

Community News

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On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Fiscal 2019 Operating Budget

Remember, that the Tuesday, Feb. 13, board of directors annual budget meeting is right around the corner. The meeting will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom, at 9 a.m. The proposed budget was mailed out in late January. Each new fiscal year presents its own considerable challenges. Your board is pleased to report that despite significant work done around the community, the increase in community service fee is anticipated to be very low.

Other News

The Arbor Activity Center is open and operating. I want to recognize Jerritt Weaner and his crew for the excellent set-up of the facility. There was so much more than just moving in furniture. Game set-ups need leveling and balancing to precision.

I also want to recognize our program supervisor extraordinaire, Theresa Fields. This facility is largely her vision, drawn on her extensive experience and discussion with residents on what works and what does not in programming and design. She has done an incredible job and the Arbor Activity Center reflects her hard work. If you have not wandered up, please do visit. The facility is home to the billiards room which now has 12 new tables; the game room which includes darts, bumper pool, table shuffleboard, air hockey and more; the poker room with seven new poker tables; three new card rooms; and a music room. It's a great place to meet your friends for an evening (or afternoon).

The food drive results from December 2018 are in! With a combined effort of employees and residents, we were able to donate 4,079 pounds of food to Interfaith Emergency Services! Thank you to all who helped or donated food to make this food drive such a success!

Trending Real Estate Values

The strength in the local home resale market reflects not only the general economic recovery in the nation and region, but also diminishing supply of listings and distressed properties throughout the nation. Higher interest rates are shaping up to be a drag on both resale and new properties. New household formation is impacted because of the total debt load many millennials face.

According to the Ocala Marion Board of Realtors statistics for 2018, in Marion County new listings increased 5.9 percent over the same period in 2017. The average home sale price was up 10.24 percent over that same period.

From where On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion County, LLC sits, leading the market in resales for 2018, the number of resale transactions in all the On Top of the World neighborhoods decreased 19 sales or -4.72 percent compared to 2017. The average home sales price in On Top of the World rose 7.58 percent over last year.

Winter Weather & Shrubbery

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

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New Circle Square Cultural Center Lineup

By Jo Salyers

Circle Square Cultural Center

2019 kicked off in high gear with a sold out show by the Bronx Wanderers, and yes, we're looking to bring them back in 2020. Stay tuned! The rest of 2019 promises to be one of Circle Square Cultural Center's biggest years for great shows - with 30 shows!

Headlining the 2019 schedule is the classic rock group Kansas! They take to the stage on Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m. While best known for "Carry on My Wayward Son," Kansas fans will also hear some classic B-sides, fan favorites and material off the band's latest studio album, The Prelude Implicit. In addition to tickets being on sale at CSCulturalCenter.com, fans may also purchase special VIP and fan packages at KansasBand.com

In our ongoing quest to bring your favorite performers, we also look for new talent that performs a wide range of new material and/

or well-known hits. One such show is One Night in Memphis on Friday, Feb. 15. This show sold out a few months ago. That is awesome, but we encourage you to purchase your tickets early, as many shows are selling out.

Saturday, March 2, Steve Solomon is coming back with a new comedy show called "The Battle of the Broadway Comedians." Joining the show is Dick Capri, Catskills own Broadway star. Solomon, famous for "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy," created a two-round bout of pure hilarity with some of the best stand-up comedy you have heard in years. Enjoy some good old belly laughs with a no-holds barred comedic contest, brought to you by two of Broadway's best, award-winning comedians.

Check out Kenny Cetera's Chicago on Saturday, March 9. Kenny is a former touring member of the

band Chicago (and the younger brother of Chicago's lead singer Peter Cetera), and his seven-piece band made up of Los Angeles top-tier musicians who flawlessly replicate Chicago's greatest hits.

So many more on the lineup to check out! Purchase tickets at CSCulturalCenter.com or at the ticket office, Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to great shows, you will want to attend the Home Improvement Expo on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a free event and attracts dozens of home improvement experts and hundreds of visitors.

Last but not least, Master the Possibilities is bringing Mark Emery (world-renowned photographer) to Circle Square Cultural Center on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 4 to 5 p.m. Register for this event at MasterthePossibilities.org.

The Town Square

Music and dancing, in one style or another, now take place on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m., weather permitting. You spoke and we listened. On Thursday nights, line dancers may be found on The Town Square. Friday nights, all types of pre-recorded music and dancing take place. Then on Saturday nights, a live band rocks on with all types of music genres.

The Farmers Market continues on Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. New and current vendors now make the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market part of their regular weekly circuit. Marion County now boasts four weekly markets, with our market being in existence since 2009. Support your market whenever you have the opportunity.

Circle Square Commons

In recent months, VIP Care added another office in Suite #15 on The Town Square. As you may recall, VIP started in that space and grew so quickly that they moved their practice into the largest space on The Town Square (6,919 sq. ft.) VIP continued to grow and added back Suite #15 to their practice!

Visiting Angels also grew over the years from one office to two offices in Circle Square Commons. They are in year seven of being happy tenants. Their business continues to expand and they recently opened an office in Inverness.

We appreciate all of our long-term businesses in Circle Square Commons - Mr. B's Big Scoop, McLeod Financial Services, Colen Wagoner & Associates and Bridget! We wish them many more years of continued success!

Fun at the Park

By Cristina Shearer

Sholom Park is excited to announce the upcoming Fun at the Park on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m., celebrating first responders. What better way to show Marion County's bravest and finest our appreciation than to host an event in their honor? It will be an afternoon filled with live music, food trucks, educational entertainment, and loads of children's activities.

Marion County Sheriff's Office and Marion County Fire Rescue will have a squadron of emergency vehicles on display so the young and the young at heart can get up close, take photos, ask questions and learn more about our local first responders. You can also stop by and meet Sheriff Billy Woods. He will be on hand for a citizens meet-and-greet.

Our brand new entertainment stage will feature live music from a local rock and roll band as well as a special performance from Marion County Sheriff's Office Pipes & Drums Band.

In addition to our live musical talent, Sholom Park will have a secondary stage with educational talks and demonstrations including spe-

cial guests from the Marion County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, Corporal Matt Bowers and K-9 partner



Join Corporal Matt Bowers and K-9 partner OTOW at Fun at the Park on Sunday, Feb. 24.

OTOW. It's entertaining and educational fun for the whole family and it's free.

Join us and extend a hand of gratitude or share a warm smile of thanks to our event VIPs, the men and women who protect and serve us every day.

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



I know that chocolate can help me through most of my problems.

Is It Legal?

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We will be lecturing at Master the Possibilities on the following Tuesdays, at 3 p.m.:

- March 12: Estate Planning For Florida Residents and those Intending to Become Florida Residents
- April 16: Attorneys in the Hot Seat
- May 7: Florida Property Rights
- May 14: Legal Series: Mid-Year Review

To register, visit masterthepossibilities.org.

Q. Do you or do you not edit the questions you receive from people?

A. I do not edit for content. I do edit for inappropriate language or for mean-spirited questions or comments that someone might present to me. Of course, I also edit for spelling. My partner, Rachel Wagoner's column is different from mine in that she does not follow a question and answer format. Although she may discuss something that was presented to her by a client or friend or even another attorney, she doesn't have to edit anything.

Q. Could you give us your thoughts on some of the issues that we read about or watch on television? I, personally, am speaking for many of my friends who feel com-

fortable with what you say or write and so we would like to know your personal thoughts on some of the major issues that are ongoing right now.

A. First, thank you very much for your kind comments about me. I appreciate them more than you can know. Now to your question: Of course, I do have my own personal thoughts on what we all see and read in the news or watch on television or listen to on the radio. However, I need to keep them to myself, alone. I want everyone to read and enjoy my column and it's important to me that I approach each column in an unbiased matter. If I give you my personal thoughts, then I always have to be concerned that you will read my column with the thought that I have a political or philosophical agenda that I want to pass on to you. In fact, the only agenda I have is to provide you with interesting and hopefully timely information that might cause you to think about your own legal and personal issues. That's it! I have no other agenda in writing this.

Q. Do you think there is a legal basis to impeach the president?

A. See my answer above.

Q. Can you explain the term "portability?"

A. I can explain it in two different scenarios. One has to do with the ability of a homestead owner in Florida to transfer a portion of his/her/their "Save Our Homes Cap" advantage from one residence to another one that is purchased within two years of the sale of another homestead that had the cap on it.

In the context of the "Save Our Homes Cap" by being able to "port" the cap from one homestead residence to another one, the homeowner can keep the cap in place and thus keep his/her/their ad valorem real estate taxes from being substantially raised just because of buying a new home.

The other scenario has to do with federal estate taxation. Basically (and this is very basic), if a spouse passes without using all of or a portion of his or her federal estate tax exemption, the unused portion can be "ported" to the surviving spouse. There are significant Internal Revenue Service code rules on this so rather than rely on the little I've written here, it is best if you sit down with your attorney.

Q. My 19-year-old granddaughter is living with a man who is 45. Her parents don't seem to mind this and I am wondering if there is something I should tell them.

A. Um ...

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Master the Possibilities

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What a month at Master the Possibilities! In January, participants took advantage of lifelong learning opportunities right here at our Education Center and learned something new. A great example of amazing new opportunities is the successful joint venture with The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa for experiences like ballroom dancing, scuba diving, and snorkeling.

That is right! Participants took to the dance floor, or the indoor pool, and learned new dance steps with a partner, or challenged that fear of breathing under water. For those who missed these classroom opportunities last month, Master the Possibilities will be offering snorkeling, discover scuba, introduction to scuba diving, and beginning Foxtrot and Rumba ballroom dance classes at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa in February, as well. As part of our Looking Back in Time theme, there are more than 252 course offerings in February alone.

Take a journey with fellow participants to the Key West Aquarium while never leaving Live Oak Hall at Master the Possibilities. All registered students will have the chance to take a virtual tour and participate in a conversational chat with a tour guide 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5. All who attend will participate in an interactive Skype tour of the aquarium. This tour includes a viewing experience of the aquarium, including the touch tanks to get up close and personal with sea life. Cost for this distance learning course is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Andrew Smith is returning to present "Finding Cousins and Ancestors Using AncestryDNA" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18 in Cypress Hall. In this special presentation, Smith will share with participants information on how to interpret results from AncestryDNA, and then make successful contacts and matches by identifying relatives. This presentation is in part with the On Top of the World Genealogical Society, and cost to attend is \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members.

Hear Michael Tougias present on the topic of "John F. Kennedy and America's Most Dangerous Cold War Spy Mission" 4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19 in Live Oak Hall. During the infamous 13-day stretch of October 1962, America faced the prospect of imminent nuclear war with the Soviet Union. Join visiting speaker Tougias as he explains how two things saved humanity: the strategic wisdom of John F. Kennedy, and the U-2 aerial spy program. He will discuss "Above and Beyond," a deeply researched, gripping account of the lives of these three men, war heroes, all who were brought together during a day that changed history. Cost for this event is \$8 for members, and \$13 for non-members.

Come experience first-hand the "Silver Springs Story" with National Geographic filmmaker Mark Emery on Thursday, Feb. 28, as he presents his short documentary film highlighting the historic, economic and environmental significance of Silver Springs. Sponsored by Duke Energy, this presentation will delight participants as they experience an engaging story of Silver Springs, through the eyes of four African-American glass bottom boat drivers with a combined 200 years of experience on the river.

Emery will speak about the history of segregation at the springs, and the coming of age of these remarkable ambassadors for nature. This film tells the history and ecology of Silver Springs through the people that lived it as it unfolded, a film legacy with the last remaining boat drivers able to share this story. After the presentation, Emery and several of the boat captains will share additional insights and stories about their experiences.

Beautiful still shots from Emery will round out the presentation. There is no cost for this event, however registration is required. The presentation will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Circle Square Cultural Center.

To view a full listing of courses in February, visit masterthepossibilities.org. While there, make sure to click on the "Click to See New Classes Added" button for a listing of additional courses not listed in the print catalog. Registration is available online 24/7. To register by phone, call (352) 861-9751, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Back at The Ranch

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Meet Paul Caron

Meet Paul Caron, the newest member of The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa's personal training team! Paul is an NASM (National Academy of Sports Medicine) certified personal trainer and has decades of fitness experience. He also has specialty certifications in women's fitness, senior fitness and corrective exercise. Paul is not only a personal trainer he is also a group fitness instructor and small group trainer.

Members are raving about Paul's new class, G.R.I.T. (Get Real Interval Training), which provides an energetic fitness challenge. Paul's small group training specialty is HIIT (high intensity interval training) and TRX (suspension training).

Paul was a CrossFit coach before joining our team. He will display his outstanding coaching skills in a "men's only" workout on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. Join Paul for Alpha Pump; sorry, no girls allowed! Guys, if you are stuck in a training rut or need to ramp up your strength training, you will not want to miss this special class! Join Paul for this quick fire, full body barbell workout. The Alpha Pump workout will build strength and muscle.

Not a member? Not a problem! The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa offers membership alternatives ranging from a single Class Pass to the full Ranch membership to accommodate your personal needs.



Paul Caron.

THE RANCH: "Paul what inspires you most about training members?"

PAUL: "I love seeing the excitement on a client's face whenever they accomplish something new or improve on a previous attempt. It is so fulfilling to see someone's self-esteem grow as they progress. Helping clients to become a happier, stronger and healthier version of themselves is the ultimate reward."

THE RANCH: "What makes you different from other trainers?"

PAUL: "I understand that everyone is an individual, and everyone has unique fitness goals. I work at getting to know my clients. I want to find out what your life goals are, not just your fitness goals. I know that a person's health is driven by their emotional state, so I honor that. It does not matter if you want to be an athletic competitor or just be fit enough to have your grandkids climb on you like mine do! I create exercise prescriptions that get you there!"



Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun

Bill Richhart is stepping down as president of the Veterans Club. Charles Calhoun has agreed to take on the role.

Thank you Bill Richhart for your service to our country and your service to the Veterans Club.

It is my honor to serve as president of the Veterans Club. We will now meet every month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B on the

third Thursday of the month, at 2 p.m.

We had many new veterans sign up at the Club Fair in January. I invite all residents to attend our meetings, including wives and family of service members.

I welcome your input and advice as to how we can better serve our veteran community. A few ideas I would like to suggest are supporting Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, Operation Shoebox and Wreaths Across America.

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gives a pleasant reminder of why most people moved to Florida in the first place.

So if I get what I have 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 over-

loading 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, March 14, at 11:30 a.m. by calling (352) 387-7530.



Keeping It Green

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The landscape and golf industries are organizations striving for proper fertilization application. Just about every corner of Marion County falls within what is known as the Springs Protection Zone. You may have seen signage on main roadways indicating you are entering a specified Springs Protection Zone. These protection zones require specific treatments to the grounds around open bodies of water and are protected by the state.

Also, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services mandates that companies properly train employees who will be applying fertilizer to the Green Indus-

tries Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources. This is an intensive eight-hour class followed by an exam that provides employees with knowledge of fertilizer application, irrigation monitoring and maintenance, turf grass maintenance knowledge and much more. Our hope is to have all crew leaders certified in this area by mid-2019.

We are also proud to announce that Parkway Maintenance & Management Company (the "Management Company") started 2019 off with a vision to enhance the skills of the workers by furthering education and certifications for our crews and crew leaders. The Management Company is encouraged that all crew leaders will become certified landscape maintenance technicians by the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) on or before early March. The crew leaders will be trained and certified in plant and pest identification, irrigation repair, site evaluation,

pruning, equipment use and Best Management Practices for fertilizer application. These are all important aspects of their positions, which relate to higher standards and level of performance for our residents and community as a whole.

The Management Company's goal is to provide the best in service at the highest quality all while remaining within budget. These trainings and certifications show that the Management Company and Sustainable Landscaping Management are both committed to providing a professional service and are committed to professionalism in our organization.

Don't trim your bushes too soon. Cold weather may have your shrubs looking dead and dreary but wait! Cutting back too soon may cause a flush of new growth and inflict more injury at the next frost. March typically brings one more cold snap ... last year saw one of the coldest days of the year in early March.

Crape myrtles may be trimmed in February. I typically start around Valentine's Day. Remember, pencil pruning is the best practice, removing only branches pencil size and smaller. Studies have shown this can help with bloom length. Some of the best blooming crape myrtles I have seen are those left untouched and growing naturally only removing crossing branches and main stem suckers.

Backflow prevention devices are still susceptible to cold weather. Cover backflows if cold weather is expected. We typically see our coldest days in February and March. If we are expecting hard freeze warnings, cover the backflow with a heavy blanket or backflow bag sold at Customer Service. You may even need to shut down your irrigation system if not equipped with a freeze sensor.

Stay safe and happy Valentine's Day!

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Indigo East

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We are pleased to announce that we are planning upcoming events for the Indigo East Community and Fitness Centers in 2019. These events are for Indigo East residents and their guest(s).

On Friday, March 1, join us for a Meet & Greet Coffee in the Indigo East Community Center, from 9 to 11 a.m. Come enjoy coffee and Danishes as well as meeting your neighbors and learning of upcoming activities along with sharing your ideas.

On Wednesday, March 6, join us for a country and western dance night with Crystal Vision in the Indigo East Community Center, from 5 to 8 p.m. Snacks will be provided on each table, and residents can bring their own snacks along with their choice of beverage as this will be a BYOB event.

Both events are free for Indigo East residents.

Upcoming events to be announced include trivia, Trash to Treasure Sale, karaoke night, summer pool parties and plenty of more dance nights.

* Events are open to Indigo East residents and their guest(s). A guest is defined as anyone not holding a current Indigo East resident I.D. and additional fees may apply.

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Sandi Kemp

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We meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B on the third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. Our next get together is Feb. 17. Everyone is welcome - couples and singles. No reservations needed, just show up and we will be happy to see you!

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Right now it appears that we are going to have another mild winter, and while it is wonderful to avoid the extreme cold weather and enjoy the outdoors, it does lead to increases in landscape pests and other challenges in the spring.

February is a very busy month. We celebrate Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Presidents' Day and Black History Month. We may have some residents who are sad that pro football season is coming to an end on Sunday, Feb. 3, with Super Bowl LIII at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Ga. However, we may have some very happy residents as the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series kicks off on Sunday, Feb. 17, as the best stock car drivers in the world compete in the 61st running of the Daytona 500, the "Super Bowl of Stock Car Racing." Whomever you are rooting for, we hope your team or driver wins.

Customer Service

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Feb. 20, this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you reach our voicemail during normal business hours, please know that we are helping others and will get back to you as quickly as possible.

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Meeting

Just a reminder, on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association's board of directors will hold their annual budget meeting at 9 a.m. Please make note of the meeting location and share with your neighbors as this is a change from years past.

Items to be discussed are the adoption of the annual budget, special assessments for roof replacements and rules changes. We hope to see many of you in attendance.

On Top of the World (Central) Re-Roofing Schedule

The following buildings are scheduled to be re-roofed within the next 90 days: 2041 Units A-F, 2071 Units A-F, 2056 Units A-E, 2066 Units A-E, 2004 Units A-E.

Schedules are based upon several factors: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority. Due to unforeseen weather conditions we cannot provide specific start dates.

Ocala Open

The Candler Hills Golf Course will host the 13th 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 \$573,000 for our charities. We couldn't have done it without the support from our vendors, volunteers, residents and employees, and we are looking to make our 13th year our best yet. I know I say that every year but our goal is to have each year be our best ever and each year we continue to exceed expectations. As a result, we are able to bless our local charities who help so many Marion County residents.

The event is sure to be one of the largest charity golf events in Marion County in 2019 and will be held on March 13, 14, and 15 with a Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 12. 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.

Events

Whether you prefer playing cards, dancing, exercising, expanding your mind or enjoying live entertainment, there is so much

to do in On Top of the World and even more so now that the Arbor Activity Center is open. Be sure to check out Theresa Fields' column for upcoming trips and events. If you haven't already, take a look at otowinfo.com. The "Activity Info" tab offers resident events and the events calendar sections, to name a few, which are full of so many fun and exciting activities for you to do and experience. If you don't have access to the internet, stop by the Recreation Center and pick up a copy of the Recreation & Wellness Connections (January - June 2019) guide.

Use of Amenities

While using amenities and participating in clubs, members must comply with the rules of the Association, amenity provider and/or club. Violating rules or inappropriate behavior can lead to a suspension of use otherwise. We appreciate all of our members', residents', and guests' compliance and cooperation in observing rules, policies and guidelines governing the various amenities, facilities, etc.

Plastic Recycling

We would like to clarify what types of plastic items are appropriate for the recycling bins. The rule of thumb is: plastic bottles, plastic milk bottles, plastic soda bottles, plastic laundry soap bottles and plastic butter tubs are acceptable for recycling. Any rigid clear plastic, such as rotisserie chicken containers, pie containers, etc. are not recyclable nor the large five gallon buckets and items of similar size.

Post Offices

We would like to remind residents to obey one-way traffic signs at the post offices in regard to the one-way entrances and exits.

Right of Way Rules and Four Way Stop

Right-of-way rules help people drive safely. Golf carts, bicycle riders, and pedestrians must follow these rules. According to excerpts from driversed.com, the best rule to apply to oneself is to never insist on taking the right-of-way. The law does not allow any one the right-of-way, it only states who must yield. When a driver is legally required to stop and yield the right-of-way but fails to do so, other drivers are required to stop or yield as necessary for safety.

When coming to a four way stop, the Florida Drivers Handbook states that traffic from all four directions must stop. Vehicles proceed through the intersection in the order that they arrived at the intersection; the first vehicle to reach the intersection should move forward first. If vehicles arrive at approximately the same time, each driver must yield to the drivers on their right.

Crimes Against Seniors

We would also like to remind everyone that each year billions of dollars are lost due to scams and fraud against seniors, and several of your neighbors have fallen prey to these schemes. Here are a few of the most frequently used scams: imposter schemes, where criminals pose as government officials or other figures of authority and claim that money is owed.

In years past, we had a resident receive a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS and saying they owed money. The IRS will never call you; they will mail you. Scammers can call and pretend to be a relative in trouble and will ask for money. Scammers can also call or mail and claim that a person has won money, but the catch is that the winner must pay fees or taxes up front. Oh yes, and they pretend to be your utility company who is about to shut off your electric if you don't pay over the phone.

Don't be taken advantage of. Several steps you can take to protect yourself against these types of crimes are to opt out of commercial mail solicitations, have someone you trust help you pay bills, sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry at (888) 382-1222, and make sure any contractor you use is licensed (if needed) and insured. Happy Valentine's Day to all.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The annual Candler Connection Social board meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 10. The following board members were elected at that meeting: Richard Steinfeldt, John Bain, Deb Keirn, Daryl Kenyon, and Doug Dahlen. Pat Diaz-Verson, Peggy Janisch, John Podkomorski and Mary Purfeerst remain on the board with their terms expiring 2020.

The next Candler Hills potluck dinner (soup, chili, sandwich and dessert night) will be on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Residents with last names beginning with A-H should bring dessert; I-R - soup or chili; and S-Z - sandwiches. Setup volunteers should arrive at 4:30 p.m. and all others by 5:30 p.m. to obtain a table number for where you will be sitting. \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. Please label your dishes for people with dietary issues. A 50/50 drawing will be held. To attend,

contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net to let me know how many will attend and if you can help with setup or cleanup.

The speaker series continues and takes place at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Community Liaison/Intake and Referral Coordinator Glenda Thomas from Marion Senior Services will speak on Wednesday, Feb. 20. She will present all services available to us through their organization.

On Thursday, March 7, President Pat Gabriel of the SR 200 Coalition will give us updates on new developments along the SR 200 Corridor.

The spring dinner dance is scheduled for Friday, April 12, from 5 to 9 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets go on sale on Tuesdays (March 12, 19, 26) from 10 a.m. to noon at the Candler Hills Community Center and on Thursdays (March 14, 21, 28) from 10 a.m. to noon at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Watch for information regarding the upcoming car rally, the two ice cream socials, and the annual picnic in future columns of the World News and in "The Happenings."



Photo by Bob Scherff

Candler Hills residents enjoying a holiday party at The Lodge at Candler Hills benefiting Toys for Tots.

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email in order to keep up-to-date with activities and events.

The Candler Connection Facebook group now has 602 members. This closed group is a good source of information.

The next Candler Connection Social board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 2:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. Officers will be appointed by the board at that meeting. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend. See you around the neighborhood!



The Lodge at Candler Hills

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Cooler weather has arrived so now is the perfect time to plan those indoor activities. Let us help by giving you a lineup of what is planned for February.

Come join us as we host our first "Masquerade Party" on Friday, Feb. 8, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a night that residents will mingle among each other meeting new neighbors and friends.

We are asking that everyone

come dressed with a mask in an effort to keep your identity a secret for the first hour. Put on your dancing shoes and be ready to enjoy a fun night with a live band, hors d'oeuvres and plenty of fellowship among your neighbors. We will not be assigning tables for this event as we would like everyone to intermingle. The cost of the event is \$10 per resident and \$15 for guest attending with resident. Resident I.D.s will be required at time of ticket purchase. This will be a BYOB event.

Trivia is held on the first Tuesday of each month, with the next one on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is

\$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. For more information, contact Diane Podkomorski at (352) 547-6456.

Social Happy Hour takes place on the third Saturday of each month. Please note that in February we will not have a Social Happy Hour. The next Social Happy Hour will be on Saturday, March 16, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment with Cara James Gang. Bring your own beverages, snacks and enjoy the evening with friends.

Ladies know how to have fun; so give yourselves a little freedom, recharge those batteries and mark your calendar for "Girls Night Out" on Thursday, Feb. 21, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your favorite drink (BYOB) and we will take care of the rest. Live entertainment with DJ Sanchez and appetizers will be provided. The cost of the event is \$12 per resident or \$15 per guest accompanied by resident. Please note resident I.D.s will be required.

Kocktails & Karaoke will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, with Charlie

and Kathy in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktails and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Candler Hills residents. Guest fees are \$5 per guest and all guests must be accompanied by a resident. Please note that this event will now be held on the fourth Thursday of every month with a time change - 5 to 8 p.m.

2020 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Please remember room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and resident I.D.s will be required for bookings. If you are planning an event, it is important to have all paperwork turned in at least two weeks in advance. This gives adequate time to submit setups and guest list to the appropriate departments.

* Events and activities that take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills are for Candler Hills residents only. Guests are permitted, where noted, for a fee. Tickets for events at The Lodge at Candler Hills may be purchased at the front office.

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Democratic Club

Dan Lack

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 28 when our speaker will be Dr. Chad Hood. The topic is "Single Payer Healthcare." Dr. Hood is an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Single payer healthcare is not the same as Medicare for all. Dr. Hood will explain how single payer healthcare makes financial, ethical and medical sense for the United States.

Congratulations to the new directors of our board who were elected at our last meeting. If you are a club member and you would like to attend a board meeting, please let us know. The board generally meets one week after the monthly club meeting. Also feel free to recommend speakers for our meetings or to make helpful suggestions to make our club even better than it already is. You don't have to be on

the board to help out.

We met lots of residents at the Club Fair in January. There are more and more Democrats moving into On Top of the World from around the country and we welcome you to our club.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in our new location at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites F, G and H. 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 at youtube.com (otow demclub).

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 or otowdemclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club). You are not alone!



Citizens Emergency Response Team

Beth McKeen

Thanks to all who visited our tables at the Health & Wellness Expo and Club Fair in January. We hope that you picked up some disaster prevention literature. Please take time to read this literature so you will know how to prepare yourselves and your home. Hurricane season will be here before you know it.

The CERT program educates ordinary people from all walks of life about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operation. CERT members can then assist others in their neighborhoods.

We can also educate community members in how to protect themselves, their family members and

their pets before, during and after an event.

Our community is growing at a much faster pace than our CERT membership. Please consider joining our team and learning how to help your neighbors in the event of a disaster. You will receive training from Marion County Fire Rescue and Marion County's Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division. We want to be able to help all of our community members. We need your help!

If you would like to become a member of our CERT team, please contact Beverly Case in the Marion County Sheriff's Office at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application for our free training class. Our next class will begin in February/March.

We welcome your attendance at our CERT meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building. For more information, contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

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Ancient and Current Thoughts on Love

By Alex Borsos, Jr

February is the month of Valentine's Day, and it celebrates love on many levels; yes, romantic love has a high priority among us humans, but there are other creatures among us. One example, it's been argued that birds choose their mates on Feb. 14. An old tradition in England says unmarried girls would pin bay leaves on their pillows in hopes of seeing their future husband in a dream; in the same place young men would draw from a box a paper heart with a girl's name and pin it to their sleeve - hence the expression "wearing his heart on his sleeve." Here in the U.S. Valentine's Day was popularized in the 1850s when a lady named Esther Howland created Valentine cards for her family and then the public.

Such are the ways of romantic love, and who among us has not celebrated it? And enjoyed it along the way.

But what does love itself actually "look" like? What it is and what it isn't. It's more than just romance. For some its definition has been elusive, but there's been a definition around for almost two millennia, from ancient Roman times actually.

Allow these words and what they describe to help define your love as a well-rounded life style, what you can give, not get (but if everyone gives it, everyone will get it), and if you substitute your name for the word love, you'll "get it."

- Love is patient.
- Love is kind.
- Love isn't envious.
- Love isn't arrogant.
- Love isn't rude.

Love doesn't insist on its own way.

Love isn't irritable or touchy.

Love isn't resentful.

Love doesn't keep score of wrongs.

Love is happy with the truth, Love can bear anything.

Love can keep confidences.

Love is positive, believing the best about others (but it isn't naive about human nature).

Love is optimistic in spite of pessimism.

Love puts up with things it can't control.

(written c. 55 CE by a hunch-backed Rabbi named Saul of Tarsus/Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christ, I Corinthians 13: 4-7)

Even though it appears in the Bible, note there's nothing "religious" about it, it's about relationships.

These words point out two things about us - our shortcomings and our potential.

Garfield the Cat is curled up on Jon's lap, and Jon says, "I wish you could understand my words, Garfield, because I'm telling you I love you."

Garfield says to himself, "I understand how you feel, Jon ... I love me too."

In his own self-centered way Garfield is admitting he loves Jon, too, after all, he's curled up on Jon's lap. Anyone can be loving.

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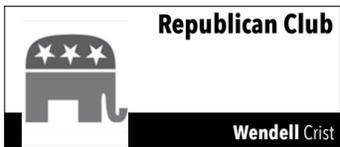
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President Wendell welcomed everyone to our first Republican Club meeting of the new year in January. President Wendell noted that there were positive election results for 2019. Ron DeSantis was elected governor in the very critical governor's race, and former Governor Rick Scott won the race for Senate. Kathy Bryant and Carl Zalak

retained their positions as Marion County Commissioners. Nancy Thrower was elected to the Marion County School Board. The Florida House and Senate races returned Representative Charlie Stone to District 22, and Dennis Baxley to the Florida Senate District 12.

Many residents stopped by the Republican Club table at the Club Fair in January.

The newly elected officers of our club will be announced in our February column. The current officers thanked the members for their support.



Photo by Dave Lang

Dean Fesette in Anchorage Alaska.



Indigo East

Howard Frierman

"Dean," yelled one of his colleagues. "I really think we are lost." "Just give me a minute," Dean replied. "Let me figure this out."

A few minutes went by and Dean agreed, "Yup, we sure are lost."

They were somewhere along the Rhine River, with the dirt path getting more narrow, the sun was setting, in a remote forest in Nevers, France. Their expedition of 1,700 miles, cycling through France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Slova-

kia, and Hungary was hardly half over. But soon this upsetting wrong turn was corrected, and they were anxious to get to their next town and decompress.

Dean Fesette, who has lived in Indigo East for just under two years with his lovely wife Raye, is a serious touring cyclist. He has planned several trips that most of us would only dream of - a cycling trip from the state of Washington to Bar Harbor, Maine, a journey from Montana to Anchorage, Alaska; an adventure from Boynton Beach, Fla. to San Diego, Calif. and a trip from Vancouver, Canada to San Diego, Calif.

"I think I have close to 50,000 miles of cycling from touring and local rides with groups and friends," he told me. I get tired just thinking about it.

Dean began his adult life with four years in the U.S. Marines Corp, and then was a professional drummer who played with the recording artist group The Thunderbolts. But after that gig ran its course, he was hired by a guy who had an air conditioning testing and balancing business - they worked with mechanical contractors to make sure the systems they were installing would do the job. He then started his own testing and balancing business in Sydney, Australia; the first of its type in the land down under. But when his wife, who was in America, became ill, he sold it and came home.

Having spent 28 years as a code inspector and mechanical systems expert in Boca Raton, Fla., he retired and wanted to hike the Appalachian Trail. He happened to walk into a bike shop as he was researching the gear he would need, and that's where his life as a cyclist began. "I saw a recumbent bike and was suddenly intrigued," he said. "I didn't buy the bike, the bike bought me." From that point on, he has been peddling his way through this country and others, with colleagues whom he recruits by placing ads in serious cycling magazines and on websites.

This most recent trip, which just ended a few months ago, was his first European adventure, and was called the EuroVelo 6, an established bike route that paralleled European rivers. His buddies met him in France, and they spent the next five weeks exploring Europe. Carrying about 40 pounds of gear each, they would stay in bed and breakfasts, hostels, motels, hotels, and even in the tents they brought with them. "If we had gone last year, it would have been miserable, as it rained constantly. But this year, the weather was gorgeous, between 40 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit every day. It was near perfect," Dean told me. And despite roughing it on two wheels, "We ate like kings and queens."

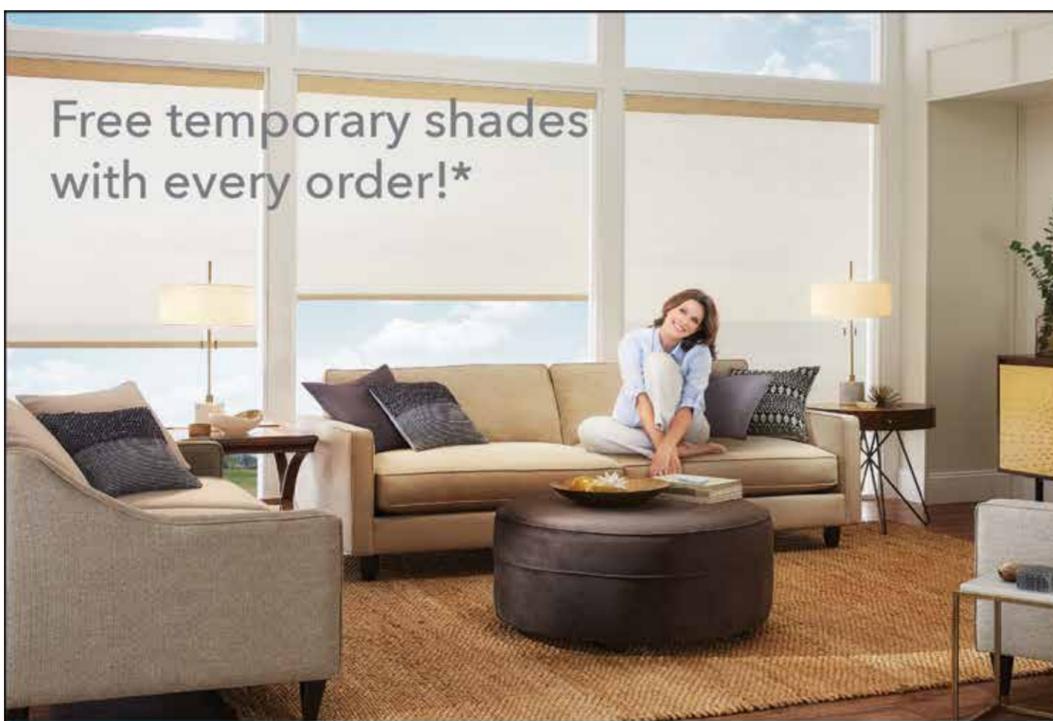
Dean is now contemplating his next trip, which is still in the formation phase - St. Petersburg, Russia to Amsterdam.

We will be waiting to hear his story.



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The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please note the new location. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Feb. 26.

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

The cost is \$3 per person and all

monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. Cash prizes are awarded for the holder of the last player who yelled "bunco," the most number of "buncos," the most number of "mini buncos," the most number of wins, and the most number of losses. There are also two drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash prizes.

The annual fundraiser "Bunco for Babies" will be held on Saturday, April 13, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. I will be selling tickets for this event at our monthly group play dates. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds benefit the March of Dimes March for Babies.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing if you wish. For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. See you there!



"The Blind Side" by Michael Lewis is the story of Michael Oher. It is also the story of how the offensive left tackle position became recognized as the key ingredient in the passing game.

Lawrence Taylor ended Joe Theismann's career in November 1985 while sacking him on his blind side. When Steve Wallace, of the 49ers, revolutionized the offensive left tackle position, he was able to stop the defensive linemen pass rushers before they could reach the quarterback.

Players became free agents in February 1993. In 1995, Steve Wallace signed a contract for \$10 million, which was unprecedented. By 2005, the offensive left tackle would be paid more than anyone on the field except the quarterback.

Into this scenario comes Michael Oher, who at the age of 16 was six feet two inches, 350 pounds and still growing. He was virtually homeless and uneducated. With the help of many caring people, he went on to play the offensive left tackle for Ole Miss. His massive body, speed and athletic ability made him a first round pick going into the pros.

This story was made into a movie by the same name. The book can

be found in the center aisle labeled 796 LEW.

"The Man Who Ate the 747" by Ben Sherwood is about breaking records. It is also an amusing love story. Wally loves Willa, Rose loves Wally and Willa loves John Smith. Meanwhile, John Smith's midbrain was "pumping dopamine, norepinephrine and phenylethylamine."

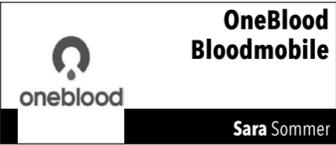
Rose considered herself a morning person. When she opened her eyes she wanted to see her man next to her, knowing it was a brand new day and anything was possible. Willa figured she was a night person. She wanted to look at her man as they tucked in for the night and know that they were together and the outside world didn't matter.

Who ends up with who? You'll have to read the book and find out. This book can be found in softcover fiction.

Spring is coming, and if you are contemplating hiking on the Appalachian Trail, or if you prefer being an armchair traveler, then you will enjoy Bill Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods." Bryson and his companion did indeed hike the trail, in sections. He describes how each state has groups that maintain the trail, which sections he liked the best, which ones were awful and which ones were extremely difficult.

The book was made into a movie by the same name, starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte.

This book can be found on shelf 17 in the center aisle labeled B Bryson, Bill.



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. 4, so you can do just that. The time is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center parking lot. We have extended our hours for your convenience. 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 ID 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 reach your next milestone.

There is no substitute for human blood. Only you can save a life. Come be a hero on Feb. 4. See you on the bus.

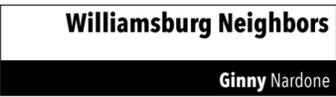


Much like Christmas up north, with a chilly evening, the Avalon Social Group gathered for their holiday dinner in December 2018. The group provided ham and the members added to the potluck for the rest of the main meal. A groaning table of desserts, an assortment of sweet treats, ensured we left full and well satisfied. More than 100 residents braved the weather and there were many greetings passed around. A 50/50 raffle ensured two of our members had an extra special night.

At a vote during the meeting, it was decided to make our March

gathering all potluck. This will be our St. Patrick's Day celebration. Be looking for the green outfits and those special recipes. This will be held in our new location at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, G, and H.

St. Patrick's Day will be here before you know it. Set aside Monday, March 11 for the potluck. We are sure that there will be some great surprises in store. There will be a 50/50 raffle included. Try to bring smaller bills especially if you are one of the early birds to arrive. Don't forget to bring your dish with a serving utensil and drinks (no alcoholic beverages allowed).



One year ago, a group of neighbors came together to work on revitalizing the original Williamsburg organization. As a result, during 2018 several social events were held, community communications channels were established, and block captains were named.

Now we are at the start of a new year with many new opportunities open to us. All of our residents make up the collective community and it is important that everyone's

opinions and ideas be heard. To that end, a community meeting is planned for late February where all residents will be able to share their ideas and expectations and discuss topics such as community structure, social events and other items pertaining to the community.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. So, put on your thinking caps and bring your ideas and suggestions to this important meeting! For questions about the meeting, call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Patti Doty at (352) 300-3007.

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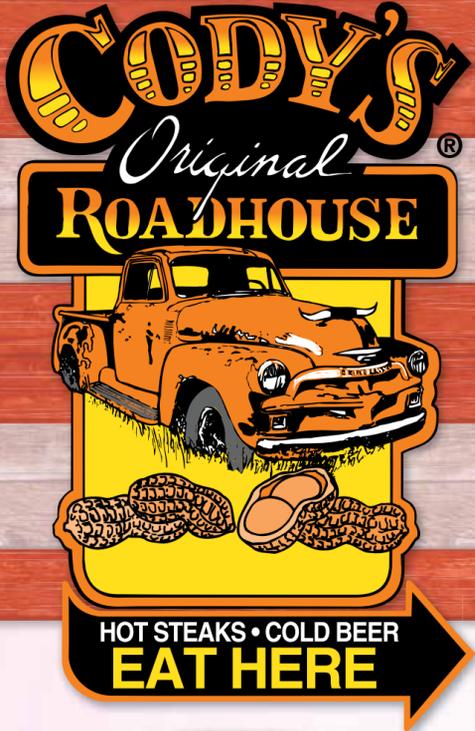
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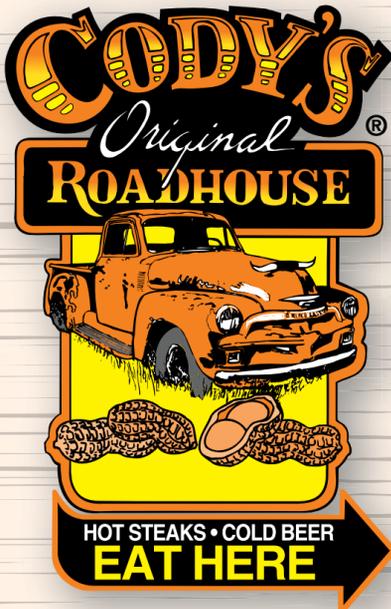
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Take a Birding Boat Trip

By Deb Sherer

Thursday, Feb 28, the Unique Birders will take a boat trip on the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers to identify birds that make their nests and homes along these rivers.

The Rainbow River begins in Rainbow Springs State Park. It is fed by 460 million gallons of spring water each day. Land along the edge of the Rainbow provides food, habitat and nesting sites for a variety of species of wading birds, ducks, and large raptors. The Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers merge a few miles downstream of the bridge over the Withlacoochee on CR 484.

If you are interested in joining us for this trip, please contact Norm Lantz at normlantz@gmail.com. The boat only has space for 12 people. If you are interested in this trip, contact Norm right away to give him your \$20 fare to secure your reservation.

In the spring of 2006, Sandra and Paul Marraffino conducted a survey of birds on the lower portion of the Rainbow River north of CR

484. The Rainbow River flows 5.7 miles south of its origin through cypress, pine and oak woodlands to merge with the Withlacoochee River in southern Dunnellon, Fla. The shallow clear spring waters of the Rainbow provide the optimum setting for vegetative growth and habitat for fish and amphibians, food sources for many birds on the Rainbow. The birds the Marraffinos' survey identified most frequently during the survey were: anhingas, cardinals, boat-tailed grackles, Carolina wrens, double-crested cormorants, little blue and great blue herons, osprey, pied-billed grebes, red-eyed vireos, red-shouldered hawks, red-winged blackbirds, tufted titmouse, tree swallows and wood ducks.

In order to enhance the Rainbow River habitat for birds, the Rainbow River Conservation installed wood duck boxes in areas that have an abundance of marsh reeds and grasses that protect young chicks from predators and offer an abun-



Photo by Gordon Daniels

Eastern phoebe.

dant food source for ducks. Reeds along the sides of the Rainbow provide feeding areas for little blue, great blue and green herons, white ibis, common moorhen and limpkin.

Thursday, Feb 28, the Unique

Birders will meet at 8 a.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot near the big tree at the corner of SW 99th Street Road and SW 98th Street. We will then decide on carpools. If you would like to join us, please contact Norm Lantz at normlantz@gmail.com.



Photo by Lion Donna Parrish

The Lions Club is collecting new or gently used childrens books for organizations in our community.

Lions Club Collecting Childrens Books

By Lion Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Lions Club is partnering with the Early Learning Coalition, the Arnette House, and the Domestic Violence Center to provide books to children in our community. So far, we have collected 96 used books, 101 new books and received a check for \$150 to purchase books. The Lions Club donation box is located at the Market of Marion. Donated books can be dropped off at the used book booth, aisle H, on the left side of the building. New and gently used books are appreciated.

If any residents would like to donate books or make a monetary donation to buy new books, please contact Lion Donna Parrish at (352) 425-3590.

The Lions Club would like to thank our generous residents for donating toys to the 2018 Toys for Tots Christmas campaign. This year, we received a record-setting number of toys - over 600! Toys for Tots was able to make a lot of children very happy this Christmas.

On Friday, March 15, the Lions Club is proud to present "Hollywood Nights" - an evening of dining and dancing to Charlie De and his band. It will be reminiscent of the

Hollywood award shows. Join us on the red carpet for a photo opportunity in your finest attire to benefit Lions Club charities. The event will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center and tickets are \$35 per person. A table of 10 is \$300. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by dancing at 7 p.m. Swag bag auction, 50/50 raffle and awards for best-dressed guests are part of the fun. Tickets are available now and can be purchased by contacting Lion Charlie Calhoun at (352) 556-6004 or Lion Bob Czopek at (352) 857-8765. Cash, check, or credit cards accepted.

Our Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects including "Hollywood Nights," military appreciation, Resident Emergency Health Form (community service project), and recycling used eyeglasses. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information about joining our Lions Club, please contact Lion Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358.

Let's Go to Togo

By Bill Shampine

Togo is located on the western coast of Africa (below the bulge). It is bordered by Ghana to the west, Burkina Faso to the north, and Benin to the east. One of the smallest countries in Africa, it has a population of about 7.6 million. From the 16th to the 18th century, the coastal region was a major trading area for Europeans to buy slaves, earning "Togoland" the name "The Slave Coast."

In 1884, the area became a German protectorate. "Togoland" was occupied by the British and French during World War I, and in 1922, the League of Nations assigned eastern "Togoland" to France and the western portion to Britain. In 1946, the British and French governments placed the territories under United Nations trusteeship. Ten years later, British "Togoland" became part of Ghana, and French "Togoland" became Togo. Togo gained independence from France in 1960.

In 1967, Sergeant Gnassingbe Eyadema led a successful military coup d'état, after which he became president. Despite widely acclaimed voting irregularities in multiple subsequent elections, he

served as president for 38 years. When he passed in 2005, the prime minister was out of the country. According to the Constitution, he was supposed to become the new president, but a series of unprecedented actions prevented his appointment. The military closed the nation's borders to prevent the prime minister from returning, the Parliament changed the constitution by deleting the clause related to succession, and then declared President Eyadema's son would serve out his father's term.

French is the official language of Togo, although there are 39 different ethnic groups living there, each with their own language. The climate is very nice, with moderate temperatures and rainfall throughout the year.

Togo is one of the least developed countries in Africa. The economy is driven by phosphate mining and agriculture, primarily cotton, coffee, and cocoa beans. A permanent problem is the lack of electricity. The country is able to produce only about a third of its consumption. The shortfall must be purchased from neighboring countries, and money is in short supply.

Togo is a charming country, but there are few sites to attract tourists. There are some nice beaches, but the public beaches are unsafe. There are a few parks and reserves that offer places to view animals and enjoy hikes in the mountains some of which feature beautiful waterfalls. The markets are interesting, particularly the voodoo market. The practice of voodoo is commonplace and there are many voodoo shrines in the country. Voodoo-related charms and masks are popular items for sale in the market.

Perhaps the most alluring part

of Togo, the mountainous region in the north, is the hardest to get to. The best known destination is Koutammakou, a village located in the Tamberma Valley. The people who live there are famous for their two-story fortified houses, known as a "Somba house." The ground floor is used for housing livestock at night, internal alcoves are used for cooking, and the upper floor contains a rooftop courtyard and is used for drying grain and sleeping quarters. These houses evolved by adding an enclosing roof to the clusters of huts joined by a connecting wall.



Photo by Erik Kristensen

A "Somba house" with granaries in Koutammakou, Togo.



Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

A good time was had by all who attended the delicious buffet at the Genealogical Society's holiday luncheon at Bella Cucina in December.

Do you know why you have a surname (family or last name)? Until the 13th century, most people only had a first or given (personal) name. The use of surnames became universal in Europe during the 1400s and 1500s, except in Scandinavian countries which didn't become standardized until about 1900.

European surnames are classified under five categories:

1. Patronymics - forming of a surname from the father's given name or sometimes metronymic, less frequent-

ly from the mother's given name;

2. Occupational name;
3. Location (toponymic) name;
4. Nickname; or
5. Ornamental name.

Occupational names include Smith, Miller, Farmer, Thatcher, or Eisenhower (iron worker). Location names derive from the name of a country, city, county, village, hamlet, farm, homestead, mountain or a river from which they came. "Monte" in Portuguese means "mountain" and "Gorshi" in Polish means "hill." Some surnames were based on appearance such as "Schwarzkopf" (someone with dark hair) or "Short." Ornamental names include "Morgenstern" (mornings star) or "Safire" (sapphire).

In Ireland and Scotland, England anglicized the Gaelic surnames. The common prefixes to anglicized surnames were "Fitz", "Mac" or "Mc" meaning "son of" and "O"

meaning "descendant of." In Italian, a common prefix used is 'de' or 'di' meaning "son of."

Because most people were illiterate in the Middle Ages, the spelling of the surname changed because of mistakes by public officials, clerks and priests who spelled the name as it sounded. Thus, after 500 years, there are many variants of the original surname.

Today, in most western countries, the surname follows the first name. In some cultures, such as Hungary, Romania, Bavaria, Austria, South India, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and China, the surname is placed first, followed by the given name. In most Spanish speaking countries, the custom is to have two surnames, the first surname denotes the father's family and the second surname denotes the mother's family. Only the father's surname is passed on to the grandchildren. Polish surnames are gen-

der specific. If a wife takes a husband's surname, which ends in -ski, her new surname will end in -ska.

On Monday, Feb. 11, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building Card Room. After a short discussion on the research opportunities at the John F. Germany Library in Tampa, members will break into special interest groups to discuss genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 18, Drew Smith, a nationally known genealogy author and educator, will present "Interpreting your DNA Results" in Cypress Hall at Master the Possibilities in partnership with the Genealogical Society.

One of the benefits of membership is our library of genealogical books and CDs available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Visit us online at otagenealogicalsociety.shutterstock.com.



Active Singles

Kathy Mansfield

The Active Singles started 2019 with a potluck dinner with an international flavor. Per attendees, it was a great success.

Our membership has grown to 142! That's a lot of single people who want to stay active and enjoy the company of other like folks.

Congratulations to three of our members who are also members of the Art Group. They had their talents displayed at Master the Possibilities in January. What beautiful work from Louise Kaufman, Marion Savage, and Ed Mathena!

Members also enjoyed the happy hour at the Candler Hills Com-

munity Center Jan. 8. We love the new venue, giving us more of an opportunity to be social and get to know each other. Our monthly golf scramble resumed on Jan. 17. All who attended had another awesome time. A bowling party was held at AMF. There was a lot more fun than strikes.

The Active Singles are looking forward to more good times in February. Wallyball is played every Saturday. This is an active good time. Game night, the last Tuesday of each month, is a hit for those who enjoy playing games with good friends. Come out and join us at the Indigo East Community Center.

We are always looking for active event ideas. You can suggest ideas to activesinglesotow@gmail.com or complete a comment form, which is found at each monthly meeting. Members, please be sure to RSVP

and include your guests, via Meet Up so we can adequately prepare for each event.



What's Cookin'

Gary Uhley

This chicken recipe features two of my favorite things ... garlic and lemon! It's also incredibly easy to make and it's 100 percent delicious.

Easy Lemon Garlic Chicken

- 3 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice or the juice of one whole lemon
- 4 chicken breasts or 10 chicken tenders

Place all ingredients into a gallon freezer bag. After sealing the bag, turn the bag over several times until everything is combined and the chicken is well coated.

Pour chicken and marinade into a baking dish. Bake at 350 F for 35 minutes. Turn chicken to coat, as needed.

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Singles Club

Lorraine Serwan

There are some special days this month: Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and Valentine's Day. Don't forget Groundhog Day.

At the meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14, our guest will be a speaker from Marion County Fire Rescue who will talk about the File of Life.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, there will be an outing to the Ocala Civic Theatre to enjoy the comedy "She Loves Me." The group will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and carpool to the theater for the 2 p.m. matinee.

Some of our future excursions will include a relaxing boat trip; a special high tea; a visit to the Lakeridge Winery; and an optional trip to Russell Stover Chocolates Outlet.

Our meeting room has been moved to the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. We still meet the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Join us on Thursday, Feb. 14, and bring a friend. We always welcome new members.

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Women of the World

Nancy Grabowski

February sees our Women of the World swinging into action on several fronts! Our next meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 8, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. It begins about 12:15 p.m. with light refreshments and some catching up time. Our charities are the Domestic Violence and Abuse Center for Women and Children, Marion County Senior Services, and Operation Shoebox. The women's shelter is most in need of hygiene products, diapers, baby items, and suitcases.

February is American Heart Month, so wear red to celebrate the advances the medical world has made with women's health. Some of the most notable advances deal with cardiac issues. Until recently, heart studies were confined to men but not any more; now we know that there are significant differences between the sexes.

Ticket sales will continue for the fashion show at this time, too. Look for the ladies at the back table near the poolside. The price is \$25 for the luncheon and fashion show, sponsored by Belk. The luncheon will be catered by A Gourmet Affair and the menu will be announced at the meeting!

We will continue to fill the nest egg at the meeting. Each \$1 not

only fills the egg but enters you into the raffle for the prize itself. At the fashion show, you can enter more tickets to increase your chance of winning the grand prize. Previous winners include Bev Carver and our own madame president, April Polard. The raffle tickets help to increase our donation to Hospice of Marion County.

Sign-up sheets for different areas of the fashion show will be located on the stage. Perhaps one of the most important sheets is for the basket raffle. Donated baskets generate the bulk of our monetary donation to Hospice of Marion County! Baskets of the past have hit on a variety of interest areas with chocolate leading the way. Consider doing a basket with a

friend or two to help us out. Remember, several small baskets are immensely better than one huge basket.

Judy Singer, along with her sister Diane and a corps of workers, will create the decorations for the stage and tables. Judy's imagination knows no bounds and each year she seems to top the previous one. She is also the queen of secret keepers, never divulging her theme until show time!

We hope to create a sea of red in the ballroom for this meeting! Bring a friend; make it happen! Remember that Women of the World is open to all women residents. Come and join in the fun! New friends are just a smile away.



R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

Some new and exciting fun things have been planned for the future, and some have already taken place.

Our January LadyBirds meeting took place at the Hobby Building Card Room. Judy Grigsby was in charge of refreshments. And Linda Lohr was in charge of collecting the donations for Kimberly's

Center. Donations included backpacks, slippers, nightlights, socks, journals, books, small craft items, hats scarves, gloves, and mittens. This center treats children of all ages. A speaker was present to discuss all that they do.

Heads up for February and March, when we will collect food and supplies for Interfaith Emergency Services. We would like to continue to give more in 2019 to those in need.

In January, we celebrated our sweet 16 birthday party; coordinated by Gloria Scicluna. We dressed

in crinolines, poodle skirts, large shirts, cuffed jeans, and saddle shoes, while all of our favorite teen songs played. There were games and lots of laughs, and of course, birthday cake. What a wonderful way to spend a wonderful afternoon reminiscing with other LadyBirds about our younger days.

Plans are in the works for our annual LadyBirds Valentine's Day party to take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. Please be on the lookout for more information as it becomes available.

Many new R/C Flyers are moving to our wonderful community. We wish to extend a warm welcome to their spouses and significant others to come join the LadyBirds and sit in on one of our monthly meetings which take place the second Friday of each month from September to April, beginning at 9 a.m. Bring your favorite beverage, and we will furnish the wonderful goodies baked by our wonderful LadyBirds bakers. For information, please contact Caren at (352) 291-1235 or allensky@earthlink.net. We hope to hear from you soon.



Computer Club

David Wesenberg

Computer Club now meets in the Hobby Building Card Room. The club will ultimately be relocated in the same building in the repurposed Billiards Room when renova-

tion is complete.

On Saturday, Feb. 9 the club will have a presentation on internet security and other useful topics.

We have started a programming course for interested members to expand our horizons and try something new. Response has been good.

We continue to explore the factors in rising internet, phone and

cable costs and how they can be reduced or eliminated.

Visit us at otow.lolipop.org/sites/OTOW%20Computer%20Club. The website contains links to validated free software, a Q & A to solve problems and people to call when you are in computer trouble.

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 Hobby Building Card Room on Thursdays or Saturdays at 9 a.m. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple a year.

For information, contact Bill Torzsa at (352) 873-8519, Arnold Hansen at (352) 237-7780 or Dave Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com.



SPCA of Marion County

Sandra Wolf

Every month we feature two of our fosters in the hope someone will take them to a forever home. This month we are showcasing Gracie and Benji.

Gracie is a big girl at 20 pounds. She is a dark calico at six years young.

Benji was rescued from the TimberRidge feral colony when wounded on his leg. He is three-year-old Tabby that is looking for affection. He did not want to live outside.

If you are interested in either Benji or Gracie call the SPCA of Marion County at (352) 362-0385 or visit sPCAofmarioncounty.weebly.com. On our website, when you click on the picture of the pet, a biography will be visible for reading.

At our January meeting, we had the pleasure of Linda Norman from Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL) speak to us about what their purpose and what they are looking for in the future. A planned trip to their facility is scheduled in February, and another one for their new neutering facility. These

events are for members only.

2019 just started so there is still plenty of time to join. We meet on the second floor at Bank OZK, at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

TIP: Always walk your dog on the inside next to the curb. Cars in the early morning or in the evening can see you better than a small or medium sized dog.



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It may be Super Bowl night but the dulcimers tell us love is in the air! Michigan Club will host their monthly meet and greet potluck Sunday, Feb. 3, at 5 p.m., in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. The theme for this annual Valentine's Day meeting is "Love Your Neighbors."

In January, the club kicked off 2019 with a presentation by highly anticipated headliner, Pat Gabriel, president of SR 200 Coalition, who told us about many changes taking place around our community.

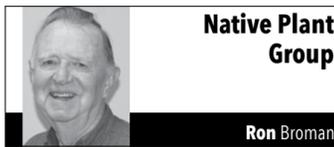
Mrs. Gabriel addressed questions from the audience involving the road resurfacing of SR 200, traffic issues, opening of the WaWa chain, and what is being built next to Dr. Dunn and behind Aldi.

She spoke of new development in planning next to Publix and about the apartment building along SW 80th Street. You could have heard a pin drop in the audience, though every table in the room was filled.

For our February potluck buffet, please bring a dish to serve eight by the following schedule: A-H - main dish, I-R - vegetable or salad, and S-Z - dessert. Remember to bring a non-alcoholic drink for all members of your group.

Tickets for our third annual "Hat's Off to Baseball! Coney Party" in April will be available for purchase at the February meeting. Cost of the tickets is \$5. The menu will include coney dogs, chili, potato salad, coleslaw, potato chips and soft drinks. Members are encouraged to bring cookies. This party will take place at the outdoor pavilion and you may bring alcoholic beverages.

For more information on the Michigan Club, please contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.



There's a red maple tree in our yard and about 30 inches tall. We didn't plant it. It just seemed to appear in our Garden of Weedin'. But trees don't "just appear." A red maple seed has to be planted; but where did the seed come from?

There are two other Acer rubrum, red maple, trees here that we did plant. We didn't see their seeds; but it seems logical, since there are no other maples near by, that one of them is the parent.

We were thinking (sometimes a dangerous thing), what if we wanted a maple tree in our yard, but there were none close by? It would be up to somebody to find a seed and plant it, right?

We've just arrived at the seed of our column. Plant a tree! That's what the lady said when asked what we "common folk" could do to slow down what we've been calling "global warming." Plant a tree!

It sounds so simple; even simplistic. Plant a tree. What good would that do? Sure a tree gives off oxygen so we and other forms of life can live, as it takes in water and carbon dioxide to make food to grow. Did I say it takes in carbon dioxide (CO2)? Yep. You mean the tree grabs CO2 out of the atmosphere? Yep! That could help reduce the free CO2 from the atmosphere. Yep!

But it would take a forest or two or ... to make a real difference. Yep. But what does it take to make a forest? One tree at a time planted naturally or by someone.

So let's plant a tree; not just any tree and not just anywhere. Wouldn't make much sense to plant a tree that grows to 50 or 100 feet close to a house or a driveway or under a power line. Best plant it out in the open where it gets lots

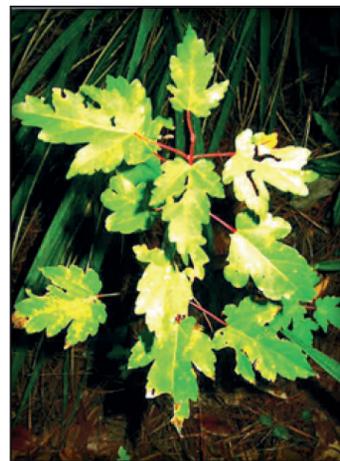


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Red maple baby.

of sun and doesn't cause problems. And it would probably make even more sense to plant the kind of tree that's long accustomed to those soil and weather conditions. Planting the right tree in the right place. Sounds like a winner.

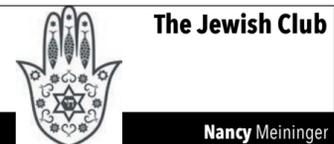
One more thing ... a lot can be said for diversity. If one kind of tree doesn't make it, another might, and each one provides something the other needs. (Sounds almost like - well you know - us.)

So get permission if you want to plant it in your yard; but plant a tree. Members of the Native Plant Group or the Florida Native Plant Society can be of help in deciding on that special tree.

By the way, our 30-inch red maple "baby" would surely be happy if you had a place for her or him. If we leave him or her in that spot, conditions for growth will probably be impaired (too crowded).

The members of the Native Plant Group continue to maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail and garden, the SW 94th Street circle and the Belview Library native garden. Let us know if you are interested in joining us by calling (352) 861-4560.

It's a total treat to grow native!



The Jewish Club has pulled all the stops, moving forward with their premier event of 2019 - the Chico's Outlet Fashion Show, Love Myself on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Eagerly anticipated by residents who attended last year's event at The Lodge at Candler Hills, this show was a sellout through word of mouth before the tickets went on public sale!

With appetizers and desserts provided by Fresh Plates Creative Catering, attendees will feel both posh and pampered. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase from The Pub.

President Nancy Carp, whose photo from last year's show appeared on the January cover of sec-

tion B of the World News, is proud of the way members of her 180 person club have pitched in to make this event a continuing success.

Rena Coster, who oversaw the charity baskets which will be auctioned to raise funds for Marion County's Kimberly Center for abused and neglected youth, is excited bidders will have a huge selection to choose from. The beautifully trimmed out baskets include toiletries, bath items, kitchen and barbeque tools, crafts, jewelry, wine and cheese, fashion accessories and more.

Indeed, it is a busy time. Ralph Coster, travel planner for the club, has arranged a trip in March to the Tampa Bay Downs Day at the races. The club will enjoy seating in the club box, buffet lunch and a race dedicated to the club with a photo with the winning horse!

Also, in March, the Club's annual barbeque is in planning by vice president Mal Press, his wife Connie and a team of club volunteers.

Meanwhile, members are still meeting for brunch, lunch and dinner throughout the month under the guidance of Myra Post.

Membership is open to all residents regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, contact Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625.

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Mary Melzer, Robin Kaizer, and Sharon Buckner are to be congratulated for their gifts of food-filled stockings.



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Janet Fragapane

The generosity of our residents is awesome. Call Evelyn Holiday at (352) 237-0304 or Janet Fragapane at (352) 861-1575 to schedule a pick-up of your donations. Or leave them at either front porch: 8880 SW 94th Street, Unit C (Friendship Village) or 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II).

Box Tops for Education and soda can pull-tabs buy school supplies and equipment. Donations also include new or gently used children's coats and clothing. Donations of underwear must be new and in the original packaging. Additional donations include bicycles, helmets, books, craft/art supplies, etc. This month, thank you to Julia Soto, Sue Johnson, Joan Salisbury, Jerry and Judy Tansley, and Kathryn Oakes.

A big thank you to Phillis Jarkey for her three dozen sweaters and hats that she sent to the school this week. She has crocheted these items for the children over the last several years. If you have yarn, she welcomes donations; please call her.

Another group of angels is the many lovely ladies of SW 86th Loop: Mary Melzer, Robin Kaiser, Sharon Buckner, and Ann Crutchfield. They knitted 760 stockings filled with food for all the children at Romeo Elementary. These ladies along with Rob Vlacancich, who was dressed as Santa, gave out the stockings to the children at a Christmas party.

Giving runs in the Melzer family. Mary's daughter used her year-end bonus and ordered five big boxes of food from Amazon to be shipped to the children of Romeo. What a wonderful gift.

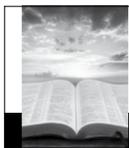
Lit Week started Jan. 28 and runs through Feb. 1. Readers from 100 Grandparents will be reading to and with the children. Another program going on this month at the school is I Ready Electronics (I.R.E.). This will include third, fourth, and fifth grades. The school will be looking at the students' growth and progress in these studies.

AdventHealth Ocala has given a fitness and nutrition grant to Marion County Public Schools to make the community healthier. Romeo has been given soil for raised garden beds and organic seeds. Right now the children are raising and ready to harvest cabbage. This cabbage will be used in the lunch program. This will teach the children from start to finish about growing food.

Active Marion Project (AMP) has been used in the school for a few months. Teaching small skills. Romeo was in competition with other Marion County schools. Well, Romeo won! The whole school was treated to lunch from Mojo's. What a thrill for the children to see the Mojo's food truck pull up to their school. Way to go students!

Don't forget the food donations for the backpack program. A check in any amount made out to Dannelon Food-4-Kids Inc., P.O. Box 262, Dannelon, Fla. 34430 (on memo line write backpack program).

This month, we are collecting money for the bus. The bus will pick us up at True Value on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 9:15 a.m.



The Genesis Project

David Wesenberg

The Genesis Project meets as home bible study at 9078 SW 82nd Terrace, Unit B. We meet at 1 p.m. every Friday.

The Genesis Project class is studying a harmonized view of the Gospels. A harmonized view covers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in approximate time order. The study is located at bible.lolipop.org/gos-

pel/intro/SitePages/Home.aspx.

The goal of this study is to provide a basic knowledge of the origins, content and key themes of the gospels and how they were translated into action by early Christians. If you want to grow in your knowledge of the Bible, attend this important class and participate.

We will briefly be discussing new areas of study at the next few meetings.

For more information, contact David Wesenberg dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454. All are welcome! Visit us at Bible.lolipop.org.



Long Island Club

Leonard Elsner

Our January meeting was held in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. We had the pleasure of having a financial advisor from Edward Jones give us an overview of the financial markets in the upcoming years, which was quite informative. We also played our monthly bingo

game. Suggestions were made to perhaps have a board game session, which will be taken up at the next board meeting.

Sue Zanazzi arranged our January dinner at Tony's Sushi. It was delicious, thanks Sue!

We look forward to increasing our membership which is presently 49 paid members.

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Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

We are happy to know that the Southern Club continues to interest new people. We had six guests/new members attend our January meeting. If you would like an evening out with friendly neighbors, which also includes some great eating, check us out. You don't even have to be a born and raised Southerner to join us. I mention this each month, but it's worth repeating so there is no confusion. Since you chose to move to the south, we welcome you and consider you a new southerner.

Our meetings and potluck dinners are held on the first Thursday of the month from September to May at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite E and F. We bring a salad, meat, casserole dish or dessert to share and the club furnishes the drinks (coffee, tea, lemonade) and cups. You will also need to bring your own plates and utensils.

Our first order of business is our dinner. We are always amazed by the bounty provided by our great southern cooks. There is always enough food for everyone, including seconds for anyone who has room for more. The choice of desserts last month was amazing. This was a real challenge for those of us who are trying to eat less after the holiday feasting. After the dinner, we have our program or speaker and then a short informal meeting and end with a 50/50 drawing.

Last month, we played a game of trivia. I usually love trivia but this was a very difficult game unless you are up on current events which, judging by the results, few of us are. But it was a fun challenge and there were some well informed people at my table.

The February meeting will be tomorrow, Feb. 1. I hate it when the month starts on a Thursday because that doesn't give us time to prepare. And the same thing happens next month so put it on your calendar now and don't wait for the paper to remind you. Since dinner starts at 5 p.m., come about 4:30 p.m. to have time get settled and chat a while. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 873-8690.



Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell

Two of the things most Texans love are chili and competition. January marked a return of our Texas Connection chili cook-off. Since the newspaper deadline occurred prior to our contest, we will report on the winners in a future issue. For now we'll fill in with a little chili trivia in case you had a hankering to know more about it.

The first chili cook-off took place in 1967 in Terlingua, Texas, a border town about 400 miles west of chili's alleged birthplace, San Antonio. A number of variations of chili have become popularized over the years. Texas style chili doesn't contain beans; vegetarian chili (aka chili sin carne) typically replaces meat with corn and other vegetables; chili verde uses pork,

tomatillos and green chili peppers in lieu of beef and tomatoes; and white chili uses white beans and chicken or turkey.

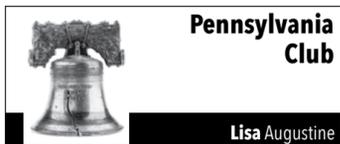
Texans also like to eat and though some are sticklers about the no-beans-in-chili rule, most won't turn down a good bowl of any kind of chili. As we get older though, some can't handle as much heat (spice). If you do tangle with some that's hot enough to make you sweat (a good sign according to some folks) then remember this: don't drink water. Drink milk or beer, or eat some ice cream or guacamole if your mouth is on fire. Eating a piece of bread or sucking on hard candy works too.

February's meeting theme is going to be about family. We have a guest speaker who will give a short presentation on a method to help us maintain our independence longer plus ease some of the worries our children, grandchildren or other potential caretakers may have. This won't be a sales pitch; it's just

a communication tool that is simple to use. We'll also be playing an easy group version of Family Feud that should be a lot of fun.

Our monthly get-together will be on Sunday, Feb. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. in the new Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Club will provide water, ice, cups and paper products. And don't forget to bring your resident identification card because you need it to get into all rooms in the new building.

We are a club for residents who have a "connection" to Texas by being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason (vacation, professional, competitions, etc.); or having family living there. Texas is "the Friendship State" and our group is all about fun and fellowship. For more information about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



Pennsylvania Club

Lisa Augustine

We had a lot of fun and good laughs at our January meeting when we welcomed everyone back. We started 2019 off with a spirited game of trivia. We had nine teams and the Smart Aleks

took the prize. I guess that is why they have that name! The Corner Kids were not far behind though.

What a turn out we had for our first meeting of the year: 45 members, four new members and four guests.

We have a lot of fun events planned for this year. In February, we will be playing the "Not So Newlywed Game." Now that should prove to be interesting. In March, we will be celebrating St Patrick's

Day with what else but a corned beef and cabbage meal dressed in our finest green outfits. Maybe even a leprechaun will make an appearance? So, if this sounds like fun, please join us.

You don't have to be from Pennsylvania or even a surrounding state - you just have to want to have fun and meet nice people. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month, at 3 p.m. and for now will be in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Go Eagles!



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

Luke Mullen

The month of December 2018 provided a wonderful beginning to the holiday season. Four dinners were held at club members' homes to accommodate 26 diners.

Hosting our first dinner were Carolyn and Frank Salvatore. The evening started out with two appetizers brought by Phyllis and Al Richards: Christmas cheese ball consisting of cream cheese, Bleu cheese and dried cranberries and Hanukkah mini potato pancakes

served with sour cream and apple sauce. Carolyn and Frank then served the main meal, which was a baked ham with honey, brown sugar, mustard glaze topped with pineapple rings. They also served corn on the cob. Accompanying this was a side dish brought by Cindy and John Klopfer of au gratin potatoes. Dessert, brought by Linda Meyer and Randy Schmid, was a Christmas gingerbread trifle.

Lynn Palo and Carl Spotts hosted our second dinner. They made the appetizers consisting of marinated mozzarella balls, pickled veggies, and assorted crackers. Following the appetizers, lasagna, Caesar salad, and garlic bread was served. It was rounded out with a colorful

dish of roasted peppers, carrots, red onions and zucchini. Pat and Russ McNulty brought their favorite part of any meal: dessert! They prepared a trifle, which included layers of angel food cake, vanilla pudding, blueberries, strawberries, and whipped cream. All had seconds!

The hosts for our third dinner were Anne and Carl Crutchfield. Fran and Ken Kerl prepared the appetizers of sausage stuffed mushrooms and Brie with green pepper jelly served in a phyllo shell. Following the appetizers, Ann and Carl served an antipasto salad followed by a shrimp casserole and buttered peas. Annette and Paul Hodges served a holiday gift cake: batter made with cream cheese and butter, maraschino cherries and pecans stirred in and pink glaze topping.

The fourth dinner hosts were Mary Hannon and George Campbell. Nancy and Tom Meininger served cranberry Brie bites and hot shrimp boats as appetizers. Mary and George then served a pork tenderloin stuffed with crushed sweet/sour apples and leeks, asparagus with goat cheese, mashed potatoes, and Trinidad cucumber salad. After the meal, Kathy and Luke Mullen served a brownie bottom pudding pie.

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

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Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

Don't miss the opportunity on Saturday, Feb. 23, to enjoy a trip to the Mount Dora Renninger's Flea and Farmer's Market where you will find many vendors with all kinds of merchandise and food. There are over 100 booths located in the climate-controlled building as well as over 400 spaces in the outdoor pavilion. What an incredible shopping opportunity this will be for all travelers. The cost of \$25 per person includes transportation and the driver's tip. Lunch is on your own. Make your reservation for this fun trip with Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

The very popular Tampa Bay Downs trip will be on Saturday, March 30. This is the only thoroughbred racetrack on the west coast of Florida and is known as one of America's oldest and most well maintained tracks. The cost of \$48 per person includes a buffet lunch and all tips. Clubhouse seating is a part of this trip, which always fills quickly. Make reservations with Inge at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

On Mother's Day, May 12, we will travel to the Show Palace to see "Rat Pack Lounge." The cost will be \$81 per person and will include a buffet lunch, the show and all tips. Frank, Dean and Sammy are up in heaven; but God tells them they left some unfinished promises to Vic, the

owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now Frank and the boys have one night to make things right. With over 30 hit songs, the Rat Pack Lounge will leave you singing and savoring the days of highballs and high rollers. This trip will be open for booking on Monday, Feb. 18. Call Gail Ambrose at (352) 671-8280 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to make reservations.

In next month's column, watch for details concerning our Father's Day trip June 16 down the St. Johns River aboard the Barbara Lee. You won't want to miss it.

Join us on the newly revitalized Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas Sunday, Nov. 24 until Sunday, Dec. 1, as we sail out of Miami to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Labadee Haiti. Pricing for cabins is \$1,280 per person double occupancy for ocean view balcony cabins; \$1,260, for boardwalk view balcony cabins; \$1,130, for ocean view cabins; and \$1,080, for interior cabins. Rates include the cruise, all taxes and fees, shipboard gratuities, round trip motor coach transportation between On Top of the World and the Port of Miami. A minimum of 20 passengers will be required for the motor coach. You will need to make a deposit when you book. The final payment will be due by Sunday, Aug. 25. To make reservations, contact Inge at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Please visit traveltopperstours.com for all current listings of trips and details for making reservations. The website also contains any additions or corrections to the current brochure.



Scandinavian American Club

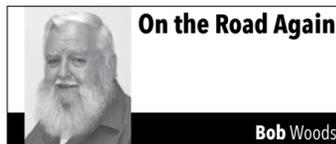
Ginny Nardone

A new year always brings a few changes and 2019 is no exception. We have a new meeting room. The club still meets in the Arbor Conference Center but in Suite B. Please make a note of this change.

Many thanks to all who helped make the 20th anniversary luncheon a success. A special thank you to the members of the planning team, Nancy Bolte, Ginny Nardone, Asta Nilson and Helen Vance. For several months this group has

worked hard to plan and execute this successful celebration. Congratulations also to our charter members who 20 years later are still an integral part of the club; they are Jennie and Norman Halversen and Grace and Arnold Hansen.

All residents of Scandinavian descent are invited to participate in club activities (spouses welcome). Please join us on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. For more information about the club, contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.



On the Road Again

Bob Woods

I can tell this is going to be a fantastic year for traveling. Why? All of our trips are sold out! However, we do have a stand-by list for all of our trips just in case of any cancellations.

Right now, the Washington, D.C. trip departing Thursday, June 6 needs additional stand-bys as some folks had to cancel.

Let me explain how the stand-by list works. First of all, there is no deposit required by placing your name on the list. If and when cancellations occur, the club utilizes the list in the order of when the names were received to see if they would like to join the trip they signed up for. We keep calling down the list until someone wishes to participate. Then a deposit will be required along with a registration form.

The club has a nine-day excursion to Branson, Mo. to attend a Branson Show Extravaganza departing Saturday, April 6. The trip includes seven shows in Branson including three morning, three evening and a dinner show on board the Branson Belle. The trip will stop

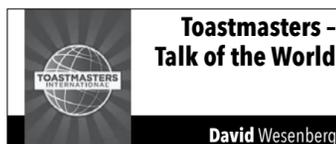
at the Metal Museum in Memphis, Tenn. on the way to Branson. On the way home, the group will stop at Old State House Museum in Little Rock, Ark. and the Tupelo Automobile Museum.

The Washington, D.C. trip departing Thursday, June 6 will visit all the war memorials plus other sights including Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Smithsonian Institute, Museum of the Bible, and Mt. Vernon. On the way home, the motor coach will stop at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Va.

The last scheduled excursion for the year is the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, N.M. departing Thursday, Oct. 3 where over 500 balloons will take to the air. This trip also includes a couple of days sightseeing in Santa Fe as well as the Albuquerque area.

If anyone would like additional information or to have their name placed on the stand-by list for any of the above trips, please call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702. Flyers for the trips are posted on the club's website at bobwoodsontheroad-again.com. Having problems downloading a flyer? Call Bob and one will be delivered to you at your residence.

See you on the road again.



Toastmasters - Talk of the World

David Wesenberg

This coming month we meet on Wednesdays, Feb. 13 and Feb. 27, at 8:30 a.m. in Cypress Hall. What a great opportunity to learn to both prepare a speech, and talk on one's feet at the same time.

All of our club officers attended leadership training in January to be prepared to give everyone the very best Toastmasters experience.

Toastmasters is an organization dedicated to effective speech and leadership. It begins with 10 speech assignments starting with an icebreaker speech to introduce yourself in each of the 10 learning

areas. Completion of the 14 projects results in a mastery of a learning area such as persuasive speaking, leadership, etc.

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 Toastmasters experience is listening to great speeches and meeting wonderful people.

Come join us and improve your communication, listening and leadership skills. Our membership is growing, increasing the fun. Contact Dave Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454. Visit us at otow.lolipop.org/club/toastmasters.

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New Billiards Room Opens

By Ray Cech
World News Writer



Minnesota Fats would have loved this place – or would he? Actually it may be a bit too clean, too well lit and probably, just too nice for him and his hustlers.

In January, the new Billiards Room opened at the also new Arbor

Activity Center. Any pool player who is used to shooting a round or two in one of the halls in New York, Chicago or perhaps, anywhere in Minnesota, will have to adjust to the amenities of the Billiards Room at On Top of the World. When the doors opened and players spied their new game room, superlatives were thrown around faster than Fast Eddie running a table. “Wow, Holy cow, This is spectacular, and, of course, rack ‘em up and let’s play,” were heard.

The Billiards Room has eight nine-foot tables, three eight-foot tables and a snooker table. They are all beautifully lit, leaving no blind spots. Tables are from Diamond Pro-Am and are covered in regulation blue.

There are approximately 150 members that make up the Billiards Club. Within the membership are six men’s teams and one ladies. They regularly challenge teams from Stone Creek, Oak Run, Cherrywood, Marion Oaks, and Ocala Palms.

Would you like to guess where the championship trophies reside? Of course, at On Top of the World.

In a separate, but attached facility is the game room. There are dart boards, shuffleboard, skee ball, table hockey and more.

Club presidents, Denny Newby and Penny Wilson were both equally bedazzled by the new facility and expressed their thanks and appreciation to Theresa Fields and the management team who made the Billiards Room such an exceptional “pool-hall.”

Your resident I.D. card will give you access to the Billiards and Game Rooms.

Photo by Ray Cech

Arbor Activity Center Billiards Room is now open.

'Bunco for Babies' Fundraiser

By Micki Malsch

A “Bunco for Babies” luncheon and game fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 13, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. with the games to begin immediately following. Hosted by Micki Malsch, all proceeds benefit the March of Dimes March for Babies.

The cost of a ticket is \$25 and includes lunch, beverage, dessert, and a bunco game for cash prizes. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a

raffle for various door prizes.

Tables will consist of four players per table. Four sets of six games will be played. A brief intermission will be held following the second set.

Only a limited number of tickets are still available.

For further information and tickets, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. This is a lot of fun and a great way to support a worthy cause!

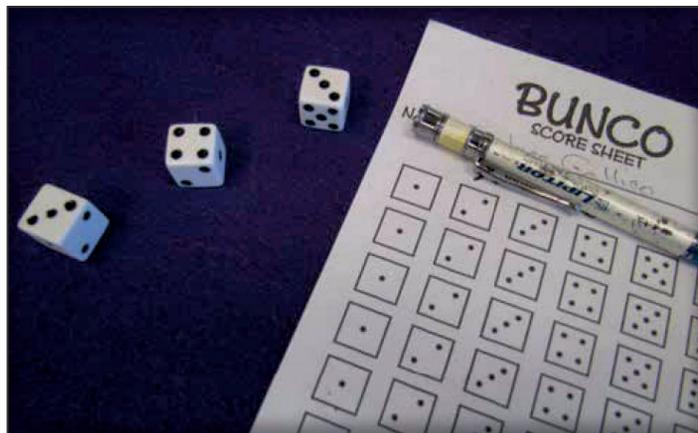


Photo by Bob Woods

“Bunco for Babies” takes place on Saturday, April 13.

Shuffleboard Members Place in Florida Senior Games

By Walt Lamp



Once again, Clearwater, Fla. hosted the Florida Senior Games in early December 2018. We had three entries in the shuffleboard competition. They are the same members who won medals in the last Florida competition back in December 2016. And the results were just about the same.

John Mataya won a gold medal in the singles, age 90-94. Paul Hodges won a silver medal in the singles, age 60-64 and a gold medal with Darryl Kenyon in doubles, 60-64. Finally, Darryl Kenyon won a gold medal in singles, age 60-64. They are now eligible to compete in the National Senior Games, in Albuquerque, N.M. in July. The club is very proud of their achievements.

December Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lenz/ Vicki Lenz and Nancy Dreimiller. 30 club–Charlie Lenz (two scores of 31) and Nancy Dreimiller (32).

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher/Jane Boyer

On Saturday, Jan. 26, we had our second tournament for this season once again, a creation by John Gayso, our tournament director, for what was called the Partnership Match. There were 16 teams of partners, which were chosen by the luck of the draw. Then, after a 30-minute match, the players rotated down the line and ended up with a new partner. There were cash prizes for first and second place and awards to the third and fourth place finishers. I will have the final results next month.

Finally, we are still offering an introduction to shuffleboard on the second Saturday of the month, at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come on down to the courts. We will go over rules, safety, scoring and the basics of shooting the discs. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

Photo by Annette Hodges

Florida Senior Games medalists: Darryl Kenyon, John Mataya, and Paul Hodges.

CARDS & GAMES

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Jean Krueger-Travis

Practice and play with players new to bridge or players returning to bridge after many years.

We will meet in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room I every Wednesday (except Feb. 27 and March 27), from 1 to 3 p.m. Please contact Jean (352) 414-5907 or jakt@excite.com to indicate you will attend, or if you have any questions. No charge. Please bring your resident I.D. card.

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Dianne Robinson

Dec. 5, 2018

1: Joe McKeown; 2: Linda Yuen; 3: Helen O'Brien; 4: Fran Griswold; 5: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Delores Ochu.

Dec. 12, 2018

1: Don Sprague; 2: Donna McMurray; 3: Joann Wagner; 4: Betty Morris; Cons: Nancy Lusteuberger.

Dec. 19, 2018

1: Bob Anderson; 2: Joe McKeown; 3: Linda Yuen; 4: Maureen Mead; 5: Carmen Arroyo; Cons: Joanne Wagner.

Dec. 26, 2018

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Lucy Molloy; 3: Marian Holtz; 4: Joe McKeown; Cons: Lillie Upton.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Pat Goltgart

Dec. 6, 2018

1: Lina Morgan; Tie at 2: Carmen

Arroyo & Marge Starrett; 3: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

Dec. 13, 2018

1: Rad; 2: Carmen Arroyo; Cons: Betty Morris.

Dec. 20, 2018

1: Carmen Arroyo; 2: Sharon Davis; Cons: Linda Morgan.

Dec. 27, 2018

1: Betty Morris; 2: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Sharon Davis.

Thursday Night Bridge

Pam & Jeff Bell

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C, at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13, 2018

1: Paul Claremont; 2: Patsy Claremont; 3: Janet Sadowski.

Dec. 20, 2018

1: Lucy Malloy; 2: Howard Sadowski; 3: Marlyn Valchin.

Dec. 27, 2018

1: Jean Krueger; 2: Marlyn Valchin; 3: Patsy Claremont.

Jan. 1

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Paul Reidingen.

Jan. 10

1: Brent Powell; 2: Paul Claremont; 3: Jeff Bell.

Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge

Jean Krueger-Travis

We will meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C on Fridays, Feb. 1, March 1, and April 5. Play begins at 9 a.m. Please contact Jean at (352) 414-5907 or jakt@excite.com to indicate you will attend, or if you have any questions. Please bring your own brown-bagged

lunch. Soda, water, and dessert are provided.

Jan. 4

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Mystery Player; 2: Jean Krueger & Sophie Redman; 3: Shirley Stolly & Kathie Dushary; "2" prize: MaryIn Valchin.

Monday Night Euchre

Robert Bicknell

Dec. 10, 2018

1: Jerry Dean; 2: Paul Schaefer; 3: Mary Bartel.

Dec. 17, 2018

1: Paul Schaefer; 2: Dee Smith; 3: Billy Swing & Mike Gerbo.

Jan. 7

1: Bob Bicknell; 2: Paul Schaefer; 3: Sharon Dean.

Tuesday Night Pinochle

Herb Katz

Come and join us on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Hobby Building Craft Room. All levels of play are welcome.

Nov. 6, 2018

1: Bob Hoerr; 2: Ray Benyaker; 3: Ed Casper.

Nov. 13, 2018

1: Whitney Frye; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Jacquie Brown.

Nov. 20, 2018

1: Dawn Bunyak; 2: James Tomaszek; 3: Ed Casper.

Nov. 27, 2018

1: Herb Katz; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Jim Recor.

Dec. 4, 2018

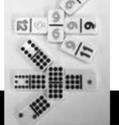
1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Dan Ebbighausen; 3: Edith Kolb

Dec. 11, 2018

1: Bob Hoerr; 2: Joe Eisengruber; 3: Jim Recor.

Dec. 18, 2018

1: Herb Katz; 2: James Tomaszek; 3: Evelyn Ebbighausen.



Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

To all of our domino friends, we wish you a very happy Valentine's Day. Our group has lots of love and laughter that they share each week. We so appreciate the opportunity to enjoy heading up this fabulous group.

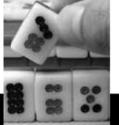
If you have never come, please join us (bring resident I.D.). If you have never played, we will teach you! If you don't have a rack, we sell them. We have a few loaner racks but they are on a first come, first serve basis for that evening only.

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

We pick chips to help you meet and play with new people after the first evening. We have specific rules we for play.

We added a new twist for 2019 - the first player of a round has the option of playing on his/her own train and also on the main common train, a total of two tiles the first time. If not possible by the first player, then this opportunity continues around the table until the common train is started and all players had their first turn to try to get the common train started.

Come have fun, laugh and bring one quarter! Any comments or suggestions are appreciated but may not change anything.



Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

2019 is the year for you to learn to play the marvelous game of mah jongg. There will be a new class starting in April at Master the Possibilities. Sign up early so you won't be left out.

I think everyone is looking forward to a new card. Remember to send for your card early. Everyone gets the card at the same time - the last day of March.

Have you made all the hands on this year's card? I still have to get the big hand. I never have much luck with that. There is a quint hand I have been playing often and it is the bottom one in the quints. Try it; you will be surprised how often it can be made.

I also like the first one in the 2468 group. It converts easy to the closed one if you get the two dragons.

We have a new room to play in now in the Arbor Activity Center. We are so lucky to have all the facilities available for our enjoyment. Until next month ... jokers to you.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Judith Parisi

2019 is off to a strong start. President Eileen Gustavus has provided us a listing of the games we will be playing for the year. Please visit otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com to look at the calendar as well as the page that describes how each game is played and scored.

We'd like to welcome aboard Kathy Triolo, our newest member. Kathy has been a member of the Candler Hills LGA-9 and we're happy she is joining our league as well.

As you know, there are new golf rules in effect for 2019. In last month's column we addressed the elimination of the penalty for hitting the flagstick if you were putting on the green; and also, being able to drop the ball from knee versus shoulder height.

Russ Smith will cover a new rule at each of our rallies before golf. Prior to play, on Jan. 8, he noted the option that the new rules make available for out of bounds and lost

balls wherein you could drop your ball in the nearest spot in the fairway within two club lengths of the edge of the fairway from where the ball crossed the out of bounds line or where it was felt to be lost - but no closer to the hole, with a two stroke penalty.

This however is a local rule and one we will not be adopting. Therefore for out of bounds and lost balls, we will continue to use the standard stroke and distance rule where you go back to that spot from which you hit the ball with a one stroke penalty.

While we are staying with the standard rule, when you play a tournament at another course you will want to inquire whether they have adopted as a local rule change the option noted.

A special session is being held Thursday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m., at The Lodge at Candler Hills that will go over all the new rules.

Member Two Person Scramble Dec. 11, 2018/Tortoise & The Hare (Back 9)

Flight 1: 42-Linda Mandala, Susane Trembulak; 44-Carla Kimball, Lydia Flinchbaugh; 44-Kay Budd, Dolores Jaynes



Photo by Judy Parisi

LGA-9 holiday party.

Flight 2: 47-Caroline East, Louise Lineman; 49-Sherry Whitmer-Hall, Marcie Hock; 50-Mary Harvey, Mary Vliek.

Tee it Up Scramble Dec. 18, 2018/ Links (Front Loop)

38-Virginia Bayless, Liz Pruss, Suzanne Weirick, Joan Loureiro; 39-Dolores Jaynes, Judy Parisi, Mary Harvey, Linda Heenan; 40-Kay Budd, Maryann Polizzoti, Pauline Beloin, Cathleen Hathaway.

Team Pink Ball - Net Jan. 8/ Tortoise & The Hare (Front 9)

33-Marilyn Davsko, Dawn Hagberg, Suzanne Weirick, Linda Heenan; 34-Linda Dumeer, Jane Wilson, Liz Pruss, Michael Beyer; 38-Eileen Gustavus, Marlene Floeckher, Mary Vliek, Carolyn Salvatore; 38-Janis Hannasch, Maryann Polizzoti, Kathy Dushary, Blind Draw (Jean Flynn); 40-Carla Kimball, Judy Parisi, Donna McCombs, Eve Harvey.



Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Joan Gustafson

We have many new members and we welcome them into CHLGA-league.

In January, we participated in the Club Fair and had our general meeting. Various business matters were discussed and voted upon, such as amendments to our by-laws, and accepting nominees for the 2019 board.

The USGA has made 20 important changes to The Rules of Golf for 2019. We need to make ourselves aware of these changes. They are very beneficial and positive changes. Our league has adopted and started to use these new rules.

The new rules will be discussed on Thursday, Jan. 31 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Join us!

New members and existing members remember to check our league book in the Golf Shop. Information

regarding invitationals is available.

Anyone interested in joining our league should contact Betty Dong at bddong@gmail.com. Applications are available in our league book at the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Until next time, have fun, and hit them straight.

Ribbon Best Ball (Team) Dec. 13, 2018

Flight 1: 66-Mary Jo Lock, Eileen Gustavus.

Flight 2: 67-Pam Carpenter, Toni Stevenson, Beth Wolinsky.

Flight 3: 70-Angelita Jingco, Iro Lisinski, Cheryl Nesbit.

Flight 4: Tie at 71-Judie Anderson, MJ Strelec, Kathy Smyth, Maria Fournier, Rosann Ross, Carol Clark.

Flight 5: 73-Betty Dong, Bobbie Wiener, Anne Dahlen.

Criss/ Cross Jan. 3

Flight 1: -8-Judie Anderson. Tie at -7-Bev Ovrebros, Linda Taylor. Tie at -6-Pam Carpenter, Donna Smith, Sara Nunn.

Flight 2: Tie at -6-Betty Dong, MJ Strelec. -5-Iro Lisinski. Tie at -4-Paula Lilly, Diane O'Brien, Jonell Washburn.



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Deanne Green, Betty Dong, and Sara Nunn representing the Candler Hills LGA-18 at the Club Fair.

Flight 3: -12-Toni Stevenson, -9-Virginia Madura. Tied at -8-Rosann Ross, M Kay Budd. Tied at -7-Sandra Dechambeau, Lori Anderson.

Flight 4: -14-Beth Wolinsky. -8-Cheryl Nesbit. Tie at -5-Mary Ann McCourt.

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Ladies 9-Hole Golf Play Day

Daniel Janiak

I hope all your New Year's resolutions are still going strong! According to statistics, 40 percent of New Year's resolutions end by Jan. 12. If you find yourself in that 40th percentile, I recommend starting 2020 on Jan. 13. So, to the other 60 percent, you can ignore this tip and

just focus on golf tips.

In 2019, we are dealing with rules changes. Please make yourself familiar with these changes in order for you to be accurate with your participation on Thursdays this year. The rules of golf can be very confusing at times and these changes should make things a little easier as well as speed things up.

A few ways to make yourself familiar is to watch the 2019 rules video on youtube.com or visit the USGA website and read about them.

A few changes I personally enjoy

are you now are able to leave the flag in when putting and you can fix spike marks with no penalty. I am sure we have all had an experience with a scuffmark around the cup that deflected our ball away from the hole, which ruined the round of a lifetime.

I am pleased to say we have been receiving new participants weekly for the nine holers. Please inform the new residents you run across of our fun play day on Thursdays. Some may never have played golf and want to try it out. Let them

know about our beginner golf classes that we call, Get Golf Ready. See the Golf Shop for details.

If you have not yet registered to play on Thursdays and are interested, please contact Daniel Janiak at daniel_janiak@otowfl.com. I can answer any questions you may have about our Thursday nine holes play day. From format questions, rates, fees, the registration process, to the rules of golf. I will be your point of contact.

See you next month!



Candler Hills Men's Golf

Dave Miller

With year-end holidays limiting our golf events, now is a good time to let people know about our fun golfing group. Details are at chmga.com.

We are a group of 100-plus fun-loving golfers with wide-ranging handicaps. Annual fee to join is \$30 and we play Tuesday, 9 a.m. shotgun starts. We play a variety of team and individual games. The weekly golf fee for those playing is \$6, which covers shop credit rewards for the top golfers or teams that day. Several events during the year include food and beverages after golf. We also hold tournaments and special events throughout the year. For example, December events included the quest for the Alfster Cup and a Beat The Pro event. We also raise funds for worthy charities.

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

Recent new members include James Marley, Fred Jankowski, Bill Gurbisz, Bill DeRohan, Pete Ogden, Tom Martinetto, Paul Kupsco, Bill Wignall, David Clune and Bruce Shanfelt.

Our board of directors include: Julian Wachs (president), Joe Damata (vice president), Ken Zweiback (treasurer), Dave Miller (secretary) and at-large directors Mike Deahl, Hal Levine and Charlie Taylor. We are skillfully supported by golf professionals Denise Mullen and Daniel Janiak.

4-Man, 2 Best Ball Net Dec. 11, 2018

-23-Charlie Taylor, Dennis McCourt, Mike Brajer & Sam Fox; -18-Terry Sigler, Dave Nelson, Ken Fournier & Dave Miller.

Individual Net Dec. 18, 2018

63-Paul Rubly, 64-Joe Jingco &

John Mayfield, 66-Bill White, 67-Charlie Taylor and 68-Gene Moff.

4-Man Low Net Scramble Jan. 8

-20-Billy Scholp, Bill Wignall, Mike Brajer & John Workman, -19-Walt Pacuk, Dennis McCourt, Ken Zweiback & blind draw, -18-Bill White, Charlie Taylor, Tim Beaty & Danny

Ball, -16-Paul Rubly, George Allen, John Podkomorski & David Green. Closest to the pin-Bill White and Mike Madura.

Scoring well in December were Paul Rubly (75) and Bill White, John Mayfield & Jon Hill (78). Bill White also had an eagle on hole #14.



Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Susan Yenne

Match play has begun with 32 players! The first round of 16 matches determined who is in the winner's bracket and who is in the consolation bracket. Every player is guaranteed at least two matches. To keep up with the game, watch the brackets on the member bulletin board outside the pro shop. Good luck to all.

Be sure to sign up for the Member/Member luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 12 on the sheet on the bulletin board in the members lounge. Make sure you indicate who your partner will be so Russ Smith can pair you up for the tournament. Cost for lunch is \$8, which you can put in an envelope and deposit in the box by the bulletin board. Lunch will be a soup buffet with vegetable and cheese trays and dessert.

Are you having trouble finding 2019 tournament results in Golf Genius? You need to switch from the 2018 to the 2019 portal through settings.

We had 47 league members playing Tuesday, Jan. 8, a great way to start the year.

New members in the last month include Lilly Gee moved to Indigo

East five months ago from Bella Vista, Ark., and has been golfing a few years. Her handicap is 26.4. Christine Parnau moved to On Top of the World the first week of January from Pennsylvania. She's been golfing 20 years and has a handicap of 34.5. Marlena LaClair moved in seven months ago from Pulaski, N.Y. She's been golfing 22 years and has a handicap of 23.7. Joan Gerbo moved from Iowa in November 2018 and has golfed 10 years, but not in the last two years.

Individual Low Gross, Low Net Jan. 8/Links Gross

Flight 1: 81-Deborah Martin. 83-Linda Taylor. 85-Gail Lagrange. Flight 2: 90-Iro Lisinski. 94-Connie Sohl. Tie at 95-Joan D'Addio, Rosemarie O'Neil, Christine McIntire, Debby Wilson. Flight 3: Tie at 94-Sandy Chase, Jill Strey. 99-Pat Lindstrom. Flight 4: 96-Donna Brunell. 98-Dee Howie. 105-Johanna Forceno.

Net

Flight 1: 62-MJ Strelec. 69-Peggy Borro. Tie at 72-Beverly Ovrebø, Vaddonna Hall, Bobbie Wiener. Flight 2: 69-Susan Rhodes. 71-Peggy Wiechmann. Tie at 76-Margaret Hudacik, Peggy Ellenberger. Flight 3: 69-May Chin. 72-Rosann Ross. Tie at 76-Lorie Anderson, Virginia Madura. Flight 4: 70-Ellen Brin. 72-Molly Lucieer. 73-Faye Barbee.

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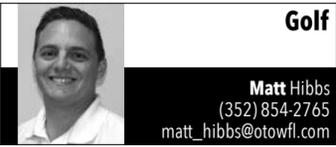
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Golf

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Candler Hills will be hosting the annual World Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament on Friday, Feb. 8 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 - March 13 to 15 at Candler Hills Golf Club with a Pro-Am scheduled for Tuesday, March 12. The benefitting charities will again be Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. For more informa-

tion on the 2019 Ocala Open visit ocalaopen.com.

The On Top of the World staff would like to remind everyone to return all range balls and baskets to the 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 turns helps keep range prices minimal. Also to maximize the use of the grass on the driving range please keep your divots in a linear pattern. This will help keep the driving range in better condition. We appreciate your understanding.

All shop credit expires Thursday, Feb. 28. Any credit won in February will not be posted to your account until Friday, March 1. It's time to shop!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 8: World Sadie Hawkins at Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun. Check

- Golf Shop for details.
- Saturday, Feb. 16: String Event at the Links, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Saturday, Feb. 23: Par 3 Challenge at Candler Hills Golf Club, - 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Tuesday, March 12: Ocala Open Pro-Am at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 13 through Friday, March 15: Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Club.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Bertha Myers, eagle #7. Bill Brandon, eagle #1. Lynne Dickson, eagle #7. Diane O'Brien, eagle #7. Jim Hart, hole-in-one #8.

LINKS: Mike Maillett, eagle #15. Jim Merrick, shot 80, three strokes under his age.

TORTOISE & THE HARE: John Mayfield, shot his age 72. Charles Crenshaw, eagle #3. 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.

- Make sure to hit the ball first. Unlike a greenside bunker you need to hit the ball first.
- Take one extra club than you would from the fairway and slightly grip down on the club.
- Play the ball back in your stance.
- Dig your feet into the sand just enough to build a solid foundation.
- 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.



Men's Golf Association

John Yenne

League play depends on equitable handicaps. So, make a New Year's resolution to post all of your eligible scores in the GHIN system in 2019.

For handicap reporting purposes, adjust your scorecard according to maximum strokes allowed per hole as per this table:

Handicap	Max Allowed
0-9	double bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 or more	10

According to the USGA Handicap System Manual (www.usga.org), scores made under the following conditions are not acceptable:

- When playing alone (peer review is required).
- When six or fewer holes are played.
- When the maximum number of clubs allowed in a competition is less than 14.
- When you use non-conforming clubs, non-conforming balls, non-conforming tees, or artificial devices or specialized equipment such as training aids or a rangefinder that provides information other than distance.
- When you ignore the Rules of Golf during your round. For instance, if you're improving your lie or taking mulligans without a scorecard adjustment, the score would not be acceptable for handicap purposes.

If you play seven to 12 holes, you post a nine-hole score. If you play 13 or more holes, you post an 18-hole score. For unplayed holes, record par plus your handicap strokes per hole.

Having difficulty finding the right league results online this year? You have to go to a new database within Golf Genius (www.golfgenius.com) to access the results. Login with your Golf Genius credentials and from the list of databases, choose "2019 OTOW MGA."

Please welcome our newest members: Thomas LeClaire, Michael Moore, Rex Heitz, Rick Schriever, Robert Gee, Mike McAllister, Dan Gill, Gene Carderelli, Tony Lourerro, Stephen Allen, John Parneau, Bob Leiter, John Nardi and Rick Plesea.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Wednesday play dates:

- Feb. 6: Chicken Day Scramble (Links)
- Feb. 13: Individual Low Net (Tortoise & The Hare)
- Feb. 20: Team Blind Holes

(Links)
Feb. 27: Team Stableford (Tortoise & The Hare)
Individual Blind Holes Net Dec. 26, 2018

Flight 1: 32-Rudy Normandin; Tie at 33-Jarrett Englar & Jim Weaver; 34-Jeff Downs; Tie at 35-Al Wassmer & Michael Almon; Tie at 36-David Miller & Paul Vacula.

Flight 2: 30-Mike Maillett; 31-Charlie Taylor; 32-Brian Wilder
Flight 3: 31-Joesph Bologna; Tie at 33-Charles Zarrell and Alan Varney; Tie at 34-Paul Stoecklin, Paul Wade & Ray Brunell.

Flight 4: Tie at 32-Paul Silliman & Steven Sarkozy; 33-Mike Benes; Tie at 34-Ron Delaney & Bob Barbee.

Flight 5: 26-James Merrick; 31-Ralph Solvold; 33-Vince Dellapenta.
Flight 6: 29-Joe Polizzotti; Tie at 31-Barry Barringer, Jerry Ashe & Roy

Harvey; Tie at 32-Loren Magsam & Charles Miele.

Chicken Day Scramble Jan. 9/Links

Tie at 62-Gary Hassett, Gene Carderelli, Bob Barbee & Jerry Nagel; Jeff Downs, Claude Howie, Tom Neville & Joe Polizzotti. Tie at 63-Fred Strelec, Thomas Laclair, Norman Schulze and Tom Cummings; Brian Wilder, Paul Vacula, Bill Dobbins and Loren Magsam. Tie at 64-James Merrick, Charles Zarrell & Larry Cordill; Raymond Wilson, Dan Goggin, Mike Madura & Clay Norgan.

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Frank Tarentino and Mark D'Addario at the Archery Club table at the Club Fair.

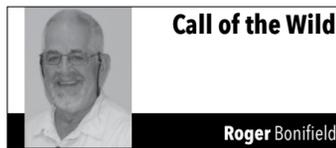


Archery Club
 Frank Tarentino

The bi-annual Club Fair was held on Thursday, Jan. 10 at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Frank Tarentino and Mark D'Addario were on hand to answer questions and explain the requirements for joining

the club and participating on the future archery range. A free raffle was held for an Archery Club hat, and the winner was Rick Meister. Congratulations!

We hope to see you at our regular club meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. For more information, please contact Frank Tarentino at otowac@outlook.com or (978) 979-0814.



Call of the Wild
 Roger Bonifield

At the recent Club Fair, I was asked, "What are you guys all about? What do you do?" I had to think about that a little bit, but answered, "We are about developing friendships and helping each other learn more about how to enjoy Florida's great outdoors. From small group trips to local lakes for shore fishing, a little rabbit or deer hunting, to deep sea fishing trips with 30 or more people, we simply

enjoy getting outdoors and sharing the experiences with each other."

Most of the club members are like me, new to Florida, and have a lot to learn about hunting and fishing down here. For example, you never have to drill a hole in the ice to go fishing, and you don't need a set of super thermal long johns and a heavy Woolrich coat to go deer hunting. Aside from the obvious, there is much to learn, not just about hunting what and where, but also the huge variety of fishing available and the tackle necessary to be successful. Fortunately, with over 100 members, we can draw on the knowledge of other members who have been doing all of the above for years, many born and raised Floridians. So, whether you are new here, or been in Florida for several years, please come and join us.

Although our meetings are primarily social for members to meet each other and set up trips, we do bring in guest speakers from time to time with a great deal of information to share. As mentioned above, we get together for shore and deep-sea fishing trips, our famous club fish fry coming up this April, and many other great activities. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month, from noon to 2 p.m., currently in the Hobby Building Event Room, next to the Recreation Center. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 6.

If you would like any other information, please feel free to contact me directly at rogerb4949@gmail.com.



Bingo
 Denise Johnson

Welcome back to our fun evening of winning money! Our first bingo of 2019 was a great success. We had 230 in attendance. It was a night of multiple winners of many of the games. I hope you were one. The final jackpot was not won, so it is rolling over at \$140 for next week.

New hours at The Pub enabled us to purchase drinks and snacks at half time. Come try The Pub "Crawl" menu. It's delish!

Hope to see all of your smiling faces in the weeks to come. Remember, it only takes that special card to shout ... bingo!

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The most exciting thing we have facing us is the prospect of a new, improved, flying field with a paved runway (if things work out). The timing is dependent on the progress of the overall development of the area, so we must be patient. In the meantime, we will negotiate the entry road as necessary to accommodate the construction.

I hope that you took the opportunity to come out to the latest Club Fair in January. We had a selection of our models on display including some daily flyers as well as our pride-and-joy favorites. If your interest has been piqued, come out to the flying field and learn more from the members there. We have an intro-flyer program that offers a chance to fly a club trainer at no cost or risk to you. If you decide that you want to be involved in the fun, we have a formal training program that advances novices to pi-



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2019 R/C Flyers officers.

lots qualified to fly on their own. Our meeting location has been changed from previous years due to the number of new forming clubs that need to be accommodated and the new activities to be housed in

existing facilities. The new location is the Hobby Building Card Room until the former Billiards Room next door is renovated, after which we will move there on a permanent basis. We are told that the renova-

tions are scheduled to take a month or two. Available parking is outside the Wood Shop or in the Recreation Center parking lot closest to SW 98th Street. Visitors are welcome. See you next month!



On a beautiful early January Sunday we had one of our better race days with a total of 23 racers running more than 50 cars for a total of 24 races. A large group of spectators was thrilled by an afternoon with close races and some spectacular flips, spins, and crashes.

The current format of eight classes with qualifying and points races for each class has worked out well. With this format the competition has become more even. The December class champions are as follows:

Novice—Ed Walsh; Rage—Phil Paquette; Two-wheel buggy—Chuck Frederick & Bob Melzer; Two-wheel

truggy—Paul Beyer; Two-wheel truck—Phil Paquette; Four-wheel buggy—JD Taylor; Four-wheel truggy—Tom Seitz; Four-wheel truck—Bob Melzer.

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

In the past few months, we have had several new members, and one of the frequently asked questions is "What parts should I keep on hand and where do I get them?" As to which parts to keep on hand, a pinion and spur gear is one of the parts that requires frequent replacement. A set of wheel bearings is also good to have. Beyond this, each car is different, so it is best to talk to one of the more experienced racers for suggestions.

Parts may be purchased locally at New Red Hobbies. Let's Race Hobbies in Leesburg also has a reasonable stock. Online some of the

larger vendors are Amain, Hobby Explosion (good for especially Rage parts), and, of course, eBay.

Come out and let us introduce

you to one of the most fun sports at On Top of the World! We will be glad to help you join, and spectators are always encouraged.



Several carloads of Christmas donations were delivered by Captain Lois Nix to the Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center. Children and their mothers were happily excited on Christmas Day. Thank you to all shuffleboard ladies who so graciously donated.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m., we will have a board meeting at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. All members are invited to

attend and discuss the March tournament, budget, and other club business.

We welcome all ladies in On Top of the World to join us. We will help you learn how to play.

Ladies shuffleboard now has 54 members who enjoy games every Wednesday, at 9 or 11 a.m.

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Tennis

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Please thank Marty Kartzmark for volunteering to be the captain (coordinator) for the inter-community tennis venture with Stone Creek. It is my hope that everyone will collaborate and participate in this friendly competition with our neighbor community. It should be fun and we should develop new friendships as a result.

The tennis committee will be planning additional social activities in the near future. If we have enough players interested in playing in the USTA leagues, I would be very happy to help with organizing a team and scheduling practices.

Sometimes, as tennis players, we can relate what we do in tennis to what other athletes do in their respective sports in order to help us perform better in tennis. In this opportunity, I would like to parallel tennis and baseball.

What We Can Learn From Baseball

It is not often that tennis and baseball are used in the same sentence, however between the two sports there are some commonalities - having to hit a ball at high speeds, the throwing mechanics of

a pitcher are similar to those of a serve motion in tennis, and both sports require fast reflexes and reactions.

Both sports suffer from shoulder and elbow injuries that can sometimes linger for months at a time. In baseball, more time is spent in strengthening the shoulder area including the rotator cuff. At the recreational level, many of the injuries are due to poor technique, lack of injury prevention, work and overuse. The same way a pitcher has a limit on pitches, a tennis player should limit a weekly playtime in order to allow the body a chance to recover and heal. Increasing the range of motion has also been shown to decrease shoulder injuries.

In tennis, the serve goes through a series of stages just like a pitcher when throwing. When teaching the serve in tennis, a lot of coaches start with the fundamentals of the throwing motion. This requires not just learning the proper biomechanics, but also controlling the body through each phase of the motion. The pitching motion and the tennis serve start by shifting back into a loading position. Then they rotate and cock the arm before accelerating and releasing all of the stored energy. Both motions decelerate at the end, but because of the weight and length of the tennis racquet, it takes some stress off the shoulder. The important lesson

here is the transfer of weight and rotational control are the keys to accuracy and placement.

Reaction speed is a key component to tennis and baseball alike. A batter has to react to the incoming pitch and make the proper adjustments, the same way a tennis player returning a serve has to react to the change in ball speed, bounce and direction after it bounces. Improving anticipation and reflexes to improve reaction time will help improve return of serve reaction speed.

Hand-eye coordination is extremely important in helping the brain process all incoming information. The faster one reacts, the easier it becomes to return the incoming serve or the pitch. A base-

ball player reacts to the ball coming out of the pitcher's hand. In tennis, a lot of players react to the player instead of the ball. This causes a delay in reaching the next ball and places the individual out of position for the next shot.

Training the reflexes and anticipation reduces the amount of time a player will get caught out of position on the court or setting up for a ball.

Work on watching the ball the second it leaves your opponent's racquet rather than waiting for the ball to be on your side of the net to react. Learn to read the speed and the spin of the ball as well as the height and type of bounce it will have before it makes contact with your racquet. See you on the courts!



Pickleball

Paul Brunner

Over the past few years pickleball has become the fastest growing sport around. On Top of the World is the perfect example. In its infancy several years ago, when the term pickleball was foreign to most, Rick Vogel kick started the Pickleball Club. Two tennis courts near the Recreation Center would be converted to six pickleball courts. Rarely were all six courts utilized. In no time at all, many residents caught on and things started to change. It became clear that more pickleball courts would be necessary, and the two remaining tennis courts nearby would also be converted.

The Brunners took over the management of the club from Rick about four years ago, and during that time the club has grown from 40 members to over 200. The exploding popularity of pickleball keeps our current 12 courts quite full in the morning, once again proving the need for more courts. Our members are looking forward to the addition of another 12 courts in 2019.

Change is always inevitable and it was time for the Brunners to pass the baton to new leadership. In a club meeting it was determined that Ron Harden, Steve Schlesselman, and Erik Cambier would be the new administrators of the club along with five, or possibly more, player representatives. We thank them and are excited about the new ideas they have in store for the Pickleball Club.

One in particular is expanded introduction classes and clinics that will benefit all levels of play. Our two intro instructors, John Mullin and Tom Roach, will be holding introduction/beginner classes every Wednesday on the lower courts, at 10 a.m. All residents or current members wishing to learn pickleball or improve their skills are welcome. No reservation is required. Just be ready to play. Court shoes (preferred) or athletic shoes are recommended and bring enough water to stay hydrated.

We have enjoyed our term as club administrators and hope our new leadership has as much fun. Thank you.

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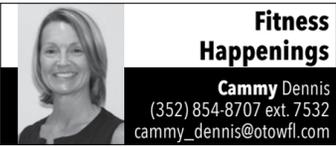
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Let's All Take a Hike

There is no denying that exercise is good for us and if we take it outdoors, it might be even better! Most people know about the many health benefits derived from regular physical activity, but did you know that exercising outdoors has unique rewards that you cannot always get in the gym? Spending time in the great outdoors has some terrific effects on both you and your brain. Some of those are:

- Boosted immune system function. This is due to an increase in the body's NK cells (natural killer). Natural killer cells are a type of white blood cells that play a vital role in fighting tumors and virally infected cells. Studies have shown that people who go camping for three days have significant increase in NK cells.
- Improved mood. There is an increase in the feel good brain chemicals. You have probably heard that exercise induces endorphins (brain chemicals), which stimulate a positive feeling. Being outside and interacting with nature triggers that same response. Therefore, we can increase the mood-boosting effect by exercising outdoors.
- Potential improvement in brain health. New studies involving brain scans have demonstrated a thickening of the brain tissue with certain types of meditation. Spending quiet time outdoors, connecting with nature, is very similar to the focused presence that meditation can provide.

The fitness team invites you to celebrate wellness in the great outdoors! Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. for a very special opportunity to "Take a Hike" and walk from the Recreation Center to the Power Park (northwest corner of SW 99th Street Road and SW 90th Street). No registration or fees! For more information, please call (352) 387-7532.



Fit Tips

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Creating Healthy Habits

2019 is off and running but has your resolution run out of steam? This is the perfect time of year to commit to feeling and looking your best. Start by building healthy habits. Here are some tips for successful behavior change and creating healthy habits that last. If you need some guidance on how to get started with an exercise or a nutrition plan, please come see me at the Recreation Center or call me at (352) 387-7531.

FIT TIP #1: Find your "Why!" Stay connected to the important

Recreation Center Group Wellness						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	
8:00 AM	Dance Party Denise	S.O.S. Jonathan	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Boomer Beat Daria	
9:00 AM	Strength & Stretch Tucker	KBKB Han	Intro to Yoga Julie	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Tucker	
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Tucker	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne	
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Jessica	S.O.S. Ingrid	Move to Improve Larry	S.O.S. Larry	
11:00 AM Ballroom Location	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Madelyne	
12:00 PM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Daria	
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.*

Arbor Fitness Center Group Wellness						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	
8:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	
9:00 AM	Yoga Julie	Boomer Beat Jessica	Yoga Linda	Boomer Beat Cammy	Yoga Renu	
10:00 AM	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Jessica	STRONG Linda	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Roger	
11:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	OPEN Fitness On Demand	
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Yoga Club 4:00-5:00	OPEN Fitness On Demand	
1:00 PM		Posture Assessments**	Orientation**			
Arbor Conference Center	(Suites E, F & G) 8:00 AM Qi Gong 9:00 AM Tai Chi Art			(Suites E, F & G) 9:00 AM Qi Gong 10:00 AM Intro to Tai Chi Art		

*Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM
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Arbor Fitness Center Indoor Pool						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***	
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open	
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Open	

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reason "why" you want to improve your health. This will help to reinforce your new healthy habits. Do you want to travel, play with the grand kids, get stronger or just feel better? Whatever it is, stay true to "why" you want to improve your health!

FIT TIP #2: Reap the reward! Your new "healthy habit" should have a reward. Example: you are trying to exercise more but are struggling with the motivation to do so. Find a workout buddy to go with. This way your new "exercise habit" is tied to the reward of social time spent with a friend.

FIT TIP #3: Piggyback your habits! Start by adding the new desired habit to an existing habit that you do every day. For example, let us say that you have a cup of coffee every morning and your desired habit is to eat healthier. When you have your morning coffee, sit down and plan a healthy menu for the day.

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Horseshoe League

Paul Pardee

Horseshoe pitching is among the many traits and activities the early Americans brought from the United Kingdom. During the Revolutionary War, American soldiers found horseshoes to be good war-time recreation and Union soldiers pitched mule shoes in the Civil War camps.

But the history of pitching horseshoes started long before American history. The Roman soldiers filled idle time with games that consisted of tossing metal rings called quoits over stakes pounded in the ground. A quoit is a metal disk with a hole in the middle that may at one time

have been a weapon. A game of quoits consisted of throwing the disk attempting to land it over a hob or pin embedded in soft clay.

Some historians speculate that Roman officers played quoits while their underlings improvised by pitching horseshoes. Others believe it happened the other way around. Soldiers began by pitching horseshoes and someone began forming the shoes into rings.

Whichever way the game started it currently is played by throwing horseshoes at a stake driven in the ground, called a pit, sometimes sand but more commonly in soft clay. The throwing distance for men under age 70 is 37 feet. For women and men 70 and over is reduced to 27 feet. The object is to land the shoe so that the stake is within the U shape of the shoe and this is called a ringer, scoring

3 points.

One unique feature of horseshoes is that landing a shoe in proximity of the stake within the width of a shoe (approximately five inches) and score one point. Thus, the origin of the commonly heard phrase "close only counts in horseshoes."

The horseshoe league plays on Tuesdays in the winter season with a start time of 10 a.m. Every resident is welcome. The system developed to provide a level playing field among the range of skill levels seems to be working well based on the number of matches decided by a point or two and surprisingly often ends in a tie. Similar to a golf handicap, each player is assigned a "handicap" that reflects their relative skill level based on their performance each week. The more the scores improve, the lower your

handicap.

Our system of drawing "chips" out of a bag ensures a random selection of competition. The number on the chip determines which pit to be play on, the color indicates the shoes to be thrown and who the opponent will be.

The winter season is nearing the halfway mark and the competition is heating up. Four players have won 75 percent of their games. Two of them, Betty the Hooker and Big Stick Larry are no surprise.

No one can match Betty's ringer proficiency, but Larry is not far behind in that category. Jean Aronson, the only other female player, is starting to get our attention. And Roger Baker, who just snow birded in a couple of weeks ago, is pitching well but is not yet at the top of his game.



Cornhole Club

Jim Russell

Open play continues during the month of February on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Turnout has been excellent in the new year now that the holidays are behind us and we're back to a "regular" routine. Let's hope the weather gods continue to favor us with more great Florida temperatures as we move into February.

Our mixed doubles league play also recently resumed with eight teams vying for the winter league

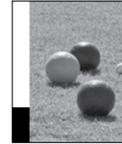
championship. We'll have to wait for the final round on March 7 to see who comes out on top. Competition will be tight with bragging rights and a nice first place prize on the line.

We would like to thank all the folks who came by the Cornhole Club table at the recent bi-annual Club Fair in January. As On Top of the World continues to grow, these bi-annual Club Fairs offer an excellent opportunity for new residents to become familiar with the many clubs and organizations we have to choose from, keeping us active and involved. Cornhole is growing in popularity and with many newcomers familiar with the game and eager to play, we look forward to lots

of new faces joining in on the fun.

Of course, cornhole is not the only activity growing in popularity. Our friends and neighbors also like to play pickleball. As a result, cornhole, pickleball and horseshoes will all be benefiting from the growth by having some new facilities added in the next year or so. Plans are in the works to move the cornhole/horseshoe complex from its current location (next to the softball field) to a new location just down SW 98th Street near the new Crescent Ridge III community currently under construction. The new site will feature a Veterans Memorial as well as many other activities. The current cornhole/horseshoe area will be replaced with additional pickleball

courts. These changes are scheduled to take place in late 2019 or early 2020, so it will be business as usual at our current cornhole location for the immediate future.



Bocce

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. With the addition of the new courts, no one has been turned away from playing. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and the numbers of players per court can be decided upon before start. 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!

Lights have been installed at the courts and you can now play in the evening hours as well. This is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Several league and open players have expressed interest in forming an evening league. If you would be interested, please contact Terry Connolly at (352) 300-3043, or Ed Barnes at (850) 322-1033 and let them know what day/days and time slot would be good for you. A sign-up sheet will be available on open and league play dates as well. More information to follow as information becomes available for evening play.

The league times for play will remain the same. We have eight teams that play on Tuesdays, at 9 a.m., six teams on Tuesdays, at 11 a.m., and six teams on Thursdays, at 10 a.m. If you are interested in playing on a team, or being a substitute, please contact President Terry Connolly.

A directory is in the storage unit, which contains an alphabetical list of all members. You may sign up on the list at the beginning of the directory if you would be interested in being a substitute for Team play.

The Bocce Club league board will be meeting soon to discuss the annual banquet, best of bocce, and evening play. If you have any ideas, or would like to help with the planning, please contact Terry Connolly.

All are welcome to watch and learn or play. For further information, please contact Terry Connolly, president, Bocce Club at (352) 300-3043.

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Sidekicks Western Dance

Carla Magri

What do El Paso and Palm Springs have in common? Yep, both are American cities. Yep, both are out west. But to the Sidekicks they're just two of our many dances. They also both happen to be cha chas, which is one of the different dance rhythms we do. Waltz, swing, rumba, polka - you'll see them all and more at a country and western dance, but they'll be done to mostly country music.

The Sidekicks welcomed 2019 with our annual dance party, and a lovely night it was: food, dancing and the opportunity to socialize and enjoy the fellowship of the club. Not to mention that a great job was done by our entertainment committee.

We'll be learning some new dances and preparing for our Valentine's Day party, and we plan on having a rip-roarin' good time. We all know that dancing is wonderful exercise for both body and mind, so we hope to make this a healthy and fun year. Happy trails ...



Line Dancing

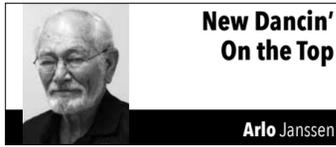
Nancy Carmack

All line dance classes resumed on Monday, Jan. 7, after having a holiday break. Our practice sessions resumed on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Practices include many new dances, old classics and reviews for the monthly dance. The February monthly dance will be extra special as it falls on Valentine's Day.

There have been some changes made due to our growing community and the necessity of more rooms for all the activities that are offered. Marilyn McNeal teaches four classes on Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Nancy Carmack teaches an intermediate class, which is the most advanced class here in On Top of the World. Because of the new changes, that class has been moved to the Arbor Conference, Suites E and F, and is also on Mondays, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge for the intermediate class, so if you're interested in giving it a try, just come and join us. Whether you are dancing for health benefits or just because you love to dance, it is always fun. Come join us at The Town Square Thursday through Saturday and Happy Hour on Friday night in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Just remember to step when the drum goes thump.

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

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New Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

New Dancin' On the Top's final dance of 2018 was our New Year's Eve celebration on Monday, Dec. 31. It was an over-the-top success story. There was plenty of dancing, food, and pastries; and, at midnight, a toast to 2019 was celebrated with champagne. The winner of the 50/50 special grand prize was Shirley Rutledge. A big "thank you"

to those who volunteered to help with the dance. New Dancin' On the Top's dances are for your dancing pleasure.

The theme for our upcoming Valentine's Day dance on Saturday, Feb. 16 is "Moonlight and Roses". The dress code will be semi-formal, and the band is Automatic. Ticket sales will take place on Monday, Feb. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Resident I.D.s will be required at the time of ticket purchase.

New Dancin' On the Top has five dances during the year. We'll have a special Valentine's dance in Feb-

ruary, and four more dances during the year: April, September, November, and New Year's Eve. Keep watching for the exciting themes of each dance to be announced, and more information along with ticket sale dates.

For information on club membership, tickets, what the club is about; or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Jack or Jean Hester at (919) 291-8542 or hestermulch@aol.com; or Donna Cottrell at (410) 591-7899. New Dancin' On the Top is open to all residents. So, keep on dancing.



Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

The Ballet Club was very happy to participate in the 2019 Health & Wellness Expo. We did a demonstration that briefly indicated the type of classes we offer. First, we used ballet barres, and showed some of the traditional ballet exercises we use to warm our bodies and ready us for dancing without barres. Then, we did some short dances, one of which the group has

done for over 11 years. It is hard to believe that the Ballet Club has been in existence that long; but it makes us very happy.

Our club has grown a lot, and we often have newcomers at our classes. However, the group is very welcoming, and many friendships are made which extend outside classes. Yes, we do get together to exercise to beautiful music and learn a centuries old dance tradition. However, we also get together to have fun and make friends.

As I have said many times, newcomers are always welcome to come to class. To start, ballet clothes are not necessary. Just wear exercise

clothes and socks. And bring a bottle of water. A neck roll is also suggested for the floor barre class on Saturdays. It is best to call me first, however, so we will be expecting you.

Here is our class schedule:

- Tuesdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: 2 to 3:15 p.m.
- Fridays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. to noon (floor barre first)

For now, our classes are held in the group exercise room in the Recreation Center. If you would like any information on our classes, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



New Circle Squares

Noreen Church

Do you square dance or want to learn? The New Circle Squares is offering beginner square dance lessons starting Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 5:15 p.m. prior to the regular dance. Our current dancers will help with lessons, after which the

students may stay to watch the regular dance to get to know us and enjoy refreshments. Rod Barngrover, caller, will teach. Bring a friend along, as all are welcome.

Don't miss one of our specialty square dances, "The Wearing of the Green" set for Saturday, March 16 with caller/cuer, Jack Lewis in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This is a must-attend event. Early rounds are at 7 p.m. with squares following until 9:30 p.m. For more information, call Dotty at (352) 502-6789.

The current 2019 dance schedule through May is Wednesdays, Feb. 6 and 20, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, and May 1 and 15. The New Circle Squares regular dances are in Suites E, F, and G of the Arbor Conference Center, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please join us.

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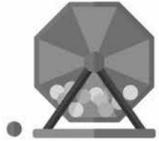


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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera

The Billiard Club would like to extend its sincere appreciation for the new Billiard Room at On Top of the World and all the staff involved in making it such a success. Very special thanks to our community's general manager, Lynette Vermillion, and program supervisor, Theresa Fields, for their tireless efforts and patience during the exhaustive planning, discussions and countless changes.

We'd like to remind everyone of the two special carve-out times when the room has limited availability. With a few exceptions, every Tuesday the men's league has practice and matches from noon to about 4 p.m. Similarly, the ladies league meets on Mondays, from 9 a.m. to noon, and the long-standing policy continues that the room is "ladies only" during those hours. On weeks that the ladies have a match at another facility, or there is no scheduled league match, then men may enter the room after 11 a.m. A schedule of which times apply is posted on the bulletin board.

We have started a snooker group for those specifically interested in the game. The purposes of the group are to identify those interested, provide contact information so games can be arranged, disseminate snooker-related information, and to hold classes, tournaments or other events, as group members so desire. If you'd like to join the group please sign up on the bulletin board.

There have been a number of questions as to table size. The tables in the two columns at the left of the room (tables one to eight) are all full-size nine-foot tables. Tables nine through 11 are eight-foot tables. It is an absolute truism that the more balls you make the more fun you have, and we would encourage all those players whose skills are, shall we say "still developing," to consider using the smaller tables. The larger tournament-size tables are a challenge for serious players and even professionals, and if having a good time is your goal, you'll certainly have more fun on the eight-footers at right. Those three tables are also in spacious areas, with less interference from players on other tables.

We've noticed many people playing on dark tables, and leaving without turning table lights off. This is likely because the light switches are no longer at the table itself. There are two banks of switches near the front door, and two other banks near the rear doors. The light switch for your table should be next to the closest door. We'd request that everyone turn off their table light when they leave.

We also firmly request that people do not place their cue cases on top of the chair arms, or on top of an uncovered table. Most cases have metal hinges, strap swivels, zippers or rivets, all of which are guaranteed to eventually damage the chair arms and cloth. Please mind this rule, and remind others, for the preservation of the excellent facility we have been given.

Thanks again to our community staff; we're very grateful!

Hoofin' It for Hospice

By Bob Woods
 World News Writer

The annual Hoofin' It for Hospice will take place on Saturday, March 16 at Shalom Park. This fundraising event is open to the public and is a two-mile leisurely walk around beautiful Shalom Park.

This is not a race. There is no winner for finishing first. All monies raised will be donated to Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House - the real winner.

Clubs are urged to participate with either walkers or donations supporting this event.

Registration will take place at 9 a.m. at Shalom Park and the walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. Additional information can be obtained by calling the event organizer, Valerie Sanders, at (352) 873-8605.

Come out and show your support for this worthy cause.

Car Cruise Fun

By Bill Bender

On the clear but cold morning of Dec. 11, 2018, 30 hardy residents in 14 special cars convened at the Recreation Center. The purpose was to caravan to Swampy's Restaurant in Dunnellon for lunch and some beloved "car talk." The vehicles represented the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, and beyond. It was a diverse group of classic originals, both domestic and foreign, and even one spectacular street rod.

We departed at 11 a.m., motor-ing down SR 200 and arrived at our destination about an hour later. The group milled around admiring each other's ride and then sat down for a great lunch. It was most interesting to meet neighbors who are also interested in special vehicles. The smiles on the faces revealed that all enjoyed it.

This outing was quite informally organized with just messages posted on Facebook, but the response was overwhelming. There is obviously a broad interest in this kind of activity. Several of the attendees

expressed the desire in forming a car club so that we can do more of this.

To that end, George Hill, Don Zielke, Lee Simmonds, and Bill Bender have started a discussion to pursue such an endeavor. If this interests you, please provide your contact information to George Hill at ghilljr.500@gmail.com. George has already gotten the ball rolling by initiating the cars and coffee gathering at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli at 8:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month. This is an informal time to just hang out, talk cars, and gain insights into upcoming events in the area.

Our next outing is planned for Saturday, Feb. 16, in conjunction with the George Albright (Tax Collector) ninth annual Car & Truck Show. Check it out at mctc.charities@mariontax.com (they've promised to take a day off from collecting!). We will meet at the Recreation Center between 8:15 and 9 a.m., and cruise to the show at 9:10 a.m. This presents a good opportunity to come early and enjoy breakfast out at The Pub!

We have lots of ideas on how we can support the broad interests of our residents who enjoy special vehicles. Plan to come out and join us!



Photo by Bill Bender

One impressive street rod in the group.



Photo by Jan Spielvogel

Carmen and her donations.

Donating Spirit

By Jan Spielvogel

A very special happy Valentine's Day from the Happy Hookers! The world is a much better place when we can share it with people we care about and who brighten our world.

One of the bright spots in our group is our featured member this month - Carmen Goyco. While Carmen has only been a part of Happy Hookers for four months she has been crocheting for 40 years. She learned the craft at the age of seven when her grandmother insisted she learn. Carmen's family certainly has benefited from her skills and projects, but these days her work is done for charity (Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center) and the military. She recently donated baby afghans and toys.

Happy Hookers meets every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Craft Room. Our group is open to all residents. There are no dues or agen-

da and no 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 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. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, please 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 need, donations are appreciated. Please call Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 for pick-up of these items.

ShutterBugs Photography Contest

By Connie Filip

Congratulations to everyone who entered our ShutterBugs photography contest in 2018! It was great to see so many interesting and creative photos on display.

And congratulations to our intermediate skill-level winners. Read on to hear the story behind their photos.

First prize was awarded to Connie Filip for her photo of a Lipizzaner stallion. It was taken in Guatemala, just as the horse went from rearing on his hind legs, to leaping up into the air. Timing is everything!

Second place belongs to Linda

Uhley. She found "Jiminy Cricket" at the Oakland Nature Park on a ShutterBugs field trip. At least that's what she thought while walking in the park on a hot day and heard him chirp. She could just hear Jiminy Cricket saying, "here I am - take my picture." Of course, it wasn't Jiminy Cricket but this beautiful grasshopper posed for her.

Third prize was awarded to Tom Murray. Tom found this itchy-bitsy spider while on a field trip to Paynes Praire on the Bolen Bluff Trail with the Unique Birders. When he saw the spider web lit by the sun shining through the trees, he knew

it would make a great photo.

ShutterBugs start looking for photo opportunities for an entry into 2019's special category of night photos for your winning shot.

Our February field trip will be to Central Florida Zoo in Sanford. The zoo offers a group rate of \$12 per person for seniors. You can read more at centralfloridazoo.org.

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

Our ShutterBugs have contributed items for display at Master the Possibilities with the theme, "Looking Back in Time: Reflections of 50 Years Ago." Thanks go to Gordon Daniels for his coordination.

Consider stopping by 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.

We're showing a new National Geographic travel instructional video series - "The Art of Travel Photography." Stop in and learn along with us!

Our monthly club schedule:

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

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.



Photo by ShutterBug Connie Filip

Arriba.



Photo by ShutterBug Linda Uhley

Love my color, don't you?



Photo by ShutterBug Tom Murray

Green and yellow spider.



Active Living

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Most of us are fortunate to say our home is in the Sunshine State. We can truly say we live in paradise when you look at the weather across the nation. Our Recreation & Wellness Connections guide is now out and full of exciting trips, activities and fitness events that will help you get out and enjoy what Florida has to offer, along with fulfilling some of those New Year's resolutions. If you did not receive your copy in your January edition of the World News you can pick up a copy at the Recreation Center.

Line Dance Classes*

Learn the latest line dancing steps! Choose your class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level, if necessary. The cost is \$10 per four-week class each month (monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays).

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! For more information, please contact Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 or boarstfarm@aol.com.

- Absolute Beginners (Mondays, noon to 1 p.m.): Step patterns described, practiced and used in simple patterns. Step sheets for each dance provided.
- Improver Plus (Mondays, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Line dance experience required. This class is slightly easier than Intermediate. Learn current popular line dances.
- Beginner Level II (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.
- Beginner Level I (Mondays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Participants have completed Absolute Beginners. Dancers have some experience now, and know many step patterns. Easy dances are taught with additional step patterns added.
- Introduction to Line Dance (Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.): This class is for anyone wanting to learn to line dance. Very basic step patterns are taught. This class will include many easy dances.

Ballroom Dance Lessons*

Professional ballroom dance instructor Butch Phillips is here to teach you the art of ballroom dancing! Butch earned teaching certificates in American style bronze, silver and gold as well as bronze in international ballroom and international Latin and is a nationally certified country and western judge. Butch is a devoted and qualified instructor.

We encourage anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Participants will be evaluated to determine the class levels needed. Classes will be held on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$30 for three

weeks of class each month. The following classes will be taught: February-Tango, March-West Coast Swing and April-Foxtrot.

Tropic Trivia Night*

Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions as we have added more tables which increases your winnings! Trivia is held on the first Thursday of every month with the next one on Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We will have tables of eight and you will select the team names. Please note you must have four or more paid contestants at a table to select a team name. Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. All beverages must be purchased at The Pub (no outside beverages permitted). Water is available at no charge.

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

January Winners

1: House of Windsor 2: Eight is Enough 3: Gym Rats.

Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens*

Escape to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens for the only walking safari in Northeast Florida on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Discover the earth's wildlife through interactive and educational experiences. 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 (Trout River Grill and Palm Plaza Café), as well as snack and drink shops. The cost of the trip is \$48 per person, and this includes transportation, admission, and narrated train ride around the zoo. Lunch will be on your own. Please note there is an additional fee for Stingray Bay and 4-D theatre.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday night in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 4 to 8 p.m. and on the outside veranda of the Recreation Center, from 3 to 6 p.m. Please note there will not be a Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom or the veranda on Friday, Feb. 1.

The entertainment lineup for February is as follows:

- Feb. 1: No Happy Hour
- Feb. 8: TC & Sass (Ballroom); Johnny G. (Veranda)
- Feb. 15: Crystal Vision (Ballroom) The Joesi (Veranda)
- Feb. 22: Kathleen Kane (Ballroom); Hal Dodd (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 into Happy Hour. Please note that no beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour.

Florida State Fair*

Join us for a day at the Florida State Fair on Thursday, Feb. 14. You'll enjoy rides, games, entertainment, crafts and food. You will also have the opportunity to attend the Country Gold Tour at an ad-

ditional cost paid at the gate. The cost for this trip is \$35 per person, which includes transportation and entry into the fair.

Home Improvement Expo

Mark your calendar for On Top of the World Communities' ninth annual Home Improvement Expo on Saturday, Feb. 16, 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!

Victory Casino Cruise*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on our next trip scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation. Live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. 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.

Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre*

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 24, for the comedy "What the Bellhop Saw" at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre. A fantastic comedy involving an author in hiding, a bumbling assassin, a wife from hell, a coniving bellboy, and an incompetent F.B.I. agent. Gag lines are popping as events transpire at a whirlwind velocity. Humor blends with the traditional antics of farce: doors slamming, characters careening and confusion reigning supreme. The laughs keep on coming and it is a rip-roaring good time. Show time is at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$68 per person and includes transportation, show, dinner and dinner tips.

Social Hour

We will now hold Social Hour on the fourth Thursday of every month (except November). Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music as The Mudd's perform jazz and blues for the evening. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. This is a free event.

Community News

We are excited to announce that the Arbor Activity Center is completed and open. Residents will have more than enough to do at this new facility.

The Arbor Activity Center brings additional parking to the complex. The building has a scanned entry and requires residents to bring their resident I.D. cards. Residents must accompany their guests.

Upcoming Events in March

Contact the Recreation Center office to find out more information.

- Thursday, March 7: Tropic Trivia Night*
- Thursday, March 7: Strawberry Festival*
- Tuesday, March 12: City Walk & Blue Man Group*
- Thursday, March 14: Fire Extinguisher Safety Check*
- Friday, March 15: Gatornationals*
- Monday, March 18: Rags to Riches sign up begins
- Tuesday, March 19: St. Johns River Cruise*
- Thursday, March 21: Electronic Recycling
- Friday, March 22: Lakeridge Winery & Seafood Festival* and "Mardi Gras" Happy Hour
- Tuesday, March 26: Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks*
- Wednesday, March 27: Victory Casino Cruise*
- Thursday, March 28: Social Hour with Long White Cloud and Room Request meeting for 2020

*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. Events and trips are open to residents and their guests. A guest is defined as anyone not holding a current "Gateway of Services" resident ID and additional fees apply.

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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	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
Friendship Center	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
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Antiques & Collectibles Club

Susan Johannes

Our club keeps growing. We are meeting collectors with varied interests. It is so wonderful to learn from one another. Arthur, Joe, Andi and I met many potential members at the Club Fair in January. I hope to see you at our meetings.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. We are looking forward to a presentation on "picking," from our Vice President Joe Moia. I bet you didn't know we had our own "American picker" right here. He will speak about his experiences, give helpful hints, and present some of his finds.

We are also planning an excursion on Saturday, Feb. 16 to Renninger's Antique Extravaganza in Mount Dora. This is the last Extravaganza of the season. The next one isn't until next November. They usually have over 1,000 dealers present, so wear your walking shoes.

If any of these activities seem appealing to you, come and join us at our next meeting on Feb. 27. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, September through May, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, from 10 a.m. to noon. Be sure to bring an item to be evaluated at our own "Antiques Roadshow." It's lots of fun.

If you would like more information, please contact Susan Johannes at (570) 862-8785 or victoran@brighthouse.com.



Theatre Group

Leslie Miller

Imagine stepping off a noisy, bustling sidewalk complete with the smell of street-vendor hot dogs and car exhaust into a luxurious, crimson-draped lobby with flourishes of gold-painted embellishments. Next, you hand your ticket to an usher who directs you to a worn, velour-covered seat, from where you hear violins and woodwinds warming up with a cacophony of sounds, preparing for a stirring overture that will take you to another place and time. Then the curtain opens, and the stage explodes with sound and color to begin the magic.

Although we don't have loud traffic, a lobby or a house curtain, this spring the Theatre Group plans to transform the Recreation Center Ballroom into a Broadway playhouse for your entertainment. On Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m., the group will present "42nd and Broadway," a presentation of some of your favorite songs from popular New York shows.

Mark your calendar now, and plan to get tickets in the Recreation Center Ballroom (on sale through March 27) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the cost of \$10 per ticket for general seating. In addition to getting a terrific night of entertainment, you will be contributing to the scholarship that our group gives to a deserving College of Central Florida student who is majoring in the arts.

Rehearsals for the show have already begun, and the singers and backstage crew are hard at work to make sure that every number is a delight for the audience. The Theatre Group has invested in some new sound equipment to make sure that the listeners have a good experience in the venue. Body microphones will be used for the best sound possible, and the cast and crew will be rehearsing with these microphones so that everyone is very comfortable with the technology by show time. Future rehearsals will be taking place in the Recreation Center on Mondays, Feb. 11 and March 11, at 7 p.m., with additional rehearsals taking place the week prior to the show. For those interested in working behind the scenes, the set will be put up on Sunday, March 31 so that it is available for tech week rehearsals.

"42nd and Broadway" will include many favorites from such shows as "The Grass is Always Greener," "Les Miserables," "Anything Goes," "Sound of Music," and "Evita," just to name a few of the musicals represented. Please plan to join us as we pay tribute to this wonderful music that has echoed in the theaters in New York City for decades. As the song invites, come on along and listen to the lullaby of Broadway!

If you would like information about the Theatre Group, please contact our president, Harry Boyajian, at (239) 336-4804 or crooner1142@outlook.com.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Mank

We've put the holidays behind us and are ready to plunge into 2019.

Usually I think about women when I write these little columns. Not this time. Valentine's Day is coming. Not only are there women who will be shopping for that perfect gift. Men need to shop too. And there is plenty to pick from.

So what is there? There are some typical gifts - mainly jewelry - and some really good finds. But there are other things. There are at least three tables where ladies have put together beautiful cards. Look for the one that says exactly what you want to say. Does she love birds? There's a table where you can find birdhouses. These are some obvious choices for you but there are lots of other goodies. And good luck looking for the sparkle that makes her smile!

So come out and go shopping in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon. And if you want to join us, call Rene at (352) 854-4918 so she can set up a table for you. New folks have been joining every week. Let's see the things you make.

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Art Group

Elizabeth Wales

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, known as "the Met," is the largest museum in the United States. It boasts over seven million visitors in its three locations in one year, as well as housing over two million works of art spanning 5,000 years. The Met presents the very best of human creativity from around the globe. Unless you are a New Yorker, it can cost as much as \$25 for a pass to all three museum locations.

Of course many of us are familiar with the Smithsonian Institution, down the road a mere 225 miles from New York City, in our capital, Washington, D.C. Here there are some 137 million objects detailing America's story. If one spent one minute, day and night, looking at each object that is exhibited, in ten years you would see only 10 percent of the whole! The Smithsonian costs nothing to see, but the exhibits are a priceless experience.

Hopefully many of our residents and visitors were able this past month to view our own tiny, yet mighty, exhibit right here at Master the Possibilities. It was the Art Group's pleasure to share our own creations and receive feedback from those who attended. While none of our works have been purchased by the Met or the Smithsonian, we hold out hope eternally!



Sunshine Quilters

Arliss Day

The Sunshine Quilters meet on Tuesdays to learn new skills and to sew all types of projects. This is going to be a very busy and fun month. Here is what is scheduled for the month:

- Feb. 5: Monthly meeting followed by sit and sew or deciding where to go to lunch!
- Feb. 12: Open sew day.
- Feb. 19: Learn how to sew a stitch-and-sew folded wreath (taught by Pat Watts). Instructions will be sent out

the week before class.
 • Feb. 26: Open sew day.
 • Feb. 28: Bus trip to Quilt Week, Daytona Beach.
 Mary, one of our newest members, has offered to start a mystery quilt project that will last six weeks. It's going to be a blast. Then at our next monthly meeting we are going to do show and tell for the mystery quilts we all made.

In December 2018, we donated 75 handmade teddy bears with blankets for the children at the local shelter. Way to go ladies!

We are located in the Hobby Building on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need any information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450. Please feel free to stop by any time.



The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski

Finally! It's finally here! Show time and we are a very excited group of performers just waiting for the final few hours to pass by. We know that you will have an amazing time at "That's Entertainment" whether you have tickets for Friday, Feb. 1, or Saturday, Feb. 2, or Sunday, Feb. 3. The Recreation Center Ballroom will be rocking out with a variety of music, dance and comedy.

Be prepared, too, for our stage decorations. Rita Miller and her crew have created another super set. This look helps to highlight the costumes created by Fran Allen and her committee as well as the choreography developed by Joie Kurtz.

After the close of our show, the music committee will meet and determine the contents of the road shows. We shorten the show somewhat because that allows us to lighten the load of equipment, costumes, and props we must transport to the outside venues.

If you, for whatever reason, missed our show here, tickets are available for our Queen of Peace show. It will be on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. You can call the church or Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315 for more information.

Many audience members ask how they can become members of our troupe. It's actually quite simple! You can talk with any troupe member or call Nancy Grabowski. We gather some information regarding your interests and availability, set up some interviews, and determine if our needs match. New talent is most welcome so don't hesitate to speak with us.

Your unconditional support allows us to pay it forward by donating our proceeds to many local charities. As always, we thank you for that support!



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Poetry

Rudy Dagnello

Profundities to Plumb

(The Sixth Sense)

First not having begun,

The end and still not done,
 Alive with grief to come,
 Profundities to plumb,

Is eternity real,
 Unbeginning and unending,
 Omnipotence revealed,
 Impossible of transcending,

Or is life in the present all,
 Ceaseless days as night falls,
 Awaiting that fatal curtain call,
 Ignorant of what befalls,

In a life without script,
 Does good and evil exist,
 As thoughts and deeds conflict,
 While the second hand ticks,

In spite of life's travails,
 Are we expected to prevail,
 Our temptations to curtail,
 Holding virtues not to fail,

Deny your thoughts,
 Dull your senses,
 Release your heart,
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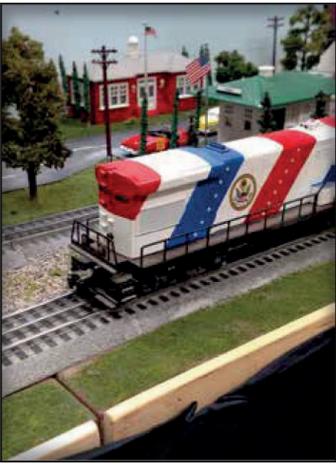


Photo by Paul Lewandowski
Train layout at Master the Possibilities.



Model Railroaders

Paul Lewandowski

The Model Railroaders exhibited our Lionel three-rail train layout at Master the Possibilities, Classroom 1 at the end of December 2018.

Several people came from outside of On Top of the World to view the Lionel layout; some from Stone Creek, some from Oak Run, and some from as far as SummerGlen. One individual visiting family in SummerGlen came from California. About 50 to 60 people from On Top of the World also attended.

Visitors were impressed with the presentation of the scenery, buildings, antique (1950s) cars, trains (old and new) and the action elements (operating sawmill, barrel loader, oil well). Many conversations were based on personal recollections of past train layouts when we were young boys or girls.

In addition to the Lionel trains, we exhibited videos of the permanent HO layout in the Recreation Center and current plans for the new layout in the Hobby Building Meeting Room 3. As of this writing, we are planning to set the Lionel trains up in the new location on a permanent basis. Therefore, this would be the last year of operation at Master the Possibilities.

We wish to thank the management and staff at Master the Possibilities for their cooperation, hard work in disseminating scheduling information and understanding of our needs to present the trains to as many people as possible in a professional-looking and comfortable setting.

We also hosted our annual end-of-year open house at our permanent HO-scale layout in the Recreation Center in December. We had a steady stream of people of all ages, from grandparents to little children. Even though the children were excited by the operation of the trains, it seemed like the parents and grandparents were wide-eyed over the overall appearance of the buildings and scenery, and especially the extensive lighting our members had installed.

We are looking for new members who would be interested in construction of our new layout. If you are a model train enthusiast on HO-, O- or G-scale, why not come around to see what is happening with our current layout and our re-location plans?

There are run sessions every Tuesday and Friday (except holidays) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the permanent HO layout on the first floor of the Recreation Center. Enter the equipment room through the double glass doors, turn left after the sign-in desk, and look for the Model Railroaders sign on the door.

Club business meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except holidays) at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III.



Original Karaoke

Sindy & Richie O'Brien

Attention all karaoke singers and listeners. We will now meet the second Monday of the month in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room; and the fourth Monday, we will continue to meet in the Candler Hills Community Center. The time will stay the same as always - 6:30 p.m. Hope everyone can join us! For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr

Our presenters in January were sisters Rita Rehpohl and Dorothy Pratt. Dorothy and Rita offered three different cards - two that could be used for any occasion; a cute flowerpot card; and the fourth item was made to be used to gift a chocolate candy bar. Dorothy and Rita supplied all the dies and embossing folders. We thank both ladies for great cards and the candy bar holder. Great idea!

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

friendship, socializing, and helping each other!

Our group is open to all crafters, beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group usually meets the first or third Thursday of the month, at the discretion of the demonstrator. To find out which Thursday we will meet, in any given month, contact Kathy.

There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy at

(352) 237-6439 or kathyh508@yahoo.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



Poetry

John Kinser Hall

A Valentine

A Valentine says many things most often speaks of love. Sometimes there is an olive branch or maybe just a dove. Most of all it lets you know what someone wants to say. That you are really special and cared about this day.

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Concert Chorus

Patricia Woodbury

The Concert Chorus hopes you marked your calendar for Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom for our spring concert entitled "Magical Musical Melodies." We are working hard to bring you a concert that you will really enjoy.

One of our magical songs will be "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious." You will remember this is the song from the 1964 film "Mary Poppins." The song was written by the Sherman Brothers and sung by Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. It also appears in the stage show version.

The song occurs after Mary Poppins wins a horse race. She is immediately surrounded by reporters asking questions and appears to be at a loss for words. Mary disagrees,

suggesting that at least one word is appropriate for the situation, and begins the song.

The Sherman Brothers have several conflicting explanations for the word's origin. In one instance they claim to have coined it themselves based on their memories of having created double-talk words as children. In another instance they claim they heard it at summer camp in the mid-1930s in the Adirondack Mountains. It was a word passed down in many variations through many generations of children.

According to the movie in which the word became widely used, the word is something to say when you have nothing to say. However a lot of people think the word means "extraordinarily good" or "wonderful" because all mentions of the word in the movie can be thought as good.

In the recent new movie version of Mary Poppins, you will not hear this song. The creators of this new version wanted a story with their own language and in their own way

with a nod to the past, making it fresh and interesting and stand on its own. "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" is not exactly the most naturally occurring word, and it is hard to imagine finding a place for Emily Blunt's Mary Poppins to drop it in this new adventure.

This month we will recognize chorus member Kathy Hardy. Kathy originally came from Pittsburgh, Pa. She attended the University of Miami where she took business education courses. She worked as a bank bookkeeper for a while before then deciding to become a flight attendant with Eastern Air Lines. She worked for the airlines for 24 years.

Kathy comes from a very musical family in which there was a lot of singing. Her father played in the big bands with a clarinet and saxophone. She sang in church and high school choirs.

Kathy moved to On Top of the World in 2015 where she has made many friends. She likes to read, see movies, and do puzzles. She also attends the fitness classes. The Concert Chorus is pleased to have



Photo by Bill Shampine

Kathy Hardy.

this courageous lady as a member singing in the soprano section.

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



Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

2019 arrived and a new music room was opened. Now if you come to join us come to the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Your resident I.D. card will serve as the "key" to get in.

We want to share Robin Waselewski's happy memories. "My mother did right by naming me "Robin" since I love to sing like a bird. I've always been attracted to music in different venues and genres. To me, music is life, memories and good for the soul.

My love for music began at age

seven when my mother bought a record player for the house. She would buy records that had a beat (e.g. Otis Redding, Tommy James & the Shondells, Supremes, etc.). Mother loved to crank up the music, especially while she was cleaning and ironing. I always enjoyed singing along to the records she played.

At age 10, my mother bought me an AM transistor radio that made me more familiar with other song artists. I started playing the clarinet that same year. It was a real treat for me whenever my mother would let me pick some of my favorite 45 rpm records from the local Woolworth store.

Throughout my life, I sang in school and church choirs. I won several "name that tune and artist"

and "finish the lyrics" song contests. I have been taking exercise classes for years and always enjoy singing along to the tunes there as well. Since I am a snowbird, driving back and forth from Pennsylvania; I enjoy singing along with the radio, which makes the drive much less painful. SiriusXM sure is the next best thing to sliced bread for me since it's mostly non-stop music and offers many different genres of music.

I always wanted to try karaoke and when I discovered we had a few karaoke groups, I decided to give it a try. I found the people in this group to be supportive, friendly, and very forgiving which makes me less nervous."

If you would like to get the singing bug come join us on the first



Photo by Steve Warren

Robin Waselewski.

and third Mondays, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This month we will meet Feb. 4 and 18.



Sewing Bees

Linda Lohr

Many of our snowbirds are back at their machines and we are completing a lot of quilts to be donated.

We've added the third Saturday of the month into our schedule, which increases our supply of quilts, tote bags, and stuffed animals for the children of Marion County.

We are currently in need of cotton material for boys as well as upholstery fabric or old drapery to create the tote bags that each child receives. If you have a donation or

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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

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Sunday, Feb. 17: 9216 SW 99th Court Road (Avalon), noon to 4 p.m.

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