down from the northwest side of Sholom Park, while musicians performed onstage. Children gathered for games, photos and face painting, soap bubbles, Dr. Seuss birthday cupcakes on Character Lane, and so much more. Many areas of the park were devoted to reading, where volunteers narrated popular children's stories. Other booths and tables offered hands-on crafts, all in the name of education and fun.

Famous children's singer-songwriter Jack Hartmann was introduced onstage by Kenneth Colen at 1 p.m., following remarks and special presentations. Hartmann, who has written more than 1,000 songs for children on 42 albums, brought audiences alive with his popular moves and grooves - even inviting adults and children onstage to interact with songs as he played guitar and sang. Following Hartmann, local singer Miranda Madison entertained crowds of all ages with her renditions of popular songs from the 1930s and 1940s.

At 2 p.m., the Berenstain Bears (Mama and Papa), Curious George and the Man With the Yellow Hat, Cat in the Hat and Thing One and Thing Two emerged from the park's pergebo area in a golden golf cart, with children following behind, awaiting a chance to have

their photos taken with beloved book characters.

"We know that literacy rates are directly related to the success of communities and society," said Robert Colen, Sholom Park director. "As children and adults are exposed to the fun of reading, it opens doors to the world. We hope this Fun at the Park event contributed to positive education for all who could attend."

Sholom Park extends its deepest gratitude to all who extended sponsorships, volunteer hours and staff to make Fun at the Park possible for our community.

There's always a good reason to drop by Sholom Park. With springtime, however, an extra bounce of nature and enthusiasm for outdoor recreation is in the air. Need a new excuse to visit Sholom Park? Consider these:

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 6 AND THURSDAY, MAY 4:** Organized through Master the Possibilities, "Walk and Talk" tours allow visitors to take a guided nature walk through the park with Sholom Park Director Robert Colen and Park Manager Greg Johnson. Register through Master the Possibilities by calling (352) 861-9751 or (352) 854-3699.
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 28:** Arbor Day is a date formally celebrated since 1872 as a tree planting festival in Nebraska. Sholom Park values every tree that serves a critical role in our environment, and Arbor Day is especially important as we recognize roles of humanity and nature living together in harmony.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 29:** Celebrate World Tai Chi and Qi-gong Day at 9 a.m. Call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7532 for more information.

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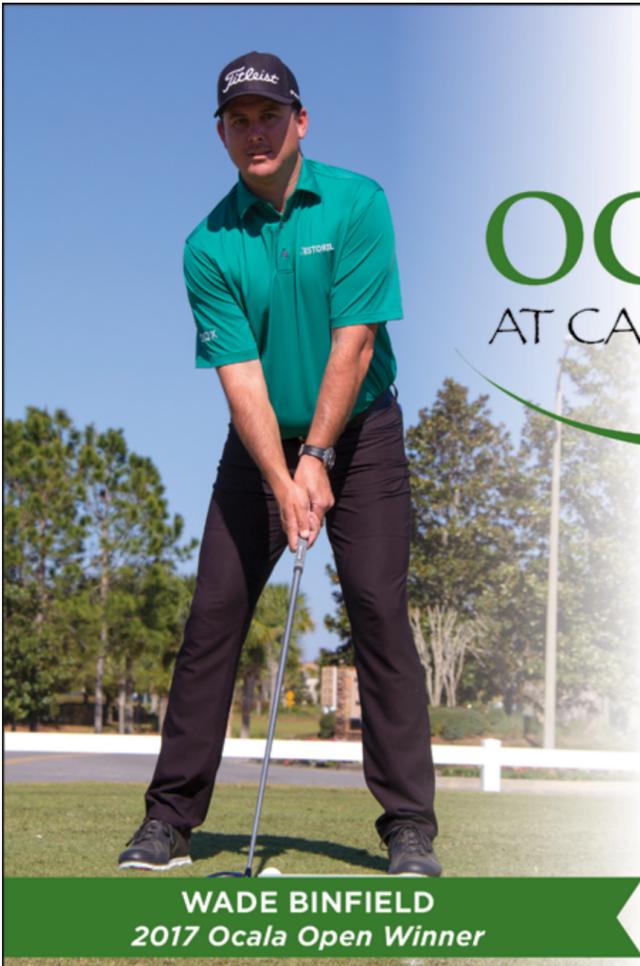
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While Wade Binfield took home the 2017 Ocala Open title and the \$12,000 first place check, the event netted \$72,000 for the real winners, the benefiting charities. Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County each received \$36,000 as a result of the success of the tournament. Without your contribution, this would not have been possible.

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## Sunday Fun Day!

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

With the weatherman predicting the finest day in February and a promise of games, music, food and a visit by Curious George, was it any wonder that thousands of people arrived on Sunday, Feb. 26 at Sholom Park?

It was a day for kids and grown-ups alike to come out and enjoy what is probably the prettiest park in Marion County. By mid-afternoon the scene was a reminder of Monet's "The Park Monceau" with its vast open areas, challenging hills, and magnificent oak trees inviting families to come out and spend the afternoon. Some arrived with a picnic basket; others enjoyed the food from vendors while bopping to the musical beats of Jack Hartmann and Miranda Madison.

Just lazing about or smiling back at the beautiful day with a stroll around the pond or through the wood was also a good idea.

But it was mostly a day for the kids; they found it full of surprises. Jack Hartmann, on guitar, led them in a rousing rendition of "The Hokey Pokey" along with many "campfire" songs. Following Hartmann, Miranda Madison sang smooth renditions of songs from



Photo by Ray Cech

### Fun at the Park at Sholom Park.

the 1930s and 1940s, keeping generations of visitors smiling at her classic style. Meanwhile, kids were able to visit Curious George and the Berenstain Bears, Cat in the Hat and Thing One and Thing Two, Amelia Bedelia, Gramma Glorious and other characters. They could also take in a painting lesson, throw a ball around, blow soap bubbles, twist in a hula-hoop and have Face Paint-

ing Tonya plant grand designs their faces. Some played tag while others did somersaults or played hide and go seek.

Robert Colen, director of Sholom Park, said, "It was a pleasure to see all the kids having so much fun and enjoying the park. What I found particularly rewarding was that I didn't see any one of them on a smartphone, tablet, or any other

kind of electronic device. They were just enjoying the fresh air, entertainment, games, and company of other kids. It was a joy to watch."

Special words of thanks are due to the many volunteers, directors, sponsors, staff, performers and attendees who made Fun at the Park a successful day for all involved. Stay tuned for the next Sholom Park event.

## S-u-c-c-e-s-s!

By Nancy Grabowski

"S-u-c-c-e-s-s! That's the way we spell success!" We, of course, refer to Women of the World and the success is the 38th annual fashion show and luncheon to benefit Hospice of Marion County. This year's event was held on Saturday, March 11, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, which had been transformed into a tropical delight.

Cindy Moody represented Hospice of Marion County at the gala and received her first check in the amount of \$5,910, which combined a percentage of the tickets sold and the basket raffle. The membership donated 65 baskets of all shapes and sizes whose contents were every bit as varied. The second check, \$1,350 was the result of

angel donations. Our angels wish to help anonymously! Our grand total donated to Hospice of Marion County was \$7,260!

The generosity of our women raised the annual "nest egg" contents to a record-breaking \$650! Two lucky winners each pocketed half of the egg. As always, we are overwhelmed by the support we receive for the annual show.

The clothing for the fashion show was provided by Belk. Our lovely models were: Katherine An-

shewitz, Barbara Buehler, Anna Riccola, Marilyn George, Linda Hein, Marcie Hummer, Kaye Koffarnus, Shirl Matz, Cathy McKelvey, Betty Pipkins, Sandra Selesky, and Melanie Vittatow.

We extend our thanks to everyone who was involved with the fashion show, in particular, Judy Singer and Dianne Trzebiatowski who headed the decoration committee; our models; Cheryl Fotia and her committee who assisted the models from start to finish; Connie Filip who photographed the proceedings; Janet Fragapane who chaired the baskets and Shirley Hamilton who chaired the raffle ticket sales; our husbands who built scenery, drove the shuttles, and cleaned afterward; and all the workers too numerous to mention individually.

Additionally, we thank Theresa Fields and Maggie Richards for all their help and to the maintenance men and women who worked so tirelessly to meet our needs. It surely does take a village to do all this!

Our next meeting is on Friday, April 7, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Light refreshments and the social begin about 12:15 p.m. with the business meeting to follow at 1 p.m. A slate of officers for the 2017-18 year will be presented and voted on; we will also vote on which charities to honor this year.

Remember, Women of the World is open to all women in every neighborhood. We are the friendliest group in town, ready to greet you with a smile. We welcome your presence and hope to see you there!



Photo by Connie Filip

### Women of the World models at the luncheon and fashion show.

## Upcoming Bird Walk

By Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders have an exceptional bird walk planned for Wednesday, April 12, at Sweetwater Wetlands Park in Gainesville, Fla. Sweetwater Wetlands is home to dozens of bird species. Visitors to the Wetlands can view raptors, wading birds, ducks, shorebirds, songbirds, and other wildlife species like butterflies, cracker horses and small mammals. Please contact afhannon@sbcglobal.net if you would like to join the Unique Birders on this trip.

Sweetwater Wetlands Park is part of the Paynes Prairie historic site in Gainesville. In 2009, the City of Gainesville started the Paynes Prairie Restoration Project to reduce pollution to the local aquifer.

The construction of Sweetwater Wetlands restored the prairie's natural sheet flow and created a wetland habitat for over 200 species of birds. Wading birds like the limpkin are often seen here.

The Wetlands have a gravel surface on the trails and several boardwalk overlooks that extend into the wetlands to closely view the birds. It is not unusual to see large flocks of birds, young birds in nests or learning to swim and birds catching and eating prey from the wetlands. The Wetlands are a great place to observe and take photos of birds.

Please join the Unique Birders for this trip to Sweetwater Wetlands Park. Contact afhannon@sbcglobal.

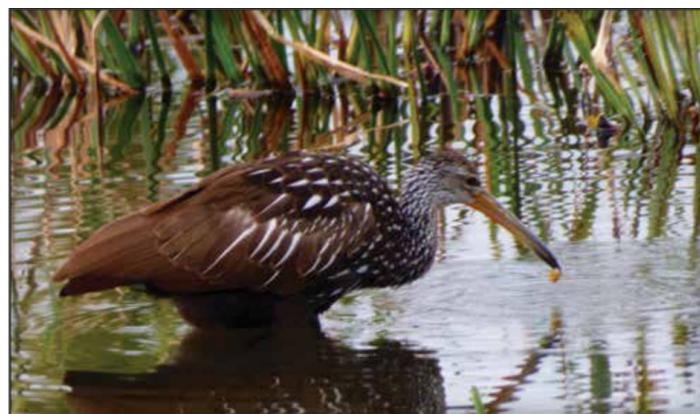


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### Limpkin.

net by Monday, April 10, if you plan to come with us. We will gather at the Recreation Center parking lot at 7:15 a.m. on April 12. Additional

information will be provided about directions and lunch place choices prior to the trip.



**The Glitzy Gals**

**Janet Wahl**

Sammy's Pizza and Restaurant was the choice for our recent luncheon with hostess, Janet Becker. Food and friendly service were good as well as the green treat bags filled with candy from our hostess. Linda Granger had the prize-winning bag and received a gift.

QM Mary Curry had a few announcements about upcoming events. She had a fun facts trivia game on St. Patrick's Day and Mary Bicknell won the prize for this game.

The Women of the World's Luncheon and Fashion Show was at-

tended by many in our group; it was an enjoyable afternoon. Several were even lucky and won baskets.

Many of us participated in Hoo-fin' It for Hospice.

West Coast Queen's Council "Octogenarian and Special Sister Celebration of Life" is an upcoming event. The Suncoast Queen Bees will host a sock hop on Tuesday, April 25, at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey for National Red Hat Day. The Red Hat International Convention in August 2018 will be in New Orleans. Highlights from the Red Hat Gala cruise will be featured next month.

Our collections for Project Hope continue each month with needed items.

"Life is about choices. Choose to live each day to its fullest." QM Mary Curry



**Southern Club**

**Melanie Vittitow**

The Southern Club invited a speaker to our meeting in March. We had a safety workshop from the Metro Crime Prevention of Florida. This was not just about avoiding a mugging, but road safety, home security, identity theft, and much more. The speaker handed out emergency information wallet cards and told us where to get a file of life info folder to put on our refrigerators in case of emergency. It was a worthwhile and informative program. You might want to consider this for your club or group.

I know I say this every month, but the meal supplied by our great Southern cooks was superb. I think that's one of the reasons we have so many new members. Fun, food, and friendship should be our motto.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 6. We won't have a speaker but we will have elections for next year's board of officers. If you have ideas for making our club even better, we ask you to join the board in whatever capacity you are comfortable with. If you don't care to be an

officer, there are committees that need someone to take charge and lead the way. Ann will fill you in on what positions need to be filled. Please consider one of them. We will also be discussing the Southern Club by-laws concerning membership requirements. Please plan to be there so you can participate in the voting.

As for the meal (in case you forgot), bring a meat, casserole, vegetable, salad or dessert for at least 10 people. The club provides coffee and tea but we have to bring our utensils and plates. You may also want to bring some money for the 50/50 drawing, which follows each meeting.

For persons new to the community and interested in our club, our meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We start gathering about 5 p.m. for social time with the potluck dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is followed by a short business meeting and whatever activity is planned. The board is open to suggestions if any member has an idea for something new.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at (352) 873-8690. If not, I hope to see you on April 6, at 5 p.m.



**American Jewish Club**

**Sandra Wolf**

The April and May meetings are the last two before we take a summer break. This month, there are two items scheduled for the general meeting. We will be voting on the new board of directors for the club. It is important that all the members attend so your voice can be heard.

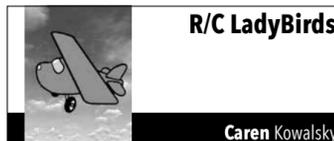
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The entertainment will be a speaker from the SPCA of Marion County. This organization does an enormous amount of good work in getting homes for our four-legged friends as well as fostering them until that perfect home can be found. They are bringing a few friends with them. The members are all volunteers and the club is subsidized through donations. It would be appreciated if our members could donate pet food or cash to help this organization.

Last month was the first dinner for the year 2017. It was held at Mesa de Noche. There was a nice turnout of people. All were pleased with the food and service. Next month's lunch bunch will be Wednesday, April 19 at Stone Creek Grille, at 12:30 p.m. May will again be a dinner at Sky Asian Fusion. More details will be available at this month's general meeting.

May is our last meeting and the TooJay's Original Gourmet Deli box lunch. Please bring the order form with your payment to the general meeting or mail your check to Irene Rudick. If you have any questions, call her at (352) 237-9887. Have a good Pesach.



**R/C LadyBirds**

**Caren Kowalsky**

Millie Mobley was in charge of our goodies for the Friday, March 10, meeting. Thanks, Millie.

A warm welcome to our three new LadyBirds: Peggy Ramey, Carolyn Centanni, and Galina Livshits.

Following reports from Secretary Leigh Workman, Treasurer Barbara Wright, and Membership Nancy Dreimuller, who was also in charge of the Tuesday, March 14, luncheon at Craft Kitchen, we turned to other club matters.

Last month, member Cathy

Fanelli brought attention to a much-needed change to one of the club by-laws. An e-mail was sent to the membership. The vote was taken at this meeting, and passed. Secretary Leigh Workman will send out an e-mail including the amended by-law.

Each March a nominating committee, composed of three members, is appointed to solicit potential candidates, who are then announced by e-mail, and voted upon at our April meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor. The installation of the new officers is held at the May meeting, which takes place at a restaurant chosen by the outgoing president and board of directors.

Thanks to Judy Grigsby, Millie Mobley, and Dotty Livers for volunteering to be our nominating committee.

All LadyBirds are requested to attend our April meeting in order to vote for our board of directors.

Jean Jarmel has graciously volunteered to be our April lunch host. Be on the lookout for an e-mail with information regarding the date, restaurant, and time.

Summer luncheon hosts are needed for the months of June, July, August, and September. A sign-up sheet will be available at our April meeting.

As always, we welcome wives and significant others of any R/C Flyer to come and sit in at a LadyBird meeting, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, every second Friday of the month from September to April. Goodies will be provided by one of our fabulous LadyBird bakers. So bring your beverage and come join us. For additional information or to just chat please contact Caren at alensky@earthlink.net or (352) 291-1235. Looking forward to meeting you.

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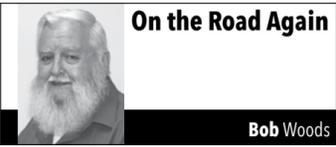
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**On the Road Again**

**Bob Woods**

The motor coach trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto is fast approaching. On Saturday, June 3, we will depart for this nine-day/eight-night trip. The trip will include guided tours of both locations, a boat ride to the base of the falls on board the Hornblower, a visit to Toronto's majestic castle estate along with the prettiest town in Canada, historical Niagara-on-the-Lake. The trip includes stops in both directions heading to Buffalo, N.Y. along with eight breakfasts and six dinners. This is a go-go trip visiting many additional destinations. Call host John at (352) 873-3516 for ad-

ditional information.

We will be heading to Callaway Gardens in Georgia the first of September for a four-day/three-night stay. We will visit President FDR's Little White House, the balloon glow, balloon launch and antique car show along with a guided tour of the gardens and evening fireworks, all while staying at the Gardens, which includes buffet breakfast and dinner each of the first two days.

The group will depart the Pine Mountain area and head to Columbus to tour the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. The motor coach will then head to the National Civil War Naval Museum also in Columbus. A brief stop in Plains, Ga., home of President Jimmy Carter, will take place en route to Americus, Ga. where dinner will be included for an overnight stay. The

next morning the group will head to Andersonville to tour the famous Civil War encampment and all the small museums located within this national historic site. Call host Bob for additional information at (352) 854-0702.

November brings another of the most popular trips and that is the Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountain show trip which includes six musical shows along with a self guided tour of the "world's largest museum attraction" - the Titanic. Departure for this trip, taking in all the Christmas decorations, will take place on Sunday, Nov. 12 for seven days/six nights including free time in Gatlinburg where those interested can view an active, legal moonshine still in operation. An evening stop will be scheduled to visit the second largest Christmas tree shop in the United States. Call host John

at (352) 873-3516 for information about this trip.

Don't forget the cruises the club has scheduled. The first cruise departs Saturday, Dec. 2 sailing on-board Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas for a seven-night voyage to St. Maarten, San Juan, and Labadee, Haiti. A \$75 shipboard credit is offered to each cabin and all entrances to each show will be pre-booked for your convenience.

The next cruise departs March 12, 2018 from Tampa for a five-night/six-day cruise heading to Key West and Cozumel. A \$50 shipboard credit is offered to each cabin.

The club is also planning an Alaska cruise/tour in August 2018.

If interested or desire any information on any cruise, please call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702.



**Travel Toppers**

**Anne Parker**

Please remember Travel Toppers trips are open only to residents and their guests.

There is an upcoming trip to see

the "Great American Trailer Park" production at the Show Palace on Mother's Day, May 14. The cost is \$72 per person and includes transportation, driver tip, buffet and show. You may book this trip by calling Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). This trip will sell out fast, so reserve your spot today and treat the mother in your life.

There is a river cruise on the St. Johns River on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18 aboard the paddle wheeler, the Barbara Lee, which navigates across Lake Monroe and up the St. Johns River in Sanford, Fla. You will witness the varied birds and wildlife of Central Florida with narration and have a freshly prepared on board meal served at your table. The choices for lunch are prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, salmon filet, roasted vegetable lasagna, chef's salad or pasta primavera served with potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. Hot and iced tea is included and there will be a cash bar. The cost is \$65 per person and includes a three-hour luncheon cruise.

Please note that the date of the Premium Outlet Mall trip has been changed to Tuesday, Nov. 14. In addition, due to the popularity of the Tampa Downs trip, there will be two of these trips scheduled for 2018.

Reservations are now being taken for a 14-night cruise featuring Cape Horn and the Strait of Magellan from Feb. 28 to March 13, 2018 on the Emerald Princess. Rates are per person, double occupancy and include taxes and fees but not airfare: balcony staterooms start at \$2,884; ocean view staterooms start at \$2,383; and inside staterooms start at \$2,113. The best staterooms are going fast and you will want to call Inge Gaitch today to reserve at (352) 237-7428. A \$600 deposit is required at the time of booking. The cruise sails only twice a year; you will not want to miss it.

Travel Toppers is in need of a first vice president who will assist the president in computer duties. If you have these skills and would like to become a part of the group that helps to plan and facilitate these events, please call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428.



**Lions Club**

**Estelle Clark**

Not sure where the time has gone, but here it is ... April. You still have time to get your tickets to the Lions Recycled Trashy Fashion Show, which will be held in the Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, April 8. Tickets are being sold in the Recreation Ballroom on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 to 10 a.m. If you have a table of 10 you can get a reserved table. We also have room for a couple of more models. Please call me and I will tell you how to win funds for your favorite 501c3 charity.

The Lions Club had the privilege of hosting our district's fourth and final cabinet meeting of the year. We were lucky to have the final meeting in our beautiful Ar-

bor Club. What an impression it made on the over 100 Lions in attendance. We are going to miss this venue. We would like to thank the Recreation Center Office and the maintenance crew for their help in making this a wonderful event. As usual, the members of the Lions did a great job making sure that everything ran smoothly. We would also like to thank Winn Dixie for donating the beautiful roses we used to decorate the tables. What a great day of food, fun and fellowship.

We still collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, ink jet cartridges, children's socks, stuffed animals and books.

We invite those who would like to give back to their community to come and visit us. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. For more information, call Lion Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358. Where there is a need there is a Lion.



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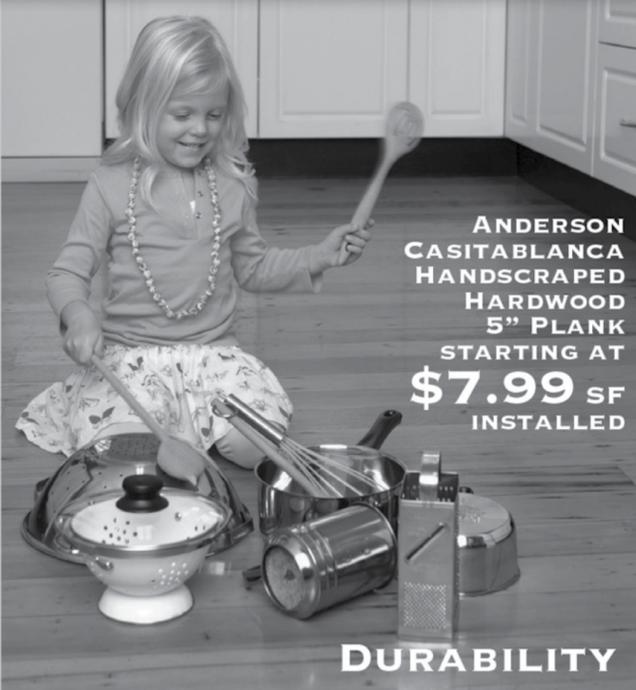
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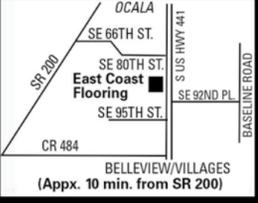
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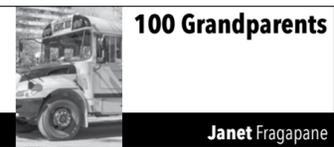
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**100 Grandparents**

Janet Fragapane

Happy spring! Many of us feel a bit adrift, as for the first time, we didn't read in March, due to the spring break. April has always been a void, as that is major testing time. A number of readers have gone to Romeo on their own with ongoing projects on other days.

A big thank you to Dee Dee Springer and Heidi Battistini, who left art supplies, children's story, science and educational books, as well as clothing and bags and bags

of items on Janet's doorstep. She has taken two trips to Romeo with them!

Another big thank you to the anonymous persons who have been leaving items and box tops on my doorstep. These warmhearted residents, who are not even 100 Grandparents, make this a wonderful experience. You make a difference with your kindness.

This year, we have been blessed to enjoy a big increase in substitute grandparents. That is the good news. The bad news is that I haven't been able to use everyone. Yet ... do not despair! You are still on my list and valued. Tuesday, May 9, will be our last reading trip for this school year.

Please contact me at (352) 237-0304 if you would like to just come along on the bus as a visitor. It is amazing how something usually works out that you are suddenly pressed into service. I just need to notify the school of who is coming and in what capacity.

First time visitors should bring their driver's license. The school has a volunteer form that visitors must complete and submit.

Please remember we do help support and/or coordinate donations to three programs for the students. The first is the backpack program, which provides weekend food for identified children. If you would like to donate, please mail a check to Dunnellon Food 4 Kids, P.O. Box

262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430. The second is children's clothing program, which provides clothing to needy children. The school accepts new underwear/socks in sealed packages and new or gently used clothing. Donations of other goods: children's clothing, new underwear, socks etc. as well as box tops and pull tabs etc. can be dropped off at: Janet Fragapane's porch: 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II), or call (352) 861-1575; or Evelyn Holiday's porch: 8880 C SW 94th Street (Friendship Village), or call (352) 237-0304. Please call for pick-up needs. Thank you all!

See you on Tuesday, May 9, on the bus to Romeo!

Submitted by Evelyn Sarns Holiday



**Scandinavian American Club**

Ginny Nardone

The last meeting of the Scandinavian American Club featured guest speaker, Brenda Lepper, from First Florida Security. The presentation focused on individual personal safety in public places such as malls and parking areas. She also gave suggestions for digital and personal home safety as well as steps one can take to prevent burglaries.

We then gathered around a

bountiful refreshment table featuring two special Scandinavian foods: Jansson's temptation, a Swedish holiday casserole of potatoes and anchovies and a Norwegian lingonberry cake.

Now that spring is here and we are enjoying the beautiful Florida weather, Scandinavians are also happy to see warmer temperatures and spring flowers. Preparations for the Easter holiday also begin. Easter is a five-day holiday and a time for family and friends to gather for fun and food. Hiding chocolate eggs, the Easter bunny

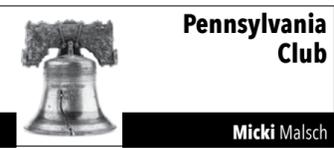
and skiing are part of many families' celebrations. Two traditions not widely known to Americans are the Danish teasing letters and the Swedish witches.

In Denmark, letters are sent to acquaintances signed only by a series of dots representing the sender's name. If the receiver correctly guesses the name, he/she receives a chocolate egg. If the name is not guessed correctly, the sender receives an egg!

In Sweden, on the Thursday before Easter children dress as witches and go door to door for treats.

This practice is designed to dispel medieval beliefs that on this day witches danced with the devil. Bonfires and fireworks are also used across the country to scare away evil. Happy spring to all.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian American Club is Tuesday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. If you are of Scandinavian decent, we invite you to join us at our next meeting. Please contact Jennie Halvorsen (352) 873-7478 or Grace Hansen (352) 237-7780 for more information.



**Pennsylvania Club**

Micki Malsch

Irish eyes were smiling at the Pennsylvania Club meeting held on Wednesday, March 8. Fifty-one members and guests dined on corned beef and cabbage, parsley potatoes (catered by Sweet

Potatoes Restaurant), Irish soda bread and desserts. The talented Bill Peluso who serenaded us with song and harmonica provided entertainment. What a surprise when Bill called upon Pennsylvania Club long time member, Jane Rickert, to accompany him on the harmonica. What a surprise to all that this talented lady was among us! Members were thoroughly entertained.

A special thanks to Georgiann Hagerty, Claudette Moher, and

Joanne Oakes for their help with the dinner.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Club will be held on Wednesday, April 12, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Guest speaker Pat Gabriel will present us with the latest updates on what's happening in the SR200 Corridor. Members are asked to bring snacks for sharing. Beverages will be provided.

You don't have to be a mem-

ber to join in the fun. Guests are always welcome in search of good fun, food and people! Until we meet again ...



**Singles Club**

Lorraine Serwan

The Singles Club is swinging into high gear with lots of activities in April.

At our Thursday, April 13 meeting, our guest speaker will be a representative from the Florida Center for the Blind. Incidentally, if you weren't at the March meeting you missed a splendid performance by young ladies from the Hogan School of Irish Dance. A nice treat for St. Patrick's Day.

On Thursday, April 20, our trip will be a scenic cruise on the river. We have a 2 p.m. sailing time. The cruise will be almost two hours long. Cost is \$15 per person and must be prepaid no later than Thursday, April 13. We are limited to 20 participants. Call Lorraine at (352) 854-1365 for information.

We will have lunch at the Blue Gator (on the premises) at about noon. We'll meet as usual at the Recreation Center parking lot at 11:15 a.m. to car pool.

The nominating committee will present its slate at the April meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Please join us on Thursday, April 13, at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H for our monthly meeting. Bring a friend. We always welcome new members.

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Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 20, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. If you need to get in touch with us, please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985.

Please join us for a fundraiser on Tuesday, April 4, at Sonny's BBQ on SR 200. If you dine there between 5 and 8 p.m. with our flyer, Sonny's will donate 25 percent of your bill to us. We will send flyers to those on our mailing lists. Otherwise, you can download flyers from our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA) or website (SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com).

On Friday, April 28, we will be selling our delicious coffee and doughnuts at Rags to Riches in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We will bring any dogs and cats that are available to the Farmer's Market on Thursday mornings at The Town Square. We will also be in

front of Circle Square Cultural Center when there is a special event, usually on a Saturday.

Someone surrendered their beagle to us when we were at The Town Square. Her name is Jake - yes Jake, but she's a girl, a sweet two-year-old beagle. When Jake was a puppy, she was hit by a car and lost her back left leg. Since dogs don't care about these setbacks, she gets along just fine. Jake needs to find someone who doesn't care about her leg either. She settled into her foster home right away and made herself comfortable. She loves to curl up in her doggy bed and is a smart cookie that lets you know when she wants or needs something. But lay off those cookies! She's a bit overweight at 27 pounds, and it would be best to limit those calories. Jake likes everyone, and she'll positively love you when you take her in to her new forever home.

Recently, two best friends were dropped off by the Avalon mailboxes. Now that no one has come forward to claim them, they are ready for adoption. Laverne is a five-year-old Chihuahua and Shirley is an eight-year-old Chinese



Jake.



Laverne and Shirley.

Crested. Laverne looks out for Shirley and takes care of her like their TV namesakes. They are deeply bonded and must go to their forever home together. They're loving and sweet and not a lot of work. If you can find it in your heart to take them both in, your kindness will be rewarded with lots of doggie kisses.

Dear Chloe, the young cat, is still available. She recently went to a

new foster home because her original foster moved away.

Jayme, the kitten, is also available. She is the most good-natured of kittens that doesn't mind being handled (in a gentle way of course) and will make an ideal pet for anyone. She's been in foster care since August, when she was rescued as a very young kitten. It's about time she had a home of her own.



The short name for the Republic of The Gambia is "The Gambia." It is one of only two countries in the world that officially begin with the word "The" (the other one being The Bahamas). Located on the coast of the northwestern bulge of Africa, the country is a strip of land 15 to 30 miles wide and 295 miles long. The lower portion of the Gambia River runs the entire length of The Gambia, all of which is navigable. Except for a short Atlantic coastline, the country is completely surrounded by Senegal. This unusual shape and size are attributable to territorial compromises made during the 19th century between Great Britain and France during their colonial periods.

The area around what is now Senegal and The Gambia has been a major trade route for slaves, gold, ivory, and manufactured goods since the ninth century. The Portuguese began to dominate trade by the mid-15th century, but in 1588 they sold exclusive trade rights to England. From the late 17th through the 18th century, the British Empire and the French Empire struggled for dominance in the region, which finally was resolved in favor of the British Empire in 1783.

Trade in slaves was the major export for the region from the ninth century until 1807, when the United Kingdom finally abolished the practice throughout its empire. The Gambia achieved independence in 1965. Dawda Jawara ruled until Yahya Jammeh seized power in a bloodless coup in 1994. In a December 2016 election, Adama Barrow became The Gambia's third president.

The Gambia's economy is dominated by tourism, peanut farming, and fishing. Interestingly, only men cultivate the cash crops, while only the women cultivate the subsistence crops, such as cassava, yams, eggplant, tomatoes, rice, and len-

tils. The Gambia is Africa's smallest non-island country, and also one of the most densely populated. A popular tourist site, the country is known for its beaches, and for being home to Jufureh, the reputed ancestral village of Kunta Kinte, the main character in Alex Haley's famous novel Roots.

The Gambia historically has been home to several different ethnic

groups who have maintained their individual cultural traditions. English is the official language in The Gambia, but several native languages also are widely spoken.

Tradesmen, such as weavers and textile dyers, still make distinctive, highly colored cloth throughout the country. The Gambia is particularly noted for its indigo-dyed cloth. Women typically wear traditional West African clothing, and

often sport elaborate, colorful head wraps and flowing caftans. Men typically wear traditional shirts and Western pants. Music and dance still are very important activities associated with village life. These events not only provide entertainment, but serve to preserve cultural traditions, oral genealogies, and historical narratives. If you choose to visit, the best weather can be found from November to May.



Photo by Peter van der Sluijs  
Women in The Gambia learn at an early age to carry things on their heads.

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### Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

Matt Reilly presented the results of a survey of members on their goals and genealogical experience. Members' experience ranged from brand new to genealogy to over 10 years experience. The majority used computers for their research with most using ancestry.com, familysearch.org, archives.gov and google.com. The majority of the members used the Family Tree Maker program to organize and maintain their genealogy records. Most showed a desire to learn how to improve their organization of their genealogical research records, their research techniques and the documentation of their sources. There was strong support for instructional videos by experts.

Members' interest in researching records on their ancestors was quite diversified and covered the states of the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic and New England. With regards to foreign countries, members are interested in learning where to find genealogical records in Canada, Ireland and Great Britain and the countries of Europe.

Donna Cunningham gave a presentation on "Identifying Your Family Photos." Steps to identify your photo are:

1. Date your photo by determining the photographic process, clothing, hairstyles and jewelry being worn and type of transportation.
2. Determine the location and time of year by looking at the clothing, terrain and vegetation and examining the architecture, license plates on the cars and signage.
3. Examine the interior and the exterior of the house; link the jewelry to family heirlooms and events that occurred, e.g. weddings, births, etc.

The common type of photographs in the 1800s were the fol-

lowing:

1. Daguerreotypes (1839-1860) had a highly polished mirrored image on a copper or silver colored surface and were usually cased.
2. Ambrotypes (1855-1866) were glass, backed by black paper or varnish or velvet and were usually cased.
3. Tin types (1854-1900) were very thin metal and will attract a magnet. They might be cased. 4) CDVs [Carte-de-Visite] (1858-1905) were very popular from 1860-1880. Those taken between Sept. 1, 1864 to Aug. 1, 1866 had Civil War tax Stamps on the frame, which was approximately two by three inches or "wallet" or "calling card" size.
4. Cabinet cards (1869-1906) were approximately four by six inches, quite ornate, some with a short obituary, and often used as "memorial cards."
5. Post card portraits were introduced in 1893 at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. They were used for portraits from 1903 through World War I.

The Genealogical Society will hold a board meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 10 in the the Hobby Building, followed by an organizational meeting at 10:15 a.m., where we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations. In addition, we answer questions from members on genealogical problems. On Monday, April 17 at 10 a.m., we will hold an educational presentation by Ron Niebo, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C on "Ellis Island, a Gateway City."

Our annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Benefits of membership include a large library of genealogical books and CDs available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check us out online at otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.



### Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

Luke Mullen

Twenty-four diners attended four dinners in February at the homes of club members.

Anne and Carl Crutchfield were the hosts for our first dinner. Pat and Russ McNulty prepared a parmesan/garlic riced cauliflower and bacon mini tart as an appetizer. Annette and Paul Hodges then served a salad of baby greens, cherry tomatoes, mandarin oranges, fresh strawberries, and walnuts with a choice of Asian sesame, or balsamic vinaigrette dressings. Anne and Carl then served the entrée of seafood lasagna with shrimp and scallops. Accompanying the entrée were green beans and garlic knots. Rhea and Jim Russell served a strawberry torte for dessert. It was made with layers of angel food cake, sliced strawberries, strawberry cream cheese and Cool Whip frosting and decorated with whole berries.

The hosts for our second dinner were Ann and Conrad Massa who served a baked Brie with cherry and walnuts appetizer as well as an artichoke dip. Following the appetizers, Liz and Julian Wachs served a salad of baby greens, toasted walnuts, feta, and strawberries in honor of the season. Also a strawberry vinaigrette was provided. Ann and Conrad then served the main entrée of beef stew with onions, mushrooms, carrots and potatoes in bistro au jus. Gail Rosenzweig and Ed Bodnar served a delicious multi-fruit salad in a whipped cream medium for dessert.

Third dinner hosts were Phyllis and Al Richards. Ginny and Jerry Nardone brought stuffed mushrooms and a hot artichoke dip with tortilla chips as appetizers. Phyllis and Al started off the main meal with an antipasto tossed green salad with bruschetta dressing. The entrée that followed was lasagna Bolognese which consisted of lasa-

gna pasta layered with Bolognese sauce, mild Italian sausage, ricotta, parmesan, Romano, provolone, Gouda and mozzarella cheeses. Served with the lasagna was grilled zucchini, summer squash and red peppers. Kathy and Luke Mullen then served a brownie bottom chocolate pudding pie with walnuts topped with Cool Whip as dessert.

Nancy and Tom Meininger hosted dinner number four. Marti and Bill Aman provided two hors d'oeuvres. The first was asparagus roll-ups, which were made from thin-sliced pressed bread spread with a blue cheese/cream cheese mix, wrapped around an asparagus spear and baked. The second was roast beef rounds. Nancy and Tom then served the main meal of shrimp and lobster in garlic oil sauce over angel hair pasta with a side of green peas. Carolle and Tom Carlton then served their dessert - a warm cherry crunch serve with vanilla ice cream

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



### View from the Library

B.J. Leckbee

Gale McKeveit is a pseudonym of author Sonja Massie, who has published 20 novels in her Savannah Reid mystery series.

Savannah is a big blue-eyed transplanted southerner with a black belt in karate who became a police officer in California, got fired, and started her own detective agency. It didn't take her long to realize that being an investigator in the private sector was a little harder without the badge, with witnesses and potential suspects feeling no obligation to answer any of her questions or provide any leads.

Enter her former partner, Dirk Coulter, who is still on the force and is willing to use official databases to do some investigating for her. Dirk also has a habit of being in the right place at the right time, to Savannah's everlasting relief.

Life in California is a big change from South Georgia, so when her 80-something Granny Reid appears on Savannah's doorstep, southern cooking returns to the household and she does her best to never miss a meal.

The author provides plenty of confusion and several suspects without alibis in the first book in the series, "Bitter Sweets" and subsequent books also have food related titles, such as "Just Desserts" and "Cooked Goose."

In "Cooked Goose," which is about a serial rapist, Savannah takes a job teaching self-defense to women, and as luck (or the author) would have it, one of them is kidnapped by the rapist. Why is that lucky? The lady remembers Savannah's training and manages to escape. The information she provides helps identify the man they've been looking for.

We only have a handful of the 20 books in this series at this time; perhaps more will appear.

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**Telephone Directories**

The 2017 telephone directories have arrived. Please pick up your copy at customer service. If you have changes for the directory, you'll need to make them at that time.

**Room Request & Club Guest Notification Forms**

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2018 are due now! Rooms will not be automatically rebooked for the year without submitting a new request. Events or club meetings that have guests in attendance must submit a Club Guest Notification form two weeks prior to the event. Guests will be denied entry into the community without the proper paperwork being submitted to the Recreation Center office.

**Line Dancing\***

Line dance classes take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Monday (Newcomers class on Tuesdays) through June 26. Choose your class according to your ability. You can switch to a different level at any time. The cost is \$10 per four-week session with instructor Marilyn McNeal.

Line dance tickets may be purchased Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center office. Please note that line dance tickets will not be sold on Mondays.

- **ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS** (5 to 6 p.m.): This class is an introduction to line dance and is full; they will not be accepting any new dancers at this time. (Please note there is a new "Newcomers" class.)
- **BEGINNER LEVEL ONE** (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): This class is the next level after completing Absolute Beginners. Dancers have some experience now and know step pattern descriptions. Easy dances are taught at this level with additional step patterns added.
- **BEGINNER LEVEL TWO** (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Class includes basic line dance steps, combinations, and easy dance patterns, with low impact movement to many different rhythms. New step patterns are taught as needed. Some prior dance experience is required.
- **IMPROVER PLUS** (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience required. This class is slightly easier than intermediate. Current popular dances are taught at this level.
- **NEWCOMERS** (3 to 4 p.m.): Every Tuesday in the Recreation Fitness Center you will learn very basic line dance step patterns and easy line dances.

**Tropic Trivia Night\***

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions on Thursday, April 6, in the Recre-

ation Center Ballroom. We will have groups of 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.

The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. A cash bar will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that coolers, cups or beverages of any kind are not permitted.

Please do not bring any cell phones; anyone found with a cell phone at their table during trivia play will automatically disqualify the entire team (no exceptions).

**March's Winners**

1: Know Nothings; 2: Nana's & Papa's; 3: The Way We Were.

**Happy Hour**

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

Our "Bike Night" Happy Hour was on Friday, March 3. The room was filled with leather, chaps and even motorcycles.

Friday, April 21, will be a "Reggae Night" themed Happy Hour. Come out and have fun with friends and neighbors as we all remember the famous Bob Marley.

- Friday, April 7: Dunning Shaw
- Friday, April 14: No Happy Hour
- Friday, April 21: "Reggae Night" with Music Mix
- Friday, April 28: Ray & Kay

**Super Bingo**

Super Bingo will be held on Wednesday, April 5, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 6 to 9 p.m. Cards will be sold at 5 p.m. (no cards sold after 5:45 p.m.) There will be 17 \$50 games and three \$250 games. The cost is \$5 for three cards (minimum of three cards per person). No guests are permitted. Resident I.D. is required to participate.

**EnviroShred**

EnviroShred will return on Thursday, April 6, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to noon. This company will be on-site to shred all your important documents. The cost is \$5 per one-cubic foot (normal storage size box or computer paper box).

**Whispering Oaks Winery, Yalaha Bakery & Russell Stover Outlet\***

Join us on Thursday, April 13, on a trip to visit the famous Yalaha Bakery, which offers wonderful German breakfast or lunch, made with traditional German recipes and also traditional cold sandwiches. You will then head over to the Whispering Oaks Winery, which has 40,000 blueberry bushes on the farm, and specializes in blueberry wines. There is a friendly bar in the visitor center and you'll get a tour of the wine-making operation. You will also receive a flatbread of your choosing and a Whispering Oaks Winery souvenir.

The trip will end with a visit to the Russell Stover Candies factory outlet. They have a fully equipped espresso bar serving gourmet coffee, cappuccinos, lattes, ice cream and more. You will have the opportunity to build a custom box of your favorite chocolates by the piece/pound from the 30-plus fla-

vors in the candy case. Please note this trip requires a lot of walking! Cost is \$47 per person and includes transportation, tour of the winery, Russell Stover Outlet and Yalaha Bakery. Lunch is not included.

**Victory Casino Cruise\***

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Tuesday, April 18, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, 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.

Cost is \$45 per person, which includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, \$20 match in play and double points.

**Cedar Lakes Woods & Gardens Tour\***

Come and join us on Thursday, April 20 for the guided walking tour of 50 individual gardens that are in a 100-year-old retired lime rock quarry. You will see over 100 species of plants, flowers and trees along with birds of prey, owls, doves and much more. There are benches and picnic tables to allow one to rest and take it all in. Once you have completed your visit at the garden we will board back on the bus to visit the very popular restaurant called the Great Outdoors in High Springs, Fla. The cost of the trip is \$38 per person and includes transportation and garden admission. Lunch and tips not included. Please note there is a lot of walking on this trip.

**New England Shire Centre\***

Join us as we dine at Southern Pig & Cattle Company for lunch on Tuesday, April 25, followed by a visit and tour of the New England Shire Centre. This is one of the largest English Shire farms in the world. The Shire is the most popular heavy horse in England. Your visit will consist of viewing and interacting with approximately 45 English Shire stallions, geldings, mares and foals. There will be a one hour guided tram tour and photo opportunity. The cost of the trip is \$52 per person, which includes transportation and guided tram tour. Lunch is on your own.

**St. Johns River Cruise\***

Enjoy a scenic boat tour down river through Blue Creek in the Ocala National Forest on Thursday, April 27. Alligator encounters are plentiful year round. You will leave the creek behind to re-enter the St. Johns River by the pristine Lake George, Florida's second largest lake, which is surrounded by the Ocala National Forest on the west and the Lake George State Forest on the east. The cost of the trip is \$47 per person, which includes transportation and the boat cruise. You will have the opportunity to dine at the famous Blackwater Inn

for lunch. Please note that lunch will be on your own.

**Rags to Riches\***

It's that time of year again when we clean out our attics, garages and join our friends for the bi-annual Rags to Riches sale on Friday, April 28, at the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost of the table is \$10 and there will be a two-table maximum. The SPCA will have coffee and doughnuts for sale with all proceeds going to help sheltered animals.

**Pool Monitoring**

Pool monitoring for the Recreation Center pool began in mid-March. Please note that the pool rules are posted around the pools. Please have resident I.D.s available when visiting the pool areas. Rules and procedures are strictly enforced. A resident must accompany guests or have the guests present the I.D. of the resident they are visiting. Please note that children under the age of 15 may not be permitted in any of the family pools until after noon during the weekdays!

As we enter the warmer months, the facility pools will see high volumes of residents and guests. We ask everyone to only utilize one chair or lounge per resident and to keep your personal items with you on your chair. This will help in assuring that everyone who comes to the pool will have a seat available.

**Community News**

The Arbor Club Ballroom and Hibiscus are now closed for renovations of the new fitness center. The Arbor Club office, fitness room, indoor and outdoor pools will remain open for business. Future temporary closures of these areas will occur in mid-summer with sufficient notice being posted. Please plan accordingly!

The Lodge at Candler Hills is now open for all Candler Hills residents. Please note that bookings for The Lodge or Candler Hills Community Center will require a Candler Hills resident I.D. Bookings for these facilities will now be handled through the office at The Lodge.

**Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, May 4: Tropic Trivia Night\*
- Thursday, May 11: Get Acquainted Coffee
- Friday, May 12: Insiders VIP Horse Farm Tour\*
- Tuesday, May 16: Victory Casino Cruise\*
- Thursday, May 18: Social Hour with Long White Cloud
- Friday, May 19: "Jam Night" Happy Hour
- Sunday, May 21: Tampa Bay Ray vs. New York Yankees\*
- Tuesday, May 23: Tarpon Springs Trip\*
- Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Service

\*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or less prior to any event or trip.

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MONDAY - THURSDAY		
MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
Williamsburg	91st Cir. E. - 91st Cir. W - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
<b>Exit Community.....9:36 a.m.</b>		
<i>Indigo East Community Center      Parking Lot      Call one day in advance for pick-up</i>		
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:47 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:42 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:32 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:32 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:42 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
Walmart/Stein Mart	10:27 a.m.	11:57 a.m.
Target	10:37 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m.	12:12 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
<b>Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.</b>		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
Candler Hills Community Center	1:00 p.m.      Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:17 p.m.
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:05 p.m.      Recreation Center	1:21 p.m.
Williamsburg Post Office	1:08 p.m.      Americana Post Office	1:23 p.m.
Avalon Post Office	1:13 p.m.      Friendship Post Office	1:27 p.m.
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Winn Dixie	1:30 p.m.	3:28 p.m.
Publix	1:35 p.m.	3:33 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	1:43 p.m.	3:39 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	1:49 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
Save A Lot	1:56 p.m.	3:23 p.m.
Big Lots	1:59 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:07 p.m.	3:07 p.m.
Walmart	2:09 p.m.	3:02 p.m.
<i>* All times are approximate</i>		
<b>For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533</b>		



### Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

The Michigan Club gathered for their monthly meet and greet at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday in March. The group numbered over 60 with several visitors joining in for an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Green shirts were the fashion of the day (the club logo shirts just happen to be green). Some people wore top hats - green bowlers, baubles and bangles and even a life size Leprechaun appeared! Scattered across the tables were shiny gold coins and shamrocks.

The potluck table was definitely shaded Irish. It included green punch, five different green fluff salads, Irish stew, corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and Irish soda bread, shepherd's pie, cabbage rolls stuffed with corned beef, green jello, green frosted cakes and cupcakes, green pie and smores!

Following dinner, partygoers who had been instructed to bring a joke, written on a three by five card

were each given a card to read. Each joke seemed better than the one before as laughter escalated through the crowd.

Kathy Dushary, one of the founding members, sold and distributed the prizes from a 50/50 drawing to broadly smiling recipients. Judy Wagnitz, another founding member, welcomed members and reminded them of the no alcohol rules.

Michigan is known for its love of Coney Island hot dogs, often sold at baseball games. So in honor of the official opening of baseball season, Nancy Meininger, social director, announced the April meeting will be a Coney Party in the outdoor pavilion adjacent to the softball field, Sunday, April 2 at 5 p.m.

The club will provide a menu of Michigan-made Koegel Coney Dogs to be grilled on site served with Michigan Better Maid potato chips and Vernor's ginger ale. Members will bring side dishes. Beer and wine is allowed at the pavilion so attendees may provide their own. They are also encouraged to bring lawn games such as ladder ball and corn hole. A shuffleboard and horseshoe competition is planned.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

**Ed Wilson shows his Irish in a green bowler hat with wife, Kathleen in head bow, seated next to Adam Schuler.**

Ladies are reminded to design their wide brimmed hat decorations for the Kentucky Derby party and hat competition in May, also at the outdoor pavilion.

The new Michigan-only poker group, Michigan euchre group and Michigan Mexican train group will meet at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday in June, July, August and Septem-

ber in Suites E and F, Arbor Conference Center.

If you would like to join us for an enjoyable evening reminiscing over Michigan memories, please come to our next meeting at the outdoor pavilion. We meet on the first Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. Call Nancy Meininger with questions at (352) 342-9757.



### Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

Hands across the continents  
"Clean up, paint up, fix up."  
Some of us are "mature" enough to remember that slogan.

Spring cleaning is still in vogue. As the days lengthen, the urge to get out and going creeps up like bad underwear.

The trail beckons.  
In November 2003, with the blessing of On Top of the World and the energy of the Native Plant Group, the Longleaf Pine Trail opened.

The vision for a trail through the Longleaf Pine forest occurred to us in September 2001. Two years later, the project to teach folks about our North/Central Florida environment had become a reality.

Now, 13 years and thousands of footsteps later, "fixing up" some of the human-made parts of the trail has become a priority.

It was time for hands across the continents.

In this first of two columns we share how a family of conservation, health-minded trail partners involved themselves in invigorating the trail once again. Margitta Claterbos, our club president, her sister and brother-in-law from Germany, Bill Shampine, and Joe Hilchey tackled the task.

The picture shows Margitta displaying the newly waterproofed, renovated visitor information box at the trailhead.

If you have walked the trail you may have read many of the comments from others who have taken the same path. Those reflections are located for posterity in the book inside of the box. Time and the weather have recorded their presence as well. Now, thanks to the hands of our dear intercontinental friends, the book will be protected.

Stay tuned for the second in this couplet of kudos.

In the meantime, join us if you wish, on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Longleaf Pine Trail, when we join to keep the trail maintained. It's an enjoyable time in the peaceful time of the morning.

On the fourth Wednesday of the month at the same time, we meet at the SW 94th Street circle for maintenance of the circle. Call me at (352) 861-4560, if you care to join us. Going native is a trip!



Photo by Ron Broman

**Native Plant Group president, Margitta Claterbos, bids you welcome!**

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## Lionel Model Train Demonstration

By Jim Lynam

You are invited! The members of the Model Railroaders would like to invite all residents, friends and family to the spring set-up of the Lionel model train layout. The modular system will be located in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite G on Friday, March 31, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The demonstration will feature Lionel trains with an operating sawmill, a log car and a barrel car. Bring the grandchildren and enjoy viewing the wonderful world of model trains.

The members of the Model Railroaders have been working on several projects involving the layout since Christmas. Bob Wilkes redesigned the three control panels that operate all of the electronics on the layout. The track plan is drawn on the front of the panel and the switches that operate the turnouts are located on the pattern at their correct position. All of the switches to control the turn-table, automo-

bile traffic lights, and the "action tracks" that operate the box car, log car, slag car and the pipe unloader are all conveniently located on the panel.

Another project that was recently completed was the replacement of many of the old turnout "snap switches" with more realistic "torso motors." As their name implies, these controllers move the points of the switch very slowly just like the prototypical turnouts in use on real railroads. Another advantage of these devices is that each one may be wired to activate either red (stop) or green (proceed) lights on a signal bridge to inform the engineer as to the status of the switch. As a result, each time a turnout is toggled, the light on the control panel changes color, the points on the track move, and the signal bridge lights change their corresponding color!

In an attempt to add more animation to the layout, when a steam engine is in need of water, with a touch of a switch, the funnel of the



Photo by Jim Lynam

**Visit the Model Railroaders layout Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2.**

water tank will lower to the tender and a light will come on for visibility. With the switch reversed, the light turns off and the funnel returns to its upright position. This action is combined with the new computer generated audio in the tender that actually creates the sound associated with the funnel movement, and the realistic sound of water flowing from the water tank into the tender!

In similar fashion, the next project will animate the chute of the coal tippie to lower and raise to

fill the steam engine's tender with coal.

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 Fitness Center. Club members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Our monthly meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A.

Happy Easter and Passover to all!

## Marriage Game

By Sandi Kemp

Everyone Wins Club had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day at our February get together! Three couples played the marriage game and were great sports! We also enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner!

We decided to have our last meeting on Sunday, March 19, because so many of the snowbirds were leaving. We will start again on Sunday, Oct. 15.

All are welcome, couples and singles. We play bingo, trivia, charades, and anything else I think of to do that is fun.

We meet at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C on the third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. Hope to see you in October!

For more information, call (352) 237-9073.



Photo by Sandi Kemp

**Members of the Everyone Wins Club playing the marriage game.**

## Ten Years & Counting!

By Bev Ovrebo

Ten years and counting! On Thursday, Feb. 23, joined by the Candler Hills LGA-9, the Candler Hills LGA-18 celebrated its 10th anniversary. After a Scramble with 58 participants from both leagues, an anniversary party was held at The Club at Candler Hills, replete with hors d'oeuvres, an anniversary cake, and lots of stories swapped and pictures snapped.

Founded by 20 women in March 2007, the Candler Hills LGA-18 has thrived and grown, tripling in size. "We wanted a league of our own," said founder Iro Lisinski. Our first

president was Patty Ware, joined by board members Andrea Frantangelo, JoAnn Roney, Linda Buschur, Judy McGrath and Vivian Schofield. Carol Joseph drafted the league's rules and by-laws. Other "founding mothers" were current members Carol Clark, Toni Stevenson, Gail Schultz, Marge Cowie, and Mary Pat Giffin. Past members who were founders were Nadine Hewes, Carol Horton, Vivian Schofield, Maria Anglace, Barb Masachi, Sally Kelly, and the late Maureen Brooks and Marie Maestroinni.

In its first 10 years, the Candler

Hills LGA-18 has become an integral part of women's amateur golf in Central Florida, participating as a club in the following groups and tournaments: Solheim Cup (with the On Top of the World LGA), the Stone Creek Challenge, MidStates, the Fun Day of Golf, and Brassies. The league generously supports the First Tee of Greater Ocala, for which organization Candler Hills head golf professional, Denise Mullen, is the LPGA/USGA girls golf director. The Candler Hills LGA has been a generous supporter of the Marion County food bank, Rally for the Cure, Voices for Children, Community with a Heart, Rally for the Cure and Michelle-O-Gram.

The Candler Hills LGA-18 invites women golfers to join us as we

start our second decade. Tin is the anniversary present for 10 years - we are going for gold!

Mark your calendar! The Solheim Cup will take place on April 6 and 11. Look for results next month.

### Criers

**Feb. 16**

Flight 1: 61-Mia Kolar, 63-Su Freeman.

Flight 2: Tie at 67-Diane O'Brien, Angie Jingco.

Flight 3: 61-Betty Dong, 62-Toni Stevenson.

Flight 4: 65-Beth Wolinsky, Tie at 68-Deanne Green, Pam Monk.

### Scramble with the Candler Hills LGA-9

**Feb. 23**

66.6-Pam Carpenter, Elizabeth Wilhitt, Deanne Green, Mary Vliek; 68-Judie Anderson, Carla Kimball, Marge Cowie, Mary Giannukos; 68.1-Sara Nunn, Mary Pat Giffin, Ilyong Dicus, Nancy Dreimiller; Tie at 68.2-Beverly Ovrebo, Heddy Racinowski, Joan Gustafson, Cheryl Nesbit; Su Freeman, Gail Schultz, Kathy Smyth, Marcie Hock; Carol Oman, Toni Stevenson, Virginia Redden, Kathy Hall; 68.5-Lynne Thesman, Renee Aden, Mary Ann McCourt, Rocket Johnson.

### Odds and Evens

**March 2**

Flight 1: Tie at 30-Mia Kolar, Bev Ovrebo, Donna Smith, Judie Anderson.

Flight 2: 28-Betty Dong, Tie at 29-Diane O'Brien, May Chin.

Flight 3: 28-Lynn Thesman, Tie at 30-Gail Banavige, Marie Anglace.

Flight 4: 29-Bertha Myers, Tie at 30-Mary Pat Giffin, Kathy Smyth.

### Pink Ball - 1 Best Ball of Group

**March 9**

59-Deb Martin, Carol Oman, Laurie Rohrer; 62-Bev Ovrebo, Bertha Myers, Blind Draw.



Photo by Susan Watters

**Founding mothers of the Candler Hills LGA-18.**

# CARDS & GAMES

## Monday Afternoon Bridge

**Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson**

**Feb. 6**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 3: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett; 4: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 5: Linda & Don Sprague.

**Feb. 13**  
1: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 2: Marge Benton & Carol Johnson; 3: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett; 4: Kay Boland & Rad D.

**Feb. 20**  
1: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord; 2: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 3: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 4: Judy Wagnitz & Marlene Floecker; 5: Ida Rosendahl & Caryl Rosenberger.

**Feb. 27**  
1: Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak; 2: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe; 3: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 4: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman.

## Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

**Joanne Jones**

**Feb. 7**  
1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 2: Agnes LaSala & Bernie Kelly; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

**Feb. 21**  
1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

**Feb. 28**  
1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

## Tuesday Night Bridge

**Doris Keathley**

**Feb. 7**  
1: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger; 2: Kathie Dushary & Katie White; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Ida Rosendahl; 4: Sharon Davis & Dan Hall.

**Feb. 14**

1: Katie White & Kathy Dushary; 2: Rita Smyth & Colleen Tobino; 3: Joan Lord & Doris Keathley; 4: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger 5 Jim & Betty Devoy.

**Feb. 21**  
North South 1: Katie White & Kathy Dushary.  
East West 1: Jim & Ruth Jackson; 2: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

**Feb. 28**  
North South 1: Doris Keathley & Joan Lord; Tie at 2: Katie White & Kathie Dushary & Colleen Tobino & Rita Smyth.  
East West 1: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger; 2: Ed Bodnar & Dan Lack; 3: John & Marie Fiorillo.

## Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

**Pat Goltart**

**Feb. 1**  
1: Sharon Davis; 2: Carmen Arroya; 3: Betty Morris; 4: Fran Griswold; Cons: Delores Melberg.

**Feb. 8**  
1: Marian Hotz; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Annette Helwig; 4: Pat Goltart; 5: Nebbie Day; Cons: Delores Melberg.

**Feb. 15**  
1: Betty Morris; 2: Pat Goltart; 3: Carmen Arroya; 3: Nebbie Day; cons: Delores Melberg.

**Feb. 22**  
1: Sharon Davis; 2: Annette Helwig; 3: Bernie Kelly; 4: Joanne; Cons: Mary Klinzing.

## Thursday Afternoon Bridge

**Marge Starrett**

**Feb. 2**  
1: Cleona Redman; 2: Rad D; 3: Marlene Floeckher; 4: Linda Sprague.

**Feb. 9**  
1: Joyce Walchak; 2: Carmen Arroya; 3: Marge Starrett.

**Feb. 16**  
1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Rad D; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Nebbie Day.

**Feb. 23**

1: Mary Klinzing; 2: Kay Boland; 3: Don Sprague; 4: Mary Walker.

## Thursday Night Bridge

**Keith Briggs**

**Feb. 16**  
1: Keith Briggs; 2: Ida Rosendahl; 3: Donnell Briggs.

**Feb. 23**  
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Beverly Ketchum; 3: Keith Briggs; 4: Ida Hartley.

**March 2**  
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Ron McNeilly; 3: Sara Anderson; 4: Fran Griswold.

**March 9**  
1: Ida Rosendahl; 2: Beverly Ketchum; 3: Miriam McNeilly; 4: Lillie.

## Friday 4 Fun Euchre

**Chip Parsons**

**Feb. 3**  
1: Edith Kolb; 2: Mary Bartel; 3: Fran Griswold.

**Feb. 10**  
Tie at 1: Fred Cuffar & Phyllis Wall; Tie at 2: Dale Douglas & Walter Hickenlooper; Tie at 3: Claude Howie & Jean Gillette.

**Feb. 17**  
1: Debbie Weaver; 2: Pidge; 3: Phyllis Wall.

**Feb. 24**  
1: Joan Sigafoos; 2: Verna Harsh; 3: Phyllis Wall.

## Tuesday Night Pinochle

**Whitney Frye**

**Feb. 7**  
1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Andy Mark.

**Feb. 14**  
1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Gayle Argano.

**Feb. 21**  
1: Herb Katz; 2: Kathy Pinto; 3: Ilse Kessey.

**Feb. 28**  
1: Gayle Argano; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Andy Mark; 4: Whitney Frye.



**Tennis**

**Jorge Privat**  
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Time flies when you're having fun! The new courts are just about completed and ready for play, and we welcome anyone who is willing to get back into or start playing tennis.

I am organizing an inter-club tournament and social gathering to celebrate our new courts. I will be inviting the surrounding tennis communities. I would like to recruit all our better players to participate and represent our tennis community. I am sure the tennis committee will be very happy to help bring this event to be a memorable experience.

I would also like to remind you that throughout the year, there are many good professional tournaments we can watch on television and from which we can learn and improve our game.

On another subject, we need to maintain our physical fitness on a regular basis to be able to cope with the weather and the demands of the sport. To this end, I offer you the following tip of the month.

**Physical Conditioning**  
Looking back at 1981 when Bjorn Borg retired from tennis in the prime of his career, many fans as the years passed wondered ... "what if?" Apparently, Borg too was asking himself the same question.

Then, he decided to return to compete on the tour in 1991, still with his characteristic headband and his wood racquet in hand. He played in the opening round of Monte Carlo and lost to an unknown Jordy Arrese (6 to 2, 6 to 3). He entered 11 other events in the ensuing two years, but did not win a single match. The 34-year-old phenom proved that he was after all, just another mortal like the rest of us, and, that time does not pass by without leaving a mark. He thought he could compete at the same level without proper preparation.

Agassi on the other hand, after going through some personal problems of his own, and letting his ranking plummet to no better than 130, decided to make a real come back. He trained with renewed interest and conditioned himself in such a way that he regained his spot in the top five in the world.

Admittedly, we all lose a step or two over the years. Nevertheless, I encourage you all to maintain a healthy lifestyle and condition yourself physically on a regular basis if you wish to enjoy, maintain and improve your tennis for as long as you can play it. Among other nice things we have in this community is a well-equipped fitness center with qualified trainers and the Power Park.

Remember that sound footwork is the foundation of good tennis. If you cannot move your feet in order to position yourself to hit the ball properly, or to give direction to the ball, you simply will not be able to do what you would like to do with the ball.

See you around the courts!

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**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Susan Layne

February has been a very busy month with a variety of golf activities. Thursday, Feb. 16 was the first day of the LGA Challenge between Candler Hills and On Top of the World. This was the second year of this event. On Top of the World won the initial challenge in 2016. Candler Hills ladies were determined to win it this year. The first round was played at the Candler Hills Golf Course. The Candler Hills ladies had a one-point lead at the end of the round. The second round was played at the Tortoise & The Hare. There was a lot of good-natured competition between the teams. It is a great way to get to know our sister club and strengthen the ties. Candler Hills managed to win the trophy and will proudly display it in the Golf Shop. Lunch was served in the Derby Room after round two.

Twenty of our ladies attended the Golf Around (GAR) at Stone Creek on Monday, Feb. 20. There were about 140 participants from the seven member clubs. We had a variety of breakfast foods to give us that early morning energy. After play we were served a lunch of chili, choice of pasta primavera, chicken salad or BLT flatbread followed by hot apple crisp with whipped cream. The day was beautiful, the course in great shape and a number of our ladies were in the money. Flight A Low Putts: 14-Carol Deahl. Flight B Low Net: 33-Lydia Flinch-

baugh, Diane Masterson. Flight C Low Gross: 48-Pat Gill. Flight C Low Putts: 15-Judy Parisi. Flight C Low Net: 31-Mary Ann McCourt. 33-Rocket Johnson. Flight D Low Net: 32-Kathy Hall, Sue Layne. 33-Eve Harvey.

Thursday, Feb. 23 the nine-hole ladies were invited to play an 18-hole scramble with the Candler Hills LGA-18 in celebration of their 10th anniversary. They were very gracious to us. It was a great opportunity to get to know them a little better. After play we gathered in The Club at Candler Hills for hors

d'oeuvres and cake.

**2 Person Best Ball LGA-9 Challenge Feb. 16**

Day 1: 5-Candler Hills LGA; 4-On Top of the World LGA.

**2 Person Best Ball LGA-9 Challenge Feb. 21**

Day 2: 11.5-Candler Hills LGA; 6.5-On Top of the World LGA.

**Three Blind Mice (Net) March 2**

Flight 1: 22-Marianne Ingwersen, 25-Eileen Gustavus, 25-Mary Ann McCourt.

Flight 2: 19-Kathy Triolo, 22-Pat Gill, 22-Betty Werner. Flight 3: 18-Judy Parisi, 19- Marguerite Piotrowski, 20-Rocket Johnson.

Flight 4: 23-Mary Giannukos, 23-Eve Harvey, 24-Sue Layne.

**Team Best Ball March 9**

40-Susane Trembulak, Cheryl Nesbit, Marcie Hock, Donna McCombs. 42-Eileen Gustavus, Pat Gill, Mary Giannukos, Jean Jarmel; Delores Jaynes, Renee Aden, Olive Curtin, Susan Layne.



Photo by Matt Hibbs

Candler Hills LGA-9 officers (left) Pat Gill and Eve Harvey receiving the trophy from the On Top of the World LGA-9 officers Kay Budd and Eileen Gustavus, and golf professionals Daniel Janiak and Russ Smith.



**Women's Softball**

Sandy Hoskins

So what's your excuse? That sounds like a strange way to start an update on women's softball, but this month we want to highlight one of our players who doesn't let excuses stand in her way! Most (or all) of our softball players are not what we were "back in the day," however, our goal is just to have fun; so here we are, playing softball.

This month's "heroine" is Vickie Schreiner. She has had both her knees replaced and she is out here playing. Sure, she isn't as fast and limber as she used to be, but Vickie is getting stronger each week because she is doing what she can - which includes some very strong batting, tough fielding, and a slow jog when running the bases. We admire ladies like Vickie who are willing to put themselves out there and try their best because, in the end, we all just want to have fun. And it doesn't hurt to get some exercise too!

The bottom line is that some of us can't catch well, some of us can't run well (or at all), some of us can't bat well. We have sore backs. We have weak muscles. We have poor eyesight. We have fun! Don't let an excuse keep you from coming out and enjoying some softball. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the softball field. For more information, call Carol Singer at (352) 509-4066 or Sandy Hoskins at (309) 696-9140.



**Mah Jongg**

Mary Ehle

The March tournament was a huge success. Sixty ladies had lots of fun and lots of jokers.

The winners were as follows: 1: Maxine Allen; 2: Glennie Burns; Tie at 3/4: Joan Castellucci and Mary Bartel; 5: Leslie Conlon; 6: Barbara Winter.

Maxine Allen was on a roll with jokers galore. She also won several of the daily prizes.

I want to thank everyone for their help. It is very much appreciated. Now bring on summer and the new card. We are all ready for the card to change. Maybe it will bring us all more jokers. See you all in April with the new card and all the jokers.

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**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

Dave Miller

We welcome Thomas Presnick as a new member to our organization - welcome aboard! If you want to join our group, we play every Tuesday at 9 a.m. - playing both individual and team games. To learn more about our organization, feel free to e-mail me (millrace1@aol.com), visit our website (chmga.com), or contact one of the golf professionals in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. Grantland Rice is credited with

the following statement that sums up our group's attitude about golf pretty well: "Golf is 20 percent mechanics and technique. The other 80 percent is philosophy, humor, tragedy, romance, melodrama, companionship, camaraderie, cussedness and conversation."

Players scoring very well in February during regular league play include: Jay List (72), Jon Hill (73), Paul Rubly (74), Gene Moff and Dave Miller (75), Joseph Schuberth and Larry Rackstraw (76), Bruce Venslavsky (77), Joe Jingco and Joe Damiata (78), and Larry Joseph (79).

Upcoming on April 17 and 18 is our traditional Ryder Cup match with the Men's Golf Association of

On Top of the World. Then in early May we will be playing for the Veterans Cup with golfers from Stone Creek. Funds generated by this event go to the Marion County Veterans Helping Veterans organization.

**Team Quota Feb. 7**

Tie at +24-Jay List, Dale Budd, Bob Cowie & blind draw and Jeff Downs, Larry Rackstraw, John Podkomorski & Randy Ford; +22-Joe Damiata, Tom Racinowski, Rick Lilly & Gilbert Green; +20-Rick Appel, Robert Hutson, Joe Jingco & Richard Freeman.

**Modified Scramble Feb. 21**

272-Joe Damiata, Jim Tait, Paul Kannapel & Dave Miller; Tie at 279-

Paul Rubly, Dan Gill, Ed O'Leary & John Workman and Gene Moff, Dennis McCourt, Dennis Norris & Richard Freeman; 284-Gil Brooks, Joe Jingco, Paul Silliman & Randy Ford.

**Individual Stableford Feb. 28**

Flight 1: 46-Jon Hill; 42-Terry Sigler. 40-Joe Damiata. Tie at 36-Everett Kimball, Rick Appel and Jay List. Flight 2: Tie at 46-Gene Moff and Dave Miller. 44-Paul Rubly. 39-Tom Racinowski. Flight 3: 46-Paul Silliman. 44-Joe Jingco. Tie at 42-Jim McGrath and Dale Budd. Flight 4: 44-Randy Ford. Tie at 39-Richard Freeman and Bob Cowie. Tie at 38-Ed Viloria. Roger Whittle and John Workman.



**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Susan Rhodes

Forty-four league members participated in the member-member event on the Tortoise & The Hare on Tuesday, March 7. The weather was perfect! After golf, we enjoyed provolone, ham, and cappuccino subs from Jersey Mike's. The tables were

decorated festively in green for St. Patrick's Day. Many thanks to Joan D'Addio, Val Smith, and Lynn DeHart for all they did to make the luncheon a success!

On Tuesday, March 14, ladies from the Candler Hills LGA-18 joined us for league play. We had a large turnout, with around 60 ladies participating. Following golf, we gathered in the Derby Room for lunch. We always enjoy our get together with the Candler Hills ladies.

We are all looking forward to the Solheim Cup on Thursday, April 6 at Candler Hills and Tuesday, April 11 on the Tortoise & The Hare.

We want to welcome three new members to our league: M.J. Strelec, Lynn Barber, and Faye Barbee. All three moved here from the Rainbow Springs in Dunnellon. M.J. Strelec was originally from New Jersey and has been playing golf for 20 years. Before moving to Florida, Lynn Barber lived in Phoenix, Md. She has been playing golf for 21 years. Faye Barbee has been living in On Top of the World for just a month. She has been playing golf for 10 years.

**Cupid Open (2 Best Ball Gross, Silver Tees) Feb. 14/Tortoise & The Hare**

Tie at 135-VaDonna Hall, Virginia Bayless, Dolores Jaynes, Jo Apperson; Iro Lisinski, Carolyn Cummings, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Louise Lineman. 136-Deborah Martin, Kay Budd, Dawn Hagberg, Ann Flynn. 137-Bobbie Wiener, Geri Treppa, Marlene Floeckher, Kathy Hall. Tie at 138-Joan D'Addio, Sandy Chase, Yoshiko Young, Carol Bell; Valerie Smith, Susan Maillet, Joan Rappa, Pauline Beloin. Tie at 142-Gretchen Normandin, Dee Howie, Lorraine Rourke, Maryann Polizzoti; Gail LaGrange, Donna Brunnell, Joan Cecchini, Jean Flynn.

**Scotch Twosomes (Team Net)**

**Feb. 21/Links**

Flight 1: 60-Gail LaGrange, Margaret Hudacik. 62-Beverly Ovrebø, Sandy Chase. 64-Lynne Dickson, Debby Wilson. 65-VaDonna Hall, May Chin. Flight 2: 62-Angie Jingco, Betty Mc-Neeley. 64-Peggy Borro, Carolyn Cummings. 68-Iro Lisinski, Renee Aden.

**Two Best Balls (Team Net) Feb. 28/Tortoise & The Hare**

121-VaDonna Hall, Susan Maillet, May Chin, Connie Preis. Tie at 122-Joan D'Addio, Lynn DeHart, Lorie Anderson, Carole Robinson; Beverly Ovrebø, Margaret Hudacik, Dee Howie, Yoshiko Young. 125-Lynne Dickson, Valerie Smith, Mary Bennett. 126-Sandy Chase, Su Freeman, Harriet Hawkins, Carol Johnson.

**Member-Member (One Best Ball, Team Net)**

**March 7/Tortoise & The Hare**  
Flight 1: 61-Iro Lisinski, Beverly Ovrebø. 62-Sandy Chase, VaDonna Hall. 63-Lynne Dickson, Gail LaGrange. 66-Gretchen Normandin, Peggy Wiechmann. Flight 2: 56-Linda Blewitt, Molly Lucieer. 58-Debbie Wilson, Nancy Zielinski. 59-Peggy Borro, Lorie Anderson. Flight 3: 59-Carol Johnson, Geri Treppa. 63-Harriet Hawkins, Carolyn Cummings. 64-Connie Sohl, May Chin. 65-Rosemarie O'Neill, Jo Apperson.

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**Golf**

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April has finally arrived, which means it's time for The Masters. Who will win the year's first major championship? I would like to provide everyone with the On Top of the World golf professionals' picks: Matt Hibbs - Rickie Fowler; Denise Mullen - Jordan Speith; Russ Smith - Dustin Johnson; and Daniel Janiak - Dustin Johnson. Stop by the Golf Shop and let us know who you think will win this year's Masters.

The 2017 Ocala Open in March was our best event to date raising \$72,000 to split between our benefiting charities: Hospice of Marion

County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Special thanks go out to all of our wonderful partners, volunteers and staff for making this a spectacular event.

April will also bring the 2017 Solheim Cup. The On Top of the World Ladies Golf Association will host the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association in this annual clash. The event will be held Thursday, April 6 on Candler Hills and Tuesday, April 11 on the Tortoise & The Hare. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. each day. Good luck ladies.

This month, the Candler Hills Men's Golf Association will host the annual Men's Ryder Cup. The event will be held Monday, April 17 on the Tortoise & The Hare and Tuesday, April 18 on Candler Hills. Tee times begin at 8 a.m. each day. Good luck to both teams.

A special congratulations is in order to the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association 9-Hole for winning the second annual nine-hole challenge by a final score of 11-1/2 to six and a half over the On Top of the World Ladies Golf Association 9-Hole. Congratulations to all for a fun filled event.

**Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, April 6 & Tuesday, April 11: Ladies Solheim Cup.
- Monday, April 17 & Tuesday, April 18: Men's Ryder Cup.
- Saturday, April 22: Monthly Event at Tortoise & The Hare.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Larry Kettlewell, eagle #1. Everett Kimball, shot his age 70. Chuck Lafferty, shot 82, one stroke under his age.

**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Tom

Weiss, eagle #5. Donna Ireland, hole-in-one #8.

**Golf Tip of the Month**

Do you ever step up to a shot thinking about all the negative outcomes that can unfold? Then you hit the shot only to dump it in the greenside bunker. This is a big mental problem for a lot of golfers, even the tour players.

The most important thing you can do mentally is give yourself the best chance at success. Instead of thinking about all the negative outcomes focus your attention on what you want to happen. Think about the positive outcomes of the shot and be confident in your approach.

As quoted by the great Bobby Jones, "Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course, the distance between your ears."



**Shuffleboard**

Grace Rohde

The 30th anniversary, 1986/1987 through 2016/2017, of the Shuffleboard Club was celebrated on Thursday, March 9, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. There were 77 members and guests attending.

Looking back at the club's history, 30 years ago, President Kenneth Colen had met with 55 shufflers in May 1986 to discuss the possibility of a location for the over 100 members, who were interested in forming a shuffleboard club.

At that first meeting, Mr. Colen addressed and advised how he would help support the club with equipment and a place to play. By September, plans were finalized, officers were elected, teams were organized with captains, and the days of Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays were selected to play. This was the beginning of the Shuffleboard Club!

Since then, On Top of the World has always been there to support the club. Shuffleboard president, Bob Stubbs, presented Lynette Vermillion, on behalf of Mr. Colen, with a plaque of appreciation for 30 years of continued support.

There was a short business meeting and the election of officers took

place. For the 2017/2018 league year, the following executive board was voted into office: Bob Stubbs, president; Gary Campbell, vice president; Jane Boyer, secretary; and Annette Hodges, treasurer.

At the meeting, besides a check, which was presented by Mary Lamp to Karla Grimsley, CEO of Interfaith Emergency Services (IES), there were canned food items donated by shuffleboard members. IES provides emergency assistance to residents of Marion County. Karla was very appreciative of the club's donation.

This year, the Golden Troupers from the Ocala Civic Theatre provided the entertainment. They had individuals who not only sang for us, but their group also presented a comedy skit, which drew much laughter from the audience.

The winners for the 50/50 drawing were Jane Boyer, Darryl Kenyon, Emily Felice (won twice), and Gary Hackman. Bingo was played, chuckles were heard and comments were made as everyone covered their numbers in anticipation of winning. The men were the lucky ones and they were Roger Werner, Jack Myers, and Jim Baker (won twice).

Thanks goes to the social committee chairpersons Mary Lamp, Vickie Lentz, and Annette Hodges who planned and organized the luncheon and entertainment. They did a terrific job, and I am sure that everyone enjoyed the Lee's Famous

Recipe Chicken. Afterwards, as a surprise, a special cake was served. It was decorated with a shuffleboard court saying, "Celebrating 30 Years of Shuffleboard Fun."

Just a reminder that the pizza party is on Saturday, April 29, at noon. The party is free for all club members. Come and join us for fun and fellowship while eating pizza, as this will be the last get-together for this league season. Hope to see you there.

February winners in league play were:

**Men / Women**

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz and Henry Vieu / Vickie Lentz.

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher / Margot Thomas, Paula Magen, and Maxine Malone Gayso.

Thursday a.m.: Phil Crump / Jane Boyer

Friday a.m.: Roger Werner / Nancy Kowsky.

**30 Club**

Friday a.m.: Roger Werner.

Tuesday p.m.: Dotti Migliaccio and Dodie Phillips.

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**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Judith Parisi

We are looking forward to our annual awards celebration on Wednesday, April 19 at Stone Creek, at 11:30 a.m. Kudos to Lora Rossi for organizing this event. Cost to the members is only \$11 as the league is subsidizing the difference. A sign-up sheet is in the members lounge and we would ask that you deposit your monies for the lunch into the LGA-9 locked box as well as specify on the sign-up sheet your luncheon choice. Lora has arranged for some great luncheon selections, and a delicious dessert.

At our monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, March 7, the membership voted in the new and returning board and officers as follows: President Eileen Gustavus, Vice President Linda Mandala, Secretary Barbara Enos (continuing for a second year), Treasurer Dolores Jaynes, and Trustee Kay Budd.

In anticipation of the April meeting, we are seeking members to step up to volunteer for leadership roles for special events to include: Club Fair representatives, Christmas party, 9/18 Invitational which the LGA-9 will host in 2018, the LGA Challenge with Candler Hills, the LGA Invitational for 2018, and the awards banquet. There is a sheet in the members' lounge on which you can indicate your interest in volunteering.

Without the robust support from our membership we could not have all the fantastic golf and social events.

A special thank you to Kay Budd who has been our president for the past two years, and to Jane Wilson who has been our treasurer. They have done a tremendous job!

We urge you to visit our website at [otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com](http://otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com) for information on how to join as well as to see what type of events take place, both golf and social.

**Best Ball Gross 18/9 Feb. 14**

135-VaDonna Hall, Virginia Bayless, Dolores Jaynes, Jo Apperson. 135-Iro Lisinski, Carolyn Cummings, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Louise



Photo by Judy Parisi

**Competitors in the LGA-9 Challenge.**

Lineman. 136-Deborah Martin, Kay Budd, Dawn Hagberg, Ann Flynn. 137-Bobbie Wiener, Geri Treppa, Marlene Floeckher, Kathy Hall. 138-Joan D'Addio, Sandy Chase, Yoshika Young, Carol Bell; 138-Valerie Smith, Susan Mailet, Joan Rappa, Pauline Beloin; 142-Gretchen Normandin, Dee Howie, Lorraine Rourke, Maryann Polizzoti. 142-Gail La Grange, Donna Brunell, Joan Cecchini, Jean Flynn

**2 Person Best Ball LGA-9 Challenge Feb. 16 & 21**

11.5-Candler Hills LGA; 6.5-On Top of the World LGA.

**Fewest Putts Feb. 28**

Flight 1: 15-Dolores Jaynes, 17-Carla Kimball, Caroline East, Betty Jo Dent.

Flight 2: 14-Marianne Ingwersen, 15-Joan Cecchini, 16-Constance Deignan, Jane Wilson.

Flight 3: 16-Judy Parisi, 18-Ethel Miller, 19-Susan Wilkes, 20-Mary Vliek, Sherry Whitmer-Hall.

Flight 4: 14-Mary Hart, 17-Charmaine Hassett, 17-Maryann Poliz-

zoti, 18-Carolyn Abramovich.

**Scramble March 7**

37-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Dolores Jaynes, Ethel Miller, Eve Harvey; 38-Eileen Gustavus, Marcie Hock, Ann Flynn, Blind Draw; 40-Joan Cecchini, Myra Noel, Louise Lineman, Maryann Polizzoti; 41-Linda Mandala, Carla Kimball, Judy Parisi, Jean Flynn. 41-Susane Trembulak, Marlene Floeckher, Kathleen Dushary, Charmaine Hassett.



Photo by Bob Woods

**Hoofin' It for Hospice raised over \$1,500 on March 18.**

**Hoofin' It for Hospice**

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The committee for the 17th annual Hoofin' It for Hospice, under the direction of coordinator Valerie Sanders, would like to thank all those residents who participated in the two-mile leisurely walk around On Top of the World. All monies donated by the residents, along with clubs and organizations, raised a little over \$1,500, which is slated to help support Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House.

Accepting the donations for Hospice of Marion County was Cindy Moody, assistant gifts manager. Ideal weather conditions with cool temperatures under cloudless skies contributed to a large turnout of eager residents participating in the walk. Thank you all.

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**R/C Flyers**

**Gary Bayless**

Someone once said, "Everyone has one good story to tell." This month's featured member has enough to fill several books. The following is just an outline.

Starting as a 14-year-old in Budapest, Hungary, Bela Mandel received flight training in full size gliders, including two parachute jumps after a six month ground school, a program sponsored by the military as sort of a pilot reserve, and so a life-

long interest in flying had begun. Bela arrived at On Top of the World in 2007 with his wife Rita, a great sense of humor, and a big smile and soon got involved in the R/C airplane hobby.

At first, it might surprise some who didn't know his story to find out this accomplished and knowledgeable flyer was not a long time enthusiast of the hobby, but that he had far more important challenges to deal with as a young man.

After leaving Hungary in the aftermath of the Soviet Union's occupation of the country in 1956, he and Rita made a dangerous journey by train and by foot to Austria, from there to France and finally to Mon-

real, Canada, where they resided for 10 years, started a family and learned English. Though an engraver and printer, he could only obtain employment in unskilled jobs so he decided to become an artist and after night classes at the Museum of Fine Art he was offered a teaching position just as he received permission to emigrate to the U.S.

They went! Starting over for the third time in their lives, this time with two children in tow!

Of course, it was a bed of roses from then on. Bela got a job with a company creating artwork and photo retouching for advertising agencies, starting at the princely sum of \$50 a week in New York City. Before computers it was all done by hand, airbrushing movie star faces, adding the steam coming off a cup of coffee or even replacing a bikini with a more modest one piece bath-

ing suit on the picture of a model (how things have changed). But he took this opportunity to learn, work overtime and weekends for years, and eventually moved on to start his own business and prosper.

When computer programs started making his skills obsolete he moved on yet again to fine wood-working for a contractor to the rich and famous, and then finally retiring to the sunshine state for some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

I'm reminded of a saying the founder of McDonalds liked to quote, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common that unsuccessful individuals with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."



**Sidekicks Western Dance**

**Hannah Cole**

March brought us yet another party filled with food, fun and, of course, dancing. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with a potluck dinner with dancers clad in all sorts of green. We had visitors from Stone Creek along with some from other communities. As usual, we danced the night away. We are looking forward to our next dance session together. For some, this means weekends at The Town Square, weather permitting. For others it means regular Tuesday sessions and 5 p.m. practice on Sundays.

Our newbies are still progress-

ing rapidly, infusing new blood and energy into the group of talented veterans. Hopefully this group will continue to enjoy Sidekicks like John and I have since we joined. There are only a few left who joined when we did, so these new dancers are a welcome infusion.

Practice changes for April include Sunday, April 2 and Sunday, April 30 when we have no practice. Please take note.

We have a new website created by Allan Rickards. Please use this one instead of the old. Photos, dances and events have been given an update to conform to HTML5. Thanks Allan for making sure the Sidekicks members have access to all new dances and club information. Here is our new link: [pattern-dancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks](http://pattern-dancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks).

Until we meet again, "Dance like nobody's watching."



**Bunco Babes Social Group**

**Micki Malsch**

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite E. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Although we are Bunco babes, bunco dudes are invited too! Husbands do accompany their wives and play too!

The next scheduled game is Tuesday, April 25.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play. We have had many new people show up who had never played the game before. In March, there were 30 players, most of whom had never played before. By the end of the night, they were pros!

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

ry winners. You may bring a small snack for sharing and your own beverage.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790. See you there!



R/C Flyer Bela Mandel.

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**Bocce**

**Micki Malsch**

This is how we roll! The Bocce Club board recently met to finalize the plans for the annual banquet on Saturday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Team captains will be distributing sign-up sheets for the banquet with entrée preference for members and guests the week of April 3. All sign-up sheets must be returned no later than Monday, April 24.

The banquet menu will consist of a salad, entrée choice of stuffed chicken breast or shrimp/crab stuffed fish, vegetable, potato, dinner rolls, dessert, and choice of water or iced tea. A sugar-free dessert option will be available. The cost for this year's banquet is \$10 per person for both members and guests. All money must be turned in no later than April 24 to your team captains.

Open bocce continues to grow! Open bocce is now played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. These are open play days and anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play! Players are showing up very early to assure their spot to play. There is a sign-up sheet and the first 32 names on the sheet get to play. Please come early to sign

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Joe Bartosh at (608) 553-1602. We may be able to start another league if enough people want it.

The best of bocce play offs will be the week of April 25. League best of bocce will be on Tuesday, May 2. Open best of bocce will be on Thursday, May 4.

If you haven't signed a consent form or paid your dues of \$10, please make sure you see your

team captain or league representative. Everyone who plays, even those who play open bocce, are required to sign a consent form and pay dues.

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



**R/C Car Club**

**Tom Seitz**

On a beautiful February Sunday we had one of our best race days ever with a record showing of 30 racers running more than 50 cars. A large group of spectators was thrilled by an afternoon with close races and some spectacular flips,

spins, and crashes.

Interest in the club remains high with new members frequently joining. So, to make racing even more interesting, a working group developed a championship points program to enhance friendly competition. The program is structured so that, in order to give all participants a chance, no person can win a class two sessions in a row.

Winners for the first series are as follows:  
Novice—John Munn; Buggy 2 wheel

drive—Mike Bantz; Buggy 4 wheel drive—Paul Burrey; Truck 2 wheel drive—Tom Weiss; Truck 4 wheel drive—Charlie Fisher.

Racing for all four classes remains scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, with novice races included to encourage new members.

We continue to run the Tuesday helping hand sessions for those who want a bit of help. For those of you wanting to see the results of tuning vehicles, we will operate the timing system following, if people are interested.

Come out and join one of the most fun clubs at On Top of the World! Spectators are always welcome and you may be surprised at how much fun it is!



**Horseshoe League**

**Jim Russell**

The winter season concluded Tuesday, Feb. 28 with rock solid performances by Dan Ebbighausen, Ed Klodzen and the new kid on the block, Roger Baker. They finished first, second and third while being chased by the rest of the pack who came up just a little bit short.

Our attention now turns to the spring season, which began with play on Tuesday, March 7 and also saw our starting time revert back to 9 a.m. each Tuesday morning. Turnout for the first day of spring play was outstanding! We had the largest group of players in recent memory assemble for this event, having five of our nine pits in operation. Of course, this means we still have lots of room for additional players, so plan on joining us for some great fun!

The travel team concluded their regular season on Thursday, March 9 and I'll have the final standings posted in next month's issue. They currently stand just outside the top three but a good showing during the final match could push them up the ranks, depending on how the top three teams do during their final matches.

Don't forget to bring your aluminum cans to the horseshoe pit complex for recycling. Just leave the bag of cans outside the door of the pavilion that has a horseshoe on it. The money collected helps fund expenses incurred by our travel team.

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This Master the Possibilities class, "Champions of Active Aging Tell Their Story" kicked off with an introduction to the "Four Pillars of Health" (exercise, nutrition, sleep and stress management), then reviewed the top five fitness trends for older adults:

1. Engage in movement that enhances cognition.
2. Incorporate functional training exercises.
3. Train for better balance.
4. Practice mobility with core stability.
5. Strength-train back muscles.

Each active-aging champ then shared their inspiring story about overcoming challenges and ultimately improving the quality of their life.

Tom Filip has been a resident for six years. He had a stroke in his mid-20s, faced a challenging rehabilitation, and became an advocate for people with physical disabilities. Throughout all of his physical challenges, Tom never abandoned exercise! He is a regular participant in "Balanced Body" (fall prevention class) at the Recreation Fitness Center and loves to dance, travel and cook. Tom says, "You should celebrate life and stay involved!"

Dottie Conway has been a member of The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa for nearly three years. She participates in numerous classes and diligently works out with TRX, a very specialized method of suspension training. Prior to her workouts, three years ago Dottie had very limited range of movement in her shoulders and could not get up and down from the floor. Since engaging in regular exercise Dottie has dramatically improved her flexibility and has gained enough strength to get up and down from the floor like a champ. Dottie says, "You can do it! Modify the exercise if you have to but keep at it!"

Joe Buba has been a resident for nine years. Just a few short years

FITNESS SCHEDULE						
April 2017						
Recreation Center Fitness Room						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	
8:00 AM	Zumba® Mix Madelyne	S.O.S. Jonathan	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Dance Party Jessica	
9:00 AM	Tai Chi Art	KBKB Han	Intro to Yoga Jessica	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Ingrid	
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Madelyne	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne	
10:50 AM	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Roger	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Linda	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**		
5:00 PM		Intro to Yoga Kathy	S.O.S. Linda			
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 * Larry	Shallow Water * Barb	Deep Water * Larry	Shallow Water * Barb	HIIT Deep* Larry	
10:00 AM Indoor Pool		Shallow Water * Barb		Shallow Water * Barb		
Fitness classes (with the exception of aqua) at the Arbor Club have moved to the Arbor Conference Center in suites listed below						
9:00 AM Arbor Conference Center				Qi Gong (E,F) Art		
9:15 AM Arbor Conference Center	Yoga* (G,H) Barb Anne		Hatha Yoga*(D) Barb Anne		Yoga*(G,H) Mary	
10:00 AM Arbor Conference Center				Intro to Tai Chi (E,F) Art		
11:00 AM Arbor Conference Center				Tai Chi Joint Health* (E,F) Art		
*Denotes a fee based class						
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World Tai Chi Day						
Saturday, April 29, Sholom Park at 9 a.m.						

ago Joe was a smoker and did not participate in regular exercise. He decided to make a dramatic change. Not only did he quit smoking and start exercising, he took a huge leap and became a certified personal trainer with the American Council on Exercise! Joe loves to travel, study history, and approaches life with a robust sense of humor. Joe says, "It's so important to experience new things, engage and share in laughter, have a good belly laugh every day!"



Photo by Cammy Dennis

Active aging champions Joe Buba, Dottie Conway and Tom Filip tell their stories at Master the Possibilities.



**Fit Tips**

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**Strength Training**

**FIT TIP #1:** Warm up before you strength train. This will get blood circulating and increase the body's temperature, which will help prevent injury.

**FIT TIP #2:** Select eight to 10 exercises that allow you to work the major muscles of the body. Then train on non-consecutive days, allowing your muscles the opportunity to rest and recover.

**FIT TIP #3:** Focus on form, not the amount of weight you are lifting. The safety and effectiveness of your strength training workouts are heavily influenced by your form and technique. Start with slow controlled movements and gradually increase your weight.

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**Line Dancing**

**Nancy Carmack**

Spring is here, and we are looking forward to celebrating a special milestone with the line dancers. This month will be four years since we started the monthly line dance on the second Thursday of the month, and it is a huge success. When we started this dance, we had approximately 35 dancers attend. Now we have about 100 dancers, and it keeps getting bigger!

Most of our residents are aware that Marilyn McNeal teaches four different classes on Mondays from beginner level through improver level. There is also an intermediate class that is conducted on Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Resident teacher, Nancy Carmack, teaches that class.

If you have danced for several years and feel comfortable with the level of dancing you are doing, you may want to think about joining the intermediates, which is one level higher than the improvers. Because these dances are a little more challenging, a new dance is taught for three weeks in a row to make sure we have it memorized. A good time to start this class would be in September when the new dance season begins for all classes.

Nancy was honored to meet Juliet Lam while on a recent trip to Dallas, Texas. Juliet is a professional line dance choreographer, and the intermediate class does a number of dances that Juliet has choreographed, and we love her dances! Our class picture was presented to her in a card with everyone's signature, and she loved receiving it. Our hope is that she will come to visit here in On Top of the World in the near future.

We dance Friday evenings at Happy Hour and also at The Town



Photo by Nancy Carmack

**Intermediate line dance class.**

Square on Friday and Saturday evenings. As our friend, George, always said, "just get in line and step when the drum goes thump."

For additional information,

please contact Marilyn McNeal for beginner and improver classes at (352) 804-1546 or Nancy Carmack for intermediate at (352) 533-8870.



**Billiards Club**

**Phil Panzera**

The Billiards Club will host a barbecue picnic on Wednesday, April 26, at 1 p.m. All club members, their spouses and friends are invited. Tickets for the barbecue are only \$5 per person, and are still available from Ray, Penny or Jerry.

Here are some fun historical facts about billiards you may find interesting:

- The dome on Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home (and represented in The Jefferson Memorial), concealed a billiard room. In Jefferson's day, billiards was illegal in

Virginia.

- In 1765, the first billiard room was built in England. Played there was One-Pocket, a game played on a table with one pocket and four balls.
- In 1792, French King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette played billiards on the eve of her imprisonment. Her cue is said to have been fashioned from a single elephant tusk decorated with gold inlays. Records show that she beat the king in those final games (but the king had the last word, so to speak).
- The blue chalk we use today is made of fine abrasives, and does not actually contain a speck of "chalk." The name is a holdover from more than a century past. Throughout

most of the 1800s, the chalk used on the new leather cue tips was carbonate of lime, better known as blackboard chalk.

- In 1846, Pope Pius IX installed a billiard table in the Vatican.
- During the Civil War, billiard results received wider coverage than war news. Players were so renowned that cigarette cards were issued featuring them.
- Billiards was the first sport to have a world championship in 1873.
- Captain Mingaud, the inventor of the leather cue tip, was

imprisoned for political reasons during the French Revolution. With the help of a fellow prisoner, he was able to have a billiard table installed in his cell. It was during his incarceration that he became obsessed with the game, and in the early 1800's he discovered the amazing things that could be done with a cue ball, by using a leather tip to impart spin. His obsession became so intense, that at the end of his prison term he actually asked for a longer sentence so that he could complete his study of the game. Now that's dedication!



**Bingo**

**Denise Johnson**

Bingo has had a fun February and start to March. We have lots of new faces giving their luck a try. The pots have been in the \$36 to \$40 price range. The jackpot was won the first Wednesday in March by Sue J. Way to go! Then that same night Annie split a pot. You never know when your numbers

will come up.

Wednesday, April 5 is super bingo! Remember, no guests, all residents must bring their ID card. The bingo cards will be sold differently: three cards for \$5, or increments of three. We will play 17 games at \$50 per game and three cover-all games at \$250 per game. We start selling cards at 4:45 p.m. and bingo starts promptly at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars and join us.

Our volunteers do a terrific job each night. Nancy and I want to thank everyone for helping us! See you on Wednesdays.

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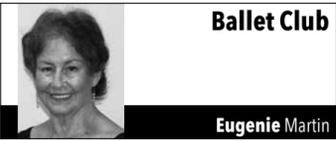
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**Ballet Club**

Eugenie Martin

In late March, the Ballet Club participated in the "Path to Talent Showcase" sponsored by the Theatre Group on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26. The event offered approximately 25 acts - ranging from singers to instrumentalists to dancers.

Our club performed two dances: "Simple Gifts," an old Appalachian religious piece; and "Sunrise, Sunset" from the Broadway musical, "Fiddler on the Roof."

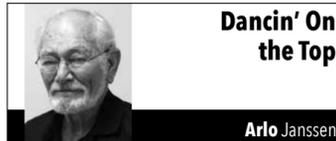
The first dance was accompanied by the Dulcimer Group, whose stringed instruments originated from the Appalachian area at approximately the same time as the tune. It was a thrill to participate in the event, and we thank the Theatre Group for allowing us to join the showcase.

Our classes are all held in the Arbor Club Exercise Studio next to the indoor pool. They continue as follows:

- Beginner: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon; Fridays, noon to 1 p.m.
- More advanced: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Fusion Floor Barre: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon.

I would like to add a few words about our Fusion Floor Barre. The class is designed to tone and stretch the body, and works abdominal muscles as well as limbs and joints. It is conducted mostly on the floor, using mats from the studio. If you want to attend this class, just wear comfortable exercise clothes and socks, and bring a towel or small pillow for your neck, plus some water, of course.

For our other classes, it is best to call me in advance at (352) 854-8589. We can chat, and I can help you decide which class is most appropriate for you. Happy dancing!



**Dancin' On the Top**

Arlo Janssen

Our next dance will be held on Saturday, April 22, and will have a theme of "A Night at the Races" with music by Automatic. There are a limited number of tickets available for the April dance. There are a limited number of club memberships also available. Call Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293 or Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400 to reserve these April dance tickets or membership in the Dancin' On the Top.

The Saturday, Sept. 23, dance will feature the Starburst band and will have a theme of "Come Fly With Me." The Saturday, Nov. 18, dance will have a theme of "Fall Fantasy." Our big New Year's Eve party on Sunday, Dec. 31, will feature the

band Retro Express.

Dancin' On the Top is working on future dance dates for 2018. If you want to help out in any way with our dances, please contact Gene Melnick at the number listed below.

There are other opportunities to dance here at On Top of the World. In April, the weekly Friday night Happy Hour will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident I.D. There is also dancing outdoors at The Town Square Friday and Saturday nights. Please mark your calendars for the dance parties at Circle Square Cultural Center. The first one will be held on Saturday, May 13, and will feature Second Slice. The other dance parties are set for June 10, July 15, and Aug. 4.

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



**Circle Squares**

Walter Lamp

On Monday, Feb. 13, a few of us traveled over to the Ocala Twirlers for their Sweetheart Ball. Besides their regular caller, Whit Brown, Gary Shoemaker from Tennessee also entertained us. On Monday, Feb. 20, the entire club visited the Ocala Twirlers again to take back our banner. They will be visiting us soon to retrieve it. This will be the last time that the red, white and black, our club colors, will have the honor of doing so. But, lucky for us, we will still be visiting them as individuals, as many of us are members of their club also.

On Saturday, March 4, we hosted the Mardi Gras Ball at the Recreation Center Ballroom with Jack Lewis from Boynton Beach calling for the crowd. There were all kinds of colorful decorations to

add the feel of a real Mardi Gras. Green and purple beads, table flowers and banners on the wall gave it a real New Orleans feel. There were 13 squares on the floor at one time. This was helped along by the presence of the Orange Blossom Squares from The Villages and the Ocala Twirlers. We always enjoy these banner visits.

My wife and I returned to the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Lakeland, Fla. There were three sessions on both Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25. It was fun listening to many Florida callers and cuers, some of whom we never heard before. And, of course, always enjoying the ones we know.

Don't forget, Saturday, April 8 is our last official dance. Ron Libby will be calling for the evening.

This will be my last column unless something special comes up. My wife and I will miss the club, however we will continue to dance since there are several local venues and clubs. Keep on dancing ...



**Men's Golf Association**

Tom Cummings

Results of play for February are as follows:

**Team Gross Feb. 1**

60-Dennis McCourt, Henry Sohl, Jerry Ashe; Tie at 61-Terry Hoppes, Mike Walthen, Raymond Wilson; Paul Walker, Larry Rourke, Thomas South, Ed Rossi; Tie At 62-Dennis McNeely, Joe Bologna, Dan Carty, Vince Nucaso; Gary Singleton, Paul Silliman, Paul Perrault, Tommy

Cummings.

**Individual Quota Points Feb. 8**

Flight 1: 7-Dennis McNeely; Tie at 6-Gary Hassett, Tim Hunt; Tie at 5-Jeff Downs, Art Lagrange.  
Flight 2: 9-Carl Singleton; 7-Paul Wade; 6-Bob Mondore; Tie at 5-Ian Mullough, Bob Meyer.  
Flight 3: 9-Joe Szall; 8-Larry Rourke; 7 Claude Howie.  
Flight 4: Tie at 9-Rusty Rhodes, Phil Johnson, Ralph Solvold.  
Flight 5: Tie at 11-Bob Moravec, Dutch Schulze, Tie at 7-Jack Hegarty, Tary Bole, Jerry Ashe.  
Flight 6: 14-Ed Rossi; 11-Kas Kaske; 10-David Stafford; 8-Doug Coleman.

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Stamp Club

Joe Rosinski

It is often mentioned in articles in various publications that keeping the mind busy keeps you younger longer. If you want to have some fun just try to determine the number of post offices this cover found its way through, the date(s) involved, as well as the total number of days it took to get to its final destination. The answer can be found at the end of this column – no cheating!

Note that there is only one stamp on the letter, and it's in pretty decent condition, considering the



Photo by Joe Rosinski

1915 cover with numerous postmarks.

time and distance involved. All for the cost of a meager two-cents for all the time and distance involved. You can also actually read the dif-

ferent handwriting styles. One thing that can't be determined is if the intended addressee ever received the letter.

A letter like this can take a long time to decipher if you care to take the time. One of our club members discovered a website called Philatelic Genealogy that provides some assistance if you come to a stumbling block (philgen.org). You can find some very interesting information about addressees on any correspondence.

Our regular business meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month in the second floor conference room at Bank of the Ozarks on SR200 near the entrance to On Top of the World, at 1 p.m. Prior to the meeting, we have a presentation by a club member of a specific philatelic subject.

On the second Tuesday of the month an informal meeting is held at the Freedom Library, at 6 p.m. This is a very informal gathering in more of a show and tell atmosphere and is sometimes preempted by another organization's use of the room. Get in touch with me at (352) 237-7366 or rosinski-joe@gmail.com before you come to make sure of the availability of the room.

On the third Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Bank of the Ozarks we have a short business meeting followed by our monthly auction.

If attending either of the meetings at Bank of the Ozarks, we ask that you park on the side of the building or in the Winn-Dixie parking lot. The front of the bank is for business clients only. We welcome visitors at all times to see what stamp collecting is all about. Join us and you might be surprised of the variety of things that are involved.

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Hope you exercised your brain a little and had fun doing it. Will talk to you again next month.

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Pickleball

Bill Daugherty

A free two-hour class for new players will be held on the pickleball courts on Thursday, April 13, at 9 a.m. In case of rain, the class will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 9 a.m. If you are a new player, please join us – I guarantee you will learn something and have some fun at the same time. Remember, for your safety, you must wear court shoes or athletic shoes.

What do I get out of pickleball? It's a good way to get out of the house, meet people, get some exercise and have fun. Like anything else, you get out of it what you put into it. I wear an activity tracker so when I play doubles it tells me that I use 70 percent of my cardio capacity. When I play singles, I use 95 percent to almost 98 percent – that makes my heart stronger. I like that.

On Saturday, March 25, we had a pickleball tournament. It was for all club members but the first players were given the opportunity to choose which group they wanted to play in. Afterwards, pizza was provided for all club members and their spouses, compliments of the club. This was the first time we had a little extra money and were able to do something for the paid members.

**TIP:** Returning the ball to the center is always good, because it makes your opponents move and guess who's going to hit the ball. If at all possible, return the ball so it bounces within a foot of the baseline. Never hit a short return! Keep them back and follow your return to the net.

## A Premier Entertainment Venue

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Most of us are familiar with Circle Square Cultural Center as a place to go when we're feeling in the mood for some song and dance. But it's much more than that.

Circle Square Cultural Center goes back to 2005. Just as the Candler Hills Golf Club was being completed, plans for Circle Square Cultural Center were moving from the drawing board to brick and mortar. Jo Salyers, general manager, Circle Square Commons, was the owner's liaison on the project. Once completed, her previous experience as director of marketing and entertainment for Silver Springs, gave

her unique qualifications to direct and grow the activities of the newly built Circle Square Cultural Center.

The original concept was to provide our community with a recreation center that included entertainment, but with Salyers' entertainment background, that concept quickly morphed into a facility for entertainment, as well as an events venue. The very first show booked was in January, 2006. Gary Lewis and the Playboys played to a sell-out crowd.

Circle Square Cultural Center is the largest building of its kind in Marion County, and while its pri-

mary function is entertainment, its size and attractive architecture, inside and out, makes it an events drawing card. Without a dance floor option, it can seat 600; 450 with dancing. When the venue is being used for entertainment it can seat more than 900.

Salyers said that in addition to the tribute entertainers she books, most are sanctioned by the original group, so we're not getting some make believe pretenders, but entertainers who have real cache. A few of the very famous and popular names that have entertained us are Willie Nelson, Kevin Costner and Modern West, Smothers Brothers, Charo and The Lovin' Spoonful. Just to name a few.

Other than entertainment, Circle Square Cultural Center is often booked for large special events. Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) holds their annual meeting at this venue along with American Heart Association, Boys and Girls Club of Marion

County, American Cancer Society and, of course, future brides and grooms.

Recently at Circle Square Cultural Center, Marion County Public Schools in partnership with several other local organizations held a youth career expo, and that was followed by a regional science fair, which this writer attended, only to realize that Marion County students are way beyond his comprehension. (That was nice to know.)

Expansion at the Cultural Center is on the drawing board. Plans include more than 2,000 square feet on the backside of the building, and about 7,000 on the front. This is a testimony to the success of Circle Square Cultural Center.

All the happenings at Circle Square Cultural Center and The Town Square whether entertainment or a special event, are managed by the capable team at Circle Square Cultural Center. It's a handful, but they pull it off beautifully every time.



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc. Jo Salyers, Kenneth Colen and Jaye Baillie, president & CEO Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce, in front of the vacant lot where Circle Square Cultural Center is about to be built in 2005.



Photo by Ray Cech Youth career expo at Circle Square Cultural Center in February.

## Bringing Art to the Classroom

By Anne Merrick

Every Friday I drive to Romeo Elementary in Dunnellon, Fla. to have an hour of art with the pre-kindergarten class. I can't tell you how much fun this is. Children of the ages of four and five are unbelievable. These children who come from homes that span the economic and cultural spectrum are so enthusiastic and appreciative of their teachers, who I should say are

amazing. I could not do what they do on a daily basis.

We started talking, when I was reading with the 100 Grandparents, about art and music in school and the benefits created for all other learning when children are exposed from the beginning. It turns out that all the other grades get art, but there is no time available for the pre-kindergarten class. So,

figuring that I could manage that level I offered my services, and it was approved. We started doing simple primary colors with red, yellow and blue balloons, which they could color in and then draw their own with crayons.

We then went to secondary colors, blue and yellow to make green, red and yellow to make orange and red and blue to make purple. Each color has a different shape. After doing this with crayon, I introduced them to paint. I was a bit apprehensive about 20 children painting with big brushes, all at once; so I decided to try cotton swabs to apply the paint instead. It was a risk

since small motor skills are not very well developed at this age. We put a small amount of blue and yellow paint in a bowl and, armed with several cotton swabs, these adorable children mixed their paints, painting the mixed shapes first and then a caterpillar I had drawn for them which they colored different shades of green. I give them an example to copy, but they are free to choose their own shades. Unbelievably, they made hardly any mess, and many managed to color within the lines, not an easy task for little fingers.

I was so impressed with their aptitude and dedication to the task. March's theme was farmyard so we painted orange with shapes and a tractor, chicken and fish to color in all three colors. This time there was a bit more mess but not too bad. Once we have done purple with a bunch of grapes, we will move onto collage and then using other tools with paint to make interesting designs. I have been cutting out animals and plants etc. from magazines to use with glue, which they love. This is a very rewarding and creative activity for me, and I love the children's hugs at the end of the session.

The Art Group has been growing by leaps and bounds. Join us on Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building.

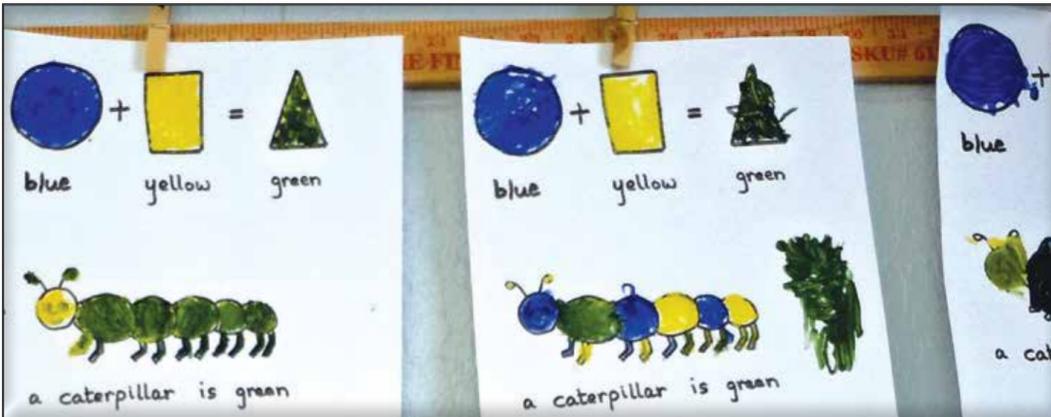


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Pre-kindergarten art at Romeo Elementary.

## Unique Gifts for Giving

By Barb Lingis

This month, the Artistic Crafts and Gifts Club is featuring crafter, Don Slim. Don has resided here since 2001 and has been a member of our club since that time.

Don is a former architect who now creates birdhouses of all shapes and sizes. He buys various birdhouse kits and puts them together with his own ideas and personal touch.

The birdhouses come in many different colors and patterns. He has houses that are round, square,

tall, short, even light houses. These are all done in different themes. He has birdhouses for the holidays, NFL and college teams, military branches and special orders for any needed occasion. His birdhouses all have a very distinct look, and the detail of his decorating ability is truly creative. He has several birdhouses decorated for Easter that would make a great holiday centerpiece for a table.

Don also decorates trinket boxes for adults and children. These

make a great place to keep that special little keepsake.

This month, Rene Beck added a new item to her table, scarf necklaces. Rene is a popular crafter who makes all sorts of scarves either knitted or sewn. Rene has created a unique scarf that also has an addition of a beaded necklace. These make a wonderful accent to any outfit and she has them in many colors. Rene will also take custom orders.

Come by and see us at the Recreation Center Ballroom every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon and see these crafters' creations and many more.

If you would like to join our club, please contact Rene Beck at (352) 854-4918.



Photo by Barb Lingis Scarf necklaces are available for purchase at Rene Beck's table.

# Pirates of the Caribbean

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

For years, the stories of pirates have been exaggerated by the film industry and by fiction writers, along with the most popular-



Photo by Bob Woods

**Nassau, Bahamas is home to an interactive pirate museum. Nassau attracted the greatest concentration of pirates in the New World.**

themed book of all time, "Treasure Island" (1886) by Robert Louis Stevenson.

"Blackbeard" (Edward Teach) is probably the most famous pirate; although some of his exploits are true the majority of his notoriety is fiction. Pirates with hooks for hands, peg legs and parrots on their shoulders are the creation of fiction novelists dating back to the 17th and 18th century.

Not one single pirate map was ever discovered along with any buried treasure. Novelists popularized these items. Two treasures were verified as having been buried but not one treasure has been found.

The most famous era of pirates in the Caribbean was between 1650 and 1720. The capital of piracy in the Caribbean was at a location on a Bahamian island in a town previously known as Charles Town, which is now known as Nassau.

The name was given to this city located on New Providence Island around 1700 after the British claimed the islands after a skirmish with the Spanish, who burned the town to the ground.

Nassau was one of the most important locations for pirate activity. This location was home to many legendary pirates of the famous Flying Cloud Gang including such notable figures as Edward "Blackbeard" Teach, "Calico" Jack Rackham, Charles Vane, Anne Bonny and Mary Read.

Nassau attracted the greatest concentration of pirates in the New World. Between what is called Paradise Island today and the main city of Nassau on New Providence Island was a channel separating the two; deep enough for pirate ships to navigate but not big enough for the large European man-of-war ships that were hunting for pirates. At one time, the number of pirates in Nassau was estimated at more than 2,000.

During this period of time, the number of non-pirates was very few. The majority of the population in Nassau consisted of pirates; in fact, the pirates proclaimed Nassau as a "pirate republic," establishing themselves as "governors." There was no British governor or government in the Bahamas.

In 1718, the British regained control of the Bahamas and the new governor clamped down on the pirates, restoring commerce.

When today's passengers disembark their cruise ships, most head out to beach excursions or to Atlantis. Very few passengers venture to the interactive pirate museum in Nassau, which contains exhibits, lifelike objects and people, and pirate artifacts along with educational history of the pirate era. This is a worthwhile destination while walking Bay Street. It is about a ten-minute walk from port.

The museum is located on the corner of King and George Streets. The price of admission to the museum is worth the educational experience. You can't miss the turn on Bay and King Streets as the only ice cream shop is on the corner. Bay Street is Nassau's main tourist shopping street and destination.

Approaching the entrance to the museum, visitors are greeted by an individual dressed in pirate garb. Upon entering the museum, the inside is dimly lit making it feel as if you are entering the dark ages of piracy.

In the museum, you begin walking along the main wharf area of Nassau with all types of shops, brothels and drinking establishments on one side of the walkway, being careful not to trip over the bodies of pirates who have sampled too much rum. On the other side of the wharf is a realistic-looking replica of the famous pirate ship, Queen Anne's Revenge.

The Revenge was captured by "Blackbeard" (Edward Teach) and is one of the most famous pirate ships. The ship was originally a British military vessel having been captured by the French before "Blackbeard" used this ship in the Caribbean.

Continuing through the museum, you get to view of what life of a pirate was like below the decks of the sailing vessels. At one time, pirates were able-bodied seamen on board many European war and merchant ships. Due to harsh treatment received by their ship's masters, many sailors "jumped ship" to become pirates.

The museum also contains dioramas of the life of a pirate, informative posters and drawn pictures of those famous characters of yesteryear.

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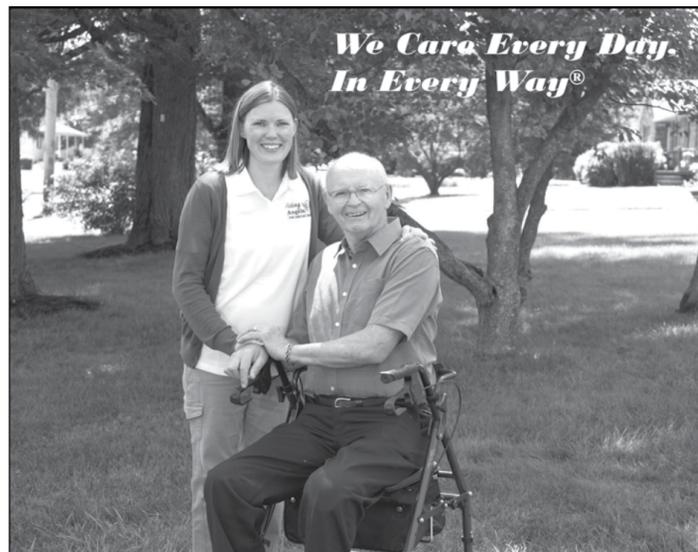
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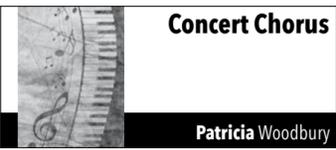
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**Concert Chorus**

Patricia Woodbury

We hope that you have marked your calendar for our spring concert on Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom entitled "The Sensational Sixties." Director Strong has put together a great selection of songs, costuming and performances to ensure that you will find this a fun and enjoyable concert.

One of the songs of this era that we will be singing is "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In." This is a medley of two songs written for the 1967 musical "Hair" by James Rado and Gerome Ragni (lyrics) and Galt MacDermot (music), released as a sin-

gle by an American group, The 5th Dimension. Instrumental backing was provided by session musicians known as the Wreckng Crew. The song was one of the most popular songs of 1969 worldwide, and in the United States it reached the number one position on the Billboard.

The lyrics of this song were based on the astrological belief that the world would soon be entering the "Age of Aquarius," an age of love, light and humanity. The exact timing for the change was said to be when the moon is in the seventh house and Jupiter aligns with Mars. It makes for an entertaining song and a catchy tune, but the astrology in this song is untrue and does not give us any real clues about the dawning of the anticipated age. Popular conceptions of the Aquarius Age seem to ensure peace, understanding, freedom, cooperation

and without egoism. It sounds awesome; but if it also sounds too good to be true, then you are probably on the right track.

Our featured chorus member this month is Adam Schuler. Adam is from Elk Rapids, Mich. He holds a degree in accounting from Muskegon University in Michigan. He worked at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich. for 40 years. We actually are welcoming Adam back to the chorus as he had to leave for a while. We are glad to see him back since he is an asset to the tenor section. Adam has been singing since he was 12 years old in church and community choirs. He currently sings in the First Presbyterian Church choir. Adam moved to On Top of the World in 2011 and has been active in the Genealogy Society and the Michigan Club.

The Concert Chorus looks forward to seeing all of you at its



Photo by Bill Shampine

**Adam Schuler.**

spring concert on April 1 or April 2. You don't want to miss this fabulous show!



**Opera Appreciation Class**

Bernie Kelly

On Thursday, April 6, we invite all opera lovers to watch "Manon" by Jules Massenet starring Netrebko and Villazon, at 1 p.m., in Meeting Room #3 of the Hobby Building.

Our last class will take place on Thursday, May 4. We will be studying and watching a performance of Francesco Cilea's "Adriana Lecouvreur," which was first performed at the Teatro Lirico in Milan in November 1902.

Francesco Cilea was born on July 23, 1866, in Palmi near Reggio di

Calabria. As a boy of four, Francesco gave an indication of his aptitude for music. When he heard a performance of Bellini's "Norma," he was greatly affected by it. He was sent to the Conservatorio di San Pietro a Majella in Naples where he impressed his instructors by his willingness to work.

In 1889, he graduated and submitted an opera "Gina," which was adapted from an old French play. The opera was performed and attracted the attention of the publisher, Edoardo Sonzogno, who arranged for a second performance in Florence. In 1892, Sonzogno commissioned a new opera from Cilea by the name of "La tilda." It had a successful premier performance in Florence and eventually made it to

the Vienna Exhibition of 1892. Over the years, the orchestra score was lost which prevents our evaluating it today.

"L'arlesiana" was Cilea's first full-length opera and was performed on Nov. 27, 1897, in Milan. It was based on a play by the same name by Alphonse Daudet. It has been staged a couple of times in the 21st century, but really it is simply a curiosity today. Actually, the opera was a failure in its day. It had a brief period of success because Cilea developed a personal contact with Mussolini.

In November 1897, "Adriana Lecouvreur" debuted with great success. Today, it is not a regular in the repertory, but often it is staged to please a soprano. Renata Tebaldi

is one who wanted to sing the role, so The Met staged it for her.

"Adriana Lecouvreur" is based on the French actress Adrienne Lecouvreur (1692-1730) who was very real, but the story of the poisoned violets is pure fiction. Actually, the libretto is criticized as being very confusing even though Cilea did many rewrites on it.

Five years after the debut in France the opera made its way to America where it was performed first in New Orleans at the French Opera House. It was performed at The Met 11 months later in November with Caruso singing the tenor lead. It was in this tenor role that Plácido Domingo made his debut at The Met singing opposite Renata Tebaldi singing the title role.

Our performance of "Adriana Lecouvreur" is from the La Scala collection of a staging in 1989 with Mirella Freni singing the lead, Peter Dvorsky as the tenor and Ivo Vinco in a supporting role. Gianandrea Gavazzini is the conductor of the orchestra and chorus of Teatro alla Scala.

We look forward to seeing all opera lovers on April 6 and May 4.



**Theatre Group**

Steve McDonald

Our spring "Path to Talent Showcase" event was presented on Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26 in the Recreation Center. We were elated that 25 of your On Top of the World friends and neighbors, some members of our Theatre Group and some non-members, participated and presented 34 total acts, consisting of solo singers, duet singers, ventriloquist with live dummy, instrumentals, short comedic skits, readings, dancers, and instrumentals accompanied by dancers. We sincerely hope that those who were able to attend enjoyed our show.

Admission was free, along with an invitation to contribute toward the funding of our long-standing scholarship, after expenses, for a

promising student selected each year from the drama department at the College of Central Florida. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

During the month of March, our performers held several walk-throughs, rehearsals, and final dress rehearsal, along with sound and lighting checks in preparation for our show.

We wish to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the sound and lighting crew, our own stagehands, stage building crew, props handlers, backstage helpers, guest greeters, ushers, and all of our Theatre Group members and non-members who participated in any way.

We especially want to thank our club President Dick Phillips, with help from other devoted members, for his untiring and excellent work in organizing our script and Harry Boyajian for supplying and operating his great karaoke tracking and sound systems for those of us who needed them.

We appreciate our community's long-standing support of the Theatre Group's annual shows. We love doing them and our shows allow us to continue to enjoy our love of performing.

We look forward to planning our next performance during the summer months. If you have a background in the performing arts, would like to try out, or would just like to help in our various activities related to putting on a show, please attend one of our monthly meetings held from September through April of each year on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Our club dues are only \$5 a year and we have snacks and group entertainment at each of our meetings. Please join us for our final meeting of this season on Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom. For any questions, please contact Dick Phillips at (352) 861-0779, (352) 509-7707, or dick.phillips@reagan.com.

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Connie Filip

Our March field trip location was so good; I just have to share the details with our readers!

Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park is located about 30 miles southwest of our community. Once you reach the visitors center, you take either a 15 minute boat ride or quick tram ride into the park.

The park showcases native Florida wildlife, including manatees, black bears, bobcats, white-tailed deer, American alligators, American crocodiles, and river otters. It's a great place to take your visitors. There are educational programs for children, and it's not so spread out that older legs tire.

The Citrus County Commission purchased the area in 1984 to protect it as an environmentally sensitive area until the State of Florida could purchase the property as a Florida State Park.

Modern thinking about captive wildlife has influenced how the park is managed. Now the only animals kept there either have injuries that prevent their survival in the wild, or became too dependent on humans over the years to exist safely on their own. Volunteers roam the park to explain the animal behaviors and answer questions.

For more information and directions, please visit [floridastateparks.org/park/Homosassa-Springs](http://floridastateparks.org/park/Homosassa-Springs).

Our April field trip will be to Circle B Bar Ranch in Lakeland, Fla. It's well known for its marshes and extensive wild bird population. Please keep Ginny informed if you plan to attend. More information can be found at [swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/areas/circlebbarreserve.html](http://swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/areas/circlebbarreserve.html).

For up-to-date field trip information, visit our website at [otowspc.com](http://otowspc.com)

ShutterBugs is sponsoring the April display at Master the Possibilities. Scott Fraser is showing his prized landscape images from his recent trip to Switzerland. They sound breathtaking, so be sure to stop by and take a look.

We have a new photography DVD teaching series program called "Learn & Master Photography," by Vince Wallace. It's a 24-lesson package. Stop in and learn along with us!

Our normal monthly club schedule is as follows:

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

Want to learn more about digital? Stop in at the ShutterBugs' Tuesday meetings. We start at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Or contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or [guhley@cfl.rr.com](mailto:guhley@cfl.rr.com).



**Sunshine Quilters**

Arliiss Day

Hello everyone! We have a great month planned. Please feel free to come visit us at any time. Here is our upcoming Tuesday schedule:

- April 4: Spring potluck, at 11:30 a.m.
- April 11: Color wheel class. Learn how to choose the best

- colors for any project.
- April 18: Finishing up any UFOs.
- April 25: Rotary cutters class. All sewing days start at 9:30 a.m. in the Art Studio in the Hobby Building. Our main interests for this club are education of our members on different sewing projects and comfort quilts for the needy. So, if you are interested in learning something new, come visit us. As always, if you have any questions, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450.



The Company Men.

# It's Show Time

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Ticket sales for the new entertainment line-up (through March 2018) at Circle Square Cultural Center began on Monday, March 6. You may view the new line-up at [CSCulturalCenter.com](http://CSCulturalCenter.com).

And now, here's what's coming up in April ...

**The Company Men  
Friday, April 7**

The Company Men is a national recognized pop vocal group who has appeared on both regional and national television shows. They have also been an opening act for such notable artists as Mariah Carey, Natalie Cole, Colbie Caillat, Chaka Khan, Billy Idol and Sheena Easton, along with a few others.

The Company Men uniquely in-

terweave many top hits and classics from the last 60 years. Reportedly their show, "A Night of Hits" brings you a staggering 60-plus songs in just 90 minutes.

The group has been part of such musicals as "Hairspray," "The Lion King," "Jesus Christ Superstar" and many more. Reportedly The Company Men bring a signature throwback sound, contemporary look and an all-star band, which has the widest demographic appeal of any touring act.

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!



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Grooming flamingo.

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**The New Pretenders**

Bill Shampine

Now that The New Pretenders have completed their presentations for the residents of On Top of the World, we are "on the road again." Our first road show was held at Marion Landing on Sunday, March 5, where we entertained about 90 people.

By the way, all of our road shows are shorter than the one we do here. They are either one hour or one and a half hours long. This year, each of our four road shows is one and a half hours long. This meant we had to make some tough decisions on which seven songs we were going to eliminate. Eliminating some songs also meant we had to reorder the program. We always give a singer at least two songs in which to change costumes, so, deleting some songs often impacts the song order.

Our final three shows took place at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Pine Run, and Cherrywood Estates. Our season is truly completed.

Never fear, however, the troupe is hard at work selecting songs and



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Tom Miller, Joel Kurtz, and Rich Cooperman singing "Tijuana Jail."

gathering potential costumes for next year. We also need to gather a few new people! Just like this year, The New Pretenders are going to experience some personnel turn-

over. Consequentially, we actively are seeking a few new people to join the troupe, particularly men.

If you think you might be interested in joining us, or would like to

get more information about what would be involved, please contact Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315. We would love to chat with you.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Detail of a recently donated quilt.



**Sewing Bees**

Linda Lohr

Spring is here! The snowbirds are still here and the hive is really buzzin' with new members. With so many helping hands, we are really moving quickly to process the materials we have on hand. We have donations going out almost every week!

Our mission is to provide com-

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

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

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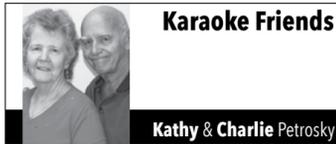
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Photo by Kathy Petrosky  
Karaoke Friend Effie Planinc.



**Karaoke Friends**

**Kathy & Charlie Petrosky**

Our Monday, March 6 gathering had so many new singers. We had 25 residents singing that evening. We also had eight listeners. They tell me that they come to be entertained and enjoy the group.

When someone new comes in my first question is, "Are you a new resident?" If they are, they get introduced to the group. Occasionally we get a resident who is not new and just thought they would give the group a try. They also are introduced and can find neighbors there.

If you are thinking about coming, here are some things to know. You do not have to sing. You can just enjoy the evening. You can sing a duet with someone to break the ice. If you have your own karaoke disks, we will play them for you. If you do not, I am happy to look up any song or artist on the karaoke drive for you. Most likely we will have what you want to sing. Everyone is supportive of the singer so

no need to fear. Give it a try.

This month, we are highlighting Effie Planinc. She is one of our snowbird singers. In the fall you will hear her say, "I am happy to be back to Friendship Village from Chardon, Ohio." Effie has always loved country and western music. She especially likes Country Gold, the top songs from all the country "good ole boys!" Merle Haggard, Travis Tritt, Willie Nelson are her favorites, to name a few.

She started her "stage" life in the ninth grade by winning a lip-syncing contest with "Shoe Shine Boy." Interestingly Effie says she is a singing cowboy. That is why she sings all male songs. She also has a hat and denim attire. She says she has a real cowboy hat she will bring one day. Effie hopes someday she will end up on the "big stage in the sky." She says, "It's nice to participate with all the other singers and performers at karaoke!"

We meet from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays. You can find us in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. My next column will tell you about our prop night. That night we pick a song and dress up or bring something to go with the song. Hope you can come April 3 and 17.

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**Original Karaoke**

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There are two karaoke groups in On Top of the World, both our groups are a lot of fun and many

of the same singers attend both groups. The Karaoke Friends group started when people wanted to sing more, they just couldn't get enough, so now we can sing every week, instead of just twice a month. Once you try it you're hooked! It's a great way to make new friends and get out of the house for the evening.

We would like to welcome Fran (also known as Frenchfrie), Gene, Fely, and Dave to our group and welcome back Rick; we knew you'd be back!

The Original Karaoke Group meets on the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center, right next to The Club at Candler Hills, where a bunch of us meet before karaoke for some good food and a few drinks to unwind. If you'd like to join us for dinner before karaoke, or just a few drinks, let me know so we can save you a seat.

For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810. Hope to see you there!

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Our presenters for Thursday, Feb. 16 were Cathy Lewandowski and Linda Lohr. Cathy presented a great pop-out card and an open-sided card. Both cards can be prepared for any occasion as needed. Linda presented two children's cards - a tutu for a little girl using pinks and purples; and a dump truck for a little boy utilizing primary colors. The cards will be fun to prepare and to give to special friends and family.

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

Our group is open to all crafters including 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!

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**Wednesday, April 5:** 8548-A SW 96th Lane (Friendship Village), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**Friday, April 7 & Saturday, April 8:** 9733 SW 90th Street (Providence) • 9460-E SW 84th Terrace (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to noon • 9050-A SW 82nd Terrace (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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