

Post Irma Cleanup

In my October column, I addressed much about Hurricane Irma and how it impacted this community. That said; an update is warranted as the recovery continues. The management company staff had team members onsite through the peak of the storm. The team began clearing roads of debris to ensure emergency services had access. The cleanup is expected to be complete by early November. Marion County is dealing with similar challenges: where to haul all the "stuff" off to?

As in any high wind event, there are those trees that are blown over or limbs brought down, and other trees that are damaged but slow to manifest the damage for up to a month later. The management company has been occupied not only with downed debris cleanup, but removing limbs and other potential hazards, in addition to working the regular schedule of tasks demanded here.

Our community came through the storm very well. Despite the power being out for several days to certain portions of the community, residents pitched in and helped each other, some by checking on their neighbors, and others by helping clean up debris.

The good news in all of this is that there were no major roof leaks, no broken windows, and no injuries or loss of life. Certainly, there is considerable un-budgeted cost for all the cleanup and debris removal. This is typically not something the board could budget for. That said, the management company must live within the budget and cover any shortfall. I can say with good confidence, that this community will not face a special assessment for storm recovery costs.

No sooner were we getting back with the regular routine, then the entire organization went to 72-hour alert for a possible Hurricane Nate. Everyone pulled together once again. Fortunately, the alert was short-lived as the storm track went away from Florida.

SW 80th Avenue Golf Cart Crossings

For some time now your board has been working on finalizing a plan with Marion County for grade level crossings on SW 80th Avenue and SW 90th Street. Previously, I'd reported that we had achieved an agreement in principle with public works staff that had commission level support. For reasons unknown to any of us, the matter seems to again be stalled. I will speculate that County staff is neck deep in Hurricane Irma aftermath, as there were many areas of damaged infrastructure, some literally underwater. We continue to pursue the matter with County staff and are optimistic we can get the dialogue back on track.

This is actually a good segue into another topic: courtesy on the multi-modal trails. I know Lynette Vermillion is covering this in her column as well, so I won't belabor the topic here. I will note that pedestrians do have deference over bikes and golf carts, and bikes have deference over golf carts. The main point is to be alert and be polite. Simply because you are walking or biking, you have an obligation to remain alert and not allow yourself to become a hazard.

Indigo East Community Center and New Development

The kitchen in the Indigo East Community Center was recently repaired following moisture intrusion. The building was tested for mold levels and found to be safe. As an abundance of caution, as well as to keep the curious out of a work

Circle Square Cultural Center to Expand

By Jo Salyers

The Town Square

While we're looking forward to some cool fall air, at this time, it hasn't shown up yet! However, we've planned to bring some "cool" bands throughout the month of November for your enjoyment! Some of your favorites include TC & Sass, 3 For The Road Plus 1, Delbert & The Country Hustlers and Danny and Johnny. For dates and times, check out our website at CircleSquareCommons.com.

In 2016, we combined the ever-popular community Golf Cart Parade with a holiday festival on The Town Square. It was a lot of fun and there was a great turnout of decorated, festive golf carts ... complete with some elves and other holiday "characters." The event is back in full force on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. Please contact Theresa Fields in the Recreation Center to get your golf cart registered. Join in the fun! There will be great bands, food trucks and contests!

Circle Square Cultural Center

The year is flying by and soon construction on the back of the building will be complete. Over the years, with the caliber and size of acts that have been brought into Circle Square Cultural Center, it was necessary to expand the back-

stage facilities to accommodate them. We expect that this addition will be done at the beginning of December.

Now the really big news ... we will be expanding the front of the building in 2018. We will be expanding the pre-function area by enclosing the current porch. This will become air conditioned space. We will be adding two built-in permanent bar locations.

We will then add a new open-air porch and, last, but not least, we will add a portico. During inclement weather, the portico will be very convenient for your arrival and departure from Circle Square Cultural Center.

Construction will take place beginning at the end of April 2018 and will continue through September 2018. We will have a temporary ticket office set up during this time in the ballroom, with an entrance

on the west side of the building. Watch for more information about that and for the next entertainment line-up (October 2018 through April 2019).

On Saturday, Nov. 11, The American Dream Singers will pay tribute to veterans and we'll celebrate the selfless contribution that has been made to our country. To finish out the month, on Saturday, Nov. 25, get your tickets for Motown in Motion. This group performs the music of Gladys Knight & The Pips, Dionne Warwick, The Platters, James Brown, Martha & The Vandellas and many more! This show always sells out!

Check the website, as we have just added The Lettermen to the line-up on March 24, 2018!

To purchase tickets, go to CSCulturalCenter.com or call the ticket office at (352) 854-3670. See you at the show!

To stay abreast of what is happening at the Circle Square Cultural Center, register for one of our backstage tours through Master the Possibilities at MasterThePossibilities.org.



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Interior lobby/bar design (top right). Exterior design (bottom).

Discover What's New

By Margaret Spontak

Master the Possibilities' Studios 9 and 10 on the Square and Studio 2, the pottery studio, have a lot of new activity. In Studio 2, new pottery instructor Greg Gwilt is introducing students to pottery using wheels. Classes using the three new motorized wheels are being piloted to gauge student interest. This is just the beginning for wheel-based pottery classes.

Studio 9 has emerged as the ideal spot for painting and the visual arts. In October, we were delighted to host Peruvian artists and musicians arranged by Scott Olsen and the College of Central Florida Foundation. "Arts and Dementia Care" is the focus on Thursday, Nov. 9 when Tom Rinkoski discusses how different art disciplines can be useful in dementia caregiving. The lecture is preceded by a reception in Studio 10 and exhibit in Studio 9 beginning at 9 a.m.

If food is your passion, November is the month for you. In October, Beekeeper Chappie McChesney connected us with the varieties of honeys. Now you can learn "How to Cook with Honey" (Thursday, Nov. 16). Take home some simple recipes using this Florida "gold."

Three visiting culinary authors will present food and beverage

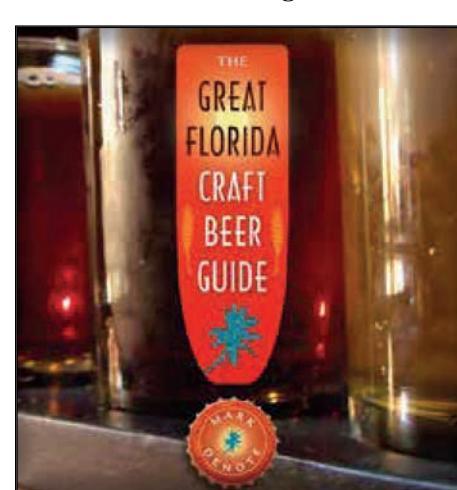
workshops followed by product sampling. Author of "Mango," Jen Karetnick, delves into how to select, prepare and store delectable mangoes. The next day, Mark DeNote, author of "The Great Florida Craft Beer Guide," reveals tips for beer pairings with holiday foods, providing everyone small samples of some of his favorites (Tuesday, Nov. 14). A fun mother, daughter, friend trio unveil the contents of their second cookbook - "Good Catch: Recipes and Stories from Florida's Waters" (Tuesday, Dec. 5). They journeyed throughout Florida's waters to connect with anglers, frog giggers, and shrimpers. All authors will bring books available for purchase and signing, a great holiday gift idea.

Discover some new hobbies. For those wanting to step into astronomy, attend "Florida Night Sky" (Wednesday, Nov. 1), then visit the Kika Silva Pla planetarium at Santa Fe Community College (Friday, Dec. 8). Photo buffs learn inside tips for taking horse photos with Tammy Gantt (Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 2), take an outdoor photo safari with Diane Cahal (Tuesday, Nov. 7), or master "Night and Low Light Photography" with John Ware (Tuesday, Nov. 14). Bet-

ter appreciate the birds around us after taking "The Birds of On Top of the World and Sholom Park" (Monday, Nov. 6).

The last two speakers in the Wild and Wonderful Florida Author Series, presented by Duke Energy, include University of Tampa faculty member John Capouya and his book "Florida Soul." Capouya takes you through the history of soul music in Florida playing recorded excerpts from Ray Charles to KC and the Sunshine Band (Thursday, Nov. 9). Naturalist and Author Lars Anderson presents his re-scheduled lecture on "Bartram's Florida Explorations" in December. Attendees of the Bartram Series receive a special map to help them retrace Bartram's steps in Central Florida.

Register now by calling (352) 854-3699 or going online to MasterthePossibilities.org.



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= GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR =

By Stan Goldstein



Dieting is a matter of wishful shrinking.

Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: Please do not be fooled by anyone who calls you and claims that he or she is from the I.R.S. or from the U.S. Marshal's office or from any court system at all. They will undoubtedly say you've violated some law and you are going to jail unless you pay right then and there with a credit card, debit card or even an iTunes card. If you say all you have is a check, they're liable to say they will come and get it from you.

Even though it's not tax season, these scammers will still call you and make demands. The only thing to do is hang up the phone. Sometimes, it really does take courage to do that; but you must. If it's the I.R.S. phony baloney call they might even leave you a message with a demand that you call back. Don't do that under any circumstance and by the way, that same advice applies to all of the other scam calls from the U.S. Marshal's office or any court system. And yeah, if you call

back you will get someone saying it's the I.R.S. and if you ask for an I.R.S. badge number, I'm sure you'll get one. Just hang up the phone or just don't answer it.

Scammers know how to handle folks. They are very persistent and persuasive, which is why we say over and over again that if you aren't sure what to do, then speak with a friend, a neighbor, or your attorney. (We do not charge anything to discuss this, because we consider it a public service. I believe that your attorney won't charge you either.)

Q. At a lecture in Ocala, there was a discussion with someone about who can be the executor of a Florida will. It was said that any Florida resident over the age of 18 and not a convicted felon could be an executor; and if the person you wanted to be the executor was not a Florida resident but was a child or other blood relative, that person could also serve as executor. I am from New York and my New York lawyer who is, in fact, licensed by the Florida Bar to practice law in Florida told me that only a Florida resident could be the executor (that's the exact same as personal representative) of a Florida will. So

who's right?

A. We are correct. Your New York lawyer is wrong. Florida law is absolutely clear on this. In fact, it's so clear that I will now quote a portion of the statute that clarifies this for your New York attorney. It's Florida Statute 733.304. A person who is not domiciled (resides) in the State of Florida cannot qualify as personal representative (executor) unless that person is (1) a legally adopted child or adopted parent; (2) related by lineal consanguinity to the decedent (children, grandchildren, etc.); (3) a spouse or a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of the decedent, or someone related by lineal consanguinity to any such person, or the spouse of a person otherwise qualified ..."

This is one of the reasons why I try to tell folks that a person who resides in Florida - that is, who makes Florida his or her fulltime home - is best served by using an attorney who practices law in Florida full-time and who actually lives in Florida. It's tough enough to stay current on the laws of one state, let alone two or more.

Heck, for a long time, I was licensed to practice law not only in Florida but also in Ohio and Texas.

(I'm still licensed in those states but only inactive, which means I can't practice there.) However since 1967, when I began practicing law in Florida, I have never tried to practice in either of those states. Why? Because in my humble opinion, it is not possible to stay current on the laws of more than one state; and that's particularly so if we are discussing estate planning and wills or trusts.

Q. My grandson, who is 22 and married, wants to visit me and bring a girlfriend who is not his wife. He says his wife would understand but I should not ask her about it. I love my grandson very much even though I don't approve of what he's doing. What do you think I should say to him?

A. I think you should say whatever you want although to my way of thinking the word "no" is a great word to try out on him. It takes courage to say "no" to someone you love; but try it. You'll be glad you did.

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Down Under: Sydney

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

It isn't every day that one sets his or her personal records and milestones while at the same time crossing off a destination that has been on the individual's "bucket list" for years or perhaps centuries. Residents recently accomplished this feat by traveling from Ocala to Sydney, Australia; Bali; Indonesia; and New Zealand, all within one fabulous trip. The trip of a lifetime was to circumnavigate Australia with a stop in Bali and then onto the Southern Island of New Zealand with one port of call at New Zealand's Northern Island.

The trip began with a flight from Orlando to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas as where this adventurous group boarded the largest passenger plane flying the longest nonstop route to Sydney. Flight time on Qantas took almost 17 hours in the air. This aircraft was a double-decker carrying 484 passengers. We took off one day and arrived two days later because of the International Date Line and the many time zone changes.

Sydney is the oldest and biggest city in Australia along with being one of the most expensive cities in the world. Our aircraft landed a little after 6 a.m. The group had a city tour prearranged; the tour company met us at the airport.

The tour took us to many beaches and one in particular is world famous for surfing. This world famous beach is called Bondi Beach and is one of the most visited tourist locations in Australia. Bondi is an Aboriginal word meaning "water breaking over rocks or noise of water breaking over rocks."

Another stop on this tour was at Mrs. Macquarie's Chair. This tourist attraction is an exposed sandstone rock, which is cut into the shape of a bench carved by convicts in 1810 for the governor of Australia's wife. She would often sit on the bench and overlook Sydney Harbor. Sydney was at one time a brutal convict colony and in 1788 it was established as the first British colony in Australia.

From the location of Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, you can view the city's skyline and the area's two most famous tourist attractions: the graceful arch of the Harbor Bridge and the gleaming white sails of the Opera House.

One of the world's greatest icons, the Sydney Opera House, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Due to jetlag, our group decided not to tour the Opera House but instead head to our cruise ship.

The Sydney Harbor Bridge, nicknamed the "Coathanger" by locals, is supported by massive double piers at the bridge's ends and was built in 1932. It remains the world's largest steel arched bridge. Two railway lines and eight lanes of traffic run the entire length of the bridge. For the adventurer, one can climb the bridge to the top of the outer arch taking an average of three and a half hour climb.

Australia is the smallest of the seven continents and surprisingly the total population of Australia is about the same as the population of Texas. This island continent is approximately the same size as the United States. It takes about the same time to fly from Sydney on Australia's east coast to Perth on the west coast as it does to fly from New York to Los Angeles.

As our day in Sydney ended our next adventure began with a 33-night cruise circumnavigating the island nation onboard Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas with stops in Bali, Indonesia along with many ports of call in New Zealand.

The group traveled over 32,000 miles on this 35-day trip. The circumference of the earth at the Equator is about 24,874 miles.



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Community News

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area, the kitchen was isolated while work progressed.

I'm pleased to report that the damaged drywall was replaced and the building is now back in full service.

Development and home construction are going full bore on the south phase in Indigo East. The new fitness center has been submitted to the Marion County Building Department. This new center will house a modest fitness center, lap and lounging pool, deck area with cabanas, and an event lawn. Additionally, we are including an outdoor fitness power park under canopy. Until we have permit in hand, I will not quote a target delivery date. That said, the model center grand opening will occur over multiple days from Nov. 6 to 22.

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of whom are from economically disadvantaged families. It helps children improve their reading and attention skills. This program really benefits the school, the children, and the volunteers.

In support of the American Heart Association, the Recreation Center Fitness Center organized a team of walkers to take part in the Marion County Heart Walk in October.

The Candler Hills MGA, Candler Hills LGA-18, Candler Hills LGA-9, On Top of the World LGA-18 and MGA donate raised money for The First Tee of Greater Ocala. The On Top of the World MGA donates to Hospice of Marion County annually. The New Pretenders donates funds to Food-4-Kids, Florida Center for the Blind, Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center, and more. The Sewing Bees sew crafts and stuffed animals for donations to local charities of Kimberly's House, Kids Central, Head Start, and Marion Children's Alliance. The Knit Witters provide knitted scarfs that are donated to the Special Olympics. Sunshine Quilters regularly donate to Alpha House and support Meals on Wheels with their work. Women of the World work to support Hospice of Marion County, Interfaith Emergency Services, Brother's Keeper, and just about every other charitable organization in Marion County. The Republican and Veterans Clubs donate to Operation Shoebox, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village and holds food drives.

The Democratic Club also supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. The SPCA of Marion County provides charity work for sheltered animals. Hoofin' It for Hospice holds an annual walk (within the community) with proceeds raised going to the Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House. This is by no means a complete listing.

Annual Association Meetings

December begins a cycle of annual meetings for the various neighborhood owner associations. This is the schedule and location for the respective meetings:

- **MASTER ASSOCIATION MEETING AND BUDGET ADOPTION:** Dec. 4 at Live Oak Hall (9 a.m.)
- **ON TOP OF THE WORLD (CENTRAL) OWNERS ANNUAL MEETING:** Dec. 5 at Circle Square Cultural Center (9 a.m.)
- **INDIGO EAST MEETING, BUDGET ADOPTION AND PROPOSED RULES CHANGES:** Dec. 13 at Circle Square Cultural Center (9 a.m.)
- **CANDLER HILLS MEETING, BUDGET ADOPTION AND PROPOSED RULES CHANGES:** Dec. 13 at Circle Square Cultural Center (2 p.m.)

Among the other matters to be discussed at each annual meeting will be matters of general interest to your community, an update on recreation and meeting facilities, how the board of directors functions through the setting of policies and through the review of the projected budget for the coming year, and any legislative changes affecting your community. There will be a question-and-answer period following the main body of each meeting.

Final Thoughts

It is always worthwhile to pause for a moment, take a step back and consider all the positive events that are happening in our lives. Taking stock and being grateful for all we do have is a very positive thing to do. It can change your entire outlook. Breathe ... smile! We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

was strong, up to 1,500 attendees.

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The weather held perfectly for an afternoon of joy and "Fun at the Park" festivities for Sholom Park on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.

"The atmosphere was upbeat, and attendees had a wonderful time," said Rich Cupertino, who volunteered his time in hospitality for the event and as a golf cart chauffeur for attendees who attended the event throughout the afternoon. "It was great to see visitors coming to the park, and there was a great sense of community. Fun at the Park offered a chance for people to see that Sholom Park is truly a gift to the community."

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All Around Our World

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There is so much going on this month ... families gather for Thanksgiving festivities, food and fun, college football season is nearing an end, and preparations for the December holiday season begin.

It is a season of togetherness, and I look forward to spending time with my family and friends. I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

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The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Nov. 15, this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or 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. Please note our holiday hours: We are closed Thanksgiving Day and open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the day before and day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 22 and 24.

Golf Cart Permit

If you have not already received your 2018-2019 golf cart decal, permitting began in October.

Permitting will continue in November and December and all carts must be permitted with the 2018-2019 decal by year-end.

In order for golf carts to pass inspection and receive the decal for 2018-2019, certain requirements must be met. All residents in the home must be present at the time of permitting. Residents must bring their golf cart and insurance documentation (not just the ID card) showing a minimum of \$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury liability coverage.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks - Sunday, Nov. 5 - back one hour at 2 a.m. local time, which becomes 1 a.m. local time. Many people also

use this as a reminder to check and replace the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. You should consider replacing any smoke detectors older than 10 years and any CO detectors older than five years.

If you have difficulty changing the batteries in your smoke detectors, you may set an appointment with the fire department personnel to replace the batteries by calling (352) 291-8000. You must furnish the replacement batteries. They will also install new smoke detectors as long as you supply the smoke detector. What a wonderful service available to our residents. Many thanks go out to Marion County Fire Rescue for offering such a valuable service.

Watering Restrictions

Please don't forget that watering restrictions change with daylight saving time effective Sunday, Nov. 5. You may now water once per week. You will find the community watering schedule at otowinfo.com by clicking the "Resources" tab and then "Watering Restrictions." Copies of the schedule are available at Customer Service in Friendship Commons.

Holiday Lighting

With the holidays quickly approaching, we'd like to take a moment to remind everyone that holiday lighting and decorations are permitted so long as the lights and decorations do not constitute a nuisance.

Colored bulbs in low-voltage light fixtures and building-mounted fixtures are not allowed. Rope and tube lighting are only allowed during the holiday season. Lights and decorations may be added no earlier than the second weekend in November and need to be removed by Jan. 16, 2018.

Water Conservation Expo

Be sure to check out the free water expo at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30

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p.m. hosted by Bay Laurel Center CDD (BLCCDD). In the event of inclement weather the expo will take place inside Circle Square Cultural Center. There will be free food and refreshments, vendor giveaways, and much more.

There will be live demonstrations showing how to properly read your water meter, how to program your irrigation timer, the breakdown of a fire hydrant, the different types of irrigation heads and the need for pressure regulated heads, the locating process and many more.

Various vendors from landscaping, plumbing, education to other utilities in the area will be on hand for you to interact with and learn more about helpful ways to conserve the earth's natural resources.

Walking, Biking, Jogging in the Dark

We, in management, want all of our residents to be safe while out walking, biking, or jogging in the community after dusk and before dawn. It is important to be as mindful on the cart path as on the roadway. A few years ago, one of our resident couples who walk very early mornings brought to my attention a vest which they purchased from Northern Tool + Equipment. It is a two-toned safety vest that is very effective, and when lights hit it, it lights up like an "H."

We also want your dog(s) to be safe as well, and another couple who are animal lovers were kind enough to point out that PetSmart sells LED collars and leashes made by Dog-e-Glow. You can find out more information on the canine products available either on the PetSmart website or at dogeglow.com.

There are many different products on the market for canines and humans alike ... flashing pins for your clothing and/or shoes, reflective tape, and the list goes on. You

can find these products on the Internet or in local stores. Each year, I put this information in my column because I feel that it is important to remind everyone to be cognizant of their surroundings and put safety first while enjoying an early morning or evening walk, ride or run. This is most important now that the time is changing when it is darker earlier each day.

Travel Safely

Please travel safely while out and about in the community and share the multi-modal paths responsibly with each other.

All Forms of Travel

- Be courteous
- Yield to others
- Don't assume
- Be ready to act
- Be responsible for your own safety

Vehicle

- Drive defensively
- Stop means stop!

Golf Cart

- Slow down and share the path
- Florida driver rules of the road apply

Bicycle

- Bike with traffic
- Notify walkers your directions - for example, "passing on your right"

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- Always be aware of your surroundings
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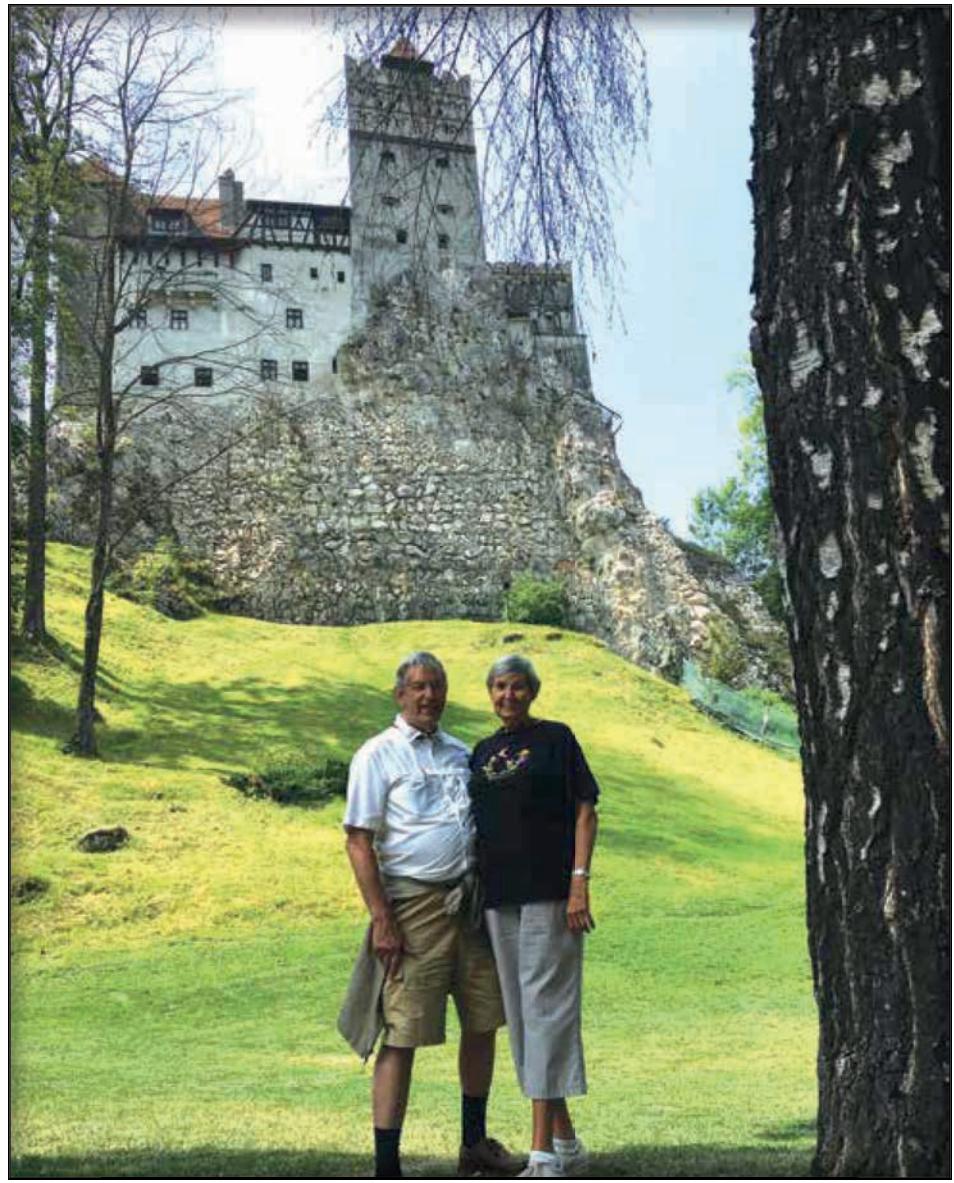


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Margitta Claterbos and Bill Shampine at Bran Castle, located near the town of Brasov in the Transylvania region of Romania.

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine

For most of us, just hearing the word "Transylvania" conjures up images of deep, dark forests filled with bloodthirsty vampires just waiting for an innocent tourist to amble by! These images are epitomized by Count Dracula, who may be the most famous vampire of all time. This fictional character was made popular by the horror novel written by Bram Stoker in 1897. By the way, the name Dracula was derived from a 15th century ruler named Vlad III Dracul, also known as Vlad the Impaler. Vlad gained notoriety in the 15th century because of his cruel methods of punishing his enemies (don't ask). Regardless, he is well loved by all Romanians, as he kept the Ottoman Empire at bay and out of much of what is now Romania. But, I digress, back to the castle.

Bram Stoker's novel put Count Dracula in a fortress in the mountains of Transylvania (central Romania today). Bran Castle, a medieval fortress located about 19 miles from the town of Brasov, is a popular tourist destination because many people think it is Count Dracula's castle as described by Bram Stoker in his book. They are, however, completely wrong. Although not "the" castle, it is a beautifully restored medieval fortress that Margitta Claterbos and I visited this summer; along with about a thousand of our closest friends! Wow! Did I mention that it is a popular attraction?

The original fort, built in 1212 at a mountain pass at the border between the regions of Transylva-

nia and Wallachia, was made out of wood. After the Mongol hordes destroyed the fort in 1242, it lay in ruins until 1377, at which time Louis I of Hungary graciously allowed the Saxons of Kronstadt (Brasov) to build a stone castle; at their own expense and labor force. Positioned high atop a steep cliff, the castle guarded a strategic trade route through the mountains. Once completed, the locals made it a customs point, which made it a profitable enterprise. For background, much of Eastern Europe was ruled by the Kingdom of Hungary until the Ottoman Empire captured much of the territory; but not Transylvania, thanks to good ol' Vlad the Impaler. Over the centuries, rule of Transylvania shifted between Austria and Hungary until it finally was ceded to the Kingdom of Romania following World War I.

Once Romania took control of the region in 1920, it became the favorite home and retreat of Queen Marie. She loved it so much that she had the castle restored to its original beauty. After communism took control of Romania in 1948, they, among other things, confiscated all private land ownership, including that of the royal family. Thus, the royal family was expelled from Bran Castle. Once the communist regime was overthrown in 1989, some people actually wanted their property to be returned. In 2005, the Romanian government finally took steps to address the issue of property restitution. A year later, ownership of Bran Castle was returned to Archduke Dominic von Habsburg, the grandson of Queen Marie, and the legal heir. Archduke Dominic is an American these days. The refurbished castle was opened to the public in 2009 as the first private museum of the country, and has become one of Romania's most popular visitor sites.

fun.

Plan a day of shopping at the Premium Outlet Mall on Tuesday, Nov. 14. There you will find a selection of 180 stores and lots of options for lunch. The bus will leave On Top of the World at 8 a.m. and arrive back at approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$23 per person and includes transportation and driver tip. Call Edith Loeffler at (352) 237-8066 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to reserve your space and get your Christmas shopping done.

There are seven seats available for the trip to the Show Palace on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23. We will travel to the Show Palace for "The All-Stars Platters Revue." The cost is \$76 per person which includes transportation, buffet lunch, and tips for both the lunch and driver. You may contact Linda Hein now at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). This trip will provide a fun day with no kitchen duty.

Our last trip of 2017 will be to the Show Palace on Christmas Day for the Christmas Spectacular; there are currently 11 seats left. The cost is \$73 per person and includes transportation, all tips and the buffet lunch. You will want to call Inge at (352) 237-7428 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) as soon as possible to reserve your seat and spend a day with your favorite memories of Christmas from building snowmen to drinking eggnog, singing carols as the Christmas tree is decorated, and hearing your favorite stories or watching children open gifts.

Our first trip to the Just for Laughs Dinner Theatre in Largo, Fla. was a great success. Therefore, we have booked another trip to this same venue to see "Sex Please - We are Sixty" on Jan. 20, 2018. More information on this trip will be forthcoming in the new brochure and online at traveltopperstours.com. You will want to sign up early once details have been finalized since seats tend to sell out quickly. Reservations are now being taken for the trip to see "Pippin" at the Show Palace on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. The cost is \$74 per person and includes transportation, all tips and lunch. Call Gail Ambrose at (352) 671-8280 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to book this trip.

A trip to Tampa Downs is planned for April 7, 2018. Please mark the date on your calendar and look on our website for further information.

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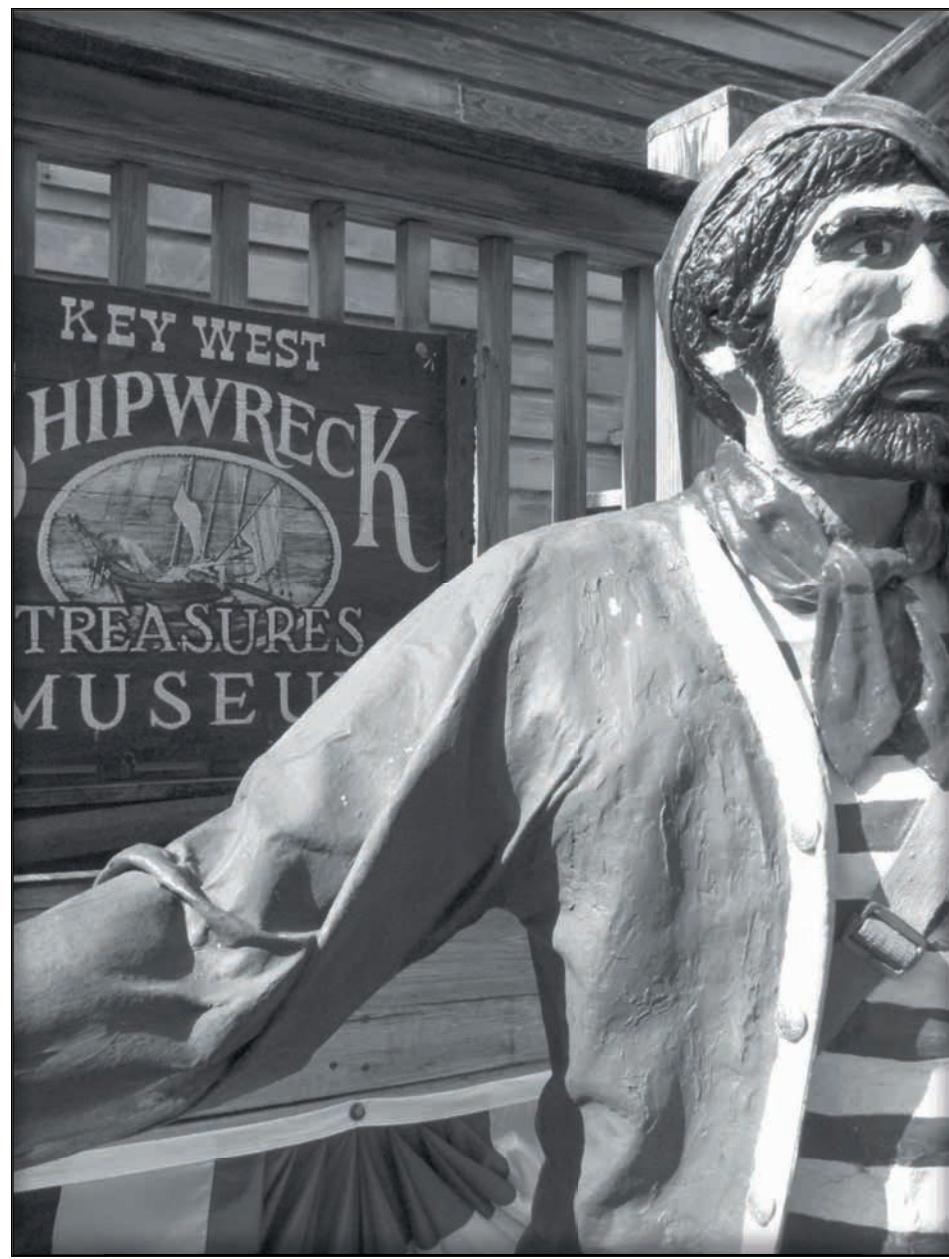


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Outside the Key West Shipwreck Museum.

On the Road Again

Bob Woods

There are some cabins available on the March 12, 2018 sailing of Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas from Tampa to Key West and then onto Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Tampa. This five-night/six-day adventure includes the price of your room category, all taxes and port charges, round trip motor coach from our community along with the driver's gratuities. The club is offering a \$50 shipboard credit per cabin. Passports are required.

This is a perfect opportunity for those who have never cruised before and have not visited the Conch Republic (Key West). There is so much to see at the most southern point of the United States. There will be a day at sea to and from Cozumel where the cruise line offers multiple excursions including Mayan ruins. This Mexican port is a shopper's paradise. For additional information, call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702 or check the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com.

The club is also looking for travelers who would like to join other members of our community in a special excursion to the British Isles visiting England, Wales, and Scotland. This trip is departing

Aug. 3, 2018.

At time of writing, the trip is sold out but the club will need standbys. There is no obligation or cost to place your name on the stand-by list. Call Bob if interested.

Thank you to all who stopped by our table at the Club Fair On Thursday, Oct. 5.

**Citizens Emergency Response Team**

Beth McKeen

Thanks to all who stopped by our table at the Club Fair on Thursday, Oct. 5. Due to Hurricane Irma we had more than the usual number of inquiries. We enjoyed meeting everyone!

In anticipation of Hurricane Irma, Marion County Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) were activated by the Emergency Operation Center on Friday morning, Sept. 8. CERT had a pre-hurricane meeting that afternoon in order to answer questions from the team and to review new protocols, which had been put in place.

On Saturday morning the Marion County CERT coordinators conducted a meeting of all county team leaders. Following this meeting, our team set up our command center in the Recreation Center.

On the Monday and Tuesday following the storm, CERT members

drove through each community to assess damage. We were very fortunate to have been spared serious injuries to ourselves and our homes.

CERT relies heavily on the Marion County Emergency Radio Team (MERT) to help us communicate with the Emergency Operation Center, teams in the field and between teams. During a disaster, MERT members assist with radio integration for hospitals, shelters, CERT, as well as from the Marion County Sheriff's Mobile Command Center.

If you would like to become a member of our CERT and/or MERT, please contact Beverly Case at the Emergency Operation Center at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application. Classes are held throughout the year.

Please feel free to attend one of our CERT meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 9 a.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. For more information contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

**Veterans Club**

Bill Richhart

We enjoyed our speaker, Patty Fabiani, from Fisher House and thank her for coming. Fisher House is a place where veterans' families stay while their spouse is in the hospital at a VA facility.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 2 p.m. in Suite B at the Arbor Conference Center. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Cooksey, coordinator for Honor Flight. As you probably are aware, the flights are for veterans to fly to visit the World War II, Korea and Vietnam Memorials in

Washington D.C. They also enjoy other activities and spend a wonderful day together.

We also are looking for donations for Operation Shoebox. If you have travelled and stayed at a hotel, the shampoos, soaps etc. would be greatly appreciated, plus any other small gifts.

We are also starting a new endeavor with the Democratic Club to coordinate our support for the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. This is a place where homeless veterans can stay for two years in order to get back on their feet. We all share in the belief that there is nothing more important than to help those who have served our country.

If you have any questions, please call (352) 304-8425.

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The Lodge at Candler Hills
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The holiday season is upon us. It begins with Thanksgiving, and it ends with New Year's Day. It's a time to reflect on the past year and make plans for the upcoming year. Family and friends frequently get together for parties or attend holiday events together. Many of us do a lot of traveling during the holiday season, and we ask you to stay safe on the busy roads and highways.

At The Lodge at Candler Hills, we have a couple of exciting events we are planning during this time. "Kocktails and Karaoke" is happening the first Saturday of every month. Come prepared to support your favorite singer or sing on stage. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; singing begins at 6 p.m. and ends by 9 p.m. This event is free for Candler Hills residents.

Friendsgiving is a traditional meal that people have with friends around the time of their regular Thanksgiving, without all the stress. An evening out with friends is just what you might need. Dine with us on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for our very first "Friendsgiving Dinner." Sign up at The Lodge at Candler Hills. It will be a feast fit for you! Registration is \$6 per Candler Hills resident and includes ham and turkey. You will be asked to select a dish you wish to share from a provided list.

Join us for "Coffee and Conversation" on Wednesdays, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15, from 9 to 11 a.m. Our group has expanded over the past month and we are extremely pleased to offer this to you. This is a terrific way to meet new Candler Hills residents and chat in our comfortable and cozy lobby lounge.

Do you love to bake? How about sharing your best cookie recipe

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with your friends and neighbors? We are hosting a "Holiday Cookie Exchange." Bring a plate of your favorite cookies, along with recipe cards to pass out. You may discover a new favorite recipe during this time. Let's share cookies and coffee on Monday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. in the lounge. For more information, you may stop by the office or e-mail us at thelodge@otowfl.com.

New Year's Eve dinner party tickets are now on sale and going quickly. If you would like to join us on this special evening, stop by the office and purchase your tickets today. The 45's will be entertaining us as we ring in 2018. We will be reflecting back on the year 2017. As a Candler Hills resident, you may bring one outside guest to join you at your table on this evening. Please have your resident identification card when signing up. Ticket prices are \$60 per Candler Hills resident and \$70 per non-resident. Seating capacity will cap at 300.

This event will be catered and will consist of appetizers of Caprese shooters, roasted vegetable and gorgonzola tart and shrimp shooters. Our salad for the evening is roasted beet and goat cheese, mixed greens, shaved fennel, toasted Marcona almonds and champagne vinaigrette. The buffet will consist of prime rib, chicken française, wild rice pilaf with dried cranberries and toasted almonds, potato au gratin, and roasted winter vegetables. To wrap it all up, our dessert will be a Mississippi mud trifle with layers of chocolate cake, decadent mousse, pecans and marshmallow. If you have a peanut allergy and are attending, please call us and let us know as soon as possible.

No outside alcohol will be allowed for this event. Two bars will be provided inside for your pleasure. For more information, please call (352) 387-9508 and speak to any of our staff for assistance.

I would like to thank everyone for coming out and participating in our first chili cook-off. We hope that each year we bring in more contestants to participate in this great event.



Keeping It Green

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Thanks to those who attended the "Operating Your Irrigation Controller" class at Master the Possibilities. I thought the class was a success and hopefully those who attended did too. For more information on future classes, please visit masterthe possibilities.com or stop by Master the Possibilities located at Circle Square Commons.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, daylight saving time ends and clocks fall back an hour. Make sure you change your clocks to the correct time.

As we begin to get into the winter months, with cooler evening temperatures, there are a few things you should know...

Growth rate of St. Augustine grass is dependent on temperature, moisture and nutrient availability. Any one of these factors can limit the rate of growth. This time of year typically allows you to begin cutting back on water usage.

Try cutting back irrigation run times by 10 percent by using the seasonal adjust function of the irrigation controller or by reducing the run time on every zone. This will help if the grass starts stressing so you can catch it and monitor if it needs to be watered. If your home is equipped with Solar Sync™, the clock has already made adjustments and will continue to adjust daily, automatically.

Fertilization with high nitrogen fertilizers during the winter months is not recommended. If you desire a little more color in your lawn, try applying products higher in iron such as Milorganite, or Ironite. These products will provide you a nice green and should push through to the first frost at which time the sod will go dormant.

During the months ahead some landscape plants will also begin to slow down in growth, such as lantana, daylilies, and crape myrtles.

Trimming these plants can be done in late January.

Crape myrtles and laurel oak leaves can be used as mulch in the landscape beds. By reusing the leaves you will incorporate organic matter into the soil that in turn will break down and provide some nutrients to the plants. The leaf matter also provides some help with weed control.

Crape myrtle trimming is also a topic of discussion around the winter months. Typically, I prefer pencil pruning. Pencil pruning is only removing the branches pencil size or smaller. Pencil pruning is more time consuming than the other methods but testing completed by the University of Florida has shown that pencil pruning produces longer blooms as compared to topping or pollarding that produces lots of smaller blooms that do not hang around as long. This is probably attributed to the fact that crape myrtles only bloom on new growth.

Again, you don't want to trim too early but rather try to hold off until the last week in January.

Fungus is the biggest pest to consider in the winter months; cooler evening temperatures and warm daytime temperatures can create environments favorable for fungal pathogens. Make sure you or your pest control company is treating the fungus as soon as it is spotted or before you have a problem.

The most prevalent fungal pathogen you will see this time of year is Rhizoctonia solani, more commonly known as Brown Patch. Additionally, if you had a particular spot in your yard that was prone to fungal problems last year, chances are the fungal pathogen is still in the soil waiting for the right climatic conditions. Treat your lawns according to the labeled rate. Most fungicides will require two treatments; this is an important step that is often missed, causing most of the problems.

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During the months ahead some landscape plants will also begin to slow down in growth, such as lantana, daylilies, and crape myrtles.

Make sure your pest control company is treating at the labeled interval. Ask them questions like, "What product are you using?" "Is the fungicide a systemic or contact?" "What is the active ingredient?" "What product did you use last year?" "Are you changing the mode of action?" Understanding what product they are using and how you can ensure the product will work is crucial in control.

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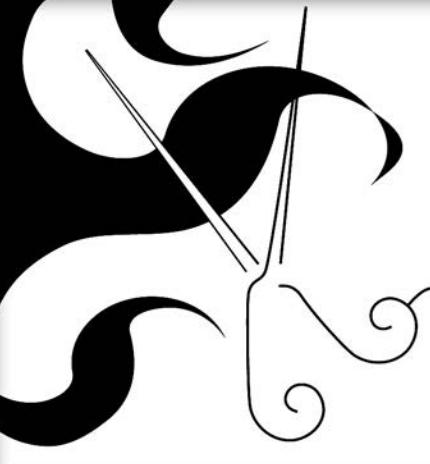
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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

As I walk around the community on these beautiful fall days, I admire the beautiful Florida sunrises and sunsets. Some of them look like watercolor paintings, and I have taken many pictures of them to show to my friends in Pennsylvania.

The fifth annual barbecue will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29. We expect over 200 residents to enjoy an afternoon of great food and socializing. A special thank you to all of the organizers and volunteers for

this event.

The potluck dinner for October was cancelled; the next one will take place on Jan. 30, 2018 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. More information will follow in December.

A new neighbor welcome meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. All new residents of Candler Hills should attend this meeting to meet new neighbors and to obtain information about the Ocala area.

Dr. Jim Mikula, executive director of Canterfield of Ocala, will speak on Tuesday, Nov. 7, and Bekki Koppengafer, director of community relations of Bridgewater Park, will speak on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Sheriff Billy Woods will speak on Thursday, Dec. 14 regarding issues/scams go-

ing on in our area and along the SR 200 corridor. There will be time for a question and answer period after his presentation. All presentations will take place at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, from 3 to 5 p.m., join us at The Lodge at Candler Hills for "Tapas and Wine" - a presentation by 7 & 7 Coffee and Wine Shop. Tickets will go on sale in early January for \$25 per person. This event is a time to enjoy aperitifs and hors d'oeuvres before you go out for your evening meal.

Other future events are a spring dinner dance at The Lodge at Candler Hills on April 7, 2018; ice cream sundae socials on June 10, 2018 and Aug. 19, 2018.

Three resident volunteers are

needed to seek candidates to fill four upcoming board vacancies. Please contact Bob Scherff at (352) 291-1505 or bob.scherff@otowhomes.com to volunteer.

Any new neighbor in Candler Hills can log onto candlerconnection.org to fill out the form to receive our monthly newsletter "The Happenings" by e-mail. This is another way to keep informed of activities for Candler Hills residents.

Please add Jan. 9, 2018 to your calendar to attend the Candler Connection annual meeting and election of board members. This meeting will take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills, at 3 p.m.

Until next month, see you around the neighborhood.


Community Patrol

Patricia Woodbury

At our September meeting, Lynette Vermillion, general manager of On Top of the World, was asked to come and tell the members about what happened when Hurricane Irma came through. She praised the good work of her team members who had prepared before the storm. A team from Bay Laurel Center CDD was on site during and after the event to maintain our water and sewage system and also helped to clear the roads of debris. Other staff did leave the community to go home when winds were over 30 to 40 mph. They returned on Tuesday to clean up according to the already arranged plans.

Lynette said that, they always conduct lessons learned from these type of events, and as usual came up with some things that they could have done better. Since the power went out in most of the neighborhoods, many residents did not have landline phones or internet services and cell phone batteries died. They are considering making plans to have teams go out and talk with people after such an event which will help provide communication to the neighborhoods. Also she encourages people to get portable chargers for their cell phones in order to keep them in service. Even though there was plenty of fuel for this event, they learned that they should keep more fuel on hand to keep the generators going, should an event be more catastrophic.

More importantly, she encourages residents to learn to prepare in advance for the hurricane season, not just the storm that may be coming. Early on in the season, obtain supplies that would sustain them in their homes for at least five days during a storm. For example, this should include food, medication and oxygen, if needed.

Generally, damage in the community was minimal. Fortunately by the time Irma reached us she was a tropical storm with 48 mph winds. Lynette said this time it was not too bad, just inconvenient, but we should always be prepared for the next hurricane that might be bigger.

Thanks for all of you who stopped by our table at the Club Fair on Oct. 5 to ask questions and meet some of the members. We are always willing to share information about what the Community Patrol does and to take new applications for membership in this service organization.

We are looking forward to the Sheriff's Southwest District Office Halloween Party on Oct. 31 at the Circle Square Commons. There will be food, candy, games and all-around fun for everyone. Thanks to all who are volunteering and the deputies who support this effort for the children of the community.

The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, Nov. 27.

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

Avalon Social Group

Marie Roppel

With the threat of rain, the Avalon Social Club held their potluck cook out indoors. The hot dogs and bratwursts were grilled at the pavilion and then brought to the Arbor Club where the group enjoyed them along with the donations by the members. Eighty-five people attended.

Following the meal, Sherry Whitmer-Hall, from the Lions Club, presented information about their "Emergency Health Response Initiative" packet available to residents for use by emergency responders. These emergency forms are to be placed by the front door where emergency responders have been

told to look. For more information, Sherry may be contacted at (913) 638-9256 or skwhitmer@yahoo.com.

Our other speaker was Paul Sullivan who spoke about a new group called Horse Sense. They meet on the third Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H.

The next meeting will be our holiday get together on Monday, Dec. 11. This will be a festive ham dinner and tickets will be available for sale on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Members are requested to bring dishes to accompany the ham, serving utensils and your own non-alcoholic beverage. For any questions, please contact Sherry Whitmer-Hall at 913-638-9256.

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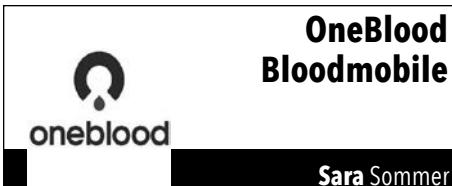
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Sara Sommer

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I would also like to thank all of you who stopped by the OneBlood table at the recent Club Fair. I saw some regular faces and many new ones. Please join us in December when the Big Red Bus® comes. It will be parked in the Recreation Center parking lot from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4.

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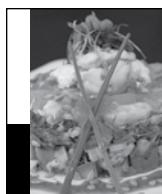
Here's how the program works ... "First or Best 5K" is a 10-week program that brings you together with Coach Kapelanski for weekly discussions on various topics specific to preparing for a 5K (3.1 miles) race. You can choose to either walk or run. After each weekly discussion, the group will be led outdoors

for a group training session and will be provided with weekly training goals to support their success. The program will conclude with participating in the 5K race affiliated with the Ocala Marathon on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018. Signing up is easy; simply register at the front desk of The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, members and non-members welcome! The cost is \$25 per person.

Here's why the program works: the training protocol for "First or Best 5K" sets realistic expectations and provides success from the onset. The trouble for most people when they decide to go from the couch to a 5K is that they start with too much too soon and usually end up sore, discouraged or hurt. This program is designed to do the opposite. Coach Kapelanski will provide you with the information and training tools to enable personal success from the start. Put down the remote, get up off the couch and get in the race! For more information please call (352) 861-8180 and ask for extension 7589.

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Food For Thought

Steve Gunter
Restaurant Partners Inc.

We had a very busy couple of months and met so many new friends the last several weeks. A great big thank you to everyone for coming in and trying out our new menu at The Club at Candler Hills ... and for your many kind words. We also appreciate those of you who offered additional suggestions for improvement.

Lots of exciting changes and new things to tell you about this month:

As mentioned above, we have a brand new menu at The Club at Candler Hills! You will find something for every occasion and every price level ... all top quality. We pride ourselves in using the freshest and best ingredients and preparing our food to order. The comments we have received so far have been overwhelming and very kind. Come join us soon!

The new Sunday brunch, featuring a bloody Mary bar and 99-cent mimosas, from 9 to 10 a.m. has begun at The Club at Candler Hills and is off to a fantastic start.

We recently launched new hours at The Pub (open everyday until 6 p.m. including Sunday)! The Club

at Candler Hills is now open until 8 p.m. on Sundays!

The Club at Candler Hills is sporting a whole new bar selection with offerings at all price levels and a new wine list with more selections at different price/quality levels. Come swirl some vino!

We also are putting together the finishing touches on our management team, which is led by General Manager Randy Blankenchip, who has recently relocated to the area from California and brings a vast amount of experience. Brandy Weidenthal, the assistant general manager, is a 10-year veteran of our company and has recently relocated to Ocala from Alabama to be a part of On Top of the World.

Emily Houston is our service manager and the longest tenured member of the team, probably the most familiar to you. Emily worked magic during the transition and is a valuable part of our team and our future.

Our newest member is Executive Chef Miranda Smith. Miranda recently relocated to Ocala from Cape Cod where she oversaw a couple of different successful concepts. Miranda is a high energy, detailed leader and we are delighted to have her with us.

Thank you again for your kind words, patronage and for taking the time to come meet us.



Emily Houston is the service manager at The Club at Candler Hills.



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**Democratic Club**

Dan Lack

Our next meeting will take place in the Indigo East Community Center on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. We are not meeting on the customary fourth Thursday because we suspect that you would rather spend that evening at Thanksgiving dinner. We are not meeting in the customary Arbor Conference Center so that we can give our Indigo East neighbors a chance to experience an On Top of the World Democratic Club meeting and we thank them for graciously hosting us.

Our November meeting has historically been devoted two things: We will vote to accept the proposed slate of officers for our 2018 board of directors. Then we will enjoy a round table discussion (without the table) of any issues that are brought up by the attendees. This provides a great opportunity to get to learn about and from one another.

We will have our first ice cream social at Simply Ice Cream located in Market Street at Heath Brook on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. This shop is owned by former Democratic candidate for sheriff, Dennis McFadden and his wife Paige, and we would like to thank them for the sacrifices that they have made in pursuing their dreams (and creams) for Marion County. Enter the plaza at the Barnes & Noble entrance, then pass the bookstore

**Republican Club**

Bill Richart

Our meeting was held on Friday, Oct. 13 at the Arbor Conference Center. Our speaker was County Commissioner Kathy Bryant who spoke on the millage rate and brought us up to speed on the activities within Marion County. Questions were asked and answered.

Our Thanksgiving gathering dinner will be held on Friday, Nov. 10. We will have a short meeting at 6:30 p.m. and then dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets went on sale priced at \$20. We hope the event will be well attended and invite members to bring friends and neighbors. Friendship Catering will cater the dinner.

We are looking for new officers for the coming year. We need a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. We do hope you will step forward and serve. We will hold nominations and elections in December.

Operation Shoebox donations of hotel soaps, shampoo, etc. are always appreciated at our monthly meetings. Thank you for supporting our military men and women overseas.

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and you'll find your destination on the left side next to Las Margaritas. There is limited seating inside, so bring a folding chair and enjoy socializing with fellow Democrats outside while enjoying delicious ice cream. The other Marion County Democratic clubs have also been invited to join us.

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with donations of towels, washcloths, twin/full bed sheets, dry/canned food, toiletries, dish/laundry detergent and paper towels so that we can 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 Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center (but not in November). Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters, although only Democrats are voting members of the club. Videos of our speakers may be viewed on YouTube.com (otow demclub).

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

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Veterans Day Ceremony

By Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Lions Club is preparing for Veterans Day. We are planning a special slide show this year with music to celebrate the service of our many resident veterans. We are asking for your help!

Veterans interested in having their picture in the slide show are requested to provide photos in

their uniforms or wearing a service-connected cap/hat. Photos can be dropped off at the Recreation Center office. Nora Dominguez will accept the photos and Lion Sherry Whitmer-Hall will pick them up, scan them and add them to the slide show.

Photos provided will be available for pick up at the Veterans Day Ceremony. This should be a wonderful addition to our ceremony. For more information, please contact Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256 or otowlionsinfo@gmail.com.

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom with patriotic songs sung by the Concert Chorus and Sunshine Singers. The West Port High School ROTC will conduct a military ceremony. Our speaker will be our own

Lions' President Charles Parrish. Let's make this a special ceremony for our veterans this year by attending the Veterans Day Ceremony honoring and thanking them for their service!

The annual Lions Club Christmas tree with age/gender requests will accept donations from Friday, Nov. 10 through Wednesday, Dec. 6 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Please help support Toys for Tots in their efforts to make this a merry Christmas for a lot of Ocala area children.

The Lions Club "Resident Emergency Health Information" team has given out over 250 health forms to residents; we've met some really nice people and had a chance to answer questions. The team will begin calling clubs/organizations offering a short explanation of the community service project and filling requests at that time. Residents will be able to receive either the printed version and bag or request the e-mailed form (fill-in) and can take the bag home with them. E-mail requests are answered and forms sent within hours of receiving the request. To request information, please Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256 or otowlionsinfo@gmail.com.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects: "Resident Emergency Health Information", military appreciation ceremonies (Veterans Day and Memorial Day) as well as helping with health screenings at local elementary schools. They will be doing diabetic screenings at the Health & Wellness Expo at Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings - second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. For more information, please contact PDG Estelle Clark-Michelson at (352) 861-7358.



Veterans Ceremony November 11, 2016 in the Recreation Center Ballroom the West Port High School ROTC, PDG Estelle Clark-Michelson and residents.

Photo by Sherry Whitmer-Hall

American Jewish Club to Hold Fashion Show

By Sandra Wolf

For the first time, the American Jewish Club will present "Chico's Casual Wear Fashion Show" on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased in the Recreation Center Ballroom, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 to 10 a.m.

There will be raffles and refreshments. A portion of the proceeds will go to charity. For further information, contact our president, Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625. We look forward to seeing you there.

Last month, we had the pleasure of having Pat Gabriel with us. It was

an informative program as there is much happening on the SR 200 Corridor.

We also had the second of our dinners at Ayuttaya Thai Cuisine. There was a large turnout of members. This was the last dinner for the year. The lunch for this month is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 30, at noon, at Mimi's Cafe.

Since the fashion show is scheduled for this month there will be no regular meeting.

The board wants to give special thanks to all the models, escorts, and volunteers who worked so hard to make this a successful event.



The American Jewish Club's "Chico's Casual Wear Fashion Show" will take place on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

A Culinary Treat

By Ray Cech
World News Writer



Chef Bert Gill at Master the Possibilities' Studio 10 on the Square.

Photo by Ray Cech

Studio 10 at the Square was redolent with pickled onion, chicken stock, and sweet and sour spices. It was a culinary delight, with Chef Bert Gill demonstrating cooking tips to the assembled would-be diners on the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 26. The visiting Gainesville chef and restaurateur wowed his audience with new cooking ideas along with a few tasty treats - popular at his restaurant.

Margaret Spontak, a culinary master in her own right, introduced Chef Bert Gill. She told of the Chef's pioneering efforts with the farm-to-table movement, his career in the restaurant business, and his dedication to serving locally grown fresh food.

Gill presently has three restaurants in Gainesville, and will be opening a French-themed restaurant early next year. His current restaurants are Blue Gill Quality Foods, Mildred's Big City Food, and New Deal Café. "It's a wonderful time to be in the business," he said. "Food, particularly farm fresh food, has never been more available, and diners are now much more aware of what's healthy and good for them."

While working at several restaurants, as well as the James Beard

House, Chef Bert Gill mentored many young chefs, and shared with us his inner rewards when seeing them eventually succeed in the culinary world.

During his presentation in Studio 10, he passed on several cooking tips and answered many questions from the assembled "cooks." He demonstrated the right/best way to chop vegetables, along with various ways to slice and dice. He also made cutting up a chicken look way too easy.

Emphasizing the importance of having the right knife for each cutting project, he recommended buying the best knives you can afford, and to "be sure to keep them sharp." While discussing different pots and pans, he explained the pros and cons of aluminum, steel, and copper. Pots combining aluminum and copper come out on top.

He also emphasized that extra virgin olive oil should not be used for cooking and recommended using canola or grape seed oil.

After preparing and dishing out a delicious cucumber salad, Chef Gill - saved the best for last - served up one of his signature dishes - hamburger with pimento cheese and bacon. Enough said - to the kitchen!

**Women of the World**

Betty Thayer

We had a lot of interest in our club at the Club Fair and it was nice to see a lot of the ladies we had spoken to at our Oct. 6 meeting. Welcome!

Since some of our returning members may have missed the announcement of the officers at our September meeting, we'll reprint that information: President Bobby Roeder; First Vice President Beverly Carver; Second Vice President, Marie Roppel; Secretary Betty Thayer; and Treasurer Marsha Vieu.

Representatives from Romeo Elementary thanked us for all our donations. Our members outdid themselves with all the donations!

Kenneth Lane from Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary was our guest speaker. Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary has as a goal: to rescue, rehab, and release back to the wild all of their animals. Kenneth showed us the five differ-

ent types of owls. In fact, we had a special guest, Obie the owl toured the room on the arm of his handler. Our ladies were snapping pictures of Obie so he was a true star. Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary has tours of their facility and also provides programs that are available to schools.

Each month we have two standing charities: Operation Shoebox and Marion Senior Services. We also have a monthly-designated charity. Our November charity is S.P.C.A. of Marion County. They need dog and cat food that is made in the USA. Recommended for dogs: Purina and Pedigree dog food and Milk-bone dog treats. Recommended for cats: Purina, Whiskas, and Friskies dry food. Ziploc gallon and quart bags are also needed.

Our next meeting is on Friday, Nov. 3, at 12:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Our speaker will be Detective Eric Dice discussing fraud and identity theft.

Women of the World is open to all resident ladies. Please join us we help our local charities, all from our hearts, in providing them with much needed supplies.

**Illinois Social Club**

Marlene Kaiser

If you have lived in Illinois we would love for you to join us at our next meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite G, at 5 p.m.

This is a potluck dinner; so bring

anything you would like to share with our group. This is just a social club; no dues. We have a great fun group sharing stories about Illinois, Cubs, Bears, Bulls and, of course, Chicago style pizza and Portillo's Hot Dogs and the best Italian beef sandwiches.

Please join us for a fun evening together with some new Illinois friends. Contact Marlene Kaiser at (352) 843-4133 or marlenekaiser@yahoo.com for more information.

**The Glitz Gals**

Janet Wahl

Fall brings cooler weather, the return of our summer travelers and more activities starting their new seasons.

The Club at Candler Hills was the choice of hostess Janet Wahl for our recent luncheon. Halloween was the theme and treat bags were at each place. Betty Tesmer had the marked treat bag and was our prizewinner. Delicious food and good service were enjoyed. QM Mary had a game of Halloween facts and Hedy Schamal and Kathy Katz were the winners.

The 2017 Florida State Convention has been rescheduled to November since it was cancelled in

September because of Hurricane Irma.

West Coast Queens Council Royal fall luncheon at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey was attended by QM Mary Curry who honored Vice Queens Dottie Hinde and Carol Cecala. Ellen Brecheen was also in attendance.

Betty Tesmer, Ellen Brecheen, QM Mary Curry and Carol Cecala greeted guests and handed out playbills at the Encore Collaborative Theatre production of "The Golden Girls Move to On Top of the World."

Upcoming events include the Suncoast Queen Bees Halloween event, fall fling, shopping at the Premium Outlet Mall and our Christmas party. Project Hope is a continuing event. "Bring a little sunshine and leave a little laughter everywhere you go." QM Mary Curry

**Genealogy Society**

Peter Parisi

On Monday, Sept. 18, Matt Reilly gave a presentation on "Using Google for Genealogy Research." When he began, Matt thought only about Google search, but found that Google is much more. When a user supplies a search parameter, Google searches its own computers for previously stored web pages.

To start, go to google.com and click on the square dotted box in the right corner. This will open the main Google apps. If you click on "More," dozens of additional apps will open, such as Google Earth, Maps, Translate, etc.

If a genealogical record exists, Google will eventually index it, except for firewall-protected sites, such as Ancestry and FindMyPast. You can perform a search for each key ancestor, including first name and surname variations, location and timeframe. If you get millions of results, narrow the search. Use a minus sign before words not wanted in the results.

Caution: Some sites may be fee-based. Put quotation marks around the name to find the exact name. Narrow your search, such as 2000 to 2017, to find those records only. If the web page does not have a year, no result will be found. Each time you narrow the search, you will find fewer results.

Matt suggests that you keep a search research log of the various search qualifiers that you use and the results obtained. Vary the order of search terms. Start broadly and narrow the qualifiers. Seek in-

formation about towns, churches and cemeteries in the area. Search for occupations, obituaries, archaic measurements, etc. For example, an 1864 deed defines the property in perches. Ask Google what a measurement in perches is in feet or in yards? If the occupation is listed as "pedlar," Google defines that as someone who traveled selling small goods. If the property is owned by someone, et ux., that means his unidentified wife.

It is not easy to remember the various qualifiers to use in your Google search. Just ask Google for Google advanced search and fill in what information you require. Also, if you have a letter that is in a foreign language, use Google Translate. Another helpful Google app is Google Earth, which will show you exactly what the area that your ancestors grew up in looks like today.

The Genealogical Society will hold a board meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the Hobby Building, followed by an organizational meeting at 10:15 a.m., at which we discuss what members would like to have for upcoming genealogy presentations. In addition we answer questions from members on genealogical problems. On Monday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m., we will hold an educational presentation in Suites B and C in the Arbor Conference Center. Peter and Judy Parisi will give a presentation on "Exploring Our Roots in Ireland."

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 out our website at otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.

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**Southern Club**

Melanie Vittitow

The Southern Club is a social club that meets on the first Thursday of the month from September to May. The meeting this month falls on Thursday, Nov. 2. We have a potluck dinner, a short meeting and entertainment or a speaker. The meeting is at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 4 to 7 p.m. Social time starts at 4:30 p.m. and the meal will begin at 5 p.m. so that we are finished by 6:30 and have time to clean up. If you want to help with the set up of the room, be there at 4 p.m.

We have had two meetings with these new hours and they are working out very well. We just have an early or light lunch on the first Thursday, and are hungry by 5 p.m. for all the great dishes that our excellent southern cooks have prepared.

We want to thank all the nice people who stopped by our table at the Club Fair. Many of them said, "But we are not from the South." Well you are now! So you are welcome to join our club as long as you are a resident. We are a friendly bunch and we invite you to come to one meeting as a guest, and join later if you like what you see. Since we do love to eat, you will want to bring a

dish to share. Everyone also brings their plates and utensils. The club furnishes coffee, tea and lemonade.

Annual dues are \$10 per person for the year. Members who have not yet paid are asked to bring their dues to the upcoming meeting along with your resident ID.

At our October meeting, a member of the Lions Club spoke to us on a program that they have initiated. They have created a resident emergency health packet for residents to have on hand in case of emergencies where you are not able to communicate or assist the first responders. A lot of thought and energy has gone into preparing these packets and we feel it is a very worthwhile project that will benefit all who use it. To find out more, contact otowlionsinfo@gmail.com.

At our next meeting, on Nov. 2, we will be discussing our plans for December. We will be have a holiday feast at our December meeting - with turkey and ham provided by the club. We will need a count of who will be there so we will be signing up at the November meeting. We are also asking for \$1 per person to offset the cost. We will have a singer for entertainment. Maybe he will let us join him for a few songs. It should be fun.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at (352) 873-8690. If not, I'll see you on Nov. 2, at 4:30 p.m., Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center.

Singles Club

Lorraine Serwan

Welcome to November and the beginning of all the special days of the fall season.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, a group will be going to the Gypsy Gold Horse Farm, south of Ocala, for a walking tour. Cost is \$20. Lunch will be on your own. The group will meet as usual in the Recreation Center parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and car pool to the farm. Call Cel at (352) 840-3969 for information. There is still time to sign up at the November meeting.

The regular monthly meeting will be held as usual on the second Thursday of the month (Nov. 9) at 2

p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H. We are looking forward to welcoming a speaker from Bridgewater Park who will inform us about the facility.

Looking ahead to December ... our annual holiday luncheon will be on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Red Lobster. Sign up at the November meeting. (Don't forget about the gift exchange.) At the meeting, you can also sign up for our excursion to Downtown Ocala to see the lights and have dinner at Harry's Seafood Restaurant on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Please note the days of the week for these activities.

Please join us for our meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9 and bring a friend. Remember we meet at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites G and H.

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**Pennsylvania Club**

Micki Malsch

Roll out the barrel! That's just what the Pennsylvania Club did at the annual Pennsylvania Club Oktoberfest dinner held on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Members and guests dined on pork roast, kielbasa, sauerkraut, German red cabbage, roasted potatoes, German chocolate cupcakes and German apple cake. What a feast! Special thanks to Sweet Potatoes who catered the dinner and to Micki Malsch for her special German red cabbage and yummy desserts.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. This will be a snacks-only meeting with prize bingo to follow. Please bring a side snack or dessert

Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell

The Texas Connection Social Club is open to residents and their spouses/significant others who have a connection to Texas by either being raised there or being there for work, college or military service. Our purpose is to have a good time and make friends with other Texas lovers by our connections to where we lived in Texas as well as our On Top of the World neighborhoods and activities.

Thanks go to everyone who came to our inaugural meeting on Sunday, Oct. 8. We decided to continue with the second Sunday of each month. For funding we will have dues of \$10 per person per year, which we will start collecting at the next meeting. You will need to present your resident ID. at this time. We will also be holding 50/50 ticket draws. Marie Christy-Wegel volunteered to get us started with it.

Our officers for the remainder of our meeting year (September to

for at least eight people for sharing. The club will provide beverages.

The annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. Please note the time change. It will be held in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. The club will buy hams, but we need volunteers to prepare them. Please call President John Dieckman at (352) 861-9516 if you are interested in helping out with this.

The membership voted and decided to do away with the Pennsylvania basket raffle this year. We will continue to ask for donated toys for the Salvation Army Christmas toy drive. Please bring your unwrapped new items to the December meeting.

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

May) will be President Kathy Cornell, Vice President Rich Wegel, Treasurer Dennis Pope and Secretary Lynn Pluto.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 12 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at 6 p.m. In honor of the famous Terlingua Chili Cook-off, we will have our own Texas chili cook-off. Volunteers are needed to make chili and others to bring the fixins' (cheese, sour cream, onions, etc.), sides (Fritos, cornbread, crackers, etc.) and desserts.

November is also when the town of George West, the Storytelling Capital of Texas, holds its storytelling festival. You're welcome to help us provide our "entertainment" for the evening by sharing a Texas tall tale, or funny Texas story or joke. If you're not into public speaking, bring it in written form and we can certainly find someone to present it on your behalf.

For more information about the Texas Connection Social Club or to get your name down for a food category in the chili cook-off, please contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kjcornell54@gmail.com.

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SPCA

Maria Devine

Our next meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 16, 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 at (352) 362-0985.

You can also learn more about us and the animals available for adoption on our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA) and website (SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com).

Our holiday party will be early this year. All members are invited to gather at the Horse and Hounds Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 7 at noon to celebrate.

Don't forget to look for us at the Farmer's Market on most Thursday

mornings at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. The SPCA will bring any dogs and cats that we have available each week (except for the third Thursday of the month which is our meeting day) so that you can meet them.

Also look for us in front of Circle Square Cultural Center when there is a special event, usually on a Saturday morning or afternoon. There's nothing like meeting these sweet animals in person.

We will also have a table at the car show in front of Big Lots on SR 200 on the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m.

Thank you to our friends and neighbors who stopped by our table at the Club Fair and Rags to Riches last month for our zero calorie doughnuts and delicious coffee. All donations were greatly appreciated.

Please call us if you wish to fos-

ter or donate dog or cat food for Pets on Wheels.

We are happy to report that Sissy, the tuxedo cat, featured in last month's column has been adopted into her forever home. Congratulations to Sissy and her new loving family.

The SPCA recently took in a six month old basset hound/beagle or dachshund mix puppy named Nathan. Now that he has been neutered, he is ready for adoption and a forever home. He is currently 17 pounds; likes chew toys, children and other dogs - possibly in that order. He's a tan and white cutie pie that you can't help but love. He's quiet in the house - not a barker at all. If you've been waiting for a puppy to become available, now is your chance to make a wish come true for both of you. Please call our hotline at (352) 362-0985 to meet Nathan.



Nathan

This is your last chance to get tickets for our bunco fundraiser set for Saturday, Nov. 4. It will be held at the Arbor Conference Center. Doors open at 1 p.m. and play will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and you can buy a table of four. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Please call (352) 237-1322 to order tickets.



Photo by Bill Shampine

Nancy Barnes gets into the spirit of Halloween when she reads to "her" class at Romeo Elementary.



100 Grandparents

Janet Fragapane

Thanks to Hurricane Irma, October was our first time back for the new school year. What a strange group boarded the bus. We had grandparents dressed as pumpkins, witches, and a few other odd looking readers. Who or whatever they were, the children loved them.

It was a busy time as we had new substitutes: Richard Copeland, Charlene Czopek, and Virginia Lo Nigro. Welcome! There were also new teachers and new married names of teachers, in new grades or classrooms. It was a case of "who was reading in whose class and where?" Things got straightened out and off we all went to read.

Mrs. Balius, the principal, explained some of the updates. There are now 770 students; and three new units for kindergarten, second and fourth grades. Romeo Elementary is a "Gold Seal School" and is leading the district in volunteer hours. Thanks to 100 Grandpar-

ents volunteering each month and those who go on their own to help in classrooms with reading or artwork.

Mrs. Balius also stated that the school received a foundation grant of \$5,000 for imagination playground. New requirements for students are 20 minutes a day for recess. No homework is assigned anymore, but students are to read 20 minutes a night.

The school is in need of boy's underwear. Donations must be new and in sealed packages. Children ages four to six are the most in need. Also socks for that age group and belts for boys are needed. These do not need to be new; just school appropriate. The weather will be getting cooler so warm clothing items for both girls and boys are needed. If you would like to donate money instead of buying, you may make a check payable to Romeo Elementary.

We are also collecting box tops and pull-tabs too.

Donations may be dropped off at 8880-C SW 84th Street (Friendship Village) or 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II).

To arrange pick up of donated items, call me at (352) 861-1575.

Call Evelyn Holiday at (352) 237-0304 if you would like to read to the children.

If you would like to donate to the food program, send a check in any amount made out to Dunnellon Food 4 Kids, P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430. On memo line write "for backpack program." Sometimes this food is the only food these children will have to get.

We are also accepting donations for bicycles and bicycle helmets. Some of these children would love to ride a bike. In many cases their family does not have the extra money to afford the luxury of ever getting a bike for their child. Thank you to Jerry Benedict, Nancy Henry, Susan Endsley, and Mary Melzer for bicycles. Call me at (352) 861-1575 and my husband Tom will pick up and if needed, repair your bicycle and deliver it to the school.

Nov. 13 will be the next trip to Romeo. The bus will be at True Value Hardware store at 8:30 a.m. Please park near the back of the store. Frank will be our bus driver every month this year.

What's Cookin'



Kathie Dushay

Here's a new take on the traditional cranberry sauce. Serve this festive condiment with your Thanksgiving meal.

Cranberry Fruit Conserve

1 12-ounce bag of fresh cranberries

1-3/4 cup sugar

1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and chopped

1 orange, zest grated and juiced

1 lemon, zest grated and juiced

3/4 cup raisins

3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Cook cranberries, sugar, and one cup of water in a saucepan over low heat for about five minutes or until the cranberry skins pop open. Add the apples, juices and zests and cook for another 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and add the raisins and nuts. Let cool and serve chilled.

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Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

The Scandinavian American Club kicked off the 2017-18 season with an informal coffee and conversation session on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Several members shared a summary of their summer travels, which included visits to Europe, the Caribbean, and several states in the U.S.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, Grace Hansen, Ginny Nardone and Dee Dee Springer represented the club at

the Club Fair. It was fun to meet residents who stopped by our table, many of whom shared stories of Scandinavian connections or travels.

The annual holiday potluck luncheon will be on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 12:30 p.m., in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Please bring non-perishable food items, new toys or books which will be donated to the Salvation Army. For more information about the club, please contact Grace Hansen at (352) 237-7780 or Jennie Halvorsen at (352) 873-7478.



Photo by Audrey Rauterkus

Dee Dee Springer, Grace Hansen and Ginny Nardone at the Scandinavian American Club table at the Club Fair.

**Birders' Beat**

Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders have a wonderful trip to Cedar Keys planned for Thursday, Nov. 30. The trip includes a bird walk and a boat ride around the islands that are not accessible by land. The boat ride is \$23 per person, to be paid in full by Nov. 9 in order to secure the boat for the group. If you want to join us on this trip, contact Margitta Claterbos (mclaterbos@gmail.com) right away to hold your reservation and arrange for payment.

Cedar Keys is a group of 13 islands first settled by Native Americans between 450 and 1,800 years ago. The islands are part of Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge. Native Americans erected 28-foot high shell mounds in Cedar Keys with whelk and oyster shells and bones from fish, turtles and deer. The mounds were built to capture summer breezes and protect the people from storm surges that eroded the beaches. This area attracted over 200,000 birds per year in the 1960s. Today the yearly number of birds in this area is approximately 20,000. Cedar Keys has been affected by climate change and rising sea levels that have caused beach erosion and consequently less habitat for birds.

The birds most often seen in Cedar Keys today are white and brown pelicans, white ibis, snowy and great egrets, great blue and tricolored herons, roseate spoonbill, and double crested cormorants. Less frequently observed birds in-

clude black skimmers, great terns, sandpipers and sandpipers. The amount of land available for birds to live on is also affected by the tidal fluctuation. High tide covers a part of the islands from which many birds like to fish.

Please join us for this interesting trip to Cedar Keys. In order to sign up for the trip and the boat ride, contact Margitta and arrange to pay \$23 for the boat ride. The Unique Birders will meet at the large tree in the Recreation Center parking lot by 7:15 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. departure. Newcomers are welcome to join the Unique Birders for any of the trips we have available during the year.

Photo by Deborah Sherer
White ibis.

Photo by Gary Uhley

The Michigan Club held its annual "Welcome Back" potluck on Sunday, Oct. 8.

**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger

Wear your college team colors and join us Sunday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F for our first-ever Michigan Club tailgate party! Think back to your campus field days and dress to support your team.

Bring tailgate sides or a choice of slow cooker bratwursts, sloppy joes, macaroni and cheese and all the fixins; just like pre-game day. Practice for a round of your favorite team's fight song. On a three-inch by five-inch card, jot down a bit of team trivia for a quick com-

petitive round. If you have CDs of your team music, definitely bring them.

Our October apple time meeting at the Arbor Conference Center featured a full buffet of apple themed foods and apple cider to sip. Participants shared summer adventures up in Michigan, campfires and beach getaways.

Please plan to join our Michigan Club meet and greet the first Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. Regular meetings will take place at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites F and G. Bring a plate to pass and plan to have fun! Please call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 with any questions.

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**Active Singles**

Ed Galizia, Jr.

As a kid I really liked the paint



Photo by Bob Woods

A group of residents recently visited the National Infantry Museum in Columbus, Ga.

by numbers series because you were able to see your "creation" after you filled in the numbers. Now comes the Active Singles paint by membership series ... we had 73 folks attend the kickoff meeting and now have 96 registered members on the books and are expecting that number to grow.

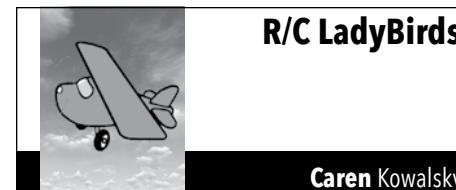
Also, we had great participation and a great time at both the dinner and the happy hour at The Club at Candler Hills. We also want to thank the management and staff at the restaurant for their service and attentiveness; they certainly exceeded our expectations.

And speaking of expectations ... this month we have a few things scheduled, which you can check out on the calendar on the website at ActiveSinglesOTOW.com and RSVP by clicking the "Read more" tab and e-mail Nancy or myself, so we have an idea how many folks will be attending the event.

The events that are coming up in

November include the monthly dinner on Nov. 5, from 4 to 6 p.m.; the monthly happy hour on Nov. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m., both at The Club at Candler Hills; the cornhole and cookout event on Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the monthly membership meeting on Nov. 15 at the Indigo East Community Center, from 6 to 8 p.m. We are going to ask for your suggestions on a charity to support and possibly review the submissions for the logo contest.

Thanks again for your continued participation, input and support and if you missed last month's events, we hope you join us for this month's.

**R/C LadyBirds**

Caren Kowalsky

The Rags to Riches event took place on Friday, Oct. 13 at the Arbor Conference Center. As usual, many of our LadyBirds stepped forward to help out at our booths. We always have so much fun together.

Our annual fall potluck will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, and G. We look forward to the many delicious dishes and wonderful company.

We are looking for LadyBirds to host our monthly luncheons. This is a lot of fun, as the lady in charge gets to pick the restaurant of her choice. Over the years, we have gone to many wonderful restau-

rants and had many delicious meals together. A sign-up sheet is always available at our monthly meetings, or contact Caren at allensky@earthlink.net or (352) 291-1235. We are in need of a LadyBird to sign up to host the November luncheon.

Many new R/C Flyers and their wives or significant others have moved into On Top of the World. We invite these ladies to join us, and sit in on one of our monthly meetings, which take place the second Friday of each month from September to April, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Just bring your favorite beverage, and we will provide the always delicious goodies, courtesy of our very talented LadyBird bakers. We are sure you will want to join our happy group.

Any questions, or to simply chat, call Caren. Looking forward to hearing from you.

**View from the Library**

Linda Barilli

"Lest We Forget" is a memoir of William C Meacham's time spent with The Kingsmen, 101 Aviation Battalion in 1968. He flew insertions and extractions, which meant they were in some extremely dangerous situations. He describes his involvement with the Tet Offensive in vivid detail.

If you were one of the many wives waiting for your husband to come home, then this book will give you a better understanding of the ordeals they faced.

To all of our veterans of foreign wars, thank you for your service and we're glad you made it home.

This book can be found in the center aisle labeled MEA 959.

As you will see, there are many ways to win a war. Daniel Silva's "The Unlikely Spy" is his first of many spy novels. The story revolves around Operation Mulberry (Google it) and the allied invasion of France on D-day.

There are a few major characters in this saga. Rear Admiral Wilhelm Franz Canaris, known as the Old Fox and Hitler's spymaster, headed the intelligence and counter espionage service known as Abwecker.

Kurt Vogel created the V-Chain, a highly secretive network of spies. They were exceptionally trained sleeper agents who burrowed deeply into English society and waited, sometimes years, to be activated.

Albert Vicary was recruited into the military intelligence where he ran Operation Bodyguard (Google it). For as Winston Churchill said, "In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies."

I can't reveal my source, but I've been told by a veteran of three foreign wars, that Daniel Silva's books are very authentic and well researched. This book is labeled FIC Sil.

"Sweet Revenge" by Diane Mott Davidson is a real who done it. Goldy is a very busy caterer and her husband Tom is an investigator for the local police department. Goldy is very witty in her own way and Tom adores her. Together they find themselves in the middle of an investigation.

The story is set in the Denver area during the holiday season. As Goldy goes scurrying on the icy hills of Denver, you'll be glad you're in sunny Florida and not back up north for the winter.

An added bonus is the many recipes that are in the back of the book, perfect for entertaining your family and friends for the upcoming holidays. Happy Thanksgiving to all. This book is in softcover fiction.

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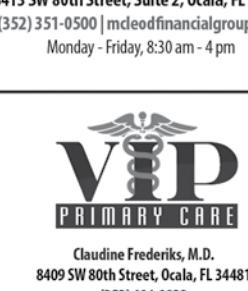
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Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, Nov. 5. You'll want to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

ShutterBugs Photography Exhibit

The ShutterBugs photography exhibit begins on Monday, Oct. 30, in the Recreation Center Ballroom and will run through Saturday, Nov. 25. There will be an open reception for all photographers on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Reservations (made through the Recreation Center office) are required to attend the reception.

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, Nov. 2, at the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will have tables of eight and you will select the team names. Please note you must have four or more paid contestants at a table to select a team name. Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners.

A cash bar will be provided and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that beverages of any kind will not be permitted. All beverages must be purchased through The Pub. Water is available at no charge.

The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident.

October Winners

1-The Know Nothings. 2-Tequila Mockingbirds. 3-Ghost Riders.

Hippodrome Theatre*

Join us for a highly entertaining show, "The Legend of Georgia McBride," on Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Hippodrome Theatre in Gainesville, Fla. Find out how a down-on-his-luck Elvis impersonator with an empty bank account and a pregnant wife becomes the most popular drag queen in the Florida Panhandle! Tickets are \$46 per resident and includes transportation and show at 2 p.m.

Social Hour

Join us on Thursday, Nov. 9, for Social Hour with music by Miranda Madison at the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 4 to 6 p.m. Bring your neighbors and enjoy hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last) along with a cash bar. This event is free for residents.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Join us in remembering those who have served and those currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Lions Club will officiate the service. This event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, at 11 a.m. Colors will be presented by West Port High School ROTC Color Guard.

Pastor Michael Sims of Ocala West United Methodist Church will conduct the invocation. The Concert Chorus and Sunshine Singers will provide the music. There will also be a guest speaker.

Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park*

Join us for an interesting encounter with Florida's wildlife offering the rare opportunity to ob-

serve animals, birds and plants in their natural setting on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Fascinating educational programs are offered daily with the West Indian manatees and you will be able to observe them up close at the floating observatory. You will also be able to take part in several walk around programs throughout the day with wildlife encounter programs including alligators and Lou the hippo. You can relax and enjoy a hot or cold lunch at the Wildside Café with indoor seating (lunch is on your own). You may also pack a lunch and enjoy dining in the covered picnic areas in the park. We will arrive at the park around 9:15 a.m. The cost is \$37 per resident.

Victory Casino Cruise*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Thursday, Nov. 15, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. 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 ID will be required to board.

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

Relectrocycle Event

Don't forget that we will have our community-wide electronic recycling event with Relectrocycle in the Recreation Center parking lot on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. Free recycling for most items!

Please note the following items will not be accepted: box, cabinet or projection TVs and CRT monitors.

St. Augustine Historical Holiday Adventure*

Join us for an adventurous day in St. Augustine, Fla., on Tuesday, Nov. 21. You will be dropped off at King Street and St. George Street where you will be able to tour downtown and visit many of the historical sights, museums and shops within walking distance. You will be given a map of the town to help you plan your day. There are plenty of great restaurants and taverns that you will be able to dine in.

We will conclude the day with a relaxing and fun filled trip on the Black Raven pirate ship. You will need to map your day by planning on arriving at the Municipal Marina no later than 3:45 p.m. We will board the Black Raven where you will be taken back in time in a fun and entertaining way. There will be live music by Frank Reid and history telling by Captain Oly Mackrel along with light hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last).

While on Black Raven, you can either sit on the main deck, up on the forecastle or on the quarterdeck. The live entertainment takes place on the main deck but if you prefer to enjoy the scenery and sunset, you may want to explore this from the other decks. The bar is always open during the trip.

We will load back on the bus at the Municipal Marina around 6 p.m. for our departure home. As we exit St. Augustine, you will have a glimpse of the stunning St. Augustine Nights of Lights. The cost of the trip is \$57 per person, which includes transportation and Black Raven pirate ship cruise. Please note this trip requires a lot of walking and is not recommended for anyone with a walker or cane.

Tanger Outlet Mall & The Pavilion Shopping Trip*

Come experience the fresh new outdoor shopping village at the Pavilion in Port Orange, Fla., on Thursday, Nov. 30. Some of the shops include Belk, Marshalls, HomeGoods, Michaels, Kirkland's, ULTA, and Petco, as well as a wide variety of specialty stores and eateries. You

will have several hours to shop and have lunch.

We will then go for a short drive to the Tanger Outlet Mall where you will receive incredible savings at over 75 brands and designers.

The cost of the trip is \$27 per person, which includes transportation. We will arrive at 10 a.m. and leave at 1 p.m. then arrive at Tanger Outlet at 1:30 p.m. and leave at 4:30 p.m.

Line Dance Classes*

For fun and fellowship, join one of our dance classes! It is medically proven that the best activity combining physical and mental effort at the same time is dancing! Classes have started.

Choose your class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level if necessary. The cost of the class is \$10 per four-week class each month. (Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays.) Classes are held on Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

IMPROVER PLUS (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience required for this class. Improver Plus means slightly easier than Intermediate. Current popular dances are taught at this level.

BEGINNER LEVEL TWO (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Class includes basic line dance steps, combinations and easy dance patterns, with low impact movement to many different rhythms. New step patterns are taught as needed. Prior dance experience is required at this level.

BEGINNER LEVEL ONE (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Class participants have completed the Absolute Beginner line dance class. Dancers have some experience now, and know many step patterns. Easy dances are taught at this level with additional step patterns added.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS (5 to 6 p.m.): This class introduces you to line dance steps, patterns and easy dances. Step patterns are described, practiced and used in easy dances. Step sheets are provided only in this class.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday night in the Recreation Center Ballroom. On Friday, Oct. 27, residents will enjoy "Heroes & Villains" in some very unique costumes. Winners will be selected in several categories.

The "Pirate Night" Happy Hour will be on Friday, Nov. 10. Come out and join the fun!

The entertainment line-up for November is as follows:

- Nov. 3: Debbie Owen & Tony T
- Nov. 10: "Pirate Night" with Kathleen Kane
- Nov. 17: Starburst
- Nov. 24: The 45's

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. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that no beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour.

Starting on Friday, Nov. 3, live entertainment will be provided on the Veranda at the Recreation Center, from 3 to 6 p.m. (weather permitting) every Friday. Starting in March 2018, entertainment hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Come enjoy live music every Friday night!

Holiday Hours

The community bus will not run on Thursday, Nov. 23, due to Thanksgiving. Please plan accordingly.

Holiday hours for the Recreation Center are as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 22

- Recreation office, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Recreation Center Fitness Center, 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (all classes cancelled).

Thursday, Nov. 23

- Recreation Center office & fitness center, closed.

Friday, Nov. 24

- Normal business hours.

Community Bus Schedule

Please note that we have added The Lodge at Candler Hills as an additional bus stop as of Nov. 1. We have included the new schedule and location below.

Upcoming December Events

- Saturday, Dec. 2: Holiday Golf Cart Parade and Holiday Celebration
- Wednesday, Dec. 6: St. Johns River Cruise*
- Thursday, Dec. 7: Tropic Trivia Night*
- Friday, Dec. 8: Singing Christmas Trees*
- Sunday, Dec. 10: Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs Detroit Lions*
- Monday, Dec. 11: St. Augustine Historical Holiday Adventure*
- Tuesday, Dec. 12: Mt. Dora Taste of our Town Tour*
- Wednesday, Dec. 13: Victory Casino Cruise*
- Thursday, Dec. 14: Get Acquainted Coffee
- Monday, Dec. 18: Mt. Dora Premier Sunset Cruise*
- Tuesday, Dec. 19: Bok Towers Holiday Home Tour*
- Wednesday, Dec. 20: Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park*
- Thursday, Dec. 21: Mt. Dora Premier Sunset Cruise*
- Friday, Dec. 22: "Holiday Party" Happy Hour
- Monday, Dec. 25: All facilities closed. No community bus run.

Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday!

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

BUS SCHEDULE		
Monday - Thursday		
MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
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.
Exit Community.....		9:36 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square.....	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's.....	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club.....	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot.....	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's.....	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall.....	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart/Stein Mart.....	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target.....	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center.....	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza.....	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
<i>Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.</i>		
AFTERNOON ROUTE		
PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES		
The Lodge.....	1:15 p.m.	Candler Hills Community Center.....1:20 p.m.
Crescent Ridge Post Office.....	1:38 p.m.	Friendship Colony Post Office.....1:25 p.m.
Recreation Center.....	1:43 p.m.	Williamsburg Post Office.....1:28 p.m.
Americana Post Office.....	1:49 p.m.	Avalon Post Office.....1:33 p.m.
Friendship Post Office.....	1:54 p.m.	
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS		
Winn Dixie.....	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix.....	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market.....	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's.....	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot.....	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots.....	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree.....	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart.....	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.

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Ugly Bathing Suit Day

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

At the invitation of aqua aerobics instructor Barbara Day, "Ugly Swimsuit Day" comes once a year to the Arbor Club pool. The folks

in Barbara's aqua aerobics classes were asked to wear bathing suits - that makes sense, right? But on Tuesday, Sept. 19, those bathing

suits took on a life of their own. Members traded in their bikinis for whatever they could find in the closet or up in the attic that resembled anything that might be defined as a bathing suit ... as long as it could be called ugly. And if one wasn't readily found, many of the ladies got creative.

"I generally try to mix a lot of fun into our classes," says Barbara, "but sometimes we go out of our way for that extra laugh." That laugh was on display at the Arbor Club pool Tuesday morning. Both classes, one at 9 a.m. and the other at 10 a.m., about 25 to 30 strong, got into the ugly bathing suit spirit with a vengeance.

Many were even "accessorized" - outrageous hats, boots, and even jewelry that would have drawn praise from Lady Gaga. Perhaps the most useful accessory though was duct tape - it held up a lot of "stuff."

"There are only two rules," says Barbara, "everyone participating must wear at least two bathing suits - more if you got 'em - and one of the suits must be worn inside out and/or backwards." Of course, inside out and backwards was pretty funny.

There were a lot of laughs but, as usual, the classes got right to work on the real purpose of the day - exercise. And everyone agreed that exercise can be fun, even in an old, ugly bathing suit.

If you are interested in joining, or learning more about Barbara's fun-in-the-water aqua aerobics classes you can call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7529.



Photo by Ray Cech

Ugly bathing suits at the Arbor Club pool.

Fitness Challenge Champs

By Cammy Dennis

Meet your neighbors, Cas and Mary Jane Casablanca, two of this year's Summer Fitness Challenge champs. Cas and Mary Jane moved to On Top of the World one year ago and describe their first year here as "active and exciting." They each accumulated 150 miles to complete the challenge and earn a T-shirt. I was very inspired by their effort and commitment and asked them to share some of their thoughts about the program; here's what they had to say:

What was your motivation for participating in the Summer Fitness Challenge?

Mary Jane: "Cas has Parkinson's so he has to exercise. We have always been regular exercisers and this provided motivation to keep up with our workouts. I also love to walk, but walking outside in the summer months is too hot, this program was a good alternative."

Cas: "After we signed up, we slacked off a little bit so then I had to calculate how much exercise it would take for us to meet our goal of 150 miles. It definitely kept us thinking about our exercise."

Did this program encourage you to exercise more than you had

been?

Mary Jane: "Yes! We were already doing the Monday and Wednesday "Get Fit While You Sit" class and Cas does personal training with Larry one day a week, so the miles we earned for the Summer Fitness Challenge were added to our other exercise."

Cas: "This program was in addition to my workouts with Larry, he has helped me so much with strengthening my core and improving my balance. Parkinson's presents many challenges, it's hard for me to stand for long periods of time, and my exercise has helped a lot."

Do you have any encouraging words for residents that might need some inspiration to start an exercise program?

Cas: "The hardest thing to do is get started! It gets easier once you take that first step. I'm now in my 80s. It takes more effort to exercise at this age and especially with Parkinson's but the benefit is worth it."

Mary Jane: "Exercising regularly makes me feel better physically and mentally!"

The annual Summer Fitness

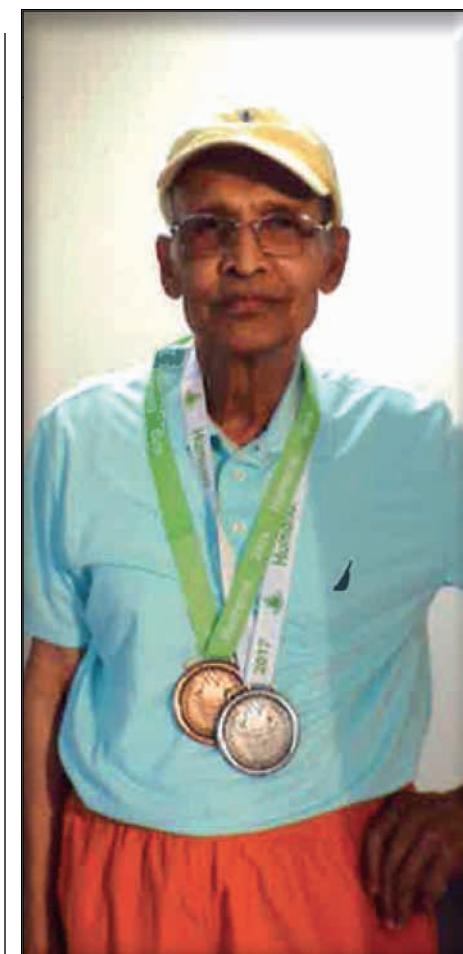
Challenge ran during the months of July and August. We had 85 residents complete the challenge and earn a T-shirt.

The annual challenge takes place in the Recreation Center Fitness Center; here's how it works: Participants select one of three destinations and then begin logging miles by exercising on the cardiovascular equipment in the Recreation Fitness Center (treadmill, bike, elliptical or rowing machine). The destination choices are 150 miles, 300 miles or 500 miles. Five miles are awarded for every 30 minutes of cardiovascular activity completed in the fitness center, and participants had all of July and August to log their miles.

On average here's how the goal destinations break down into weekly exercise duration:

- 500-mile goal equals approximately five and a half hours per week of cardiovascular activity.
- 300-mile goal equals approximately three and a half hours per week of cardiovascular activity.
- 150-mile goal equals approximately two hours per week of cardiovascular activity.

We all know that physical activity is good for us; the Summer Fitness Challenge makes it fun and provides a little incentive to stick to your fitness routine. Don't miss out on this challenge next year. Congratulations to all of the 2017 Summer Fitness Challenge champs!



Silver medalist Vijay Jain.

Table Tennis at Senior Games

By Jim Lynam

The Table Tennis Club is very proud to announce that one of our members, Vijay Jain, recently competed in the Florida Senior Games. Vijay captured the silver medal in men's doubles at the Gainesville tournament. Since the senior games are categorized by age, Vijay entered in the 74 to 79 age group.

Previously in 2016, Vijay and Alex Nagy, another member of the Table Tennis Club, tied for third place in men's singles action. Both players brought home the bronze medal. Congratulations to Vijay and Alex for their amazing accomplishments.

The Table Tennis Club is continuing to play through the current renovation period. Doubles play format is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, evening play is scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning at 6 p.m. Singles play is now held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

The table tennis room is in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite D. Visitors and players are always welcome!



Photo by Cammy Dennis

Cas and Mary Jane Casablanca Summer Fitness Challenge champs!



Tennis
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November is upon us and it is a great time to celebrate cooler temperatures. It's also time to organize a couple of social activities, which I know the tennis committee can put together in no time.

Don't forget that every first Thursday of every month I hold a free tennis clinic and everyone is welcome to come and try to improve some part of your game.

Tennis Tip of the Month

As I mentioned before, in my estimation, the sport of tennis is comprised of, basically three areas:

1. Good physical condition.
2. Technical knowledge of all the strokes.
3. Sound mental ability.

Last month, I touched upon some of the mental components, and now I will give you a synopsis of a few more.

INDEPENDENCE: The game of tennis is one of the few sports where a player must learn to think independently on the court. (Independent problem solving is a key to self-esteem.) Since you're not allowed to get help from outsiders (except in doubles, in some situations) you have to deal with every situation on your own, looking to yourself for answers in challenging situations.

The player's independence and self-reliance plays a big role in whether or not he can take control and problem solve his way through the match. A player can receive a lot of coaching and guidance dur-

ing practice and training, but once he steps out on the court he is on his own and he has to be able to put into practice what he learned during practice.

Dr. Loehr says, "Independence is a powerful factor in a player's ability to go into any high-stress venue and stand on his own two feet. A player is constantly pushed and exposed to situations that require independent thinking. You have to think about independence as a muscle that you have to strengthen placing more demands on yourself in this area to go beyond its normal limits, outside your comfort zone each time."

DISCIPLINE: The dictionary definition of discipline is "training intended to elicit a specified pattern of behavior or character; behavior that results from such training." Therefore, discipline in tennis means developing self-control and a certain pattern of controlled behavior while playing or practicing. For example, staying focused during practice or a match, concentrating on the task at hand and not allowing outside factors to distract you.

The idea is to set a goal and stay focused only on that goal, doing whatever it takes to reach it. The more disciplined the player, the better the chances he has to reach his goals. Discipline is developed not only from quality coaching, but also out of habit and motivation. Discipline requires more than just precision control on a specific shot. If you watch someone who is a great competitor in any sport, what you see is the dramatic evidence of emotional control, physical control and mental control. You see great balance.

Multitasking is the enemy of full engagement and concentration. Discipline affects all components in a player's development, from his decisions on nutrition to finding the right balance between tennis and his social life.

Next month, I'll cover temperament, concentration and goal setting.

See you on the courts!

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Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Sept. 18

1: Elsa Groe & Peggy Ellenberger;
2: Joyce Walchak & Marge Starrett; 3: Rad D & Nancy Clarkson; 4: Joe & Helen O'Brien.

Sept. 25

1: Nancy Clarkson & Rad D; 2: Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak; 3: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 4: Mary Walker & Pat Golgart.

Oct. 2

1: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 2: Nancy Clarkson & Rad D; 3: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 4: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe; 5: Marjorie Benton & Betty Morris.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Joanne Jones

Aug. 1

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris;
2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Mary Walker & Rad.

Aug. 8

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris;
2: Rad & Joe O'Brien; 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

Aug. 15

1: Rad & Joe O'Brien; 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 3: Mazie Millward & Lyn Hannon.

Aug. 22

1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 2: Mary Walker & Rad; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Aug. 29

1: Mazie Millward & Agnes LaSala; 2: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 3: Mary Walker & Rad.

Sept. 5

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

Sept. 12

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

Sept. 19

1: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward; 2: Mary Walker & Rad; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Sept. 26

1: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris; 2: Mary Walker & Rad; 3: Mazie Millward & Agnes LaSala.

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Tuesday Night Dup Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

Sept. 5

1: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger;
2: Ed Bodnar & Vernon Siber;
3: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Jean Kreumger & Sophie Redman.

Sept. 19

1: Ruth & Jim Jackson; 2: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Colleen Tobino; 4: Marie & John Fiorillo.

Sept. 26

1: Rita Smyth & Vernon Siber;
2: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Marjorie Benton & Katie Dushary; 4: Paul Pinter & Bob Durst.

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Pat Golgart

Sept. 6

1: Linda Sprague; 2: Pat Golgart;
3: Marian Hotz; Cons: Lucy Molloy.

Sept. 13

1: Don Sprague; 2: Linda Sprague; 3: Mary Klinzing; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Sept. 20

1: Carmen Arroya; 2: Linda Sprague; 3: Don Sprague; Tie at 4: Betty Morris & Marian Hotz; Cons: Fran Griswold.

Sept. 27

1: Marian Hotz; 2: Don Sprague;
3: Lucy Molloy; Cons: Linda Sprague.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Marge Starrett

Sept. 7

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Rad.

Sept. 14

1: Joyce Walchak; 2: Marlene Floeckher.

Sept. 21

1: Pat Golgart; 2: Joyce Walchak.

Sept. 28

1: Betty Morris; 2: Dianne Robinson.

Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge

Ruth Jackson

Oct. 6

1: Pat Golgart & Dianne Robinson; 2: Jean Krueger & Sophie Redman; 3: The Jacksons.

Tuesday Night Pinochle

Whitney Frye

Sept. 5

1: Edith Kolb; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Herb Katz.

Sept. 12

1: Verna Harsh; 2: Joan Rush; 3: Joe Eisgruber.

Sept. 19

1: Whitney Frye; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Edith Kolb.

Sept. 26

1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Joe Eisgruber; 3: Andy Mark.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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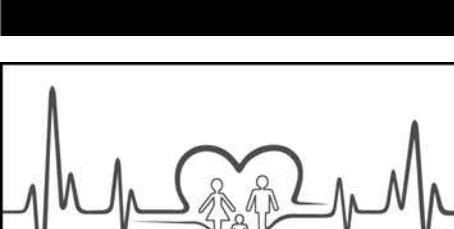
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**Model Railroaders**

Jim Lynam

How fast have you ever traveled on land? Recently, Model Railroadier Jim Lynam and his wife Rosie concluded a 22-day tour of Europe by taking the Eurostar train from

Paris to London. The 286-mile trip only lasted two hours and 15 minutes, and that was with two stops along the way. Along the current route of Eurostar service, normal line speeds are 186 mph. Since the route includes the 31.4-mile tunnel under the English Channel, a reduced speed of 100 mph applies for safety reasons. The train traversed the underwater tunnel in seven minutes. During testing,

the Eurostar achieved a sustained speed of 208 mph, which is a British speed record.

Acceleration, deceleration and the smooth ride of the train made the high speed appear to be an illusion. The only evidence of the velocity occurs when a person tries to focus on any object near the train as it passes by in a blur. The design and engineering produces the speed and comfort of the train. The

rails are continuous welded steel with concrete ties, and the motive power is electricity provided by the overhead catenary along the entire route. And oh, by the way, the cost of a one-way fare is only 61 Euros.

Construction of the "chunnel" began in 1988 and was finished in 1993, with the official opening taking place in May 1994. Passenger service began in November 1994. The Channel Tunnel holds the record for having the longest undersea section anywhere in the world, and is the second longest rail tunnel. In 1996, the American Society of Civil Engineers identified the tunnel as one of the "Seven Wonders of the Modern World." Rosie and Jim Lynam certainly agree!

Although our HO model trains do not even come close to approaching that blazing speed, some of the locomotives will travel at a scale speed of over 80 mph on the layout. Anything much faster and they would not hold the curves. Why not stop in the train room and check out the speed of our trains?

The Model Railroaders always welcome visitors. The layout is located in a room with entry from the Recreation Center Fitness Center. Club members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Our next monthly meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1 in the Derby Room of The Pub. Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving to all!

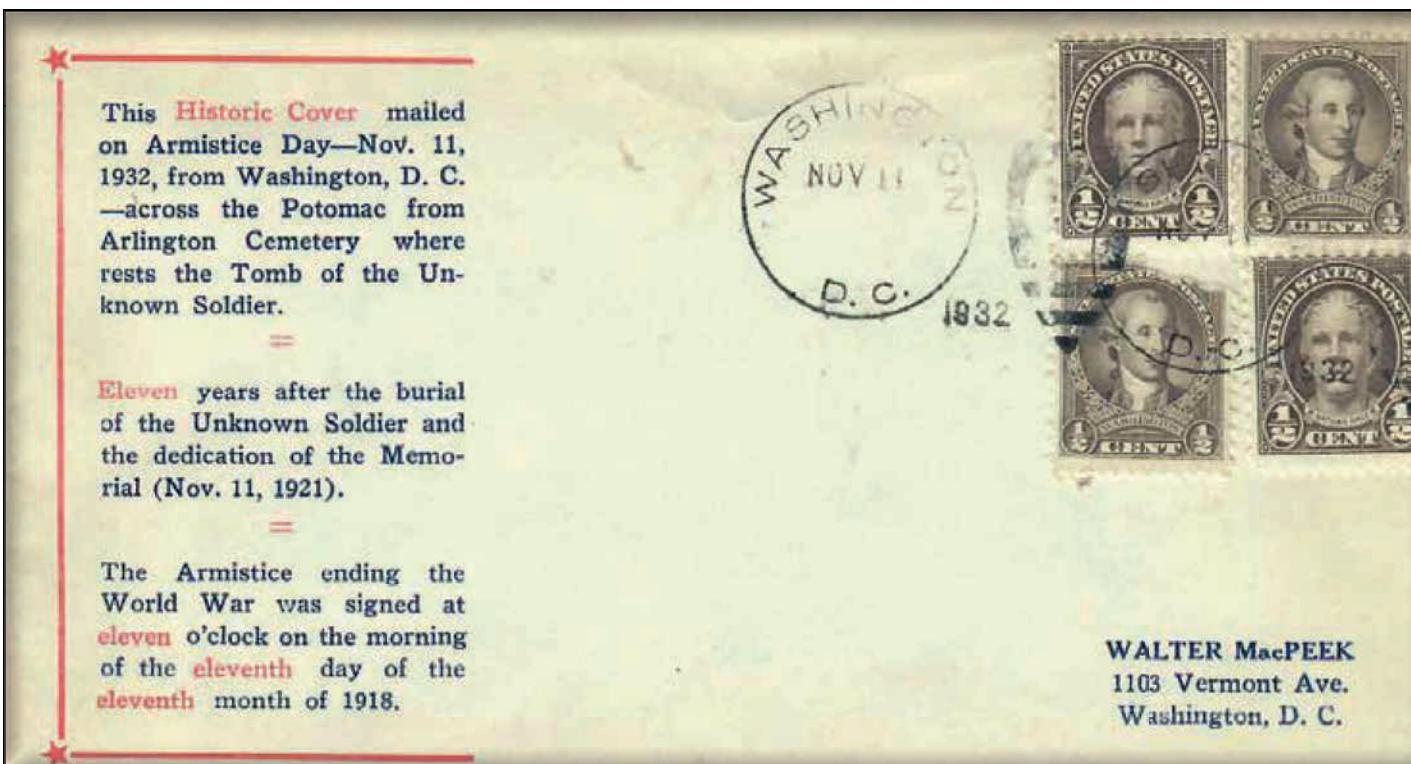


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Historic Armistice Day cover.

**Stamp Club**

Joe Rosinski

Murphy's Law hit the club's planned schedule for September. Hurricane Irma caused a last minute cancellation of our annual stamp show when the Munroe Regional Medical Center Auxiliary advised us at the last minute (literally) that the venue was required for living quarters for nurses working round-the-clock at the hospital.

We did have success in joining the Master the Possibilities curriculum and held two sessions of our stamp collecting class. We plan to have at least a couple of more classes during the winter semester.

We have a new date for our stamp show. It will be held on Jan. 6, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Munroe Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Conference Center, 1452 SW 1st Avenue, Ocala. We look forward to seeing you there.

The historic Armistice Day cover is one that was mailed on Nov. 11, 1932 from Washington, D.C. commemorating the signing of the Armistice ending World War I, which was signed at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. A few years after the end of World War I Congress decided to commemorate the date with an annual celebration of the peace and those who had fought for it. Armistice Day became a national holiday in the 1930s.

By 1954, Congress officially changed the name of the day to

Veterans Day. Many years later, President Ronald Reagan explained why it was no longer appropriate for Nov. 11 to be Armistice Day. He also explained why it's good for a nation to have a Veterans Day instead, with a quote from President Coolidge: "The Nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten." Congratulations and thank you for your service to all veterans from the General Francis Marion Stamp Club.

Our normal meeting schedule can be found on the Club Schedule insert, which accompanies this paper. This includes the evening meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Freedom Library. We have an open door policy for all of our meetings, so stop in and see us. Thanks for reading and I'll be back next month.

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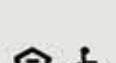

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**Ladies
9-Hole Golf**

Judith Parisi

Are you using the Golf Association of Florida website to its fullest extent? After playing a round, we should be entering our scores on this site. We have the option to either enter our gross score or our score on a hole-by-hole basis – to include our putts, penalties and more. The site will then accumulate a nice statistical record. You can access these statistics by going to “My Score Center,” which is in the right column of the page after you sign in, and clicking “Game Tracker.” If you have not explored this feature, you may want to take a few minutes to become acquainted with the abundant information that is available.

ThomasGolf.com suggests that we also keep track of the number of shots taken inside 100 yards, including tap-in putts. They recommend calculating strokes we consider wasted; such as, flubbed chips, skulled wedge shots, missed putts of three feet or less, etc. This

indicates how much our short game play is costing us in terms of our score. Based on our analysis, we may want to devote more of our practice time to the short game, say hitting an entire bucket using just wedges out 30, 40 and 50 yards and so on, plus work on simple chip shots and pitches, and of course spending lots of time on the practice greens. There's an old golf adage: “It's not how you drive, it's how you arrive.”

We hope that you visit our website at otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com to keep current on what is happening with the league. Please look at the “Save the Date” section on the home page and be sure to mark your calendar for these events.

**Three Blind Mice (with LGA-18)
4 Best Balls of 4
Sept. 19**

93-Marlene Floeckher, Yuhlan Cho,


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A league general meeting took place on Tuesday, Oct. 10 following golf with about 37 league members attending. At the meeting, the membership voted to donate monies raised in our 50/50 raffles to the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program this year. Denise Mullen, LPGA-USGA Girls Golf site director of Ocala, conducts programming for golf clinics at Candler Hills Golf Club.

We've had way too much fun socializing with our sister leagues! On Tuesday, Sept. 19 we played with the nine-hole league and then lunched together in the Derby Room. Then, on Thursday, Sept. 28, we played with the Candler Hills LGA-18 league at Candler Hills with lunch and drinks at The Club at Candler Hills following golf.

Be sure to sign up online for the Veterans Day luncheon/meeting by Friday, Nov. 10. We will be enjoying baked ziti, chicken alfredo, garlic knots, and antipasto from Pavarotti's. The cost is \$10. We will be voting on the slate of executive officers for the coming year at this

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MJ Strelec, Kathy Hall; 96-Kay Budd, Su Freeman, Blind Draw, Jean Flynn; 99-Virginia Bayless, Lynn DeHart, Jo-Ann Roney, Sheila Ashe; 99-Donna McCombs, Dee Howie, Geri Treppa, Deborah Martin 102-Mary Vliek, Harriet Hawkins, Connie Deignan, Angie Jingco; 102-Mary Hart, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Blind Draw, Lydia Flinchbaugh; 102-Susan Jackins, Sandy Chase, Iro Lisinski, Louise Lineman; 102-Susan Wilkes, Mary Lyon, Linda Bervinkle, Antonia Varney.

**Team Fewest Putts
Sept. 26**

52-Mary Ann McCourt, Mary Vliek, Blind Draw; 54-Joan Cecchini, Marilyn Davsko, Sheila Ashe; 55-Kay Budd, Betty Jo Dent, Linda Heenan; 56-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Joyce Smith, Lora Rossi; 56-Eileen Gustavus, Marlene Floeckher, Donna McCombs; 58-Virginia Bayless, Mervyn Paz, Ethel Miller.

meeting.

Our Christmas/awards banquet will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Check the league website for further information.

Our league championship has been completed. Results will appear in the December column.

Our membership keeps growing! We want to welcome our two newest members. Rosann Roos moved to On Top of the World from Coral Springs, Fla. about a month ago. She has been playing golf for 50 years. She says that she is happy to be joining the group. Fran Eckart has been a resident of On Top of the World for about two months. She moved here from Atlanta, Ga., and has been playing golf for 10 years.

Four Best Balls (with LGA-9)

Sept. 19/Links

93-Marlene Floeckher, Yuhlan Cho, MJ Strelec, Kathy Hall. 96-Kay Budd, Su Freeman, Jean Flynn. Tie at 99-Virginia Bayless, Lynn DeHart, Jo-Ann Roney, Sheila Ashe; Donna McCombs, Dee Howie, Geri Treppa, Lydia Flinchbaugh; Susan Jackins, Sandy Chase, Iro Lisinski, Louise Lineman; Susan Wilkes, Mary Lyon, Linda Bervinkle, Antonia Varney.

Low Gross, Low Net (Individual)

Sept. 26/Links

Flight 1: 13-Virginia Bayless, 16-Harriet Hawkins, 18-Eileen Gustavus, Marilyn Davsko.
Flight 2: 11-Kathy Zunica, 15-Barbara Enos, 17-Connie Deignan, Joan Cecchini.
Flight 3: 16-Carol Bell, 19-Susan Wilkes, Sherry Whitmer-Hall.
Flight 4: 17-Donna McCombs, 18-Louise Lineman, Mary Hart.

**Team Gross Scramble
Oct. 3**

39-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Barbara Enos, Marcie Hock, Sherry Whitmer-Hall; 40-Linda Mandala, Marilyn Davsko, Mary Vliek, Jean Flynn; 40-Susanne Trembulak, Susan Jackins, Mary Ann McCourt, Susan Wilkes; 41-Carolyn East, Marianne Ingwersen, Kathy Hall, Louise Lineman; 41-Linda Dumeer, Joyce Smith, Mary Hart, Linda Heenan.

**Individual Low Putts
Oct. 10**

Flight 1: 13-Virginia Bayless, 16-Harriet Hawkins, 18-Eileen Gustavus, Marilyn Davsko.
Flight 2: 11-Kathy Zunica, 15-Barbara Enos, 17-Connie Deignan, Joan Cecchini.
Flight 3: 16-Carol Bell, 19-Susan Wilkes, Sherry Whitmer-Hall.
Flight 4: 17-Donna McCombs, 18-Louise Lineman, Mary Hart.

Flight 1 Gross: 79-Deborah Martin. 88-VaDonna Hall.

Flight 1 Net: 65-Gail LaGrange. 70-Su Freeman.

Flight 2 Gross: 92-Debby Wilson. 95-Lynn De Hart.

Flight 2 Net: Tie at 75-Susan Rhodes, Rosemarie O'Neil.

Flight 3 Gross: 87-Angie Jingco. 92-Virginia Madura.

Flight 3 Net: 69-Yuhlan Cho. 71-Joan D'Addio. 72-Sandy Chase.

Flight 4 Gross: 95-Donna Brunnell.

100-Lynn Barber.

Flight 4 Net: 70-Antonia Varney. 75-Susan Yenne. 78-Faye Barbee.

Cha Cha Cha (Team Net)

Oct. 3/Links

124-VaDonna Hall, Joan D'Addio, Yuhlan Cho, Susan Yenne. 127-Johanna Forceno, Iro Lisinski, Connie Sohl, Donna Brunell. Tie at 129-Peggy Borro, Lynn DeHart, Sandy Chase, Connie Loviska; Deborah Martin, Virginia Madura, Margaret Hudacik, Antonia Varney.

Black Tees (Two Best Balls, Gross) Oct. 10/Links

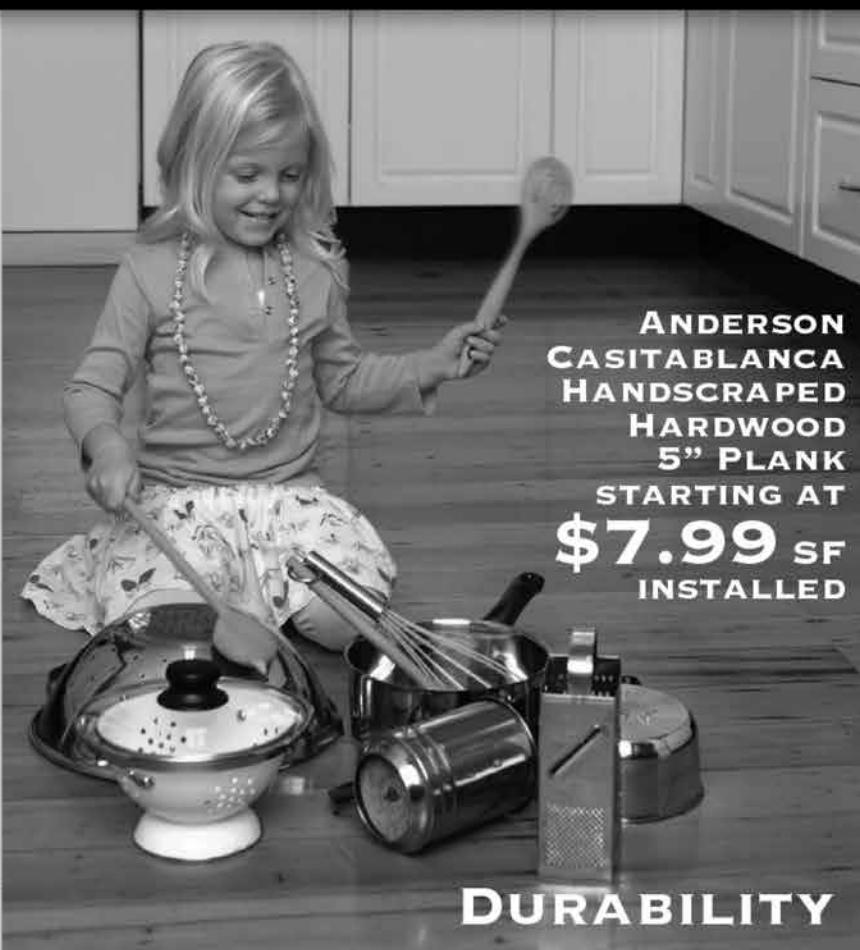
126-VaDonna Hall, Yuhlan Cho, Antonia Varney. 127-Rosemarie O'Neil, Virginia Madura, Connie Sohl. 132-Nancy Zielinski, Valerie Smith, Dee Howie, Geri Treppa. 134-Gail LaGrange, Peggy Wiechmann, Carole Robinson. 135-Susan Rhodes, Beverly Ovrebo, Mary Driver, Linda Bervinkle. 136-Gretchen Norman-din, Joan D'Addio, Marilyn Schaupp, Piper Thomas.



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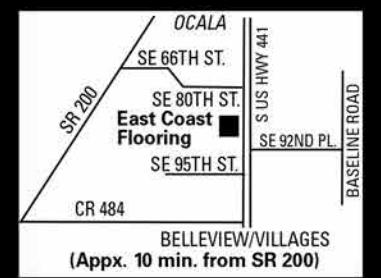

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**Golf**

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Fall is officially upon us and the holiday season is right around the corner. This time of year is meant to be spent with family and friends. Thanksgiving is just weeks away so remember to be thankful for what

this wonderful world has given you. I am thankful for my family and friends. I feel truly blessed and have learned that anything can happen so don't take life for granted.

We want to remind everyone to register for your 2018 golf membership. Whether you're renewing your membership or new to the community and thinking of becoming a golf member, please contact Trudy Foster at (352) 854-2765. We are looking forward to a terrific

**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

Dave Miller

Richard Freeman & Tom Neville, +3- Chris Lyndrup.

4-Man - 3 Best Quota Points Oct. 3

19-Walt Pacuk, Gary Lyman, Donald Huston & Dave Miller. +16-Jay List, Dale Budd, Dennis McCourt & Bill Horton. Tie at +12-Robert Hutson, Rick Appel, Joe Jingco & Eduardo Huertas and Mike Deahl, Bill Anger, Chris Lyndrup & Richard Freeman.

Red-White-Blue Scramble Oct. 10

61-Everett Kimball, James Wall & Bill Horton, 63-Dennis McCourt, Joe Jingco & David Green (won tie-breaker), 63-Bryant Giffin, Craig Ryber, Paul Silliman & Don Huston. 64-Joseph Schubert, Andy Bulloch, Gary Lyman & Paul Kannapel.

I'd like to thank all the maintenance and golf course workers, supervisors and golf professionals who did such a great job during and after Hurricane Irma. The golf course is in great shape now due to this team effort.

Next month we'll be reporting on the results of the Candler Hills MGA league championship held in mid-October.

If you are interested in playing with our group, check out our website (chmgc.com), send me an e-mail (millrace1@aol.com), or talk to one of the golf professionals in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Flight 1: +8-Jon Hill, +5-Bob Miles, Tie at +4-Mike Deahl & Joe Damiata.

Flight 2: Tie at +5-Paul Rubly & Larry Garvin, +4-Bill White, +3-David Martin.

Flight 3: +9-Joe Jingco, +8-Larry Smallwood, +4-Dale Budd, Tie at +3-Ken Zweiback & Dennis McCourt.

Flight 4: +7-David Green, Tie at +5-

Flight 5: Tie at 41-Tony Magri, Tommy Cummings; 40-Loren Magsam

Team Quota Points Sept. 27

21-John Langville, Bob Barbee, Norm Lallier, Ed Rossi; Tie at 20-Mike Altomare, Joe Bologna, Claude Howie, David Stafford; John Hudacik, Dennis Barber, Joe Quaranta, Tony Magri; 19-Brian Wilder, Richard Ross, Bob Moravec.

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Flight 6: Tie at 41-Tony Magri, Tommy Cummings; 40-Loren Magsam

Team Quota Points Sept. 27

21-John Langville, Bob Barbee, Norm Lallier, Ed Rossi; Tie at 20-

Mike Altomare, Joe Bologna, Claude Howie, David Stafford; John Hudacik, Dennis Barber, Joe Quaranta, Tony Magri; 19-Brian Wilder, Richard Ross, Bob Moravec.

Flight 4: +5-Fred Strelec; 41-Claude Howie; 40-Bob Moravec

Flight 5: 42-Jerry Nagel; 41-Larry Chase; 39-Joe Dent; 38 Charlie Ca-

**Men's Golf Association**

Tom Cummings

As I write this column, I am preparing for the first inter MGA Ryder Cup. It will be interesting as to how this works out. Ryder Cups and all other head-to-head matches can bring out both the best and worst in players as well as people. I try to play by the old "golden rule" - treat others, as you would like to be treated.

October has been kinder to the Men's Golf Association than August. It seems like Wednesdays were cursed with bad weather in August.

Individual Stableford Sept. 20

Flight 1: 42-John Yenne; 39-Jon Hill; 38-John Hudacik; 37-Larry Manion

Flight 2: 45-Joe Jingco; 42-Ray Brunell; 40-Carl Singleton

Flight 3: 48-Kevin Hammonds; 43-Danny Newby; 42-Joe Quaranta

Flight 4: 45-Fred Strelec; 41-Claude Howie; 40-Bob Moravec

Flight 5: 42-Jerry Nagel; 41-Larry Chase; 39-Joe Dent; 38 Charlie Ca-

21-John Langville, Bob Barbee, Norm Lallier, Ed Rossi; Tie at 20-

Mike Altomare, Joe Bologna, Claude Howie, David Stafford; John Hudacik, Dennis Barber, Joe Quaranta, Tony Magri; 19-Brian Wilder, Richard Ross, Bob Moravec.

**UPCOMING PUBLICATION**

December Issue

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017

The World News**World Accolades**

LINKS: Gail Lagrange, eagle #3.

TORTOISE & THE HARE: John Gayso, shot 73 five strokes under his age. Ray Messer, hole-in-one #1. Jerry Nagel, eagle #5.

CANDLER HILLS: Andy Bulloch, Bryant Giffin, Keith Nesbit, Judy McGrath and Joe Jingco all had eagles on #7.

Congratulations!

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you swing out of your shoes, fall backwards and watch the ball sail to the right and out of bounds? If this sounds like your golf swing, then balance is the key to improvement.

Here are a few tips to maintain proper balance throughout your swing:

- Widen your stance. By widening your stance you are giving yourself a bigger base, which helps you return the clubface to a square position at impact.
- Do not over swing. If your tendency is to try to swing as hard as you can each time then more than likely you will lose your balance. A good balanced swing looks graceful and effortless.
- Maintain a good finish. Try to hold your finish after every swing. I like to teach my students to hold the finish long enough for someone to snap a picture. Ensuring you hold your finish longer will improve your balance and ball striking.

2018.

We will be holding our fourth annual Member/Member golf event this month. This event is for golf members only and will be held at both the Tortoise & The Hare and Candler Hills courses. The event will kick off on Friday, Nov. 10, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start on the Tortoise & The Hare and conclude Saturday, Nov. 11, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Candler Hills. An awards luncheon will be held in The Lodge at Candler Hills immediately following play on Saturday. Please contact either Golf Shop for more details.

Any range baskets, range balls and rakes need to be returned to their respective golf shops. These are property of On Top of the World and a vital part to our operation. Please look through your carts and garage and return any range supplies.

The annual On Top of the World Member Appreciation event will be held this month. This On Top of the World member only event will be hosted on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 9 a.m. This event will be followed by a lunch catered by Friendship Catering. Please sign up in your respective Golf Shop.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 10-11: Member/Member on Tortoise & Hare and Candler Hills Golf Course.
- Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day): Golf Shops open from 7 a.m. to noon.
- Nov. 30: On Top of the World Member Appreciation, 9 a.m. shotgun.

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Lenny Wilson with his bass.

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Howard Bindler with his bass.**Call of the Wild**

Roger Bonifield

Well, I was very excited last month when I mentioned that in just two months Call of the Wild membership had grown to over 35. After a great meeting on Oct. 4, followed by the Club Fair the next day, our membership has soared to nearly 90! By the end of November, I fully expect it to be over 100.

What's happening? Well a great group of sportsmen, hunters, target shooters and fishermen of all varieties realized the benefits and just plain comradery of getting together, sharing information and ideas for the betterment of all.

What are we doing? At our last meeting, we were very pleased to

have three officers from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission as guest speakers. They not only made the somewhat confusing Florida hunting and fishing regulations more understandable, but also shared some of their favorite hunting and fishing spots.

We plan on having more speakers in the future on topics from fly-fishing to sport shooting. Plans for the future include possibly building a website to link us all together, and working directly with charter captains on both coasts to put together fishing trips. We just had our first fresh water fishing trip to Moss Bluff Lock and Dam, where a number of nice bass were taken.

We invite residents to join us at our next meeting on Nov. 1 to help put all these plans and ideas in motion. Please join us or call Roger Bonifield at (352) 300-3601 for more information.

**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Bev Overbo

events include: Holiday party on Nov. 30 at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Stone Creek Challenge on Dec. 5 and 7.

Cross Country Sept. 21

Flight 1: Tie at 29—Donna Smith and Sara Nunn.

Flight 2: 25—Judy McGrath; 28—Betty Dong.

Flight 3: 27—Toni Stevenson; 28—Irmgard Anger; Tie at 29—Gail Banavige and Lynn Barber.

Flight 4: 29—Bertha Myers; 30—Linda Buschur.

2 Best Balls (with On Top of the World LGA-18) Sept. 28

12—Bev Ovrebo, Angie Jingco, Lynn Barber and Linda Buschur. Tie at 125—Sara Nunn, Donna Smith and Gail Banavige; Jeanie Gallo, Sandy Chase and Piper Thomas; and, Vanda Bell, Yuhlan Chu, Irmgard Anger and Joan Gustafson.

Mutt and Jeff (front 9) Oct. 5

Flight 1: 16—Connie Norris, Tie at 17—Pam Carpenter and Donna Smith.

Flight 2: 16—Diane O'Brien, 18—Sue List.

Flight 3: 16—Bertha Myers, Tie at 17—Paula Lilly and Betty Dong.

Flight 4: 15—Gail Banavige, 16—Ilyong Dicus, and 18—Irmgard Anger.

Low Gross, Low Net Oct. 12

Flight 1: Low Gross, 74—Mia Kolar; Low Net, 64—Donna Smith.

Flight 2: Low Gross, 87—Joan D'Addio; Low Net, 70—Angie Jingco, 71—Diane O'Brien.

Flight 3: Low Gross, 97—Lynn Barber; Low Net, 70—Gail Banavige, 75—Beth Wolinsky.

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**R/C car Rage R10ST.****R/C Car Club**

Tom Seitz

Weather continues to be a problem for us in the R/C Car Club. Again several recent race days have been rained out.

Charlie Hodges, our president, proposed a possible solution of a "standard car" that could be run on less than desirable track conditions. The criteria were to select a locally available, reasonably priced car that would run on a muddy track. A committee identified several possible options and the club membership selected the Rage (model R10ST).

It was also specified that it would run "out of the box" with no modifications, to make it more even for all members. This "standard car" will run in a new class in addition to the current ones. Once sufficient

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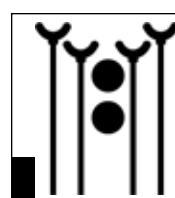
members have acquired the car, a separate race day will be set up, so as not to interfere with current races.

This new car class will be one more opportunity for anyone who wants to enjoy one of the most fun clubs here at On Top of the World. For those of you considering purchasing another car, this may be it!

Third Quarter Class Winners

Novice-J. Capps; 2wd Buggy-B. Wilder; Advanced-K. Berry & P. Burrey. 2wd Truck-J. Ellis; Advanced-T. Weiss; 4wd Buggy-E. Wilkens; Advanced class-K. Berry; 4wd Truck-B. Silverstein.

We are now in our winter racing schedule (1 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays with a help day on Tuesdays). Even if you don't join, come on out and watch the races with a bunch of friendly people. We are adding a speaker at the north end of the track so you too can enjoy the excitement of our fantastic announcers.

**Ladies Shuffleboard**

Beverly Drennan

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, our first meeting for the 2017-2018 season was held at the pavilion. Our sponsor came through with coffee and doughnuts and we welcomed five new members. We all agreed to rejoin the Florida Shuffleboard Association this year. Our commitment to the Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center will continue and we will need donations for a large delivery around the holidays. Deadlines for T-shirts for new members or those who didn't get theirs last year is Oct. 25, no exceptions.

Scheduled dates for our activities are as follows:

- Jan. 9, 2018: Mid-year luncheon, Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our

sponsor will be providing food for this event.

- March 28, 2018: Club Tournament, 9 a.m.
- April 4, 2018: End of year lunch and tournament celebration, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., pavilion. Food and prizes for the tournament provided by our sponsor.

We hope everyone has a wonderful season, packed with fun and friendship. Do not hesitate to contact our president, Nina Lindh, at (352) 209-0003 or Captain Lois Nix (352) 854-0558 for any information.

September Results

Highest Scores: 6-Carol Jenkins; 6-Sally Herrick.
30-Club: Diane Carlton, Marlene, Floeckher, Sally Herrick, Sue Holman, Cindi Richhart, and Elizabeth Wales.

All women residents are welcome to join us on Wednesdays, at 9 a.m. It is a fun game to learn and a good way to make new friends.

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**Shuffleboard**

Walter Lamp

We finished our first month of shuffleboard. Thanks to Paul and Annette Hodges for getting the courts back in playing condition after Hurricane Irma. We only missed two days of competition, so we were fortunate, as were most of our residents.

The results for September are as follows:

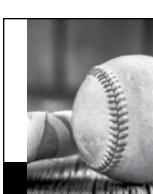
Monday a.m.: Henry Erikson/Vicki Lentz. David Lee was the only player to break the 30+ Club.

Tuesday p.m.: Johnnie Pachin and Paul Wagnitz/Edith Kolb and Margot

Thomas.
Thursday a.m.: 33-Rick Vogel/Jane Boyer. Rick Vogel. 32-Jesse Taylor. Joined the 30+ Club.
Friday a.m.: Roger Werner/Nancy Kowsky.

John Mataya has agreed to be the head of our tournament committee. He is in the process of setting up tournaments for us, both within our club and with other communities.

There will be a shuffleboard strategy class for players who have been playing for awhile and would like to advance their game. It will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6. Topics will include kitchen strategy, clearing strategy, and the use of Tampa and St. Pete in everyday play.

**Diamond Divas**

Sandy Hoskins

We have started our 2017-2018 softball season! We have several new players joining us this season and that gives us enough to play some games! We are also ordering shirts with our new name, Diamond Divas and logo.

Just as a reminder, we have something for everyone - play ball,

umpire, coach, or cheer us on. Our attitude is "no excuses;" we all do what we can and we all have fun.

This season we plan to keep the same schedule of Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more information, call Carol Singer at (352) 509-4066 or Sandy Hoskins at (309) 696-9140.

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**Sidekicks
Western Dance**

Carol Hanson

Yippee! It's a new season of kicking up our heels as we strut around the dance floor. Tuesday, Sept. 26, offered refreshments and an introduction to western pattern dance, the Sidekicks welcomed 17 new couples to the Beginners I class. Howdy! From the looks of things, this new group of dancers can really "cut a rug." They have already learned several dances and some have joined the Beginners II class on the dance floor. Keep up the good work, ya'll.

How did western pattern dance come to be? That's a question I am sure everyone has been asking themselves. Like everything else in our great country, a melting pot of music and dance came together to form something new. Since the beginning of time, different cultures

have expressed their uniqueness through music and dance.

Western pattern dance can be traced to the taverns of Scotland and Ireland, the ballrooms of Europe, the palaces of Russia and the tribal ritual of Africa. As settlers began to move west, they brought with them all their different music and dances, resulting in a mix up of some very interesting instruments and rhythms.

At the height of the wild, wild, west, music was changing as fast as new settlers arrived. Of course, the cowboys brought their own influences to the dances. Not only did they influence the dress (cowboy boots and hats) but also some of the dance moves. For example, open-legged and wide stance dance steps and the heel toe turns were created to accommodate, what else? Spurs!

No matter what style of dance or music gets your mojo going, the most important thing is to dance. Research has shown that dancing is a great way to keep Alzheimer's at bay. Happy trails!


**New
Circle Squares**

Dotty Huston

Did you see the birds flocking home? Wow! We welcome back the snowbirds! They fill in squares and our hearts to see them. I'm sure they were dancing wherever they were, because square dancing is universal.

We started back on Oct. 10, with smiles on our faces and a beat in our feet. Everyone had a great time.

LEASH LAW

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

We had our "Pumpkin Fest" on Oct. 21 at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Our caller was Scotty Sharer and cuer was Loretta Hanhurst.

Save the date! Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:15 p.m. we will dance at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Everyone is excited. It's so beautiful there.

You may have seen a bumper sticker on a car or heard someone say here's a "yellow rock." Yellow Rock is a square dance call; yellow rock your partner or corner. That my friends is a big hug and who can't use a nice big hug?

So my good friends, life is a dance and yellow rocks to all. For any information, call Dotty Huston at (352) 873-9062 or Carol Spencer at (352) 208-1506.


Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

Along with progress, comes change. The Arbor Club Exercise Studio, our home for over 10 years, is going to be renovated to house exercise equipment. We are temporarily giving classes in the Group Fitness Room at the Recreation Center. The room has long mirrors, and we have our ballet barres and music, so we can continue as before.

However, our temporary location necessitates a slight change in our schedule. The new schedule is as follows:

- All dance levels: Tuesdays, from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.; Fridays, from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; and Saturdays, from

- 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Advanced level: Thursdays, from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Saturday classes will be Fusion Floor Barre unless a regular class is requested or needed for rehearsal.

Our new permanent location will be the Arbor Conference Center, Suite D, which will be renovated as a ballet studio. We do not have a date for the move to this space, but will let you know when we do.

We are happy that several new dancers have joined our group since the Club Fair. Newcomers are always welcome to take our classes, all of which are free. It is not necessary to have any previous experience in ballet, nor is it necessary to wear ballet clothes. To start, exercise clothes and socks are fine, plus a bottle of water, of course. For the Fusion Floor Barre, a neck roll of some sort is also suggested.

For any information on our club, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!


**Dancin' On
the Top**

Arlo Janssen

The first dance in 2018 is set for Saturday, Feb. 10 with music by 3 For The Road Plus 1. Our second dance is set for Saturday, April 21 with the band Retro Express. Also mark your dance calendar for Sept. 22, Nov. 17, and Dec. 31 for great dancing in 2018.

The Dancin' On the Top Committee is working on future dance dates for the year 2019.

For club membership, ticket information, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293 or Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400.

There are other opportunities to dance here at On Top of the World. There is Friday night Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident ID. There is also dancing outdoors at The Town Square every Friday and Saturday night. See the events calendar insert provided in the World News for more details.

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Surviving Holiday Temptations

The holiday season is here! For many, the holidays are the most wonderful time of the year, and also the most challenging when it comes to eating healthy. Holiday events typically translate into sumptuous snacks, delicious dinners and decadent desserts. It is so hard to resist these temptations. With a little planning you can keep holiday meals festive and healthy. Here are a few tips to help.

FIT TIP #1: Decorate your dinner plate with lots of color! Make sure that half of your plate is colorful ... lots of vegetables and some fruit.

FIT TIP #2: Maintain don't gain. It's not very realistic to try and lose weight during the holidays, instead try to maintain your current weight and prevent weight gain.

FIT TIP #3: Survey before you serve. Do a quick survey of the party buffet before you serve yourself. Enjoy your favorite foods in moderation, skip your least favorites and balance with lots of healthy whole foods like lean proteins, fruits and vegetables.



Line Dancing

Nancy Carmack

Our dance season is in full swing. Although we got started one week late because of Hurricane Irma, many new people joined up and everyone is enthusiastic and enjoying learning new dances. With our winter friends back, and new people joining line dance classes, the number of line dancers just keeps growing. For our first class of Absolute Beginners, there was a total of 109 new dancers. These are people who have never line danced before and are taught basic step patterns that are described, practiced and used in simple patterns.

Our Thursday night monthly dance was cancelled in September because of the hurricane, so having this event back again was a joyful and happy time.

After a hot and wet summer, our weather is improving so many of our dancers are out at The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights. Our line dancers and pattern dancers try and practice good dance floor etiquette, which is something that is intended for all dancers. The pattern dancers stay on the outer edge of the dance floor and the line dancers stay in the center of the dance floor leaving space for all dancers to move to their pattern on the floor. If you would like more information on dance floor etiquette, you can Google it and learn how this etiquette accommodates all dance styles.

We also dance at Happy Hour on Friday night in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Think about joining us and just step when the drum goes thump.

FITNESS SCHEDULE

November 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 Cammy/Darla	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica/Darla	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		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Madelyne
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation**			Balance Assessment**
5:00 PM		Intro to Yoga Kathy			

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

*** Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7534 to reserve your spot.*

Recreation Center Ballroom

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

Recreation Center Outdoor Pool

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM Outdoor Pool	Deep Water * Larry	Shallow Water * Barb	Deep Water * Larry	Shallow Water * Barb	HIIT Deep* Larry

Arbor Conference Center

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	

* Fee-based class

"Take Off the Turkey" on Friday, Nov. 24 at 8 a.m. in the Recreation Center Fitness Center



Bocce

Micki Malsch

The new season is off on a roll! All leagues are at full player capacity. Thanks to all the returning members and new players who made this happen.

Dues of \$10 per member will be collected during the first two weeks of the start of the season. All who play, both on the league and those who play open bocce, are required to pay dues and sign a release form. Team captains and

league representatives will be collecting dues and passing out the forms for signature.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturdays open is played at 9 a.m. These are open play days and anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play! Response to open bocce has been overwhelming! Players are showing up earlier and earlier to assure their spot to play.

We are always looking for members to substitute. We encourage you to stop by and see how the game is played and what fun we

have. So please call and express your interest in playing! It's a lot of fun and you get to make new friends!

The league will not play the weeks of Nov. 20, and Dec. 24 in observance of the holidays. League play will resume on Jan. 2, 2018.

The annual Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, G, and H. Sign-up sheets will be available on play days for members to bring either a side dish or dessert. A 50/50 raffle and other door prize raffles will be held.

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



Bingo

Denise Johnson

Bingo, bingo, bingo ... that's the sound of our lucky winners every Wednesday night. If you have not joined us yet, come on out. This past week we had multiple winners for many of the games.

Coming up quickly is super bingo. It will be on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Only residents may play and must present their resident ID

card. Cards cost \$5 for three cards (you can purchase more but only in groups of three). Come by the Recreation Center Ballroom and pick up a brochure. Cards will be sold from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. The Pub will be open for anyone who wants dinner or a snack before bingo.

Micki Malsch will also be putting on one of her famous bake sales before super bingo. All proceeds go to March of Dimes. Be sure to

try some of Micki's yummy treats. There will be plenty of sugar free goodies available!

Our yearly appreciation dinner for the volunteers will be reported on in next month's column.

The jackpot is growing! Come and play with us for a fun Wednesday evening!

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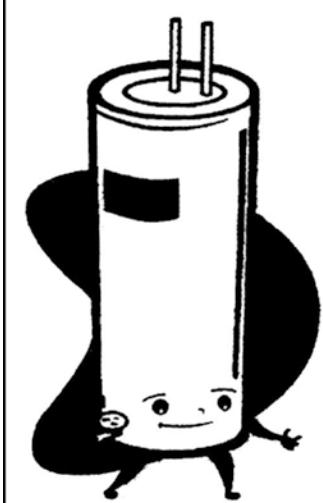
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Gold, Gold Everywhere

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

How would you like to walk around an area and find gold? The gold is everywhere, just lying on the ground waiting for you to pick it up. This actually happened in the first gold rush recorded in the United States. Not only was it the largest gold strike east of the Mississippi River, in fact, gold is still being found in this local today, not in the quantities as previously during the rush which by the way, happened in 1828 in the mountain regions of Northeastern Georgia.

It all started when a young deer hunter in 1828 tripped over a rock completely by accident. After close examination he discovered the rock was full of gold. This discovery took place a couple of miles south of Dahlonega, Georgia kicking off a massive gold rush. After word of this discovery spread around the country within one year the town of Dahlonega grew to 15,000 miners hoping to strike it rich. Believe it or not reports state that there was so much gold in and around the town that it laid on top of the ground having been washed off the mountains for centuries.

The largest quantities of gold found in the eastern portion of the United States is found in what is called the Georgia Gold Belt that starts in eastern Alabama into Georgia. The biggest concentration of the precious metal was found in and around Dahlonega and the northern Cherokee counties. The gold found in the Georgia Gold Belt was close to 24 karat in purity. There was so much gold found in Dahlonega and surrounding areas that the United States Mint operated a branch mint in Dahlonega opening in 1838 until 1861 producing over \$6,000,000 in gold coins.

The gold coins struck at the Dahlonega Mint during the years the mint was in operation are some of the most sought after gold coins. Many gold coins were minted in Dahlonega but one of the rarest of them all was the three dollar gold coin.

The Georgia State Park Ranger on duty at the time of our visit stated that pictures could be taken in the museum all except the gold housed behind glass in the museum's safe. The reason she stated was that pictures could be used for any future attempts to steal the gold. Inside the safe were countless selections of gold coins including a three dol-

lar piece and numerous large gold nuggets, one weighing more than five ounces.

The ranger added that in 1854 reportedly only 1,200 three dollars gold coins were minted at the Dahlonega Mint. "One recently sold at auction for \$163,000," she stated.

Up and to 1830 there were hundreds of thousands of dollars of gold extracted from local mines including from lands legally belonging to the Cherokee Indian nation. With unrest between the miners and locals with the Indians, the Cherokees were removed from their home lands in Northern Georgia in 1938 which was a forced removal brought on by the discovery of gold near Dahlonega in 1928. The Cherokee people were forcibly marched from Georgia to Oklahoma by the U.S. Government as part of Andrew Jackson's Indian removal policy. Approximately 2,000-6,000 of a total number of 16,543 relocated Cherokee perished along the way being known as the "Trail of Tears."

The gold fever subsided in North Georgia as some miners struck it rich while most found little gold but plenty of hard work. There were plenty of mine shafts dug by hand in the local Dahlonega area and some remain today. When gold was discovered in California at Sutter Creek in 1848, many of those miners in Georgia were ready to try their luck out west.

With so many miners leaving Georgia the local assayer stood on the front steps of the County Court House and pleaded with the miners as he pointed at the near-by ridge promising that millions of dollars worth of gold remained only to be discovered.

Legends state the assayer said, "There's gold in them there hills", a phrase that became part of American culture and even used by prospectors today. The assayer was right. Millions of dollars worth of gold has been extracted from the hills he pointed to as mining continued into the 20th century. The court house today located in Dahlonega is now a gold mining museum but those visiting this museum can stand on those steps pointing to the nearby hills and muttering to yourself, "There's gold in them thar hills."

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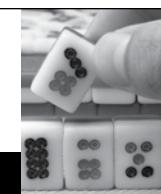
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**Mah Jongg**

Mary Ehle

Fall is here and the mah jongg jamboree is behind us. It was a very successful experiment. We stepped out and tried something completely new and we were very happy with the results. We met and played with lots of new, friendly people who came to spend the day with us just sharing their love of mah jongg and it was a complete success. There was no pressure on anyone.

The ladies came when they got ready and there were no timers

running to make them stress about being on time or a few minutes late. When they sat down, they played. I know it really made my day more carefree because when someone called out sick I didn't have to find a replacement player in a rush. Everyone expressed a desire to do this again in the spring.

Cathy Buchanan was the big winner and she knocked off that prize in the first hour.

I want to thank all who helped, especially Joan Castellucci and Pat Fitzgerald. I couldn't have made it without you girls. We made new friends and I want everyone to know that I appreciate all those kind words. It was a joyful, blessed day. Jokers to you until next time.

Group Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Welcome back snowbirds; come join our new group of smiling friends. If you came to the Club Fair, hopefully you stopped by our table and will join us in a fun evening.

We are entering our sixth month of being train conductors and are so happy to have met so many new residents. It is exciting for us to meet and train new players and each week we play with different people.

If you haven't tried the game, feel free to come join us on Mondays in the Hobby Building, Art Studio, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is a quarter. Where can you go to be entertained, laugh and meet new people for such a low price? Whether you're the highest or lowest score, you are guaranteed to have fun and enjoy a laugh or two.

We encourage you to bring your own racks to hold the dominos; we

have loaner racks for those who don't have any (while supplies last and must be returned). We have different priced racks for sale. If you're interested, please see us that evening and we will take your order.

We call the last game at 9:15 p.m. to finish up so you're gone by 9:30 p.m. each game.

We want to thank a very special player (you know who you are) who has donated some games for us to play and has brought us some used plastic and wood racks that we can sell so we can keep purchasing more. She is such a joy in coming almost every week and she has been so supportive of our group.

We thank those folks who have been so supportive in coming to play with our group and who have brought new friends to join us. Come join us and bring a quarter, rack and resident I.D., which we must see the first evening you come to play.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (770) 394-7533.

**Pickleball**

Bill Daugherty

November pickleball is going to be a fun month for club members and residents alike.

The "Introduction to Pickleball" class will be conducted on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 8:30 a.m. on the lower courts. Please wear proper court shoes for your safety.

Saturday, Nov. 4 is the North Central Florida Pickleball Doubles Tournament. This will be the second tournament hosted by On Top of the World and will be fun to watch, even for non-pickleball players.

Monday, Nov. 13 is the club tournament for advanced players, with a rain day for the 15th. On Tuesday, Nov. 14, there will be a tournament for players who are learning the game and normally play on

Tuesday and/or Thursday, rain day is the 16th.

The annual pickleball picnic for club members will be the Saturday, Nov. 18, starting at 11:30 a.m.; cost is \$6 cash per person to be paid by Nov. 11.

Tip: One of the most common mistakes made by new players is an overuse of power. It's easy to feel as if you're standing on a large ping-pong table or an extra small tennis court. This can give you a false sense of control and make you think you're the Incredible Hulk. You're not, but even if you were, pickleball is not a game where you can overpower your opponent day in and day out.

New pickleball players may have a hard time realizing this fact. The sooner you learn that the best players are the ones who employ patience and tactics over "hits the ball hard all the time," although I admit it is fun to hit the ball hard from time to time. Play hard, have fun and make friends.

**Bunco Babes Social Group**

Micki Malsch

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Down Under: Dunedin

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Dunedin was the first city a group of residents, who were on a 33-night cruise around Australia and New Zealand, visited in New Zealand. The ship, due to its size, moored in the port city of Port Chalmers, which is a small settlement and was the last port visited by explorer Robert Scott before heading south to Antarctica on his final expedition.

Dunedin is New Zealand's oldest city. It is also a university city. The city was first settled in 1848 by Scottish migrants who established a settlement giving it a Celtic name for Edinburgh, Dunedin. During 1861, with the discovery of gold

near the settlement, Dunedin was put on the world map as becoming the gateway to the gold fields.

Dunedin's land area is slightly larger than the state of Rhode Island. It was the largest city in area in New Zealand until 2010 when Auckland changed its city boundaries. A point of interest is that Dunedin is the furthest-most city in the world from London, the former Imperial capital.

There were many excursions from the cruise ship offered at this destination, both in Port Chalmers and Dunedin. Shuttle buses were used to transport passengers to both cities. The one to Dunedin's

drop-off location was at the city's famous Octagon Square.

The first stop on one of the tours was to Baldwin Street. Baldwin Street is the world's steepest residential street, according to the Guinness World Records. The street is short along with being straight measuring a mere 1,150 feet in length. The average slope of this street is slightly more than 1:5. The lower section of the street is moderately steep paved with asphalt. The upper section of the street is considerably steeper and paved with concrete instead of asphalt because of the summer heat melting the surface.

Baldwin Street's steepness was not intentional. Streets in early Dunedin were laid out in a grid pattern with absolutely no consideration for the terrain. There are a number of residential streets in the same area as Baldwin Street but not quite as steep. The street is a total of 1.3 miles in length. Each year there is a charitable road race event to the top, and the record stands at 1:45 minutes. On a similar note, Lombard Street in San Francisco is "the most crooked street in the world."

The tour then took the group to the Dunedin Botanic Gardens. The gardens were absolutely gorgeous with blooming flowers and plants everywhere. These gardens were the first botanic gardens in New Zealand and today the gardens hold the status of a six-star Garden of International Significance along with the camellia collection holding the same status. The gardens have approximately 10 acres of rhododendron with more than 3,000 plants. The gardens reportedly have 6,800 plant species along with wild native bellbirds, wood pigeons and tui. The bellbird and the tui are honeyeater birds with the tui being the largest. The name tui is a Maori name.

The geographic plant collections are plants from all around the world from temperate climates in Asia, the Americas, South Africa along with the Himalayas and the Mediterranean.

The tour took the group to the top of a large hill overlooking the city of Dunedin. At the summit of this hill was a big bronze bust of explorer Robert Scott looking in the direction of Antarctica.

The next stop was Dunedin's

railway station, which is reportedly the most popular photographed building in New Zealand.

The railway station is an ornate Flemish Renaissance-style architecture structure of huge proportions dating back to the early 1900s. Dunedin was the commercial center of New Zealand and the station was once the country's busiest station. The present station was constructed in 1906 and is the fourth station to be built at the same location.

The station was constructed of some of the best materials at the time with pink granite used for supporting pillars. The roof is tiled with terra cotta shingles from Marseilles surmounted by copper-domed cupolas.

The southern end of the building is dominated by a huge clock tower that is visible from much of central Dunedin. The booking hall has a mosaic floor containing almost 750,000 Minton tiles. Royal Doulton porcelain runs around the balcony.

The station's platform is the country's longest, extending almost 1,600 feet. Each year during March the station takes center stage providing the location for the South Island's main fashion show with the main train platform becoming reputedly the world's longest catwalk. Outside the station is one of Dunedin's many pictorial parks.

Another excursion provided by the cruise line was a ride on the Taieri Gorge Railroad. This trip takes passengers on a picturesque trip through some of the south island's prettiest countryside traveling across the Taieri Plains and into the deep and narrow Taieri Gorge. The train travels over the Wingatui Viaduct, which is the largest wrought iron structure in the world.

Octagon Square is Dunedin's city center and is an eight-sided plaza bisected by the city's main street and two intersecting thoroughfares. The Octagon is primarily a pedestrian reserve and surrounds a statue of Scottish poet Robert Burns. Adjacent to the Octagon are St. Paul's Cathedral and the Dunedin Town Hall. Remaining structures contain all kinds of eateries and quench thirsting establishments. Dunedin became New Zealand's first UNESCO City of Literature. What a beautiful, clean city!



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'The Golden Girls Move to On Top of the World'

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

Who can forget "The Golden Girls?" From 1985 to 1992, American TV audiences were entertained by four hilarious ladies — Betty White, Bea Arthur, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty.

NBC's original concept for the comedy was for a cast of women in their 40s, a demographic that had yet to be explored in the world of sitcoms. But producer Susan Harris, who was planning her retirement from ABC's daytime sitcom, "Soap," was intrigued and took on the project. When she introduced the pilot to the Network, the stars would not be in their 40s but mostly in their 60s. In one of their better decisions, NBC gave it a "go."

"The Golden Girls" is now one of the most revived sitcoms ever to come out of our TV screens. It plays in summer stock, off Broadway, in schools, and of course, in

just about every retirement community. Most recently it played in The Villages and now at On Top of the World.

The production of "The Golden Girls" played at Recreation Center on Oct. 7 and 8. It was an adaptation of an original production that played in The Villages. On Top of the World's Encore Collaborative Theatre Club, founded by Judy Bowen Gill, acquired the rights to their production, along with the right to change the title: "The Golden Girls Move to On Top of the World."

Under lead Director Lynn Stevenson and Directors Terry Gill, Brenda Elliott and Judy Gill, the comedy unfolded over two acts and nine scenes. The original theme song, "Thank You for Being a Friend," provided the background music.

The On Top of the World Golden Girls who provided the wit, sar-



Photo by Ray Cech

"The Golden Girls Move to On Top of the World" played at the Recreation Center on Oct. 7 and 8.

casm and laughs, were: Brenda Elliott (Sophia), Randee Gore (Rose), Jean Baumgardner (Blanche), and Erin Balya played Dorothy.

Terry Gill, as host and master of

ceremonies, provided the running dialogue between scene changes. Both shows played to a sold out audience — they were not disappointed.

to their own canvases.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, Studio 9 at Master the Possibilities was resplendent with music and artwork of visiting artists from Peru. William Hurgymi, Mauro Perez and Alfredo Zagaceta Cometivos provided both music and art. Ms. Mita Lozano Paima, demonstrated her artwork while they played.

Parma and Cometivos studied

under the notable Peruvian artist, Pablo Amaringo, who believes that the art of painting enables the soul —and being in nature the artist is stimulated and filled with peace and tranquility in both mind and heart.

Viewing the finished canvases, with their stunning and brilliant colors of nature and animals, visitors were readily overcome with that peace and tranquility.

The visit by the Peruvian artists came about through the efforts of retired professor emeritus at the College of Central Florida, Scott Olsen. His studies of indigenous wisdoms have taken him throughout Peru and the Amazon rainforest. During his many trips he assembled an impressive collection of visionary artwork and experienced the emotional healing of their music.

In collaboration with the College of Central Florida, Olsen organized a series of exhibits here in Marion County. He also approached, Margaret Spontak at Master the Possibilities.

The exhibit was followed by one-of-a-kind workshops on Oct. 13 and 14 in Studio 9. Artists Lozano and Zagaceta guided and instructed students in the mastery of Peruvian art. Several of the students' finished works were greeted with applause.

The "Mysteries of the Amazon: Visionary Artwork of Pablo Amaringo" and his students will be on display at the Appleton Museum through Jan. 14, 2018.

Peruvian Artists and Musicians

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

While musicians played haunting tunes from Peru and the Amazon rainforest, artist Mita Lozano

Paima painted a dreamy canvas in blues and whites. When the music died the three musicians then went



Photo by Ray Cech

Peruvian artists and musicians at Studio 9 on the Square.

Close Up and Personal

By Connie Filip

How do I get a great photo of just the butterfly? The simple answer is to control your depth of field. This means you determine that part your photo will be in focus while the rest looks fuzzy.

If you want to use an automatic setting, select the symbol of a human head (the setting for portraits) on your camera dial. This will tell your camera to limit the area that remains in focus.

But the best way to control depth of field is to switch to "A" (aperture priority) on your camera dial. Don't be afraid!

Here are the basics: Aperture means the diameter of the lens that allows light to enter the camera. It's also called the f-stop. The smaller the number (ex. f/2.8) you select, the more the foreground and background will be fuzzy.

Since you're asking the camera to change one value, it will automatically adjust for another. When you use a small aperture (letting in less light), your camera will select a slower shutter speed (to compen-

sate with more light).

Just remember to do this on a bright day, or use a tripod, any shutter speed less than 1/30 will probably be fuzzy all over!

Managing depth of field in your photo is one of your most important tools for getting that great shot. So dust off that camera manual or come to a ShutterBugs meeting to see what it's all about.

The next ShutterBugs field trip will take place on Monday, Nov. 13 to Carson Springs (carsonspringswildlife.org). If you plan to attend, contact Ginny to register at ginny7700@gmail.com.

For up-to-date field trip information, visit our club website at otow-spcc.com

For the month of November, you can see John Bauer's photos of Thailand and Cambodia displayed at Master the Possibilities. They were taken while on a cultural tour, interacting with residents and seeing a variety of Buddhist temples.

Consider "stopping by" on Facebook! Our members post their fa-

vorite shots on ShutterBugs PSH (Photo Scavenger Hunt). Anyone can log on and see them. If you're a member with a few favorites of your own, just go to the site and ask to join. John Ware or Norbert Sachs will give any ShutterBug member permission to play with us.

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

Our normal monthly club sched-

ule 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 meeting. We start at 3 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. Or contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or guhley@cfl.rr.com.

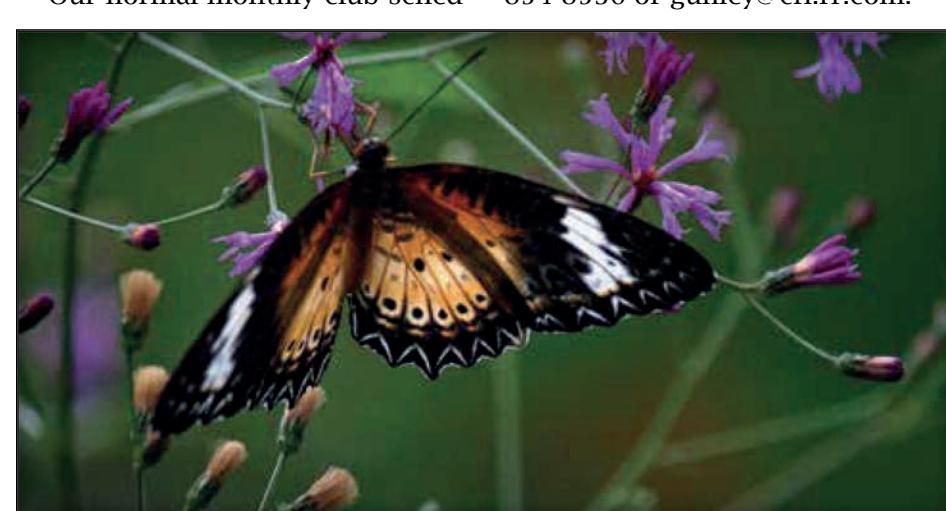


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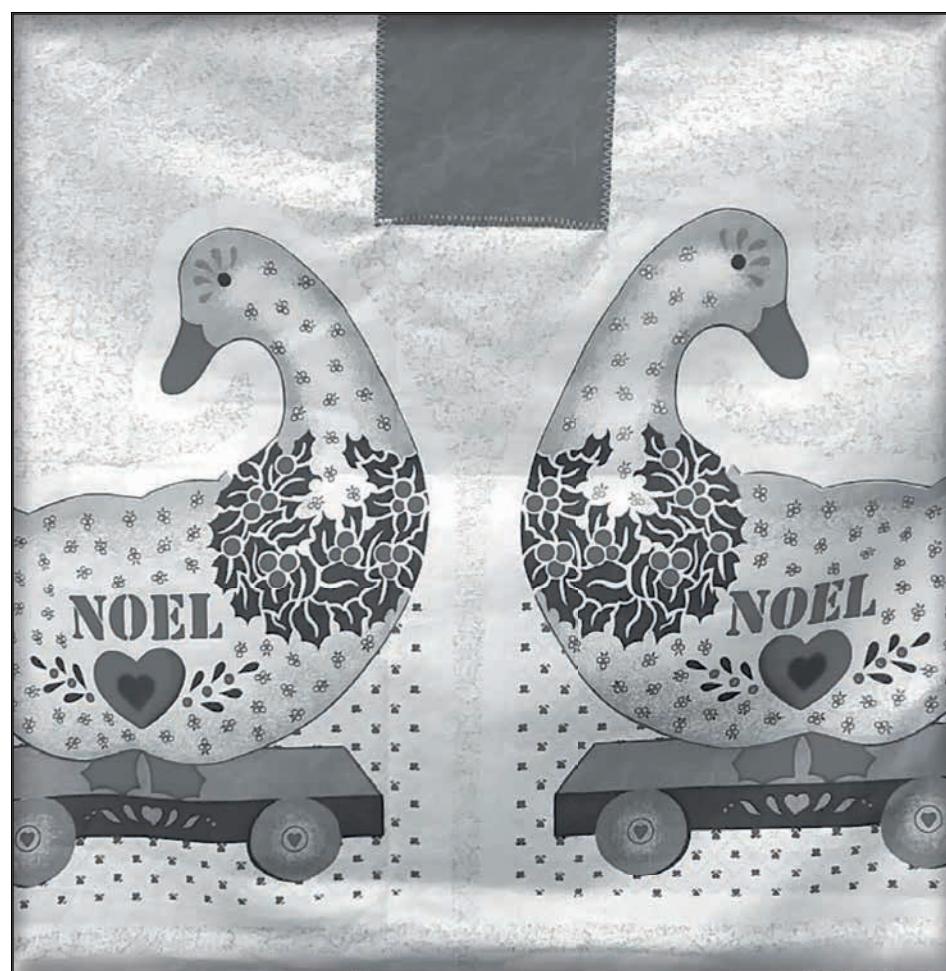


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One of the donated Christmas quilts by the Sewing Bees.

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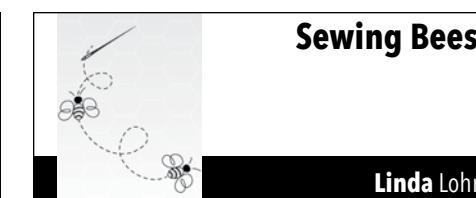
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How fast the year has gone! Hard to believe the holidays are almost upon us.

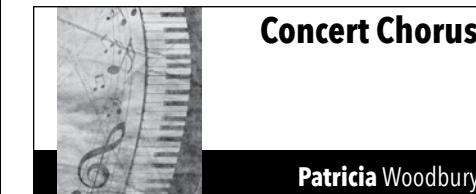
The Bees have done a fantastic job this year. We have donated 80 Christmas quilts to various agencies. We also donated 50 Christmas stockings for young children, filled with candy, toys and stuffed animals.

We will be celebrating all our hard work with a Christmas party

in January, date, time and place to be determined.

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

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.



It is only a month away before we present our Christmas concert entitled "All-American Christmas." We hope you have marked your calendar for either Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Remember this is a free concert but a free-will offering will be collected to help support the chorus in purchasing music.

The group will be singing a couple African-American spiritual songs appropriate for the season. One of them is entitled "My Lord, What a Morning." This song like many spirituals is based on words of existing hymns. More specifically this one was based on a hymn by the same name published in Richard Allen's 1801 hymnal, "A Collection of Spiritual Songs and Hymns." Richard Allen was the founding bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Photo by Bill Shampine
Patricia Woodbury

This song was arranged by Russell Robinson and composed by Melva Wilson Costen. Ms. Costen was a visiting professor of liturgical studies at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. She was well known as a clergy, choral director, and educator. She has provided general orders of worship suitable for a variety of denominational settings.

The lyrics of this song speak to the great judgment day and the promises of the Lord as described in the Gospel of Matthew 24:26-31 and others.

This month the chorus member to be highlighted is Marian (Mimi) Dryden. Mimi hails from Omaha, Nebraska. She has achieved her license as an insurance agent and a real estate agent. She has worked at the Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha as an administrative assistant. She worked in Las Vegas at the Aetna Insurance Company and then in Florida as a realtor. Mimi has always loved to sing and did so in high school and church choirs. She participates with other groups in the community such as Women of the World, bocce, and several card game groups. The soprano section of the chorus is pleased to have Mimi singing with them.

As always, if you would like further information about the chorus, please contact Sue Layne, membership chairperson at (352) 414-5420. The chorus holds rehearsals each week on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suite C.



With the last bow taken at the Sunday, Oct. 8, performance of "The Golden Girls Move to On Top of the World," Encore Collaborative Theatre Club also took its last bow. I wish to thank all of the cast, contributors, and patrons for your support. There could not have been a show without the efforts of so many.

It is a bittersweet time for me, Brenda Elliott, as I resign from the position of president of this dedicated club. Encore will be moving its headquarters to Oak Run under the continued guidance of Judy and Terry Gill, our dedicated producers.

I will continue to be active in any way I can with thespian opportunities here in On Top of the World as well as other clubs and classes as time and energy permit. I am sure that many of the actors who participated in Encore who live in On Top of the World will continue to do the same thing as their time and hearts direct them.

Terry and Judy Gill would also like to give On Top of the World a sincere thanks to all those who helped them realize their theater dreams, especially their little theater family of both actors and committee members.

Thanks for the memories.

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On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion (Resales)	9 AM - 5:30 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	9 AM - 5:30 PM Normal Hours	9 AM - 5:30 PM Normal Hours	Closing time based on traffic	CLOSED	Closing time based on traffic	CLOSED
The Pub	8 AM - 6 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	8 AM - 6 PM Normal Hours	8 AM - 6 PM Normal Hours	8 AM - 3 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	8 AM - 6 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED
The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa	Fitness 5:30 AM - 2 PM Spa/Salon 6:30 AM - 1 PM	CLOSED	Fitness 7 AM - 7 PM Spa/Salon 8 AM - 6 PM	Fitness 5:30 AM - 8 PM Spa/Salon 6:30 AM - 6 PM	NO HOT TUB CLASSES Spa/Salon Closed	CLOSED	NO HOT TUB CLASSES Spa/Salon Closed	CLOSED
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**The New
Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski

Here's your chance to meet new members of The New Pretenders before they make their debut Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 on stage at the Recreation Center.

Louise Morea has had many adventures in her life. Before she landed in On Top of the World, she visited all 50 states, Canada, and parts of Mexico while living in a motor home. Always ready for fun and more adventures, Louise loves to dance, walk, work out, and play cards or Mah Jongg. This lively

spirit will bring an upbeat vibe to our troupe and head up your adventure as you enjoy our presentation!

With the rookie talent coupled with our veteran members, the show promises to be better than ever! Friday's performance plus the one on Saturday, Feb. 3, will begin at 7 p.m.; the Sunday, Feb. 4, matinee is slated for a 2 p.m. start. Be prepared for a bit more than two hours of solid entertainment including a few surprises.

Tickets for all shows go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 8 to 10 a.m. These times will remain constant on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday until show time, unless we sell out! We have had

capacity audiences whose enthusiasm inspires us to reach for the stars ... and we do succeed! Don't be disappointed by putting off the chance to get tickets. Reserved tickets are \$10 and guarantee the perfect seats for you; general admission tickets are \$8 and provide you with seats of your choice beyond the reserved sections. There are no bad seats.

We began practices in earnest in early October. Each one has been inventive and upbeat which reflects the nature of our program. You

will be amazed at the level of commitment our group has; you will experience it as the show unfolds before you. Fran Allen, our chairwoman of the costume committee, has everything under control; you will be dazzled by the work this committee has done! Rita Miller, the chairwoman in command of the stage, has a set that will transport you to another place and time.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Three cards presented by Linda Lohr.
**Rubber Stamp
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Linda Lohr

Our presenter for the Thursday, Oct. 19, class was Linda Lohr. She offered a scribbly bird card, Mickey Mouse card and another card to be used for many different occasions.

Linda offered kits for each card as well as samples of the cards and directions to complete the cards in class or at home. All the cards could be used for several different occasions.

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

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

New members include Larry Douglas, Nancy Jennings-Fair, Mark Monk; the second row (L to R) is Rose Frierman, Nancy Kibler, Pam Monk, Terri Molnar, and Louise Morea; our missing mystery guest freshman is Bruce Herget.



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**Art Group**

Anne Merrick

Elizabeth is a new member to our group. She hails from Indiana, moving south to escape the snow in 1985. She has been married to Tom for 22 years. Her artistic background consists mostly of music, being privileged to introduce that art form to hundreds of students from age three to 73, in over 50

years of private and public school teaching. A dear artist friend convinced her to take a watercolor workshop in 2016 and she is now hooked. Elizabeth says, "Having this wonderful club is such a bonus."

As I write this, the Craft Fair is coming up which makes me think of the crossover between what is "art" and what is "craft." The purists believe they are two separate things but as I am not a purist; I see where they can be combined and we get "crafty art" and "arty craft."

Combining your craft on a canvas with paint can produce some really interesting visual effects; for example, small painted rocks resembling people looking out over an ocean which has been painted with the rocks glued on, dried flowers or leaves combined to give you a scene, or quilted or sewn hangings. On the other hand, beautiful painting can be done on china or wood such as a plate or vase or material like tablecloths or T-shirts.

Another thing that fits into this category is carving. We have two members of the group who carve wood and stone. These sculptures

are definitely art even though there is that element of craft. The lines between the two are quite blurry in many aspects and there is a wide spectrum from true crafts to true art.

In the Art Group you will see many different modalities with all of us having fun. It is such a delight to be creative. Thursdays and Saturdays find us doing our thing in the Art Studio in the Hobby Building from 9 a.m. to noon. You may drop in to see what we do even if you don't paint or carve.



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Elizabeth Wales at the Art Studio.**MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK LIKE A MODEL!**

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Original Karaoke

Sindy & Richie O'Brien

The Original Karaoke Group joined Lolly's friends group once again, as we do every October, at the Bahama House in Daytona Beach for a weekend of fun in the sun, swimming, shopping and sightseeing by day; singing the night



Photo by Sindy O'Brien

Original Karaoke Group at the Bahama House in Daytona Beach, Fla.**Sunshine Quilters**

Rhonda Wilder

them.

We have been working on quilts and sewing a lot of nice things to sell at a Craft Fair. We will be working on quilts and other projects and hope to get them done before the holidays.

If you want to learn how to make quilts, sew, or learn new techniques come join us. We meet in the Hobby Building in the Art Studio every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. If you need any information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450.

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Anne and Jim Merrick of the Theatre Group.



Theatre Group

Steve McDonald

Our September and October general meetings and Club Fair gained us 11 new members. Some auditioned and qualified for our "Path to Talent Showcase II -Remembering Through the Decades."

Please review our posters throughout our community, and invite your friends to participate and/or attend our program this coming spring.

We continue to have open casting calls for any resident who would like to audition, join our group, and be a part of our March 2018 production, or serve as stagehands, backstage help, props handlers, costumes, stage construction, and more.

We must reluctantly accept the loss from our group two very valuable contributors to our success, Anne and Jim Merrick, who have chosen to pursue other adventures. Without a doubt, they will be dearly missed. We welcome you both back at any time.

Anne came to On Top of the World via England and Canada, lived in Florida for 25 years, and here for nine. She loves to sing, paint, write, garden and recycle stuff artistically. She and Jim have been members of our Theatre Group for six years with no previous experience in theater, except for short skits she and Jim occasionally performed at social gatherings. They have also acted and worked together for our

group.

She has had fun appearing in our plays "Broadway in the Ballroom," "Selling the House Will Be No Problem," and "And the Oscar Goes to..." plus many more productions, including directing "Murder on the Rerun." She has been set designer, set decorator, furniture/props coordinator, stage hand, recording secretary and president of the board. She took photos and wrote our news columns for three years. Anne says, "It has been a life-changing and memorable experience, and I thank the group for all the memories."

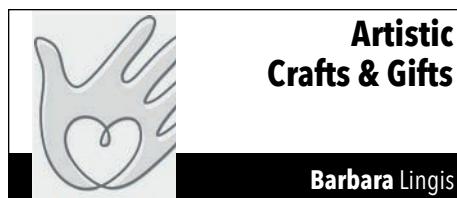
Jim was born in Canada, moved to the States at age six, lived and travelled in many states, moved to Florida in 1992 and On Top of the World in 2008. He married Anne in 1987 and full time RVed for five years before settling down. He likes to play golf, read and have fun.

Jim debuted in "Selling the House Will Be No Problem." He has acted and sung in every variety show since then, has been stage manager for some, helped build and take down our sets, wrote cue scripts for the sound and light group, coordinated microphones backstage with help from Anne, and was our treasurer for five years. One of his and Anne's fondest memories was dancing together during one of her songs. Jim says, "It has been a good run and I thank the group for all the memories."

Please join us at 7 p.m., Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, at one of our final two open casting calls, Nov. 13 or Jan. 8, or contact our president, Harry Boyajian, at (239) 336-4804.



Photo by Barb Lingis
Phillip Lanzone is an expert in the art of quilting.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Barbara Lingis

In the spotlight this month is crafter Phillip Lanzone. Phil is an expert in the art of quilting. He creates handmade quilts in many designs and colors. He has quilts for children and adults and each has a solid back that is color coordinated with the design or pattern he uses. All of the quilting designs he uses are done by hand, not machine.

Phil also has on his table a very large supply of place mats that he has sewn. These come in sets of two, four, or six. Each set is reversible and are a variety of sizes. These place mats come in an endless supply of colors and patterns.

One of Phil's signature creations are his table runners. These come in various sizes to accommodate most any table. They have different patterns on each side but are color coordinated.

A new item Phil has created is tapestry wall hangings. These make a great accent to your wall instead of pictures. He has several scenes and various sizes. Each wall hanging is displayed on a decorative wooden rod.

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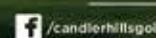
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toy can be used to sing "Crocodile Rock." You can sing "Lollipop" and hand out candy. Put on a sailor hat and sing "Sloop John B." These creative props make the evening fun.

This month, we highlight Tony Cerveny. Tony retired in 1998 from AT&T and moved to southwest Florida. It was there that he met, as he stated, "the love of his life" in Lynn Rose. In 2009, they moved to Sun City, Texas where they stayed until moving to On Top of the World four months ago.



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Tony and Lynn Rose Cerveny,

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The first time Tony sang anywhere was in the Sun City Karaoke Club two years ago. He says that singing has been a great joy for him as it allows him to express himself through song. He does not try to copy famous singers' styles. Instead he just gets into his song and lets it happen.

Tony and Lynn Rose performed many times on the Sun City stage. They choreographed their own skits, which involved dance. Both Tony and Lynn Rose had active roles in the plays.

Tony credits Lynn Rose for causing the latent music and dancing

that was inside him to surface. Since meeting her, he renewed playing the accordion after a nearly 60-year absence, and has learned to play the keyboard, bongo drums and harmonica. Tony attends karaoke regularly here in On Top of the World.

We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our next prop night will be Nov. 6. Come join us for an evening of fun. If you have any questions, call Kathy at (352) 854-6402.

Famous BabiesBy Bob Woods
World News Writer

Recently, Bev and I visited a maternity hospital to witness the birth and view babies in a hospital's maternity ward. We saw preemies on cabbage leaves and others in cribs through a glass enclosure as sweet music was being piped throughout the area.

Medical workers dressed as nurses, doctors and other staff members were scurrying around the hospital as there is a birth every hour at this hospital during business hours. One of the LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurse) assists in the production of each doll. Over the hospital's intercom an announcement is made that the mother is in labor.

After the baby is born, those in the hospital are asked to provide suggestions for the baby's first two names. The person adopting the baby gives the third name. The names are then recorded on the baby's birth certificate and on a nametag where the baby is taken to the hospital's nursery.

Does this entire experience sound bizarre? You are exactly correct, as the hospital is none other than the Babyland General Hospital located in Cleveland, Ga. It is the birthplace where Cabbage Patch Kids originated, in other words, where these "little people" are born. The doll line was created in 1978 and the all cloth dolls were sold in local craft shows. The doll brand went on to become the most popular toy fad in the 1980s and one of the longest running doll franchises in the United States.

In this hospital, staffers carry



Photo by Bob Woods

Cabbage Patch babies at Babyland General Hospital in Cleveland, Ga.

chubby kids giving them comfort or patting them on their backs as if the kid needed burping. The hospital has a nursery filled with "preemies" in incubators and others in cribs, blue and pink rooms, separating the baby's gender. These nursery rooms have a glass window allowing prospective parents to view the newborns.

The kids born at Babyland are not the ones found in toy stores today, which are generally vinyl or plastic mass-produced in factories. The dolls born at Babyland are individually stitched from cloth by hand. Over the years since the Cabbage Patch dolls inception, many manufacturers have produced the dolls. Some of the original dolls produced at the Cleveland hospital range in value from \$6,000 to \$37,000.

The hospital does not just give birth to new kids but also doctors at this hospital clean and scrub older kids in need of surgery where the dolls are repaired. The most common conditions for surgery are rips and burns.

This visit really brought Bev and I down memory lane remembering the whole Cabbage Patch Kid phenomenon.



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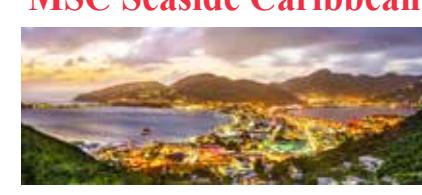
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