

Community News

Kenneth D. Colen  
Publisher

On Top of the World has a long history of being a caring community. It is a safe place where neighbors have a genuine concern for each other. From simple acts of kindness like checking in on your neighbor's home in their absence to visiting a sick neighbor, it is all about community. Kindness to each other is the glue that binds us even though we may come from different backgrounds. It is the core of a community.

I mention this now for no particular reason other than the fact that it is good to be reminded of such things. Sometimes, we may be mindless of such fundamentally important things. It is essential to be grateful and to remind others that they are appreciated and important in some way.

I'll also take this opportunity to mention the annual food drive, which is scheduled from Friday, Dec. 1, to Friday, Dec. 15. There is more detailed information on that and the Toys for Tots drive in this edition of the World News.

Association Meeting Schedule

December will be a busy month for annual meetings:

- **MONDAY, DEC. 4:** Circle Square Ranch Master Association annual meeting at Live Oak Hall, at 9 a.m.
- **TUESDAY, DEC. 5:** On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association meeting at Circle Square Cultural Center, at 9 a.m. Your board will provide an updated report on what's happening in the community. If you do not plan to attend the meeting in person, please submit an executed proxy, mailed with the meeting notice, by Dec. 4.
- **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13:** Indigo East Neighborhood Association annual meeting will be held at Circle Square Cultural Center, at 9 a.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, and consider and approve the 2018 annual budget, as well as any other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by mail or drop in the lock box located at the Indigo East Community Center by Dec. 12.
- **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13:** Candler Hills Neighborhood Association annual meeting at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 2 p.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, consider and approve the 2018 annual budget, as well as other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by mail or drop in the lock box located at the Candler Hills Community Center by Dec. 12.

If you do not plan to attend your association's annual meeting, please either (1) return your proxy by mail, (2) drop in one of the ballot boxes, (3) e-mail it to Association-info@otowfl.net, or (4) fax to (352) 854-0815.

Walking Your Dog(s)

Candler Hills, Indigo East, and On Top of the World are undoubtedly some of the most pet friendly places around. Truth be told, we have some fantastic places to walk dogs. Please avoid the Longleaf Pine Trail with your four-footed friends as they can damage the habitat and wildlife.

Also, it is not okay to let the

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The Lucky Winner is ...

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

"I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I was in a state of shock," said Margaret Stuhr (pronounced Stewer) from Summerfield, Fla. Margaret is the winner of a brand new Ginger Plan featuring 1,746 square foot under air home, valued at \$220,000 in the Indigo East neighborhood by On Top of the World.

The HomeFreePrize drawing event took place at Circle Square Cultural Center on Thursday, Nov. 2. Over 400 folks were in attendance in hopes of winning a new

home. The winning entry was one of over 2,300 drawn by an independent auditor from a rotating barrel.

Since Margaret was not present at the drawing event, Major/Planned Gifts Officer Rebecca Rogers from Hospice of Marion County called her by phone from the stage at Circle Square Cultural Center to give her the good news, with the entire crowd listening to every word. Margaret stated, "I had intended to be present at the drawing after an appointment but I left my raffle entry at home."



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.  
HomeFreePrize winner is Margaret Stuhr!

Annual Food and Toys for Tots Drive

By Patty Soriano

This holiday season, On Top of the World Communities is partnering with the local not-for-profit organization, Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

On Top of the World is IES's designated "Bring the Harvest All Year Long" food drive champion for the month of December. Residents and employees have always been very generous in donating large amounts of nonperishable food items and various sundries during the annual food drive. Proof of that is with our food donations in 2016 that completely filled a 34-foot box truck, and then some! With this in mind, we are asking again this year for any help you can lend. As you can see by the following message, the need has never been greater:

*"It's hard to imagine what real poverty looks like. I was reminded recently of how hard some of our clients have it when I received a voice message from one of them. She called to thank us and shared that once upon a time she volunteered with us but had fallen upon hard times over the past few years. She finally broke down and came to the pantry for help and she was calling to tell us how much it meant to her and her family when she got to the bottom of her box and found that we had given her ground beef. She then shared that it had been three years since they could afford "hamburger meat." And you could hear the excitement in her voice as*

*she went on to tell us how she was going to make spaghetti and tacos for her family! You would have thought we had given her filet mignon. So once again we thank you in advance for sharing of your abundance with those who go without. They truly appreciate it and so do our staff and volunteers at Interfaith. May God bless you this holiday season!"*

Karla Grimsley  
Executive Director  
Interfaith Emergency Services  
The following staple food and hygiene items are needed:

Food Items

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Boxed dry pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups

Community Toy Drop Off Locations

- Circle Square Cultural Center
- Indigo East Sales Center
- Master the Possibilities
- On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion, LLC
- New Home Sales Center
- The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa

After the good news, Margaret was so excited that she was up all night. "Everything was like a dream," she stated. The next morning, she arrived at the new home sales center at On Top of the World and was taken to her new home for pictures and a grand tour. "It is such a beautiful house," she said.

The HomeFreePrize drawing event started at 4 p.m. with music provided by 4-Play. At 4:30 p.m., Ford of Ocala and Village Ford, who had given away a free raffle entry to customers who purchased a new car at their dealerships during the HomeFreePrize construction period, presented a check to Chief Executive Officer Mary Ellen Poe of Hospice of Marion County in the amount of \$24,500. Then President Kenneth Colen of On Top of the World Communities presented a check for \$230,600 from the raffle entry sales. All of the proceeds from the HomeFreePrize raffle were donated to Hospice of Marion County.

After the donations, the band started playing again while all those in attendance enjoyed a barbecue buffet catered by Fresh Green Tomato Catering Company. The music continued while some folks danced.

The bewitching hour of 6 p.m. came as the anxious attendees were hoping the winning entry being drawn would be theirs.

Kenneth Colen gave a short speech stating that trade partners donated all the labor and materials for the construction of the HomeFreePrize house. The home was started and completed in four short months with the assistance of the 41 trade partners who made the dream of HomeFreePrize home a reality.

On Top of the World and Hospice of Marion County are grateful to all those who participated by purchasing raffle entries. They are also very grateful for all the sponsors of HomeFreePrize.

Hygiene Items

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Feminine products

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the local area.

The 2017 food drive will take place from Friday, Dec. 1, through Friday, Dec. 15. The Toys for Tots drive will run through Monday, Dec. 4.

Your donation of any of the above-listed items would be of great help. Please place your item(s) in one of the collection boxes listed below.

Let us all join together in making this effort a success and reflecting the caring community On Top of the World is especially for those in need!

Community Food Drop Off Locations

- Arbor Club
- Bay Laurel CDD
- Candler Hills Community Center
- Candler Hills Golf Shop
- Circle Square Cultural Center
- Customer Service
- Indigo East Community Center
- Master the Possibilities
- On Top of the World Golf Shop
- On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion, LLC
- Recreation Center
- Sales Center
- The Club at Candler Hills
- The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa

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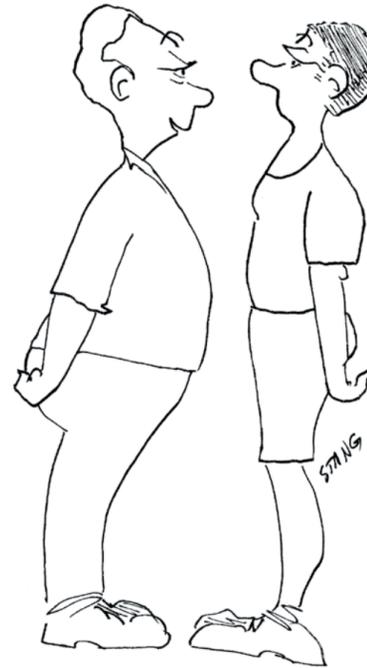
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**GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR**

By Stan Goldstein



**If you're there before it's over, you're on time.**

**Is It Legal?**

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**SCAM ALERT:** Recently, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reported on a variation to the IRS scam. You get a phone call claiming to be from the IRS. You are told that you owe such and such dollars to the IRS and if you don't pay immediately, you will be arrested. You should already be aware that the IRS will never call you to tell you that you owe money. Never!

The FTC reports that a variation on that scam is that you are called and then the caller says that the IRS sent one or maybe two letters and you never responded to them. That's why you are now being called. The phone caller then demands payment at once.

It's still the same scam folks!

First and most important, you should never answer a telephone call if the caller ID says IRS. Sec-

**LEASH LAW**

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

ond, if a message is left, you should never call back. Some folks think it is "cute" to call back since it's a known scam. For pete's sake, don't do that. Just don't answer and don't call back. For those folks who use a computer, it makes sense for you to go online to irs.gov and type in "scams" and look around.

**Q.** Why do you feel that a will is better than a trust?

**A.** (Sigh). Let me be precise. I believe that if the primary objective in estate planning is to avoid probate when passing on, then in most - but certainly not all - situations most folks do not need a trust. The reason I feel this has to do with the nature of one's estate.

Example: If a person or a couple have a few beneficiaries who are children or close relatives, and those beneficiaries are to receive all or most of an estate, then it is my opinion that the easiest thing to do is set up financial and banking accounts in "pay on death" mode with your bank or brokerage firm. Then at one's passing, the pay on death beneficiaries will receive what is in the accounts without the necessity of any estate administration (probate). All that would be necessary is to provide a death cer-

tificate and the bank or firm holding the account will turn it over. It's that simple.

Of course, there could be much more complicated estate planning issues. Maybe there's a special needs child or perhaps there are several different beneficiaries and they are to receive different percentages from the assets of a deceased. Then it would certainly be advisable to meet with an estate planning attorney or with an elder law attorney (most elder law attorneys are also estate planning attorneys).

**Q.** We are Florida residents with real estate in Florida and also in a mid-western state and also a far western state. Do you have a recommendation on how to do our estate planning?

**A.** My actual recommendation is that you need to sit down with your attorney to figure out what is the best approach for you in your set of circumstances. I can only point out that since you own real property in more than one state it is necessary to take into consideration what the laws are in those other states when the owner of such property passes on, in order to determine how you should plan your wills

or, if appropriate, your trust. The larger point I wish to make is that in my experience each person's actual circumstances must be taken into consideration when doing estate planning. In other words, there really is no hard and fast rule that can be applied to everyone.

**Q.** I am the power of attorney for a friend and I now need to sign a document for him. I called your office and you explained how it should be done but I suggested that you might want to include my question in your column.

**A.** First a quick lesson in terminology. When someone executes a durable power of attorney, the person who is appointed is known as the agent, not the power of attorney. The agent is the person you name. The power of attorney is the document.

The correct way to sign a durable power of attorney is for the agent to sign the principal's name by the agent. Example: Sally Jones by Gerald Colen, her agent.

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It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2017. It is a time of celebration, reflection and ... eating. Oh well, that's what New Year's resolutions are for. There is much going on in the community and I hope you take advantage of all the fantastic trips and classes being offered. This truly is the most wonderful time of year and I hope that you enjoy being with family and friends during this holiday season.

**Customer Service**

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Dec. 20, this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.



**The Lodge at Candler Hills**

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It's that time of year to sing Christmas carols. The Lodge is hosting a holiday "Kocktails and Karaoke" event on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., in the The Lodge at Candler Hills ballroom for Candler Hills residents. We invite you to be a part of this night with all your friends and neighbors. You are welcome to bring one outside guest on this evening. Bring your own beverages and enjoy the night. No charge to you! Get ready to hear sleigh bells ring because it won't be a silent night.

Do you enjoy holiday cookies? Are you looking for a new recipe to try? I've got the perfect solution for you. It's a holiday cookie exchange on Monday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. in the lounge of The Lodge at Candler Hills for Candler Hills residents. Just bring in a plate of your favorite homemade cookies, along with some recipe cards and share with your neighbors. You may just find your new favorite cookie to bake for the holiday season.

Having coffee with someone is

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 schedule: Friday, Dec. 22: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 25: closed; Friday, Dec. 29: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 1, 2018: closed.

**HOA Meetings**

The annual meeting for the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. in Circle Square Cultural Center. Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations will have their annual meetings on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively at Circle Square Cultural Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills for Candler Hills Association members. Please see Kenneth Colen's column for more information.

so relaxing, yet has endless potential. Join us for "Coffee and Conversation" on Wednesday, Dec. 6 and Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. What a wonderful way to meet and greet your neighbors.

New Year's Eve dinner party tickets are selling fast. If you have not reserved your seat, stop in now at The Lodge at Candler Hills anytime during the week and pick up your tickets today. The 45's will entertain us as we ring in 2018. 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 resident and \$70 per non-resident. Seating capacity will cap at 300 guests.

This event will be catered and will consist of prime rib as our leading entrée. 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 anyone of our staff for assistance.

No matter what you do to celebrate during this time of the year, I wish each of you joy and happiness to come. May 2018 be an amazing year for you all!

**Guest Passes**

If you need guest passes for the holidays, please visit Customer Service at your earliest convenience to arrange for passes for any family or friends who may be visiting overnight.

**Food Drive**

The annual food drive will run from Friday, Dec. 1, through Friday, Dec. 15. Please help support needy families in Marion County by donating much needed items in the donation boxes located throughout the community. For more information on items needed and the location of the donation boxes, please see the food drive article on page 1.

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

The following buildings are scheduled to be re-roofed within the next 90 days (December through February).

Buildings: 1936 A-H, 1939 A-F, 1949 A-J, 1951 A-C, 1952 A-C, 1961 A-C, 1962 A-F, 1964 A-G, 1965 A-F, 1968 A-G, 1969 A-G, 1970 A-G, 1971 A-G, 1976 A-H, 1977 A-F, 1979 A-H, 1983 A-D, 1984 A-F, 1988 A-D, 1990 A-G, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2024, 2025, 2028, 2031, and 2033. Single family units: E149265, B039279, B049275, B079259, B089253, E059270, G109155, G119145, G129135, 08259662, 0402B986, 04179680, 04139730, 04159700, 07109748, 07139718, 02109786, 03149652, 06029679, 08019649, and 08229698.

Schedules are based upon several factors: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority. Due to un-

foreseen weather conditions we cannot provide specific start dates.

**Lamp Posts**

A friendly reminder to all residents, please keep your lamp post clean and replace bulbs as they burn out. Make sure the light sensor is clean and not covered by debris. This is especially important for our evening walkers since the time change.

**Telephone Directory**

It's almost time for the 2018 telephone directory to be published. All changes must be in by Jan. 4, 2018. If you haven't already submitted changes to your directory entry, please stop by the Customer Service office at your earliest convenience to do so.

**Trash and Yard Debris Disposal**

I have received quite a few complaints as of late with regard to improper disposal of trash and yard debris. I'd like to remind everyone that yard debris is to be put on your curb the evening before, or the morning of, your designated pick-up day. It does not go on the common area or on your neighbor's lawn.

For those who do not have curbside collection, household trash should be disposed of at one of the many disposal areas located throughout the community. I have been told that someone is leaving bags of trash on the corner of SW 90th Lane. We all want our community to look its best as our family and friends visit during the holidays.

Wishing you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season.

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**Candler Connection**

Debra Keirn

The fifth annual barbecue picnic was held on a windy October day. 267 residents enjoyed good food and fun and laughter. Thank you to John Bain, Peggy Janisch and to the volunteers who made this event a wonderful success. We are all looking forward to next year's picnic.

Sheriff Billy Woods will speak on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills regarding issues going on in our area and along the SR 200 Corridor as well as scams in the area.

The sorting tour at FedEx is

scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 at 3 p.m. for a maximum of 10 persons. If interested, contact Bob Scherff at (352) 291-1505.

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018 will be the next potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Those residents with the last names beginning with A-C and T-Z should bring main entrees; D-K, side dish, salad or vegetable; and L-S, appetizers or dessert. Please label your dish with name and ingredients to assist people with dietary issues. Setup volunteers should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; all others by 5:30 p.m. to enjoy appetizers and to obtain a number for the table where you will be sitting. \$1 cost per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaffeinated coffee. To attend, contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net to let her know how many will be attending and if you can help with setup and/or cleanup.

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 go on sale in early January at \$25 per person. This event is a time to enjoy hors d'oeuvres with wine pairings before your evening meal.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills, Marion County Parks and Recreation will present information on State and County parks.

Other future events are a spring dinner dance at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Saturday, April 7, 2018 and ice cream sundae socials on Sunday, June 10, 2018 and Sun-

day, Aug. 19, 2018.

The nominating committee of the Candler Connection Social Club board is seeking candidates to fill four upcoming board vacancies for a two-year term. If you are interested in serving on this board, contact one of the following: Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737, Sue Miller at (305) 613-9376, Toni Beatty at (703) 447-4066 or Frank Tarentino at (987) 979-0814 to submit your bio by Friday, Dec. 15.

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 2:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018 will be the Candler Connection annual board meeting and election of board members at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 3 p.m. See you around the neighborhood.



**Lifelong Learning**

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At Master the Possibilities, we are so thankful for gifts we receive

from so many people. Gifts come in the form of donated teaching hours from more than 185 volunteer faculty who presented this year donating 1,600 hours of teaching.

A special year-round gift is the 62 volunteers who have donated more than 2,500 hours to organize events, assist with projects, and

help with customer support. Examples include Glenn Warren who clocked in 182 hours as of October. Master the Possibilities' board of directors also provide valuable guidance and year-round support.

Leadership volunteer Jerry Snyder spearheads Master the Possibilities' storytelling program. The Wednesday, Dec. 13, storytelling doubleheader will be spectacular. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., cracker cowboy poet Hank Mattson presents "Florida's Cattle History." The same evening, join us at 6 p.m. for "Storytelling on the Square" with lively holiday storytellers and more. See details under events at MasterthePossibilities.org.

Gifts come in the form of donations. Master the Possibilities will announce the receipt of a special long-term gift from our first major gift donor in January. As of November, 20 students gifted back their end-of-year course credit balance as a donation.

Duke Energy supported the fall Florida Author Series - a line-up of five exceptional visiting authors. The final author, Lars Anderson, delivers a presentation on "Bartram's Florida Explorations" on Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The talk is free to residents (\$5 to non-members) and all students receive a unique Bartram trails map.

Seeing positive results in students is such a gift. Losing weight, improving health, meeting new friends, and identifying a volunteer

need are just a few outcomes. It is a gift to see the joy in sharing Florida soul music, learning Samba, throwing your first pottery piece on a wheel, or sampling a British tea.

Share a gift of learning with others by purchasing gift certificates for classes. Just stop by the office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Who wouldn't want a class from the center's 100s of winter offerings? Winter online registration begins Friday, Dec. 15, with print catalogs available on or before Thursday, Dec. 28.

The ShutterBugs Photography Club shares quality photo exhibits almost monthly in the Master the Possibilities Living Room. Each show is unique and beautiful. The Model Railroaders steams in with their holiday display of trains starting Wednesday, Dec. 20, noon to 2 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 27. See detailed schedule at MasterthePossibilities.org.

I personally experience gifts every single day as our team registers students with a smile, helps faculty with set-ups, handles administrative details, and manages class details. They are so committed to the center's mission.

Last, but most importantly, are our students. You make our jobs meaningful and fun. You share when you hear something fabulous and let us know diplomatically if something falls short. It is your input that makes us better! Happy holidays!



**Stamp Club**

Joe Rosinski

It's that time of the year once again, and the General Francis Marion Stamp Club would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. I'm sure you'll get plenty of the U.S. Christmas issues on your incoming mail in the coming weeks. Check your post office to see the selection of stamps available. As a favor to stamp collectors, we ask that you use some uncommon stamps when mailing your Christmas cards this year.

I hope you got a chance to see one of the club's displays either at the Freedom Library or the main branch of the Marion County Library on Silver Springs Boulevard during the past couple of months.

The club had a successful couple of classes in the fall semester at Master the Possibilities and will continue with a couple more during the upcoming winter semester. Each class is two hours and will provide you with some real interesting information. Classes are limited to 10 students and the club members who conduct the classes share a lot of their collections with the class, and best of all, the classes are free for residents. Check out the Master the Possibilities catalog for further information.

Please see the Club Schedule insert with this issue of the World News for our meeting times and remember, all visitors are welcome. If you plan to attend one of our meetings at the Bank of the Ozarks, please park either on the side of the building or in the Winn-Dixie parking lot. The parking spaces in the front of the bank are for bank customers only. Thank you for your cooperation.

For those of you travelling during the holidays, safe travels, and have a wonderful holiday season.

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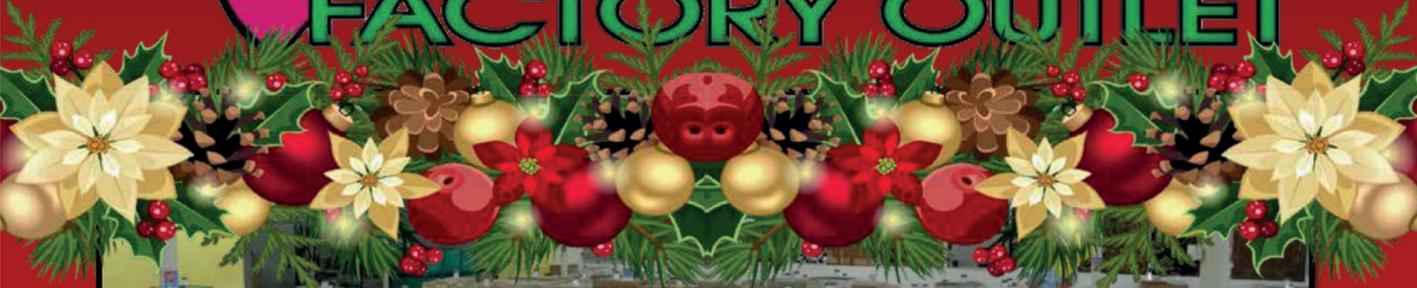
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**Community News**

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dog harass wildlife. There is a very good possibility that your pooch will encounter a gopher tortoise or a Sherman's fox squirrel. The tortoise is a protected species in Florida; the animal and their burrows must be respected. Did I mention that their burrows are also home to some really big diamond-back rattlesnakes? No joking about this! Allowing your dog to "explore" a burrow can often end badly for the dog and owner.

As to fox squirrels, yes they may appear to be "friendly" and love peanuts, but if the dog goes after them and is unfortunate enough to catch one, the fox squirrel will protect itself aggressively. The squirrel's teeth can do incredible damage. It once took me three months to heal all the deep abscesses on a dog that tangled with a fox squirrel. And yes, the squirrel won that encounter without so much as a scratch!

**Water Conservation Reminder**

It has been a few years since the SW Water Management District and Marion County reduced watering to one day per week at the change of daylight saving time in an effort to spur water conservation. Over the cooler months, this reduction in watering should be no cause for concern with lawns dormant (brown). After March, when lawns again emerge from dormancy, some hand watering may be advised. If you need assistance resetting your irrigation controller, please contact Customer Service to arrange assistance.

**Water Meter Change-out Program**

Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (BLCCDD) is beginning the third year of a five-year program replacing a total of 2,098 water meters. To date, they have replaced over 1,300 water meters. This multi-year project includes the Friendship Colony, Friendship Village and Americana Village. The new water meters are "smart meters" that track and record usage cycles. This feature will serve as a conservation tool to assist in the identification of excessive water usage and provide information to customers to aid in the identification of indoor water leaks.

**Circle Square Cultural Center**

As this year comes to an end, Circle Square Cultural Center hosted more guests for concerts, classes and events than any year since it was opened in 2006. It gives us great pleasure to see so many of you enjoying yourselves. Because of your support, we are able to continue to bring world-class entertainers to our stage. Thank you for your patronage! We appreciate it.

Tickets are available at CSCulturalCenter.com. For more information on shows and times, please read the Circle Square Commons column by Jo Salyers in the Arts & Entertainment section.

**Controlled Burning and Wild Lands Management**

As the winter season approaches, property owners begin to look for weather windows that allow for the burning of native plant habitats. On Top of the World employees have been unable to burn any of the upland habitat and wildlife preserve areas in prior years due to the high drought index and little or no rainfall in critical months causing red flag advisories which were in effect. An additional limiting fact is having sufficient personnel

to conduct a managed, controlled burn. In 2017, On Top of the World contracted out portions of the wildlife management areas for mechanical control. This involves thinning marketable trees and lowering the understory to a height that is beneficial for scrub jays and other species. The cut material is allowed to remain on-site until it can be removed to be burned at a future date, possibly in 2018 (weather permitting), to complete the wild lands renewal cycle.

The practice of understory management through controlled burning is very important from several perspectives. First, a controlled burn reduces the chance of wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is not uncommon to have fires started by lightning in Florida, which brings me to my second point. Fire in the upland habitats is necessary to maintain a healthy habitat succession. Much of the local plant ecology revolves around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire to breakdown the tough outer coat in order to germinate. Intrusive and competitive species are also reduced by pe-

riodic fire allowing for less competition with more established native plants (a favorable advantage).

In the coming months, we hope to have opportunities for controlled burning. Steps are taken to ensure a burn stays under control. These include plowing wide firebreaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as the use of heavy equipment to contain the burn area. We apologize in advance for any smoke that may drift east over the community. Better to have a planned controlled burn than a wildfire.

**Closing Thoughts**

Happy holidays to all! This time of year reminds me of all the people and things that I am thankful for. And, very importantly, I am thankful to have been a part of this beautiful community for so many years. It continues to be a wonderful opportunity to meet so many interesting and kind residents, as well as working with such exceptional employees.

Please accept my family's wishes for a safe and happy holiday season as well as a very healthy new year filled with goodness.



**Veterans Club**

**Bill Richhart**

A grateful thank you to Patty Fabiani from Fisher House, who presented us with a great deal of important information as to what the foundation represents. Also, we were honored to have the young Marine group and WW II veteran, Frank, help with the color guard presentation at last month's organ concert.

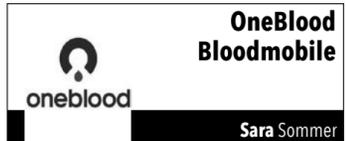
The speaker for our next meeting is Barbara Cooksey, the local di-

rector of the Villages Honor Flight. We look forward to hearing the latest on this great organization.

On Veterans Day, we paid a visit to many of our veterans residing in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We were able to say thank you with a salute and handshake. It is the veteran who served, and serves, that keeps our freedoms in this country. God bless you all.

Please remember donations for Operation Shoebox and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. Donations, whether monetary, toiletries, book etc. are so very much appreciated and gratefully accepted.

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



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Angela is a professional photographer based in Levy County. "I love Sholom Park for the extreme variety of sets I can get out of a single session," she says. "While the Park has exceptional foliage, rich foregrounds and backgrounds, you can easily find all the elements of composition, including framing, leading lines, reflection, color, texture, and more!"

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Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the holiday season. We had a brief cold snap in late October with some temperatures in the low to mid-30s. I thought it would be a good time to touch on backflow prevention devices, what they do and how you can protect yourself from freeze damage.

Florida plumbing code specifies that a Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) be installed on irrigation systems. Backflow preventers are "an approved safety device used to prevent pollution or contamination of the irrigation water supply

due to backflow from the irrigation system." Basically, these devices prevent the contamination of the potable water supply in the event of a negative pressure within the potable system. These devices are a public safety measure to ensure that our potable water is safe.

Protecting your backflow during the winter months needs to be a priority for maintaining your irrigation system and your wallet. In 2008, we saw the coldest temperatures in the state in 20 years. There were many backflows throughout the community that ruptured due to cold temperatures and I would be willing to bet we will see some cold days this winter.

The weather people are predicting it will be colder than usual after the first of the year. I urge you to take heed and winterize your backflow. At otowinfo.com you can se-

lect the "Resources" link at the top of the screen. Find and click on the homeowner maintenance tab. Once in the homeowner maintenance tab you will see several topics for landscape and home maintenance.

If you don't do anything else, at least cover your backflow with a heavy blanket. This should help with freezing temperatures. Customer Service also sells a backflow bag for \$63.90. This is an investment worth its price. Backflows typically cost anywhere from \$125 to \$200 depending on the contractor and what is needed to make the repair.

Don't forget to turn your irrigation clock back. Last month, we went to daylight saving time. Not only do you need to reset the irrigation clock to the proper time but also reduce your lawn watering to once per week watering. This is

the water restriction handed down by the water management district. Lawns do not need as much water during the cooler months. Too much water during these months and fungus can become a problem.

Fungal pathogens typically start showing up this time of year as well. Fungus is preventable with proper timing of fungicides in the landscape. For fungal pathogens to become active in the landscape a few environmental factors must be present. First, the temperatures have to be between 65 and 85 degrees. Second, soil moisture has to be at higher levels.

Rhizoctonia solani also known as Large Patch fungus is probably the easiest to identify by the "halo" or distinct yellow margin that forms and develops this time of year. Another way to identify the fungus is to run the palm of your hand across the potentially infected area and see if the leaf blades come off. If you have the fungus the leaf blades or sheaths will break off easily. Preventative applications are preferred but if you are trying to save the grass that has been infected using a systemic fungicide is the best bet. Systemic products are taken up through the plant while contact fungicides actually come into contact with the pathogen.

See you next year!



**Community Patrol**

**Patricia Woodbury**

First of all the members of the Community Patrol want to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas. Look for members of the Community Patrol in the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2.

At our October, meeting Lieutenant Welch of the Southwest District described the Richard Spencer event in Gainesville in October that he helped to secure. He credited all the law enforcement who participated and the performance of the students of the University of Florida for the lack of any significant trouble during the event. He said

the facility had seats for 800 people. 360 seats were for the media, 50 were for Spencer's people and the rest (480) were for others. However these seats were not filled. One half million dollars were spent for security at that event.

One of our patrol members, Bill Richhart attended a Marion County Sheriff's Office Foundation meeting for Gary Rodoff. The meeting was held by the new president of the Foundation, Gary Skosbergh. Skosbergh hopes to have at least two of these meetings each year. He provided some history of the Foundation, as it is in its ninth year. One of the units that the Foundation helps to support is the K-9 Unit. These special dogs, even before they are trained, cost \$9,000. Most of the dogs have tenure of five to six years. The Foundation has purchased safety vests, GPS units, and

a pontoon boat for the Rainbow River. They also support the October Halloween party for the community children and the annual volunteer appreciation dinner.

The approximately 1,500 volunteers of the Marion County Sheriff's Office have provided 91,380 hours of service for the year which is a tax savings of \$2,152,000 for the tax payers of Marion County.

There will not be a meeting in December. The next regular meeting of the Community Patrol will be Monday, Jan. 22, 2018.

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.



**Citizens Emergency Response Team**

**Beth McKeen**

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and 2018 is just around the corner. It has been a good year for CERT members.

We are grateful that there was no major storm damage in Ocala this year considering all the major damage that was inflicted on other areas of the country.

This year, the team practiced triage, search and rescue, head-toe assessment, setting up the command center, psychology of a disaster and visited with the new director of the Emergency Operation Center, Preston Bowlin. We also participated in two drills, both carried out in our community. Our best learning experience came with Hurricane Irma, when we were able to use many of our skills.

We took advantage of seven recruiting opportunities this year and

as a result have added several new team members, as well as four new HAM operators. Our team is growing, but still we are in need of more members to accommodate the increasing number of homes being built in the community.

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 teams, as well as from the Marion County Sheriff's Mobile Command Center.

Help us to help you! If you would like to become a member of our CERT and/or MERT teams, 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, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. For more information, contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

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Doug brings many years of experience to his position at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa. He specializes in pressure point and range of motion techniques to manipulate soft tissues into an appropriate tonal state. These techniques influence muscle and connective tissue to either soften, tighten, strengthen or lengthen. This training process helps to bring the body back into a state of balance, profoundly improving posture, balance and motor function. Doug’s formula is beneficial for clients with corrective needs as well as those seeking

to maximize their fitness potential.

Doug prides himself in helping his clients with weight loss, muscle gain, pain management, postural correction and improved flexibility. He has seen many of his clients go from “pain to performance.”

In addition to his neuromuscular therapy and personal training, Doug is highly credentialed with specialized training in corrective exercises, senior fitness, performance enhancement and weight loss. Feel free to stop by or call The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa to chat with Doug about your fitness goals. We are very fortunate to have Doug on the fitness team!



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Warm holiday greetings from Sholom Park!

We embark this month into a season of good cheer, with scores of excitement and happenings to add a pep to our days and a bounce to our steps.

Sholom Park’s list of activities continues to grow, with main events such as Fun at the Park and our L.E.A.F. Series (Learn. Achieve. Appreciate. Focus.) offering opportunities for new guests and veteran visitors to find peace, joy and learning at the park. These hour-long talks provide a variety of topics.

**L.E.A.F Series**

On Friday, Oct. 20, L.E.A.F.’s fo-

cus was on butterflies, their behaviors and habitats. Thanks to our guest speaker, Master Gardener Maxine Hunter of the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, visitors enjoyed opportunities to ask one-on-one questions about butterflies found throughout Florida. Maxine led a crowd on a walking tour throughout Sholom Park’s areas of dense butterfly activity.

On Friday, Nov. 17, L.E.A.F.’s event featured Robin Fannon, a distinguished culinary professional who demonstrated how to create and stage dynamic table scapes for any outdoor dining celebration. Attendees learned about color choices and table settings, floral arrangements and inside tips on how to make entertaining extra memorable.

This month’s L.E.A.F. talk on Friday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m., will offer an opportunity to fine-tune your photography skills – just in



Photo courtesy of Sholom Park

**Attendees discover multiple families of butterflies during Sholom Park’s L.E.A.F. Series on Friday, Oct. 20. Master Gardener Maxine Hunter led the tour.**

time for holiday family portraits. Professional photographer Angela Norton will give a crash course on outdoor photography, explaining many of the beautiful Sholom Park backdrops available for photo shoots.

All are invited. L.E.A.F. events are admission-free and do not require pre-registration; attendees should meet at Sholom Park’s pavilion.

Please note that amateur photographers are not required to have a Sholom Park Photo Permit, but professional photographers shooting images for a fee are required to maintain an annual Sholom Park Photo Permit. Please visit sholom-park.org for more information.

**Fun at the Park**

Mark your calendar! Sholom Park will host its fifth Fun at the Park event on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018.

Plans are being made for live music, entertainment and family-friendly fun. If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to hear from you! Fun at the Park is designed to be a fun afternoon for all.

**Sholom Park Updates**

Would you like to receive news and updates directly from Sholom Park? Simply e-mail info@sholom-park.org, include your name and contact information, and we will include you in future Sholom Park updates via e-mail. If you share a testimonial about your experiences at Sholom Park, your testimonial may be included in an upcoming issue of the World News.

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**Democratic Club**

Dan Lack

Since we do not collect dues, the only way to be sure that you are a club member is if you attend our meetings. At the end of every year, we do some housecleaning of our membership list based upon your attendance. If you did not attend at least one of our last three meetings in September, October or November, and you want to remain a club member, please use the contact information below to let us know. You may always rejoin in the future if you leave us now.

The Democratic Club does not

meet in December so that our members have more time to enjoy fun family functions during the holidays. This gives me an opportunity to review what we accomplished during 2017. We met a great selection of speakers, both Democratic and Republican: Elaine McClain from the Citizen's Academy along with County Commissioner Carl Zalak, Silver Springs Alliance board members Karen Chadwick and Mo Driggers, New York University Professor Emeritus Dr. Martin Hoffert, Sheriff Billy Woods, Congressional candidate Franklin Schuler Jr., Ocala Ritz Veterans Village Residence Director Roy Daniel, school tax oversight committee chair Nancy Noonan, school district liaison for homeless children Suzanne McGuire, and School Superintendent

Heidi Maier.

Socially, we got together at the "Proud to be a Democrat" dinner at the Livestock Pavilion, we attended two club luncheons at the Stone Creek Grille and we enjoyed ice cream at Simply Ice Cream. We enjoyed playing constitutional/civics/history trivia. We also participated in both On Top of the World Club Fairs. Politically, we have demonstrated in the Ocala Downtown Square and we have made phone calls and sent postcards to our legislators to help preserve good health care, among other issues.

I would like to thank the Democratic Club officers and directors for their expertise and advice during the past year and also our volunteers: videographer John Bauer and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village deliverer Evelyn Holiday.

The Democratic Club board of directors wishes happy holidays and a happy and healthy New Year to all residents.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (except December) at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the Club. Videos of our speakers may be viewed on YouTube.com (otow demclub).

For more information contact

Dan Lack at 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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**Republican Club**

Bill Richhart

Our last meeting was held on Friday, Nov. 10, at the Arbor Conference Center. We celebrated with a Thanksgiving gathering dinner catered by Friendship Catering. The date coincided with the 242nd birthday of the Marine Corps and with Veterans Day on Nov. 11. We honored both by singing our National Anthem and placing a small flag at each place setting. The lovely autumn centerpieces were created by our friend, Barbara Hines, and were gifted to one lucky recipient at each table.

This will be the last meeting for

me as president. Due to a previously scheduled obligation, I am unable to attend our December meeting. Vice President Wendell Crist will conduct our December meeting. This is an important meeting where we will elect new officers for the year 2018. It is also a fun time where we enjoy our Christmas potluck dinner.

I would like to thank all of our members and their guests, who came to our meetings and made them special. Thanks to our officers: Wendell, Joanie and Fiona for their service to the club in their various capacities. Also a thank you to all our elected local, State and Federal officials who gave of their valuable time to speak and keep us up-to-date on issues pertaining to Marion County. It has been an honor for all our officers to serve this year.

will be some holiday games. People attending are requested to bring items such as other meat dishes, pasta, salads and other items. Bring serving utensils if your dish requires. You will need to bring your own drinks. We are looking forward to a festive and joyous evening.



**Avalon Social Group**

Marie Roppel

Monday, Dec. 11 will find the Avalon Social Club enjoying the middle of the holiday season. At 5:30 p.m., they will meet at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. The evening meal will center on our traditional ham dinner. Tickets are currently on sale and are available from Ed Barnes (352) 304-8206 or Sherry Whitmer-Hall (913) 638-9256. Following the meal

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### Active Singles

Ed Galizia, Jr.

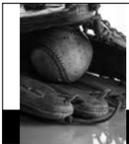
'Tis the season to be ... merry, happy, cheerful, joyful, jolly, and of course, lively! That's certainly what we've been, as we continue to grow in both membership and folks attending events.

Speaking of events, we continue to have great participation at the monthly dinners and happy hours at The Club at Candler Hills and once again the management and staff at the restaurant stepped up and were able to handle the larger than expected crowd. As a reminder, the monthly dinners are the first Sunday of the month at The Club at Candler Hills (Dec. 3) from 4 to 6 p.m., and the monthly happy hour at The Club at Candler Hills on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Also in December is the Holiday Golf Cart Parade, Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m., an event that we will be participating in and trying to break the record for the highest number of golf carts in the parade. We will have a decorating party before the parade starts and the more folks who participate - the merrier. You can find additional information at ActiveSinglesOTOW.com.

Our membership meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, from 6 to 8 p.m. We plan to review the website and e-mail blast functions and we'll review the submissions for the logo contest, which is still open to submissions.

On behalf of the board, we would like to wish you and your family a merry Christmas, happy Hanukah, and a happy and healthy New Year. Thanks again for your continued participation, input and support this past year and into the New Year. We look forward to continued growth and success in 2018.



### Softball

Bill Leon

After a short break, the winter softball league is off to a good start. With all the home building going on, we have benefited as new residents have joined our softball league.

The league kicked off on Monday, Oct. 2 and will be running into May 2018, so there is still time for any newcomers to join. We are still waiting for some snowbirds to come back and join their fellow players, but the teams are all off and running for now.

The field looks beautiful and we are getting more spectators watching. There are rare times when we may look like the Keystone Kops, but that is few and far between. Come see how you can be amazed at times when plays are made that astound even the players.

There probably will be more rocket shots out of the park as the cool weather tends to make the ball travel further. The teams are all set and the competition is looming as

every team is hoping to reach the top tier even if it's just for bragging rights.

Overall though it's mainly to have fun, get exercise, and meet and make new friends. It's a great bunch of players as they cheer everyone on and after the game they continue to encourage the players and help in honing the players who may be struggling because they have been away from the game so long.

The team to watch most is Pavarotti's as they seem to have one of the stronger teams. Things change often in our league and it is still early in the season. The Swinson Chiropractic team is close behind in second place; just one game behind. Cebert Wealth and Pearson Nissan are just two games back and trailed by Hilton Automotive. Our last place team, which hadn't won a game, has come alive and won their last two games to move them into the win column.

Team	Won	Lost
3-Pavarotti's (Paul)	6	2
6-Swinson (Jeff)	5	3
4-Cebert Wealth (Bill)	4	4
5-Pearson Nissan (Steve)	4	4
2-Hilton Auto (Jimmy)	3	5
1-Dr. Dunn (Mark)	2	6

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### Singles Club

Lorraine Serwan

Happy holidays everyone!

Our annual holiday luncheon will be at Red Lobster on Wednesday, Dec. 13. We will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot at 11 a.m. If you haven't signed up yet, call Dianne at (352) 509-4922. Don't forget the gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of about \$10. No re-gifting, please.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, we will have an early dinner at Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille followed by a walk around the Downtown Square to enjoy the Christmas decorations.

### Everyone Wins Club

Sandi Kemp

Our next Everyone Wins night will be on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m., in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. It will be a fun-filled night with lots of laughs and a gift exchange! We start with snacks (you are welcome to bring a snack to share)! Iced tea, soda, and water are provided. Bring a wrapped gift to participate in the white elephant gift exchange.

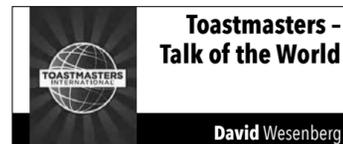
We will play a fun version of bingo, and the rest of the evening is a surprise. For instance, at our Oc-

tober meeting we were treated to a hysterical version of Patsy Cline's song, "She's Got You" sung by our own Kathy Petrosky, and believe me, Patsy never sang it like that! In November, we were surprised to find that we have more talented people who play the kazoo!

Everyone is invited (couples and singles)! The cost is \$5, which should be brought as five \$1 bills.

You will win at least \$2 and maybe more if you are lucky and a great prize from our boutique!

No reservations are needed, just show up, we will be glad to see you! For more information, call Sandi at (352) 237-9073.



### Toastmasters - Talk of the World

David Wesenberg

For the first time, Toastmasters met twice at Freedom Library in November. Due to Thanksgiving, only one meeting was held at Cypress Hall. We will meet again at 4:30 p.m. at Freedom Library on Dec. 6 and 20 and at Cypress Hall on Dec. 13 and 27, at 8:30 a.m.

Member Jeff Gordon has won the area evaluation contest and will now compete in the division evaluation contest. Congratulations Jeff!

This coming month will be exciting with 12 speeches and four table topics sessions. There will be a mix of manual speeches and educational presentations.

Toastmasters is an organization dedicated to effective speech and leadership. It begins with 10 speech assignments starting with an ice-breaker speech to introduce yourself. Completion of the 10 speeches results in a competent toastmaster award, the first step.

The ultimate leadership training is functioning in the offices of the club such as president, vice president of education, vice president of membership, vice president of public relations, sergeant of arms, treasurer and secretary.

But the real Toastmaster experience is listening to great speeches and meeting wonderful people.

Come join us and improve your communication, listening and leadership skills. Our membership is growing, increasing the fun. Contact Dave Wesenberg at [dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com](mailto:dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com) or 217-280-4454.

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## Festival of Lights

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Are you looking to get into the holiday spirit? Taking a trip to see Christmas lights is such a wonderful way to do it.

So, get into your car or golf cart and drive through the community to see how your neighbors decorated. Make sure to stop by at the Picciurro house at 8604 SW 95th Court in Stonebridge in Candler Hills. Their house will be decorated from Dec. 1 to Jan. 15. This year, they are also opening up the inside of their home (weather permitting). If you think the outside is extravagant, wait until you see the inside! There will be five Christmas trees inside and one outside. Just a simple knock on the front door is all it will take for those wishing to view inside. Children are welcome as long as they are supervised and holding hands of an adult.

If you are looking to venture outside of the community, the list of places to view lights and decorations (by no means is this a complete list) is to the left of this article.

There are so many other places to go like Disney, Sea World, Gaylord Palms Resort, University of Central Florida, Stetson Mansion, etc. Whatever you do, please have a Merry Christmas along with a joyous holiday season.

<p><b>Festival of Lights</b> Dec. 1-24 · 5:30 to 9 p.m. \$3 per person Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, White Springs, Fla. (386) 397-2733 · floridastateparks.org/park-events/Stephen-Foster</p>	<p><b>Santa Over the Rainbow</b> Dec. 8-10, Dec. 15-17 and Dec. 26-27 · 6 to 8:30 p.m. \$2 per person Rainbow Springs State Park, Dunnellon, Fla. (352) 465-8555 · floridastateparks.org/park-events/Rainbow-Springs</p>	<p><b>Celebration of Lights</b> Dec. 19-24, Dec. 26 · 5:30 to 9 p.m. \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, Homosassa, Fla. (352) 628-5343 · floridastateparks.org/content/celebration-lights-0</p>
<p><b>Holiday Golf Cart Parade</b> Dec. 2 · 2 to 4 p.m. On Top of the World See page 29 for parade map.</p>	<p><b>Holiday Festival</b> Dec. 13 · 6 to 8 p.m. Recreation Center Ballroom See page 15 for more info.</p>	<p><b>Crystal River Holiday Boat Parade</b> Dec. 23 · 6:15 p.m. Kings Bay, Crystal River, Fla. <a href="http://cptsuzie.wix.com/crystal-riverboatparade">http://cptsuzie.wix.com/crystal-riverboatparade</a></p>
<p><b>Holiday Celebration with Norman Lee Schaffer, Billy Buchanan &amp; His Rock n' Role Revue</b> Dec. 2 · 4 to 8 p.m. The Town Square at Circle Square Commons</p>	<p><b>Ocala/Marion County Christmas Parade</b> Dec. 9 · 5:30 p.m. East Silver Springs Boulevard (from SE 25th Ave to NE 8th Ave), Ocala, Fla. <a href="http://ocalamarionchristmasparade.com">ocalamarionchristmasparade.com</a></p>	<p><b>Holiday Lights</b> Through Jan. 7, 2018 Downtown Square, Ocala, Fla.</p>
<p><b>Mount Dora Lighted Boat Christmas Parade</b> Dec. 2 · 7:30 p.m. Lakefront Mount Dora, Fla. <a href="http://mountdorachristmas.com/events.shtml">mountdorachristmas.com/events.shtml</a></p>		<p><b>Nights of Lights</b> Through Jan. 31, 2018 Plaza de la Constitucion King Street, St. Augustine, Fla. <a href="http://floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights">floridashistoriccoast.com/nights-lights</a></p>

## Annual Christmas Bird Count

By Debbie Sherer

On Monday, Dec. 18, the Unique Birders will be participating in the southwestern portion of the Marion County Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (CBC). The CBC is sponsored by the National Audubon Society and citizens from all over the Western Hemisphere will participate in this 118th count. All counts to be conducted in the United States will occur between the dates of Thursday, Dec. 14, through Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. If you are interested in becoming a citizen scientist by participating in the CBC, please contact the SW Marion County CBC coordinator, Judy Greenberg, at [judymg@gmail.com](mailto:judymg@gmail.com). Do not worry if you are an inexperienced birder. Each group needs both bird identifiers and recorders to keep track of the species counts.

Over 100 years ago a group of hunters realized that the demand for bird feathers used in ladies hats was decimating the populations of birds with beautiful plumage like egrets and herons. Citizen outrage

over the decline of these birds led to the formation of the Audubon Society and subsequently the yearly CBC. The yearly CBCs provide data for researchers studying the ongoing status and range of bird populations across the Americas.

Birds are good indicators of environmental health because they travel over a large part of the earth. Bird surveys alerted scientists to the dangers of toxins like DDT and the harmful effects of environmental pollutants released to bird habitats by disasters like the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the BP offshore oil platform explosion. CBC data is used by many state and federal wildlife agencies as well as the U.S. military to interpret and predict the effects of climate change on our environment, humans and wildlife.

Please consider participating in the 118th CBC. Contact Judy Greenberg ([judymg@gmail.com](mailto:judymg@gmail.com)) before Dec. 14 to sign up for the Marion County CBC.



Photo by Bill Shampine

**Margitta Claterbos, Ron Broman, and Melanie Vittitow pulling weeds and spreading mulch on the traffic circle that was planted and is being maintained by the Native Plant Group.**

## Giving Thanks and Spreading Native Plants

By Ron Broman

Spook's day is over. So is thanks day. We probably need a special day; but giving thanks is everyday's job. I guess you knew that.

Thank you to On Top of the World for allowing our Native Plant Group to have a signature spot for plants native to our area to grow. Maintenance of the SW 94th Street circle is minimal, but necessary. Every fourth Wednesday, rain or shine, our team arrives at 8:30 a.m. or so to pick weeds, deadhead the perennials and prune.

It was decided that to keep down the weeds, conserve moisture and protect cold sensitive plants, it was time to add some mulch. We give thanks to some very savvy folks in South Florida, who have been in need of controlling a very invasive exotic (non native) tree (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*). There is now a product marketed as Florimulch derived from the harvesting of the *Melaleuca*. It has been treated so

the seeds are no longer viable and it does the job.

The material is very dense and it soaks up water like the proverbial sponge. What better way to keep down the ever present, encroaching unwanted plants than to cover them with such a convenient blanket.

If your habit or your desire is to drive past the SW 94th Street circle on a fourth Wednesday around 8:30 a.m., you're more than welcome. With a "thumbs up" or a victory sign, your presence will be appreciated. We'd like it even more if you would join us there, or on the second Wednesday, at the same time, at the Longleaf Pine Trail. We can chat together about the importance of growing plants that are at home in our community.

In that way, we can all show our thanks and help out this old and magnificent planet earth!

Growing native is healthy - for everyone!

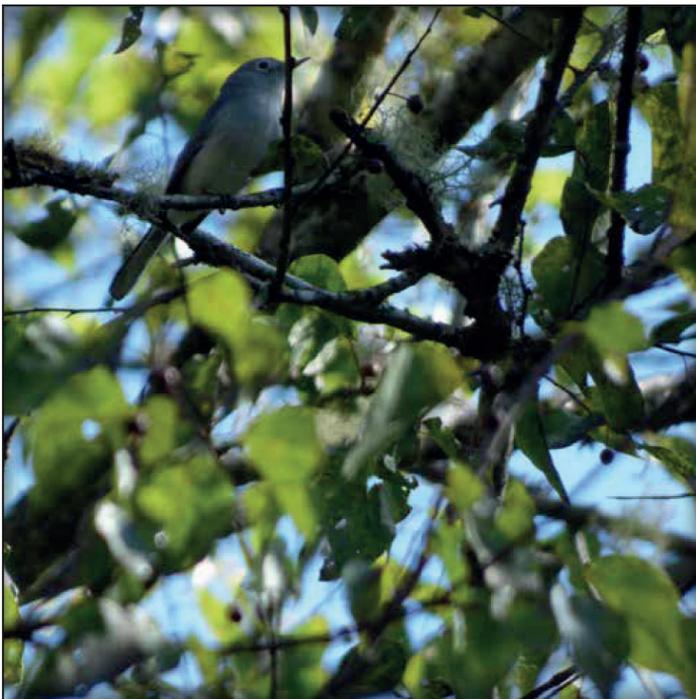


Photo by Debbie Sherer

Northern mockingbird.



**Genealogy Society**

Peter Parisi

On Monday, Oct. 23, the Genealogical Society elected the following members as officers for 2018: Ron Niebo - president; Harvey Radford - vice president; Suzanne Scheraga - treasurer; and Elaine Voorhis - secretary. These new officers will take office at the holiday luncheon on Monday, Dec. 11.

After the election, Julia Hendrick gave a presentation on GEDmatch.com. GEDmatch has a huge database of DNA results because it accepts raw data (your DNA) from many different testing companies, such as ancestry.com, 23andme.com, familytreedna.com and myheritageDNA.com. Even if a rela-

tive uses a different testing company, uploading your DNA results to GEDmatch.com increases the chances of finding a match, assuming they have uploaded their DNA results to GEDmatch.

Your GEDmatch test results will list the names of various people to whom you may be related, but whom you may not recognize. Add the names to your tree of people related to you through marriage. Keep in mind that women normally gave up their maiden name when they married, making their relationship to your family not readily apparent. Print out a surname report from your genealogy program to see if there is a pattern in the names listed.

Unfortunately, for most of us, our grandparents and parents are deceased, but you can test first cousins and nieces and nephews. Each chromosome contains infor-

mation called centimorgans (cM). GEDmatch will tell you how many cMs and segments are similar between you and a possible relative. Disregard anything under seven cM as too distant or a false positive. The higher the total cM, the closer the relationship. For instance, a first cousin would have an average of 869 cM, a second cousin 238 cM, a third cousin 79 cM and a second cousin once removed 129 cM.

Circumstances that could confuse the DNA results would be: identical twins, bone marrow transplants, several marriages resulting in half relationships and adoptions.

To sign up, go to GEDmatch.com, create a free account and follow the instructions to upload your DNA data. GEDmatch has many tools, which you can use to analyze your DNA results. If you are new to DNA testing, click on the various topics on the "Title Page" under "Learn

More" or "Analyze Your Data/DNA Raw Data." Click on the "One to Many" to compare your results to many possible relatives. Click on the "One to One" to compare yourself to any one person on your DNA results.

The Genealogical Society will not hold a business meeting or an educational presentation in December. However, it will hold a holiday luncheon at Bella Cucina in Oak Run at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 11. At this luncheon, we will install our new officers for 2018.

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 otagenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.



**Women of the World**

Betty Thayer

We hope that everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving with friends and family.

Our Friday, Nov. 3 meeting was well attended and the donations for the SPCA of Marion County overflowed the tables. A big thank you for the support our members show toward the monthly charities.

The guest speaker was Detective Eric Dice from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. His presentation

was on fraud, scams, identity theft, and how to avoid being a victim. Detective Dice also gave some pointers to be safe this holiday season: be alert when shopping; keep your purse close to your person; and pay attention to what's around you.

Women of the World is helping to make some children's Christmas a happy one. We are donating money to the Marion County Sheriff's Office and to the Angel Tree for Horizon Academy in Marion Oaks. We are so proud of our members who are making this happen.

It's not too early to be thinking of the Luncheon and Fashion Show to benefit Hospice of Marion County. Tickets for tables go on sale in

January and are \$25 per person. So, get your friends together for the Saturday, March 3, 2018 show.

We want to give a big shout out to Lois Nix and her merry band of helpers for making our trash to treasure tables such a success.

Our next meeting is on Friday, Dec. 1, at 12:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The Golden Troopers will provide entertainment. Our monthly charity is Arnette House. They provide emer-

gency shelter services for youth ages 10 to 17 and need items for both boys and girls. During the holiday season the counselors provide each child with a gift bag.

Suggested items are socks, underwear, shampoo and soap (in small or travel size), combs, costume jewelry, and small throw blankets.

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**American Jewish Club**

Sandra Wolf

The board of the American Jewish Club wants to thank all of you who bought tickets and raffles at the fashion show. You made this event a success! A portion of the funds will be donated to a local charity. I would also like to thank all the volunteers (models, ticket sellers, bakers and those who worked behind the scenes). A special thanks to Jackie Ludmer for bringing this event to On Top of the World.

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Cedar Key was the first of hopefully many more trips. Ralph and Renee Coster hosted this trip. Ralph has been looking into other day and overnight trips. We thank him for his diligence.

Due to Thanksgiving, the lunch bunch will take place on Thursday, Nov. 30, at noon at Mimi's Cafe. There will be no lunch bunch in December; instead it will be a lox and bagel meeting. On Sunday, Dec. 17, we will celebrate Chanukah at 12:30 p.m., with the music of Dr. Helfin, a returning favorite. This is for paid up members only.

This year the club is hoping to enter two golf carts in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2. If you are at home, come watch the parade.

The board wishes you all a happy Chanukah and a happy and healthy New Year!

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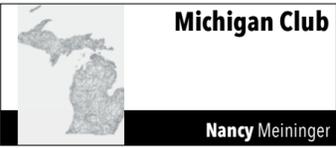
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In lieu of our regular monthly meeting in December, all members are invited to gather at the Horse & Hounds Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 7, at noon, to celebrate the holidays.



Imagine this - an indoor tailgate party! How did that work? It took a group of happy go lucky Michiganers, a little college rivalry - as in University of Michigan / Michigan State University and a 20-foot long table of yummy football food, plus some trivia and voila - a tailgate success! The trunk side serving aspect never entered the picture.

At this meeting the Michigan Club decided enthusiastically to support the Holiday Golf Cart Parade and is busily designing several carts for entry Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. Cart line-up starts at the Recreation Center parking lot and will parade to The Town Square.

For the monthly meeting of the Michigan Club, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. a holiday party is planned in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. Anyone with ties to Michigan, past or present is encouraged to attend.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their tables this year with international holiday flair. Focus on countries around the world and pick one for your table theme. Create a centerpiece to reflect that country and bring a dish that is native to it.

Suggestions include: 1) Mexico - using a bright sombrero with ribbons and flowers for a centerpiece and bright salsas, chips, corn and beans for the festive dish; 2) France - adorn the table with silk ribbons, white linen, chocolates, pastries, and flavored coffee; 3) Poland - set a lacey tablecloth, and serve old fashioned angel wing cookies; 4) Germany - colorful nutcrackers, a dinner dish with red cabbage, onions, apple, dumplings, and sausage; or 5) The Netherlands - a group of several St. Nicholas statues on a red and black table runner to set the theme serving a plate of hearty breads and cheeses.

Attendees are encouraged to bring three dozen cookies to ex-

If you need to get in touch with us, please call our hotline number at (352) 362-0985.

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

We'd appreciate a call to our hotline number if you can donate dog or cat food for the Pets on Wheels program, as we've run low again. For those of you new to the area,

change as well as a tin to take the exchanged cookie choices home.

Also, new Michigan Group shirt orders are being taken. If you have an interest in a club shirt, give Nancy Meininger a three by five card with your name, telephone number and size.

The Michigan Club kicks off the New Year at 5 p.m. on Jan. 7 with speaker Pat Gabriel of SR 200 Coalition who will talk about new commercial and residential development in Ocala. Bring a plate to pass and a non-alcoholic beverage for yourself. Meet in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. Any questions, call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.

the Pets on Wheels program provides meals and treats for dogs and cats whose owners receive food through Meals on Wheels. This way everyone in the household is taken care of. The SPCA packs food and treats every other week for these needy animals. Through the generosity of our friends and neighbors in our local communities, we can keep our costs down through food donations.

We are happy to report that Nathan the puppy featured in last month's column has been adopted into his forever home. Congratulations to Nathan and his family.

During the holiday season, you can help us out if you see us at the Farmer's Market at The Town Square most Thursday mornings. We will be gift-wrapping for donations from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

December will be the last month our current board members will be in place as new members will be installed in January. We would like to thank Betty Kyle, president; Sue Voorhees, first vice president; Melanie Vittitow, vice president membership; Paula Gajewski, secretary; and Pat Russell, treasurer for their dedicated three years of great work for the animals of Marion County.

We would not be where we are today without them.

We are so pleased that our bunco fundraiser at the Arbor Conference Center on Nov. 4 was such a big success. We want to thank everyone who came out for this fun event or helped us out in any way. We want to especially thank our local businesses that donated gifts for us to raffle off. These animal-friendly businesses are Curves, Dominos, Gators Dockside, GranPatty's Polymer Designs, The Hair Cuttery, IHOP, Making Waves Salon and Spa, Mimi's Café, Piesanos, The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, and Scoops Ice Cream Parlor. We encourage our members and all who care about the animals of Marion County to support these businesses and thank their management personally for caring about the SPCA.

We also want to thank the following people who were instrumental in running this event so smoothly: Genevieve Mallardi for taking care of the tickets, Melanie Vittitow for being the chairperson and organizing all the details, and Betty Thayer for being our superb MC and patiently explaining all the rules to bunco novices.



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**Southern Club**

Melanie Vittitow

Members of the Southern Club are becoming very informed on safety and lifesaving tips. In October we were told of a program set up by the Lions Club to inform first responders of our medical needs if we are unable to communicate. Then in November a member of the Metro Crime Prevention team gave

us an abbreviated safety workshop with a lot of useful information on keeping ourselves, our money, and our homes safe. Since seniors are usually the targets of fraud and theft, we appreciated the advice.

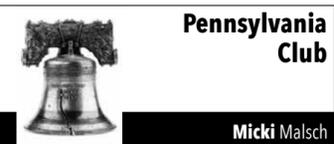
The December program will be very different. We are having our holiday feast followed by a grab-bag gift exchange and fun Christmas caroling. The club is providing the meats with our great southern cooks providing the fixins'. If you haven't already signed up for the dinner, you need to call Ann right now at (352) 304-8317! We also

hope to be celebrating our second consecutive win of the Holiday Golf Cart Parade trophy. The other clubs are on notice that our members are busy planning some great floats (I mean carts)!

For those new to the community, the Southern Club meets on the first Thursday of the month from September to May, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Since you are now living in the south, we consider you an honorary southerner, and you are welcome to join our club as long as you are a resident. The meeting starts at 4:30

p.m. with a potluck dinner, a short meeting and entertainment or a speaker. You are asked to bring a dish to share and your plates and utensils. The club furnishes coffee, tea and lemonade. Since the club is buying the meat for this dinner, we need a count of the number of people attending so if you decide you want to come, you need to call Ann Fields at (352) 304-8317. There will also be a slight charge to defray the cost.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at (352) 873-8690. If not, I'll see you on Dec. 7.



**Pennsylvania Club**

Micki Malsch

The Pennsylvania Club met on Wednesday, Nov. 8. 35 members

enjoyed snacks and desserts provided by the members. Six games of bingo were played for prizes.

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 were asked to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Four club members will be preparing hams for dinner as well. If you wish to attend and have not yet signed up, please call John Diekman at (352) 861-9516.

Members are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Salvation Army toy drive. Micki Malsch will be purchasing \$100 worth of toys to be donated by the club as well.

"The Night Before Christmas" gift exchange will be held following dinner. Members are asked to bring a wrapped \$10 gift for the exchange.

The first meeting in 2018 takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Annual dues of \$5 will be collected at that time and membership cards will be distributed for the new year.

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



**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 living there for work, college or military service.

In honor of the famous Terlingua chili cook-off, which just celebrated its 51st contest, our November meeting was our own chili cook-off. We reviewed the history of this Texas cook-off which started in 1967 as a challenge by Dallas newspaper columnist Frank X. Tolbert, author of a book about chili called "A Bowl of Red" and New York magazine writer, H. Allen Smith who wrote "Nobody Knows More About Chili Than I Do."

Tolbert's friend, Wick Fowler, was regarded as the best chili cook in all of Texas. So he was pitted against Smith in the contest. The first cook-off was as much about partying as it was about the food, but somewhere in the midst of it all, Smith and Fowler even cooked chili. The contest was declared moot after the tie-breaking judge allegedly gagged on a spoonful of Smith's chili.

For our version, seven willing contestants offered up their chili

for sampling. All were very tasty and it was hard for some of us to choose a favorite. After the votes were counted the winning entries were:

1: Carol Wachter; 2: Bobbie Hacker; and 3: Ilene Casper.

A big thanks goes to all of the chili cooks and everyone who provided the toppings, chips, cornbread, sides and yummy desserts.

Also in November, the town of George West, the Storytelling Capital of Texas, holds its annual story fest. In the spirit of that tradition our entertainment for the evening was sharing some Texas tales and jokes. Jim Hacker had some especially good ones and we figure he'll have plenty to share at future meetings. If you had a tale or joke and we missed giving you the floor, don't give up. There will be opportunities in the future. After all, Texans are known as talkers and story swappers!

The Holiday Golf Cart Parade is Saturday, Dec. 2. The Cornells have signed up to represent the Texas Connection Social Club and are looking for additional folks who want to cruise with us. If you are interested, contact Kathy or Gary Cornell.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 10 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C (note change from our usual location.) Please bring a snack to share and a wrapped white elephant gift under \$5. The funnier and more creative the better! This will be your opportunity to wear your ugly Christmas sweater or tee shirt or other holiday inspired fashion. We'll be sharing Texas Christmas memories and have games and other activities.

For more information about the Texas Connection Social Club, please contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

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**Illinois Social Club**

Marlene Kaiser

We had a good turnout and great variety of good food at our November get together.

Come meet new Illinois friends on Sunday, Dec. 10. We will have a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant. Contact Marlene Kaiser at (352) 843-4133 or marlenekaiser@yahoo.com for more details. Hope to hear from you!

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**Travel Toppers**

Anne Parker

Travel Toppers invites you to look at the trips listed below, and to call to make your reservations. These trips fill up fast, and we want you to be a part of them.

Only four seats remain on our last trip of 2017 to the Show Palace on Christmas Day for the Christmas Spectacular. The cost is \$73 per person and includes trans-

portation, all tips and the buffet lunch. You may call Inge Gaitch at (352) 237-7428 (from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to reserve your seat. 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.

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 (from 9 a.m. to

1 p.m.) to book this trip. The heir to the Frankish throne, the young Prince Pippin, is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment.

On Thursday, March 15, 2018, we will travel to the Show Palace to see "Unexpected Songs." The cost is \$74 and includes bus, tips, lunch and the show. Call Inge at (352) 237-7428 (from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to book this. The show will feature some of the most beloved music from the greatest musical theater songbooks of all time.

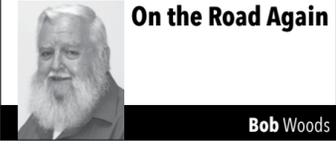
On Saturday, April 7, 2018, we will travel to Tampa Downs for a

fun day. The cost is \$48 per person and includes transportation, all tips, admission and a buffet lunch. Call Inge at (352) 237-7428 beginning on Feb. 5, 2018 (from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to reserve your seat.

Be on the lookout for two cruises in the future. In the fall of 2018, we are planning a trip to Cuba. In 2019, a cruise is planned on the Harmony of the Seas leaving from Port Canaveral.

These trips are open to all residents and their guests.

Thank you for traveling with us this past year. We wish you a happy holiday season.



**On the Road Again**

Bob Woods

Are you interested in traveling to England and Scotland departing on Aug. 3, 2018 for a 12-day motor coach trip? The club is looking for two guests to fill the coach and stand-by for this trip. There are no obligations or deposits required for adding your name to the stand-by list. This tour is packed with historical destinations after arriving

on an overnight flight to London.

The tour will take you to Stonehenge, Plymouth, Bath, and Cardiff, Wales. You will see the famous baths and Roman remains. The group will stop in Liverpool before crossing the Scottish border with a stop at Greta Green as the group heads to Glasgow. We will follow the "Bonnie Banks" as the group makes their way to the Isles of Skye before heading to Loch Ness to see if Nelly" is still swimming in the Loch. The group will make their way to Edinburgh where a local guide will give the group a tour of the city including Edinburgh

Castle. The trip also includes the famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo as well as other destinations.

Traveling back to England, the group will tour Alnwick Castle, which featured Harry Potter and Downton Abby. The tour will take the adventurers to York and Stratford-upon-Avon where we will visit Anne Hathaway's cottage along with Shakespeare's birthplace before returning to London.

The club has a few cabins still remaining on the cruise on board Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas departing Tampa on March 12, 2018 heading for Key West

and then onto Cozumel, Mexico for a five-night, six-day cruise. The club is providing a \$50 shipboard credit per cabin. This is a perfect opportunity for those who have never cruised previously and want to get their feet wet. Passports are required.

For additional information or flyers, call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702 or visit the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com. While on the website check out the pictures from previous trips.



**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

Luke Mullen

The month of October was when the Favorite Recipes Dinner Club resumed our normal schedule with seven club members attending two dinners. The kick off dinner was held on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Our hosts for the first dinner were Liz and Julian Wachs. Phyllis and Al Richards started the evening with stuffed mushroom caps (with Italian sausage, seasoned bread crumbs, Romano cheese and sour cream) and first prize cheese ball (with cream cheese, Blue cheese, green onions and dried cranberries). Kathy and Luke Mullen then served a Greek salad. The contents were romaine lettuce, red bell peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, Kalamata olives, red onion and fresh mint with virgin olive oil, red-wine vinegar and feta cheese. Liz and Julian then served the meal. It was sous vide\* pork tenderloin with

savory bread pudding and French green beans with shallot crisps. Apple chutney was served to accompany the pork. Annette and Paul Hodges then served a gala and honey crisp apple cake topped with cream cheese frosting.

Hosting our second dinner were Ann and Conrad Massa. Carol and Roger Bonifield prepared and served cheddar spinach squares - a quiche-like dish, served warm. Following the appetizer, Ann and Conrad then served a spring salad of spinach and greens followed by apricot barbecue chicken with apricot jam and curry mix. Accompanying this were side dishes of broccoli with cheese and cream sauce and rice pilaf with sliced almonds and raisins. Ginny and Jerry Nardone then served a dessert of warm apple crisp served with vanilla ice cream.

\*For those not familiar with sous vide cooking, like me, I summarized a brief description: sous vide is basically a simple cooking method. You will be cooking your food in a warm water bath using a sous vide machine. Follow your particu-

lar device's instruction manual for the type of food you will be cooking.

The next step is to season your food and seal it in a bag. Season your food by adding some salt and pepper or other aromatic spices. Once seasoned, use a vacuum sealer to suck out the air and seal the sous vide bag.

Once the food is seasoned and sealed, and your sous vide machine has reached the ideal temperature, slowly drop the sealed bag into the warm water bath, making sure it is fully submerged in the water, then set the timer and wait. After your food has finished cooking remove it from the water, cut the bag and remove the contents. If you are cooking meat, fish, or poultry, it is advisable to sear the exterior on a grille or a very hot pan before serving.

Our club is seeking new couple members. If you enjoy cooking and entertaining, call Luke at 304-8104 for more information.

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**Holiday Festival**

By Kay Chandler

The annual Holiday Festival will return to the Recreation Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Doors will open at 6 p.m., where homemade cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee will be available, free to all.

If you would like to contribute cookies, please deliver them to the Recreation Center Ballroom from 3 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 13.

The Concert Chorus will entertain us with a selection of Christmas songs. There will also be a Hanukkah presentation, a delightful children's dance group, the Dulcimer Group, the Dancing Jewels and a frantic "12 Days of Christmas" sung Southern-style.

For more information, please contact Kay Chandler at (352) 237-3139 or jimcha62463@icloud.com.

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The holidays mean company and big meals - calorie-filled unfortunately, but special.

Smoked ham, roast and/or fried turkey are the usual centerpieces; my favorites are Italian dishes or fresh ham.

**Roast Fresh Ham**

- 1 fresh ham (5 pounds will take around 4-1/2 hours)
- 1-2 cloves of garlic and/or garlic powder
- Salt and pepper
- 1 large yellow onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 large stalks celery, cut in pieces
- Caraway seeds (optional)
- 1 or 2 large bay leaves
- 1 cup water

1 cup dry wine  
3 whole cloves  
Score the ham and rub with garlic, salt and pepper on all sides well. Put onions, carrots, celery, bay leaf and cloves on bottom of pan. Add water and the wine. Lay ham skin side down on vegetables.

Roast uncovered at 325 degrees for one hour. Baste frequently with pan juices. Turn meat skin side up and roast until done. Roasting time is about 25 minutes a pound or to 185 degrees on a meat thermometer. Baste often with pan juices.

Strain the vegetables and reserve the juices to use as basis for gravy. Take out the cloves and bay leaf; put in blender with a little pan juice and make a thick paste. Add a couple tablespoons to gravy mixture and freeze the rest for future soup stocks and gravies.

May your holidays be happy, healthy, and peaceful. Merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah.



The Glitzy Girls Red Hatters met at Grace Buffet on Tuesday, Nov. 7 for their monthly luncheon. Hostesses Sarah and Caroline had a beautifully decorated table carrying out a fall theme. Anne Parker won the door prize.

Two representatives from Project Hope were present and told the group about the work they are doing for homeless women and

children in Marion County. The Glitzy Girls support this charity every month bringing whatever the greatest need is. This month it was brooms and mops. We also supply paper products, toiletries, clothes, diapers and gift cards.

In December we will be providing gift cards for the children of Project Hope.

Several of the Glitzy Girls traveled to Holiday, Fla. for a Halloween event put on by the Suncoast Queen Bees and also a Fall Fling in Brooksville, Fla. Fun-filled events, great food and a good time was had by all. QM Mary



Genesis Project meets on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. Our goal is a discussion of the stories of the Bible to experience the stories themselves and people of all faiths are welcome.

We will not meet on Dec. 22 nor 29 due to the holidays.

The class is discussing the Taber-

nacle and the Ark of the Covenant and their relation to worship today. As we complete our study we will tackle Matthew and Hebrews next relating New Testament to Old.

Class members and the general public can follow along online at bible.lolopop.org.

Join us every Friday at 1 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suite B and start a journey of discovery. For more information contact David Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454. All are welcome!



"It Happened in Florida" by E. Lynne Wright has interesting stories of Florida's past. Here you will find some notable events that took place in different towns that you might be traveling through this holiday season. This book can be found in our Florida section labeled 975 WRI.

"Living It Up" by George Burns is a pleasant walk down memory lane. How we loved it when Burns and Allen came into our living rooms and made us laugh. In his book, George reminisces about his great times with Gracie, the love of his life. He also recalls other celebrities that he worked with after Gracie was gone, such as Carol Channing and Jack Benny.

As you know, George Burns lived to the ripe old age of 100. His secret was "No matter what your age - stay active."

This book can be found in the center aisle in the hardcover biography section labeled B Burns George.

"Trading Christmas" by Debbie Macomber is a cute story. Christmas is coming and Emily decides to leave her home in Leavenworth, Wash. and pay her daughter a visit at college in Boston. Charles, a college professor at Emily's school, wants to get away from it all and relax for two weeks. They are both in for a big surprise because nothing turns out the way they planned.

The Hallmark Channel decided that this romantic comedy was a natural for a Christmas movie and gave it the name "Trading Christmas" based on Debbie's book.

This and many more of Debbie Macomber's books can be found in softcover fiction.

"Candy Cane Murders" by Joanne Fluke is the first of three stories in this book. It takes place in Minnesota, where it seems to be snowing every day! The story revolves around Hannah and her two sisters. It is a typical who done it. But it contains lots of dessert recipes for the upcoming holidays. I haven't tried them but they sound delicious.

Next, "The Danger of Candy Canes" by Laura Levine brings us to Los Angeles, where there is a contest every year for the best decorated house on Hysteria Lane. Jane Austin wears many hats, but now she is playing detective. Her zany repertoire of one-liners will carry you quickly through this tale.

The next story is "Candy Canes of Christmas Past" by Leslie Meier. It is a story about Lucy, as she thinks back to 1983 when her husband Bill decided he no longer wanted to be a stockbroker in New York City, but rather work with his hands.

So they move to a dilapidated old house in a small town on the coast of Maine. This is a sweet story that brings you back to a time when we all had crocheted afghans on the sofa, braided rugs, ate two cents pretzels and drank Dry Sack.

This book can be found in softcover fiction labeled FIC FLU.

Wishing the best to you, your family and friends as you celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas.



The Computer Club meets in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 9 a.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. Come to the Computer Club and get help if you need it!

Our Christmas lunch at the Golden Corral will take place on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. As a special feature of the Computer Club, membership entitles members to two lunches during the year for two persons for \$2 each. This is a great

opportunity to compare notes and discuss computer challenges.

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To the LadyBirds who have returned to us, welcome back. We missed you. Hope that you had a fun summer. We have some fun activities planned, and more to come.

Our fall potluck, which took place on Saturday, Oct. 28, was a huge success thanks to our very talented LadyBird cooks, and great fun thanks to Barbara Wright for her interesting and fun game. Also, thanks to Marianne and Peter Ingwersen for providing the lovely music.

Our Friday, Dec. 8 LadyBird holiday meeting will include Toys for Tots, and our annual cookie exchange. Unwrapped toys are collected, and given to our local Fire Department to distribute to needy children. Our annual cookie exchange is when we get to exchange and taste all of the wonderful cookies and candy made or bought by our very talented LadyBird bakers.

Our annual holiday luncheon will take place at the private dining room at Stone Creek Grille on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m. A special menu is available. A sign-up sheet is available at our meetings, or contact Caren at (352) 291-1235 or allensky@earthlink.net.

We have more activities in the works for 2018. We are always looking for interesting things to do and see. To that end, we invite any current LadyBird to bring any suggestions to our attention at a meeting.

We invite any spouse or significant other of any R/C Flyer to join us at a monthly meeting, which takes place from September to April on the second Friday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C beginning at 9 a.m. Please bring your favorite beverage, and we provide the always-delicious goodies courtesy of our very talented LadyBird bakers.

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'Tis the season to enjoy twinkling lights and bright decorations throughout our community. Many of us will be expecting guests and planning for that special holiday dinner. We want to help ease some of the stress by lining up several activities and entertainment during this special time of the year. Below you will find the dates and locations for upcoming events.

**Holiday Food Drive**

Our annual holiday food drive will run from Friday, Dec. 1, to Friday, Dec. 15. Please help those in need by donating non-perishable food items in the donation boxes around the community (drop-off locations listed on page 1).

**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.

**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, Dec. 7, 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.

**November Winners**

1-Tequila Mockingbirds; 2-The Way We Were; 3-The Factoids.

**The Singing Christmas Tree\***

Come join us for a magical performance as we take part in the "Singing Christmas Trees" on Friday, Dec. 8. You will enjoy a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. joined by the show at 7:30 p.m. The "Singing Christmas Trees" is two 45-foot Christmas trees decorated with 300 singing "ornaments" and over 250,000 lights. The 300-voice choir and 50-piece orchestra will perform a musical celebration that is sure to delight you.

The cost of the trip is \$78 per resident and this includes trans-

portation, dinner buffet and the show. Menu will be available at time of registration.

**Holiday Golf Cart Parade & Holiday Celebration**

Calling all clubs and residents with golf carts to join us in our annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2. Join us in making this year's parade the biggest and best our community has seen! We will be awarding prizes for most creative, funniest, most festive, most original and best in show.

A trophy will be given to the club that is best in show. This trophy will be inscribed with the club name and year to be displayed at Customer Service after the holiday celebration. The winner for last year's best in show went to The Southern Club. Register your club or golf cart at the Recreation Center Office

Please see the article by Bob Woods in this edition of the World News for more information or call (352) 854-7533.

**Football Game\***

Calling all football fans! We have an exciting game scheduled on Sunday, Dec. 10, as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play the Detroit Lions at the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla.

We have great seats where you can be up close and be part of the action (section 228 rows C, D and E (front rows)). The cost of this game is \$104 and game time is at 1 p.m. The cost includes transportation and game tickets.

**St. Augustine Historical Holiday Adventure\***

Join us for an adventurous day in historical St. Augustine, Fla., on Monday, Dec. 11. You will be dropped off at King Street and St. George Street where you will be able to tour the town 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 to dine in or stop for a refreshing drink.

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 landing at the City Marina's Pirate Ship no later than 3:45 p.m. You will enjoy a trip on a pirate ship while being entertained by Frank Reid, the renowned and award winning musician. Captain Oly Mackerel will tell true pirate stories as you enjoy light hors d'oeuvres (while they last).

Restrooms are available. You will also be able to enjoy a nice sunset.

We will load back on the bus at the City Marina for our departure home around 6 p.m. As we exit St. Augustine you will have a glimpse of the stunning holiday 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.

**Mt. Dora - Taste of Our Town Tour\***

Join us for a "Taste of Our Town Tour" in Mt. Dora, Fla., on Tuesday, Dec. 12. We will arrive in Mt. Dora where the guide will come on our bus for a one-hour guided tour. We will visit the lighthouse, Donnelly House, Lakeside Inn and other landmarks. You will be provided with a bag containing bottled water and a few treats.

We will then step off the bus and be lead on a walking tour through downtown where we will stop and visit four local merchants Julianne's Coastal Cottage (10% discount on all sales), Bev Neal's Painting Outside the Lines (10% discount on sales over \$50), Gatehouse Art Studio (10% discount on all sales) and Mount Dora Olive Oil (10% discount on all sales).

Once the tour is over around 1:45 p.m. you will dine at the Olive Branch Mediterranean-Italian Grille & Bar where you will enjoy a Mediterranean salad, specialty pasta dish, and a glass of wine or beverage of choice. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person and this includes transportation, tour of the town

and lunch. Please note there is a lot of walking involved.

**Victory Casino Cruise\***

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 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 I.D. will be required to board.

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

**Get Acquainted Coffee**

Join us on Thursday, Dec. 14, for a Get Acquainted Coffee in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 to 11 a.m. This is a time to meet your neighbors and get better acquainted with them. We will have light refreshments with representatives present from C.E.R.T., fitness and more. Each representative will speak on the services and programs they offer. After the presentation, those who would like to see firsthand some of the facilities that are available will be taken on a short walking tour. This event is free.

**Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park\***

Join us for the most interesting encounter of Florida's wildlife offering the rare opportunity to observe animals, birds and plants in their natural setting on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Fascinating educational programs are offered daily with the West Indian manatees. You will be able to observe them up close at the floating observatory and possibly in the springs itself. You can relax and enjoy a hot or cold lunch at the Wild Side Café with indoor seating (lunch is on your own). You may also pack a picnic lunch and enjoy dining in the covered picnic areas in the park. We will arrive at the park around 9:15 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$37 per person which includes transportation and entry into the park.

**Happy Hour**

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom and from 3 to 6 p.m. on the outside veranda of the Recreation Center. On Friday, Nov. 10, residents enjoyed dressing up to our themed "Pirate Night" Happy Hour. Our next themed Happy Hour will be on Friday, Dec. 22, as we celebrate the holiday season with a visit from Santa.

The entertainment line-up for December is as follows:

- Dec. 1: Automatic
- Dec. 8: Dino
- Dec. 15: Johnny Alston
- Dec. 22: "Holiday Party" with The Beat Goes On
- Dec. 29: Solid Gold

The entertainment line-up for the outside veranda is as follows:

- Dec. 1: Retro Express

- Dec. 8: Jerry Byrd
- Dec. 15: Retro Express
- Dec. 22: Charlie De
- Dec. 29: Paul De Ritter

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.

**Holiday Hours**

Holiday hours for the Recreation Center can be found on page 20.

**Facility Information**

It is that time of year to submit your 2019 room request. The bookings will be entered in February 2018 for the upcoming year. Don't delay, as space is limited! Please remember, if you book a facility for an event or club meetings, you must have a minimum of 10 in attendance; fewer than 10 members will result in cancellation of the facility contract. If your club or event on any given day will not be utilizing the facility, please contact the Recreation Center office a week prior to that date to cancel the booking.

Please note the following: All facility request forms must be signed and submitted by the resident who is hosting the event or in charge of the club. Submitting facility request forms under another resident's name can cause miscommunications and could result in the loss of a facility booking. Please note that all facilities are for On Top of the World residents only!

**Community Bus Route and Schedule**

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

The community bus will not run on Monday, Dec. 25, and on Monday, Jan. 1, due to the holidays. Please plan accordingly.

**January 2018 Events**

Contact the Recreation Center Office to receive information on these upcoming events.

- Thursday, Jan. 4: Tropic Trivia Night
- Thursday, Jan. 11: Get Acquainted Coffee
- Saturday, Jan. 13: Health & Wellness Expo
- Thursday, Jan. 18: Club Fair
- Friday, Jan. 19: "Vegas Night" Happy Hour
- Tuesday, Jan. 23: Majestic Manatee Tour
- Thursday, Jan. 25: Social Hour with "Long White Cloud"
- Friday, Jan. 26: Horse Farm Tour

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

\*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.

CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE			
Monday*	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
• Americana Village	• Friendship Colony	• Avalon	• Crescent Ridge/Green
• Friendship Village	• Candler Hills**	• Providence 1 and 2	• Renaissance Park
• Friendship Park	• Indigo East**	• Williamsburg	• Windsor

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

On Top of the World 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.
<b>Exit Community</b>		<b>9:36 a.m.</b>
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.
Gateway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
<b>Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.</b>		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
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	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
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.

\*All times are approximate  
For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533 #9801 - 10/17



**World Traveler**

**Bill Shampine**

Since we talked specifically about Bran Castle last month, let's discuss Romania in general this month. The country, located in Eastern Europe, is slightly smaller than Oregon, and borders the Black Sea, Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Ukraine, and Moldova.

Romania has a long history as evidenced by the fact that the oldest human remains in Europe (circa 40,000 years old) have been found there. The most significant conquerors of the region have been the Romans, Hungarians, the Ottoman Empire, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Romania finally was recognized as an independent state in 1878.

Oil-rich Romania was the main

source of oil for the Third Reich during World War II, however, they switched sides in 1944 and joined the allies. After the war, the Soviets occupied Romania and established an oppressive, Communist-dominated government. Most Americans will remember the name of Nicolae Ceausescu, who ruled Romania from 1965 until 1989, when he was overthrown in a violent revolution. Modern Romania has joined NATO and the European Union and is progressing nicely from the former oppression to a democratic rule.

The geography of Romania is distributed roughly equally among mountains, hills, and plains. The Carpathian Mountains, with mountains as high as 8,346 feet, dominate the center of the country. The plains are located mostly along the Danube River, much of the southern border of Romania, and the Black Sea.

Margitta Claterbos and I visited Romania this past summer

so we had an opportunity to see the country and meet quite a few people. We enjoyed Romania. The people we met were friendly and helpful. They also were very honest and open in discussing the problems they had living under a harsh Communist regime, and the revolution that was necessary to throw off those bounds. You can tell they have been struggling to understand strange democratic concepts, such as being able to actually vote for someone running for office! But, they are getting there. Among other problems faced by the people, they had to endure a period of major inflation in the mid to late 1990s. It was the highest degree of monetary inflation ever experienced in the world. For example, in 1999, they actually printed a note worth 500,000,000,000 dinars (That's right, 11 zeros. I bought one!) In two weeks, even that note was worthless.

One of the goals of the Commu-

nist rulers was to move everyone out of the country and into cities. Consequentially, they built hundreds of large apartment buildings, and would give families an apartment for free. The apartments were cheaply built, dismal buildings. They had no insulation so they were cold in the winter, hot in the summer, and you could hear absolutely everything going on in your neighbor's apartment; but the price was right. Today, one of these apartments cost about \$5,000 to \$6,000. The big cities are not particularly exciting, although they are being modernized as quickly as they can. Most tourists make a beeline for the Carpathian Mountains where the scenery is wonderful, the temperatures are moderate (during the summer), and the historical sites are amazing. Speaking of the mountains, you might consider avoiding going there in the winter as you get a lot of snow and, commonly, get temperatures down to minus five degrees.



**Lions Club**

**Sherry Whitmer-Hall**

Veterans who attended the Veterans Day ceremony this year received a wonderful surprise announcement at the end of the show. The Lions Club and Veterans

Club are joining together to give our veterans the parade they never received when they came home from the wars. All resident veterans are invited. Time is short, so veterans who wish to ride in golf carts or cars in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade need to contact Lion Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256 as soon as possible. The parade is Saturday, Dec. 2. Signs with the veterans' name/rank/branch of

service will be visible to the parade audience as well as American flags. Dig out those military branded hats (or uniforms) and join the fun!

The Veterans Day ceremony had the largest number of people in attendance than we have had in some time. The news column asking for pictures of our veterans really caught their attention. Lt. Col. Arlo Janssen led the Pledge of Allegiance and the crowd loved it. But it was the slide show that caught and held their attention - especially with the patriotic music behind it. They loved seeing people they knew. The picture of Cpl. Robert G. Foster, Jr. receiving his second Purple Heart drew a round of applause from everyone. When asked if we should have another slide show the crowd enthusiastically agreed.

The Sunshine Singers and Concert Chorus with their leader, Audrey Strong, really sounded wonderful. It was great hearing our favorite patriotic songs sung so beautifully. Our speaker, Lion President Charles Parrish's presentation included pictures of the ships he had been on and some of his personal Navy experiences. He even had a story of meeting a former protestor who asked him to apologize to his friends in the service for her. And, most importantly his speech was really interesting and a

reasonable length.

This year Toys for Tots will be picking up donated toys much earlier - Wednesday, Dec. 6. The Lions Club Christmas tree has been set up in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The tags with age/gender requests for Toys for Tots are hanging on the tree. Please help support them in their efforts to make this a merry Christmas for a lot of Ocala area children.

The Lions Resident Emergency Health Information Form team has given out over 325 forms to residents so far. To request information, please contact Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256 or otowlionsinfo@gmail.com.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects including the Resident Emergency Health Form (community service project), military appreciation (golf cart parade), ceremonies (Veterans Day and Memorial Day) as well as helping with health screenings at Ocala elementary schools. They will be doing diabetic screenings at the Health & Wellness Expo in January.

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 Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358.



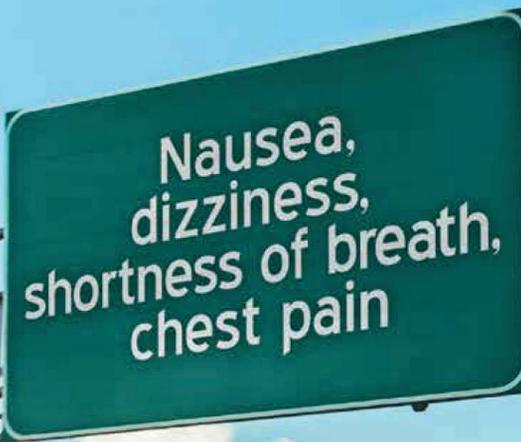
**Luz Leon**

We had our annual Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Indigo East Community Center. Members decorated the hall with pumpkins, skeletons, and witches to give it a proper Halloween look. As usual, the food was great with chicken, pork, meatballs, chicken parmigiana, rice, and so much more.

After the meal, we danced off those extra calories in the spacious hall. Overall, it was a fun night and as usual, the leftover food was taken to the local fire station who were elated to see us once again.

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## Holiday Train Display & Open House

By Jim Lynam

You are invited! The Model Railroaders are pleased to announce that the club has been invited to provide a holiday train display at Master the Possibilities in Class-

room #1. The display will be available for viewing commencing at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 20 through Wednesday, Dec. 27. The Lionel gauge trains will be opera-



Photo by Paul Lewandowski

2016 holiday train display at Master the Possibilities.

tional from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Christmas (closed Sunday and Christmas Day) and will be operational on Tuesday, Dec. 26 and will finish at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 27. The modular layout will have a steam engine as well as diesel engines pulling the passenger cars and moving the freight to various destinations. Be sure to come in and see the operating barrel car, log car, and the sawmill as it takes in the logs and generates cut lumber for loading.

The club will also be hosting its sixth annual holiday open house on Thursday, Dec. 28 and Friday, Dec. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the main train room located on the lower floor of the Recreation Center.

The members will have multiple trains running continuously on the main layout in the train room. There will be passenger trains, freight trains, work trains, and yard trains running simultaneously throughout the city and countryside. For those of you who remember "the good old days" of railroading, you will be amazed at the variety of steam engines that will be pulling the consists. There will also be diesel locomotives representing the more modern era running the main line and performing yard-switching duties.

The room will be filled with the sounds of railroading from the squealing of hot brakes on the turns, the bell of the engine working the yard, to the haunting and "throaty" sound of the steam whistle warning the automobiles at the crossings. The room will change from daylight operation to twilight time when the lights from all of the buildings, city streets, engines and passenger cars emerge and twinkle in your eyes to add to the enjoyment.

The club encourages you to bring your friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren to both the Lionel holiday display at Master the Possibilities, as well as the holiday open house on the Thursday and Friday after Christmas in the Recreation Center!

May your present under the tree result in a train running around the tree! Happy Holidays to everyone!

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3 in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center. Wishing a healthy and happy New Year to all!

## North Central Florida Pickleball Doubles Tournament

By Dan Lack

109 players from as far away as South Carolina registered to participate in the second annual regional tournament on Saturday, Nov. 4. The Pickleball Club hosted this event, which was administered by the Rotary Club of Ocala Southwest. Round robin play in the morning was followed by a single elimination format after lunch.

The winners of the advanced 4.0 tournament were Robert Porterfield and Ted Krajenta from Citrus Hills. The winners of the intermediate

3.0/3.5 mixed doubles tournament were Barbara Johnson from Stone Creek and William Clark from Citrus Hills.

Pickleball Club President Paul Brunner attended the meeting of the Rotary Club on Tuesday, Nov. 28 when the proceeds from the tournament were presented to the Ocala Domestic Violence Center with a check for nearly \$2,400!

We look forward to hosting this event again on the first Saturday of November 2018.



Photos by Greg Wise

Top: Intermediate 3.0/3.5 mixed doubles winners were Barbara Johnson and William Clark.  
Bottom: Advanced 4.0 tournament winners were Robert Porterfield and Ted Krajenta.

**COMING WINTER 2018**

### RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY AT THE ARBOR CLUB

- Newly redesigned
- Completely renovated
- Expanded facilities including NEW aerobics studio
- New state of the art fitness equipment
- Updated locker rooms, restrooms and showers
- New brick paver pool deck

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## Arbor Club Renovations Underway

By Patricia Salas

On Top of the World Communities is renovating the Arbor Club to give residents interested in health and wellness an additional location for workouts and fitness classes. The renovation will bring residents a first-class fitness experience with state-of-the-art fitness equipment and new active aging-group fitness classes. The Arbor Club is presently closed due to the renovations but the wait will definitely be worth it!

The Arbor Club expansion will include a completely redesigned and renovated interior featuring a new aerobics studio, new state-of-the-art fitness equipment, updated locker rooms, restrooms, showers and a new brick paver pool deck.

The Arbor Club will provide a superb fitness experience with 10 Startrac treadmills, four elliptical

trainers, two Versastriders, four recumbent bikes, two upright Airfit bikes, one Airfit upper body ergometer with wheelchair access, Nautilus strength training machines and a free weight area with dumbbells, barbells and so much more. This first class equipment is designed to help any resident with any fitness goal he or she may have, regardless of their fitness level.

So stay on the lookout during early 2018 so you can come see and start using the newly renovated and upgraded Arbor Club. This will be an amenity that you will not want to miss out on! For more information, call the Recreation Center at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7533 or 7530. You may also visit [www.otowinfol.com](http://www.otowinfol.com).

### Ladies Shuffleboard

Beverly Drennan

All women beginners and 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 friends.

Results for play in October:  
High Games: 10-Lois Nix, 9-Elsa Groe, 9-Sally Herick.

30+ Club: Lynn Beaudry, Ann Berry, Ellen Brin, Peggy Ellenberger, Elsa Groe, Carol Jenkins, Lois Nix, and Cindi Richhart.

Christmas will soon be upon us and we would like to remember the families that will be in the Ocala Domestic Violence Shelter for the holidays. The shelter has two newborn babies. They are in need of Enfamil formula for newborns and everything else that new mothers need. The following is a list of things that the shelter always needs: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, garbage bags, and cleaning supplies. Gift cards to be used for milk, bread, butter, eggs, etc. Blankets and sheets for single beds and pillows. For the women, individual toiletries (no toothpaste or toothbrushes) and Christmas gifts for the children.

Lois Nix will once again coordinate with the shelter and with us as to what is needed at this time. We will also get the ages of the children, and maybe we should think of the mothers with Christmas gifts also. The shelter appreciates the generous and caring women of the Ladies Shuffleboard Club.

Best wishes for everyone during the holiday season!

### Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3, 2018 for another fun "Mah Jongg Junkies" day. It will be here before you know it. I hope you have played and won every hand on your card. If you haven't kept track, now would be a good time to start. Try to play and win every hand. It is an excellent way to get the most value from the card and you might just find some that really surprise you.

Until next month, jokers to you all and a healthy holiday season.

## CARDS & GAMES

### Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

**Oct. 9**  
1: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe; 2: Judy Wagnitz & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 4: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson.

**Oct. 16**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Linda & Con Sprague; 3: Linda Hannon & Mary Walker; 4: Diane Robinson & Fran Griswold.

**Oct. 23**  
1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: Elsa Groe & Cindy Brown; 3: Nancy Clarkson & Rad D.; 4: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman.

**Oct. 30**  
1: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 2: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Rad D. & Peggy Ellenberger.

### Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Joanne Jones

**Oct. 3**  
1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward.

**Oct. 10**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Joe O'Brien; 2: Linda Sprague & Joe McKeown; 3: Mary Walker & Rad.

**Oct. 17**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Joe O'Brien; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Mary Walker & Rad.

**Oct. 24**  
1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Joanne Jones & Mazie Millward.

**Oct. 31**  
1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

### Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

**Oct. 3**  
1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodner.

**Oct. 10**

1: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger; 2: Marie & John Fiorillo; 3: Dan Lack & Vinson Duca.

**Oct. 17**  
1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Lucy Malloy & Joe McKeown and Bettirae Woodruff & Vernon Siber; 3: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger.

**Oct. 24**  
1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodner and Paul Pinter & Dan Hall; 2: John & Marie Fiorillo; 3: Marjorie Benton & Kathie Dushary.

**Oct. 31**  
North/South 1: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham; 2: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Jim & Ruth Jackson.

East/West 1: Betty Devoy & Rita Smyth; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodner; 3: John & Marie Fiorillo.

### Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Pat Golgart

**Oct. 4**  
1: Linda Sprague; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Mary Klinzing; Cons: Delores Ochu.

**Oct. 11**  
1: Linda Sprague; 2: Don Sprague; 3: Delores Ochu; Cons: Pat Golgart.

**Oct. 18**  
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Mary Klinzing; Cons: Delores Ochu.

**Oct. 25**  
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Marian Hotz; 3: Maureen Meade; Cons: Fran Griswold.

### Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Marge Starrett

**Oct. 5**  
1: Cleona Redman; 2: Rad.

**Oct. 12**  
1: Linda Sprague; 2: Don Sprague.

**Oct. 19**  
1: Marlene Floeckher.

**Oct. 26**  
1: Pat Golgart; 2: Marge Starrett.

### Thursday Night Bridge

Keith Briggs

**Oct. 19**  
1: Lillie Upton; 2: Paul Reidinger;

3: Fran Griswold; 4: Sara Anderson.

**Oct. 26**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Marion Hotz; 4: Bob Durst.

**Nov. 2**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Paul Reidinger; 3: Sara Anderson; 4: Paul Pinter.

**Nov. 9**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Keith Briggs; 3: Pat Paloncy; 4: Donella Briggs.

### Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge

Ruth Jackson

There will be no meeting in December. We'll resume on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at 9 a.m. Please call Jean Krueger-Travis at (352) 414-5907 with any questions.

1: Kathie Dushary & Bettirae Woodruff; 2: Marie Fiorillo & Betty Devoy; 3: Glenda Rhodes & Cathy Lewendowski.

### Wednesday Bid Euchre

Chip Parsons

**Sept 6**  
1: Toni Strange; 2: Mike Kurlakowsky; 3: John Wall.

**Sept. 20**  
1: Jean Gillette; 2: John Wall; 3: Phyllis Wall.

**Sept. 27**  
1: Billy Swing; 2: Paul Pinter; 3: Doug & Eileen Hines.

**Oct. 4**  
1: Mike Kurlakowsky; 2: Jo Swing; 3: Billy Swing.

**Oct. 11.**  
1: Jerry Dean; 2: Jean Gillette; 3: Bob Bicknell.

### Friday 4 Fun Euchre

Chip Parsons

**Sept. 8**  
Tie at 1: Jean Gillette & John Wall; 2: Nancy Kowsky; Tie at 3: Edith Kolb & Phyllis Wall.

**Sept. 15**  
Tie at 1: Mary Bartel & Judy Kurlakowsky; 2: Phyllis Wall; 3: Richard Bartel.

**Sept. 22**  
1: Jerry Harris; 2: Marge Pinter; 3: Joan Sigafos.

**Sept. 29**  
1: Jerry Harris; 2: Joan Sigafos; 3: Marge Pinter.

**Oct. 6**  
1: Judy Kurlakowsky; 2: Nancy Kowsky; 3: Mike Kurlakowsky.

### Tuesday Night Pinochle

Whitney Frye

**Oct. 3**  
1: Jim Recor; 2: Gayle Argano; 3: Edna Frye.

**Oct. 10**  
1: Bernard Digregorio; 2: Gayle Argano; 3: Kathy Pinto.

**Oct. 17**  
1: Gayle Argano; 2: Cathy Buchanan; 3: Whitney Frye.

**Oct. 24**  
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Bernard Digregorio; 3: Kathy Pinto.

**Oct. 31**  
1: Jim Mazzotta; 2: Bruce Herget; 3: Kathy Pinto.

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**Golf**

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The holiday season is upon us and the golf staff would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

With only a few weeks left to finish your holiday shopping I would like to announce the dates for our holiday sale for both Candler Hills Golf Club and On Top of the World Golf Club. The On Top of the World Golf Club holiday sale will be held Monday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. Candler Hills Golf Club will host their event Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. Please stop by to shop for great deals while enjoying a beverage.

I would also like to encourage everyone to register for our annual Beat the Pro Holiday Event. The

event will be a 9 a.m. shotgun at Candler Hills Golf Club on Friday, Dec. 15. Call either Golf Shop for details. Please try and take it easy on us this year.

Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. In order for Andy Jorgensen and his staff to provide perfect playing conditions, all golfers need to fill their divots with sand and fix ball marks on the greens. When putting, please be sure to lift your feet and not shuffle across the greens. It is your responsibility as golfers to help maintain these beautiful golf courses.

The golf staff would like remind everyone to register or renew your golf membership for 2018. If you're renewing your membership or considering joining for 2018, please contact Trudy Foster at (352) 854-2765 with any questions. We encourage everyone to register early in December because the membership office will become very busy

the closer we get to Jan. 1. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Keith Nesbit, eagle #7 and shot even par 72. Carol Oman, hole-in-one #8. Everett Kimball, shot his age 70. Joe Jingco, hole-in-one #17. Paul Rubly, eagle #10.

**LINKS:** Jon Hill, hole-in-one #14. Hank Sohl, Hole-in-One #6. Bill Dobbins, hole-in-one #6.

**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Bruce Shanfelt, hole-in-one #8. Bob Flynn, eagle #5.

Congratulations to all for these fine accomplishments.

**Upcoming Events**

- Monday, Dec. 4: On Top of the World Golf Club Holiday Sale, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 6: Candler Hills Golf Club Holiday Sale, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 15: World Holiday Golf Event at Candler Hills, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Sunday, Dec. 24: Both golf clubs close at 2 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 25: Both golf clubs closed all day.
- Sunday, Dec. 31: Both golf

clubs close at 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan 1, 2018: Both golf clubs close at 2 p.m.

**Golf Tip of the Month**

You hit your second shot in a greenside bunker, you need to get up and down to save par and win the match. You step up to the shot, dig your feet in and take a swing. Next you look up to see the ball sailing clear across the green. Does this sound familiar?

This is a common mistake that all golfers make. Most are defeated before they even set foot in the bunker. Bunker shots should be easier than any other shot in golf. The reason being is you're not actually trying to hit the ball.

When hitting a greenside bunker shot you should open your stance and club. Swing a little harder than a typical shot from the same distance and try and hit an inch behind the ball. Never decelerate your swing. This will allow your club to dig into the sand forcing the ball to pop out nice and soft. Next time, step in that bunker with confidence, trust the shot and win the match.

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**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

**Dave Miller**

The CHMGA held its annual league championship in a two-day tournament in October. The winner in the championship flight (green tees) was Julian Hobby who had to go four extra holes to defeat Jon Hill in a very close and exciting match. Both men had 36 hole scores of 159. It was a great match, well played. David Martin had low net in the championship flight with a net score of 144.

Winners of the other flights were: Blue tees low gross/low net: 163/129-Dale Budd.

White tees low Gross: Tie at 163-Garry Gerlach and Craig Ryber. White tees low net: 139-Larry Smallwood.

White tees low gross/low net: 160/132-Joe Jingco.

The league held their annual meeting, which included election of board members. Departing the board were Walt Pacuk, Tony Mysterly and Jay List. All three gentlemen served the CHMGA well and we thank them for their leadership. Replacing them are Joe Damiata, Mike Deahl and Julian Wachs. Welcome to the board!

Individuals recently scoring in the 70s included: Everett Kimball (75), Julian Hobby & Walt Pacuk (76), Joe Damiata (77), Bill White, Jeff Downs, Gene Moff, Jay List & Joseph Schuberth (78), Mike Deahl, Jon Hill, Ken Zweiback & Joe Jingco (79).

Congratulations to Joe Jingco who had a hole-in-one on hole #17. Paul Rubly had an eagle on hole #10 on a shot from a fairway bunker!

Now on to non-tournament league results.

**2 Man Team Quota Points Oct. 24**

A/C Flight: +11-Bill Anger & Dennis McCourt. +10-Walt Pacuk & Richard Ross. Tie at +9-Julian Hobby & Gary Lyman and Everett Kimball & Joe Jingco.

B/D Flight: Tie at +7-Julian Wachs & John Podkomorski and Gene Moff & John Workman. +6-Bill White & David Green. Tie at +4-Paul Rubly & Donald Huston. Jeff Downs & Randy Ford and Chris Lyndrup & Dave Miller.

**Modified Scramble Oct. 31**

272-Bill White, Robert Hutson, Joe

Jingco & Richard Freeman. 277-Jon Hill, Craig Ryber, Dennis McCourt & David Green. 284-Joe Damiata, Larry Smallwood, Andy Bulloch & Bob Cowie. 288.12-Walt Pacuk, Dave Miller, Jonathan Raupach & Donald Huston. 288.25-Everett Kimball, Larry Garvin, Ken Zweiback & Ed Pozsony.

**3 Best Ball Stableford Nov. 7**

149-Gene Moff, Chris Scharar, Paul Silliman & John Podkomorski. 145-Julian Hobby, Joe Jingco, Bill Horton & Bill Anger. 140-Mike Deahl, Paul Rubly, Ken Zweiback & Chris Lyndrup. 137-Joe Damiata, Dale Budd, Dennis McCourt & Randy Ford.

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

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**Ladies  
18-Hole Golf**

Susan Rhodes

Congratulations to Deborah Martin, our league champion! She had a 74 in the first round and an 81 in the second, with a total of 155. Results for gross and net winners and runners-up by flight appear below. Congratulations to all the winners!

The Veterans Day luncheon/general meeting was held Tuesday, Nov. 14, following golf in the Recreation Center Ballroom. All enjoyed the antipasto, chicken Alfredo, baked ziti, and garlic knots catered by Pavarotti's. Many thanks to the Veterans Day luncheon committee members, Iro Lisinski, Carole Robinson, and Piper Thomas, for all they did to make the luncheon a success!

Congratulations to our newly elected 2018 executive board members: Deborah Martin, president; Geri Treppa, vice president; Linda Bervinkle, treasurer, and Gail LaGrange, secretary. If the names look familiar, it's because all 2017 board members agreed to run for the 2018 board. Thank you ladies for your willingness in continuing to serve our league!

If you have not already done so, sign up by Saturday, Dec. 2 either in the player's lounge or the league website for the award ceremony and Christmas luncheon at Bella Cucina (Oak Run) on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Cost is \$18, and there is a very nice choice of entrees.

This year for our Christmas charity we donate children's books to Sunrise Elementary. These books

will be used in the school library and individual classroom libraries. Books may be either new or gently used. Books should be appropriate for children (ages four to 12). Bring your donations on Dec. 6 or deposit them in the boxes provided in the Golf Shop and player's lounge.

**League Championship  
Oct. 17/Tortoise & The Hare  
Oct. 24/Links**

Champion: 74, 81, 155—Deborah Martin  
Flight 1 Gross: 85, 82, 167—VaDonna Hall, 89, 87, 176—Gretchen Normandin  
Flight 1 Net: 72, 69, 141—Gail LaGrange, 72, 71, 143—Lynne Dickson.  
Flight 2 Gross: 93, 88, 181—MJ Strelec, 92, 92, 184—Nancy Zielinski.  
Flight 2 Net: 73, 67, 140—Linda Blewitt, 72, 69, 141—Peggy Wiechmann.  
Flight 3 Gross: 97, 94, 191—Connie Sohl, 100, 93, 193—Yuhlan Cho.  
Flight 3 Net: 73, 73, 146—Sandy Chase, 75, 75, 150—Margaret Hudacik.  
Flight 4 Gross: 104, 96, 200—Linda Bervinkle, 102, 100, 202—Geri Treppa.  
Flight 4 Net: 68, 71, 139—Antonia Varney, 73, 80, 153—Mary Lyon.

**Odd Holes (Net)**

**Nov. 7/Tortoise & The Hare**  
Flight 1: Tie at 32—Beverly Ovrebo, Gail LaGrange. Tie at 35—VaDonna Hall, Deborah Martin.  
Flight 2: 30—Lynn DeHart, 31—Angie Jingco. Tie at 33—Peggy Borro, Susan Rhodes.  
Flight 3: 30—Connie Sohl. Tie at 33—Joan D'Addio, Sandy Chase, 34—Peggy Wiechmann.  
Flight 4: 33—Linda Bervinkle, 34—Mary Driver, 35—Faye Barbee, 37—Geri Treppa.



**Candler Hills  
Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Joan Gustafson

The beautiful lavender muhly grass is in full bloom on the golf course. Fall has arrived and we welcome the cool mornings turning into beautiful afternoons. Perfect weather for golf.

A strong field entered our Club Championship tournament. Our new Candler Hills club champion is Mia Kolar. We all congratulate Mia!

Our next Candler Hills ladies tournament was the Presidents Cup. The finals were Thursday, Nov. 9. Gail Banavige and Mia Kolar were in the finals. The 18 hole league was there to cheer them on. The match was all tied going into the 18th hole. Our new Presidents Cup champion is Mia Kolar! A very exciting match was celebrated with trophies presented and a lovely cake.

The Candler Hills LGA-18 is again having a holiday book drive. The students at Sunrise Elementary will be receiving the gently used or new books. Beth Wolinsky and Bev Ovrebo will be collecting the books until Tuesday, Dec. 5.

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, On Top of the World LGA-18 are asked to bring books to holiday party or deposit in the clubhouse box.

Our Christmas party was on Monday, Nov. 27 at The Lodge at Can-

dlers Hills. The 18-hole and 9-hole leagues celebrated together. Hedy Racinowski worked very hard to make this a very special event.

The Candler Hills LGA-18 wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a healthy New Year! Until next time, hit them straight.

**Stableford  
Oct. 9**

Flight 1: 84—Sue Freeman, 93—Angie Jingco, Gross.  
Flight 1 Net: 41—Sue Freeman, 36—Angie Jingco.  
Flight 2: 91—Joan D'Addio, 92—Susan Rhodes.  
Flight 2 Net: 38—Joan D'Addio, 36—Susan Rhodes.  
Flight 3: 100—Pam Monk, 104—Kathy Smyth.  
Flight 3 Net: 37—Pam Monk, 35—Kathy Smyth.

**Select 9  
Nov. 2**

Flight 1: 24—Connie Norris, Tie at 27—Sue Freeman, MJ Strelec.  
Flight 2: 25—Kate Beaty, Tie at 26—Lynne Thesman, Carol Oman.  
Flight 3: Carol Clark, 28—Beth Wolinsky, Tie at 29—Deanne Green, Mary Pat Giffin, Ilong Dicus.  
Flight 4: 26—Joan Gustafson, 27—Sandy Noe, 28—Renee Aden.

**Criers  
Nov. 9**

Flight 1: 60—Bev Ovrebo.  
Flight 2: 64—Betty Dong, 67—Paula Lilly.  
Flight 3: 62—Deanne Green, Tie at 68—Lynn Barber, Vicky Saylers, Irmgard Anger.  
Flight 4: Tie at 62—Linda Buschur, Renee Aden, 65—Kathy Zunica.



**Shuffleboard**

Walter Lamp

John Mataya, our tournament director, posted a list of upcoming tournaments for the club. On Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 9 a.m., we are having our annual turkey shoot on the courts. This tournament has eight different events, with a two shot limit for each event. Failure to achieve the stated goal in these two shots results in losing the match. Prizes are a frozen turkey for the winner and door prizes for all. Why don't you come on down and join us to enjoy the competition and fun?

In November, we had one tournament. Full results will appear in next month's column.

We had our modified Ten Pin Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 18. Ten Pin is a different type of game for the players. A bowling pin is placed at the front of the pyramid and the 10-point box itself. Then, you must first get the needed points to have a shot at placing the winning shot itself in the 10 point box,

without knocking over the bowling pin itself. A warning. During the actual match itself, if you knock over the bowling pin, you lose 10 points. There are cash prizes for this tournament: \$50 for the winner and \$25 for the second place finisher.

The match with the folks from Marion Landing in November had to be rescheduled.

Thanks to Paul Hodges for his fine instructional class on Monday, Nov. 6. It was open to all current players.

Finally, from all the members of Shuffleboard Club, our officers and captains, we wish all residents a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The winners for October are as follows:

**Men/Women**

Monday a.m.: Henry Erikson/Vicki Lentz. Over 30 Club: 32—Charlie Lentz; 30—David Lee; and 31—Barbara Lee.  
Tuesday p.m.: Paul Wagnitz and Rich French/Margot Thomas and Maxine Gayso.  
Thursday a.m.: Rick Vogel/Jane Boyer  
Friday a.m.: Roger Werner/Nancy Kowsky. Over 30 Club: 31—Jim Reed.



**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Susan Layne

Welcome back to the snowbird lady golfers and summer travelers. It is good to see so many of you playing with our league now that the weather is cooler. We are looking forward to a busy season.

Our league hosted the nine-hole ladies Golf Around (GAR) on Thursday, Oct. 26. We had a total of 96 players from Candler Hills and seven other leagues for the first event of the season. A big variety of breakfast goodies were served before play and a catered lunch of chicken potpie, salad and apple crisp after play. Thanks to Rocket Johnson and Mary Ann McCourt for serving as our delegates to the GAR. Also thanks to Kathy Hall and her team for the breakfast set up and to all the volunteers who made

the day a big success. Denise Mulen and her team had everything well organized. Our guests always comment on how well kept our course is.

**Scramble Sept. 21**

36-Susy Trembulak, Cheryl Engeman, Virginia Redden, Jean Jarmel; 39-Claire Gabert, Diane Master-son, Mary Vliek, Kathy Hall; 40-Kay Budd, Cheryl Nesbit, Miriam Gerlach, Mary Giannukos.

3 Clubs & a Putter Sept. 28

28-Kay Budd, Betty Werner, Deb Malo; 28-Carla Kimball, Dianne Masterson, Jean Jarmel, Lora Rossi; 28-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Cheryl Engeman, Olive Curtin, Aggie Mahoney.

**Lagging Oct. 5**

17-Susy Trembulak; 17-Sue Jack- ins, Pat Gill; 17-Mary Ann McCourt; 15-Cheryl Nesbit, Marcie Hock; 20-Kathy Hall; 18-Aggie Mahoney, Donna McCombs, Eve Harvey; 21-Julie Crudele.

**Guess Score Oct. 12**

Eileen Gustavus, Donna McCombs, Carla Kimball, Eve Harvey, Barb Enos, Aggie Mahoney, MaryAnn McCourt, Betty Werner, Carol Deahl, Olive Curtin, Claire Gabert, Susan Layne.

**Tee It Up Scramble Oct. 19**

36-Barbara Enos, Cheryl Engeman, Jean Jarmel, Julie Crudele; Tie at 39-Suzanne Sigler, Betty Werner, Donna McCombs; Susanne Trembulak, Carol Deahl, Janice Sturm; Linda Mandala, Cheryl Nesbit, Olive Curtin, Aggie Mahoney; Pat Gill, Kathy Triolo, Mary Vliek, Susan Layne.

**Golf Around (GAR) Oct. 26**

Flight A Low Putts: 15-Susie Trembulak.

Flight A Low Net: 36-Claire Gabert.

Flight B Low Gross: 47-Carla Kimball.

Flight B Low Net: 37-Dolores Jaynes.

Flight C Low Putts: 15-Marcie Hock;

Flight C Low Net: 34-Kathy Triolo; Tie at 36: Judy Parisi, Mary Ann McCourt, Betty Werner.

Flight D Low Putts: 16-Kathy Hall.

Flight D Low Net: 35-Olive Curtin.

**Tee to Green Nov. 2**

Flight 1: 29-Carla Kimball; Tie at 31-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Dolores Jaynes.

Flight 2: 30-Kathy Triolo; 33-Barb Enos; 34-Judy Parisi.

Flight 3: 31-Betty Werner; 35-Olive Curtin; 36-Cheryl Nesbit.

Flight 4: 37-Sue Layne; Tie at 40-Kathy Hall, Donna McCombs.

**Fewest Putts Nov. 9**

Flight 1: 15-Kay Budd; 17-Barb Enos; 18-Eileen Gustavus, Carla Kimball.

Flight 2: 16-Kathy Triolo; 18-Pat Gill, Judy Parisi.

Flight 3: 18-Cheryl Nesbit, Kathy Hall.

Flight 4: 18-Mary Giannukos; 20-Sue Layne, Julie Crudele, Miriam Gerlach.



**Bunco Babes Social Group**

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite E. Registration

is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Dec. 12 (two weeks earlier this month due to the Christmas holiday). Since this column deadline is due prior to the next game date, please call Micki at (352) 861-8790 to confirm. A consensus will be taken at the November game day to determine if enough players are

planning on attending in December.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play.

The cost is \$3 per person and all

monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners.

Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing (if you wish).

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



**Billiards Club**

Phil Panzera

The club's annual Christmas party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 4 p.m., at Bella Cucina (a restaurant in Oak Run). The buffet includes oven-roasted turkey, pot roast and all the trimmings. Tickets are still available from Rosemarie or Bob Kuebler. Tickets are \$18 for club members (including spouses and significant others), and \$20 for non-members.

The location for the Christmas party was researched and recommended by a party committee, and approved at the last club meeting. We thank Rosemarie, Bob and Dean, who graciously volunteered

their time for this committee.

Officer elections were held last month, and Joe Amigliore was nominated and ran for president against incumbent Jerry Kamenker. It was a close vote, but Joe won, and he will assume his duties as president at the first meeting in January. All of us in the club thank Jerry for his dedicated service this year. Most notably, he did a terrific job securing dozens of gifts for the last Christmas Party. Phil Panzera was also elected as secretary.

After the officers' election the club held an informal pizza party. We'd like to thank those members who helped to organize, set up and clean up, including Jerry, Penny, Ray, Dan, Babe, Lynn and Gene.

Shortly after the election meeting Jerry resigned his position as president. In accordance with our by-laws, Dan (as our vice president)

will assume the duties of president until Joe starts his term sometime in January.

**FUN FACTS:** why is the cloth green and the chalk blue? Green has been the traditional color of billiard cloth for over four centuries, while blue has been the traditional color for billiard chalk for about 100 years. Today, chalk and cloth both come in literally dozens of colors, but green cloth and blue chalk are the most popular.

Green cloth has historically been used as billiards evolved from several games played outside on grass. When the game was brought inside, green cloth was used to mimic the grass. But why then wouldn't we use green chalk?

In the earliest years chalk was always white, similar to blackboard chalk. Back then the chalk was not as fine an abrasive as it is today,

and chunks would break off, marring the appearance of the cloth with white streaks. It was also more difficult to clean. So some coloring was added, and blue chalk first emerged in 1828. By 1885 paper sides were added to keep one's fingers clean, and chalk was also available in triangles and cylinders.

The first patents for chalk were intended to use a "chrome green" color, but green marks wouldn't show up well on the cloth. If the green chalk remained on the table unnoticed, it could damage the cloth and affect play, so slightly similar blue chalk then became more popular.

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**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Judith Parisi

We've all heard the adage, "Age is just a state of mind." A perfect example is our own Mary Hart. Mary is active year round in our league and is an inspiration to all the members.

I spoke with her recently to find out more about her background. Mary has lived here for 33 years, being one of the first group of residents. Her street was actually the first developed, and at the time there was just one 18-hole course - the Links. She was one of the original members of the LGA-18, having played golf since she was 55.

Mary was originally from Ohio, but lived all her married life in

Trenton, Mich. before coming to Ocala. Before retiring she worked for some 30 years for Chrysler. She has a son, Jim, who we know from the Recreation Center, and her daughter-in-law, Karen, from the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Mary's parents (the Radu's) emigrated from Transylvania in Romania, through Ellis Island, her father coming in 1921, and later bringing over his wife. Interestingly, her parents had an arranged marriage, her mother being 16 when she married and her father being 26. Village life in Romania revolved around the Orthodox Church. Mary related that her mother was a "hugger" and as a child all her friends enjoyed her mother's warmth.

I asked Mary what advice she would give to new members and she said, "Be kind, be courteous, and you'll never go wrong. Have patience no matter how you or oth-

ers play." Those of us fortunate enough to have played with Mary know that she exemplifies these words. We all aspire to be able to follow Mary's example.

Visit our website at [otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com](http://otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com) to keep current on what is happening with the league.

**Three Blind Mice (Net) Oct. 24**

Flight 1: 25-Dawn Hagberg; 27-Carla Kimball, Virginia Bayless, Linda Dumeer

Flight 2: 26-Barbara Enos; 28-Judy Parisi, Joyce Smith.

Flight 3: 28-Connie Deignan, Kathy Dushary, Pauline Beloin, Marlene Floeckher.

Flight 4: 26-Kathy Hall; 29-Patricia Howd; 31-Sherry Whitmer-Hall.

**Individual Low (Net) Oct. 31**

Flight 1: 36-Carla Kimball; 38-Dolores Jaynes; 39-Lydia Flinchbaugh,

Marilyn Davsko. Flight 2: 36-Barbara Enos; 38-Judy Parisi

42-Connie Deignan.

Flight 3: 37-Kathy Hall; 41-Sheila Ashe; 43-Mary Vliek; 44-Ann Flynn, Pauline Beloin.

**Scramble Nov. 7**

39-Judy Parisi, Susan Jackins, Marilyn Davsko, Sherry Whitmer-Hall; 41-Barbara Enos, Marianne Ingwersen, Carol Bell, Sheila Ashe; 41-Linda Dumeer, Pat Gill, Mary-Ann Polizzoti, Pauline Beloin. 42-Mary Vliek, Dolores Jaynes, Janice Sturm, Dawn Hagberg; 42-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Kathy Zunica, Marlene Floeckher, Ethel Miller; 42-Carla Kimball, Lorraine Rourke, Joan Loureiro, Kathy Hall. 42-Kay Budd, Joyce Smith, Betty Jo Dent, Eve Harvey; 42-Eileen Gustavus, Blind Draw, Joan Rappa, Cathleen Hathaway.



**Fit Tips**

Larry Robinson (352) 387-3571 [larry\\_robinson@otowfl.com](mailto:larry_robinson@otowfl.com)

**Holiday Heart Health**

Many of us have a tendency to put our health on hold during the holidays. Consuming large quantities of high fat foods, sweet treats and alcoholic beverages can be harmful to your heart health. Interestingly enough, there is actually a condition identified by the medical community as "holiday heart syndrome." During the period between

Thanksgiving and New Year's, acute cardiovascular illness seems to spike. Although the holidays can be a time of great joy, they can also be stressful and lead us down the path of temptation to over-indulge. Here are a few tips to help keep your heart healthy during the holidays:

**FIT TIP #1:** Eat smart and keep moving! Start your day with a healthy breakfast to put you on the right path, and include at least 30 to 60 minutes of activity most days of the week. Enjoy all the wonderful treats of the season, but be mindful and responsible with portions.

**FIT TIP #2:** Limit alcohol and caffeine. Alcohol is one of the big-

gest sources of excess calories during the holidays. Excessive caffeine can cause insomnia and precipitate heart rhythm problems.

**FIT TIP #3:** Take a break and breathe! Ward off stress by setting aside some time every day to relax

and quiet your mind. Try this relaxation break in a quiet room. Take slow deep breaths, filling the bottom of your lungs with air and letting your belly rise. Exhale slowly with the intent of expelling all the air.



**Call of the Wild**

Roger Bonifield

Well, we are off and running now. Just barely four months old, Call of the Wild sports club is the group to be with if you are interested in fishing, hunting or shooting sports. With membership numbers now approaching 100, we have a great group of men and women with a wide range of experience to offer, so if you are new to Florida, or just want to learn more about what Florida has to offer in the areas of fishing and hunting come check us out.

We have a deep sea fishing trip soon to be announced in March,

and are currently working with a group of west coast guides to set up some "in-shore" fishing trips. We also try to set up fresh water trips to area lakes or rivers at least once a month in search of that 10-pound largemouth.

We are right in the middle of hunting season, and with a number of both experienced and novice hunters in the group, we are the folks to be with to learn more about stalking the Florida woods, or just finding a new hunting buddy.

If you would like to learn more about Call of the Wild, please contact Roger Bonifield at (352) 300-3601, or [rogerb4949@gmail.com](mailto:rogerb4949@gmail.com). We hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of every month in Suites B and C at the Arbor Conference Center, from noon to 2 p.m.

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**Diamond Divas**

Sandy Hoskins

The Diamond Divas are having a great time. The cooler temperatures are bringing more people to the field and our skills are improving each week. We have many new players and are able to have "mock" games. Our newest option is playing a three on three on three game. Come join us to learn what this fun rotation is all about.

We need players of all types and we have something for everyone. If you are hesitant to play ball, then you can help umpire, coach, or just cheer us on. Our attitude is "no excuses;" we all do what we can and have fun. Our practices are Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. For more information, call Carol Singer at (352) 509-4066.

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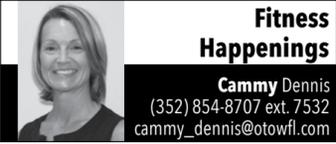
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It is widely known that regular physical activity not only helps us to look good and feel good, it also reduces the risk of negative health outcomes. Very soon residents will have the opportunity to expand their exercise options. The brand new Arbor Club fitness center is due to open in early 2018. The Arbor Club will provide state-of-the-art equipment and technology to offer an outstanding fitness experience. Here are some of the features you will find at the new Arbor Club fitness center:

- 10 Startrac treadmills with "quick key" technology so that you do not have to continually hit an up or down arrow to increase or decrease speed. The user simply hits one key reflecting the speed (MPH) they choose to walk or run at.
- Four elliptical trainers with upper body action.
- Two Versastriders which are similar to elliptical trainers with a user-driven stride length. There are no buttons or levers, just get on and stride at the speed and length you desire.
- Four recumbent bikes and two upright Airfit bikes.
- One Airfit upper body ergometer with wheelchair access.
- Two Concept II rowers.
- Nautilus strength training machines, featuring a Nautilus One core circuit of abdominal crunch, lower back and rotary torso.
- Human sport functional, cable trainer with wheelchair access for upper body conditioning.
- The free weight area will include dumbbells, barbells, a Smith machine and Olympic bench.

**FITNESS SCHEDULE**

December 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 Darla	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne
10:50 AM	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Roger	S.O.S. Larry	S.O.S. Linda	S.O.S. Larry
11:45 AM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		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					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	

\*Denotes a fee-based class

No classes on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Happy Holidays!



**Monday Bowling League**

Jerry Roney

The Ten Pin Bowlers team regained first place after having lost it two weeks ago to the Colored Laces. Their lead is a scant one point ahead of the Colored Laces. The Ten Pin Bowlers have been in first place in six of the seven weeks of bowling thus far this season. Their team consists of Danny Newby, Tom Liberton, Antoinette Beatty and William Beatty.

Notable individual accomplishments so far include:

**Highest Averages**

203-Billy Boone; 162-Hedy Schmal.

**Highest Scratch Series**

660-Billy Boone; 531-Hedy Schmal.

**Highest Handicap Game**

286-Kevin Adams; 264-Mary Ross.

**Highest Handicap Series**

726-Alan Schneider; 655-Marge Curran.

Also of note, Mal Press bowled a 240 game and Georgie Maguire a 197 game.

Our league bowls on Mondays at 3 p.m.. We are in need of four or five more bowlers to fill vacancies on some teams. Our league consists of bowlers from On Top of the World and Stone Creek with varying averages from 92 to 203 and is a fun league. If interested in joining, contact George at gp62263@gmail.

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- Boomer BEAT - a drumstick

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• Fitness On Demand - a virtual platform where you can choose your own workout.

The Recreation Center Fitness Center will remain open with all the existing classes and the addition of a Parkinson's exercise class (from February). The On Top of the World fitness team is excited to help you meet your wellness goals! Happy holidays to all and we look forward to seeing you at both the Recreation Center and Arbor Club!

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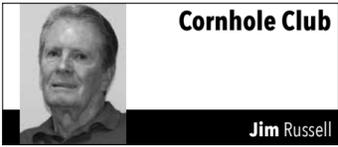
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**Cornhole Club**

**Jim Russell**

After more than seven months of planning, organizing and promoting, the newly formed Cornhole Club is set to embark on our first winter season. With over 250 residents having shown an interest in playing and having selected a board of officers consisting of Mike Wathen, president; Dee Murray, vice president and Jim Russell, secretary/treasurer, we are ready to crank up the activity level.

Beginning the week of Dec. 4, the 12-week winter season features daily play at the horseshoe/cornhole complex. Here is the schedule:

Open play: Mondays (10:30 a.m. to noon); Tuesdays (1:30 to 3 p.m.); Thursdays (1:30 to 3 p.m.); and Fridays (10:30 a.m. to noon).

Mixed doubles league play: Tuesdays (3 to 4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (1:30 to 3 p.m.); and Thursdays (3 to 4:30 p.m.).

There will be no scheduled play during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. The winter season will conclude on March 9, 2018 and will be followed by a spring season starting March 12, 2018 and concluding on June 1, 2018, providing another 12 weeks of friendly competition.

We will then have a summer break during June, July and August, with the fall season cranking

up again on Sept. 3, 2018.

During the past month, we have been encouraging everyone interested in playing to register their preferences as to the type of play and dates they would most enjoy. Many have responded and the schedule listed above is the result of their input. We currently have six sets of regulation game boards available for use, which allows up to 24 people to play at any given time. Those who responded to the request for feedback are rewarded by being assigned to specific days and times.

If there is room remaining, additional players may play during these dates, but on a "first come, first served" basis. As even more folks show an interest in playing, we can add additional time slots throughout the week to accommodate the increased demand. Our goal is to provide everyone interested in playing cornhole an opportunity to play.

With that in mind, we also have two "outdoor" cornhole games available for any resident who would like to give it a try. These two sets are located under the pavilion next to the horseshoe/cornhole complex and instructions for their use are posted on the wall next to them. For Candler Hills residents, there are also two sets located at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Interested in joining the Cornhole Club? Contact Jim Russell at (352) 861-6355 or jimrussell44@outlook.com.



**R/C Car Club**

**Tom Seitz**

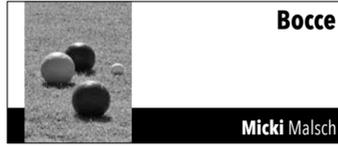
The weather has finally improved to favor our racing, and we have been able to race as many as three days a week. The weather has also helped to bolster our membership and race attendance. We now have more than 90 members with a large number participating on any given race day.

Last month I noted that we had set up a new "out of the box" class with the Rage, a two wheel drive buggy. The car has proven to be very popular with both beginners and advanced drivers alike. It is surprisingly easy to drive, comparatively inexpensive, and has proven to be competitive in even the regular two-wheel drive buggy class. We have added a race day on Tuesday to support racing just this car, to make it fair for all levels of drivers.

We are also very fortunate to have a local supplier, New Red Hobbies that has been very supportive, giving us great prices and providing parts support. We already have approximately 25 members running this car and more every week. If you are interested in the sport, this is a good first car, as it can be raced on all of our current race days.

We recently had one of our famous burger days. This has been a very successful event with many spouses, friends and neighbors attending. Our chef, Bill Cruff and his assistant, Tom Weiss, were literally overwhelmed with demand for great burgers and hot dogs. The club race committee provided additional fun with special races that were enjoyed by participants and spectators alike.

And remember, we are now in our winter racing schedule of 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays. The help session has been shifted to Tuesday at noon with Rage car racing at 1 p.m. Come out and join a bunch of friendly people.



**Bocce**

**Micki Malsch**

This is how we roll! As of this writing, member enrollment stands at 122! We surely are growing! The leagues are rolling along and open bocce continues to be the hottest ticket in town with members arriving quite early to assure their playing spots on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays! Officially, open bocce starts at 9 a.m., however, by 8:10 a.m., 32 people have usually arrived and signed up and play commences! Many people are turned away as court capacity is full. Hopefully, with the addition of two new courts, this will not continue to be a problem for morning play.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturdays 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!

We are always looking for mem-

bers 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!

We are pleased to announce that Ed Barnes will be taking on the role of treasurer as Lois Osis, has resigned this position after many years of dedicated service to the club. Thank you Lois for a job well done, and kudos to Ed for offering his services in this capacity.

The league will not play the week of 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. A 50/50 raffle and other door prize raffles will be held. Members have signed up to bring side dishes and desserts, and the board will provide sandwiches. A cash bar will be available. If you have not yet signed up, please call Joe Bartosh. A final count is needed by Monday, Dec. 4.

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



**Pickleball**

**Bill Daugherty**

December pickleball is going to be a fun month for club members. Put the shorts away and bring out the long johns. Just because it's cooler don't forget to drink plenty of water.

An introduction to pickleball class will be conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 12 with a make-up day on Dec. 19. Class starts at 9 a.m. Be sure to wear court shoes - sandals, shower shoes, leather shoes and loafers cannot be worn for this class.

**TIP: Don't Play Catch.** Too many players are hitting the ball back (horizontally) to their opponents while at the net with the ball coming right back! To win the point you should be hitting the ball at a down angle into the middle of the court at your opponent's feet. If you're hitting to your opponent and it's coming back to you then you're doing something wrong and may well lose that duel. Dink, lob, try something different to win the point. That is where the fun of the game comes into play. What tools are in your bag of tricks and your imagination to execute a winning exchange? Have fun, play hard and make some good friends.

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**Sidekicks Western Dance**

Carol Hanson

'Tis the season! The month of December brings cooler weather and many celebrations! The Sidekicks will be gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 12 for our annual Christmas potluck dinner, where there will be lots of food and plenty of dancing. Remember, as the holiday season approaches, whether your greeting of choice is happy holidays, merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, or happy Kwanza the most important thing is that it is delivered and acknowledged with warmth, kindness and understanding.

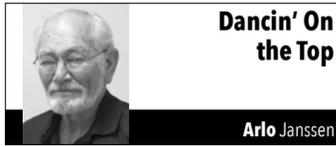
Now, let's talk about dance floor etiquette. Yes, Virginia, dance floor etiquette really does exist. Many dancers and styles of dancing can be accommodated on the dance floor when everyone is following the rules of dance. In general, it is considered good etiquette to dance stationary or slow moving dances in the center of the dance floor so that those performing traveling dances can move freely around the outside of the dance floor.

More specifically, the outside lane is reserved for progressive dances that move in a continuous, forward movement counter-clockwise (called line of dance). Examples include the fox trot, waltz, two-step, polka and pattern dance. They have the right of way in the outside lane and should never cut through the center of the dance floor.

The center dance floor is reserved for non-progressive dances such as jitterbug, east coast swing, rock, slow dance, cha cha, rumba and line dance. These dancers should never dance in the outside lane unless everyone is doing the same dance (i.e. everyone is doing a line dance).

Following dance floor etiquette allows dancers of many different styles to share the dance floor with the least risk of injury and the most enjoyment for everyone. Let's always be courteous and have a great time dancing.

Wishing everyone the very best this holiday season!



**Dancin' On the Top**

Arlo Janssen

Christmas is the big item on your December calendar, but our New Year's dance is the big headline at the end of the month. The dance will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Sunday, Dec. 31 and will feature the music of Retro Express. The theme will be "Happy New Year" so look for a collection of balloons and our traditional clock on the stage. A very limited number of tickets are available for this dance, so call Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293.

Sales for the dances in 2018 will take place in January 2018 for club members. The date and time will be announced by e-mail to club members. The 2018 dances are all under contract. The first dance is set for Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 with the band 3 For the Road Plus 1. Our second dance is set for Saturday, April 21, 2018 with the band Retro Express.

Additional dances are set for Sept. 22, Nov. 17, and Dec. 31, 2018. 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: weekly Friday night Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom (guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident I.D.) and The Town Square every Friday and Saturday night. See the events calendar insert provided in the World News for more details.



**Line Dancing**

Nancy Carmack

It's hard to believe that it's time to talk about the Christmas season already, but it is almost here and plans are in place for many festive activities. For those of us who line dance, it is a great way to work off some of those extra calories that we take in during the holidays.

In October, we celebrated Halloween in Marilyn's classes by dancing a number of dances to Halloween music, which was really fun. She also had chocolate treats for any of us who wanted a little burst of energy!

The intermediate class did a performance on The Town Square in October for the Lions Club fundraiser, which had originally been scheduled for September but was postponed because of Hurricane Irma. We had a beautiful day! The dancers did a great job, and it was a fun experience.

We are now preparing for our monthly dance where many of our dances will be done to Christmas music. Everyone wears sparkly attire and we also share cookies during our break time. It is a special evening.

The weather has been really nice for dancing at The Town Square on the weekends during this fall season. We also dance at Happy Hour at the Recreation Center on Fridays. Come join us and remember to step when the drum goes thump.

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



**Ballet Club**

Eugenie Martin

We are adjusting well to our new quarters in the group fitness room at the Recreation Center. The room is large, with a long mirror on the back wall. Our exact class schedule has changed again, and is shown below:

- Tuesdays: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Thursdays: 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- Fridays: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Saturdays (Fusion Floor Barre): 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dancers at varied levels of experience are welcome to all classes, which are relatively basic right now. The classes strengthen us, make us more flexible, and teach us to do ballet steps properly and comfortably.

We are planning to participate in the Health & Wellness Expo at Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018. Our demonstration will be at 11 a.m. and will consist of a few dances, which we are learning and practicing right now. Other classes and groups will also be doing demonstrations.

New dancers are always welcome to join us or watch a class. Please call me first, however. That way, we can discuss your experience and interests, and decide what is best for you. To start dancing, you may wear exercise clothes and socks if you do not have ballet clothes. Also, bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated. In addition, if you want to attend the Fusion Floor Barre, please bring a mat, towel and some sort of neck roll. For any information about our classes, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!

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**Tennis**

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Further to last month's column, 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.

This month, I will cover temperament, concentration and goal setting.

**TEMPERAMENT:** Temperament is the development of a stable and ideal manner of thinking, behaving and reacting that is characteristic of a successful tennis player.

A player with a good temperament stays positive and levelheaded and shows his emotions during a match in a positive way, no matter what the situation. This type of temperament, the kind in which a player has the ability to stay mentally focused in a match, is the key to being successful. It is important for players to control their tempers and be able to solve problematic match situations with a positive attitude.

A bad temperament happens when a player becomes physically and verbally angry and loses his cool during a match because things are not going his way, often times throwing his racquet, screaming and yelling at himself. This type of frustration has a profoundly negative effect on a player's game

because it gives way to lack of focus, allowing his opponent to hope that this frustration will swing the match his way and get a mental advantage. "It is a balance of fire and ice."

**CONCENTRATION:** Concentration is defined as a player's ability to control the direction and attention of his thoughts and focus on the primary task at hand. It involves the narrowing of one's focus to a single object of attention, as well as the ability to block out any surrounding distractions for an extended period of time, such as a long match or a rally. Concentration enables a player to channel all of his energy and focus on his shots, thinking about every movement, every technical skill and every tactical decision without

overthinking. Any other thoughts outside of the "here and now" that have nothing to do with the next shot will distract a player and disrupt his rhythm.

**GOAL SETTING:** Goal setting is a player's ability to determine tasks and outcomes that must be accomplished and understand the steps necessary to reach those goals. He must be able to set his goals with a schedule so as to maximize his level of performance. Setting his goals gives a player a sense of direction and achievement. To begin setting goals, a player must ask himself these questions: Where am I now? Where do I want to be? What must I do to get there? It can be anything from improving first serve percentages to making 10 fewer errors in a match to moving up a half a point in the ratings, and be able to evaluate his progress within a certain period of time.

I'd say, work on developing a good positive mental attitude (PMA). See you on the courts ...



**Horseshoe League**

**Paul Pardee**

After summer long discussions as to what kind of sand to put in the rebuilt pits and a Hurricane disruption, the fall horseshoe season is now in full swing with three weeks to go. It has been a successful season in terms of recruitment with six new players joining the league including two ladies.

We welcome all the new players and anyone else to see if they can master the skill to throw a two-pound horseshoe and hook it on a one-inch diameter stick. This is the one activity where an often spoken phrase "close only counts in horseshoes" actually applies. So, perfection is not necessary in order to join us in some very friendly competition.

To all the bowlers who have not tried horseshoes, you may have a hidden talent for the game. Apparently, there is an overlap of the skill set required for both games. The proof is Walter Ray Williams, Jr. He currently holds the record for all-time standard PBA Tour career titles (47). He is also a six-time world horseshoe-pitching champion. Remarkably, Walter plays both games well, right and left handed.

The reward for winning is Bragging Rights and as of this writing it is hard to say who will do the bragging. Dan Ebbighausen, unquestionably our best player, is sitting at the top in terms of average. However, the league is all about competition and has a handicap system that levels the playing field so win percentage carries more weight than high averages.

The Marion County Horseshoe Competition season begins Thursday, Nov. 30. That is the time Bragging Rights move to the community level. We, of course, love to win against any of the communities but The Villages has six teams and it gives us extreme pleasure when we beat any of them.

We expect to hear a lot of whining from other teams about our new sand mixture in the pits. They will complain about the shoes sliding or bouncing onto the pole and the sand on the shoes causing them to slip out of their hands. The other communities play in clay and the shoes stick wherever they land. We whine about clay because it is watered down before play begins so it is like playing in mud.

On Top of the World provides and maintains an excellent facility so the league incurs very little expense. The Horseshoe League is still maintaining the tradition of not collecting membership dues but asks players to bring empty aluminum cans to recycle. The annual fee for joining the county travel league and the cost to buy coffee and doughnuts when other teams visit are covered by the revenue derived from recycling cans. Ed Lalonde, our treasurer, is totally in charge of can smashing and delivery to the recycling center and does an excellent job.

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wishing you a happy holiday season. See you at the pits and may your ringers be plentiful.

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## Holiday Kick Off

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

It's time to pull out your most festive and "ugly" holiday attire that you own ... and jingle the night away. The annual community Holiday Golf Cart Parade and Holiday Celebration at The Town Square will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The golf cart parade will begin promptly at 2 p.m. from the Recreation Center parking lot making its way through a portion of the Friendship neighborhoods and finishing at The Town Square (see map).

This will be the biggest parade our community has ever held. Theresa Fields, activities supervisor, stated that this year's parade will encompass a horse and carriage transporting the Happy Hour king and queen (Baby and Pedro Del Manzano), vehicles from Marion County Fire Rescue and Marion County Sheriff's Office, antique/classic cars, bikes and R/C cars. The highlight of the parade will be the resident decorated golf carts. Of course, the parade would not be complete without that fat, jolly old elf himself - Santa Claus - bringing up the tail end of the parade. Set up a lawn chair along the parade route to watch the parade.

The parade concludes, at approximately 4 to 4:30 p.m. at The Town Square. Awards in four categories will be presented to participating golf carts: most creative, funniest, most festive, and most original. A best in show trophy will be presented to a golf cart representing a club. Last year, the best in show trophy went to the Southern Club.

Festivities will continue at The Town Square with Norman Lee Schaffer, Billy Buchanan & his Rock 'n Soul Revue providing live enter-

tainment at the Holiday Celebration. There will also be a singing Santa Claus (Frank Miller -2012 "The World Has Talent" show winner).

There will also be an opportunity to have your photo taken with Santa Claus in his sleigh.

Come hungry because there will be plenty of food vendors.

This annual event is a great way to kick off the holiday season! Merry Christmas and happy New Year!



Photo by Bob Woods

Residents were able to view the ShutterBugs' Photography Exhibit in the Recreation Center Ballroom in November.

## Annual Photography Exhibit & Reception

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

With a click, click here and a click, click there one would think there was a bug infestation ... well there is, kind of ... the ShutterBugs!

The click, click sound is that of the camera's shutter. The ShutterBugs is a digital photography club here in our community.

Every November, the club has a photography exhibit and reception open to all residents. This year's event took place in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Activities Supervisor Theresa Fields and her team hosted the reception. All attendees enjoyed a lavish buffet of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres as they viewed the photographs on display. The reception had a very good turnout consisting of club members, friends and neighbors of members.

The exhibit is a culmination of photos taken by ShutterBugs members who wished to place their artwork in competition with other members. There were four categories that were judged by three judges located in Washington, Michigan, and Florida. There were six winners

in each category (first, second, and third place along with three honorable mentions). The first place winners were as follows: Novice-Rick French; Intermediate-Tom Murray; Advanced-Rick Nelson; and Special-Dale Gray.

There is also a People's Choice Award that will be announced at a later date. The voting took place for the entire month of November.

The ShutterBugs meet the first four Tuesdays of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, at 3 p.m. The club's mission statement reads, "The goal of the ShutterBugs Club is to share knowledge, enjoyment and beauty through the art of photography. The organization is open to all residents, novice to advance. Our goal is to help members learn new skills, develop confidence, and acquire knowledge in the art of photography, taking and editing photos."

If anyone would like additional information or would like to attend a club meeting, please call the club's secretary/treasurer, Linda Uhley, at (352) 854-8536.

## 'Thriller'

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Saturday, Oct. 21 was such a ghoulishly entertaining evening on The Town Square. The band, The 45's, entertained the crowd for the evening but at break time (around 8 p.m.) all kinds of monsters and zombies appeared. They mingled in the crowd while the MC, dressed as an undertaker, took center stage to introduce the production about to take place as three witches looked on as they were stirring a pot of witch's brew.

Cheri Irwin, creator/director of the annual "Thriller" production, wrote a screenplay - "A Halloween Tale: Evileena's Scary Night" - specifically for this event.

The story tells of a witch by the name of Evileena who was spreading her evil spell. She conjured up bats (dancers from Howard Middle School) and then black cats (dancers from West Port High School) that danced to the music of "Black Cat" by Janet Jackson. Next Evileena woke up Dracula who called out the vampires (classical ballet dancers from Dance by Sheila).

Evileena was warned not to wake up the zombies but soon fog filled the air with spooky lights illuminating all the ghosts, vampires, zombies, and goblins (25 residents of On Top of the World, Stone Creek and Oak Run) who took center stage to perform Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

There were over 70 dancers/cast members in the "Thriller" production ranging in ages from 12 to 90.

This annual event is a fundraiser for the Ocala Domestic Violence Center. Cheri Irwin was amazed by the number of spectators. Gary Pierre, events manager at the Circle Square Commons, stated there were around 800 people in the crowd. Donations reached \$12,500 this year, almost twice the amount of last year.

Three of our residents, who performed as zombies, made the top 10 list in fundraising: Sarah Logue-\$2,385, Linda Watson-\$1,000 and Jan Zalenka-\$508. Linda Watson and Sarah Logue both received an honorable mention for outstanding make up and costume design.

Be on the lookout for next year's production. Until then ... trick or treat!



Photo by Bob Woods

Over 70 dancers/cast members participated in this year's "Thriller" production.



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**Concert Chorus**

Patricia Woodbury

The members of the Concert Chorus hope to see you all at either the Saturday, Dec. 2 performance, at 7 p.m. or the Sunday, Dec. 3 performance at 3 p.m. for their winter concert entitled "All-American Christmas." Both performances are held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Remember, you do not need a ticket, just come and enjoy.

One of the songs we will be singing is "Let There Be Peace On Earth." This song was born on a mountain-top in the voices of youth, and continues to travel all over the world gathering people everywhere who appreciate a song of understanding and peace for all mankind.

In 1955 a group of teenagers attended a meeting in the California mountains where they formed a circle and sang a song of peace, hoping to create a climate of world peace. When they came down from

the mountain, they brought the song with them and started sharing it. This song began an amazing journey around the globe.

The song is performed worldwide throughout the year, and particularly during the Christmas season, which has led to it being considered a Christmas song. It is included in the hymnals of a variety of Christian denominations, and is used in worship services even by a number of denominations that do not include it in their hymnals.

Our featured member of the chorus this month is Jill Davis. Jill originally comes from Mechanicsburg, Penn. She received her master's degree in education from Troy State in Alabama. She has been a teacher of mathematics (pre-algebra) in a couple of schools, namely St. Augustine Middle and Palm Beach County Middle. While in St. Augustine, Fla. she taught at the Florida State School for the Deaf and Blind where she learned sign language.

Also in St. Augustine she wrote a published book entitled, "The Small Town With a Big Heart." This book has been written in a play form

and is waiting to be discovered for a television screenplay. You might have caught Jill's class at the Master the Possibilities entitled "Giving is More Than Writing a Check" this past year. Jill also has scheduled several classes for the Master the Possibilities on beginning and intermediate sign language.

In her spare time Jill plays bocce and bunco as well as attending yoga class and water aerobics class. Oh yes, she has sung for many years in church choirs and choral groups. The alto section is very pleased to have Jill as one of their members.

The Concert Chorus wishes you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!

The next practice for the Concert Chorus will begin in January when we will begin practicing for our spring concert. The Concert Chorus meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. We are always seeking people who like to sing and look forward to you joining our group. Interested persons may contact Susan Layne, membership chairperson, at (352) 414-5420.



**The New Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski

Just as a snowball rolling downhill gathers speed, so does the calendar as December slips into place. Because we don't have to worry about snow here, we all succumb to the spirit of the holidays and the many activities we add to our schedules.

While your calendar is relatively free, turn the page and mark Jan. 3, 2018, to buy your tickets for our show. We begin sales at 8 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom; we sell until 10 a.m. and will do so every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until our performances. Reserved tickets are \$10 each and general admission tickets are \$8 each. Our performances will be on

Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at 2 p.m. All the shows will be in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The show's title this year is "And Away We Go!" and is jam-packed with energy and showmanship.

Joie Kurtz is one of our troupe members who has performed as "Sister Sue" and Tina Turner among her varied roles as a New Pretender. Joie is taking a break from the stage this season to direct her talent and enthusiasm to the choreography of our production. Her creativity will be apparent from the very beginning of the show and displayed until the end. You are going to be amazed at what she has accomplished; more importantly, wait until you see how the troupe

has responded!

We continue to rehearse to bring our very best to you, our audience. The many hours we put into our show is rewarded with your participation and support. We encourage you to dance in the aisles, sing along, or clap because we respond to all of that. We love when you let us know how much you enjoy the performance. And, after our bills are paid, the money we raise for local charities is the icing on our cake!

Jan. 3, 2018, will be here soon and we hope to see you that morning, too. Until then, merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, happy Kwanzaa, and a happy and healthy New Year from The New Pretender family to yours!



**Poetry**

John Kinser-Hall

**As You Slept**

As I lay beside you, and watched your face in sleep.

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**Theatre Group**

Steve McDonald

The responses to our columns, posters at various venues within our community, Club Fair, and word of mouth have been overwhelming and have resulted in enormous responses from current and new members and residents interested in participating in our 2018 spring "Path to Talent Showcase II - Remembering through the Decades." This enormous interest not only has allowed us to fill our cast, but also has enabled us to cancel our January open casting call, which can now be used for commencing our rehearsals. We are only in need for folks to act as past variety show host announcers (Ed Sullivan, Rowan & Martin, Dick Clark, Laugh In, etc.), who typically are announcing acts appearing on those shows.

We will soon be starting our rehearsals in preparation for what will prove to be a very exciting and entertaining presentation by your Theatre Group, which, by the way, is comprised of your talented fellow residents.

Please be on the lookout as we will soon be generating our posters announcing our spring program, to be performed on March 24 and 25, 2018, in the Recreation Center Ball-



**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

Barbara Lingis

In the spotlight this month is crafter Rene Beck, the director of our club. Rene creates beautiful crocheted necklaces out of ladder yarn and as well as many different types of scarves.

In her collection on her table, you will find infinity scarves, scarf necklaces, mini scarves made out of multiple fibers and various types of scarf jewelry (silver tone) and scarf pendants. Of course, all her scarves can be worn without jewelry.

Each necklace has a magnet clasp for easy on and off access, and the various glass pendants and medallions are color coordinated to enhance each scarf necklace.

Rene also makes scarf necklaces that have beaded jewelry with accenting chains all coordinated to fit with the color of the scarf and pattern.

Come see these beautifully hand-crafted items and many more on each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Also, don't forget that we will have our annual customer appreciation drawing on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m.



Photo by Barb Lingis

Rene Beck.

room. They will be posted at various venues throughout our community and on our local TV station channel 732. Please take a copy and invite your friends and members of your other club affiliations to attend our program this coming spring. We promise you will not be disappointed and we look forward to once again having a successful program enabling us to continue our long-time efforts to provide a generous contribution towards a scholarship annually awarded to a deserving College of Central Florida arts student.

Please join us at 7 p.m., Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, for our general member meeting, Jan. 8, after which, we will vigorously start our rehearsals for our program. For further information or if you have interest in joining our group, or would like to play a part as a variety show announcer, please contact our president, Harry Boyajian, at (239) 336-4804.

**Group Mexican Train Chicken Foot**

Barbara & David Lee

Happy holiday season to all! We want to thank all our smiling train friends who come each week to support our group. We are growing nicely and meeting new friends from all neighborhoods.

Each week we still train new conductors on playing number or dot dominos from 12 to zero plays; whether your table players are faster than others doesn't matter as long as each table is patient and everyone is having a good time with the new friends at the table.

When you come in the procedure is to sign in, get a number (so we know how many are attending) and tell us your preference of dot or number dominos. If you're brand new, show us your resident I.D. and fill out the sheet for our records of contact. If you're a guest visiting family, you must also sign our re-

ords sheets.

Thank you to all our friends who bring their dominos to share with a table and sometimes for no reason at all. We would like to ask everyone to put a nametag on your dominos, so if you should leave without them we can call you to return them to you.

At one time during the game, we all eventually say our magic words, "pass the bag, please" and "chicken foot." Since we play on long tables, we can only fit six at a table comfortably so it is very important you play at the chip table you are assigned.

Thank you to the anonymous gentleman who came in and donated a beautiful train set to us in a silver metal train container.

Come out Monday night to take a train ride! If you're new, remember to bring your resident I.D. and a quarter. We have train racks you can borrow, or order a rack (prices vary). Hope to see you soon.

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**Circle Square Commons**

Jo Salyers

As we wrap up another year at Circle Square Commons, we have much for which we are thankful. We are thankful for great facilities, in which we offer world-class entertainment, lifelong learning, fitness and so much more. Circle Square Commons has become a hub of activity that offers something for just about everyone. It's also our good fortune to have tenants who offer vital services to our residents - all just a golf cart drive away from home.

New things are also coming to Circle Square Commons ... the offices of the Bay Laurel Center CDD and the World News will relocate in early 2018. Look for details for that opening date.

**Circle Square Cultural Center**

Construction on the backstage area of Circle Square Cultural Center wraps up this month. In order to bring the larger performers, we added two more dressing rooms, storage space along with a covered load-in area. Make sure to take a "Circle Square Cultural Center Backstage Tour" through one of the classes offered by Master the Pos-



**Dave & Ted, Deuces Wild!**

sibilities.

In November's issue of the World News, we shared with you the expansion plans for the front of Circle Square Cultural Center. That work will take place May through September 2018. We are currently working on the entertainment lineup for the fourth quarter of 2018 and will announce that soon. During the construction, the ticket office will not be open in its current location. We will open in a temporary location and will publish that information in January. Stay tuned!

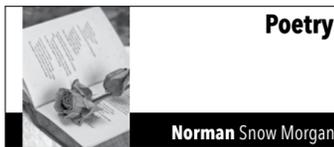
Ticket sales for January through March 2018 are still going strong. A couple of shows have already sold out, or are close to a sellout. On Friday, Jan. 5, we welcome a new act - "Dave & Ted, Deuces Wild!" Dave and Ted are bringing their high-voltage piano show, a piano show like no other! Be prepared to clap and sing along at this musical comedy show where the audience is always part of the action. Their talent is amazing!

For tickets to all of the shows (January through April 2018), please visit the ticket office or go to [CSCulturalCenter.com](http://CSCulturalCenter.com)

**The Town Square**

On Saturday, Dec. 2, be sure to join in the fun on The Town Square for the annual Holiday Celebration! Last year was a big hit as the Holiday Golf Cart Parade arrived on The Town Square around 4 p.m. The celebration on The Town Square starts at 4 p.m. with entertainment by Billy Buchanan & His Rock 'n Soul Revue, Norman Lee Schaffer and Frank Miller - The Singing Santa! Enjoy the holiday lights, food trucks and a good time with friends and family!

Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season along with a prosperous New Year. We look forward to making many more happy memories with all of you!



**Poetry**

Norman Snow Morgan

**Christmas at On Top of the World**

It's Christmas at On Top of the World, and the streets are alive

With neighbors as busy as bees in a hive  
Poking through boxes to see what's still there  
And what can be salvaged (if handled with care).

As always the lights are hopelessly tangled  
While garlands and bows lie flattened and mangled  
Yet boxes of ornaments, both fragile and plastic  
Are no worse for wear and still look fantastic.

True, leftover tinsel should have been pitched  
Along with craft projects that never got stitched  
But angels of grapevine still hold trumpets high  
Next to clusters of reindeer with eyes to the sky.

And then there are wreaths, in all shapes and sizes  
Ready for hanging in various guises  
On doorways and windows, or linked in a bunch  
Wherever their presence will pack the most punch.

Sure the stuff is pure fluff, bought in a store  
And most has been cycled at least once before  
But here in dear Florida it's what fits the bill  
To spread Christmas cheer - and spread it we will!

In towns to the north where cold is a given  
People must hurry because they are driven  
To get back inside before the door closes  
And ditch their wet gloves to blow their wet noses.

But here in Ocala where warmth is preferred  
To piling on layers to survive undeterred  
We can dress for the season, no matter how wacky  
And clutter our yards, no matter how tacky.

We can party 'til dawn under the stars  
Then hop in our golf carts (no need for cars)  
So turn up the music! Pull out the stops!  
(And hope that the neighbors don't call the cops.)

Does all this imply our focus on jolly  
Overlooks substance in favor of folly?  
Quite the opposite's true, as most will agree  
Why else place an angel on top of the tree?

You may see a flamingo instead of a dove  
When it comes to expressing the season of love  
Or palm fronds aglow in purple or pink  
But despite all the glitz, it's not what you think.

We cherish the season with its symbols divine  
Not to mention the pageants and music sublime  
Christmas is special, we all know it's true  
And has nothing to do with our lips turning blue.

It's all about people, all those we hold dear  
Especially the ones who are no longer here  
So channel their spirit and rise to new heights  
Merry Christmas to all! Now turn on the lights!

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### Art Group

Anne Merrick

Leonardo was born on April 15, 1452 in Vinci, Italy, hence his last name. He pioneered a couple of painting techniques: *chiascuro*, which gave a stark contrast of dark and light that gave a three dimensional quality to his portraits, and *sfumato*, which employed subtle gradations, infusing his paintings with a softer, smoky aura. His painting "Virgin on the Rocks" is a classic example of both techniques.

He had little formal education; just reading, writing and mathematics and a keen intellect and unbounded curiosity about a wide variety of subjects. Throughout his life he observed and believed in the accumulation of direct knowledge and facts through direct observation. Like many leaders of Renaissance Humanism he did not see a divide between science and art, viewing the two as intertwined disciplines. His drawing "Vitruvian Man" is an excellent example of this.

He studied anatomy seriously believing the eyes were the most important organ and that "knowing how to see" was of vital importance. He started dissecting human and animal bodies during the 1480s. His drawing of the human fetus in utero and the heart and vascular system are some of the first on human record.

He also studied botany, geology, zoology, hydraulics, aeronautics and physics. He sketched his obser-

vations on scraps of paper that he tucked into his belt. His ideas were mainly theoretical explanations, laid out in exacting detail but rarely experimental. Thousands of pages from his private journals with notes, drawings, observations and scientific theories have surfaced and provided a fuller measure of a true "Renaissance Man."

He was a perfectionist and didn't complete much of his work. His "Mona Lisa" was worked on throughout his life and willed to his long time student and very close friend, "Salai." It has never been determined if the painting was a commission or not but it never reached whomever did so.

"The Last Supper" was painted as a fresco with tempera and oil on dried plaster rather than fresh which led to significant deterioration. It was further damaged by previous restoration but modern techniques have it stabilized. In 1503, he started a mural, "Battle of Anghien" which was to be twice as large as "The Last Supper" but after two years of work it was abandoned because of deterioration.

Many of his sculptures were also not finished some of which were due to circumstances beyond his control such as war with France when all the bronze was being used for cannon. After the 16 feet tall equestrian clay statue of his father he had been working on for a decade was shot to pieces, he fled the city.

I have written this to encourage any artists who worry about not completing their work. If Leonardo was never satisfied and achieved what he did we should not be concerned.



### Original Karaoke

Sindy & Richie O'Brien

We didn't skip a beat! After setting up all our karaoke equipment, the first song of the night, we smelled something burning and poof the karaoke machine was history. So instead of getting upset and everyone going home, we packed up all the equipment and

18 of us went back to our house to sing karaoke on our home machine. Like I said, "We didn't skip a beat." It turned out to be a fun night for all our dedicated singers.

Since then we purchased a brand new karaoke machine in time for our next karaoke night at the Candler Hills Community Center at 6:30 p.m. and "The Beat Goes On." So come join the fun on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.

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### Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

We had a great turnout at the Club Fair in October with lots of people stopping by our table to ask about our group. We were also fortunate enough to get our picture taken (boas and all) for Ocala's Good Life magazine, although we are not sure if or when it might appear. In keeping with our tradition of enjoying lunch as a group every other month, we also had a great time at Ruby Tuesday in October.

If you were not able to attend the Club Fair or were not able to get one of our business cards, please know the Happy Hookers meet every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio in the Hobby Building. We will not meet on Monday, Dec. 25 or Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 as all facilities are closed.

Our next luncheon will be held at Arthur's Bistro (located in the Hilton) on Monday, Dec. 11, at 12:30 p.m. If you have already signed up,

thank you. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please contact Naomi Berman.

Our group is open to all residents. We don't pay dues and we have no agenda. What we do have is a large group of ladies busy crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, card crafting, embroidery and handcrafts of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms and recent months have brought quite a few new faces to the table. Attendees bring whatever they happen to be working on and with the holidays creeping upon us, you'll more than likely find projects with color themes that include a lot of green and red.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328.

If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please call Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 for pick-up of these items.



### Sunshine Quilters

Arliss Day

Greetings from the Sunshine Quilters! Welcome back to all the snowbirds. The holidays are upon us and we are going to have a great December. Tuesday, Dec. 5, we will be celebrating the season with our Christmas lunch at The Club at Candler Hills. This will take the place of our regular business meeting. Hope everybody can come. For Dec. 12 and 19 we will be doing sit and sew projects for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to stop by and see what we are working on. Lots of fun every time. There will be no

quilt sewing on Dec. 26.

This month, we welcomed several new members into our group: Pat, Tamara, Connie, Sumiko, Lynn and Marilyn. Glad to have you ladies join us.

November was filled with sewing and quilting fun. Our charity organization has asked if we could provide baby and toddler quilts as they have a desperate need for them. So we are all busy making cute little things for the children.

We meet in the Hobby Building on Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please feel free to stop by any time.

Thanks to all our members for sharing and caring. Happy holidays everyone! If you want additional information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450.

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Connie Filip

This month's field trip will be our holiday dinner, on Tuesday, Dec. 12. It's a fun event our group looks forward to each year. If you plan to attend, contact Ginny to register at [ginny7700@gmail.com](mailto:ginny7700@gmail.com).

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

Consider "stopping by" on Facebook! Our members post their favorite 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 schedule is as follows:

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

Want to learn more about digital? Stop in at the ShutterBugs' Tuesday 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](mailto:guhley@cfl.rr.com).



**Karaoke Friends**

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

The holidays are here. I am sure you will hear several Christmas songs at karaoke. In a 2007 survey of United States radio listeners, the most liked songs were Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," Nat King Cole's "The Christmas Song" and Burl Ives' "A Holly Jolly Christmas."

You have dancing songs like "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." Who can forget the novelty songs of "My Two Front Teeth" and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas?" There are songs remembering the fun times and sad times of the past. There are songs for everyone. Come sing with us.

This month, we would like to highlight Brady Reeves. Brady has been singing his whole life. His fa-

ther was a musician, who taught Brady and his sisters to harmonize at an early age. Brady has sung professionally in various venues all across the country. His repertoire includes being a member of the Legendary Chords, famous for their hit "Shoo Boom" under the direction of original members James "Jimmy" Keyes and later with Floyd "Buddy" McRae. Brady appeared on the PBS special "Red, White and Rock" with the Chords in 2002. He has also performed as a member of The Drifters and The Coasters. He moved to On Top Of The World in October 2016. He was happy to join Karaoke Friends and appreciated their warm welcome. He is also a proud member of the Theatre Group and Concert Chorus.

You never know who you will meet at karaoke. Come be festive with us this month. We will meet Dec. 4 and 18 in Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come any time in between.



**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr

Our presenter on Thursday, Nov. 16 was Gillie Runge. She offered several different Christmas cards and gift cards. They can be duplicated or kept as one of a kind. Gillie graciously supplied many of the supplies needed. We thank Gillie for her presentation.

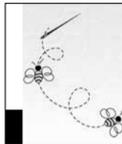
Anyone can be a presenter - and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship, socializing, and helping each other!

Our group is open to all craft-

ers, beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group usually meets the first or third Thursdays 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'!

Have a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!



**Sewing Bees**

Linda Lohr

The end of the year is here already! We again thank everyone who purchased a quilt drawing ticket, wonder wallet or any one of our treasures. Fundraisers provide us with the means to purchase batting for all our donated quilts. Our drawing winner, Georgiana Hilchey, was thrilled to win the quilt, which she will present, to her very first grandchild.

The Bees have worked hard all year to provide for disadvantaged children in Marion County. The sad-

truth is the need grows every year.

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

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.

Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

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**Bingo**

Denise Johnson

Our super bingo, on Wednesday, Nov. 1, was very successful. We had 273 in attendance and I wish I could say everyone won some of the cash but you know that does not happen. However I did see many smiling faces, especially those folks who won one of the \$250 jackpots (Bill, Connie, Donna and Jane were folks counting their winnings). The Pub did a bang-up job getting folks in, served and out ready to play.

Thanks go to all the wait staff and cooks.

Micki's bake sale sold out and with the generosity of many, she collected \$800 for March of Dimes. Nice job Micki!

The volunteer appreciation dinner was held Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Arbor Conference Center. We had a delicious dinner and had many door prizes. Nancy, Sue, and myself appreciate each and every volunteer, as bingo could not run smoothly without them.

We will not have bingo the month of December but will resume in January. Have a wonderful holiday season. Come see us the first Wednesday in January. See if you can yell "bingo."



**Horse Sense Club**

Paul Sullivan

The Horse Sense Club has been a fun experience as we plan our way for future events. We now consist of approximately 30 members and our meetings are both interesting and entertaining as we get to know each other. Some members have volunteered at dressage competitions at the Florida Horse Park, assisting the judges and managing

the warm up ring to expedite the show schedule. Some members have enjoyed our trail rides with Cactus Jacks as we ride our horses on the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

We are also currently pursuing other horse related volunteer opportunities for therapeutic programs in the area. We welcome any resident who shares our appreciation for horses to attend our meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite H.

Please contact Paul Sullivan at (603) 944- 1157 or [Pas15@aol.com](mailto:Pas15@aol.com) with any questions.

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## For Sale

**Appliance:** Juiceman juicer, \$30. (352) 873-4791.

**Appliance:** Shark Rocket vacuum with attachments, lightweight but powerful, \$65. (352) 509-4265.

**Clothing:** Kasper polyester pantsuits (2), size 12P, light beige and royal blue, \$20 each. (352) 291-7670.

**Clothing:** Men's medium sweaters, cardigans, pullovers and windbreaker jackets. (352) 854-5645.

**Electronics:** Samsonite film camera, \$5. (352) 291-7670.

**Exercise Equipment:** Yoga mats in package (3), \$8 each. (352) 817-0944.

**Furniture:** Bar stools (2), saddle seats, red, \$80. (352) 817-0944.

**Furniture:** China cabinet, \$350. (352) 459-2327.

**Furniture:** Hi-Riser trundle bed (metal frame) with upgraded mattresses, \$75. (352) 861-6985.

**Furniture:** L-shaped desk made up of two 55" x 28" desks plus a corner piece to connect them, \$200. Oak bookcase 48" w x 13" d x 70" h, \$75. (309) 696-9140.

**Furniture:** Queen Ann style recliner, soft celery color, \$125. (352) 873-4413.

**Furniture:** Solid oak pedestal dining table, 48" round with 2 leaves extending to 70". Bow back chairs (4) - 2 are end/captain's chairs and 2 are side chairs. \$450. (352) 433-5962.

**Golf Cart:** 1998 Yamaha with curtains, battery charger, good tires and batteries. Dependable and excellent riding. (815) 342-0748.

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**Holiday Décor:** Display rack for Christmas ornaments, tree shaped, 30" tall, 16 arms, dis-

plays 16+ ornaments, easy storage. \$25. (352) 237-2747.

**Home Décor:** Wood/wrought iron wine cabinet, \$80. Artificial fireplace, \$50. Table lamps, \$15 to \$50. (352) 414-5745.

**Misc. Item:** China painting kiln (model 14-9), 120V, digital, no cones required, \$200. (352) 873-4791.

**Misc. Items:** "Golf Club Design, Fitting, Alteration & Repair" by Maltby, 4th edition, published 1995, 896 pages, \$10. Johnson premium outboard motor oil, 50:1, 2 cycle, 3 six-packs, \$15. (352) 237-2747.

**Misc. Items:** Handmade drafting table, \$20. Salad spinner, \$5. Fruit juicer, \$3. Stainless steel water bottle, \$1. 3-foot white teddy bear with green scarf, \$5. Camp Chef butane matchless camping stove with case, \$15. (352) 291-7670.

**Misc. Items:** King size comforter, \$35. (352) 414-5745.

**Mobility Scooter:** Heavy-duty, 450 pound weight capacity. (352) 414-5745.

**Office Furniture:** Black metal two-drawer filing cabinet, \$35. Hanging files (2 sets), \$5 each. (352) 854-9889 (after 6 p.m.).

**Outdoor Furniture:** Padded lawn chairs (2), \$5 each. (352) 817-0944.

**R/C Airplanes:** Control line flying models, 20 balsa kits, \$20/\$50 each. Brodak, Blackhawk, Sig. (662) 346-6843.

**Sport Equipment:** Ironhorse Maverick 1.2 15-speed bicycles (2). Sizes 19.5 and 17.5. \$75 each. (352) 229-1864.

**Sports Equipment:** Ladies 26" bicycle, 10-speed, \$75. Scuba dive fins (2), men's large, \$15 each. Scuba dive mask, \$5. (352) 817-0944.

**Sports Equipment:** Ladies Schwinn bicycle with rack, basket and white walls, \$85. (352) 854-2254.

**Sports Equipment:** Raleigh ladies mountain bicycle, 26", light green, gel seat, STX Shimano gears, new road tires with helmet and car rack, \$150. (352) 236-6334.

**Tools:** Black & Decker 10" miter saw with new blades (2), \$110. (352) 854-9889 (after 6 p.m.).

**Tools:** Craftsman 6-1/8" jointer planer with new blades and roll around floor stand, \$175. (352) 854-4701.

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**Yard Equipment:** Troy-Bilt lawnmower with front wheel drive, \$95. (352) 854-9889 (after 6 p.m.).

## Tag Sales

**Friday, Dec. 1:** 8743-C SW 90th Lane, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 1 & Saturday, Dec. 2:** 8750-A and 8750-C SW 90th Lane (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon • 9020-A SW 93rd Lane (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. • 8650-A SW 92nd Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. • 8875-C SW 92nd Street (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. • 8726-A SW 95th Street (Americana Village), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 2:** 9200 SW 92nd Place Road (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to noon • 8755 SW 93rd Circle (Candler Hills), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 3:** 9200 SW 92nd Place Road (Williamsburg), noon to 2 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 8:** 8800 SW 83rd Circle (Candler Hills), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 8 & Saturday, Dec. 9:** 8884 SW 84th Circle (Candler Hills), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 9:** 8601 SW 80th Loop (Candler Hills), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 & Friday, Dec. 15:** 8525 SW 94th Circle (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 16:** 8980-A SW 93rd Lane (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 17:** 8980-A SW 93rd Lane (Friendship Village), noon to 4 p.m.

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**Alterations by Betty:** Alterations by appointment only. 50 years experience. A Pine Run resident. Call Betty at 237-9909.

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