

Community News

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On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Fiscal 2018 Operating Budget

Remember, the Tuesday, Feb. 20, budget meeting is right around the corner. The proposed budget was mailed out in late January. This coming fiscal year will have considerable challenges. Your board is pleased to report that despite significant work being done around the community, the increase in community service fee (CSF) is anticipated to be very low.

Master the Possibilities

Over the past four years, Margaret Spontak has seemed to be everywhere at once. Whether it's meeting with students to discuss course ideas, working with staff to create the course catalog, to working with instructors on program delivery, her energy has seemed limitless.

This is why I'm sorry to announce the departure of Margaret from Master the Possibilities. She has accepted a position with the Duke Energy Foundation administering their grants program.

In parting, allow me to say how very much I have enjoyed working with Margaret these past several years. Margaret has brought us to a very high level. The Master the Possibilities program will not only continue on, but will evolve, expand, and improve.

We have put out feelers to interested parties who may be engaged not only with the operation of charitable foundations, but with education as well. As you may imagine, there is a great deal that goes into course design, set-up and execution. I will keep you updated.

Trending Real Estate Values

It is certainly no secret that resale home values have been on a strong track for the last 24 months. This reflects not only the general economic recovery in the nation and region, but also diminishing supply of listings and distressed properties throughout the county.

According to the National Board of Realtors website, "the median existing-home sales were 4.5 percent above 2016 and for the southern region was up 7.3 percent." Prices meanwhile increased 5.4 percent nationally, and 4.7 percent in the south. Nationally, housing inventories remain reduced.

According to the Ocala Marion Board of Realtors statistics, for December 2016, in Marion County new listings decreased -13.4 percent over the same period last year. Average sale price was up 12.4 percent over the same period. The same source reports that sellers appear to be giving up only 0.6 percent off the asking price.

From where On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion County sits, leading the market in resales for 2017, days on the market to sale continue to decline when compared to 2016. Average number of resale transactions in On Top of the World increased 16 percent over 2016, while the average home sales prices in On Top of the World are up 8.43 percent over last year! Nice trend!

Indigo East Update

The new fitness center in Indigo East has begun construction with an anticipated completion date for May 2018. Road construction and lot improvement should also be completed by August 2018 on the remaining lots in the community.

Winter Weather & Shrubbery

Once the weather decides whether it wants to be winter or summer, the management company will decide whether to start mowing again or service equipment for the coming growing season! Actually, it has been a fairly typical winter, fluctu-



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.
The annual Home Improvement Expo will take place on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Circle Square Cultural Center.



By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Mark your calendar for the 11th annual Home Improvement Expo at Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have plans to remodel or make home improvements, do not miss this event! There will be around 60 vendors representing a wide variety of businesses. This is also a great opportunity to meet one-on-one with vendors to get questions answered.

Vendors include remodeling, flooring, windows, window treatments, solar lights/tubes, air conditioning, landscaping, decorative pavers, screen enclosures, home security and much more!

The expo is free and open to the public.



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.
Fun at the Park takes place on Sunday, Feb. 25 at Sholom Park.

The Fun Continues

By Summer Best

A cornerstone of Sholom Park's mission is to perpetuate the vision of a place where the pursuit of inner peace and learning may be enhanced and enjoyed. Sholom Park strives to offer retreat moments for all - moments to enjoy at your own pace.

To add to these daily rhythms, the park also offers unique organized activities, where crowds gather for entertainment and new experiences.

Fun at the Park

Sholom Park extends a warm invitation for all to attend Fun at the Park, our next large-scale event, admission free, on Sunday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., where a full afternoon of can't-miss outdoor family-friendly fun, virtual world travel, live music, live theater, games, food trucks, and smiles will provide a full day of memories. The afternoon's diversity of activity is designed to showcase an array of talents, tastes and educational opportunities.

At the Sholom Park pavilion, Ocala's own Nino Castaneda Jazz Band and the Arts Through Music Program, partially funded through the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission,

will perform Latin jazz tunes with a sound known to please crowds of multiple generations.

If you enjoy improv comedy and slapstick humor, especially as the genre was known in 16th century Europe, join us at the Sholom Park's stage, where our friends from the education department at the Ocala Civic Theatre, in partnership with the College of Central Florida's student-run comedy troupe, The Commidiots, will be performing the one-act version of Hilary DePiano's "The Love of Three Oranges."

At Sholom Park's pond overlook, young singers from Marion County, under the tutelage of voice, piano and acting teacher Angie Quidley, will delight visitors with masterful songs and scores to inspire those of all ages.

And don't miss our "Journey Around the World" area, where youth will receive their own passport and take a virtual visit to four unique continents and five affiliated countries, while learning from other cultures and playing games indigenous to related societies. This area of Fun at the Park, designed by the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, will be full

of delights.

L.E.A.F. Series

Sholom Park's L.E.A.F. Series (Learn+ Explore+Appreciate+Focus) began in the fall of 2017 with a goal of providing talks that would interest our community and help visitors relate to our surroundings, ourselves, and our goals for improving societies, particularly in outdoor areas such as Sholom Park. In the months since, park staff and volunteer speakers have helped us provide interactive presentations on multiple topics that have piqued the interest of 100s of visitors, free of charge.

This month, on Friday, Feb. 16, we invite you to join us at the park for an interactive talk with Clay Puckett, territory manager for Waste Management, who will offer tips on "reduce, reuse, recycle." The session begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Sholom Park pavilion.

Sholom Park is a private park, open to the public 365 days of the year, admission free. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 11, when hours will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you would like to be notified of upcoming events via e-mail, or have any questions about the park, please e-mail info@sholompark.org. Additional information is always available at sholompark.org.

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On Top of the World NEWS

The World News is a monthly publication of On Top of the World Communities in Marion County, Florida. This publication is written and prepared by On Top of the World residents for our neighbors and those interested in becoming a part of our community. The World News strives to publish only "good, informative news."

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Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: Be aware that the IRS scam has a slight twist. Most folks know, or certainly should know that the IRS won't call you and say you owe them money and then demand that you pay immediately or you'll be arrested ... blah, blah, etc.

The twist is that you get the call and are told that the IRS previously sent you one or two letters and since you didn't reply that's why you are getting a phone call to demand immediate payment.

Folks, the IRS will never call you and demand immediate payment. You must hang up the phone at once. However, to be precise, if your caller ID shows it's from the IRS, don't answer it. If they leave a message, don't call back. If they give you an IRS badge number, it's fraudulent.

From time to time you should also check the IRS's website at www.irs.gov to see if there's a new scam you should be aware of. I'm aware that many folks do not have a computer or don't use one if they have it. Not to worry. As I just wrote, the IRS will never call you and demand immediate payment. So for those of you who don't use a computer and

for those of you who don't have caller ID (even though you should have caller ID) if you answer a call and the caller says it's from the IRS, hang up at once.

Q. I was told that since I own leasehold property, I cannot put it in my living trust. Is that true? I'm asking this because some of my friends told me that it's not true and they have their property in trust.

A. Your friends are correct. Whoever told you that you cannot put your property in your trust is wrong, wrong, wrong. Now, whether you should put it in your living trust is a separate question entirely and the answer to that depends on your specific estate planning needs, which are best discussed with your attorney. But you certainly can put leasehold property in trust, with no problem at all in doing so.

Q. Do you have any suggestions on how to avoid being "hacked?"

- A.** Here are just a few:
- Have a good anti-virus program on your computer and keep it up-to-date.
 - Don't click on any attachments that might come with an e-mail. If you get an email from friends or family and the email contains an attachment with (or without) photos, before you open, call or email (using a known e-mail address) and ask if you really were sent an attachment. And

GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Age doesn't matter unless you are a cheese.

even then, be cautious. If you do click on an e-mail, or any "link" and suddenly you get some kind of program that appears to be scanning your computer for viruses, try to disconnect from it immediately but without "x-ing" out of the program itself, and if you can't do that then force shutdown your computer at once, wait about a half-hour and try turning on your computer. Hopefully, that program will be gone. If not, call someone who understands computers and ask them to take a look at yours.

Try to avoid keeping highly personal and private information or passwords on the computer or if you do, then make sure where you keep them is secure. If you have to wire transfer funds, call the company to whom you are wiring funds on a telephone number you already know and check to make sure you have the correct wire transfer information. Once you get them, do not - do not - accept any e-mail that says they've been changed. Always call on a number you already know for verification.

Q. My will leaves an amount of money to someone who recently passed away. What should I do about that?

A. Of course, what you need to do is meet with your attorney, ex-

plain the situation and ask for advice. Having said that, you have a few options. I'll give you a couple of them but keep in mind that your situation may not be covered here.

First, you could do nothing. If you did nothing then when you pass the closest blood heirs of the deceased will take his/her share. Second, you can add a codicil to your will, which addresses the death and you can say where that share shall then go. A codicil to a will is simply an amendment to it. As I just wrote, you should discuss this with your attorney.

Q. On a recent singles cruise, I met a very nice gentleman who now wants to come and visit me and stay with me in my apartment. I'd like you to give me your thoughts as a lawyer.

A. Gulp. My thoughts are that I want you to know a lot more about him before inviting him into your home for a visit, which more than likely he intends to be for more than just dinner and a movie, if you get my drift.

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ating between short cold snaps and warm periods.

I keep holding out hope for a very chilly February for only one reason: the cold knocks back pest populations that get into the landscape, limits the food supply for rodents (depressing the population), and gives a pleasant reminder of why most people moved to Florida in the first place.

If I get what I've asked for (unlikely as that is) ... what to do with shocked and droopy plants in your landscape beds? The original plantings installed in your neighborhood at the time of construction were selected for their cold and drought hardiness. Sudden and severe cold weather may cause some plants to brown and leaves to curl.

Do not uproot plants affected by the cold. They will surprise you with their recovery. Sometimes we are too quick to prune frost damage from plant material shortly after cold temperatures have gone but we need to be careful. Pruning plant material too soon can cause plants to want to flush back out creating more problems when the

next frost or hard freeze hits. Wait one to two weeks after the cold damage has occurred then look to prune back your plants.

Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter so be forewarned.

Safety Tips

If you are using a space heater, make sure it is well away from any combustible object. Avoid overloading an electrical outlet with appliances, extension cords, and especially a space heater. Overloading any electrical outlet can be a sure prescription for a fire.

Proper service on your heating and air conditioning systems

(HVAC) is a must do. Improperly operating heat strips (on reverse cycle units/heat pumps) can malfunction and may become a fire hazard. These need to be checked by a licensed and insured air conditioning and heating professional, ideally prior to the cooler weather, but after a chill is a strong reminder as well.

Want to conserve electricity? February is a good time to clean out your dryer vent pipe. Lint can become clogged in the vent pipe, reducing dryer efficiency (so that's why it takes an hour to dry a 20 minute load!). Even more to the point, collected lint can become a fire hazard!

Cleaning is not complicated.

Moving the dryer may be the hardest part. Disconnect the vent hose from the dryer and the wall vent. Use a vacuum cleaner to suction the vent hose, or you may choose to replace it entirely. Use the vacuum to suction the wall vent as well. If you've never done this before, the vent pipe may need a top down cleaning.

Get a functioning fire extinguisher for your kitchen! Read the instructions and be ready to use it, especially on a grease fire. Register for the fire extinguisher safety class on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 11:30 a.m. by calling (352) 854-8707 ext. 7530. More information can also be found in Theresa Field's column in this issue of the World News.



Keeping It Green

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The early January cold snap did a lot of damage to plant material throughout the community. If you notice, we left some plant material alone. Sometimes we are too quick to prune frost damage from plant material shortly after cold temperatures have gone but we need to be careful. Pruning plant material too soon can cause plants to want to flush back out creating more prob-

lems when the next frost or hard freeze hits. I suggest waiting one to two weeks after the cold damage has occurred then look to prune back your plants.

February is a good time to start crape myrtle trimming. I received a note from a concerned resident asking why some people were starting to trim the crape myrtles in December. The reality is that some areas of the community have hundreds of trees to get trimmed. If they start too soon, yes there could be a flush of growth that gets cold damage but if they start too late the trees may not get trimmed at all. In the end, it is a timing thing and a labor thing.

Remember, pencil pruning is the best method for crape myrtle trimming. There are some practices and reasons why you would trim harder and cut larger wood off but this should not be the standard. Always try to trim back to an intersecting branch to avoid damage and decay in the stem.

Remember Sunday, March 11, we go back to daylight saving time so don't forget to reset your clocks and set your irrigation timers back to twice per week watering. Check your system out monthly and make sure it is functioning properly. Spring is a great time to hire an approved contractor for irrigation system checks. Checks should include seeing if your timer is functioning, watering times are

sufficient to provide half to three-quarters inches at each application, rain sensor operation and check the system for leaks and adjustments. Florida Statute 373.62 mandates that if you have a contractor check your system they must ensure you have a rain shut off device or other interrupting device/switch on the irrigation system. If there is not an interrupting device or switch on the system or it is inoperable the contractor has to either repair it or replace it and bring it to an operational condition before completing other work. Make sure you have a functioning rain sensor on your irrigation system.

Lastly, I wanted to touch on the Hunter Pro-HC irrigation controller with the Hydrowise feature. This is the latest system on the market and when connected to the Wi-Fi in your home it makes the irrigation timer a huge water savings feature. Please visit YouTube.com and explore the benefits of the Hydrowise system. There are a few videos to check out at youtube.com/watch?v=M8_CUw5vEQ and youtube.com/watch?v=VAA9sUxjWv4. If you have questions or concerns with the use of the Hydrowise application, please contact me through Customer Service and I will set up a time to review the application and talk to you about the water conservation measures built into the system and benefits of having the timer.

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OneBlood Bloodmobile

Sara Sommer

The holidays are over and it is time to get back into your regular routine. I hope that routine includes giving blood to save lives. The Big Red Bus® will be here on Monday, Feb. 5 so you can do just that, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot. Each donor will receive a mini physical that includes blood pressure, temperature, and cholesterol screening. Each donor will also receive a token of appreciation for your time and effort. Please bring a photo I.D. and eat a good meal before and after donation. Drink plenty of liquids, too.

I hope you had time to stop by the OneBlood table at the latest Club Fair. If not all your questions were answered, you can call 1-800-DONATE to get all the answers. Another use for this number is checking your donation amount. Many of you have moved here from other areas. The office can combine your donations from other states and help you reach the next milestone.

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All Around Our World

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Contrary to predictions of another mild winter we did have a few days of temperatures dipping down to below freezing in early and mid-January. Hopefully, we can escape those extremes this month. While it is wonderful to avoid the extreme cold weather, it does lead to increases in landscape pests and other challenges in the spring. Be sure to check out Phillip Hisey's column this month in which he discusses what to do with freeze damaged landscaping.

We are predicting a great 2018 and look forward to seeing all of you out and about in the community. We will continue the work that began in 2017 on the two new lighted tennis courts, renovations to add a state-of-the-art fitness center to the Arbor Club and starting the Arbor Club Conference Center II and the new fitness center and pool coming to Indigo East.

This month is the pinnacle for football and Nascar fans alike. At the time of this writing, it is still undetermined who will be play-

ing in the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 4, but I hope it will be an exciting game. The Daytona 500 follows less than two weeks later on Sunday, Feb. 18. There is so much happening this month with Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Presidents Day and everything in between. There is much fun planned within the community as well with trips, classes and club activities. Be sure to check out otowinfo.com for more information.

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On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Meeting

Just a reminder, on Tuesday, Feb. 20, On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association's board of directors will hold their annual budget meeting, which will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center, at 1 p.m. Items to be discussed are the adopting of the annual budget and special assessments for roof replacements.

Ocala Open

The Candler Hills Golf Course will host the 12th annual Ocala Open this year. It's hard to believe that we have been hosting this wonderful event for so many years, and we have raised over \$488,064 for our charities. We couldn't have done it without the support from our vendors, residents and employees, and we are looking to make our 12th year our best yet.

The event is sure to be one of the largest charity golf events in Marion County in 2018 and will be held on March 21, 22, and 23 with a Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 20. The event will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight professional golfers from around

the world while benefiting local charities, Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. You will not want to miss this - come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf. And, you still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro-Am, which will help benefit both charities.

House Numbers

We are seeing more and more houses that do not have an address on the house that is readily visible from the street. This can be a safety concern for 911 emergencies. We recommend installing four-inch numbers above your garage door so that in case of an emergency, emergency personnel can easily locate your home. It also makes it easier when friends and family visit.

Resident I.D.

Just a reminder that every five years your resident I.D. card will expire. Many are coming up this year for renewal. Please stop by Customer Service so that they may update your card.

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Community Patrol

Patricia Woodbury

We hope you took time to drop by the Community Patrol table at the Club Fair, last month, to say hello and ask questions of our members. We are always open to new members.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Citizens Academy and Partnership (CAP) program, a free 13-week educational course about the operations of the Sheriff's Office, is currently accepting applications. During the program, MCSO staff will highlight all units within the Sheriff's Office, giving citizens an in-depth understanding of what the agency is doing for the community. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the agency, personnel, equipment, policies, and procedures. Contact either Master

the Possibilities at (352) 854-3699 or the Sheriff's Office at (352) 369-6849 regarding registration.

Have you heard of the Seniors at Risk Assistance (SARA) program, which is provided by the Sheriff's Office? This program is accessed by a family member, health care provider or other concerned person by making a referral to the Crisis Intervention Unit regarding someone who appears to need help in the home. A personal visit is made to the home by a specialist or deputy to assess the situation and see what services are needed. This program works closely with the Marion County Senior Services, Aging & Adult Services of the Department of Children & Families and many other agencies in the county. For further information contact your district office or call (352) 369-6745 and ask for a Crises Intervention Unit specialist.

Another program the Crises Intervention Unit offers is one called Extra Special Person (E.S.P.) Memo-

ry Impaired. An assessment of the memory-disabled person is made; they are photographed and assigned an ESP bracelet. Each bracelet is identified by number and has the Sheriff's Office 24-hour contact number printed on the back. If the person becomes lost, this contact can help identify the person.

The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, Feb. 26.

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.

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Fabulous February Lineup

By Heather Simsay

Two distinguished military leaders are featured at Master the Possibilities during the fabulous February lineup. Retired U.S. Army Colonel Gorham Black III leads a lively “learn and grow” conversation on racial issues on Saturdays, Feb. 3 and Feb. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. The free program offers informed historical and personal experiences about black history.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 2 to 3 p.m., Army Chaplain Janet Y. Horton shares insights from her book - “Cracking the Camouflage Ceiling.” Hear highlights about the faith, persistence and progress of a female chaplain who participated in the initial integration of women in the military in the 1970s.

Other Black History Month features include a history series with Jennifer Moore-Ambrosia featuring “The Jim Crow South” (Wednesday, Feb. 7), “The Harlem Renaissance” (Wednesday, Feb. 21) and “From Montgomery to Selma” (Wednesday, Feb. 28). Mervyn Paz explains “The Underground Railroad: Its Impact on America” using her beautifully handmade quilt to tell the story (Thursday, Feb. 15). Thursday Afternoon at the Movies features four great films to celebrate Black History Month. Pick up a movie list in the office.



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The winter theme, How It All Works, is woven throughout the catalog. Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox (Tuesday, Feb. 6) will share insights about the election process from how candidates begin the process to how votes are cast and tallied. Then a panel of state and local leaders, Representative Charlie Stone, Commissioner Michelle Stone and City Manager John Zobler discuss how commu-

nity initiatives are accomplished, using some great examples of projects (Friday, Feb. 9). The panel is followed by a question and answer session.

If you are interested in How the Arts Work, meet up at the Magnolia Art Exchange and tour the Discovery Science Center on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Ocala Civic Theatre Director Mary Britt takes you behind the scenes during a four-part series held at the theatre showcasing what it takes from choosing the play, casting and rehearsal, designing sets and costumes and opening night.

Don Wright is back with the popular “Introduction to 3-D Printing,” a two-part series on this fascinating technology (Thursdays, Feb. 22 and March 1). See more How Technology Works offerings on pages 42 to 43 of the catalog.

If you missed “Flashpoint North Korea” in December with Frank DiPiero, you can sign up now for one of two presentations, Tuesdays, Feb. 27 or March 27, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, “Explore North Korea” and the U.S.’s deteriorating relationship and possible scenarios that could play out.

Lastly, but ever so important, are two classes to keep you and those around you safe. Attend American Heart Hands-on Only CPR (Wednesday, Feb. 14 or Monday, April 9) and Crime Identity Theft Awareness (Friday, Feb. 2).

If you want to take your sweetheart to something special before dinner on Valentine’s Day, attend Master the Possibilities’ Story Circle as guest and resident tellers share lots of heartwarming stories (Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Cypress Hall).



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Down Under: Port Hedland

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Port Hedland is located on the northwest corner of Australia virtually in the middle of nowhere. Port Hedland is the second largest town in Australia's Pilbara region of Western Australia, having a population of approximately 20,000. Port Hedland has a natural deep anchorage harbor, which is the main fuel and container receiving port for the region.

Just outside of Port Hedland lie the largest iron ore deposits making the port the most likely location for the shipping of the ore in giant ore container ships. Beside iron ore, the Pilbara has offshore natural gas fields; salt is a major export from the harbor as well as manganese and livestock.

The Pilbara region is a large, dry, thinly populated region. It is also well known as the home of Aborigines along with its ancient landscape, the red earth and vast mineral deposits particularly iron ore. The Pilbara covers an area of roughly 195,000 square miles, which includes some of the earth's oldest rock formations.

Huge open mining pits dot the landscape just outside Port Hedland. The iron ore is shipped to the dock area by railroad connecting every mine to the port. Salt is dug from open pit mines and shipped to the port in the same manner as the ore. The Pilbara's Port Hedland is the world's largest bulk-export port utilizing colossal loaders that dump tons upon tons of ore into the holds of enormous ships tied up at eight berths.

The month of February seems to be the month that cruise ships visit the port. There are very few

excursions offered by cruise lines, in fact, there are just three which include a tour of historic Port Hedland, a beach explorer tour to see where the flatback turtles nest and another to an iron ore mine.

The only destination in the town worth seeing is the visitor's center and the old courthouse museum. The visitor's center seems to be the hub of activity in the town, especially when a cruise ship enters the port. Since the ship docks in an industrial area, the ship and community provide shuttle service to the visitor's center as well as to a local shopping complex. By taking the shuttle you just about see the entire community of Port Hedland.

As we entered the visitor's center, there were a couple of juvenile kangaroos (Joeys) in a playpen. In the same area was the courthouse museum containing aborigine and local artwork.

Outside the visitor's center was a statue of a man holding a wheelbarrow. It depicts when early miners mined the area for gold. The statue also depicts the town's quirky tradition named the Black Rock Stakes wheelbarrow race where locals raced a long distance with ore laden wheelbarrows in the scorching heat. The race was designed to raise funds for charity.

Port Hedland is very busy with ships coming and going with a slight noise of ore being loaded into the holds of ships as it is being dropped from conveyor belts. Occasionally the silence is broken with the toot, toots coming from tug boats assisting ore carriers to their moorings.

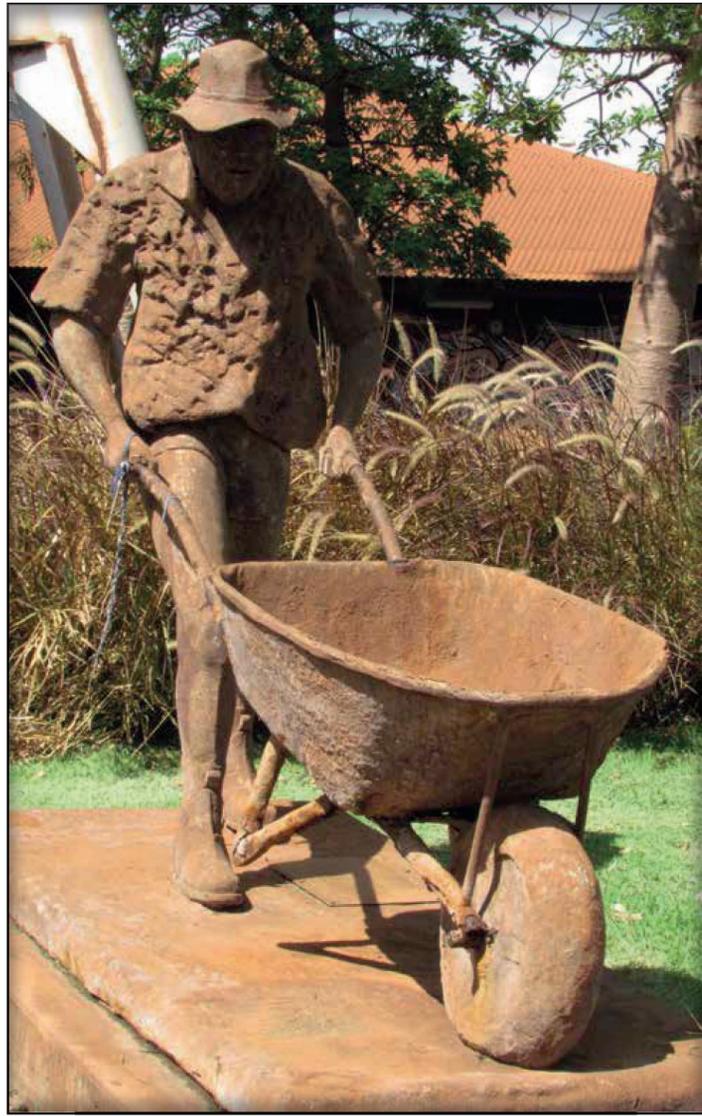


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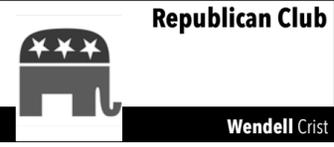
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January's speaker was Lieutenant C.T. Welch, district commander of the Southwest District for the

Marion County Sheriff's Office. He spoke about the scams and crimes being perpetrated in our district. He emphasized that you should lock your car doors, and if you see something suspicious, report it to help keep our area safe!

Dr. Heidi Maier explained reasons for closing Evergreen Elementary and converting it into an arts

and music school, with help from the Reilly Arts Center.

Club member Tom Hauck mentioned a Master the Possibilities course explaining local and state government.

Representative Charlie Stone was not able to attend our meeting, due to his return from the Capitol. Commissioner Michelle Stone was

there.

Our annual election of officers was held with Wendell Crist as our new president, Bill Richhart as vice president, Joanie Crist as treasurer, and Fiona Bowling as secretary.

Next month's speaker will be Ed Wilson, candidate for School Board District 3.



Congratulations to our 2018 board of directors who were voted into office at our January meeting: President Dan Lack, Vice President Jack Hegarty, Treasurer Jean Krueger-Travis, Secretary Lynn Miller, and Directors Betty Broman, Jill Carel, Evelyn Koffroth, and Paul Pardee.

Once every 20 years, the Florida Constitution Revision Commission meets to propose amendments to the Florida Constitution that will go directly to the voters the following November. It's been 20 years

and the 37-member commission is meeting again. Protect Florida Democracy is an organization that provides speakers to explain this process and to give us a preview of the amendments that we will be voting for or against in November. Their spokesperson, Sylvia Carra-Hahn, will talk to us at our meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22.

The November ballot will also list candidates for local, state and national offices. Democrats and Independent voters are energized to end the single-party control of county and state government and

to rebalance the branches of the federal government to create a true check on the Executive Branch, as the U.S. Constitution demands. Our Democratic candidates will appear at upcoming club meetings so that we can get to meet them up close and personal.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club. Videos of our speakers may

be viewed on youtube.com (otowdemclub).

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

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



We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It is time to shake down the bushes for veterans this 2018. There are a couple bills on the horizon in Tallahassee dealing with vet-

erans' issues. I shall be travelling there at the end of this month for "Concerned Veterans of America." I will present a report as soon as available. Coming soon is Marion County Day in the statehouse. One of the hot topics is a veterans nursing facility in Marion County.

I would like to thank Sherry Whitmer-Hall from the Lions Club for taking such nice pictures of our veterans riding in golf carts at the

annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade in December 2017.

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. Our speaker will be a representative from the Honor Flight out of The Villages. Donations for Operation Shoebox and the veterans at the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village are always gratefully accepted.

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tutions (Form 1099) if applicable.

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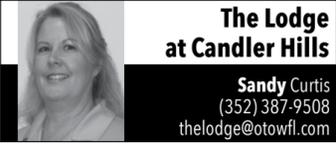
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The Lodge at Candler Hills

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As we kick off the month of February, we bring some exciting events to The Lodge at Candler Hills for Candler Hills residents.

Let's not forget our Coffee and Conversation that occurs the first and third Wednesday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. This event will run through March and then will resume in September. It's a great way for Candler Hills residents to meet and greet one another.

Sing, dance, clap or socialize with us on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m., for "Kocktails and Karaoke" in the ballroom. Over 90 residents were in attendance last month and had a wonderful time. Bring your beverages and snacks, if you desire. Each Candler Hills resident may invite one guest and the guest fee is \$2 per person.

This magnificent, costumed,

beaded and feathered party is laced with tradition and is all about having a good time! What is it you ask? It's a Mardi Gras party on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the ballroom at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Each resident will bring an entrée that you select from a menu guide sheet. The sign-up sheet is located in the office. If you would like to help plan and execute, please contact us at thelodge@otowfl.com or (352) 387-9508. Volunteers are welcome. This event is for Candler Hills residents only.

The Lodge at Candler Hills is hosting its first BYOB (bring your own bottle) happy hour on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Candler Hills resident, DJ Diorio. Snack mix will be provided as well as any finger foods you wish to bring to your table. This event is free. Candler Hills residents may bring a guest and the guest fee is \$5 per person.

Starting in February, the pool at The Lodge at Candler Hills will close the last Wednesday of every month for maintenance cleaning. We appreciate your understanding.

Avalon Social Group

Marie Roppel

With March just around the corner, you need to be pulling out those green outfits and looking up your Irish heritage and ancestors. Our meeting will be held on Monday, March 12 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B and C. Corned beef will be available. Tickets will go on sale on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Start looking for those special recipes to accompany our theme for St. Patrick's Day. Bring anything you like along with the appropriate serving utensils and something to drink. Plates, eating utensils and napkins will be provided.

Don't forget your money for the 50/50 raffle. There will be some extra items that will be up for raffle. Tickets will be for sale for \$20. For information about tickets, contact Dan Hall at (913) 424-8472.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The annual Candler Hills Social Club board meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 9. The nominating committee had received biographies from John Podkomorski, Mary Purfeerst, Peggy Janisch, and Pat Diaz-Verson for four openings on the board. The attendees at the meeting unanimously accepted the nominees.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 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 an appetizer or dessert;

D-K, main entree; and L-S, side dish, salad or vegetable. 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 decaf 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.

Sheriff Billy Woods has been re-scheduled to speak on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills regarding issues going on in our area and along SR 200 Corridor as well as scams in the

area.

A new neighbor session is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This is a good way to obtain some information on the area and to meet new neighbors.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m., join us at The Lodge at Candler Hills for "Tapas and Wine" - a presentation by Craft Cuisine. The tickets were sold in January at \$30 per person. This event is a time to enjoy hors d'oeuvres with wine pairings before your evening meal. If you haven't purchased tickets, please contact John Bain at (352) 414-5434 to check on availability.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills, Jim Couillard, director and landscape architect for Marion County Parks and Recreation, will present information on state and county parks.

The spring dinner dance will be at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Saturday, April 7 with the theme "Spring Has Sprung." Tickets will go on sale in March.

Other events are ice cream sundae socials on Sunday, June 10 and Sunday, Aug. 19. The annual barbecue picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 21. More information on these events will follow in future World News columns and in "The Happenings."

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

The next Candler Connection board meeting and election of officers will be on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 2:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine

The 156-island country of the Republic of Seychelles is an archipelago located in the Indian Ocean, 932 miles east of central Africa. Thought to be uninhabited throughout most of history, the British East India Company landed there in 1609. The French took control in 1756, and named the islands after Jean Moreau de Séchelles, Louis XV's Minister of Finance. The British took control in 1794 and maintained it until they granted independence to the Seychelles in 1976.

A group of only 42 islands comprises 54 percent of the land mass and 98 percent of the population, about 94,000 people. Geologically, about two-thirds of the islands are made up of coral and about one-third is granite-based.

Tourism is an important part of the local economy, but the government does not want to become completely dependent on such an



Photo by Le Domaine de la Reserve

One of the many beaches and hotels located in the Seychelles archipelago.

ephemeral resource and actively promotes sea- and land-based export products. The authorities also

want to make sure visitors are not planning to stay for good. You do not need a visa to go to the Seychelles, but, when you arrive, you must have a valid passport, a return ticket, pre-booked hotel accommodations, and proof that you have available at least \$150 per day for the length of time of your visit (cash or credit card with a sufficient card balance). Backpackers who plan on camping in the forest or on the beach would be required to book a hotel.

Nature takes priority in the Seychelles, with strict environmental legislation in place to protect the forests, beaches, and wildlife. Most of the islands in the archipelago are uninhabited and are being protected as nature reserves. Visitors can experience a wide variety of flora and fauna, including some that are unique to the Seychelles. It is, for example, common to see Aldabra giant tortoises wandering around the islands (similar to the Galapagos Islands).

The top thing to do in the Seychelles is to spend time at the beach, and Anse Lazio, a beach on Praslin

Island is considered one of the best in the world. The white sand beach is framed on one side by water of multiple shades of blue, and the other side by palm and takamaka trees, and huge granite boulders. On the beach, you can relax in the sun, slowly sipping a local beer or rum drink, or you can snorkel. In a side note, 114.6 liters of beer per capita are drunk per year in the Seychelles (only the Czech Republic consumes more).

You also should visit the World Heritage site of Vallée de Mai. In addition to being a wonderful birding location, it is one of only two places in the world where the rare coco de mer palm grows.

Another very popular beach is Anse Source d'Argent. With its white sand, sculpted granite boulders, and emerald waters, this beach is beautiful, but, it is crowded, the beach disappears at high tide, and it is not a good place for swimming.

Finally, for the shoppers among us, there always is the covered market in Victoria, the capital city. It is a bustling, colorful place, filled with fresh fruits and vegetables, an incredible fish market, a variety of local clothes, and the aromatic enticement of all kinds of herbs and spices.



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Softball

Bill Leon

The Pavarotti's team, which has been dominant throughout the winter season, has lost its reign. The team has lost its last few games and that has allowed the Pearson Nissan team to catch up to them. The Pearson Nissan team put together a winning streak, which helped them to catch up and now share the first place position with Pavarotti's. Will this continue to be the case? Most probably not, but it will be fun to watch as both teams have lit a fire within their players and are hungry to stay on top.

Not far behind is the Swinson Chiropractic team who crept up and is now only one game away from joining the reigning teams. It has become a tight race for the first three teams; it will be an exciting season.

The Hilton Auto team is also on

the hunt. If they can unify their team, they will be a contender as they have a few good hitting players who could turn the team around.

The Ceibert Wealth team has somehow managed to stay close by being the spoiler team. They lack the power hitters but have managed to get timely hits and wins against the top teams, which keeps them in the running.

The amazing Dr. Dunn team has put together a string of wins. Although they continue in last place, the players have come alive. Their short stop has returned and the team has pulled together with some good strong hitting and fielding. It's a team to watch as they could possibly move up quickly and become contenders provided the players continue to pull together.

Team	Won	Lost
3-Pavarotti's (Paul)	11	8
5-Pearson Nissan (Steve)	11	8
6-Swinson (Jeff)	10	9
2-Hilton Auto (Jimmy)	9	10
4-Ceibert Wealth (Bill)	9	10
1-Dr. Dunn (Mark)	7	12



Diamond Divas

Carol Singer

New Year's resolutions usually are made with good intentions to exercise more and lose a few pounds. If this applies to you, then come and check out the Diamond Divas ladies softball. We do what we are able to do. Nothing crazy. Run, skip or walk the bases along with some bending and stretching.

Plus lots of laughs after missing a simple fly ball because we all have those darn holes in our gloves! Swinging the bat is great for the arms and upper body and once in a while you surprise yourself and actually hit the ball (I speak for myself!).

So if you enjoy being out in the morning sunshine and fresh air, give us a try. We welcome all ages. Our motto is "girls just want to have fun." Contact Carol Singer at (352) 509-4066 or stop by the softball field on Tuesdays or Fridays, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Hoofin' It for Hospice

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

The 18th annual Hoofin' It for Hospice walk will take place on Saturday, March 10 at Sholom Park. This year's walk will commence at 9:30 a.m. with registration at 9 a.m. All donations will benefit Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House.

The new location for the walk allows other neighboring communities to participate. The event is sponsored by On Top of the World Communities.

This year, participants will have a variety of walking paths to trav-

el at their own pace. There are no winners and no rewards for finish placements. Everyone is a winner while supporting a good cause.

Golf carts with volunteers will patrol the paths and provide aid where necessary. This event is open to the public.

To participate, pre-registration is available by calling Valerie Sanders, event coordinator, at (352) 873-8605.

More information will be published in the March issue of the World News.



Citizens Emergency Response Team

Beth McKeen

Look for our CERT poster at the Recreation Center and on otowinfo.com!

January was a busy month for CERT members. We greeted residents at the Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Jan. 11, the Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 13, and the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 18. We enjoyed meeting everyone and hope that you learned something about our team responsibilities and also about hurricane preparedness.

The main objective for team members is to assist residents in the event that we are in the path of a hurricane.

In 2018, as in past years, CERT members will prepare for such an event through team meetings and drills, both in the community and at the Emergency Management Center.

We will also work to improve our communication skills in the community during a disaster.

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, Feb. 13 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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Annual Recycled 'Trashy' Fashion Show

By Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Lions Club is working on their fifth annual Recycled "Trashy" Fashion Show. It will be held on Friday, April 13, at Circle Square Cultural Center. (We might have to have some fun Friday the 13th decorations!)

If you or your organization (club) is interested in entering a model to compete in our fashion show, please call Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358. The prizes are donations to the winner's favorite 503c3 charity.

Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information, please call Charlene Czopek at (352) 857-8765.

One hundred percent of the funds raised by this event go back to the community. This year, proceeds will be given to benefit disadvantaged children, veterans and the visually and hearing impaired.

The Lions Club delivers socks, stuffed animals and books to the Children's Emergency Department at Munroe Regional Medical Center. This quarter, we donated almost 500 pairs of children's socks as well as books and stuffed animals.

We would like to thank our residents for donating 367 toys for

Toys for Tots for distribution to children in need. Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center also received a visit from the Lions Club in December 2017. The donations of presents for women and their children at the facility helped make this a very merry Christmas. And, the 20-pound turkey and all the fixings ensured they had a wonderful Christmas dinner. The last stop that day was to deliver toys and clothes to the Arnette House (provides emergency shelter services for youth ages 10 to 17).

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects including military appreciation (Golf Cart Parade), ceremonies (Veterans Day and Memorial Day), and the Resident Emergency Health Form (community service project). The Lions performed diabetic screenings at the Health & Wellness Expo in January.

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



Photo by Sherry Whitmer-Hall

Helga Schulze, 2017 winner of the Lions Club Recycled "Trashy" Fashion Show, with runner ups on the left.



Photo by Judy Parisi

The new officers of the Genealogical Society officers for 2018: Elaine Voorhis, Ron Niebo, Harvey Radford and Suzanne Scheraga.

Genealogical Society Installs New Officers

By Peter R. Parisi

The Genealogical Society held its holiday luncheon at Bella Cucina in Oak Run on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017. After a delicious buffet luncheon, Jean Monroe, our president, thanked the outgoing officers for their efforts over the past year.

After Jean installed Ron Niebo as president for 2018, Ron presented Jean with a gift certificate as a token of the society's appreciation for all of her hard work. Ron then installed the following members as officers for 2018: Harvey Radford, vice president; Suzanne Scheraga, treasurer; and Elaine Voorhis, secretary.

On Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, my wife, Judy, gave a presentation on our recent trip to Ireland and her search for her Irish ancestors. Her search for information was impeded by the lack of Irish census records. Further, civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths for both Protestants and Roman Catholics did not begin until 1864.

Therefore, for events prior to 1864 the primary records available are church records. In some cases, these have been indexed by Ancestry or the National Library of Ireland, but in other cases you need to research un-indexed microfilm records.

Before traveling to Ireland, she was able to find online the baptismal records of her great-grandfather's siblings and the marriage record of her great-great grandfather. She validated information on these records against information on death certificates and census records in the U.S. to ensure she had the correct people. From this

information, she learned the specific area within Ireland where her family had lived, which was near Skibbereen in County Cork. It was a wonderful feeling to be able to visit and enjoy this area and gain an appreciation for her ancestors' lives by seeing firsthand the topography and difficulty they would have had in trying to live off the land in the mid-1800s. A special bonus was meeting people who are her distant Irish cousins.

The Genealogical Society will hold a board meeting at 9:30 a.m., followed by an organizational/genealogy research meeting at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 12, in the Hobby Building. At this meeting, we will discuss research problems and take suggestions for upcoming genealogy presentations.

We will hold an educational presentation at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Kay Johnston will give a presentation on "Writing Your Family Story" in which she will explain that the process is like putting together a jigsaw puzzle of experience, as well as emotions, insights, gains and losses and periods of both stagnation and growth. You must decide how the pieces fit together.

Our annual dues are only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. One of the benefits of membership is the large library of genealogical books and CDs, which are available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check out our website at otowgenealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com.

Unique Birders to Visit Local Preserve

By Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders will visit Halpata Tastanaki Preserve on Thursday, Feb. 22, with hopes of viewing Florida's only native bird, the Florida scrub jay. The preserve is an 8,146 acre property owned by the public and maintained by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation. Please contact Deborah Sherer at roxieess@me.com or (571) 224-8422 by Feb. 19 if you would like to join us on this trip.

The preserve is named after Seminole leader Halpata Tastanaki who led the largest battle of the Second Seminole Indian War in 1836. There are 13 miles of trails for bicycling, horse riding and hiking. Entrance to the preserve is located off SR 200 across from the Spruce Creek golf course. Residents who conducted the Christmas Bird Count here in December 2017 either saw or heard

Florida scrub jays, eastern towhees, blue jays, northern cardinals, red-winged blackbirds, red-bellied woodpeckers, red-shouldered hawks, phoebes, palm warblers and a female northern harrier. The preserve has ideal floodplain forest, upland areas and sandy scrub habitat for songbirds, raptors, wading birds and migratory birds.

Please contact Deborah Sherer by Feb. 19 if you would like to join the Unique Birders on this trip. If you wish to join us, additional information will be sent to you concerning how to get to the birding area. We will gather at the Recreation Center parking lot at 7 a.m. on Feb. 22. Maps will be provided to each driver on the day of the trip. We are planning to have lunch at Red's on SR 200 just a few miles southwest of the preserve.



Photo by Tom Murray

Red-winged blackbird.



Women of the World

Betty Thayer

Our Friday, Jan. 5, meeting was the perfect one to kick off the New Year. The monthly charity, PACE, received such kind donations from our members.

Dee Collier, historian, entertained us as Carrie Ten Boom. Carrie Ten Boom was the first female watchmaker in Europe but that's

not what she was known for. During World War II, she and her family hid over 700 Jews and Jewish sympathizers in their home. This was a fascinating story and got a standing ovation from our members.

We are busy putting the final touches on our Saturday, March 3, Luncheon and Fashion Show for Hospice of Marion County. Our models are excited to be showing off the many styles that Dillard's has to offer. We'll be seeing the latest trends in women's wear for spring and summer. Tops and dresses with stunning statement

sleeves are just the beginning of the fashions our models will be wearing. Tickets are \$25 per person and these tickets are selling fast. If you haven't gotten yours yet, call Betty Thayer at (352) 854-8462. Hurry - don't be left out! All proceeds benefit Hospice of Marion County.

Women of the World is looking for a new board of directors for the September 2018 through May 2019 season. Anyone interested in volunteering for the board, please call President Bobbie Roeder at (352) 237-5681.

Our next meeting is on Friday,

Feb. 9, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Remember the time change for the exercise classes means we will not be able to enter the ballroom until 12:15 p.m.

The February charity is Fifth Circuit Guardianship. They need items such as shampoo, body lotion, shaving cream, aftershave and lap blankets.

Please join us at our February meeting and remember the "giant egg raffle." Take a chance on the egg money which is raffled off at the Luncheon and Fashion Show.



R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

Thank you to Maryanne Ingwersen for being in charge of refreshments for our Tuesday, Jan. 9 LadyBirds meeting.

Thanks to Pat Ballenger for being in charge of our Tuesday, Jan. 16

luncheon, which took place at The Braised Onion. All who attended had a wonderful time.

As always, Gloria Scicluna was in charge of our annual LadyBird birthday party, which was held on Sunday, Jan. 21. We were all anxious and surprised to see what Gloria had planned for us. This year it was a beautiful handcrafted ceramic pin, designed by our very talented secretary, Leigh Workman.

Please be on the lookout for in-

formation regarding our annual LadyBirds Valentine's Day potluck on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F and G. Sign up by e-mailing Caren at alensky@earthlink.net.

Be on the lookout for information from Barbara Wright regarding the February LadyBirds luncheon.

To all wives and significant others of any R/C Flyer, please come and join us. Sit in on one of our LadyBirds meetings, which take place

the second Friday of each month from September to April, at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center. Bring your favorite beverage, and one of our very talented LadyBirds bakers will provide the goodies. We are sure you will want to join our happy group and become a LadyBird. Any questions, or just to chat, please feel free to call Caren at (352) 291-1235. Looking forward to meeting you.



View from the Library

Linda Barilli

In the center aisle you will find "Treasured Poems that Touch the Heart," a collection of cherished poems and favorite poets compiled by Mary Sanford Laurence, labeled 811 LAU. Perhaps you will be inspired to share a selection with someone dear to you?

Happy Valentine's Day! "Touched by Angels" by Debbie Macomber is a cute story about three angels who land in New York City during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. These angels, Shirley, Goodness and Mercy, have come looking for their new assignments.

First we meet Bryann, who arrived in New York City to teach in an inner city school. Can she fit in?

Jenny is from Montana, looking to make it big on Broadway. Will she choose a career over love?

Hannah works with her parents in their busy deli. How can she tell

her parents that she doesn't want to marry the Rabbi's son?

The angels have their work cut out for them. Can they pull it off? This and many other Debbie Macomber books can be found in softcover fiction.

"Farewell to Cedar Key" by Terri Dulong is an easy read. So just curl up in your favorite spot and enjoy.

This story takes place in our very own Cedar Key, Fla. It's a wonderful, laid-back community where lasting friendships and strong bonds are formed.

Josie, a single mom, was born

and raised on the island and would never dream of living anywhere else. Then one day, Dr. Simon Mancini comes to town. He sets up an office and hires Josie to be his nurse. Soon she is wondering if she should give up her independent lifestyle. As fate would have it, Josie meets an old eccentric woman who tells her "what you're looking for has been inside you all along, and every behavior has a reason and a deeper layer to it." And so a new chapter in Josie's life begins. This book can be found in hardcover fiction labeled FIC DUL.

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Computer Club

David Wesenberg

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

On Friday, Jan. 12, the Computer Club invited Best Buy to demonstrate some of the latest technologies available to members. From time to time we invite experts and

specialists to keep club members informed.

As special feature of the Computer Club, membership entitles members to two lunches during the year for two persons for \$2 each. A great opportunity to compare notes and discuss computer challenges.

The club has been discussing the Amazon Echo and other new devices that are proving extremely convenient to members. The ability to just ask for music, weather, news, purchases, lists, etc. and have a device respond is very helpful.

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Do you have a problem with your desktop, laptop or tablet? Do you want to see the latest computer technology? Do you want access to experts in every area of computer use? Come and join us in Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C on Thursdays or Saturdays, at 9 a.m. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple a year. For information, contact Dave Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@master-softwareinc.com.

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At our meeting on Thursday, Jan. 4, the Southern Club celebrated the new year with some traditional southern dishes. Afterwards, we enjoyed a karaoke session with Kathy and Charlie Petrosky that highlighted southern songs (which we mostly knew), and a quiz about Florida (which was tricky and had us learning some interesting facts

about the state we now claim as home). We also participated in a wacky version of "Twelve Reasons I'm Glad the Holidays are Over!" Thank you, Kathy and Charlie, for again entertaining us with your own brand of humor.

At our February meeting, which happens to be on the same day this paper is delivered, we are having a Valentine's Day party with the whole meal furnished by the club. So our cooks get the day off. That's our valentine gift to ourselves. Our officers have some fun and entertaining valentine-themed activities planned. We are using the winnings

from our Holiday Golf Cart Parade prize and money from our treasury to provide this meal, so this month it will be only for paid members.

If you think you may be interested in our club, please mark your calendar for Thursday, March 1 or call for more information. 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.

We ask people to come around 4:30 p.m. to find their table and socialize, with the potluck dinner starting at 5 p.m. followed by 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.

Dues are normally \$10 per person per year but since the year is half over, new members can join for the bargain price of \$5!

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at (352) 873-8690.



Our January meeting was a celebration of National Slow Cooker Month. We had lots of yummy crock-pot goodies that included entrees, vegetables and even dessert. Folks who don't crock-pot provided delicious sides, salads and dessert that helped round out the meal.

After eating, our new mascot, T.C., was introduced. As you may recall the Wegel's houseguest, Norma Christensen, won a drawing at the December meeting for the biggest gift box, which turned out to be a stick horse that actually whinnies! She quickly named it "T.C." for Texas Connection. It was a challenge to get him back to Chicago so T.C. was given to the club. He'll be on hand to welcome members and guests at future club activities.

The meeting kicked off with a sampling of Texas zodiac signs. For instance February is the boll weevil. These folks have

an overwhelming curiosity, are unsatisfied with the surface of things and feel the "need to bore deep into the interior of everything." They are very intense and driven as if they "have some inner hunger."

We then had our knowledge and memory tested by a Texas trivia contest provided by Jim and Bobbie Hacker. Questions covered state history, sports, geography and even a little pop culture. Some questions were easy (How many flags have flown over Texas? Answer: 6) to more difficult with surprising answers (How many mountains in Texas are over one mile high? Answer: 37.). Three teams tied with the most correct answers. The second tiebreaker question ended the game when the winning team could name two famous country music singers from Texas named George, which of course turned out to be George Strait and George Jones. Gary and Sintori Alpert, Gary Cornell and Henry Ince were rewarded for the win with a gift of a treat from a local sweet shop also provided by the Hackers.

Our next meeting would normally be the evening of Feb. 11. However many of our members are go-

ing to saddle up and mosey on over to the Orange Blossom Opry on that date to see the Texas band Asleep at the Wheel. We'll be gone all afternoon and it was decided at our November meeting that we would skip the usual February meeting.

We hope to see everyone again at the March meeting when we're going to have real, live entertainment. There is a great evening of fun planned that you won't want to miss.

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. We meet on the second Sunday of every month, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E & F. For more information about the club, please contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, or (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



The Pennsylvania Club held its last meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10 in the Arbor Conference Center. This meeting not only welcomed a New Year, but also a new president, Larry Tout, and a new secretary, Doris Gallagher. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Dieckman (outgoing president and secretary) for their enthusiasm and devotion to the Pennsylvania Club. Additional thanks also to outgoing entertainment chairman, Micki Malsch who has provided many years of fun and special events, too many to mention. Micki has volunteered to continue with the club and help her successor.

The theme of our meeting was Super Bowl with members supplying tailgate food. The club provided beverages.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 14, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We will have a potluck and horse

rides. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and desserts. Our annual dues are \$5. Anyone interested in joining, still can. You don't even have to be from Pennsylvania to join, you just have to want to meet great, friendly people and good old Pennsylvania cooking.

Also planned is our catered St. Patrick's Day dinner. Information to follow in the next issue of the World News. Until we meet again ...

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Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

2018! Did you ever think you'd make it this far? I really didn't think about it that way. When you're into enjoying life as it is, you just celebrate every day ... even the "cool" days.

What can be said about those days that move us indoors and into doing puzzles? We've been able to get together as a family. Kind of like "snuggling up" and just enjoying being together.

But there's more to it. The big picture seems to be that even the plants need so called "down time." We all seem to need time to strengthen our roots, where we're coming from, growing deeper, so we can be stronger for the warm, energy-sapping days ahead.

The firebush (scarlet bush), also known as *Hamelia patens*, at the SW 94th Street circle took a hit in this last cold spell, as we knew it would. For the last few years, they have

been growing ever higher. We've needed to trim to keep the view clear for traffic. They can reach the height of small trees as they attract many pollinators, including Florida's own zebra longwing butterfly.

Hamelia p. is at her northern limit here in Ocala. David Hall and William Webber state in their text from "Wildflowers of Florida and the Southeast," "Firebush is subject to frost, but will resist slight freezes if protected by overhanging vegetation." Her normal habitat is "southern and central peninsula; also the West Indies, and Mexico south into South America."

As expected, the leaves and most of the stems of our scarlet bush are withered. When you pass by the SW 94th Street circle, have a look, it's not a very pretty sight right now.

However, experience informs us that the roots are strong; and when conditions are "just right" ... zow! The new shoots live up to their name. They shoot up with renewed energy.

And so do we! So be ready. Enjoy the cool, resting period. Renew, refresh, acquaint, and then respond with vigor!



Photo by Ron Broman

The firebush (scarlet bush) at the SW 94th Street circle took a hit in this last cold spell.

Yes, our Native Plant Group looks forward with renewed energy and hope. As more folks realize how important native plants are to the total health of this magnificent planet, they will join us in their introduction and maintenance here

in this beautiful community. The SW 94th Street circle, the Longleaf Pine Trail, and the Belleview Library garden need our continued loving care.

What a privilege it is to grow native.



Active Singles

Ed Galizia, Jr.

We had a busy start to the year and several new things on the horizon ...

We will be welcoming Ruth Grill as our activities coordinator, we're

looking into changing the happy hours to the second Tuesday of the month starting in February, we now have business cards available, and the activity calendar for February is filling up.

Most of us know Ruth for her willingness to step up and organize what I have called either "Ruth's walks" or "Ruth's frolic through the forest" and so far, she hasn't lost anyone. We're expanding her role

into our activities coordinator getting our events organized, helping those folks who are in charge of a particular event and planning them out, and organizing bus trips/day trips. She will also be introducing a new web-tool to us called meetup.com and how it will work to keep us all in the loop concerning events. We are in the process of determining the best way for folks to get acquainted with meetup.com

and once we have figured that out, we'll likely have some training sessions ... more on that to come.

We have confirmed with the new manager at The Club at Candler Hills to move our monthly happy hours to the second Tuesday of each month, that way they don't back up to the monthly membership meetings which are on the third Wednesday of the month. Check out the website calendar - this change starts in February. So Tuesday, Feb. 13 will be our next happy hour.

February's membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, from 6 to 8 p.m.

There are a few events scheduled for February aside from the monthly dinner and monthly happy hour, they include: Tropic trivia night on Feb. 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom, and a day trip to Astor and Barberville on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We changed up the venue for our monthly dinner in January and went off grounds to the Chef's of Napoli and it was a great experience. We had 48 folks in attendance and everyone seemed pleased with the food, the wait staff, and of course the company. As a reminder, since we will be having some of the monthly dinners offsite, it is very important to RSVP to these events, so we can have an accurate count for the restaurant.

Our new logo is now on our business cards, which you can get from any of the board members. Our business cards include our logo and web and e-mail address, so feel free to hand them out to folks who would be interested in becoming an Active Singles member. You can let them know that we have reached a total of 135 members to date.

Thanks for your continued support, great ideas and your patience and feel free to bring up any ideas, questions, or concerns either in person at our membership meetings, or by e-mailing activesinglesotow@gmail.com.



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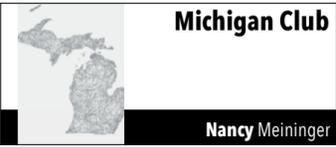
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Michigan Club members kicked off the 2018 season with a community development update by Pat Gabriel, president of the State Road 200 Coalition.

Interest in the growth of Ocala was high and so was the turnout. Nearly every seat was taken at the monthly meet and greet on Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Arbor Conference Center.

Questions were asked regarding water availability as well as traffic flow along SR200 once the new development numbers were revealed. The responses were all good.

The potluck portion of the meeting took place first with a large buffet including several main course dishes, salads, vegetables and desserts. Not one person left hungry!

Newcomers were seated with members in a most welcoming fashion.

In February, the club plans to have its annual silly gift exchange with a "Love your Michigan Neighbor" theme for Valentine's Day. The wrapped gift should be \$5 or less. For the potluck, if your name begins with A-L, please bring a dessert. If your name begins with M-R please bring a main dish. If your name begins with S-Z please bring a salad or vegetable. Always bring a non-alcoholic beverage for yourself.

The February meet and greet will be on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Because this is Super Bowl Sunday we will keep the meeting time to a minimum so all fans can get home by 6:30 p.m. for the big game!

Please call Nancy Meininger with ideas or any questions at (352) 342-9757. She will be writing our e-newsletter soon.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

Michigan Club members filled nearly every seat for the 2018 kick-off meeting.



Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at the Bank of the Ozarks. We'd love to see new members of our community stop by to see what we're about. For new residents, the SPCA is a great way to make new friends and get involved in community service in a meaningful way. 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). If you need to get in touch



Two poodles are available for adoption.

with us for any reason, please call our hotline at (352) 362-0985.

We want to thank everyone who stopped by the SPCA table for our delicious coffee and zero-calorie doughnuts at the Club Fair in January. You can meet us at both Club Fairs and Rags to Riches events throughout the year.

Right after last month's column went to press, our foster caregivers and all the SPCA members were jumping for joy from the best adoption morning we ever had. Five animals were placed into new forever homes that day. We would like to congratulate Molly the Jack Russell terrier, Cooper, Coco and Casper the chihuahuas, and Noelle the young cat and their families and wish them a lifetime of love and happiness. And to top off all that happiness, Ginger the Jack Russell was adopted shortly thereafter and we also want to thank her new family.

We are trying to help place two small poodles. We need a special person or family for these two because they'll need a lot of love and special care. The older male is 12 and is otherwise healthy. He just sleeps more because of his age. The younger male is six and is mostly blind and very tiny. He also takes medication for his liver. He is

comforted by the presence of the older gentleman so they need to be placed together. If these sweet faces appeal to you, and you don't mind taking care of two, please come and meet them to give them a try. Please call our hotline at (352) 362-0985 to meet them.

Don't forget to look for us at the Farmer's Market on most Thursday mornings at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. The SPCA

will bring any dogs and cats that we have available to the Farmer's Market each week (except for the third Thursday of the month which is our meeting day) so that you can meet them. There's nothing like meeting these sweet animals in person.

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



We made it through the New Year and the first taste of winter. The American Jewish Club has come up with activities to get us through the various changes in the weather. Last month we enjoyed an ice cream social and our lunch bunch at Edo Sushi & Japanese Steakhouse. Both were overwhelming successes.

With the growing membership, the board has been able to diversify the programs that the club offers. They are looking to extend our

activities into the summer months when there are no meetings.

The Club Fair brought us some new members. We look forward to them bringing new energy and ideas to the club. The mitzvah club is one of these and is off to a successful start.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6 the trip to the Chihuly Collection and Salvador Dali Museum is the second trip that the club has organized this year. Thanks to Ralph Coster's tireless effort.

This month we are having a presentation by the fire department. The lunch bunch will be on Thursday, Feb. 22 at Brooklyn's Backyard. We hope to see a lot of you there.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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What's Cookin'

Gary Uhley

This recipe took first place in the 2003 Hoosier Cabinet Country Cooking contest.

Quick Shrimp Creole

- 1 package "white" cleaned shrimp (frozen or fresh, any size)
- 1 large bottle salsa (hot, medium or mild)
- 2 14 oz. cans stewed tomatoes (with peppers optional)
- 4 to 6 stalks celery
- 4 medium onions, sliced
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic
- Salt & pepper, to taste
- Quick white rice made in the microwave (such as Uncle Ben's)
- Chicken broth

In a large saucepan, sauté onions, celery, and garlic together until almost tender. Add over a simmering heat the salsa and tomatoes. Cook uncovered for about 15 minutes. Just before you're ready to serve, add the shrimp, reduce heat, for about five minutes.

NOTE: Shrimp cooks very quickly. Once they have turned a reddish pink color, they are done. If you over cook, they will turn rubbery.

Microwave the chicken broth first in a bowl, and then when hot add the rice, cover and allow it to set for about five minutes.

Serve over a mound of rice. Add salt and pepper (to your taste) ... and eat!

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Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

This month's column focuses on a bit of club history. On Jan. 12, 1999, the Scandinavian American Club held its organizational meeting in Meeting Room #1 in the Recreation Center. Nineteen years later, the club is still holding regular monthly meetings. The 40 people who attended the first meeting had ties to Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. Over the years the



The Genesis Project

David Wesenberg

Genesis Project meets on Fridays, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. We are starting a new study of the Reformation covering the protestant revolution from years 1321 to 1648. The study will include some excellent videos with coordinated study guides and discussion.



The Glitzy Gals

Mary Curry

On Friday, Jan. 5, five Glitzy Gals made a trip to Tampa Bay Downs. We were served a delicious buffet lunch. After lunch, we placed our bets, and watched the races. None of us won much, but we had a good time.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, we celebrated our founding anniversary. Can't believe it's been 13 years since we started having all this fun. It was held at Queen Mary Curry's home. We had 16 members attending,

club has supported local charities, traveled to nearby places of interest and hosted a variety of speakers and programs. Residents of Scandinavian heritage are invited to participate in club activities. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from September to May.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian American Club will be on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. For more information, please contact Grace Hansen at (352) 237-7780 or Jennie Halvorsen at (352) 873-7478.

Many do not realize that many early colonists came to America to get away from the religious oppression and wars in Europe that started with the reformation.

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with each lady contributing to a potluck luncheon. Four of the ladies are charter members. As is our tradition, we held a candle lighting ceremony pledging our friendship. After that, we raised our glasses in a toast to each other. We played a couple of games and then discussed some of our upcoming events. Mary performed another Glitzy Gal tradition, in which she presented a beautiful red long stemmed rose to each lady. As she presented them with the flower, she gave her best wishes and gratitude to each lady. The day ended with cheesecake, and a delicious chocolate cake.

"Good friends are like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have." QM Mary Curry

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Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

Luke Mullen

The month of December 2017 provided a wonderful beginning to the holiday season. Three dinners were held at club members' homes to accommodate 18 diners on Dec. 16, 2017.

Hosting our first dinner were Annette and Paul Hodges. Carol and Roger Bonefield started off the evening with Stove Top spinach bites with cheese as an appetizer. Annette and Paul then served apricot-ginger glazed chicken, au gratin cabbage, and steamed green beans with almond slivers, and French bread. Pat and Russ McNulty served their dessert of a pumpkin roll, which consisted of a layer of pumpkin flavored cake topped with a layer of sweetened cream cheese, all rolled up into a log, served in slices and topped with whipped cream.

Ginny and Jerry Nardone hosted our second dinner of the evening. Phyllis and Al Richards brought two appetizers. The first was baked Brie with cranberries. The second was ham, turkey, cream cheese, cheddar cheese and spinach pinwheel sandwiches. Following the appetizers Ginny and Jerry served beef stroganoff with egg noodles, accompanied with braised carrots and onions, green salad and dinner rolls. Cindy and John served mini key lime pies topped with blackberries and raspberries for dessert.

The hosts for our third dinner were Anne and Carl Crutchfield. Kathy and Luke Mullen brought the appetizers. The first was bacon wrapped stuffed queen olives. The second was bloody Mary shrimp cocktail. Anne and Carl then served an arugula-almond salad. This was followed by chicken divan accompanied by buttered white rice and honey glazed carrots. Ann and Conrad Massa brought a cake that was made from a white cake mix with pistachio pudding, poppy seeds and cream sherry added for dessert.

Bloody Mary Shrimp Cocktail

Serves 6 to 8

- 1-1/2 pounds (about) 60 cooked peeled deveined medium shrimp, thawed if frozen
- 1/2 cup tomato juice
- 1/4 cup vodka, if desired
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 cup cocktail sauce
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green olives

Arrange shrimp in single layer in rectangular glass or plastic (11 x 7 x 1 1/2-inches) dish,

Heat tomato sauce, vodka and pepper sauce to boiling in one-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir in sugar; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered five minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in celery salt and parsley; pour over shrimp. Cover and refrigerate two to three hours.

Mix cocktail sauce and olives; pour into small serving bowl. Serve shrimp with sauce and toothpicks.

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

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Line Dance Classes*

Join us for line dance classes in the Recreation Center Ballroom! Choose the 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.)

IMPROVER PLUS (Mondays, 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 (Mondays, 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 (Mondays, 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 (Mondays, 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.

INTRODUCTION TO LINE DANCE (Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m.): Class provides an introduction to line dance for those who want to learn to line dance. Easy steps are clearly described, practiced and used in simple patterns to a variety of music. Step sheets are also provided in this class.

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!

Tropic Trivia Night*

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions on Thursday, March 1, 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 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.

January Winners

1-The Know Nothing's; 2-Ghost Riders; 3-Doggedly Determined.

Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens*

Escape to the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens for the only walking safari in northeast Florida on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The zoo has something for everyone with more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 varieties of plants. You will also find two full size restaurants as well as snack and drink places. The cost of the trip is \$42 per resident and this includes transportation and admission. Lunch will be on your own. Please note there is an additional fee for Stingray Bay and 4-D theatre.

St. Johns River Cruise*

Enjoy a scenic boat tour down river through Blue Creek in the Ocala National Forest on Tuesday, Feb. 13. This creek is a unique habitat and alligator encounters are plentiful. You will leave the creek behind to re-enter the St. Johns River by the pristine Lake George, Florida's second largest lake, which is surrounded by the Ocala National Forest on the west and the Lake George State Forest on the east. The cost of the trip is \$47 per resident, which includes transportation and the boat cruise. You will have the opportunity to have lunch (at your own expense) at the Blackwater Inn.

Florida State Fair*

Join us for a day at the Florida State Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 15! You'll enjoy rides, games, entertainment, crafts and food. You will also have the opportunity to attend the Country Gold Tour at an additional cost paid at the gate. The cost for this trip is \$34 per resident, which includes transportation and entry into the fair.

Home Improvement Expo

Mark your calendar for the annual Home Improvement Expo on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center! Browse through the dozens of exhibitor booths and visit with experts from a wide variety of trades in the home improvement industry including solar, screen room enclosures, windows, flooring, home entertainment, single room or total home renovation, home security and much more. This event is free and open to the public!

Sea World*

Join us for a visit to Sea World and discover the beauty and majesty of the world below the surface with breathtaking shows, incredible exhibits and exhilarating rides on Tuesday, Feb. 20. There are plenty of restaurants and food vendors at the park for your taste buds. You will arrive around 10 a.m. and leave the park at approximately 3:30 p.m. You will tour the park at your own pace and set your own schedule. The cost of the trip is \$105 per resident, which includes transportation and admission into the park. Please note there will be a lot of walking on this trip. Lunch will be on your own.

Victory Casino Cruise*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Wednesday, Feb. 21, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Fla. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, relaxation, live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. Please note that a valid government issued photo I.D. will be required to board.

Cost is \$45 per person and includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino and buffet.

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Fire Extinguisher Certification*

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. as Armor Fire Protection Inc. will be on site to certify or charge your fire extinguishers for a fee. If you are in need of a fire extinguisher, you will have the opportunity to purchase one on site. They will also be offering a class on the safe and effective use of all fire extinguishers from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

- Certification of fire extinguishers-\$5.
- Recharging of 2.5- or 5-pound extinguishers-\$15; 10-pound-\$25.
- Purchasing of 2.5-pound extinguishers-\$30; 5-pound extinguishers-\$58.
- Safety class for extinguishers-\$10.

All fire extinguishers will be returned to your home once they have fully charged them. The safety class will include where to store the extinguishers, where to stand in relation to the fire and all the details of the P.A.S.S. system, including the easy way to break the seal and pull the pin.

Pre-registration is required, however, payment will be collected on site the day of the event. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted.

Majestic Manatee Tour*

Join us on the Majestic Manatee tour on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Crystal River is well known for its West Indies manatees as well as its crystal clear springs. We will arrive at Charlie's Fish House around 11:30 a.m. You will have approximately one hour and fifteen minutes for lunch and then we will board on the dock next to Charlie's for a departure time of approximately 1 p.m. where you will tour the Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of our beloved manatees that inhabit the area. You will see an abundant amount of waterfowl. Plan on two hours for your tour around Crystal River. Cost is \$54 per resident, which includes transportation and cruise (lunch is not included).

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday night in the Recreation Center Ballroom and on the outside veranda of the Recreation Center. A "Senior Prom" Happy Hour will be on Friday, Feb. 23. You will have the chance to vote on a panel of six residents who have been previously selected to run for 2018 prom king and queen.

Please note there will not be a Happy Hour in the Recreation Ballroom on Friday, February 2, 2018. We will still have entertainment on the deck of the veranda.

The entertainment line-up for February is as follows:

- Feb. 2: No Happy Hour (Ballroom); Sounds of Times (Veranda).
- Feb. 9: Fred Campbell (Ballroom); D.J. Roche (Veranda)
- Feb. 16: Solid gold (Ballroom);

- Retro Express (Veranda).
 - Feb. 23: "Senior Prom" with Kathleen Kane (Ballroom); Ron Hackling (Veranda).
- 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.

Community News

The Arbor Club is now in the final stage of the renovation and will be opening soon! We are happy to announce that once we reopen the guest fees for the pool will be waived. Please note that the Arbor Club indoor and outdoor pools are for adults only and no one under the age of 15 will be permitted in the pool areas. All guests must be accompanied by a resident and resident I.D.s will be required for entry.

We are happy to announce that we now have a garden area for our Indigo East residents and we still have availability. We would also like to announce that we have availability for a garden plot in the Avalon garden area. Please contact the Recreation Center office to obtain information regarding either of these garden areas.

Upcoming Events in March

- Thursday, March 1: Tropic Trivia Night*
- Thursday, March 8: Strawberry Festival*
- Friday, March 9: "Bike Night" Happy Hour
- Saturday, March 10: Hands Across the Highway Art Expo
- Tuesday, March 13: Tarpon Springs Trip*
- Thursday, March 15: Community Relectrocycle and Solar Bears vs. Everblades hockey game*
- Friday, March 16: Gatornationals*
- Sunday, March 18: "Ripcord" at Hippodrome Theatre*
- Monday, March 19: Rags to Riches sign up begins
- Wednesday, March 21: Majestic Manatee Tour*
- Thursday, March 22: Holy Land Experience*
- Friday, March 23: Horse Farm Tour*
- Tuesday, March 27: Victory Casino*
- Wednesday, March 28: Dolphin's Landing Deep Sea Fishing Trip*
- Thursday, March 29: Social Hour with Miranda Madison
- Friday, March 30: No Happy Hour or Entertainment on the Veranda

*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.

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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.
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart/Stein Mart	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.		
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		
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100 Grandparents

Janet Fragapane

After the holidays, the 100 Grandparents geared up to interact with their students. As always, they were laden down with things to share with the children. Cecily Lucas had an odd shaped piece of driftwood that was a wonder to see. I am sure her class of first graders loved hearing about it.

Romeo Elementary's Principal Balius spoke to our group about the science fair that was held last month. Several of our grandparents helped judge the projects and pick the winners. Five of the winning storyboards were on display. The work that these children

submitted was well thought out and beautifully presented. Romeo Elementary does a great job of having a well-rounded curriculum given by great very caring teachers. The school is constantly growing.

Principal Balius also spoke about how the students are being motivated in diagnostic growth. Students are given tickets for prizes for their hard work. They are striving to do better every month.

We have been asked as a group to spread the word ... gently used or new warm coats (children's sizes eight to 12) are needed. Remember how cold it was last month, and how long it stayed cold? You most likely were looking for your coat and wondering what happened to warm Florida. Most of these children do not have any warm clothing.

In addition to coats, all kinds

of school clothing are needed all year long in good condition. Boys pants (all sizes) and shoes (sizes 11 to 13). Underwear must be new, unopened packaging. The children are ages four to 12 years old.

Donations plus Box Tops for Education and pull tabs can be left on Evelyn Holiday's porch at 8880-C SW 94th Street (Friendship Village) or call her at (352) 237-0304. Or on Janet Fragapane's porch at 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II) or call her at (352) 861-1575. If you cannot come to us we will gladly come to you.

Food donations are always needed. Some of these children only have the food that they get at school. If they have younger siblings at home the food supplied by the backpack program goes home to help feed all of them. A check in any amount made out and mailed

to Dunnellon Food-4-Kids Inc., P.O. Box 262, Dunnellon, Fla. 34430 (on the memo line write for "backpack program") is always appreciated.

Thanks to Rita Rehpohl for supplying tabs, Dee Dee Springer for art supplies, and Steve DiFranco for a bicycle. If you have a children's bicycle you would like to donate, please call Tom at (352) 861-1575. Tom will fix it up and take it to Romeo Elementary.

New substitute readers this month were Darlene Sehres, Edith Bucchi and Barbara Grimshaw. If you would like to join us, call Evelyn at the above number. Men and women are needed. Children need both as role models; so come join us. We guarantee you will love being with them. The rewards are great!



Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

Travel Toppers invites you to discover new adventures with us. In addition to the trips mentioned here, check our website, traveltopperstours.com, for the latest updates.

A trip to the Show Palace is planned for Thursday, March 15, to see "Unexpected Songs" featuring some of the greatest musical theater scores created by Andrew Lloyd Webber and the writing duo, Rogers and Hammerstein. The cost

is \$74 per person and includes lunch, show, transportation and all tips. Call Inge at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays only, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to make your reservation. Bookings for this trip will close on Thursday, Feb. 15.

Tampa Bay Downs is scheduled for Saturday, April 7. The cost of the trip is \$48 per person and includes a buffet lunch with clubhouse seating, transportation and tips. Call Inge at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays only, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to book beginning Monday, Feb. 5. Known as one of America's oldest and most well-maintained racetracks, Tampa Bay Downs is the only thoroughbred race track on Florida's west coast.

Our Mother's Day trip on Sunday, May 13, is to the Show Palace to see "Menopause the Musical." The cost is \$76 per person and includes lunch, transportation and tips. Call

Gail at (352) 671-8280 (weekdays only, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to book beginning Monday, Feb. 5. This show is set in a department store featuring four women who seemingly have nothing in common but a black lace bra on sale, but they find they have more to share than they ever imagined. A sisterhood is created between these women as they realize that menopause is no longer the silent passage.

You may have noticed a new venue included in our current brochure. On Saturday, June 2, we will travel to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater, Fla. to see "The Savannah Sipping Society." This is a comedy about four southern women who meet at happy hour. The laughs begin as each embraces life in a unique way. The cost of \$67 per person covers lunch, show, transportation, and all tips. Bookings will begin on March

12. Watch for further details about this fun event in the March column.

From Monday, Nov. 5 to Friday, Nov. 9, we have a cruise to Cuba from Port Canaveral, Fla. with ports of call in Key West and Havana on the Norwegian Sun. There will be an overnight in Havana. Cabins begin as low as \$780 per person with a \$100 deposit, which must be made by credit card at the time of booking. Final payment will be due Wednesday, Aug. 1. Travel protection is available from \$99 per person depending on the cabin category booked. To be eligible for the current promotion, which includes a free beverage package, a \$75 per cabin shipboard credit and prepaid gratuities, contact Inge at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays only, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) no later than Wednesday, Feb. 28.

These trips are open to residents and their guests only.

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On the Road Again

Bob Woods

The Club Fair in January was a huge success. It was great seeing old friends as well as making new acquaintances.

This year, the club has a cruise

planned on board Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas departing Tampa on Monday, March 12, and returning Saturday, March 17. The club's fixed prices and cabin selections have been taken back by the cruise line but there are still cabins available at prevailing prices and seats available on the motor coach.

The club has a 12-day motor coach trip to the British Isles including many historical sites and locations within England, Wales and

Scotland. This trip is sold out but the club is looking to add names to the stand-by list at no charge. The list is in case there are any cancellations. The trip will depart On Top of the World on Friday, Aug. 3, returns on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

If either trip is something you would like to partake in, please call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702. Don't procrastinate; call today. Flyers for both trips are on the club's website at bobwoodsontheclubagain.com.

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Photo courtesy of Sunrise Elementary
Joan D'Addio, Valerie Smith and Beverly Ovrebo delivered collected books to Sunrise Elementary in mid-December 2017.

Holiday Book Drive

By Susan Yenne

It's time to start collecting children's books again.

The 2017 holiday book drive was so successful - more than 300 donated - that the On Top of the World LGA-18 plans to do it again this year with the help of men and women golfers from On Top of the World and Candler Hills.

The drive began in 2016 with 150 books collected and given to Romeo Elementary, a kindergarten through fifth-grade school with 750 students. The 300 collected in 2017 went to Sunrise Elementary a pre-K through fourth-grade school with 850 students. Both schools are in southwest Marion County and host many volunteers from On Top of the World.

Coordinating the drive were Connie Sohl, Marilyn Schaupp and

Beth Wolinsky. Joan D'Addio, Valerie Smith and Beverly Ovrebo delivered the books in mid-December 2017.

"The kids in the media center went like magnets to the books," D'Addio said. "They were just thrilled."

The principal gently explained to the children that they couldn't keep the books; they would be sorted into age-appropriate categories and distributed to classrooms and the media center for all to use.

A bookplate acknowledging the donation from On Top of the World will be placed in each book.

"Right now, I would say yes, we will do it again this year," D'Addio said. "So, start saving new or gently used children's books now. The kids were really so happy."

Table Tennis Members Compete in Senior Games

By Jim Lynam

The Table Tennis Club is very proud to announce that two of our members, Lynn Dickson and Penny Wilson, recently competed in the Florida Senior Games. Lynn and Penny captured the silver medal in women's doubles at the Tampa tournament. The senior games are categorized by age group, so let it suffice to say that the ladies won the silver medals within their grouping. They defeated five other teams on their path to the medal round. It is also noteworthy to announce that they competed in the ladies doubles billiards event, and brought home the gold medal. Congratulations to Lynn and Penny for representing their On Top of the World clubs very well in table tennis and billiards!

The members of the Table Tennis Club would like to express their

appreciation to the 2017 board of directors for their leadership and service: Jim Lynam, Alex Nagy and Jim Swift. The newly elected board of directors for 2018 are Jim Lynam, Jim Swift and Paul Stadterman. They pledge to continue the smooth operation of the club and hope to introduce some new events in the coming year.

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

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



Photo by Jim Lynam
Lynn Dickson and Penny Wilson recently competed in the Florida Senior Games.

Festive Ice Cream Social

By Nancy Carmack

Line dancers' last classes before the holiday break took place on Monday, Dec. 18, 2017. Marilyn hosted an ice cream social for all the dancers, and everyone had a great time dancing to Christmas

music, enjoying ice cream sundaes and some being lucky enough to win prizes. Our monthly dance was also a fun evening with everyone dressed in festive attire, sharing cookies and dancing with glow

sticks to a couple of special songs.

We are now happy to be back to our regular schedule of classes and practice sessions. Practicing is important to help remember the sequence of the dances, as repetition is the mother of all skills. Our practice sessions are on Wednesdays beginning at 9 a.m. for Intermediate, 10 a.m. for Improver, 11 a.m. for Beginner II, noon for Beginner I, and 1 p.m. for Absolute Beginners.

We also dance at Happy Hour on Friday evenings at the Recreation Center Ballroom and at The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights. Line dancing is so much fun. Get in line 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 at (352) 533-8870.



Line dance ice cream social.

Photo by Richard Holmquist

CARDS & GAMES

Monday Afternoon Bridge
Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Dec. 4, 2017
1: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 2: Peg Ellenberger & Elsa Groe; 3: Linda & Don Sprague; 4: Judy Wagnitz & Marlene Floecker.

Dec. 11, 2017
1: Lynda Hannon & Mary Walker; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Don & Linda Sprague; 4: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen.

Dec. 18, 2017
1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; Tie at 2: Ed Mathena & Pat Golgart and Helen & Joe O'Brien; 3: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman.

Tuesday Night Dup Bridge
Marie Fiorillo

Dec. 5, 2017
North/South 1: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; Tie at 2/3: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham and Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 4: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger. East/West 1: Caryl Rosenberger & Colleen Tobino; 2: Barbara Trebilcock & Barbara Heller; 3: Betty Devoy & Rita Smyth.

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Wednesday Afternoon Bridge
Pat Golgart

Dec. 6, 2017
1: Delores Ochu; 2: Bernie Kelly; 3: Shirley Stolly; 4: Marian Hotz; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Dec. 13, 2017
1: Helen O'Brien; 2: Bernie Kelly; 3: Carmen Arroya; 4: Linda Sprague; Cons: Howard Sodowski.

Dec. 20, 2017
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Pat Golgart; 3: Maureen Meade; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Pat P.

Dec. 27, 2017
1: Don Sprague; 2: Pat Golgart; 3: Linda Sprague; Cons: Howard Sodowski.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge
Marge Starrett

Dec. 7, 2017
1: Kay Boland; 2: Mary Walker; 3: Donna Brombacker.

Dec. 14, 2017
1: Linda Sprague; 2: Marge Starrett.

Dec. 21, 2017
1: Marge Starrett; 2: Dianne Robinson.

Dec. 28, 2017
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Kay Boland; 3: Pat Golgart.

Thursday Night Bridge
Keith Briggs

Dec. 28, 2017
1: Bob Durst; 2: Keith Briggs; 3: Lillie Upton.

Jan. 4
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Bob Durst.

Jan. 11
1: Paul Reidinger; 2: Lucy Molloy; 3: Fran Griswold; 4: Keith Briggs.

Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge
Jean Krueger-Travis

Thanks to everyone for their patience as we transition to a new format. Special thanks to Gerry for stepping in!

For February only, we will be playing in the Card Room of the Hobby Building. We will not be bringing lunch for this session. We will meet Friday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Please call Jean Krueger-Travis at (352) 414-5907 to indicate you will attend or if you have any questions.

Jan. 5
1: Kathie Dushary & Shirley Stolly; 2: Gail Tirpak & "The Mystery Partner;" 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Marjorie Benton.

Wednesday Bid Euchre
Chip Parsons

Nov. 15, 2017
1: Billy Swing; 2: Wayne Garwold; 3: Judy Kurlakowsky.

Nov. 22, 2017

1: Jerry Dean; 2: Sharon Dean; 3: John Wall.

Nov. 29, 2017
1: Bob Bicknell; 2: Arlene Luehre; 3: Wayne Garwold; 4: Mary Bicknell.

Dec. 6, 2017
1: John Wall; 2: Debbie Weaver; 3: Toni Strance; 4: Bob Bicknell.

Friday 4 Fun Euchre
Chip Parsons

Nov. 17, 2017
1: Bob Bicknell; 2: Rad; 3: Paul Agarwal.

Nov. 24, 2017
1: Paul Agarwal; 2: Wayne Garwold; 3: John Wall.

Dec. 1, 2017
Tie at 1: Verna Harsh & Phyllis Wall; Tie at 2: Mary Bartel & Arlene Luehrs; Tie at 3: Gitte Agarwal & Walter Hickenlooper.

Dec. 8, 2017
Tie at 1: Mary Bartel; Tie at 2: Marion Hotz & Paul Pinter; Tie at 3: Paul Agarwal & Arlene Luehrs.

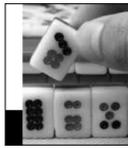
Tuesday Night Pinochle
Whitney Frye

Dec. 5, 2017
1: Jim Mazzotta; 2: Gayle Argano; 3: Dan Ebbighausen.

Dec. 12, 2017
1: Jim Recor; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Ilse Kersey.

Dec. 19, 2017
1: Edna Frye 2: Cathy Buchanan; 3: Whitney Frye.

Dec. 26, 2017
1: Edith Kolb 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Jim Recor.

Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

Bingo

Denise Johnson

I hope 2018 will be a great year for all of you. Don't forget to order your 2018 card. You can order online at nationalmahjongleague.org.

I know we are all tired of this card so soon we will have lots of new challenges. We are starting a new class at Master the Possibilities and it is already full. Imagine ... there are still people wanting to learn this addictive game. We will have new ideas for you after we get the card. The next class will start Thursday, April 26. Until then ... jokers to you.

There have been lots of winners so far this year! One new player sure had a terrific night, winning three door prizes before bingo even started.

Our jackpot is up to \$150 but you have to play to win. Come on out, plenty of seats are still available.

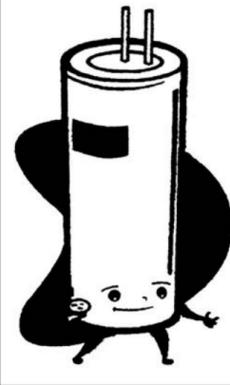
Remember, cards are not sold after 5:45 p.m. We start calling out the door prize numbers, then bingo starts just before 6 p.m. We break halfway through the evening and finish around 8:15 p.m.

The Pub is open until 6 p.m. Be sure to check out their menu for a yummy snack or dessert. Hope to see you on Wednesday yelling "bingo!"

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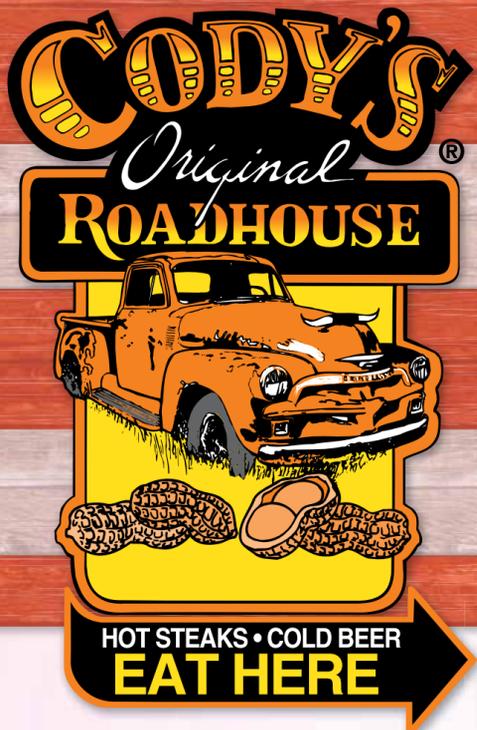
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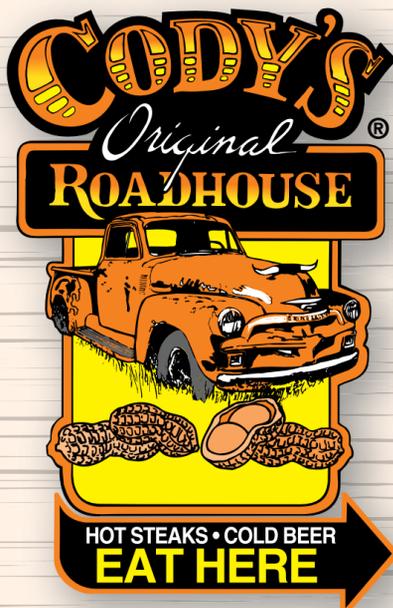
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Candler Hills will be hosting the annual World Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held Friday, Feb. 9 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be couples alternate shot. The cost is \$15 per player for awards and prizes. The Club at Candler Hills will have food and beverage specials concluding play. Please register in your respective Golf Shop.

With March right around the corner we are proud to announce the return of the Ocala Open. The 2018 Ocala Open will be held Wednesday,

March 21 through Friday, March 23 at Candler Hills Golf Club with a Pro-Am scheduled for Tuesday, March 20. The benefitting charities will again be Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. For more information on the 2018 Ocala Open visit ocalaoopen.com.

We would like to remind everyone to return all range balls and baskets to their respective Golf Shop after use. Please do not take these items home with you, keeping these items in circulation avoids us from having to continue to purchase new equipment. This in turn helps keep range prices minimal. We appreciate your understanding.

Last reminder - all shop credit expires Wednesday, Feb. 28. Any credit won in February will not be posted to your account until Thursday, March 1. It's time to shop!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 9: World Sadie Hawkins at Candler Hills Golf

- Club with 9 a.m. shotgun. Check Golf Shop for details.
- Saturday, Feb. 17: String Event at Tortoise & The Hare with 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Tuesday, March 20: Ocala Open Pro-Am at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 21 through Friday, March 23: Ocala Open Professional Golf Tournament at Candler Hills Golf Club.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: R.L. Moore, shot even par 72.

LINKS: Jerry Nagel, hole-in-one #14. Rudy Normandin, shot his age 76.

TORTOISE & THE HARE: Tom Weiss, eagle #2. Michael Limoges, hole-in-one #11.

Congratulations to all!

Golf Tip of the Month

You're on the way to breaking 80 for the first time and you drive

the ball in the fairway bunker on the 18th hole. I know how everyone hates the dreaded fairway bunker shot. Here are some tips to ensure you shoot your best round ever:

1. Make sure to hit the ball first. Unlike a greenside bunker you need to hit the ball first.
2. Take one extra club than you would from the fairway and slightly grip down on the club.
3. Play the ball back in your stance.
4. Dig your feet into the sand just enough to build a solid foundation.
5. Take a three quarters swing. You want to keep your body still to ensure a good solid strike.

Follow these five tips to improve fairway bunker play and gain the confidence you need to break 80.

Group Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

Here is a recap for the past year. Below is some trivia, so everyone come out Monday night and play; we just want to have fun!

Highest score ever received was Liz at 815 in the beginning when dominos first started and second highest was Terry at 642 now highest.

Lowest score ever received was Nan at 100, and second lowest was Joyce at 108.

Please mark your 2018 calendar - we will not play on Mondays, May 21 or May 28.

Train conductors, we hope that you all RSVP to the invitation you received for Friday, Feb. 16 to celebrate our first annual "After Valentine Appreciation Game Night," which will be exciting fun for all of us. If you have any questions, please contact me at (770) 394-7533 or leegriffe@bellsouth.net

All are welcome any Monday in the Art Studio of Hobby Building, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. We have six to a table and play with dots or number, your preference.

We pick chips to help you meet and play with new people. We have specific rules; we all play by them each week and we sell racks if you don't have one. We appreciate those who bring their dominos to use during the games and supply the bags to pass the bag please when you need to pick.

We offer fun, laughter and a good time for one quarter conducting your own train and meeting extended friends and family who are new or seasoned players. If you are coming for the first time, we ask that you bring your resident ID.

Remember, we have a learning table and all are welcome. If you have a special need, we will try to accommodate whatever the situation may be. If you have been there and forgotten how to play, a quick refresh is on the way. Let's keep playing on Monday evenings and having a blast passing the bag. Any comments or suggestions are appreciated but may not change anything.

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It was a cold start to the New Year, but (surprise!) we played golf anyway.

Copies of the 2018 MGA handbook are available in the player's lounge. It has new descriptions of the games we play, among other updated information. Please take one from the lounge, check your name off the list, and review it.

Remember that your shop credit is going to expire. Any monies that are credited to your account through your January play dates will have to be spent in the Golf Shop by Wednesday, Feb. 28. Use it or lose it!

Upcoming events:

- Thursday, Feb. 1: Links will be closed until 10 a.m. and Tortoise & The Hare will be closed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for maintenance.

- Wednesday, Feb. 7: Chicken Day/ Straight Scramble (Links).
- Friday, Feb. 9: World Sadie Hawkins at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14: Individual Quota Points (Tortoise & The Hare).
- Wednesday Feb. 21: Team 3 Best Balls (Links).
- Wednesday, Feb. 28: Individual Net (Tortoise & The Hare).
- Tuesday, March 20: Ocala Open Pro-Am at Candler Hills Golf Club. See the Golf Shop for information.
- Wednesday, March 21 through Friday, March 23: Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Club. See the Golf Shop for information about volunteering.

Please welcome our newest members: Stephen J. Adams, Bill Dobbins, Ken Jacob, Tony Morris, Ron Rose, Charlie Taylor and Ken Watroba.

Individual Low Net Dec. 20, 2017

- Division 1: 63-George Blankenship; tie at 65-Joe Jingco, Rudy Normandin.
- Division 2: 61-Paul Sepulveda; 62-Mike Wathen.
- Division 3: 59-Howard Atherton; 60-Paul Wade.
- Division 4: 55-Jerry Lubich; 59-Alan Varney.
- Division 5: 62-Francis Caprez; 63-Mike Kurlakowsky.
- Division 6: 62-Loren Magsam; Tie at 63-Edward Duke, Armando Pena.

Individual Blind Holes Dec. 27, 2017

- Division 1
 - Flight 1: 31-George Blankenship; Tie at 33-Ron Delaney, Al Wassmer; Tie at 34-Terry Hoppes, John Langville.
 - Flight 2: 33-Andrew Bulloch; Tie at 34-Bob Flynn, Mike Maillet; Tie at 36-Paul Sepulveda, Carl Singleton.
 - Flight 3: Tie at 31-Joseph Bologna, Carl Zeiler; 33-Jerry Lubich; Tie at 34-Chris Lyndrup, Howard Atherton, Joseph Szall.
- Division 2
 - Flight 1: Tie at 34: Larry Manion, Alan Varney; Tie at 35-Leonard Ruble, Norm Lallier; 36-Joe Quaranta.

- Flight 2: Tie at 33: Guy Russell, Mike Kurlakowsky; 34-Howard Hudgens; 35-Danny James.
- Flight 3: 33-Tom Marta; 35-Tim Torrey; Tie at 36-Edward Duke, J. Phelps White.

2 Man Team 1 Best Ball Jan. 10

Division 1

- Flight 1: 56-Joe Wilks & Paul Wade; 57-Henry Sohl & Rudy Normandin; 58-Kevin Hammonds & Tim Hunt.
- Flight 2: 62-Danny Gilley & Jim Tait; Tie at 63-Andrew Bulloch & Bob Flynn, Jay Bouton & Wes Dumeer, Paul Del Vacchio & Rusty Rhodes.

Division 2

- Flight 1: 59-Guy Russell & Tom Neville; 60-Phelps White & Roy Coombes; Tie at 61-Charles Crenshaw & Norman Schulze, David Hannasch & David Stafford, Marvin Brooks & Phil Johnson
- Flight 2: 56-Larry Zieser & Mike Kurlakowsky; 57-Ron Cleveringa & Steve Becker; Tie at 58-Bob Egger & Loren Magsam, Richard Freeman & Tom Cummings.



Candler Hills Men's Golf Association (CHMGA) hopes everyone had a good holiday season, although the chilly weather has not been very conducive for golfing. The first league event of the new year was canceled due to wind-chill factors! The new weekly schedule for 2018 is now on our website (chmga.com) if you care to make plans for this year. You can also check out the website if you are thinking about joining our friendly group of golfers - we play every Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Individuals recently scoring in the 70s included: Bob Miles (75), Walt Pacuk (76), Jon Hill & Larry Kettlewell (77), Larry Smallwood & Everett Kimball (78) and Bill White & Dave Miller (79).

Two Man Scramble Dec. 12, 2017

A/D Flight: 62-Joe Damiata & Richard Freeman. Tie at 65-Jeff Downs & Paul Silliman and Bill Anger & John Workman. 66-Mike Deahl & Chris Lyndrup

B/C Flight: 63-Dennis McCourt & Ken Zweiback. Tie at 64-Paul Rubly & Andy Bulloch and Gary Lyman & Dave Miller, 68-Gene Moff & Jim McGrath.

Individual Quota Points Dec. 19, 2017

- Flight 1: +9-Bob Miles, +8-Walt Pacuk, +7-Jon Hill.
- Flight 2: Tie at +8-Bill White & Dave Miller, +7-Dennis McCourt.
- Flight 3: Tie at +4-John Podkomorski & Gary Lyman, +2-Jim McGrath.
- Flight 4: +7-Randy Ford, +6-David Green, +5-Donald Huston.

Four Man, Two Best Balls Dec. 26, 2017
 -27-Chris Scharar, Julian Wachs, Sam Fox & Chris Lyndrup. Tie at -26-Robert Hutson, Larry Smallwood, John Podkomorski & Donald Huston and Garry Gerlach, J.C. Van Bloom, Bill Horton & Dave Miller.
 -24-Bill Anger, Joe Jingco, Jim McGrath & Randy Ford

Four Man Scramble (net) Jan. 9

-19-Joe Damiata, Chris Scharar, Sam Fox & Ed Vioria. -18-Joseph Schuberth, Ron Fulton & Gary Lyman. -16-Bill Anger, Gil Brooks, Paul Silliman & Frank Esposito. Tie at -15-Larry Rackstraw, Bruce Venslavsky, Richard Freeman & Randy Ford and Chris Jett, Virgel Jajalla,

J.C. Van Bloom & Dave Miller.

A new CHMGA event for 2018 was introduced to the members. It's a season-long event called the Candler Cup. It consists of members compiling points on a weekly basis during regular league play, culminating in a finals playoff in the fall. It should prove interesting. We welcomed several new mem-

bers to our association recently: Bob Miles, Mike Boedy, Frank Esposito. Mike Altomare, James Dewey and Virgel Jajalla. 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.



Just because it's cooler doesn't mean you shouldn't be drinking plenty of water.

The introduction to pickleball class will be conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 13 (make up day Feb. 15), at 9 a.m. Be sure to wear court shoes - sandals, shower shoes, leather shoes and loafers cannot be worn for this class.

Monthly Tip: Shots hit cross-court at a sharp angle can be highly effective, but they are also subject to a high error rate. If angle shots are not working well for you, direct most of your shots down the

middle. Your error rate will decrease significantly. It is amazing how often those down-the-middle shots cause confusion in your opponents. Quite often, both players will attempt to play the shot or it will be untouched by both players

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Judith Parisi

2018 kicked off with bitter cold weather that resulted in cancelled Tuesday, Jan. 2. However, league members gathered late morning at the Recreation Center for our quarterly membership meeting.

President Eileen Gustavus had a full agenda. Eileen discussed the recent change from the Florida Handicap System to GHIN and the new Golf Genius software that we will use for sign up, to see results of play, information on games, and much more. She mentioned that each Tuesday morning we will receive an e-mail from Golf Genius asking whether we will play on the following Tuesday. We will need to respond whether we are "playing" or "not playing." The deadline for our response is 10 a.m. on the Monday preceding golf. If we did sign up, but find we cannot play, we can use the Golf Genius system to cancel. Should we need to cancel after the 10 a.m. Monday deadline, we would need to contact the Golf Shop directly.

With the new GHIN system, results will show as 18 holes on the system, by adding two comparable nine-hole scores together with a notation, "c", for combined. We can post our scores online or on the Golf Shop computer.



Photo by Judy Parisi

On Top of the World LGA-9 members.

A vote was held on lowering the maximum handicap for new members to 50 for 18 holes. Existing members, however, are grandfathered. For league play, we have been using a maximum of 25 for nine holes in applying the handicap to calculate the net score in competitions.

Eileen went through the local rules and will be e-mailing a copy to us.

She went through our existing handbook to see if there was any critical information therein that was not located elsewhere. Given the information in the handbooks is on the bulletin board or on the website, it was voted to discontinue

the handbook.

The league has purchased "A Quick Guide to the Rules of Golf." Each member was able to pick up a copy.

Also discussed is the upcoming LGA-9 and Candler Hills LGA-9 Challenge on Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Thursday, Feb. 22 hosted by Candler Hills. This will be the third year of this competition with On Top of the World LGA-9 winning the first year, and Candler Hills LGA-9 winning last year. We are hoping to recover the trophy in 2018.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers to assist at the Tuesday, April 3, Fairways in Bloom Invitational were made available. They will also be in

the members lounge.

The minutes of the meeting are available on our website (otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com) along with pictures from our holiday party and much, much more.

Member Member Low Net/Best Ball Team Dec. 12, 2017

Flight 1: 32-Carla Kimball, Lydia Flinchbaugh; 33-Eileen Gustavus, Barbara Enos; 34-Janis Hannasch, Virginia Bayless

34-Robbie Limoges, Hilda Budd.
Flight 2: 35-Sheila Ashe, Jean Flynn; 36-Betty Jo Dent, Charmaine Hassett; 37-Blind draw, Joan Loureiro; 37-Carol Bell, Eve Harvey.



Cornhole Club

Jim Russell

After a very cold holiday break, it was time for the bags to fly again. On Monday, Jan. 8, open play Captain Jeff Woodward along with Secretary/Treasurer Jim Russell were on hand at 10:30 a.m. to welcome the hoards of club members chomping at the bit to resume

play. The sign-in sheet was positioned on the picnic table in the pavilion, game boards and bags sat ready to be placed into action. The slightly overcast sky provided just the right amount of light to properly focus on the game boards without the need to squint. Temperatures were just perfect, negating the need to break out in a sweat. All was ready. All that was needed were the hoards of players.

Thanks to the three loyal, dedicated club members who arrived, and along with Jeff, were able to

enjoy a spirited three game set of cornhole. Attendance picked up on Tuesday, Jan. 9 when Captain Dee Murray welcomed 10 players, including a new couple from Vermont who have joined our club. The 72 degree weather was perfect and all had a great time playing their three game set.

Thursday at 1:30 p.m. had all the ingredients needed to assure a large turnout. No rain, perfect temperature, slightly overcast made for ideal playing conditions. Captain Gary Cornell was on hand to welcome the throngs. In a repeat of the Monday turnout, three loyal, dedicated players joined Gary in playing their three game set. There was actually a fourth person who wanted to play but left because she had nobody to play with. I hate it

when folks are disappointed!

Later on that afternoon, our mixed doubles league play took place under the supervision of Captain Mike Wathen. All eight teams were in attendance and the bags were finally flying through the air like they should be.

The Friday morning open play group had six players join Captain Jim Russell. While there was a threat of rain, the group got all three games in before the rain arrived.

We hope that many more players who have signed up for play will again join us each week as we move through the winter season. We offer four days of open play so there should be a timeslot that meets your needs. So shake off those cobwebs and come join us!

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Everyone Wins Club had a visit from Santa.

Everyone Wins Club

Sandi Kemp

Our next Everyone Wins night will be on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. It will be a fun-filled night with lots of laughs and a great night out! We start with snacks that everyone brings to share. Iced tea, soda and water are provided. We play a fun version of bingo, charades, trivia and any-

thing I come up with that is fun. In December 2017, Santa made an appearance and many had their picture taken with him!

Everyone is invited - singles and couples. The cost is \$5, which should be brought as five \$1 bills. You will win at least \$2 or maybe more if you are lucky! So join us! No reservation is needed; just show up. We will be happy to see you!

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



Ladies Shuffleboard

Beverly Drennan

Our sponsors, Michael Riley from Estate & Retirement Resources, Inc., hosted our mid-year luncheon at the Arbor Club on Tuesday, Jan. 9. New shirts were presented to our new members.

On Wednesday, March 28 we will have our annual club tournament, from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 4 will be our end-of-year lunch and tournament, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pavilion with food and prizes provided by our sponsor.

High Games December 2017

9-Valerie Bilek; 8-Sally Herrick, Sue Hollman, Carol Jenkins, Becki Kotschi, Elsa Groe, Barbara Stickles.



Photo by Sally Herrick

Ladies shuffleboard luncheon.



Shuffleboard

Walter Lamp

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, we had our annual Turkey Shoot. It's different from other tournaments, in that this is actually a skills competition. No team play here, only individuals competing against the field. These individuals are competing against one another by trying eight different shots that are normally taken during our matches throughout the season. They earn points if they successfully complete the required shot. They get two chances at each shot, only needing to be successful once. The total points are then tallied up and a winner declared. He or she gets a turkey, while all the challengers receive a door prize. On this cold morning, Rick French won the turkey.

We recently put up two new sheds down at the courts for our equipment. Some of the equipment is also new such as the discs, sticks and tips. A special thanks to Rick Vogel and Bob Stubbs for all of their help in setting up the insides of the new sheds with new shelves and compartments.

A special note to all residents: We have one shed unlocked, so if you want to try your hand at shuffleboard, either by yourself or with friends or family, we invite you to do so. We only ask you that you make sure the shed is secured, before you leave.

November Men/Women

Friday a.m.: Roger Werner/Shirley Lindsay and Nancy Kowsky

December Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz/Vicki Lentz. Barbara Lee joined the 30 club with a 34.

Tuesday p.m.: Mario Migliaccio and Lou Fisher/Maxine Gayso.

Wednesday p.m.: Bill Edwards/Betty Edwards.

Friday a.m.: Roger Werner/Shirley Lindsay. Shirley Lindsay joined the 30 point club with a 30.

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Susan Yenne

Who makes the best chili? It's a tie between Geri Treppa and Debby Wilson. Followed by a tie for third place between Iro Lisinski and Lynn Barber. About 30 women voted at the Black & White luncheon, which featured the league's first chili cook-off on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Arbor Conference Center. Thanks goes to the four chili contestants

and the luncheon committee of Deborah Martin (who provided salad pasta and muffins), Yuhlan Cho and Carolyn Cummings.

The next lunch is Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the Recreation Center after the member/guest Criss Cross tournament. Members must sign up with a guest who is not a member of the On Top of the World LGA-18 and has an established handicap.

Match Play started Monday, Jan. 22, following a Friday, Jan. 19 pairings party. Members were paired up, then arranged to play within two weeks on Tortoise & The Hare. Whoever won the most net holes in

the first round became part of the top bracket; losers moved to the consolation bracket.

Money was collected for a brick paver for the memorial pathway being built from the putting green to parking lot/cart path.

We want to welcome our newest member, Kathy Mansfield. She moved here from New Jersey about a year ago and has been golfing for 12 years.

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 1, members must sign up for Tuesday league play by 10 a.m. on Monday.

Because of holidays and weather, there was no league play on Dec. 19

and 26, 2017 and Jan. 2.

Stableford (Individual Net) Dec. 12/Links

Flight 1: 41-Iro Lisinski. 37-MJ Strelec. 36-Peggy Borro.

Flight 2: 42-Debby Wilson. 41-Rosann Ross. 39-Yuhlan Cho.

Flight 3: 39-Faye Barbee. Tie at 36-Betty Lou McNeeley, Geri Treppa.

Black & White (Two Best Balls/Net) Jan. 9/Links

116-Beverly Ovrebo, Fran Eckart, Mary Driver, Antonia Varney. 121-Gail Lagrange, Iro Lisinski, Sandy Chase, Geri Treppa. 127-Peggy Borro, Rosemarie O'Neil, Rosann Ross, Faye Barbee.



Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Bev Overbo

Yes, there is winter in Florida! January came in with a vengeance, forcing us to pull out our winter fleece, and causing the cancellation of many golf outings, including our Thursday, Jan. 4 league event.

But that was only one event ... we are now celebrating the new year playing lots of golf. The league continues its altruistic practices. Over the holidays we donated toys to children through Toys for Tots, and

food and daily necessities to those in need in our county through the food drive. This is in addition to our December fundraiser tournament for Voices for Children, our ongoing support for the First Tee of Ocala, and our co-sponsorship of the holiday book drive for Sunrise Elementary School.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, we hosted the MidState Lady-Pro at Candler Hills. Look for more on this fun event in next month's column.

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

- Wednesday, Feb. 28: MidState at Royal Oaks.
- Thursdays, March 8 and 15: League Championship.

• Wednesday, March 21: Mid-State at Summer Glen.

• Tuesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 12: Solheim Cup.

NOSE

Dec. 14, 2017

Flight 1: 32-Bev Ovrebo; Tie at 34-Iro Lisinski and Su Freeman.

Flight 2: 27-Toni Stevenson; 29-Carol Clark; 32-Vicky Salyers.

Flight 3: Tie at 35-Beth Wolinsky and Kathy Zunica.

Odds and Evens Dec. 21

Flight 1: 34-Su Freeman; 35-Pam Carpenter.

Flight 2: 36-Joan D'Addio; 35-Iro Lisinski.

Flight 3: Tie at 37-Ilyong Dicus and

Kathy Smyth.

Low Gross, Low Net Dec. 28, 2017

Flight 1 Low Gross: 82-Bev Ovrebo.

Flight 1 Low Net: 69-Donna Smith.

Flight 2 Low Gross: 87-MJ Strelec.

Flight 2 Low Net: 71-Carol Oman.

Flight 3 Low Gross: 90-Rosann Ross.

Flight 3 Low Net: 66-Kate Beaty.

Flight 4 Low Gross: 101-Pam Monk.

Flight 4 Low Net: 71-Kathy Zunica.

Two Best Balls Jan. 11

118-Iro Lisinski, DeAnne Green and Kathy Smyth; 119-Su Freeman, Diane O'Brien, Toni Stevenson and Kathy Zunica; 121-Jonell Washburn, Kate Beaty, Irmgard Anger and Beth Wolinsky.

Flight 1: 27-Carla Kimball; Tie at 31-Eileen Gustavus, Suzanne Sigler.

Flight 2: 25-Cheryl Nesbit; Tie at 29-Pat Gill, Linda Mandala, Lydia Flinchbaugh.

Flight 3: 21-Kathleen Hall; 27-Olive Curtin; 29-Carol Deahl.

Flight 4: 25-Eve Harvey; 32-Suzanne Weirick.

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Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Susan Layne

We are off to a good start for 2018 after a very frigid first week. You know it's cold when league golf is cancelled! In the new year we often make resolutions with all good intentions but by Febru-

ary they start to fall away. Here is a resolution that you may want to make this year that could help your short game.

In one of ladies only clinics with Denise Mullen, our head professional at Candler Hills Golf Course, she asked, "How many of us have clubs in our bags that we have never or seldom used?" We tend to have our "go to" clubs that we are comfortable with and have confidence in. However, sometimes we may need

to try something else. For instance, if you are having trouble chipping from 30 to 40 yards out from the green and always use your pitching wedge sometimes leaving the ball short or skulling it way past the pin and off the other side perhaps using a seven, eight or nine iron may work better, still using the same chipping technique. If you are chipping from thick, fluffy grasses a hybrid may be just the right club to chip with. The time to practice is on the chipping green and in a friendly, casual game, not on league day. We can have 14 clubs in a bag so let's give them a workout.

The Valentine's Day challenge with On Top of the World LGA-9 hole league will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Thursday, Feb. 22. Participants must play both events. This is a "friendly" competition. Last year, Candler Hills LGA-9 took home the trophy and will be trying to repeat that this year.

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Fit Tips

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Hack Your Snacks

Has the New Year inspired you to lose a few pounds, eat more nutritiously and improve your health? For many this is the time of year to refocus and recommit to habits that boost our health. Most of us realize that we have to plan healthy meals and watch our portion sizes, but sometimes our snacking can be our undoing. Here are a few tips to "hack your snacks" and help you eat healthy.

FIT TIP #1: Build your own - when you're hungry between meals, pass on the crackers/chips and look for snacks that pack a higher nutrient punch. Nuts, avocados, hummus, fresh fruits and vegetables are all good options.

FIT TIP #2: Prep ahead - don't wait until you are hungry and desperate for a snack, you will most likely end up with a handful of junk food. Have your snacks prepared ahead of time and prepackaged in small containers or Ziploc bags.

FIT TIP #3: Make it a combo - combine macronutrients (complex carbs, protein and fat) for snacks that satisfy. Your body takes longer to break down protein, therefore when combining macronutrients, you stay satisfied longer.

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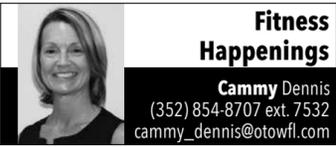
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New Exercise Class for People with Parkinson's

"Move to Improve" is a very special fitness class launching this month. This fitness class addresses the needs of people with Parkinson's disease. The science is crystal clear; exercise is vital for people with Parkinson's. The Parkinson's Foundation states, "Exercise is an important part of healthy living for everyone, however, for people with Parkinson's disease (PD) exercise is not only healthy, but a vital component to maintaining balance, mobility and daily living activities, along with a potential neuroprotective effect."

The fitness team is very excited to bring this new class to the residents of our community. We have spent the last year studying, observing and even getting certified to teach Parkinson's exercise programs.

Think of exercise for Parkinson's as having two important benefits:

- 1. FOR THE BODY:** Staying strong, capable and reducing the risk of falling.
- 2. FOR THE BRAIN:** Supporting brain health and warding off age and disease-related changes.

The neuroprotective benefits of exercise stem from a heightened efficiency of the brain cells to utilize dopamine (dopamine is a neurotransmitter, which facilitates brain cells to connect and communicate with each other).

The Recreation Center's new class "Move to Improve" has a very specific exercise prescription dedi-

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 Julie	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Kelly
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Darla	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move To Improve Kelly	S.O.S. Larry	Move To Improve Cammy	S.O.S. Larry
12:00 PM	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
11:00 AM Ballroom	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 Kelly	Shallow Water Barb	Deep Water Larry

Arbor Conference Center					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM Arbor Conference Center	Yoga (G,H) Julie		Yoga (D) Linda	Qi Gong (E,F,G) Art	Yoga (G,H) Renu
10:00 AM Arbor Conference Center				Intro to Tai Chi (E,F,G) Art	

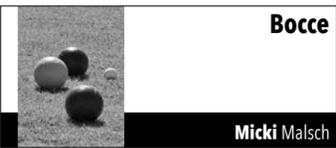
NEW CLASS: "Move to Improve" on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 11 AM, in the Recreation Center!

ated to help manage many of the symptoms and challenges associated with Parkinson's. The exercises in this class support strength, balance, multi-tasking, and producing

vocal volume. Move with greater ease, and let your voice be heard! This class welcomes those with PD or any movement disorder as well as caregivers.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 11 a.m., in the Aerobics Room of the Recreation Center Fitness Center. For more information, please call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7532 or 7529.

These classes will be offered on



Bocce

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! 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., and 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 members to substitute. We encourage

you to stop by and see how the game is played and what fun we have. So please call and express your interest in playing! It's a lot of fun and you get to make new friends!

The dates for league best of bocce will be played on Tuesday, April 24, at 9 a.m. Open best of bocce will be played on Thursday, April 26, at 9 a.m.

The annual banquet will be held on Friday, May 4, at The Lodge at Candler Hills, from 4 to 7 p.m., with a catered dinner and open bar. Details will follow, as they are determined.

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

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Happy New Year to all from the R/C Flyers! Once we get out of this cold snap, we will see an increase in the number of holes being bored through the air at the flying field.

Here in Ocala, we are blessed with fine flying conditions most of the year, and only unseasonable times ground us. From time to time, we have themed days to enhance the camaraderie that we enjoy year round. We recently had a biplane day.

You don't have to be a member to come and watch, and it doesn't have to be for one of our formal events. Residents are invited to

join us at any time. Pick a pretty day that isn't windy and drop by. There is almost certain to be someone showing off a new or older model and honing his or her piloting skills. Early mornings may be quiet, but that is only because the early crowd is made up primarily of flyers of electric powered models. They generally fly from sunrise until about 9 a.m. to take advantage of lower winds for their smaller and lighter models. Another, more diverse group then starts arriving and will typically fly until about noon. Then, after lunch time, you will find another group of regulars with another selection of models ... and flying skills.

The flying field is located off the end of SW 94th Street past the Arbor Club and Avalon. Just follow the signs.



Recent bi-plane gathering of the R/C Flyers.



January started off with an arctic blast the first week that literally froze the track on at least one occasion. In three years, we have been rained out on several occasions, but this is the first time we have been frozen out for several

days. Hopefully, the remainder of the winter will return to our normal Ocala weather.

Charlie Fisher has been literally the founding father of the R/C Car Club, getting it started almost single handedly. As the club president he has shepherded it through the initial three growing years and can be very proud of the wonderful facility it has become. Charlie has decided that it is time to let others carry the club forward, so an election was held. The following is the

results of the election: President Paul Burrey, Vice President Tom Seitz, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Piscitelli, Safety Officer/Track Manager Larry Fryer; Members at Large Ed Sobolewski and John Marvin. In addition, Ken Berry was named as the head of the race committee.

Currently, we are running four regular classes of cars on Thursdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. On Tuesdays, we run a fifth class with the Rage two-wheel drive buggy exclusively. Each race day we also run novice races to help those who are just getting started or want to im-

prove their driving skill.

The new format of two heats that our race committee implemented has proven very successful and has helped to level the competition, making it more fun for all.

If you are considering joining the club, come out any day and one of our members will be glad to help. One option is the Rage buggy, which is very reasonably priced and has also proven competitive on all race days. Even if you do not join, come out on race days; you will find a friendly group that is happy to welcome newcomers and spectators alike.

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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, Feb. 27.

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 die 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.

The annual Bunco for Babies luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 14, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, G, and H. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include lunch, dessert, door prizes and cash prizes for the bunco game. All proceeds benefit the March of Dimes. Tickets will be available at the Bunco Babes Social Group on Feb. 27, or by calling Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790 or (352) 615-2790. See you there!

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Sidekicks Western Dance

Carol Hanson

As we enter the second month of the year, I hope everyone survived the extremely cold (for Florida) weather that we experienced in January and that you have thawed out. We can only hope that February will be less chilling!

The main goal of the Sidekicks Western Pattern Dance Club is to provide residents the opportunity to learn and enjoy western dance. Western couple dancing is a form of social dance and is a great way to get together as a group.

Can you say "par-tay?" In addition to our regular dance class and practice sessions, Sidekicks hosts parties throughout the year. Our next get together will be to celebrate Valentine's Day, by hosting a

potluck dinner. Making this an even more special event, our friends and neighbors from the Stone Creek Western Pattern Dance Club will be joining us! We are all looking forward to a night of delicious food, fellowship and lots of toe tapping dancing.

Many of you know that western pattern dance is usually performed to western (country) music. However, pattern dance encompasses many dance forms and styles and therefore can be performed to almost any type of music. Check out Happy Hour on Friday nights or entertainment on The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights for the opportunity to see some of our pattern dancers doing their thing.

Remember to keep the outside circle of the dance floor open. This is the only area of the dance floor where progressive dances, like pattern dance, can be performed safely.

Keep those cowboy boots a tapping!



Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

January was a busy month for the Ballet Club. On Saturday Jan. 13, we did a ballet demonstration of our dances at the Health & Wellness Expo, and hosted a table at the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 18. We love to reach out to the residents, and appreciate all that management does to assist our classes and activities.

We have now returned to our regular classes in the Recreation Center group fitness room. Our class schedule follows:

- 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.

We usually get to the studio 15 minutes in advance of class time to get dressed and do a bit of stretching.

All of our classes are free, and we welcome newcomers at any time. To start, ballet clothes are not necessary. Fitted exercise clothes and socks are fine. A bottle of water is suggested, and some sort of neck roll for the Fusion Floor Barre. When we have beginning dancers with us, I do a slower class, and explain positions and movements more fully. Because we do the whole class facing the mirror, newer dancers can follow me and more advanced dancers to learn steps.

If someone is interested in joining us, I suggest that you call me first at (352) 854-8589. We can discuss your dance and exercise experience, and I can be ready to welcome you to class. I look forward to hearing from you. Happy dancing!



Tennis

Jorge Privat
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It seems last year we hardly had winter temperatures compared to this year, and although we've had some days with freezing temperatures, it really hasn't been nearly as bad as the states north of us. With the exception of those few days, we have been able to come to the courts and enjoy this great sport.

I am truly looking forward to having an even more active year with the help of an enthusiastic tennis committee, which will organize a variety of activities, socials and more. Perhaps we can attend the matches at the University of Florida, or play at the USTA National Campus in Lake Nona (100-plus courts and three different surfaces)? There is an hourly fee to reserve courts at that facility, but it is reasonable depending on what surface we wish to play (between \$12 and \$15 per hour). We could also travel to Miami for the Sonny Open at the end of March.

We should be able to put together at least a mixed doubles team to compete in a USTA league. And last but not least, perhaps organize an invitational tournament to include some of the surrounding communities? And as usual, I will continue to encourage all of you to try hard in maintaining good health and exercise as often as you can.

Tennis Tip of the Month

I don't consider the phrase "a culture of excellence" some fancy slogan. I believe that it is essential to the long-term success of a program and I work hard to continually develop and define it by example. It starts with the understanding of what the sport of tennis is about, what your part in it is, and what you can get out of it.

Without preaching, I just want to encourage you to bring to the courts your fighting spirit, give a 100-percent of your effort and always try to win "the right way." Be patient, fair, respectful and consistent. Create a vision, taking the longer view of your game as a means to achieving other goals, as health, relationships, etc. Communicate optimism, which can be contagious to other people and promote fun. Focus on the process, not the outcome. See the "good in people;" this will have a positive and profound affect in your relationships in the short term and down the road. And, if in some small little way I can inspire you to do your best, it is a wonderful calling for me, and even with all its challenges, there is nothing I'd rather do. See you on the courts!



Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

Our special New Year's Eve dance was the social event of 2017. All those attending had a wonderful time. The music by Retro Express was great, the food was wonderful, and the champagne was a marvelous touch to end the year. We had a large collection of balloons and our traditional clock on the stage. The table decorations were outstanding.

Our 2018 dance dates are all set and the bands are under contract. The first dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 and will feature music from the band 3 For the Road Plus 1. Our second dance is set for Saturday, April 21 with the band

Retro Express. Mark your dance calendar for Sept. 22, Nov. 10, and Dec. 31 for great dancing in 2018.

Dancin' On the Top is working on future dance dates for 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 Friday and Saturday nights. See the events calendar insert provided in the World News for more details.

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Stamp Club

Joe Rosinski

One of the days that the U.S. Postal Service processes the most mail is Valentine's Day. Approximately 150 million cards are exchanged annually making Valentine's Day the second most popular card sending holiday after Christmas.

In addition to the U.S., Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia. In the U.K., Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around 1600. Printed Valentine's Day cards began to replace written letters in the 1800s. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions. Cheaper postage rates



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Old time Valentine's Day cards.

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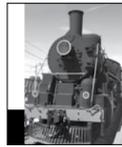
(about one-cent each for the cards) also contributed to the increase in the popularity of ready-made Valentine's Day greetings.

In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentine's in the U.S. She made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines'. Of course postage rates have increased tremendously during the ensuing years and now cost a minimum of 35-cents for what used to be a penny postcard.

Time to go out and purchase a card for someone you think highly of; try and find one that doesn't say "additional postage required."

Activities at the club have been steady during the past several weeks. Our Tuesday evening meetings at the Freedom Library have begun to draw more participation. Our classes at Master the Possibilities have also started once again and hope we get some more interested possible collectors. The classes are free to residents and will be taking place on Monday, Feb. 12 and Monday, March 12. Both classes will run from 1 to 3 p.m. You can register at Master the Possibilities.

You are also welcome to attend any of our meetings. Our meeting schedule is included in the Club Schedule included as insert with this newspaper. I will be glad to answer any questions about stamp collecting, the club, or anything else you might want to ask. Just e-mail me at rosinskijoe@gmail.com. Thanks for reading and will be back in touch next month.



Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam

"If you have seen one railroad steam engine ... then you've seen them all!"

The early steam engines were merely composed of an engine mounted on a flatcar and a large vertical smokestack. On Aug. 28, 1830, Peter Cooper's Tom Thumb famously raced a horse on the fledgling Baltimore & Ohio. The little one-ton coal-burner, featuring a vertical boiler, lost the bout (while carrying 30 patrons in a single coach) but had nevertheless proved its viability.

According to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, the locomotive was capable of speeds up to 15 mph. Since the Thumb was only an experiment, another locomotive was given recognition as the first American-built design to haul a revenue passenger train. That honor is bestowed upon the South Carolina Canal & Railroad Company's Best Friend of Charleston when the 0-4-0 carried a trainload of paying customers on Dec. 25, 1830.

New designs added the cow-catcher, front pilot trucks, a covered cab, and an attached "tender" to store the fuel and water. The system used to name locomotives is based upon the arrangement of front pilot wheels, the number of driving wheels, then the number of trailing wheels under the cab: such as 2-6-2.

Since a steam engine can only operate at a predetermined maximum speed, the diameter of the driving wheels determines the maximum speed of the locomotive, with the trade-off as a ratio of power-to-speed. The early locomotives had 52-inch drivers, which provided the necessary power to pull the freight loads of that era. During the heyday of passenger service the diameter of the drivers increased to 80 inches and produced speeds up to 127 miles per hour.

Another method to increase the traction effort of a locomotive was to add more driving wheels. Prior to 1900, the popular locomotives were the 2-6-0 Mogul and the 2-8-0 Consolidation. After 1900, various railroad lines designed specific



Photo by Jim Lynam

Steam engine layout.

locomotives to suit their needs regarding freight or passenger service, and whether they operated on flat or mountainous terrain.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, which was "the standard railroad of the world," developed the 4-6-2 Pacific locomotive for their "Broadway Limited" passenger service from New York to Chicago in 16 hours.

Meanwhile, the evolving freight locomotives used a 2-10-2 arrangement using 62-inch drivers to generate the power to haul over 100 hopper cars loaded with coal, but only at 25 miles per hour. Prior to the end of the steam era the behemoth articulated locomotives, such as the Challenger (4-6-6-4) and the Big Boy (4-8-8-4) were developed to handle the task of moving freight for the war effort.

Steam engines were slowly removed from service by attrition. Diesel locomotives were much easier to maintain, required fewer crew members, and could travel much longer distances before refueling.

Today, many vacation excursion lines are successfully using steam locomotives and providing a link to The Golden Era of Steam.

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Art Group Display

By Anne Merrick

In January, members of the Art Group displayed paintings in the Master the Possibilities Living

Room. Twenty-seven members contributed one piece each to this exhibition. If you didn't see them,

mark your calendar for next January, as this is an annual event. On Wednesday, Jan. 10, we had a reception with lots of goodies provided by our members. The room was set up for us with a beautifully decorated table. Thank you to the volunteer who set it up and took it

down.

I am always amazed at the talent that is shown by these artists and feel privileged to belong to such a group. I have not been to any of our recent painting sessions and I miss them very much. Soon it will be time to pick up a brush, choose a photo for inspiration and start again. The snowbirds are back so there will be much inspiration to be gained from them.

On Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., there is a general painting session for those who prefer afternoons and also gesture drawing for those who would like to practice quick sketching. Each person who attends spends some time as a model for the others to sketch. The idea is to be quick and to catch the essence of the posture giving it life and movement. These sessions will continue but if you just want to paint by yourself feel free to do so. It is a big room.

We are able to meet three times a week on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon. It is not necessary to come to each session. Some people come once week, some twice and a few all three times. Anyone is welcome to join us. There are no dues or rules, just a group of people having fun and doing what they love. You bring your own supplies and clean up after you have finished. The Art Studio at the Hobby Building is where we meet. Join us if you feel like it.



Members of the Art Group at Master the Possibilities.

Photo by James Merrick

Get Ready to Be Entertained

By Nancy Grabowski

As you sit at home with a cup of coffee and the latest issue of the World News, The New Pretenders are working to transform the stage for our shows. The shows begin tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom; the show will be repeated on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m.

The stage transformation is the brainchild of Rita Miller. She is assisted by Tom Miller, Ron and Jan Fulton, Shirley Schopf, and Jeanne Wise. We give our thanks to Jack Hester too for providing the truck, which moved the scenery from storage to the stage. You will be amazed at what this talented group has created. It has been designed to help transport you on our magical cruise.

Our guided tour of the ship will delight you with its variety. Our members have worked many hours to perfect this program and their dedication shows. We know you will have no trouble getting into the

show; we encourage you to participate (sing, dance in the aisles, and clap along). We are buoyed by your enthusiasm and applause! We love when you recognize those special moments, too, because that recognition spurs us on to do even more!

Kenneth Colen is the troupe member with the longest running membership! He has belonged to The New Pretenders for the past 17 years and has performed many memorable numbers. He was suave and debonair in a white tux last year, singing and dancing to "Minnie the Moocher." A few years ago, he was just as comfortable as Roger Miller's "King of the Road," dressed in bib overalls while manning a push broom. Look for him in this year's program, too!

After our shows here, we will perform several others in nearby communities. The money we raise from each of our shows goes to local charities once we have paid our bills. Last year, we committed to eight different causes including the



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Kenneth Colen in his role for "Minnie the Moocher."

Sewing Bees, Sunshine Quilters, the Domestic Violence & Abuse Shelter, Florida Center for the Blind, Romeo Elementary Summer Slide Reading Program, Food-4-Kids, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, and St. Mark's Homeless Shelter.

This is the time of the year when we begin to recruit new members

for our troupe. While we don't know currently what slots will need personnel, we do start compiling a list of interested talent. If that sounds like an appealing idea, give your name and contact information to Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315 or any troupe member.

Sewing Bees Installs New Officers

By Linda Lohr



Photo by Linda Lohr

Sewing Bees officers for 2018: President Louise Green; Vice President Alice Zurica; Secretary Rhea Russell; and Treasurer Linda Lohr.

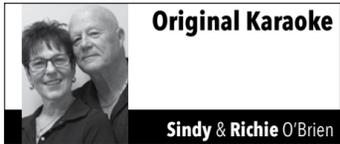
As promised, I have the totals for all of our yearlong efforts. For 2017, the Bees donated 544 quilt kits, and each kit included a quilt, stuffed animal or pillow, and a handy tote bag for all the items. In

addition, we made 231 ditty bags used to hold small, donated toiletries. We made and filled 50 Christmas stockings each with a small handmade stuffed animal. We produced 93 of our fantastic wonder wallets, 12 small animals, and 57 small baby doll blankets. The grand total - 2,125 items made with love for children of Marion County! Each year, we out-do ourselves. This is only possible due to the generosity of the community and the dedication of all the Bees.

We took a well-deserved break on Thursday, Jan. 12 for a luncheon at The Club at Candler Hills. There was a grab bag drawing and all the Bees had a great time!

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

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



Original Karaoke

Sindy & Richie O'Brien

Happy New Year everyone! What a great way to start off 2018 with a song and making new friends at the same time. That's just what Ally did, she moved to On Top of the World a couple of months ago and saw our column in the World News and decided to check us out. Well the rest is history! She fit right in, as if she'd been coming for years. Ally has an amazing voice that you just have to come hear for yourself.

Then we have karaoke friends like Ron. He's been coming to karaoke forever and likes to get a little

crazy and put on a show for the crowd.

If you'd like to meet new people and try something new and exciting or even get a little crazy yourself, come check us out.

We meet at the Candler Hills Community Center, at 6:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Monday. A bunch of us also meet at The Club at Candler Hills at 4:30 p.m. for some good food and a few drinks to loosen up before karaoke. Everyone is welcome to join us, just come in, pull up a chair or let me know so we can save you a seat. The restaurant is right next to the Candler Hills Community Center. When we're done eating, we just walk next door and let the fun begin; so come join the fun!

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



Photo by Sindy O'Brien
Karaoke Ron.



Photo by Sindy O'Brien
Karaoke Ally.



Photo by Steve Warren
Nancy Warren of Karaoke Friends.



Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

I have been talking with a few people. Some have said my friend isn't going anymore that is why I have not been coming. I hear all the time how friendly and welcoming the group is. Please come yourself. What a great way to meet friends.

We have had a couple of people ask about how to practice karaoke at home. Many of our members are happy to give advice and help. The more singers, the more songs we will hear.

Many say we are part of the clappers. You know we love our clappers.

This month, we are continuing to highlight members. We would like you to meet Nancy Warren. I asked her to share how she got interested in singing. These are Nancy's words,

"My love for music began about age 12 when the Beatles showed up. I remember seeing them on the Ed Sullivan Show and was hooked. That is one of the reasons I do several songs by the Beatles. Others began performing like The Monkees, Herman's Hermits, and Elton John. Music was always in my life. My mom sang in the church choir and dad was always playing country music. As a teen, my dad gave me a reel-to-reel tape recorder. My best friend and I used to pretend to be a group by singing The Monkees or Herman's Hermit songs into the tape recorder. Coming to karaoke was totally out of my comfort zone but I wanted to try it. Everyone is so nice and encouraging and put me at ease. I feel I add some comic relief. I like singing solo but love singing with friends! My husband Steve and I moved here in October 2016 from Pennsylvania."

So if you have been away, come back. We would love to have you. We meet the first and third Mon-

days in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come anytime in between. This month we will meet Feb. 5 and Feb. 19. Hope to see you there.



Poetry

John Kinser Hall

Evening Love

Sure, I see the wrinkles, and lines upon your skin. They only show that time has passed, now I look more within. They show the years of happiness, that you have given me. Of all the moments we have shared and all those, yet to be. When we are walking, hand in hand, I see a bruise or two, I think of all the work you've done, those little things "say you."

With pleasure I remember most days, in all these years. The cards, the gifts, the smiles you give, all bring me happy tears. The music, that we love so much, may be from yesterday. Yet time stands still, for both of us, when all those old songs play. Now as the evening shadows fall, we hold each other tight. "Oh," to be as youthful, as we were, on that first night.



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Clay has more than 28 years of experience with Waste Management, where he specializes in waste removal and recycling for small and medium-sized businesses.

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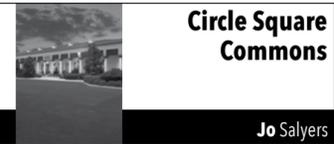


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Circle Square Commons

Jo Salyers

Circle Square Cultural Center

In 2017, Circle Square Cultural Center underwent a major expansion to the backstage area. We moved in the new space and started using it December. The additional space includes more storage for banquet tables and chairs, concert chairs and lots of other equipment that is required to operate the facility. Two more dressing rooms for performers were added, bringing a total of four to the venue. With the large groups that perform here, more dressing rooms were needed. There's also an area designated as the "dining hall" where performers have dinner and hang out prior to going on stage. If you'd like to take a tour, please register for a "Behind the Scenes" tour through Master the Possibilities. The next tour will be on Tuesday, March 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

In May 2018, the expansion to the front of Circle Square Cultural Center will begin. As mentioned in a previous column, we will expand the pre-function area of the venue, adding a new front veranda and for the first time, a covered driveway that will be very helpful during inclement weather. Circle Square Cultural Center is expected to be under construction May through September 2018. During the construction, we will open a ticket office in the main ballroom to sell tickets for upcoming events in

October 2018 through April 2019. More details to follow in the coming months.

On Saturday, February 17, come out for a free event - the Home Improvement Expo. The Expo is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and features dozens of the latest in home improvement services and products. Meet one-on-one with vendors and take a look at the latest innovations in home improvements.

Tickets are still available for Billy McGuigan's Music by the Legends ('50s, '60s and '70s) on Friday, Feb. 23. Ticket prices for residents are \$16 to \$18. Billy has performed here a couple of times in the past. His first appearance was The Buddy Holly Tribute, and that was a sold out show. He and his band are extremely talented and very versatile. They play numerous instruments, and produce a high voltage show for sure. Come enjoy a lively evening of music hits! The ticket office is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On show nights, it is open until after intermission, or purchase tickets online at CSCulturalCenter.com.

It's always a good idea to get your tickets early, when the lineup is released. The Frankie Avalon and Bee Gees shows have been sold out for quite a while. Looking to March, we added The Lettermen to the lineup for a Saturday, March 24, show. This show has always sold out in the past. Don't miss out! See you at a show!

The Town Square

Continuing through the cool weather, every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m., there is either a band performing or an evening of

recorded favorites. We've noticed, however, that you don't generally like to come out when the temperature drops below 50 degrees. We understand, but feel free to check with us at (352) 854-3670 if the evening is cancelled. Come check out a new group, The Chauffeur's Band, on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The Farmer's Market goes on every Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pick up fresh seafood, produce, baked goods and more from a variety of local vendors.

It's worth mentioning, should

you not be aware, that there are numerous businesses in Circle Square Commons including VIP Primary Care, Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream Shop, Sid's Deli & Coffee Shop, McLeod Financial Services, Visiting Angels, Bridgenet Communications, On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion County, Senior Health Plus and The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa. Check out the variety of services and casual dining options that are just a short golf cart ride away!



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**ShutterBugs
Photography**

Connie Filip

What was our photo contest's special category this year? A picture says a thousand words ... it was produce. And no, you haven't stumbled into the gourmet section of the World News.

I couldn't get our winners to give me a recipe to share, but Dale Gray said "My idea came to me while sitting on the back porch this summer enjoying a fruit smoothie. I could just picture the fruit in a watermelon bowl covered in snow."

One morning last summer in Maine, Ingrid Parady was out walking after a gentle rain. The water droplets were on the tomatoes and the vine, the light was nice and she thought, "This might work." She liked the various stages of ripeness and that the vine had a nice, graceful arc.

Gordon Daniels was looking for produce that had a lot of vibrant colors and found a bag of small sweet peppers. Adding those two green jalapeño peppers brought the colors together. He used black poster board as background and then arranged them on a mirror.

Congratulations to our special category winners!

Don't get left out of next fall's ShutterBugs photo contest! It's for all levels of experience. Start taking your camera along when you go out and you'll capture lots of special moments. Maybe even a contest winner!

Our next field trip will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 6 to Carson Springs (requested donation is \$25 - all of which goes directly to animal care, education and conservation of wild endangered species). For more information, check out their website at carsonspringswildlife.org/about.html. If you plan to attend, contact Ginny to register at giny7700@gmail.com.

For up-to-date schedule information, visit our website at otowspc.com

February's display at Master the Possibilities is offered by Phyllis Hlavac. It will include images of her favorite things in nature. They were shot in Georgia where she lived for 35 years and other interesting places including Yosemite National Park, the Canadian Rockies, and Monet's Garden in Giverny, France.

Consider liking us on Facebook! Our members post their favorite shots on Shutterbugs PSH (Photo Scavenger Hunt). Anyone can log on and see them. And if you're a ShutterBugs member, just go to the site and get permission to play.

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 monthly club schedule:

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

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

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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

We had a large turnout for our first 2018 meeting on Monday, Jan. 8. It was really great to see everyone after the holidays. When we are not working on individual projects for family or friends, we are often working on a project that will be in donated to one of the two main charities we support - Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center and Romeo Elementary. In December, one of our members completed a large project of 800 Christmas stockings - one for each child who was attending Romeo Elementary.

The Happy Hookers meet every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building.

Our group is open to all resi-

dents. There are no dues, agenda or penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group who is 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.

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.



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr

Happy February everyone! Our presenters on Thursday, Jan. 18 were sisters Rita Rehphohl and Dorothy Pratt. These Valentine's Day cards could easily be used for birthdays or anniversaries, if so desired. We thank Rita and Dorothy for all their prep work and for such versatile cards.

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

each other!

Our group is open to all crafters - beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group usually meets the first or third Thursdays of the month, at the discretion of the demonstrator. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and cardstock. 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'!



Photo by Rita Rehphohl

Valentine's Day cards presented by Rita Rehphohl and Dorothy Pratt.



Sunshine Quilters

Arliss Day

Greetings from all of us at the Sunshine Quilters. We would like to extend our invitation to anyone interested in learning all about quilting. We have a special group of ladies who enjoy getting together to sew and learn. Our schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 6: We will be working on baby and toddler quilts for our charity.
- Feb. 13: I will be teaching using crayons in coloring and creating quilts. It's fun and easy and each attendee will get to try this technique.
- Feb. 20: Joan will be teaching paper piecing.
- Feb. 28: We are carpooling to the Daytona Beach Quilt Show.

We welcomed a new member, Linda Ward, this past month; we are glad you joined us.

We had an awesome January with the Club Fair and Joan teaching us how to do a quilt block using jelly rolls (called hidden wells). Marilyn showed us how to make a badge holder.

In December 2017, we were able to donate 14 quilts to Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center. We are happy to give back!

We are located in the Hobby Building on Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you need any information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450. Please feel free to stop by any time.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Barbara Lingis

Spring is just around the corner and many of our crafters are working on new items to have on their tables for our customers.

You will find many handcrafted items that you will not find elsewhere at our craft sale each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

These handcrafted items make wonderful gifts for those of you who head north for the summer and are looking for something different that's sure to please your family and friends. They also make great gifts for our local folks who need birthday and special occasion gifts.

Come join us each week and see the many beautiful items made by some really talented residents.

If you are interested in joining our club, contact Rene Beck at (352) 854-4918.

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Concert Chorus

Patricia Woodbury

The Concert Chorus hopes you have marked your calendar for Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom for our performance of "All-American Classics." We are working hard to bring you a concert that you will enjoy. We also will be doing a preview of our performance on Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m. at Countryside Presbyterian Church.

One of the songs we will be singing is the well-known "Moon River." This is a song composed by Johnny Mercer (lyrics) and Henry Mancini (music) in 1961. It was originally performed by Audrey Hepburn in the 1961 movie "Breakfast at Tiffa-

ny's," winning an Academy Award for Best Original Song.

The song has been covered by many other artists including Andy Williams who first recorded the song in 1962. The lyrics of the song are particularly reminiscent of Mercer's youth in Savannah, Ga. As a child, he had picked huckleberries in the summer. An inlet near Johnny Mercer's hometown was named Moon River in his honor. This song is a romantic song in which the partner is the idea of romance.

The chorus member that we are highlighting this month is Ronnie Smith. Ronnie originated in Washington, D.C. She received her associate degree in English from the University of Maryland. She worked as a technical hearing recorder for the County Commissioners in Prince Georges County, Md.

During her years in Maryland, she was a member of the Arundelaires, a barbershop quartet, in Ann

Arundel County. She has also sung in church choirs. Since her move here to On Top of the World in 2016 she has been a member of the Queen of Peace parish where she became trained as a grief counselor and directs a grief support group. For fun, Ronnie participates in a few dance groups like Zumba®, pattern and line dancing. She also is a member of the Dancing Jewels who share their talents at local nursing homes. The soprano section of the chorus is pleased to have Ronnie singing with them.

We hope you took time to stop by our table at the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 18 to meet and talk with some of our members.

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



Photo by Bill Shampine

Ronnie Smith.



Theatre Group

Steve McDonald

Our member volunteers are off and running every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday selling our Path to Talent Showcase II "Remembering Through the Decades" show tickets at the entrance of the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 8 to 10 a.m. We will be selling through March 16. Please, also, be on the lookout for us at some of the other scheduled events throughout the community. Ticket prices are only

\$5, general seating, and we look forward to a great turnout so we can again contribute, after expenses, to our annual scholarship fund for an arts student at the College of Central Florida.

Our program director, Harry Boyajian, and assistant director, Leslie Miller, took us through a complete read-through of our upcoming shows during our Monday, Jan. 8 general meeting. They have done a magnificent job of organizing, scripting, scheduling, arranging, explaining terminology, etc., and are commended for their efforts.

For our great cast and crewmembers, our Feb. 12 and March 12 re-

hearsals, in preparation for what will prove to be a very exciting and entertaining presentation for our community, will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We have been additionally approved for an extra, special session for selected cast members on Feb. 26, also to be held at Recreation Center Ballroom, at 7 p.m.

Our tech week full dress rehearsals will include lighting and sound setups, and will be held March 18, 19, and 20, also at the Recreation Center. All members, cast, and production teams are requested to be present and on time for these rehearsals.

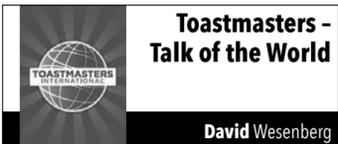
For our valued residents, please

be on the lookout for our posters announcing our spring program, to be performed on Saturday, March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday March 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. They are now posted at various venues throughout our community and on our local TV station channel 732.

Please take a copy, purchase your tickets early, 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 presenting an entertaining walk down memory lane program for your enjoyment. We cannot emphasize the fact too much that our community residents' attendance and support allow 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 look for us at the Recreation Center Ballroom through March 16, 8 to 10 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

For further information, have interest in joining our group, or would like to assist us in any of our many activities necessary for supporting and carrying out our programs, please contact our president, Harry Boyajian, at (239) 336-4804 or come to our next meeting.



Toastmasters - Talk of the World

David Wesenberg

Talk of the World is presenting a demonstration Toastmaster meeting, from 1 to 3 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Cypress Hall. Most of us struggle when it comes to public speaking, whether intimately in a small social group or on a larger scale. Come see how you can communicate with ease in any situation. Learn how you can improve your listening, speaking, and even

leadership skills in a fun and supportive environment. This is a non-threatening interactive workshop.

Freedom Library will host our regular meeting also on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The second and fourth Wednesdays we meet in Cypress Hall at 8:30 a.m.

Four Toastmasters attended the District 84 meeting in Orlando that featured the new educational programs and offered officer training.

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. Contact Dave Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454.



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