

**Community News**

**Kenneth D. Colen**  
Publisher

**Time to Think About  
Personal Safety**

March is a great time for a safety check-up. The holidays are over, the family and guests are back wherever they came from and it is just you and your home (finally!). So ask yourself a simple question: What do I do if ...?

Ask yourself, do I enjoy walking or biking in the community in the evening or early morning hours? If the answer is yes, do you wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight for signaling oncoming traffic, or have proper red/white lights on your bicycle? I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather, and I am the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precautions. Note to self: practice what I preach!

Another lifesaving question to ask is "If I were to have a kitchen fire, do I have a fire extinguisher handy and could I use it? If I had a water leak into my home, would I know what to do or who to call?"

"If I am getting out of the tub or shower, is my bath mat absorbent and non-skid? Do I have a properly installed grab rail in my tub or shower?"

"Have I overloaded any extension cord with too many plug-in items?" This is much more common than you think!

Do you have a first aid kit in the home? How old is it? Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list? Do you remember where it is? When was the last time you checked it? Do you keep a clearly legible list of current emergency contacts, your primary physician, and any medications you are taking in a clearly identified vial in the refrigerator? You will also want to post a reminder on the refrigerator door that vital information is stored there. This can be a life or death difference to you should emergency responders be needed.

**On Top of the World (Central)  
Owners Association Board  
Meeting**

The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association board meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, with approximately 300 residents in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2019-2020 operating budget and to adopt a resolution for roof replacement special assessments, rules changes amongst other things. The board addressed questions on roof replacement costs and the process.

Despite obtaining multiple bids from three roofing contractors, only one led the pack. The runner-up in pricing rejected the award because he wanted more homes than his bid warranted. That said, your board has reached out to several local lenders to offer affordable financing for the roof replacements. The association does not carry reserves for roof replacement because replacement is an obligation of the individual owner and not the association at large. A good rule of thumb is to set aside 1/15th of the estimated cost of replacement, using the last cost information you have on the roof replacement. Inflate that number two percent each year.

The fiscal year 2019-2020 community-wide improvement work was reviewed and the program was explained in detail. Other programmed work will include the addition of new pickleball courts, constructing an archery range, adding a Veterans Park, substantial amount of roadway resurfacing, and community growth and development update.

Your board is committed to providing an expansive bundle of services available for residents. We

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**Ocala Open**  
AT CANDLER HILLS GOLF CLUB

By Matt Hibbs

How would you like to be standing over a 10-foot putt with a chance to win \$12,000? Year after year, that's what the Ocala Open presents to up-and-coming professional golfers.

Wednesday, March 13 through Friday, March 15, Candler Hills Golf Club will host its 13th annual Ocala Open. The Ocala Open is a professional golf tournament run by Rick Hendershot, director of the Florida Professional Golf Tour. Each year, a field of 144 professional golfers competes for a chance to win the first place prize of \$12,000.

We have had many great players come to Candler Hills to compete in this prestigious event. Current PGA Tour player, Ted Potter Jr. won back-to-back championships in 2012 and 2013, Dan McCarthy won back-to-back Opens in 2015 and 2016. Most recently, Kevin Aylwin won with a score of 199 (14 under par).

For a true first class experience visit the VIP tent adjacent to the 18th green. This beautiful viewing area is setup for spectators who wish to relax under a tent while watching these spectacular golfers compete for the Ocala Open championship. Tickets for this luxurious seating area can be purchased in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. A portion of the ticket proceeds goes to the charities.

The most important part of the Ocala Open is the charity Pro-Am. Annually, the Pro-Am is the biggest fundraiser in Ocala. With the support of local vendors and residents, we were able to raise \$85,000 for charity last year and presented both Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County a check for \$42,500 each. To date, the Ocala Open has donated over \$573,000 to local charities. This event has not only become a tradition at On Top of the World, but a

staple to our community.

Interested in participating in the Pro-Am to help support these great organizations? This year's Pro-Am will be played on Tuesday, March 12. The entry deadline is Monday, March 4 and is limited to 30 teams. If you would like more information, please visit ocalaopen.com or contact Director of Golf Matt Hibbs at (352) 854-2765.

To orchestrate an event of this stature, you must have exceptional employees and that's some-

thing we certainly have at On Top of the World. Every year, our employees put in countless hours to ensure the event's success. Andy Jorgensen and his maintenance staff do a wonderful job preparing the course. The players rave about how well maintained Candler Hills Golf Course is and in particular the greens. We can't forget about the 30 volunteers who so graciously donate their time to make sure the players have an enjoyable experience. Thank you to all for your continued support of this charitable event.

Candler Hills Golf Club is proud to annually present the Ocala Open. We have fine-tuned the event over the years and it has become not only one of the best professional golf events in Ocala, but all of Florida. Please take time out of your busy schedule to come watch these players compete for this year's Ocala Open title.



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.  
**Kevin Aylwin won the 2018 Ocala Open with a score of 199 (14 under par).**



**At the  
Links**

By Andy Jorgensen

As the summer season creeps in, I wanted to take the time to update everyone on what will be occurring on the Links Golf Course this summer. We have tremendous work ahead of us, but the overall goal of the project is to enhance this gem not only for playability, but also to assist in updating the current playing surfaces, irrigation system and aesthetics of the golf course.

Since being constructed back in the early 1980s, this course has served its purpose and continues to be the most popular and busiest course at On Top of the World Golf Club. However, a lot has changed since back then, and now that the course is nearing 40 years old, it is in need of a facelift.

To assist with that, we have hired notable architect Jan Beljan to rework the teeing areas and

yardages to provide a more player friendly opportunity while improving the separation between each teeing ground. As part of this project, we will be incorporating a set of "scoring tees" that will play to about 4,100 yards to provide a fun opportunity for all levels of players to enjoy. Ms. Beljan has incorporated this design aspect into several other courses, and has received rave reviews from their players. In addition, we will be adjusting each set of tees to accommodate a larger range of player skills.

Ms. Beljan has a long and extensive background in the golf industry, and understands the needs of senior golfers better than anyone. Coming from a golf family in Pittsburgh, Penn., Ms. Beljan honed her skills working for golf architect Tom Fazio as a senior design associate for over 20 years before heading out on her own. Her experience as a registered landscape architect, certified arborist, assistant superintendent and project manager provides for a unique outlook on the playability, strategy, ecology, maintenance and aesthetics of a golf course.

In 2012, she became a founding partner in the National Women's Golf Alliance, was featured in the USGA Golf Museum in 2017-2018 and has been listed twice on the "Top Ten Most Influential Woman in the Game of Golf" list from Sports Illustrated. We are very excited about her expertise and look forward to having her work with us on this project.

In addition to updating the teeing surfaces, we will be redesigning

all of the putting surfaces in order to allow for new TifEagle ultradwarf bermudagrass to be installed. TifEagle ultradwarf bermudagrass is currently the best turf on the market for putting greens in Florida, and is what was installed on the Tortoise & The Hare course in 2015. This turfgrass provides for improved maintenance, better ball-roll and maintains the overall consistency throughout the year. Ms. Beljan will assist the staff in design and layout of these putting surfaces throughout the entire project.

During this time, we will also be installing a new irrigation system throughout the golf course. The irrigation system is the backbone of the operation and is being designed to provide for better water distribution, placement, conservation and control. With water becoming a more and more valuable resource, this new system will improve our efficiency while securing our future as an operation. Although we won't miss having to repair leaks on a daily basis, we will be looking forward to growing turf in areas we previously never could.

Because of this, the Links will be closed from Tuesday, April 2 through mid-November to allow for completion of the work. However, you may see some equipment operating in outer areas of the golf course prior to this. To minimize disruption, we will try our best to limit the amount of closures on the Tortoise & The Hare during this time. We are very excited about this work, and look forward to seeing you once the course reopens later this year.

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**On Top of the World NEWS**

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**GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR**

By Stan Goldstein



**A best friend and worst enemy tell the truth.**

**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

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**SCAM ALERT #1:** There's been a recent modification to what I feel, at least in my opinion, is the certified copy of deed scam. I saw a recent letter in which the focus was not only that you need a certified copy of your deed, but also that these folks who write such a letter claim to have some kind of special assessment of your property. I guess you get this assessment, whatever it is, when you pay them for the certified or non-certified copy they are trying to get you to buy.

First and foremost, no one ever needs a certified copy of their deed. You don't even need a copy of it, certified or not because you will get the original recorded document. If you want a copy, go ahead and make one for yourself. From what

I've read, the letter says you should have some kind of "assessment" of your title and the one they will give you when you pay them for it, can only come from them. To quote Ebenezer Scrooge, "Bah! Humbug!"

The real point, of course, is that folks seeking to scam you must come up with a new scheme that will get you to "bite" on their letters. You'll get bit all right! And the "bite" will cost you money that you never needed to spend in the first place. Assessment? Bah! Humbug!

**SCAM ALERT #2:** A client of my partner, Rachel Wagoner, called to say she'd got the "you missed jury duty" phone call. Rachel's client was too smart for the scammer. She just hung up. If you get that kind of call, don't respond and say anything. Just hang up, confident in the knowledge that no one from the courthouse is going to call you and tell you that you missed jury duty and you must pay a fine right away or else.

The best thing to do, though, is have caller ID and if you don't recognize the number, even if it's from your own area code, don't answer it and let the caller leave a message. And if the message is from someone demanding money from you because you failed to attend jury duty, or a court subpoena or whatever the heck it might be, don't call back.

The same applies if you get that phone call from Microsoft telling you that your computer's been hacked. Just hang up and never, never talk to these folks.

I will also add that you are never going to be pre-approved for a \$250,000 loan, which you never applied for in the first place.

**Q.** I have a durable power of attorney and it seems to me that it gives an awful lot of authority to the person I chose to handle my affairs if I become incapacitated. I told my attorney that I wanted to change it so that it would only be effective in the event I really became incapacitated to the point where I could not handle my own affairs. I was told that Florida does not allow such a thing.

**A.** What you are referring to is a "springing power of attorney." This is a power of attorney that becomes effective at a future date or upon a future event or contingency which would occur after the document was signed. The Florida Power of Attorney statute that became effective on Oct. 1, 2011 does not permit a springing power of attorney. However, there are exceptions. If the power of attorney was executed in another state and if that state authorizes springing powers of attorney, then it may be valid in Florida. Also, if your power of attorney was executed in Florida but before Oct. 1, 2011, it, too, may still be valid. You need to discuss this with your attorney.

**Q.** Do I need an attorney to make out a will or can I do it myself?

**A.** No, you don't need an attorney to make out your will and yes, you can do it yourself. Caution: Florida laws, and I believe the laws of every state in the United States, are complicated. So, if you are going to make out your own will, make sure you know what the law really is regarding what you intend to do.

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- Indigo East Fitness Center
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- The Lodge at Candler Hills



**Indigo East**

**Howard Frierman**

Joe Froehlich was just thrilled to be accepted into a local police department at the age of 20. It was a lifelong dream. But he still had one serious obstacle. He was too young to legally buy a firearm in Connecticut, something his police department required. "So believe it or not, I had to ask my dad to buy me the gun," Joe told me, laughing out loud. "I could carry it as part of my job, but could not buy one as I was under 21."

Joe launched his career in law enforcement in 1979 in New Fairfield, Conn. While in college, he took the test and passed. For the next 26 years, Joe spent his time progressing through the ranks, protecting and serving the residents of our fifth state.

Three years later, Joe left the

New Fairfield Police Department. "I loved it, but it was just too small. I wanted to become a detective." In 1982, Joe's career began to take off. He became a Connecticut State Police trooper.

In 1986 Joe was accepted into the Connecticut State Police SWAT team, and soon he became a canine handler to York, his four legged assistant. Finally, in 1989, 10 years after his career began; he became a detective for the state police, investigating homicides, robberies and sexual assaults while working with local law enforcement.

Today Joe lives in Indigo East in his new Wisteria home with his accomplished wife Trish, who is a retired state's attorney for the State of Connecticut. They have been blissfully married for 21 years this June.

Now, with all that behind him, here at On Top of the World he fills his days with pickleball, exercising, and taking lots of trips with his wife and friends, discovering the glorious State of Florida.



**Indigo East**

**Theresa Fields**  
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Warmer weather is on the way as we prepare for fun filled events for Indigo East residents.

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 along with meeting your neighbors, learning of upcoming activities and sharing your ideas. This is a free event for Indigo East residents.

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 (BYOB). This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest attending with Indigo East resident.

In April, we are preparing for our first Karaoke Night on Friday, April

19 in the Indigo East Community Center, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktails and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Indigo East residents. This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest attending with Indigo East resident.

Trivia is also coming to Indigo East in April so get those thinking caps on, form your group and come out for a night of mind boggling questions and fun. This event will take place on Wednesday, April 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Indigo East Community center. Tickets are \$3 per Indigo East resident and \$5 per guest attending with Indigo East resident. We will have teams of eight per table so don't miss out on this fun event. Register at the Indigo East Fitness Center office.

Stay tuned as we have several pool parties planned!

For more information, please call the Indigo East Fitness Center office at (352) 387-7372 or (352) 387-7373.

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



**Veterans Club**

**Charles Calhoun**

I am pleased to announce that Ken Puckett will be affiliated with our club in the capacity of disabled veterans service officer. He has graciously offered to help our community with applications and questions concerning benefits due to you through the department

of Veterans Affairs. We also have connections to other agencies and charities that can offer help to our veterans.

At our upcoming meetings, I would like to explore ways we can give back to our fellow veterans and active duty members. Please bring ideas and questions to our next meeting. We meet the third Thursday of every month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, at 2 p.m.

Thank you and remember, "The only easy day was yesterday."



**Finding Zen**

**Christina Shearer**  
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Our February L.E.A.F. Series was all about bats. Brian Pope, director at the Lubee Bat Conservancy in Gainesville, shared with us the importance and value of these creatures of the night. Don't let their scary reputation fool you. Contrary to popular belief, bats do not suck your blood and they are not blind.

There are more than 40 different species of bats living in the United States and Canada. On Friday, Jan. 25, Sholom Park installed its very own bat habitat. The four-foot by four-foot elevated structure will house up to 8,000 bats.

Sholom Park manager, Brian DeVane is anticipating Mexican free-tailed bats to roost in the bat

house. Native to the Americas and regarded as one of the most abundant mammals of North America, Mexican free-tailed bats are medium in size and are beneficial to parks and gardens. Bats will be able to assist in Sholom Park's integrated pest management by consuming flying insects. No toxic chemicals are required when nature has its own solution for insect control.



Photo by Christina Shearer  
**Bat house at Sholom Park.**

## Hoofin' It for Hospice

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The annual Hoofin' it for Hospice walk will take place in Sholom Park on Saturday, March 16. Both men and women are encouraged to participate. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the park and the walk will begin around 9:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation in any amount at the registration desk, however not required.

The leisurely two-mile walk will take place around the paved paths in the park. All monetary donations received will benefit Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House.

This annual event is open to all residents and to the public. Everyone is invited to attend, walk as much and as far as you can. If any resident has friends in other communities, ask them to join you in this worthy endeavor.

Additional information or inquiries can be addressed by calling the event organizer, Valerie Sanders, at (352) 873-8605.

See you all at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at Sholom Park for a fun and leisurely morning enjoying the views within the park.

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strive to provide access to numerous fitness, recreation, entertainment, and educational programs good for both the body and soul. Your board strives to build and reinforce the sense of community, enhance the opportunity to make friends, and enjoy the peace of mind of living in a safe and clean community.

The board provided information to residents whose homes are located within Friendship Colony, Friendship Village and Americana Village that Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (BLCCDD) will begin individually billing residents for their water use starting March 2020. This coincides with the association's 2020-2021

fiscal year budget. Affected residents will see a \$65 monthly decrease in their Community Service Fee for water and sewer currently carried in the budget for those neighborhoods. The association will continue to carry \$15 monthly in this budget line item for residential irrigation. BLCCDD will be sending correspondence to the affected residents that will provide more information and announce upcoming workshops where residents are able to sign up for this service prior to March 2020.

**Winter Weather & Shrubbery**

March can be a tricky month when it comes to the weather. We may have wonderfully warm days and cold nights. Do not remove seemingly damaged plants prematurely. Plants affected by the cold may surprise you with their recovery. Withhold pruning back until mid-April. There may be several more periods of cold and possible frost. Pruning at this point will spur plant growth that is vulnerable to the cold. Rather, wait until mid-April to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter so be forewarned.

Lawns and shrubbery will continue to grow, albeit very slowly, when the ground temperature warms above 65 degrees. That said, watering requirements are significantly less during the cooler months.

**Controlled Burning & Habitat Management**

Controlled burning is a very important wild lands habitat management practice. A controlled burn

reduces the chance of uncontrolled wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. It is common in Florida to have fires started by lightning. Fire in the upland habitat areas, such as the westerly side of the On Top of the World properties, is necessary to ensure healthy succession of native plant communities. Much of the local plant ecology evolved around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire in order to germinate. Invasive plant species are also reduced allowing for less competition with more established native plants. The Florida Forest Service undertook several days of controlled burning along the Greenway in January.

In the coming months, we hope to have additional opportunities for controlled burning. Much is dependent on having the right moisture content in the soils, humidity levels, wind speed, and direction in order to secure a State permit, so forward planning gets complicated. Efforts to ensure burn control includes maintaining wide fire breaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as the use of heavy machinery to contain the burn area. We apologize in advance for any smoke that may drift east over the community. However, it is better to have a planned, controlled burn than a wildfire.

If we are successful in having the conditions that support a controlled burn, permits will be in hand, emergency services notified, and fire control management steps in place before a controlled burn begins. Typically, we try to begin early in the morning when the dew is down and the winds are low. The goal is to send the smoke high and

away from populated areas, and to have the burn area completed before late morning or afternoon breezes begin. Actual weather condition forecast determines the timing.

We use a track hoe mounted mechanical grinder to supplement our controlled burning activities. This device allows us to perform very specific and detailed thinning of areas that require a lighter touch than an understory burn. Additionally, by mechanically maintaining these areas we can still make progress and continue the work when conditions are not optimal for a controlled burn.

**Safety Tips**

For those of you who use dryer sheets, now is a good time to scrub your lint vent with a brush and hot soapy water. Some dryer sheets emit a waxy substance that adheres to the mesh lining of the lint vent. If you run hot water over your lint vent and the water does not pass through the mesh, then it is a good idea to clean your lint vent. Consider using wool or plastic dryer balls instead of the dryer sheets.

**Conservation Tip**

Depending on the type irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 24 to 36 gallons per zone per run time, which can save 103 to 155 gallons per month per zone for once-per-week watering and 206 to 310 gallons per month for twice-per-week watering. Monthly water savings for seven zones may cost in a range of \$1.67 to \$7.49 for once-per-week watering and \$3.33 to \$14.974 for twice-per-week watering depending on the rate tier.

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**All Around Our World**

**Lynette Vermillion**  
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March is Women's History Month, St. Patrick's Day, and daylight saving time springs forward to name a few. Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country. And, for those of us who love to celebrate, St. Patrick's Day gives us another reason - green hats, green beer and corned beef and cabbage. Don't forget to move your clocks one hour ahead on Sunday, March 10. Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because daylight saving time provides a convenient reminder.

**On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Meeting**

The board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association was held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Recreation Center and was well attended. The board took action to approve the 2019-2020 budget, rules changes, and the resolution for the 2019-2020 roof replacements. The board reports included discussing budget items, on-going challenges and new and exciting plans for this budget year.

**Ocala Open**

The 13th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course is just days away! It's hard to believe that we have been hosting this wonderful event for 12 years, and have raised over half a million dollars for our charities.

We are looking to make our 13th year our best yet and we hope that you will join us for this event. The Ocala Open will be held on March 13, 14 and 15, with a Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 12. You still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro-Am, which will help benefit our two local charities: Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. The professional tournament will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight professional golfers from Florida. You will not want to miss this - come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf.

Be sure to take advantage of the VIP ticket which not only gets you a prime seat and viewing spot under the tent at the 18th hole, but you also receive tickets for a free lunch, an appetizer and two beverages that day. This deal can't be beat. Tickets are available at Candler Hills Golf Shop for \$25 daily or \$65 for three days. Each charity receives a portion of the ticket proceeds.

**Safety Tips for Walkers, Joggers and Bicyclists**

I wanted to remind walkers, runners and bicyclists to remember to wear light colored clothing, reflective vests, or flashing LED lights when walking, running, or biking before dawn or after dusk.

Tips taken from the internet ... you need to be seen and should wear reflective clothing. First, avoid dark colored clothing. Light colors reflect more light. Light colored clothing is a good start but modern, highly reflective clothing that is designed for maximum nighttime visibility is much better.

There are several high tech reflectivity options: Buy reflective tape that is designed to reflect light back to its source. Apply this tape liberally to your exercise clothing. Drivers from any direction will see the bright strips.

Wear a reflective safety vest, similar to those worn by highway workers. It can be worn over exercise clothing to allow drivers to see a bright human outline. It can be worn with any exercise outfit and does not require modifying your clothing. Many sports clothing companies sell exercise apparel made of highly reflective fabrics.

Adding LED safety lights is also an option that will increase your visibility. You may also want to carry a flashlight.

Don't let darkness disrupt your walking, running or bicycling, but please take the proper precautions.

**Customer Service**

Please note that the Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on March 20 this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869), otowservice@otowfl.com or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons.

Customer Service may be reached by phone Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Street Light Outages**

If a streetlight is out in your neighborhood, please call Duke Energy's Outage Line at 1-800-228-8485 and report it. You will need the pole number (e.g. B100540) and the nearest address to the light. If you live in Indigo East, you will need to report the outage to SECO Energy at 1-800-732-6141.

**Suspicious Activity**

If anyone sees something that is out of character within the community, take a moment to write down what you saw, the date, time of day, and specifics about those involved

or the situation in general. If it is a suspicious vehicle, try to get a description of the vehicle - tag number, color, make, and model, if possible. Even a partial tag number can be helpful with a good description of the vehicle.

Most of us carry cell phones nowadays and many of them have cameras that can be used to take a quick photo of something that may look or feel out of character. Report to Customer Service immediately unless you feel that law enforcement attention is required. If so, call 911, if an emergency, or (352) 732-9111 otherwise, and please do not put yourself in harm's way.

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**Animal Waste**

I have been asked (once again) to write regarding animals. If you are walking your dog(s), we know that odors and smells entice your animal to want to mark the spot. As a courtesy, when using an expandable leash, please keep your dog(s) along the edge of the roadway and off of your neighbors' lawns. In or-

der to avoid your dog(s) going potty in someone else's yard, you may want to dally a little longer in your own before starting your walk. All feces must be picked up whether it is in your yard, your neighbor's or the common property. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**Dog Parks**

There are three dog parks at On Top of the World for owners to enjoy socializing with friends while doggies get to play with their playmates. I really don't know who enjoys the parks more, pets or owners. Please keep in mind a few courtesy reminders and rules for the parks: owners must clean up after their dogs and fill any holes; aggressive dogs are not allowed and pets must be able to be controlled at all times; new dogs to the park should be introduced with caution; and large and small dogs have separate play areas. The 90th Street park is open to any resident and Gateway of Services members; the Candler Hills dog park is open to Candler Hills residents and the Indigo East dog park is open to Indigo East residents. Parks are open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

Have a happy and safe March and I hope to see many of you at the Ocala Open.

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**Candler Connection**

Debra Keirn

The Candler Connection Social board meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the Candler Hills Community Center. The board members elected the following officers at that meeting: Richard Steinfeldt - president, John Bain - vice president, Mary Purfeerst - secretary, and Deb Keirn - treasurer. Other board members are Doug Dahlen, Pat Diaz-Verson, Peggy Janisch, Daryl Kenyon and John Podkomorski.

The Candler Hills potluck dinner (Irish night) will be on Tuesday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Residents with last

names beginning with A-H should bring a main dish; I-R - dessert; and S-Z - side dish or salad. Setup volunteers should arrive at 4:15 p.m. All others by 5:30 p.m. to obtain a table number for seating. \$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.

On Thursday, March 7, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills, Pat Gabriel, president of the SR 200 Coalition, will update us on new developments along the SR 200 Corridor.

The spring dinner dance is scheduled for Friday, April 12,

from 6 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. Tickets will sell for between \$28 and \$30.

On Wednesday, April 17, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills, Joe Johnson, president of AdventHealth Ocala, will give information about the health facility and services.

The Poker Run Car Rally is scheduled for Friday, April 26, starting at 1 p.m. from The Lodge at Candler Hills. Antique cars are welcome as well as any other car. There will be five stops followed by dinner. More information will follow in "The Happenings" regarding pricing and the ice cream socials on June 16

and Aug. 18.

The annual picnic will be in October and the Candler Hills holiday party is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 13. Again, watch for more information in the World News and "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to over 600 members. This closed group is a good source of information.

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 next Candler Connection Social board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.

See you around the neighborhood!



**The Lodge at Candler Hills**

Theresa Fields  
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thelodge@otowfl.com

March is the first month of spring and the perfect time to plan fun activities.

Our "Masquerade Party" on Friday, Feb. 8 was a hit as many of our residents wore their glamorous masks, mingled and danced the night away with Kathleen Kane.

Trivia is held on the first Tuesday of each month, with the next one on Tuesday, March 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 with the next one scheduled 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.

"Girls Night Out" was well attended in February as you ladies know how to have fun. We are already planning for our next one so recharge those batteries and mark your calendar for Thursday, April 18, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to unwind, catch up, and have fun with some of your closest friends. Bring your favorite drink (BYOB) and we will take care of the rest. Live entertainment with Rock Solid and appetizers will be provided.

The cost of the event is \$12 per resident or \$15 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Kocktails & Karaoke will be held on Thursday, March 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 a resident must accompany all guests. Please note that this event will now be held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Summer pool parties are in the making; stay tuned for more fun and exciting events to come.

The pool at The Lodge at Candler Hills will be closed for maintenance from Monday, March 11 through Saturday, March 23. The Candler Hills Community Center pool will remain open during this time.

2020 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Please remem-

ber room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and resident IDs 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. A guest is defined as anyone not having an authorized Candler Hills resident ID card. Tickets for events at The Lodge at Candler Hills may be purchased at the front office.

**On Top of the World NEWS**  
UPCOMING PUBLICATION  
April Issue  
Thursday, March 28, 2019

**Williamsburg Neighbors**  
Ginny Nardone

Recently I had a very interesting and informative conversation with Williamsburg resident Stanley Goldstein. You may not recognize his name, but chances are you know his work. Stan draws the Golden Oldies Humor cartoon, which appears monthly on page 2 of the World News. At a time when our neighborhood has many new residents, talking with Stan about the early days of Williamsburg provided me with a different perspective on the neighborhood we now live in.

When Stan and his wife, Myrna, moved into their home in January 1996, there were very few houses in the neighborhood. In fact, theirs was the only home on the street! Stan quickly acclimated to his new community by becoming involved with several activities, including exercise classes and the original New Pretenders group; where he was a band member and the band director. Eventually Stan approached the World News editor to ask about drawing cartoons for the newspaper. Twenty-three years later Stan's natural artistic talent is still a part of the publication.

Stan and Myrna have shared many interests and experiences in their 65 years of marriage, but the one that catches the eye when you visit them is evidenced by the collection of 540 dragons displayed throughout their home. Ceramic dragons, stuffed dragons, large and small dragons, all with wings! The dragon-collecting bug began many years ago with one purchase of a dragon candle at the Wisconsin State Fair. The long-since melted candle turned into a unique hobby and is certainly a conversation starter.

As I reflect on my visit with the Goldsteins I am reminded of one thing: take the time to talk with your neighbors; the conversation just might enlighten and surprise you!

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**Lifelong Learning**

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Live to learn. Make lasting memories. Mark your calendar now! Hearing much feedback from our participants, Master the Possibilities is excited to announce our second intergenerational series: Ageless Adventures – A Family Program. During the week of June 17, there will be more than 15 course offerings that encourage learning for all ages. This special program will blend generations and enable a grandparent (or parent) to participate with a youthful partner. The courses include everything from making dinosaur bones to learning magic tricks, participating in a bug camp to hula-hoop dancing together, with plenty of fun, games, and movies in between! Look for more information the end of March.

As part of this term's "Looking Back in Time" learning theme, Master the Possibilities is offering "Presidents and Their First Ladies, Dramatically Speaking: Richard and Pat Nixon." This speaking event is the creation of the veteran acting and writing team of husband and wife, William and Sue Wills. After 20 years of operating their own theatrical company in the resort of Ocean City, Md., the couple is now in their 23rd year of bringing to life the stories of 34 different presidential couples.

Join them as they portray Richard and Pat Nixon from 1969 to 1974. Registration is required, and cost is \$8 for members, and \$13 for non-members for this event on Wednesday, March 13, at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 4 to 5 p.m. Master the Possibilities thanks Marion Cultural Alliance for their support of this program.

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ty when we are spending more time online than ever before. Whether shopping, connecting with friends and family through social media, or enjoying a session of words with friends, there are numerous potential threats to our personal information. To learn more about protection from these threats, register for "10 Ways to Protect Your Identity Online" on Friday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. to noon. No computers or tablets required, and it is open to any operating system. Cost for this course is \$20 for members, and \$25 for non-members.

Explore the latest in emerging art trends from eight different Marion County organizational leaders on Wednesday, March 20, 4 to 6 p.m., in Circle Square Cultural Center by attending the "State of the Arts in Marion County" panel discussion. Learn about what they have in store for the future, including the discussion of shifts that are occurring to make art more accessible, fun, interactive, and intergen-

erational. Visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org for the full agenda and list of panelists. There is no cost for this event, however registration is required.

A brand new course has been added, "Apollo 11 and the First Moon Landing" on Wednesday, March 27. We are excited to welcome back Greg Clements, chief of the Strategic Implementation office, in the Exploration Research and Technology Programs Directorate at the John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida. More details on his talk can be found at masterthepossibilities.org.

To learn more about the exciting, educational events happening at Master the Possibilities, visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org to view upcoming events, new classes, and to register 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For in-person registrations, our friendly staff is available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and to register by phone, call (352) 861-9751 during office hours.



**Citizens Emergency Response Team**

**Beth McKeen**

Something new for CERT members this year was participation in the tribute to first responders at Shalom Park's Fun in the Park on Sunday, Feb. 24. Members of Marion County's Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division, and Fire Rescue were present, spoke with citizens and displayed their equipment.

One concern of the firefighters is the safe use of your fire extinguisher. You can register in the Recreation Center office for Fire Extinguisher Certification tak-

ing place in the Recreation Center parking lot on Thursday, March 14. There is also a safety class on use of a fire extinguisher. Registration is required.

Dan Childress, safety officer for On Top of the World, was our guest speaker in February. Dan is an OSHA outreach trainer and basic life support instructor for the American Heart Association. Dan's topic was blood borne pathogens, which are microorganisms in the blood, such as bacteria and viruses. Contact with these pathogens can cause HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C among other diseases.

He spoke to us about different ways that these pathogens can be transferred, such as contact with a sharp object, broken skin, and through the eyes, nose and mouth. He also spoke about wearing pro-

ductive gear and the best products to use for cleaning purposes.

This information was well received by members, who participated in the discussion and asked many questions.

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 professionals of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Fire Rescue and Emergency Operation Center. 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.

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, March 12, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building. For more information, contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.



**Republican Club**

**Bill Richhart**

Our new president, Bill Richhart, welcomed everyone at our last meeting. He was pleased to see a great turnout for our meeting. He invited our good friend, Kurt Kelly, to give the invocation followed by all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our speaker was Michelle Stone, chairwoman of the Board of County Commissioners, who talked about our future progress and growth in Marion County. President Bill invited Charlie Stone, Florida House District 22, to bring us up to speed on various bills currently in action. Member Opal Stroud spoke about the upcoming Lincoln-Reagan dinner in September where she is inviting our new governor, Ron DeSantis, to speak.

There were announcements of candidates running for offices in 2020: Commissioner David Moore, for property appraiser; Todd Yocum for school board; Kurt Kelly and Joe Harding for the Florida House of Representatives, District 22.

We support Operation Shoebox, which helps our military personnel both here and overseas.

The next meeting is on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E-G.

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**Keeping It Green**

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As mentioned in February, in late January Parkway Maintenance Management and Sustainable Landscape Management participated with the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) to conduct some training. Our training focused on the principles developed by the FNGLA for the Florida Landscape Maintenance Technician Certification to further enhance our crew leaders and employees of Parkway Maintenance Management as well as Sustainable Landscape Management.

The team is being further trained 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. We look forward to late March when we will be formally tested and hopefully pass completing the certification.

If you did not get your crape myrtles trimmed in February, get them done as soon as possible. Warmer weather will encourage the spring flush. 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.

March has been historically a

month where cold weather can strike at any time. Last year, we had a late cold blast that came in mid to late March causing lots of damage to flushing plants. Don't trim your bushes back 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 or more cold snaps ... last year saw one of the coldest days of the year in early March.

Late March or early April is a good time of year to begin your fertilizer regiment and hopefully you have already made your preventative treatments for fungus in February. March is also a good month for grub control.

When making fertilizer application, remember, only three pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet can be applied to your lawn per year in Marion County per County Ordinance 08-35. You can apply one pound of water insoluble or "slow release" nitrogen per 1,000 square feet or 0.7 pounds of water-soluble or "quick release" nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.

Contractor representatives should be certified by the Green Industries Best Managements Practices if they are applying fertilizer to your lawn. Upon request, contractor representatives should be able to produce their GI-BMP card.

This is also a requirement of Marion County per County Ordinance 08-35.

Fungal problems will surface as the weather starts to warm up. As air temperatures begin to rise soil temperatures will too. When soil temperatures are between 65 to 75 degrees fungal pathogens will begin to pop up in portions of your lawn. Those of you who had problem areas last year can probably bet to have issues in the same areas this year. Make sure you or your contractor is taking the proper steps to prevent fungus from becoming an issue in the future.

UF/IFAS has a rapid turf diagnosis department. If there are suspect issues in your lawn you can send a sample and \$75. You can get an answer in as little as three days, what the problem is and what curative action should be taken. Go to turf.ufl.edu/rapiddiag.shtml for more information. There is some useful information on there as well.

Grubs can be easily treated with products purchased at Lowe's and Home Depot. Lowe's carries a Bayer Season Long Grub Control product; Home Depot carries a Scott's product both of which should provide control for your problem.

Do not forget that we spring forward on Sunday, March 10, for daylight saving time. With that, irrigation controllers need to be reset for twice per week watering.



**Back at The Ranch**

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**March Calmness ... Ditch the Madness**

Mind-body classes such as yoga, tai chi and qigong are extremely popular in the fitness world and the same is true at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa. According to the IDEA Fitness Association, participation in yoga, tai chi and qigong has increased by 95 percent from 1998 to 2002. By 2002, an estimated 11.1 million Americans were practicing yoga, tai chi and qigong. It is no surprise that mind-body programming is so sought after in a society plagued with stress and fatigue.

Regular participants in these classes share similar testimony reporting: improved energy, strength and balance along with the reduction of stress and pain associated with arthritis. The lure of stress reduction as well as fitness gains is a big deal.

The concept of mind-body wellness springs from the field of mind-body medicine. Mind-body medicine is based on the "inseparable connection between the mind and body - the complicated interactions that take place between thoughts, body and the outside world" (Mind/Body Medical Institute).

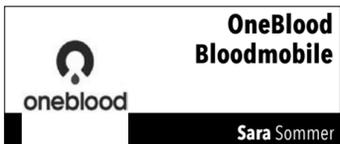
Mind-body medicine gained popularity in the 1950s in response to the study of stress and the impact it has on health and wellbeing. In the 1970s Harvard research presented the term "relaxation re-

sponse" to illustrate that changes in one's state of mind could influence physical changes in the body.

Yoga, tai chi and qigong add the benefit of physical movement to the calming effects of guided breathing and meditative practices. Therefore, in addition to the "relaxation response" participants also gain cardiovascular conditioning, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and balance.

Join us at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa for "March Calmness" and take part in a special class each week dedicated to promoting the harmony of mind, body and spirit. Not a member? Not a problem, The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa offers membership alternatives ranging from a single Class Pass to full membership to accommodate your personal needs.

- Monday, March 4, 11 a.m.: "Calm Down" rejuvenates with grounding and soothing hip opening sequences.
- Tuesday, March 12, 11 a.m.: "Guided Meditation" takes a tour of your mind, body and breath with this meditative experience.
- Wednesday, March 20, 6 p.m.: "Let Your Breath Move You" explores how your breath can help you move and improve your balance.
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**OneBlood Bloodmobile**

Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® was here on Monday, Feb. 4. I want to thank all 18 heroes who took the time to share their precious gift of life.

Remember, the blood is needed before an emergency happens. Quite often the blood supply is very low. It may not be there when you or a loved one needs it. There is no substitute for human blood. One pint can save three lives. Please make a difference.

The next visit of the Big Red Bus® will be Monday, April 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take advantage of the new extended hours. It's not a fools' day for blood. The bus parks in the Recreation Center parking lot. See you on the bus.

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**Plastic, plastic everywhere.**  
 Perhaps you've noticed the proliferation of plastic today? Lifestyle and manufacturing changes have resulted in a refuse and waste management problem. The solid waste facility for Marion County is reaching capacity after 40 years and trash will have to be shipped to Sumter County.  
 Plastic adds to the problem. Mass production of plastic started about 60 years ago. (Remember paper bags, wax paper and card-

board containers?) I've read plastic takes about 400 years to degrade, and then it leaves a residue. Here are some statistics from a Discover Magazine article:

- 63 pounds of plastic packaging, per person, ends up in landfills every year.
- Plastic accounts for 16 percent of all municipal solid waste.
- 50 to 80 percent of the waste littering beaches, oceans, and sea beds is plastic.

Those are average statistics. Florida is a peninsula and about half of plastic used winds up in the ocean. That's water bottles, plastic bags, soda bottles, juice containers, Styrofoam, bags, etc.

What can you do? Let's talk about reducing your "plastic footprint."

Recycle your plastic bags. The December column mentioned having a container for recyclables, have one for plastic bags. Many stores have bins available for plastic bag drop off. Publix has a great facility right outside the door for a variety of recyclables, including plastic bags and Styrofoam and Walmart has a bin inside for plastic bags. And there are others.

Bring bags when you shop. Keep reusable bags in the car. You can purchase re-usable veggie bags to use them for shopping and storage. Cloth bags keep the produce fresher. Use wax paper for wrapping in the microwave instead of plastic wrap. Consider paper products for events instead of plastic. Think about how you can reduce your plastic consumption.

Reuse the plastic bags you have. Each time you reuse, you save money and plastic usage. One of my challenges is dog waste. We all love our furry family members. Dog bags get expensive. Think about reusing plastic bags as "poop" bags. Bread bags work great. If they are too long, just cut off the top. Get creative and when you find yourself with a plastic bag that could be reused in this way, do it!

So, here's a recap:

- Recycle plastic bags.
- Recycle plastic containers.
- Reuse bags as an alternative to purchasing new plastic bags.
- Consider wax paper for wrapping and in the microwave.
- Get and use reusable vegetable bags.
- Consider using paper products instead of plastic cups and plates.

You will not only help in reducing plastic but you will save money!

Why should I do this? Sure, you are only one household, but if everyone thought more about what they are doing with trash, it can make a big difference. And if you're not concerned about making things better for yourself, do it for your kids and grandkids. They are the ones who will be left with the problem.



**Democratic Club**

**Dan Lack**

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 28 when our speaker will be LaVonda McCandless, the new chairwoman of the Marion County Democratic Party. LaVonda replaced Joyce Blake who retired after many tireless years. Joyce is still working as our state committeewoman. The Democratic Party continues to be active even though this is an odd election year. After she introduces herself, LaVonda will provide you with information about what's happening politically and what you can do to help.

Friday, May 3 is our next club luncheon. We will meet at noon at Carmine's Cafe. There will be a sign up sheet at our meetings in March and April. These luncheons give us opportunities to get to know each other better while eating delicious food.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites F-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 on youtube.com (otowdemclub).

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

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



**John Klopfer**

The LifeSouth Five Points of Life half-marathon is being held Saturday, March 9 at Paddock Mall. Students, kindergarten through eighth grade, complete 25 miles one at a time, cumulating in the final 1.2 miles on the day of the race. Each participant receives a medal at the end of race. Good luck runners. A great big thank-you to the many volunteers who make this event a success.

This is a community service to assist getting school-age children physically active while also teaching them about blood donation. If you have time, come join the festivities; the event starts at 8 a.m.

The Five Points of Life program teaches the five ways we can save lives through blood, apheresis, organ/tissue, cord blood and marrow.

The next LifeSouth blood drive in On Top of the World is Monday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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**Active Living**

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It's hard to believe we are almost into spring! I know most of us are looking forward to the warmer weather for golfing and other outdoor activities.

Don't forget daylight saving time is fast approaching on Sunday, March 10. You will want to move your clocks ahead one hour. Don't forget to wear your green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 17!

**Telephone Directory**

The 2019 resident telephone directories will be available for pick up the first week of March at Customer Service.

**Room Request and Club Guest Notification Forms**

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2020 are due now. Rooms will not be automatically rebooked for the year without submitting a new request. We will be making some changes to club locations in the upcoming months due to renovations taking place so you don't want to miss out.

Clubs that hold meetings at On Top of the World facilities must have 10 or more members in attendance to continue booking facilities. We will have our annual room request meeting on Thursday, March 28, at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center.

Event or club meetings that have guests in attendance must submit a Club Guest Notification form two weeks prior to the event. Guests will be denied entry into the community without the proper paperwork being submitted to the Recreation Center office.

**Line 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 Instructor Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 or BoarsNestFarm@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 and many easy dances are taught.

**Ballroom Dance Lessons\***

Butch Phillips has been hired to teach our residents 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.

Purchase your tickets at the Recreation Center office. 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. and the cost is \$30 for three weeks of class each

month. The following classes will be taught: 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, March 7, in 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.

**February Winners**

1: Doggedly Determined. 2: The Challengers. Tie at 3: Know Nothings & Tequila Mockingbirds.

**Happy Hour**

During Happy Hour on Friday, Jan. 18, we crowned our 2019 prom king and queen. All previous kings and queens from the past years were brought to the front of the stage to help crown Dennis and Marion Brenon. John Menendez and Brenda Tipton were runner ups.

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom and on the outside veranda, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The entertainment lineup for March is as follows:

- March 1: Dave & Kenny (Ballroom); Crystal Vision (Veranda).
- March 8: Rock Solid (Ballroom); Charlie De (Veranda).
- March 15: Cadillac Jack (Ballroom); Fred Campbell (Veranda).
- March 22: "Mardi Gras" with Retro Express (Ballroom); DJ Rocket (Veranda).
- March 29: One Flite Up (Ballroom); Sounds of Times (Veranda).

Individual resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour. Anyone not producing a resident ID is considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed.

**Fire Extinguisher Certification\***

Join us on Thursday, March 14, as Armor Fire Protection Inc. will again be on site to certify or charge your fire extinguishers for a fee, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. If you are in need of a fire extinguisher, you will have the opportunity to purchase one on site. They will also be offering a class on the safe and effective use of all fire extinguishers. The class will be from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the Recreation Center parking lot.

Certification of fire extinguishers-\$5.35. Recharging of 2.5- or 5-pound extinguisher-\$16.05. Recharging of 10-pound extinguisher-\$26.75. Purchasing of 2.5-pound extinguisher-\$32.10. Purchasing of 5-pound extinguisher-\$62.06. Extinguisher safety class-\$10.70. Payment will be collected on site the day of the event. Cash, check or credit cards will be accepted.

All fire extinguishers will be returned to your home once they are fully charged.

**Gatornationals\***

Do you like drag racing? Join us for ground shaking excitement at the annual Gatornationals on Friday, March 15. The traditional East Coast opener and the season's first of 10 for NHRA Get Screened Amer-

ica Pro Mod Drag Racing Series racers moves back to the second spot on the calendar. The event is one of the sport's most revered with a rich tradition of history-making performances. This hallowed ground has entertained spring-break-loving fans for decades with such notable occasions as the first 260-mph top fuel and funny car runs in 1984, and the first 270-mph and 300-mph top fuel passes in 1986 and 1992, respectively. Its 675-foot concrete launchpad is one of the longest on the tour. The cost is \$58 per person and includes entry into the track and transportation.

**Electronics Recycling**

Responsible electronics recycling will take place on Thursday, March 21, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a free event! Please note the following items will no longer be accepted: box cabinet or projection type TVs and CRT monitors.

**Rags to Riches Sign Up\***

Rags to Riches is scheduled for Friday, April 12, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Table sign-up will commence on Monday, March 18, at the Recreation Center office. Cost will be \$10 per table (two table maximum per resident). Get your table(s) early as this event sells out quickly.

**Lakeridge Wine & Seafood Festival\***

Lakeridge Wine & Seafood Festival marks the beginning of spring-time on Friday, March 22. Enjoy live outside music and entertainment throughout the entire day. Local artists and crafters will have their work on display. Lakeridge wine, beer, soft drinks and a variety of tasty seafood specialties will be available for purchase along with complimentary winery tours and tastings. The cost of the event is \$38 per person and includes transportation and admission into the festival. Please note you will need to bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

**Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks\***

Visit Spongeorama Sponge Museum on Tuesday, March 26, and learn about the rich history of Tarpon Springs, the sponge docks and industry. Find out just what a sponge is and where they come from while relaxing in their air-conditioned movie theater. The museum and movie are both free. After the movie you can enjoy shopping, dining and touring the town on your own. Pick up all of those must have unique Florida and Greek gifts and souvenirs. Please note this trip requires a lot of walking. The cost is \$27 per person and includes transportation. Lunch is on your own.

**Victory Casino Cruise\***

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Wednesday, March 27, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, relaxation, live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic

Café and receive free drinks while gaming. Please note that a valid government-issued photo ID will be required to board.

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

**Social Hour**

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, March 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music by Long White Cloud. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. This event is free!

**Community Pools**

As warmer weather approaches, pools will see higher volumes of residents and guests. We have pool monitors on site. Please be observant of the pool rules and always have your resident ID on hand. We ask everyone to only utilize one chair or lounge per person and to keep your personal items with you on your chair. This will help in assuring that everyone who comes to the pool will have a seat.

**Community Information**

If you would like to receive emails pertaining to news, events and activities happening here at On Top of the World, please make sure to go to [ontopoftheworldinfo.com/](http://ontopoftheworldinfo.com/) email-opt-in/ and click on the appropriate boxes to receive the latest information.

**Upcoming Events in April**

- Thursday, April 4: Tropic Trivia\*
- Friday, April 5: Singing River Cruise\*
- Saturday, April 6: Hands Across the Highway
- Tuesday, April 9: Dolphin Deep Sea Fishing\*
- Friday, April 12: Rags to Riches
- Thursday, April 18: Enviro-Shred
- Thursday, April 18: Holy Land Experience\*
- Friday, April 19: No Happy Hour
- Wednesday, April 24: Victory Casino Cruise\*
- Thursday, April 25: Social Hour; Barbara Lee Luncheon Cruise\*
- Friday, April 26: Horse Farm Tour\*
- Sunday, April 28: Early Bird Theatre "Sandy Toes & Salty Kisses"\*
- Tuesday, April 30: Winter Park Boat Tour & Morse Museum\*

\*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7533 or x7380. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.

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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.
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## Moonstruck Astronomy Club

By Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club had some big months in 2019, highlighted by viewing a full eclipse of the super moon in January. Club members met at the flying field on a very chilly Florida night to view and photograph the four-hour eclipse using telescopes owned by

several club members.

Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Jim DiPaolo brought and assembled his Cassegrain 9.25" telescope, complete with equatorial drive and imaging technology connected to his laptop, to photograph progress of the eclipse at the rate

of one image every two seconds. Because it was a full lunar eclipse, the color of what is usually a silvery moon turned deep red (blood red) during totality around midnight!

The January viewing session of the lunar eclipse followed on the heels of a session to view Comet 46P/Wirtanen in mid-December 2018. At that time, the comet was at its closest point to Earth in its orbit around the sun. The comet's tail was barely visible, partly due to the ambient light in the sky from downtown Ocala. But even so, it was still the brightest comet of 2018 for

viewers anywhere on Earth.

At the club's monthly meeting in January, the slate of officers was re-elected. Jim DiPaolo is president, and Larry Isenberg is vice president. Larry also fulfills the duties of secretary and treasurer for the club. At the meeting, club members approved a motion for the officers to move forward in establishing the club's official status, with dues of \$10 per year once it is established.

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club began last year, and it has quickly gained a following of people interested in the stars, planets, galaxies, and universe. Over 60 people are on the mailing list now, and it is growing all the time. Given events such as the recent eclipse and comet, news such as the Chinese landing on the far side of the moon, and more general questions about space, astronomy, and the cosmos, the club has plenty to discuss at every meeting.

The club meets on the second Thursday of every month in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. All residents interested in astronomy can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome!

Observing sessions are announced via email in the afternoon of any day that 1) weather conditions will allow for an open sky that evening at the flying field, and 2) owners of telescopes are willing to set up for others to join them to see interesting celestial objects. Sessions begin after dark and last into the evening, depending on the conditions and on the prospect of seeing specific targets as they cross the night sky. If you wish to be added to the club's email list, contact Jim DiPaolo at [spacecadet3010@gmail.com](mailto:spacecadet3010@gmail.com).



Super blood wolf moon lunar eclipse on Sunday, Jan. 20.

Photo by Jim DiPaolo

## LadyBirds Celebrate 16 Years

By Caren Kowalsky

Gloria Scicluna wanted to pass along some thoughts regarding the R/C LadyBirds 16th birthday party at The Lodge at Candler Hills. All ladies received a magnetic pink poodle button in memory of our "teen years." Many wore poodle skirts, oversized shirts, saddle shoes and "16" sugar corsages.

Numerous fully outfitted mannequins adorned our venue, provided by Donna Smalley and Nancy Kebler, also dressed in pink poodle skirts and leading us in the songs of the time. Three ladies, Leigh Workman, Nancy Dreimiller and Mary Balchunas, earned special gifts for their authentic costumes. Mary Moley was recognized as our most senior member. Then we devoured delicious desserts and shared stories with much laughter and fun. It was a great celebration for our club "16 years young!"

Thanks to Lyn Titcombe for providing our February meeting good-

ies. Our guest speaker was from Interfaith Thrift Shop. They are collecting clothing, kitchen items, purses, hats, scarves, and books.

Please be on the lookout for Barbara Wright's March luncheon information.

A huge thanks to Judy Grigsby, Kat Whittington, and helpers for being in charge of the wonderful Valentine's party in February. All who attended had a great time.

Please be advised that it is time for nominations to fill our board of directors. Leigh Workman will continue as our secretary, and Barbara Wright will continue as our treasurer. We are in need of a president and vice president. If interested, please contact either Caren Kowalsky at (352) 291-1235 or Barbara Wright at (904) 955-4244. They will be calling all of our members to discuss this matter. We must have both positions filled in order to continue as a club. We are counting



The R/C Ladybirds celebrated their 16th year with a birthday party at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

on you to come forward and volunteer. We are always available to help you in any way.

We know that many new R/C Flyers have moved into On Top of the World lately. We are hoping that their spouses and significant others might like to sit in on one of our LadyBirds meetings, which take place the second Friday of each

month from September to May, at 9 a.m. Just bring your beverage and one of our bakers will provide the goodies. We are sure you will want to join our happy group of LadyBirds. We will be looking for you at our next meeting. Please contact Caren at (352) 291-1235 for exact location of meeting. Looking forward to speaking with you soon.

## The Jewish Club Fashion Show

By Nancy Meininger

The Jewish Club is definitely riding a wave of excitement through 2019. As we enter March, with the largest membership ever - 193 paid members - we are set to en-

joy three major events - a field trip to the races at Tampa Bay Downs on Wednesday, March 6 with a race named after our club, private box seats, buffet lunch plus pho-

tos with the winning horse; a Purim celebration on Sunday, March 17 sharing a bit of Jewish history along with hamantaschen pastry, the customary dessert for the holiday; followed by our second annual members only barbeque on Sunday, March 24 at the pavilion. Barbeque tickets are \$5. Reserve your spot by calling Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625. There will also be a combination March/April dinner bunch this

month due to Passover in April.

The Jewish Club hosted a record-breaking attendance with the Chico's Outlet Fashion Show on Saturday, Feb. 9 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The show was a huge success for our chosen charity, The Kimberly Center of Marion County for abused and neglected children, bringing in close to \$1,000 for the children. We thank all in attendance. President Nancy Carp exceeded the event and added a bit of humor to the show.

All club members took part in making this affair successful. The men were ticket sellers for the silent auction of baskets, which were arranged by Renee Coster and Fran and Charlie Calhoun. Joan Brand coordinated the models that included Barbara Adler, Marilyn Connor, Barbara Dubinet, Irina Korostishevski, Elaine Levine, Phyllis McNeal, Libby Teichner and Shelly Vogel; with Chico's Outlet, represented by Kristin Kuznik and Jessica Bradley.

The Jewish Club is open to any resident regardless of religious affiliation. Call Nancy Carp for more information at (410) 935-2625.



Photo by Steve Warren

The Jewish Club hosted a record-breaking attendance with the Chico's Outlet Fashion Show.



**Travel Toppers**

Anne Parker

Spring is nearly here and we have some great trips planned.

On Mother's Day, May 12, we will travel to the Show Palace to see "Rat Pack Lounge." The cost is \$81 per person and includes transportation, a buffet lunch, show and all tips. Frank, Dean and Sammy are up in heaven; God tells them they left some unfinished promises to Vic, the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Frank and the boys have one night to make things right. Call Gail Ambrose to make reservations at (352) 671-8280 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Our Father's Day trip on June 16 will be down the St. Johns River aboard the Barbara Lee. The cost of \$70 per person will include a three-hour cruise and luncheon freshly prepared on board. The meal includes a choice of prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, salmon filet, or roasted vegetable lasagna, chef's salad or pasta primavera served with potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. Hot and iced teas are included; a cash bar will be available. Mark your calendar that bookings start Monday, April 1, with Linda Hein, at (352) 861-9880 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Space is limited for the seven night Eastern Caribbean cruise on the Oasis of the Seas sailing from

Miami on Sunday, Nov. 24, and returning on Sunday, Dec. 1. Call Inge at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) to book. Cabins start as low as \$1,280 per person double occupancy for an ocean view balcony cabin. Ports of calls are St. Thomas, USVI; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Labadee, Haiti, before returning to Miami. A \$250 deposit is required at time of booking with final payment due Sunday, Aug. 25. Travel protection is available from \$99 depending on type of cabin booked. With a minimum of 20 passengers, motor coach transportation can be provided to and from the Port of Miami.

We are exploring interest in several 2020 trips. One is a seven-day trip to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Air will be out of Orlando on Oct. 1 with all coach arrangements made with Mayflower Tours. This trip will include sightseeing in the Old Town of Albuquerque, the evening balloon glow, the mass ascension, two nights in Santa Fe, and other historic venues in the surrounding areas. As this column goes to print, costs and other details are being finalized. If you are interested, please contact Inge at (352) 237-7428 (weekdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). This is a trip that fills quickly every year and one you do not want to miss.

Visit [traveltopperstours.com](http://traveltopperstours.com) for a listing of current trips. Remember these trips are open only to residents and their guests.



**On the Road Again**

Bob Woods

The club presently has three great trips planned for the remainder of this year and presently the three of them are sold out. However, we are taking names for the stand-by lists. When a cancellation occurs, the club starts with the first person on the stand-by list and goes down the list from there. Some folks have placed their names on the list, but in the meantime other things have arisen and they can no longer participate.

The remaining trips are as follows ...

The motor coach trip to Branson, Missouri departing On Top of the World on Saturday, April 6 is a nine-day/eight-night show extravaganza viewing seven shows; three in the morning, three in the evening and a three-course meal and show onboard the Showboat Branson Belle. There will be stops going and returning with one stop

of free time in Memphis's famous Beale Street.

The Washington, D.C. trip departs our community Thursday, June 6. This is a seven-day/six-night trip with a guided tour of Washington that includes visiting war memorials, hopefully a tour inside the Capitol Building rotunda, Arlington National Cemetery and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns along with the Smithsonian Institution, and much more. The group will also visit Mount Vernon and the Museum of the Bible.

Departing Oct. 3, the group is heading to the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, N.M. where approximately 500 balloons will be lighted and take to the air in a mass ascension. We will tour the old city area in Albuquerque and Santa Fe plus many additional destinations.

Anyone interested in becoming a stand-by, at no cost, call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702; or if a flyer of the trip is required, go to the club's website at [bobwoods-ontheroadagain.com](http://bobwoods-ontheroadagain.com).

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**Active Singles**

Kathy Mansfield

Our membership continues to grow. We are just shy of the 150 mark of active singles who are looking for fun with other singles.

Our first Sunday in February dinner was canceled due to the Super Bowl. Dinner for March will be held at The Club at Candler Hills. Our second Tuesday happy hour was fantastic. We have a great venue now for socializing.

Thanks to Natalee Torgeson, our group walks and hikes have resumed. The latest trip was to the LandBridge Trailhead and our happy hikers enjoyed it.

Game night at the Indigo East Community Center has been confirmed for the rest of 2019. Come on out and have a fun evening on the last Tuesday of the month.

For those who have nighttime driving concerns, we have a list of volunteer drivers to help get you to our monthly meetings. As we

approach spring and daylight will be longer each day, driving home from our membership meetings in the dark shouldn't be an issue too much longer.

The board members are looking for a few more volunteers to become part of the welcome committee. This fantastic team makes sure we have nametags for all events and take the time to introduce new members. There are a few more important steps to be sure we are all comfortable in our large group completed by this welcome committee team. So we could use a few more outgoing people.

Our bowling party was a big hit. Members are requesting we make this a monthly event.

We are always looking for active event ideas. You can suggest ideas to [activesinglesotow@gmail.com](mailto: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 MeetUp so we can adequately prepare for each event.

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**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

Luke Mullen

In January, 30 diners attended four dinners at the homes of club members.

Hosting our first dinner were Nancy and Tom Meininger. Carolyn and Frank Salvatore prepared two appetizers: red pepper jelly over cream cheese and crab cakes with sriracha sauce. Following the appetizers, Kathy and Don Grosner served a green salad with ranch or Italian dressing. Nancy and Tom then served a crown roast of pork with wild rice and cranberry splashed gravy. Glory and Bruce Herget served a complimentary side vegetable of glazed carrots, apples and raisins. The glaze was made from orange marmalade butter and a little nutmeg. The spiced apple upside down cake, served with vanilla ice cream, was made by Linda Meyer and Randy Schmid.

Pat and Russ McNulty were hosts for our second dinner. Hors

d'oeuvres were prepared by Kathy and Luke Mullen. The first was cherry tomatoes stuffed with marinated feta cheese and Kalamata olives. The second was blue cheese stuffed queen olives wrapped in bacon with a balsamic vinegar and brown sugar glaze. Following the appetizers, Cindy and John Klopfer served a tossed salad with knock-off Olive Garden dressing. Pat and Russ served their favorite after the holiday leftovers dinner -turkey tetrazzini with steamed broccoli. Annette and Paul Hodges then served strawberry shortcake with Irish teacake, fresh Plant City strawberries, and whipped topping and/or vanilla ice cream.

The third dinner hosts were Diane and Dave McCarthy. They started their evening with cheese and crackers and then moved on to a dinner of baked chicken breasts with a honey mustard sauce along with bowtie pasta mixed with a pesto sauce. Mary Hannon and George Campbell served a corn casserole to go along with dinner. Carol and Roger Bonifield served their dessert, which was a pineapple upside down cake.



Photo by Conrad Massa

**Luke Mullen of the Favorite Recipes Dinner Club at the Club Fair in January.**

The hosts for our fourth dinner were Fran and Ken Kerl. Lynn Palo and Carl Spotts prepared the smoked salmon dip with vegetables and crackers. Fran and Ken then served a citrus salad with spiced honey dressing. Pheasant florentine, wild rice stuffing and asparagus followed it. Phyllis and Al Richards served a tres leches

cake consisting of yellow sheet cake saturated with a mixture of heavy cream, evaporated milk and sweetened condensed milk, frosted with whipped cream topped with maraschino cherries and toasted coconut flakes.

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



**Native Plant Group**

Ron Broman

So what is the right tree; and where is the right place? Moving forward from last month, with a call to plant a tree, what does our own community have to tell us?

On Top of the World is situated on an ancient sand dune. Slowly, over a very long time, plants have survived and become adapted to this ecological community. Botanists call it the sandhill community.

The three most characteristic plants in this community are wiregrass, turkey oak and longleaf pine. Periodic fires have helped to maintain it in a more or less stable condition.

Our Longleaf Pine Trail at The Arbors circles through part of this sand hill community. Longleaf pines have leaves as needles, usually well over 20 cm long, home in bundles of threes. The female cones are usually longer than 15 cm. The terminal buds are silver white.

A similar pine species, the slash pine, has needles usually somewhat shorter, fewer than 15 cm, and bundled in groups of two. The terminal bud is somewhat brownish.

A quote from the book Florida Wildflowers and Their Natural Communities, by Walter Kingsley Taylor, describes the decline in the population of the longleaf pine over the last half-century, "Extensive tracts of longleaf pine once covered much of the Southeast Coastal Plain, from eastern Virginia to east Texas and down into Florida. These majestic pines were once dominant components of longleaf pine flatwoods, sandhills and clayhills. Today there are few virgin tracts remaining of those communities in Florida. Citrus groves, pine plantations, agricultural lands, and residential and commercial developments occupy former longleaf pinelands. In 1936 about 7.6 million acres of forests, dominated by longleaf pines, were present in Florida. By 1987 this acreage had shrunk to 950,000 acres, a loss of 88 percent in 51 years!"

The longleaf pines, along with

their dependent species such as the endangered Lincoln's fox squirrel, and the red-cockaded and red headed woodpecker, have continued to decline in Florida.

Our community is extremely fortunate to have at least a remnant of the longleaf pine sandhill community. With prescribed burns every two to five years the longleaf pines

may survive here for several more years. They are an important apex species. They are magnificent trees!

The Native Plant Group continues to maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail and arboretum, the SW 94th Street circle and the Belleview Library native garden. Come join with us. Call (352) 861-4560 for particulars. Growing native is natural!



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**Pennsylvania Club**

Lisa Augustine

While temperatures have started thawing both in Pennsylvania and Florida, we enjoyed a fun filled meal and game at our February meeting. It was a potluck meal and I must say there were some delicious dishes. Three couples volunteered to play the "Not So Newlywed Game." Boy was that fun! And even after many, many years together it proved couples don't always know everything

about their spouse. We all had a lot of good laughs and a lot of kidding our volunteer couples. Hopefully no one went home in trouble! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, at 3 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suites F & G where we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It will be a catered meal of corned beef and cabbage (so get your green on). Our guest speaker will be from the Marion County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. If you would like to meet some new people and have fun then join us at our monthly meetings. You don't have to be from Pennsylvania.



**Southern Club**

Melanie Vittitow

Despite a slight mix-up on my part in last month's column, I was happy to see everyone made it to the meeting on the correct date and time. We even had six new members! Some of them stopped by our table at the Club Fair in January and we were happy to see them at the meeting.

I think the word has gotten out that the Southern Club is a fun group who welcomes all residents of On Top of the World because we consider you new southerners now that you live here. You may have also gotten the message that our great Southern cooks put out a grand buffet. This month was no exception. What a feast! We had salads, meats, vegetables, casseroles, and desserts enough for everyone to fill their plates and still have leftovers.

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, Suites E-F. The club furnishes coffee, tea, and lemonade, but you are welcome to bring your own drink if you prefer a soda or something. You will also need to bring your own plates and utensils.

After dinner we have our program or speaker and then a short informal meeting, and end with a 50/50 drawing.

We were scheduled to have a speaker from Marion Senior Services speak to us in February but she misunderstood the time and had to leave early, so she left some brochures and Patty gave us a synopsis of her speech. You may not realize that Marion Senior Services provides more than Meals on Wheels. Their mission is to assist the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged to maintain independent living status. To that end, they also serve meals at various locations throughout the county, giving people a chance of socialization, activities and educational programs. They provide transportation for people who can't drive to doctor's appointments or even to shop. They also provide various forms of in-home assistance such as personal care, companionship and homemaker assistance. If you, or a neighbor, need any of these services, you can find the details at marionseniorservices.org or by calling (352) 620-3501.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 7. Since dinner starts at 5 p.m., come about 4:30 p.m. to have time to get settled and chat a while. After dinner the Dulcimer Group will entertain us. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 873-8690.



**SPCA**

Sandra Wolf

The SPCA of Marion County meets the third Thursday of the month at Bank OZK, at 1 p.m. Our speaker for January was Linda Norman from VOCAL. Members learned a lot. We planned a visit to their facilities to see how they work. We are planning to have more speakers in the coming months.

Our website is up and run-

ning. You can see all of our fosters that are available for adoption. There are many cats and kittens looking for a home. If you are interested the website is [spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com](http://spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com). We are at the Farmers Market on Thursday mornings. Donations can be made there.

This month we are featuring Mystic and Mattie. They are brothers that have spent their whole lives together. Mystic is a tuxedo cat and Mattie is all black with a touch of Siamese features. They are 10 years young and are in good health. They are quite social and always looking for a head pat.



**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

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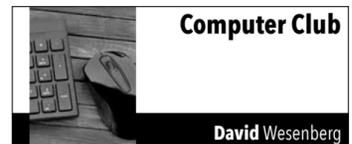
studying a harmonized view of the Gospels. A harmonized view covers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in approximate time order. We just finished the Casting of the Impure Spirit and are studying the Beatitudes next time. The study is located at [bible.lolipop.org/gospel/intro/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#](http://bible.lolipop.org/gospel/intro/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/).

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 Chris-

tians. If you want to grow in your knowledge of the Bible, attend this important class and participate.

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

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



**Computer Club**

David Wesenberg

Computer Club now meets in the Hobby Building Event Room. The club will ultimately be relocated in the same building in the repurposed billiards room when renovation is complete.

The club is opening up the club's website to all residents. Visit [otow.lolipop.org](http://otow.lolipop.org) and select Computer Club from the menu. You will notice Q & A, "how to" and for sale sections as well as links to useful software that has been vetted. All sections are open to the public. If you need personal help, contact Dave at [dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com](mailto:dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com) or (217) 280-4454.

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**Women of the World**

Nancy Grabowski

The 39th annual fashion show and luncheon to benefit Hospice of Marion County will be held on Saturday, March 9, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The doors will open at 11 a.m. so our attendees can peruse the baskets, purchase raffle tickets, and make their selections in hopes of winning. The baskets on display were cre-

ated and donated by members of Women of the World. Some baskets were created by individuals and others by teams of workers. Each basket is unique and fuels the raffle ticket purchase. We will have the traditional nest egg in the raffle, too. Members contributed money, were given an extra ticket into the raffle for each dollar they donated, and were very generous. The nest egg contains \$450. All the proceeds from the entire raffle goes to Hospice of Marion County.

The luncheon will be catered by A Gourmet Affair and the fashions will come from Belk. Our models

for the fashions will be Louise Zocoli, Barbara Buehler, Helen Anderson, JoAnne Schneider, Deborah Carleton, Barbara Martyn, Mary Jury, Amy Waller, Katherine Lang, and Carollee Buerkle. Sue Copeland, Katherine Anshewitz, and Melanie Vittitow will help as dressers and are prepared to substitute, if the need arises.

Judy Singer and her sister, Diane Trebzyński, who has traveled from Wisconsin to be here, have created the decorations. A team of ready volunteers will transform the ballroom early on the morning of the show. A Belk representative

will describe the selected clothing, Gail Curcione will narrate the fashion segment of the program, and president April Pollard will emcee the remaining sections of the show.

Students from West Port High School's Key Club will volunteer as runners throughout the program. Music and lighting will be provided by the sound and light crew.

A portion of the ticket price is donated to Hospice of Marion County, too. A very few tickets remain available for the event. If you need to purchase a ticket, please call Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315 before March 7.



**Lions Club**

Sherry Whitmer-Hall

On Friday, March 15, the Lions Club will be presenting their fundraiser, "Hollywood Nights." The event will feature an evening of dining and dancing with Charlie De, Ken Brady and Stan Prinston performing a variety of music. The atmosphere will be reminiscent of

Hollywood award shows. Join us on the red carpet for photo opportunities in your finest attire to benefit the On Top of the World Lions Club's charities. A 50/50 raffle and basket auction will also be held.

"Hollywood Nights" will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center, at 5 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$35 per person. A table of 10 is \$300. For more information on ticket sales, please call Lion Charles Calhoun at (352) 556-6004 or Lion Bob Czopek at (352) 857-8765. All forms of pay-

ment will be accepted.

Dinner will be catered by Southern Pig & Cattle Company II. They will be serving pulled pork, chicken, barbecue beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, tea and water.

Charlie De and friends will begin performing at 7 p.m. Joining Charlie will be Ken Brady (Original Casinos, "Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye") and Stan Prinston touring with the Flamingos. They will be bringing the audience to their feet to dance through the decades.

Funds from "Hollywood Nights" will benefit children, veterans and Marion County entities supported by the Lions Club.

Recently, the Texas Connection Club invited us to make a presentation about our emergency health information forms. This community service project is designed to allow residents to live independently longer and give their families the peace of mind that their loved ones have detailed health information

available for emergency responders.

We have plans to present this program to the Veterans Club and Democratic Club soon. Clubs interested in hearing about the program can call Lion Sherry Whitmer-Hall, committee chairman, at (913) 638-9256 for more information.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects including "Hollywood Nights" fundraiser, military appreciation programs, collecting books for Marion County children, resident emergency health form (a 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.



**What's Cookin'**

Elaine Morrison

I recently had lunch at a local restaurant where I, for the first time, enjoyed a cup of Brunswick stew; which I later learned is a traditional Southern recipe. I had no knowledge of the dish, and Googled it upon returning home.

It can be prepared in several different ways, and I decided to go with the beef and chicken mix. Pork is another tasty option. This is the recipe I ended up with, much to my delight and that of my guests.

**Brunswick Stew**

- 2 large onions, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- Oil for browning
- 1 1/2 tablespoons jarred beef soup base
- 2 cups water
- 3 boned and skinned chicken breasts
- 1 28-ounce can fire-roasted tomatoes
- 1 12-ounce package frozen creamed corn
- 1 10-ounce package frozen white kernel corn
- 1 9-ounce package frozen lima beans
- 1 12-ounce bottle chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse ground pepper
- 1 pound stew beef chunks
- 1/3 cup flour
- 10 small potatoes, cut in half
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Hot sauce (optional)

Brown onions and garlic in oil until softened. Coat beef with seasoned flour. Remove onions and garlic and add beef to hot oil, turning until brown on all sides. Remove and set aside.

In Dutch oven, stir together beef soup base and two cups of water. Add chicken breasts and browned beef and next nine ingredients. Add potatoes. Bring to a boil and cover and reduce heat, stirring occasionally, about two hours.

Uncover, remove and shred chicken into large pieces. Replace into pot and add lemon juice. Cook another 10 minutes. Serve with hot sauce, if desired.

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**A gray crowned crane, the national bird of Tanzania, feeding in the Arusha National Park.**



#### World Traveler

Bill Shampine

Today we are going to learn about Tanzania. Bordered on the north by Uganda and Kenya, it is located on the southeastern coast of Africa. The Portuguese controlled most of the trade on the East African coast from 1498 to 1699, before the Omani Arabs were able to oust them and establish Arab control of the coastal trading. Omani Sultan Said bin Sultan, a major slave trader, moved to Zanzibar City in 1840, and the city became the center for the Arab slave trade.

Zanzibar is a chain of islands just off the coast of what is now known as Tanzania. The British, however, opposed the slave trade, and, with military intimidation and diplomatic skill, were able to put an end to it in this region. Zanzibar then became a British Protectorate in 1890 in order to enforce the ban.

Meanwhile, in 1884, Germany

began colonizing a chunk of Africa they called German East Africa. When Germany was defeated in World War I, Belgium was given control of the land in the northwest, now known as Rwanda and Burundi, and Britain was given control of the major portion of the landmass, which they called Tanganyika. Tanganyika became independent in 1961 and Zanzibar in 1963. These two territories then united to form Tanzania in 1964.

Tanzania has a dramatic landscape and is a beautiful country. It is the site of the highest and lowest points in Africa. Mt. Kilimanjaro is 19,341 feet above sea level and the bottom of Lake Tanganyika is 1,155 feet below sea level. Three of Africa's Great Lakes are partly within Tanzania. Lake Victoria is Africa's largest lake and the second largest fresh water lake in the world, Lake Tanganyika is the continent's deepest lake, and Lake Nyasa is the fourth largest fresh water lake in the world. Kalambo Falls is the second highest uninterrupted waterfall in Africa. Tanzania also has huge fertile plains where wildlife abounds. Approximately 38 percent of the land area is set aside for conservation. The Serengeti is perhaps the most famous of 16 National Parks, but Gombe Stream National Park is close behind. It is the site of Jane Goodall's study of

#### Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

Awesome is a word I do not use often but it's the best way to describe the Scandinavian American Club's 20th anniversary celebration. We gathered at the Candler Hills Community Center for a delicious lunch, lively music, friendly conversation and great door prizes donated by local businesses. The club held its first meeting in January 1999 with 44 people attending. We are fortunate to have four of the original members still active in club activities today.

Club member, Nancy Bolte designed a map of the Scandinavian countries and each member placed a colored star on the area where they or their ancestors lived. The map will be used for heritage discussions at future meetings. Photos and other items reflecting the club's history were on display and each person attending received a club history fact sheet.

All residents of Scandinavian descent are invited to participate in club activities (spouses welcome). Please join us on Tuesday, March 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.



Photo by Jerry Nardone

**Charter members Grace and Arnold Hansen and Jennie and Norman Halversen.**

chimpanzee behavior, which started in 1960.

The government does not have a sterling reputation for helping the people. Approximately 68 percent of the citizens live below the poverty line of \$1.25 per day. The economy is based heavily on agriculture, featuring maize, cassava, sweet potatoes, beans, bananas, and a variety of other crops.

The national bird of Tanzania is the gray crowned crane. I mention this because an article written by Susan Smiley-Height in the Au-

gust 26, 2013, edition of the Ocala Star-Banner discussed one of these birds that lives in northwest Marion County, near Orange Lake. It has lived there since, at least, 1999. A few years ago, several members of the Unique Birders went on a field trip to observe the bird. It truly is spectacular! The bird is beautifully colored, more than three feet tall and has a wingspan of more than six feet. No one really knows how the bird got here, although, as you might suspect, there are several unverified rumors.

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Kathy Cornell

Our January chili cook-off was a big success. All entries were so delicious we had a hard time picking a favorite. First place went to Sally Epton followed by Lynn Pluto in second and Gary Cornell in third. Their prizes were chili pepper themed items from the Artistic Crafts & Gifts group. Runners up Linda Byrd, Lesley Casey and Esther Cohen Banda received Texas-style cornbread mixes made in Denton, Texas.

For our February meeting, Sherry Whitmer-Hall gave us a presentation on the Lion's Club health information forms packet they provide that meets all of the health and contact information Marion County EMS needs should they be called to your home. EMS knows to look for the forms by your front door. When this information is readily available you can be treated more quickly and efficiently. This leads to a better outcome and the possibility of you maintaining your independence longer. It proved to be an actual lifesaver for a member

of our community. They also have forms for your pet so that your furry friends can be cared for if you are hospitalized. For more information or to get forms contact Sherry at (913) 638-9256.

We also played a group version of Family Feud. A question was posed and each person had a score sheet on which they wrote their guess of the number one answer to match "the random survey of 100 people." Top answer garnered the most points and lesser amounts were earned for other answers if they appeared on the board. After each person totaled their individual score it was revealed that to make this an actual Family Feud (and introduce a Texas element), half the group was now in the Reese family and the other in the Townsends. The Reese-Townsend feud was legendary in Texas and started with a political race. After nine years, a famous Texas Ranger ended the feud. Lesley Casey, representing the Reeses, won the feud for her "family" by having the highest score on the game. Their prize is that they won the feud and lived to tell about it!

For March, we're turning our room into Armadillo Downs Race-track for our first ever Lone Star Derby. You'll be able to place bets on your favorite horse and some



Photo by Kathy Cornell

Texas Connection chili cook-off contestants Sally Epton, Lynn Pluto, Gary Cornell, Linda Byrd, Lesley Casey and Esther Cohen Banda.

other fun stuff is being planned. Meeting will be on Sunday, March 10 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Please bring a snack to share, your own beverage and dollar bills for betting.

We are a club for residents who have a "connection" to Texas by be-

ing 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. For more information about our March event or about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders will be going to one of Central Florida's best birding spots, Sweetwater Wetlands (Sweetwater) on Thursday, March 28. Sweetwater is south of Gainesville and adjacent to Paynes Prairie Preserve. Many species of birds at Sweetwater are residents through-

out the year. Migrant species also spend time here due to the habitat and availability of food. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Margitta Claterbos at mclaterbos@gmail.com.

Visitors to Sweetwater can view raptors, wading birds, ducks, shorebirds and songbirds as well as alligators, cracker horses and numerous small mammals. Species that have been seen in abundance in 2019 and include blue-winged teal, American coot, limpkin, sandhill crane, anhinga, double-crested

cormorant, osprey, four species of woodpeckers, red-winged black-bird, yellow-rumped warbler, black-bellied whistling duck, tree swallow and American robin.

Sweetwater has gravel trails and long wooden boardwalks that allow the observer to get close to some of these species who nest and find food in the wetlands. It is common to see large flocks of birds, young birds on nests or learning to swim and birds catching and eating their prey in the wetlands. Sweetwater is a great place to observe and photo-

graph birds.

The Unique Birders hope that you will join us on this trip to Sweetwater. We will meet at the large tree in the Recreation Center parking at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 28. You will be given directions to Sweetwater and to our chosen lunch spot before we leave. Please contact Margitta (mclaterbos@gmail.com) if you will be joining us.

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**Genealogy Society**

Peter Parisi

Our thanks to members who staffed our booth at the Club Fair in January.

On Monday, Jan. 21, C. Ann Staley, a certified genealogist and education chairman for the Jacksonville Genealogical Society, gave a presentation on "Prospecting at the Court House" in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Ann Staley emphasized that in the United States, we have a dual court system, federal courts and state courts. At the state level, look at the city / municipal courts, state courts and especially the county courts for the records they might have. Except for the state of Rhode Island where the records are kept at the city and town level, with a copy kept at the Division of Vital Records, Rhode Island Department of Health, county courthouses maintain the recording of vital records, probate/estate records and coroner reports.

Another source of information is a deed (an indenture), a written instrument of a sale of land or any property, real or personal. Deed books can contain patents, surveys, plat books, powers of attorney, tax records, mortgaging of crops, cattle or land. They are usually called grantee and grantor indexes. Other documents that could be available are dog, boat or horse license books, adoption records, voter registration books, professional licenses and registers, retail licenses and naturalization records. All of these records might be full of genealogical and family information.

Ann recommended that before you go to the courthouse determine what type of information and record you are seeking. Find out from the courthouse, before you go, whether you can get copies of the documents you find or can you take pictures of the documents or download the documents to a thumb drive. She also recommends that you act as a serious researcher and dress appropriately.

When looking for a marriage date, realize that the dates are different depending on whether you are looking at an application, a

marriage license, or a marriage certificate. After death, look for transferring land deeds in grantor books or grantee books. The land deed may include references to adjoining parcels of land and their owners. It might also give the date of death of the person whose estate is being transferred.

On Monday, March 11, members will meet at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room for a special meeting to elect a secretary. Your participation in this meeting is important. Afterwards, we will have a workshop on "Preparing for a Suc-

cessful Research Trip to the John F. Germany Library" on Monday, April 8. If time permits, we will have an open genealogy discussion by the members.

On Monday, March 18, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room, guest speaker, Rick Mau, program chair of the Genealogical Society of Hernando County, will give a presentation on "Finding Genealogical Information on Your Ancestors using Newspaper Research."

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**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger

When Michigan Club members meet Sunday, March 3 for their monthly meet and greet at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F, there will be wearing of the green. You see the club's logo shirts happen to be moss green with a state of Michigan logo imprinted on them surrounded by a

field of blue to represent the Great Lakes. There will also be some leprechaun hats and shamrocks, too.

A new bit of fun, in addition to the annual joke fest that takes place at this meeting, will be performer Dee Collier from the University of Central Florida and Master the Possibilities in costume, there to give us a bit of historic entertainment. She will help us celebrate the day, also March 3, 1845, when Florida, the 27th state became a member of the Union.

Several people came up to me after our February meeting where we played Super Bowl trivia and asked if we could do that more often. I am happy to make that happen. Keep an eye open for any trivia you feel the group would enjoy.

Tickets will be available that night for the club's annual Coney Island party to celebrate hats off to baseball to salute our Detroit Tigers on Sunday, April 7 at the pavilion. This year, Coney and all the trimmings and sides will be provided by the club. Members are asked only to bring desserts. The tickets are \$5 each.

For the St. Patrick's Day potluck, if your name begins with A-H, please bring an Irish salad or vegetable. If your name begins with I-R, please bring an Irish main dish. If your name begins with S-Z, please bring a dessert. Always bring a non-alcoholic drink of your choice for your immediate group.

Also, please remember each person at the table is to bring a three-inch by five-inch card with a joke on it, which is easily readable. We will have a round of jokes as the meeting concludes.

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**100 Grandparents**

Janet Fragapane

We have heard about the wonderful program that Romeo Elementary runs for boys and now for girls. Mrs. White, assistant principal, spoke again about the program. She also introduced us to two of the boys, dressed in a white shirt and tie, from the club. To recap, the program is in its third year of practice. The jobs the boys perform are helping younger students in getting on and off the right school buses, getting to their right classes, mentoring students and honing their social skills. Of the 15 boys now in the club only one boy has a father figure in his life. The school is always on the lookout for male mentors to come and talk to these boys in positive ways. If you are interested in talking to them about your work or life choices, please call the school at (352) 465-6700. Know that you will come away with more than you would imagine!

The school is going back to paper

testing. No more tests on computers as children look at computers as play. May 1 and 2, third graders will be tested on math; fourth and fifth graders on reading and math.

Marion County teachers are going to other schools for a day to learn new classroom skills. The Tuesday we were at Romeo, Mrs. Balias, principal, was attending this program.

The school is hosting a Camp Romeo Family Night. The parents were polled, and the results were that they would like to learn how to better help their child learn. This event will take place on Friday, May 24. At that time, the children will be doing activities and the parents will be learning first hand how to help with schoolwork and learning.

Becky Parry started as a substitute reader. Melinda Sutherland is now a regular reader and has her own class. Judy and Ralph Halper came along to see what we do. Welcome to all.

The donated items left in February were amazing! Thank you to Hannah Cole, Phyllis Jarskey, Mary Till, Kathryn Oaks, Rita Rehphol, and Fred and Terry Klump.

Donated items may be left at Evelyn Holiday's front porch at 8880 SW 94th Street, Unit C (Friendship Village) or Janet Fragapane's front porch at 9891 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II). If you require pick up of items, please call (352) 237-0304 or (352) 861-1575. We accept donations of gently used or new children's shoes, clothing, sweaters, hats, bicycles, bicycle helmets, art



Photo by Robin Kaizer

**These 100 Grandparents members knitted 760 stockings, filled them with food, and gave one to every child at Romeo Elementary for Christmas.**

supplies, yarn, buttons and school supplies. Donated children's underwear must be new and in unopened packaging.

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

Planned mid-month trips include a relaxing boat ride out of Dunnellon with lunch at Swampy's, and high tea at Sweetie's Bakery and Cafe.

The club now meets in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room, at 2 p.m. Come and join us on Thursday, March 14 and bring a friend. We always welcome new members.



Photo by Elaine Sullivan

**Enjoying food and friendship at the first meeting of the Midwest Heartland Club.**



**Midwest Heartland Club**

Elaine Sullivan

We had our first meeting with more than 80 in attendance! We had a fun and happy time. Since we need a larger room to accommodate our club, I will let everyone know what room we will be given before our next meeting on Tuesday, April 2.

Please join us for good food and fun! If you have questions or programming ideas, please contact Elaine Sullivan at (505) 401-1257.



**Rhode Island Group**

Judith Parisi

We have a group - not a club - of residents who have at one time lived in Rhode Island. We gather periodically for lunch or dinner to share experiences and reminisce about our days there. If you lived in Rhode Island, we'd love to have you join us. Please email Judy Parisi to be added to our email list for future gatherings (judith.parisi@gmail.com).

Fun facts about Rhode Island ... It is the smallest state with the longest name. The actual name is the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. It is 1,212 square miles - smaller than Marion County's 1,663 square miles.

Rhode Island has some great food and beverage specialties, and if you lived or visit there you want to experience Del's Lemonade, lobster ravioli, doughboys, zeppoles, stuffies (stuffed quahogs), hot wieners (in Olneyville, of course), coffee milk cabinets, along with "chowda" and clam cakes.



**Toastmasters - Talk of the World**

David Wesenberg

This month, we meet on Wednesdays, March 13 and 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.

In February, we had our open house and international speech and table topics contests. Visit [otow.lolopop.org/club/toastmasters](http://otow.lolopop.org/club/toastmasters) to see why people are joining us.

Toastmasters is an organization dedicated to effective speech and leadership. We provide the ultimate leadership training through holding 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. These cover all aspects of running an organization or club.

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](mailto:dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com) or (217) 280-4454.

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**Singles Club**

Lorraine Serwan

Spring is almost here. Warmer weather and no cold (we hope). Don't forget daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 10. It will be nice having it stay lighter in the evening.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 14 and we will have a speaker from the Marion County Sheriff's Office who will talk about all scams - how to recognize them and most important how not to fall for them.

Lakeridge Winery is scheduled as our mid-month trip. On Thursday, March 21, the group going will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot, at 10 a.m. The tour is at about 11 a.m. Bring a bagged lunch and we'll picnic in the area behind the winery. On the way back there will be an optional stop at Russell Stover Candies. Sign up sheets will be at the meeting or call Lorraine at (352) 854-1365. Remember if you sign up and then decide not to go let, please let Lorraine know.

It will soon be time to nominate officers for 2019-2020. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, let Nancy know.

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## Resident Pickleball Coach

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

With pickleball being the fastest growing sport, especially among seniors in the United States, is it any wonder that On Top of the World is experiencing exponential growth in the sport as well? There are now more than 200 pickleball players in our community. "And every week more and more future players show up for lessons," says our newest pickleball coach, Tom Roach.

Coach Tom was a professional tennis coach and a year and a half ago after attending the Engage Pickleball Academy, he received his certification to coach pickleball.

Tom grew up in a small town in the state of Washington. He worked on his family farm and played football at an all boys Jesuit high school, helping them win the state championship two years in a row. He then went on to graduate with a professional aeronautics degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Tom Roach has always been a competitor, whether playing football, racket ball, tennis or hand-

ball. He shares his competitive spirit with kids, often as a mentor, a coach, or just someone that they can talk to when the world gets a little overwhelming. Before moving to On Top of the World last July, Coach Tom was a volunteer in the Listen to the Children program in Pembroke Pines, Fla. He spent time teaching grade school children how to play chess, checkers, or build a Lego creation. Tom believes that God has put us on the earth to be the best that we can be, and no talent, big or small, should be wasted. He is the embodiment of his own philosophy.

There are currently 12 pickleball courts here at On Top of the World. To keep up with our community's interest in the game, six more are on the drawing board.

Coach Tom Roach along with John Mullin and Herb Katz are available every Wednesday, at 10 a.m. to welcome new players and at 11 a.m. to work with the more seasoned on improving their game. You will find them, obviously, on the pickleball courts.

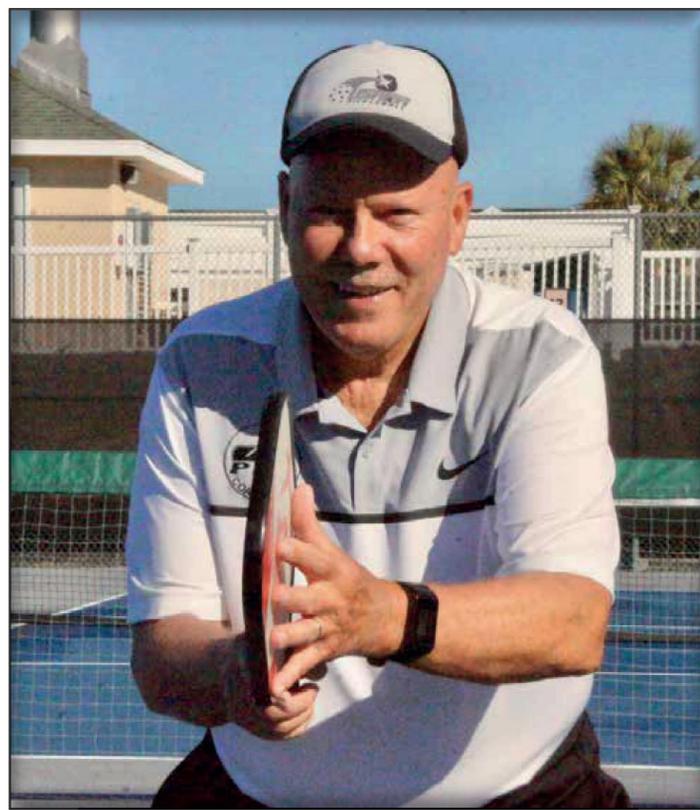


Photo by Ray Cech

Tom Roach received his certification to coach pickleball.

## Softball Growing by Leaps and 'Home Runs'

By Tom Sheridan



Photo by Tom Sheridan

Softball's Tom Campbell, left, and Dave Rearick.

Call them the "old man" and the "kid." But what they have in common is a love for senior softball at On Top of the World.

The "old man," Tom Campbell, has played softball here since the club was formed in 2006. Dave Rearick, the "kid," jumped onto the field as soon as he moved here in January 2018.

Softball has been gaining players and popularity in On Top of the World. It's a favorite sport among many active adult communities, attracting younger residents. Our club began playing in 2006 even before the field was built.

Today the field, behind the Hobby Building, boasts a regulation 250-foot fence and some seating for spectators. It's the best free sports entertainment in town. The league has been guided since its inception by resident Bill Leon.

The league competes year-round. It's an intramural effort with six teams playing three games each Monday and Wednesday mornings during the fall/winter season, (October through May). A summer league with four teams competes June through September. A general practice is held Thursday mornings. The club currently has about 60 residents and about 25 from nearby active adult communities who fill out the rosters.

But with the recent burst of construction here, there is an increasing number of new resident players. "We're growing quickly," said mem-

bership chairman Jeff Thomas. The club plans to consider expanding playing opportunities.

Rearick is an example of that growth. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, he and his wife Whitney came from Anderson, S.C., where they lived for seven years. "We moved to On Top of the World specifically because it had an active softball league, a woodshop and a quilts group for Whitney," he said.

At the other end is Campbell, a resident for 22 years. Campbell, a retired police officer from Pawtucket, R.I., joined as soon as the league was formed. "I played softball all my life," he said, "and wanted to keep doing it."

"The best thing about the Softball Club," said Rearick, "is that it's open to everyone regardless of skill set or age. We have players who have lost a step or two or three who simply love to play the game. I hope to be that guy someday and it's nice to know there'll be a place for me on the field."

League action, stymied a bit by colder weather, shows the team sponsored by Dr. Dunn and managed by Paul Gatto, running away from opponents. Ron Hamel's Pulse Center team is in second place with the Hilton Auto squad (Jimmy Russo), Swinson Chiropractic (Larry Burke) and Pearson Nissan (Jeff Thomas) close behind. The Ceibert Wealth team (Ed Basan) brings up the rear. But there's a lot of season left to catch up.

## Intermediate Line Dancers Perform

By Vivian Gecan

If you have been reading this column regularly, you will notice a change. Nancy Carmack has decided to take some time off from writing. Nancy will continue to teach the intermediate level line dance class, which is the most advanced class here in On Top of the World. Nancy will also continue to organize all the monthly dances. We are very grateful to her for all she does for the line dance community and for writing this column as long as she did.

I am Vivian Gecan and am an intermediate line dancer and also take the improver class. Many of you already know me and if you don't, please feel free to come and introduce yourself to me when you see me.

Volunteers from Nancy's intermediate class did a performance for the Health & Wellness Expo in January to demonstrate the car-

diovascular benefits of line dancing. Everyone did a great job and we all enjoyed participating in this event.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, a group of line dancers from various levels attended an all day workshop in Hillsborough. Those who attended had a wonderful time and came back with several new dances.

Our March monthly dance will have a St. Patrick's Day theme. We are looking forward to this and hearing lots of Irish music.

If you are not a line dancer yet, come join us; we have lots of fun and it is great exercise for both the body and mind. Those of you who are already line dancers, keep on dancing.

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



Photo by Richard Holmquist

Intermediate line dancers at the Health & Wellness Expo.

**CARDS & GAMES**

**Monday Afternoon Bridge**  
Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

**Dec. 3, 2018**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Sharon Davis & Joan Lord; 3: Craig Ford & Pat Smith; 4: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman.

**Dec. 10, 2018**  
1: Craig Ford & Pat Smith; 2: Carol Johnson & Rad; 3: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman; 4: Joyce Walchak & Caryl Rosenberger.

**Dec. 17, 2018**  
1: Don & Linda Sprague; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 4: Bob Anderson & Craig Ford.

**Dec. 31, 2018**  
1: Carol Johnson; 2: Helen O'Brien; 3: Joe O'Brien; 4: Shirley Stolly.

**Jan. 7**  
1: Joan Lord & Sharon Davis; 2: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown; 5: Laura & Jerry Snyder.

**Jan. 14**  
1: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 2: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown; 3: Joan Lord & Sharon Davis; 4: Pat Smith & Craig Ford; 5: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson.

**Jan. 21**  
1: Paul A. & Jerry Snyder; 2: Sharon Davis & Joan Lord; 3: Ruth Jackson & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Elsa Groe & Peg Ellenberger; 5: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson.

**Jan. 28**  
1: Mike Meirick & Carol Rosenberger; 2: Joan Lord & Sharon Dabbs; Helen & Joe O'Brien; 4: Craig Ford & Bernie Kelley.

**Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge**  
Marie Fiorillo

**Jan. 8**  
North/South 1: Donna McMurray & Linda Yuen; Tie 2/3: Marie & John Fiorillo & Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

East/West 1: Marjorie Benton & Kathie Dushary; 2: Peggy Borro & Sharon Miller; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

**Jan. 15**  
North/South 1: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Jack Heller; 3: Ed Bodnar & Dan Lack. East/West 1: Bettirae Woodruff & Kathie Dushary; 2: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 3: Rita Smyth & Betty Devoy.

**Jan. 22**  
North/South 1: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 2: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham; 3: Marie & John Fiorillo. East/West 1: Sharon Miller & Peggy Borro; 2: John Lollo & John Leasure; 3: Bettirae Woodruff & Kathie Dushary.

**Jan. 29**  
North/South 1: Jim & Ruth Jackson; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Jack Heller; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

East/West 1: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 2: John & Marie Fiorillo; 3: Sharon Miller & Peggy Borro.

**Wednesday Afternoon Beginners Bridge**  
Jean Krueger-Travis

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

We meet in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room 1 every Wednesday (except March 27, April 24 and May 22), 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 ID card.

**Wednesday Afternoon Bridge**  
Dianne Robinson

**Jan. 2**  
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Bob Anderson; 3: Rosanne Ross; 4: Don Sprague; 5: Betty Morris; Cons: Maureen Mead.

**Jan. 9**

1: Betty Morris; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Joe O'Brien; 4: Joe McKeown; 5: Helen O'Brien; Cons: Lucy Molloy.

**Jan. 16**  
1: Joe McKeown; 2: Pat Goltgart; 3: Linda Yuen; 4: Bernie Kelly; 5: Rosanne Ross; Cons: Donna McMurray.

**Jan. 23**  
1: Bernie Kelly; 2: Rad; 3: Craig Ford; 4: Pat Goltgart; 5: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Rosanne Ross.

**Jan. 30**  
1: Pat Goltgart; 2: Linda Morgan; 3: Marlene Floeckher; 4: Don Sprague; 5: Craig Ford; Cons: Fran Griswold.

**Thursday Afternoon Bridge**  
Pat Goltgart

**Jan. 3**  
1: Joanne Wagner; 2: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Marge Starrett.

**Jan. 10**  
1: Rad; 2: Joe McKeown; 3: Pat Goltgart; Cons: Betty Morris.

**Jan. 17**  
1: Sharon Davis; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Betty Morris; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

**Jan. 24**  
1: Pat Goltgart; 2: Linda Morgan; Cons: Nancy Lustenberger.

**Jan. 31**  
1: Linda Morgan; 2: Marge Starrett; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

**Thursday Night Bridge**  
Jeff & Pam Bell

**Jan. 17**  
1: Marlyn Valchin; 2: Lucy Molloy; 3: Brent Powell.

**Jan. 24**  
1: Jeff Bell; 2: Paul Claremont; 3: Sara Anderson.

**Jan. 31**  
1: Jeff Bell; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Fran Griswold.

**Feb. 7**  
1: Paul Reidinger; 2: Patsy Claremont; 3: Marlyn Valchin.

**Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge**  
Jean Krueger-Travis

We will meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C on Fridays, March 1 and April 5, at 9 a.m. There will be no game in May. 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.

**Feb. 1**  
1: Jean Krueger & Sophie Redman; 2: Barbara Heller & Barbi Trebilcock; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Ruth Jackson; "2" prize: Barbara Heller.

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**Monday Night Euchre**  
Bob Bicknell

**Jan. 14**  
1: Chip Parsons; Tie at 2: Bob Bicknell & Cyndi Voight.

**Jan. 21**  
Tie at 1: Sharon Dean & John Wahl; 2: Jean Dippero.

**Jan. 28**  
1: Bob Bicknell; 2: Sharon Dean; Tie at 3: Paul Schaefer & Cindy Voight.

**Feb. 4**  
1: Jean Gillette; 2: Shirley Schopf; 3: Jo Swing.

**Feb. 11**  
1: Jean Gillette; 2: Bob Bicknell; 3: Rich Pictrowiak.

**Wednesday NASCAR® Euchre**  
Bob Bicknell

**Jan. 23**  
1: Mike Kurlakowski & Wayne Garwold; 2: Jean Gillette & Jerry Dean; 3: Sharon Dean & Henry Vieu; 4: Arlene Leuhrs & Roger Tiessen.

**Jan. 30**  
1: Jerry Dean & Cleona Redman; 2: Richard Bartel & Mary Bartel; 3: Dave Smith & Wayne Garwold; 4: Shirley Schopf & Sharon Dean.

**Feb. 6**  
1: Chip Parsons & Billy Swing; 2: Ken Fournier & Cindy Voight; 3: Shirley Schopf & Debbie Weaver; 4: Noreen Snively & Edith Kolb.

**Friday Night Euchre**  
Bob Bicknell

**Dec. 7, 2018**  
1: Rick Carrol; 2: Bob Bicknell.

**Dec. 14, 2018**  
1: Joan Sigafoos; 2: Sharon Coldiron; 3: Edith Kolb.

**Jan. 4**  
1: Edith Kolb; Tie at 2: Walter Hickenlooper, Jean Gillette.

**Jan. 11**  
1: Phyllis Wahl; Tie at 2: Walter Hickenlooper, Jean Gillette.

**Jan. 18**  
1: Paul Argarwal; 2: Bob Bicknell; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

**Jan. 25**  
1: Paul Agarwal; 2: Joan Sigafoos; 3: Rich Miles.

**Feb. 1**  
1: Richard Bartel; 2: Phyllis Wahl; 3: Arlene Luerhs.

**Feb. 8**  
1: Chip Parsons; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Dick Bartel.

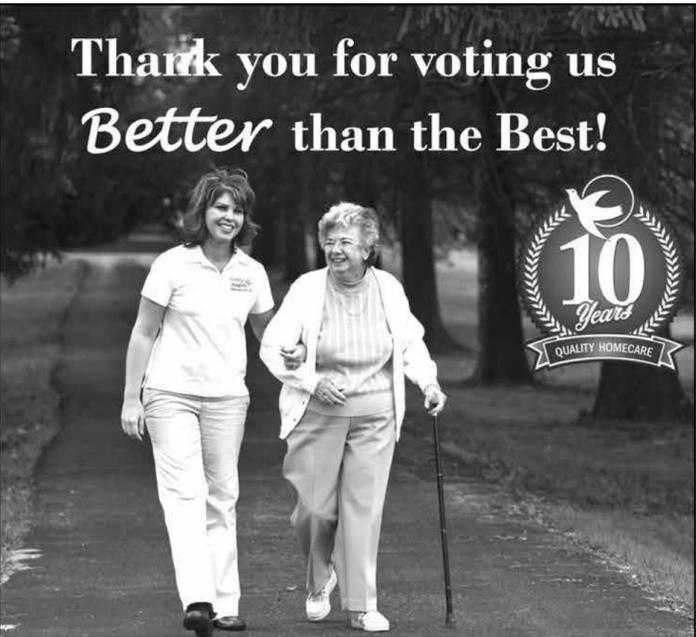
**Tuesday Night Pinochle**  
Herb Katz

**Jan. 8**  
1: Edna Frye; 2: Jim Recor; 3: Gayle Argano.

**Jan. 15**  
1: Edith Kolb; 2: Larry Hartman; 3: Ed Casper.

**Jan. 22**  
1: John Bunyak; 2: James Tomaszek; 3: Cyndi Corey.

**Jan. 29**  
1: Ed Casper; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Evelyn Ebbighausen.



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**Men's Golf Association**

John Yenne

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Since 1986, the MGA has made annual donations to Hospice of Marion County to help the non-profit organization provide comfort and care to terminally ill county residents.

Hospice of Marion County has three hospice houses that provide 24-hour, hospital-level skilled nursing care in comfortable environments. Medicare or insurance covers most hospice care, but no patient is refused based on the inability to pay.

This year's MGA donation of \$2,000 was presented to Cindy Moody of Hospice of Marion County after the Chicken Day Scramble on Wednesday, Feb. 6, which drew

127 participants.

Our monthly Chicken Day event is the primary source of the charity drive, and it has become one of the most popular events on our schedule. Because of the large number of participants, members are urged to register ahead of the event to guarantee their participation.

MGA membership currently stands at 230. Please welcome our newest members: Jim Harvey, Peter Cullen, Paul Kotschi, Rick Meister, Ron Pflieger, Forrest Rouelle, Paul Wiseman, Bill York, Damon Boston, Ron Brewer, Dave Kuzo and Jerry Renteria.

Mark these Wednesdays on your calendar:

- March 6: Chicken Day Straight Scramble (Links)
- March 13: Team 2 Best Balls (Tortoise & The Hare)
- March 20: Shamble (Links)
- March 27: 1,2,3 Best Balls (Tortoise & The Hare)

**Three Best Ball Net Jan. 23/Links**

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Loureiro and Leonard Ruble; Charlie Taylor, Jim Lefaver, James Merrick and Roy Harvey. Tie at 183-Bob Flynn, Fred Strelec, Mike Kurlakowsky and Clay Norgan; Paul Vacula, Ricki Plesea, Doug Dahlen and Mike Driver; Rusty Rhodes, Roy Coombes, Paul Silliman and Francis Caprez.

**Quota Points (Individual) Jan. 30/Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: +12-Anthony Morris. +4-John Mayfield. Tie at +3 Dennis McCourt, Gary Hassett and Charlie Taylor.

Flight 2: Tie at +6-Bob Mondore and Brian Wilder. Tie at +2-Jim Lefaver and Howard Atherton. +1-Bill Dobbins.

Flight 3: +9-Paul Silliman. +7-Tom Neville. +5-Mike Benes. Tie at +4-Bob Gee and John Parnau.

Flight 4: +10-Jim Harvey. +6-Loren Magsam. +5-John Moses. +3-Clay Norgan.

**Chicken Day Scramble Feb. 6/Links**

59- Joe Wilks, Thomas Martinetto, Bob Barbee and Barry Barringer. 60- Jeff Downs, Carl Zeiler and Paul Vacula. Tie at 62-RD Zink, Dennis McNeeley, Jim Harvey and



Photo by John Bauer

**MGA officers Rusty Rhodes presents a \$2,000 check to Cindy Moody of Hospice of Marion County at the Chicken Day Scramble on Feb. 6.**

Ron Brewer; Joseph Bologna, David Miller, Norman Schulze and Tim Torrey. Tie at 63-Frank Smith, James Merrick, Tom Neville and Edward Duke; Jim Tait, Larry Cordill, Barry Smith and Larry Zieser; Paul East, John McLaughlin, Ed Schwinn and Bill Koch.



**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

Judith Parisi

Our quarterly membership meeting is coming up shortly on Tuesday, March 5 following golf. We hope all our league members will attend. Kay Budd has been working with The Pub to see what type of meals they could provide us when we gather for the membership meetings and will give us some information at the March 5 meeting. Nominations will also be accepted at this meeting for officers for our 2019-2020 year.

An interesting meeting took place on Thursday, Jan. 31 at The Lodge at Candler Hills on the new rules. Those attending received a complimentary edition of the Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf, which is an abridged version of the full rules. It includes the most relevant rules that affect us, with diagrams and charts. It is a tool you may want to keep with you as an on-course resource.

During play if there is a question,

you could refer to this guide, or call in to the Golf Shop for clarification. Barb Enos is our league representative on rules, so you can also direct questions to Barb.

Interestingly some change in terminology as explained by the speaker at the January presentation was due to translation issues. An example of that is "casual" water is now referred to as "temporary" water.

Our president, Eileen Gustavus, reminded us in a recent email about putting labels on our clubs and equipment in case of loss. We all receive an abundance of return address labels and these are ideal to mark our clubs and equipment.

**Tee It Up Scramble Jan. 15/ Links (Back Loop)**

34-Virginia Bayless, Maryann Polizzoti, Mary Harvey; 39-Susane Trembulak, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Patricia Howd; 39-Janis Hannasch, Sherry Whitmer-Hall, Donna McCombs, Jean Flynn; 39-Eileen Gustavus, Kathy Triolo, Sheila Ashe, Mary Hart; 39-Linda Mandala, Dolores Jaynes, Louise Lineman, Mary Vlieg.

**Individual Putts Jan. 22/Links (Front Loop)**

Flight 1: 16-Eileen Gustavus, Linda

Mandala.

Flight 2: 16-Judy Parisi, Jane Wilson, Maryann Polizzoti.

Flight 3: 17-Donna McCombs, Ethel Miller, Sheila Ashe.

Flight 4: 16-Carolyn Abramovich, 18-Joan Loureiro, 21-Mary Vlieg.

**Odd Holes (Net Individual) Jan. 29/Tortoise & The Hare (Back 9)**

Flight 1: 11-Carla Kimball, 13-Dolores Jaynes, 14-Kay Budd, Marilyn Davsko.

Flight 2: 11-Kathy Triolo, 13-Maryann Polizzoti, 14-Judy Parisi, Connie Pries.

Flight 3: 12-Mary Harvey, 14-Jean Jarmel, Liz Pruss.

Flight 4: 10-Cheryl Duke, 12-Carolyn Abramovich, 14-Mary Vlieg, Joan Loureiro.

**Aces Wild Gross Feb. 5/Links (Back Loop)**

Flight 1: 43-Carla Kimball, 45-Virginia Bayless, 46-Kay Budd.

Flight 2: 45-Kathy Triolo, 46-Mary Ann Polizzotti, 48-Hilda Budd, Barbara Enos.

Flight 3: 49-Mary Harvey, 50-Ethel Miller.

51-Melinda Turner, 52-June Wilson, Kathleen Hall.

Flight 4: 50-Donna McCombs, 60-

Jean Flynn, 63-Louise Lineman, 65-Joan Loureiro.



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**Virginia Bayless at the league table at the Club Fair showing one of the great outfits available in the Golf Shop.**

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**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

Dave Miller

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 Sonny Bunce and Dave Kuzo - welcome!

Scoring in the 70s recently were: Bruce Shanfelt (75), Joe Schuberth & John Mayfield (76), Larry Smallwood, Bill White, Dale Budd, David Clune, Everett Kimball, Richard Ross & Paul Sepulveda (78) and Paul Rubly (79).

**Individual Stableford Jan. 15**

Flight 1: 41-Bill White, 39-Joe Schuberth & Bruce Shanfelt, 38-Mike Boedy.

Flight 2: 45-Dale Budd, 42-Bill Wignall, 40-Bob Hutson, 39-Richard Ross & Gil Brooks.

Flight 3: 45-Ken Fournier, 38 Virgel Jajalla & Ken Zweiback, 37-Larry Garvin.

Flight 4: 37-Randy Ford, 36-Jim Marley & C. David Nelson, 34-David

Green & Tim Beaty.  
**4 Man Team Quota Points (Individual Net) Jan. 22**

34-Bill White, Tom Racinowski, Richard Ross & Larry Garvin, 21-John Mayfield, Paul Kupsco, Mike Altomare & Paul Silliman, 18-Bruce Shanfelt, Mike Boedy, Bill Wignall & Jim Marley, 11-Everett Kimball, Andy Bulloch, Mike Madura & Joe Jingco.

**Two-Man A/C B/D Scramble Jan. 29**

A/C Flight: Tie at -3: Walt Pacuk & Richard Ross, Joe Schuberth & J C VanBloom and Bill White & Gilbert Green. Tie at -2: Joe Damiata & Andy Bulloch and Mike Deahl & Mike Boedy.

B/D Flight: -4: Bill Wignall & Randy Ford, -3: Charlie Taylor & Joe Jingco, -2: Paul Kupsco & Sam Fox, even: David Clune & Don Huston.

**Individual Stableford Feb. 5**

Flight 1: 44-John Mayfield, 43-Paul Sepulveda, 42-Joe Schuberth, 41-Mike Deahl, Tie at 37-Terry Hoppes & Mike Boedy

Flight 2: Tie at 44-David Clune & Larry Smallwood, 43-Bill Wignall, Tie at 41-Craig Ryber, Charlie Taylor & Tony Bruno.

Flight 3: 45-Ken Fournier, 43-Joe Jingco, 42-Dennis McCourt, 40-Ken Zweiback.

Flight 4: 50-C. David Nelson, Tie at 44-Marvin Brooks & Tim Beaty, 40-David Green, 37-Paul Silliman.



**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Linda Buschur

Cold blasts of winter have hit the northern states with sub zero temperatures and snow. We are very fortunate to live in Florida where we can enjoy the outdoors on most days during the winter months.

Welcome to our new members: Virginia Combs, Vicki Foster, Amy Kuzo and Bonnie Bunce. Please extend them a warm welcome when you meet them.

Congratulations to Eileen Gustavus for her eagle on hole #7 in the league scramble on Thursday, Jan. 24. Good job!

The general membership meeting was held Thursday, Jan. 24 after golf. There were several amendments to the by-laws that were approved. The nominating committee for the new board is Betty Dong, Pam Monk, Pam Carpenter and Beverly Ovrebo. There are seven members on the board and two will run again - Sara Nunn and Iro Lisinski. There was open discussion regarding the league rain and cold weather policies and slow play. For complete details of the meeting, the minutes are posted on the website.

Please be aware of the Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) golf rule changes effective Jan. 1, 2019. An email was sent to all members with an attached video of the changes.

Upcoming events include:

- March 16 to 18: Inverness Invitational
- March 26: Twisted Oaks Invitational
- April 4 and 9: Solheim Cup;
- April 18 and 25: League Championship;
- May 2: Michelle-O-Gram.

Make sure and mark those dates on your calendar. Details are in the league book in the Golf Shop.

Please visit chlga.shutterfly.com to stay informed on upcoming events, view pictures, read minutes and other valuable information.

Anyone interested in joining our league should contact our president, Betty Dong, at

bddong@gmail.com or stop by at the Candler Hills Golf Shop to pick up an application in our league book.

**ONES (Individual) Jan. 17**

Flight 1: 34-Pam Carpenter. 35-Iro Lisinski. 36-Beverly Ovrebo.

Flight 2: 34-Vicky Salyers. Tie at 36-May Chin, Jonell Washburn.

Flight 3: 32-Mary Ann McCourt. Tie at 34-Anne Dahlen, Cheryl Nesbit.

**Scramble With a Twist (Team) Jan. 24**

Tie at 45: Beverly Ovrebo, Connie Norris, May Chin, Suzanne Sigler; Deborah Martin, Eileen Gustavus, Kate Beaty, Beth Wolinsky. Tie at 47: Jeanie Gallo, Angelita Jingco, Toni Stevenson, Mary Ann McCourt; Su Freeman, Jonell Washburn, Virginia Madura, Anne Dahlen. 50-Betty Dong, Mary Burns, Rosann Ross, Vicky Salyers

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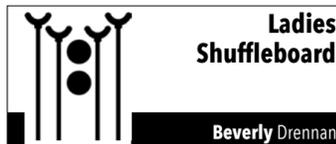
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**Ladies Shuffleboard**

Beverly Drennan

We are now members of the Northern District Shuffleboard Association, and we are the sole ladies-only club in our district. We can now participate in tournaments for ladies only. Lois Nix will be notified when the Tavares and

Leesburg locations host these tournaments in October and we will be looking forward to these events.

Our On Top of the World tournament will be held Wednesday, March 13. Only 32 women can play, and a sign-up sheet will be available every Wednesday, 9 and 11 a.m. There will be prizes and trophies to the winners. These trophies will be presented to the winners by our sponsor, Estate & Retirement Resources, Inc., at our end-of-year luncheon.

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**Golf**

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Wow how time flies! Spring is almost here. Take advantage of the weather and play some golf before the Florida summer arrives. We all know the high temperatures and extreme humidity will make us dream of this time of year again.

The 2019 Ocala Open will be held at Candler Hills Golf Club Wednesday, March 13 through Friday, March 15, with the Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 12. We are offering all of our golf members a discount to participate in the Pro-Am - \$800 for a three-person team while being paired with one of the pros. Included in the entry fee is a gift package from our Golf Shop worth \$200 and a barbecue after the event.

The benefiting charities for this year's event are Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Admission is free with VIP

tickets available for \$25 or three for \$65 in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. For more information regarding VIP tickets and the Ocala Open visit ocalaopen.com.

Also being held in March is the annual On Top of the World Club Championship. This Championship is for On Top of the World golf members only. This is a two day event with round one being played Friday, March 22 on the Links followed by round two Saturday, March 23 on the Tortoise & The Hare. Both days will be 8 a.m. tee times. Good luck to our defending champions Joe Wilks, Gretchen Normandin and Robbie Limoges. Please see the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more details.

Would you like to hit the golf ball longer and straighter while improving your health and fitness? Register for our Core Performance Golf Conditioning program under the instruction of Han Dong, a certified fitness instructor with extensive training in golf conditioning. Core Performance Golf is an evidence-based fitness program used

by top professional golfers. Bring your game to a higher level through improved core strength, flexibility and stamina. These qualities result in better balance, ball contact and increased club head speed. This eight-week program begins March 14 and runs every Monday and Wednesday, at 5 p.m. Enrollment is limited and exclusive to residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Please register at either Golf Shop. Limited to the first 18 students.

**Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday, March 12: Ocala Open Pro-Am, Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 13 through Friday, March 15: Ocala Open, Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23: On Top of the World Club Championship.
- Saturday, March 30: Monthly Event - Cross Country, Links.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Everett Kim-

ball, shot 72 his age. Larry Joseph, hole-in-one #17. Jon Hill, hole-in-one #5. Randy Ford, eagle #14.

**LINKS:** Charlie Dove, eagle #7.

**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Joe Pruss, hole-in-one #6. Roger Sparks, eagle #9. Larry Manion, eagle #1. Howard Atherton, eagle #7.

Congratulations to all!

**Golf Tip of the Month**

You have a five-foot putt to make a birdie and win the match. Your palms are sweating, hands shaking and mind is wandering.

If you can relate to this scenario then here are a few tips to help ease your nerves. First create a pre-putt routine. This routine should be kept simple and quick, 30 seconds or less. Make sure to follow this routine for each putt during your round. During your stroke be sure to have nice rhythm. Nerves tend to get the best of players and create a quick stroke. This often causes the putt to fall off line. Stand over the putt with confidence, keep a good frame of mind and sink that putt.



**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

**Susan Yenne**

Forty seconds. That is the new recommended time for each player to hit their golf ball.

Those 40 seconds begin after you pull up to the ball. It includes scoping your distance, determining wind impact, picking a club, taking practice swings and hitting the ball.

But don't bother to bring a stopwatch since there is no penalty - at this point - for taking longer. The purpose is to speed up play. In fact, most of the new USGA rules are intended for that purpose: to speed up play. Study other new rules at USGA.org.

Now is the time to sign up for the Member/Guest tournament and lunch on Tuesday, March 12. You must find a female partner who has an established handicap and is not a member of the league.

Nearly 50 people played and ate at the Member/Member event Tuesday, Feb. 12. Thanks to the committee of Diane Boston, Betty McNeeley, Antonia Varney and Su-

san Yenne for the food and decorations.

Match Play is well underway with 32 players! Expect a winner to be named in March or early April and keep up with results on the bulletin board outside of the Golf Shop.

We have two new members: Mary Jeannotte, from Cary, N.C.; and Amy Kuzo, from Kissimmee Bay.

**Team Stableford**

**Jan. 15/Tortoise & The Hare**

158-Christine McIntire, Vadonna Hall, Sandy Chase, Joyce Jones. 153-MJ Strelec, Robbie Limoges, Marlena Laclair, Geri Treppa. 144-Joan D'Addio, Linda Kitz, Molly Lucieer, Donna Brunell. 138-Deborah Martin, Peggy Ellenberger, Ellen Brin, Christine Parnau.

**Individual 3s and 5s**

**Jan. 22/Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: 33-MJ Strelec. Tie at 37-Vadonna Hall, Robbie Limoges. Tie at 39-Beverly Ovrebø, Deborah Martin.

Flight 2: 35-Iro Lisinski. Tie at 36-Margaret Hudacik, Susan Rhodes. 37-Yulan Cho. 39-Joan D'Addio.

Flight 3: 34-Jill Strey. 36-Sharon Johnson. 38-Rosann Ross. Tie at 41-Sandy Chase, Betty McNeeley, Peggy Ellenberger.

Flight 4: 37-Marlena Laclair. Tie at

38-Lilly Gee, Joyce Jones, Lynn Barber. 41-Antonia Varney.

**Odd Holes (Individual)**

**Jan. 29/Links**

Flight 1: 34-Gail Lagrange. Tie at 35-Peggy Borro, Lynne Dickson. 37-Beverly Ovrebø.

Flight 2: 33-Iro Lisinski. Tie at 34-MJ Strelec, Peggy Wiechmann, Bobbie Wiener.

Flight 3: 33-Marlena Laclair. 37-Sandy Chase. 38-Christine McIntire. Tie at 39-Jill Strey, Dee Howie.

Flight 4: 32-Joyce Jones. 36-Lilly Gee. 38-Betty McNeeley. 39-Susan Yenne.

**Individual**

**Feb. 5/Tortoise & The Hare**

**Low Gross**

Flight 1: 79-Deborah Martin. Tie at 82-Linda Taylor, Diane Boston.

Flight 2: 87-Susan Rhodes. 89-Yulan Cho. 94-Bobbie Wiener.

Flight 3: 91-Virginia Madura. 93-Jill Strey. Tie at 98-Sandy Chase, Rosann Ross.

Flight 4: 96-Betty McNeeley. 104-Sandra Dechambeau. 109-Joyce Jones.

**Low Net**

Flight 1: 64-Lynne Dickson. 68-Vadonna Hall. 70-Gail Lagrange.

Flight 2: 67-Linda Blewitt. 70-Rosemarie O'Neil. 73-Peggy Wiechmann.

Flight 3: 68-Christine McIntire. 71-Marlena Laclair. 75-May Chin.

Flight 4: Tie at 73-Susan Yenne, Johanna Forceno. Tie at 74-Geri Treppa, Kathleen Mansfield.

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**Pickleball**

**Deborah Bush Harden**

The Pickleball Club honored Paul and Kelli Brunner on Friday, Jan. 25 for their management of the club from 2015 through 2018. When the club started four years ago, there were about 40 members. Today we number 232. As we grow in numbers, we have a larger leadership team with co-chairs Ron Harden (ronharden504@gmail.com) and Steve Schlesselman (steveschlesselman5@gmail.com), membership chairman Erik Cambier (cambieremr@gmail.com), and two representatives from each group of players. Please see the bulletin board at the pickleball courts for more details about the leadership group and their contact information.

Starting the new year with renewed enthusiasm, we created a club Facebook page for our members and added two new activities, a structured ladder for A level players that plays on Friday afternoons and a structured ladder for B level players that plays on Tuesday afternoons. If sufficient interest grows, a ladder can be organized for C level players. For more information about the competitive ladders, please contact Ron Harden. A women's group is forming and

had its first afternoon of group play on Monday, Feb. 4. For more information, contact Syd Phelps.

Player development clinics for all levels of play have been held by Debbie Rhinesmith and Steve Schlesselman on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. As long as there is interest, these clinics will continue.

Beginners play on Mondays and Fridays, at 10 a.m. Clinics focused on beginners are held Wednesdays, at 10 a.m., led by Tom Roach and John Mullins. If you would like to learn about and try the game of pickleball, you are invited to come to the courts then. Wear court shoes (preferred) or gym shoes and bring enough water to stay hydrated. The club will provide balls and has paddles you can borrow. You'll soon experience why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America, and you don't need to be an athlete to enjoy it!

We're also excited about an arrangement made with EngagePickleball for purchase of their paddles by our members at a 25 percent discount. EngagePickleball pros will be giving our members free clinics in 2019 and running a rating clinic on Thursday, March 21 for members who want to be rated. Contact Ron Harden for more information.

Looking ahead, we will have our spring tournament for club members during the mornings of Thursday, May 2 and Friday, May 3. Separate tournament events are



Photo by Ron Harden

**Thank you Paul and Kelli Brunner for your four years of service managing the Pickleball Club.**

being organized by Steve Schlesselman for the A, B, C, and women's groups.

A picklenik luncheon for mem-

bers and their spouses will be held on Friday, May 3. Mark your calendar now. We'll see you on the courts!



**R/C Car Club**

**Tom Seitz**

With our current format of eight

traces, the January class champions are as follows:

Novice-Susan Wilk; Rage-Ken Berry; Two-wheel buggy-Bob Perry; Two-wheel truggy-Phil Paquette; Two-wheel truck-Rean Morse; Four-wheel truck-Frank Spencer; Four-wheel buggy-Paul Burrey; Four-wheel truggy-Harold Hoskins.

For those of us who have been running a while, one of the questions is "How long is battery life?" A review of various available information results in more than one answer. Some say expected life is three years, while others indicate 300 or more charge cycles. However, all state that this depends on quality and usage. Proper charging, proper storage voltage and storage temperature will certainly assist in optimum life.

The heavy usage on our track and summer conditions can be hard on batteries. Some of the more reliable local sources suggest that under our usage and conditions two years of life is a reasonable expectation.

Information gleaned from a myriad of sources suggests the following indicates a battery is nearing end of life.

1. The battery is taking much longer to balance charge, will not take a full charge, or will not balance to within 0.2 volt difference between cells.
2. The run time of the battery is much reduced, or significant voltage dip is indicated by the ESC cutting out sooner than expected,
3. One of the best indicators is internal resistance. A new battery usually measures two to five milliohms per cell. Anything below 30 is acceptable, but if greater than 35 milliohms per cell, a battery is failing.
4. A battery that is swollen or puffy and remains so when cool is also a sign of impending doom.

Another question is how to measure the internal resistance noted above. A recent Model Aviation magazine article suggests two meters costing about \$95 each. However, for our needs a precise measurement is not necessary. A less expensive "smart meter" is available that measures internal resistance, in addition to all the usual battery parameters. Some chargers (Hitech included) will also indicate this parameter.

Racing remains scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, so come out and join us! Spectators are always welcome and you may be surprised at how much fun it is! Join one of the most fun clubs at Top of the World. Applications for the club are at the track, and we do all we can to encourage new members.

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**Billiards Club**

Phil Panzera

Congratulations to Babe and Mike Carver for winning our Mixed Doubles Tournament. This was our largest mixed doubles event ever, and exemplifies how the participation of our ladies continues to increase. The competition was pretty intense, as four other teams tied for second place just one point behind Babe and Mike.

We're very glad to see a noticeable increase in ladies in the room, as well as a great many new faces. I've chatted with many of these new members, who have been residents for years but just never came by the old billiards room. Even if it's been decades since you've played, consider stopping by and checking out the new room, as well as the adjacent game room. We're pretty much all just casual players here, and it's a great way to have fun and meet new people.

Congratulations also to Team 6 of our men's league, which finished the first session of the league with

an undefeated record of 13 wins. Team 6 members include Rich Aber, Fausto Coste, Ronnie Cruce, Mike Cruz, Terry Cymerman, Art Keck, Bob Porter and Phil Panzera (captain).

Of the 14 teams in the men's league, On Top of the World teams dominated, taking the top three places. Compliments also to John Mansfield's Team 1 and Dan Newby's Team 7, who tied for second place with 10 wins each.

Tip of the Month: Never bet a guy with a guide dog. More than likely you're in a trap unless your guide dog knows his dog.



Photo by Phil Panzera

**Mixed doubles champions – Mike and Babe Carver.**



**Shuffleboard**

Walter Lamp

On Saturday, Jan. 26, we held our long awaited Partnership Match. There were three early rounds that were 25 minutes each. Those who won would continue on to the playoffs. After all was said and done, the team of Henry Erikson and John Mataya came in first place. The second place team was Charlie Lentz and Annette Hodges. The runner-ups were Danny Newby and Lindsay Chatham, with Scott Lyons and Phil Weiner finishing in fourth place.

Again, thanks to our tournament director, John Gayso, for putting this together and making it work so well.

The Ten Pin Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 9. All the details for play have not yet

been worked out, but John Gayso will have it done by game time. Ten Pin play is different in that it has a bowling pin at the tip of the pyramid. The object is to reach a score of 65 without knocking down the pin. A pin knocked down takes 10 points off the score. Only at the end, the final 10 points must be earned by placing the disc in the 10-point box without knocking the pin down.

The club plays ten pin every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

The final tournament is the annual Jack Huard on Saturday, April 6, at 9 a.m. Why don't you come on down and watch us play?

There will be our annual membership meeting and luncheon on Thursday, March 7. New leadership will be announced, along with a tasty lunch.

**January Men/Women**

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz/Vickie Lentz. 30 Club: 33-Annette Hodges.



Photo by Paul Hodges

**Tournament first place team – Henry Erikson and John Mataya; second place – Annette Hodges and Charlie Lentz.**

Tuesday p.m.: Phil Weiner/Jane Boyer.

Member Phil Weiner is trying to get the Wednesday 1:30 p.m. session back into play. If you would like to play, Paul will be waiting for you at the courts.

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 down the courts. We will go over rules, safety, scoring and the basics of shooting the discs. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.



**Bingo**

Denise Johnson

Bingo has enjoyed huge crowds since the beginning of the new year, averaging well over 200 players every Wednesday evening. We thank our loyal enthusiasts as well as welcome all the new attendees.

There is one rumor, however, that needs to be quieted. There are no reserved bingo seats in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Yes, it's true: some of us do sit in the same seats each week. Why? We are the volunteers who arrive early to set up the lighted board and sound systems, set out the cards, sell 70/30 raffle tickets, and all the other little tasks that must be done.

Others come early to enjoy dinner or a snack at The Pub, which has extended hours on Wednesdays. A super idea to avoid cooking one night each week!

Super bingo will be held on Wednesday, April 3 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Cards will be sold, beginning at 4:30 p.m. or

until sold out. Because we attract such a huge crowd, players must present their resident ID card; no guests can play super bingo. Cards are sold at \$5 per increment of three.

There will be two lines to purchase tickets sold by Denise Johnson and Nancy Grabowski, Carl Folkers will direct traffic, a host of volunteers will be in place for selling and checking, and Ron Motchkavitz will call the games. There are sixteen games at \$75 and four games at \$250 each. We hope you come and try your luck!

If you haven't played in some

time or are new to the community, come join us every Wednesday. The doors are always open; however, selling does not begin until 4:30 p.m. and ends at 5:45 p.m. The 70/30 raffle usually begins at 5:45 p.m. when the lucky winners receive \$20 for a winning ticket. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Submitted by Nancy Grabowski

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## Tennis

**Jorge Privat**  
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We held our first friendly meet with Stone Creek, which turned out to be very well received. This month, we will have the opportunity to visit Stone Creek and play at their facility.

### The Fastidious Tennis Scoring System

The scoring system in tennis is quite different than in most other sports in that it uniquely increases the stress of competition. Throughout the match, some points are substantially more important than others. In other sports, the score is generally cumulative throughout the contest and whoever has the most points at the end wins. Of course, there is a great deal of pressure in all sports if the score is

close toward the end, but none are as continuously stressful as tennis.

Consider the situation in tennis. If you are playing a close set (you're up five to four or six to five) and you reach game point, there is a huge swing in the match if you win that one point. You will have won about as many total points as your opponent, and should, for all intents and purposes be about even. But winning the next point gives you the set, and you suddenly have half the match under your belt while, at the same time, you have wiped out all of your opponent's points.

You have half the match and your opponent goes back to zero. That's an enormous discrepancy hinging on the outcome of a single point, especially when two players are actually about even.

Moreover, since the play is so evenly balanced, you are well aware of the danger looming behind the loss of that point. Lose it, and it would take very little for your opponent to turn the tables on you.

He or she could win the game with two points and take the set with eight more. Instead of being up half a match, it would be you going back to zero and your opponent would be up half a match.

This puts extraordinary pressure on the outcome of a single point. There's even more pressure when the score reaches six to six and they play a tiebreaker. Now, all the points are very important, and if the score reaches, say six to five or seven to six, the pressure ratchets up yet another notch. And all of this is happening in the middle of the match and not at the end.

And, as if this were not enough, the same thing happens on a lesser scale in each game. The game could be extremely close and hard fought, from deuce to add, but if one player wins the game point, the other goes back to zero. Even the deuce point gets tense just because it gives the winner game point. This is quite different from other sports.

The tennis scoring system makes

the game fraught with emotion, pressure and choking. So, what do you do about it? If you're not particularly confident (which most people aren't) try to resist thinking about the score. Getting heavily involved with the score and winning the big points will make the unconfident very nervous. Of course, you will rarely be able to totally disregard the score, but it is a problem "you" can make better or worse. Thus, keep working to push it to the back of your mind, rather than focusing on it.

Resist thinking things like, "Okay, it's set point-I've got to win this one." It will just make you nervous. Instead, concentrate on playing the next point as best you can. Try to lose yourself in watching the ball, staying relaxed and creating good emotions, and executing your game plan, one point at a time. And assume all points are important but none "too" important, and think something good will happen. See you on the courts!



## R/C Flyers

**John Workman**

Greetings to all from the R/C Flyers! February was a pleasant respite from the wind, rain, and cold that we experienced in January. Warm temperatures and light breezes brought out lots of flyers and new aircraft. Many days had activities all through the daytime hours and some days also saw the "night flyers" in action. If you haven't seen what a "hoot" it can be to try to keep track of a model at night just

from the lights specially placed aboard, you need to come see.

Many of my previous columns have been aimed toward those residents who might wish to join in the activity. This month, I want to encourage anyone interested in aviation in any form to come out to the flying field and just spectate. While the road into the site might be temporarily a bit more difficult, it is surely passable for both cars and golf carts. You are welcome to join us under the pavilion or anywhere along the safety fence along the canopies.

But please understand that for your safety and the safety of the model aircraft you should not ven-

ture forward of that line. There are insurance and liability issues that members must comply with to operate in front of the line. We have noticed recently a few instances of residents walking the field past the end of the runway under the flight path of the models and had to dispatch a member to point out their risky position and to encourage them to return to the safe area. Please cooperate if you happen to wander into that area.

While you are at the flying field, take the time to talk to the flyers. We are all proud of our activity and would enjoy sharing it with you. Everyone has a different perspective on the hobby and the stories of our

experiences can be quite entertaining. And some of our members are naturally entertaining.

Coming up in March for our club members is one of our special club picnics with games, challenges, food and fun. Bring your spouse or significant other, or just a good friend and join the fun. Be sure to let Phil Moherrek or Alex Fedele know that you plan to attend so the adequate preparations can be made on the food line. I'm told that there will be prizes awarded, so bring your models and see what games we will be playing. I have been assured that most games will be suitable for our newer flyers, so don't be bashful. See you next month.



## Call of the Wild

**Roger Bonifield**

The weather has finally warmed up, and the fish are biting. We just had our first fresh water outing of the year at Wildcat Lake, and

the next one is scheduled in just a couple weeks at Paynes Prairie Preserve. These are member and guest only trips, and we have more scheduled for later this spring. The Recreation Center office has also set up two deep-sea fishing trips. The first of these will be on Tuesday, April 9 and the next in June. Both of those trips can be booked directly through the Recreation

Center office and are open to all residents.

We are selling tickets for our second annual great fish fry. This event is on Tuesday, April 16, and is open to members and guests only, but there is plenty of time to come and see what we are all about and join up.

At our March meeting, we will have a demo on Florida bass fishing tackle and techniques, along with some other Florida fishing ideas. During share time, members will discuss experiences both

on the water and out in the field. Our greatest asset is our members' knowledge and experience out hunting or fishing, and not only do we try to plan and enjoy those experiences together, but we enjoy sharing our successes, or even lack thereof, with each other.

We currently meet the first Wednesday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly at (352) 300-3601.

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**Trekking is Back!**

The ability to walk quickly is linked to higher levels of health and functional status in older adults. The reason that gait speed is such a good health predictor is that walking briskly requires a substantial amount of energy. Walking requires energy to move and control balance. It also places a demand on the cardio-respiratory, nervous and musculoskeletal systems. Because your body requires all of these systems for survival, think of your walking speed as a measure of your vitality!

Thanks to an increase in recent studies on gait speed, we now know that someone's walking pace says a lot about the state of their health. Many health care professionals now use walking speed as a health indicator. Studies indicate that slow walking speed is associated with a heightened risk for frailty, dependence and chronic disease; while the ability to walk briskly has been linked to better health.

These study outcomes certainly present a good argument for picking up the pace! Join us for a special opportunity to ramp up your workouts and walking speed with "Trekking." Trainers at the Arbor Fitness Center will provide two 30-minute trekking classes on the treadmills. This instructor-led program will review proper posture and gait mechanics, and then lead you through a variety of challenging intervals that mimic road profiles with intermittent speed play.

Trekking will be held at the Arbor Fitness Center on Tuesday, March 26. There will be two sessions at 2 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.; please sign up at the Arbor Fitness Center desk one hour prior to Trekking class start time. This program is free and open to all residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. For more information, please call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7532.



**Fit Tips**  
**Larry Robinson**  
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 larry\_robinson@otowfl.com

**Outdoor Wellness**

Fresh air and fair weather make exercising outdoors easy and enjoyable. Taking a brisk walk is one of the best, most rewarding ways to get some physical exercise. Enjoy our beautiful natural landscapes while you get vital physical activity! Here are some fit tips for outdoor exercise:

**FIT TIP #1:** Walk with purpose. Walking is easy, low impact and high on health benefits. It reduces the risk of conditions like heart disease and diabetes, and can improve balance and coordination. However,

**FITNESS SCHEDULE**

March 2019

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 Darla
9:00 AM	Strength & Stretch Tucker	KBKB Han	Chair 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 Darla
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
5:00 PM		Intro to Hatha Yoga Kathy		Yoga Sandra	

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	Dance Aerobics Jessica	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	Dance Aerobics Denise	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 PM-5:00 PM	OPEN Fitness On Demand
1:00 PM		Posture Assessments**	Orientation**		
Arbor Conference Center	(Suites E-G) 8:00 AM Qi Gong 9:00 AM Tai Chi Art			(Suites E-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  
 \*\* Fitness center orientations and posture assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7638 to reserve your spot.

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
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**Bocce**

Micki Malsch

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. A consensus of members voted for evening play. The majority of members opted for open bocce evening play on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Evening play started in February. If you plan to play, arrive a few minutes early for sign-up. Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. 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!

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

We are in urgent need of a league representative for Tuesdays, at 9 a.m. It is the responsibility of the league representative to be there to set up courts, distribute score sheets, and collect them and close up at the end of play. Please contact Terry Connolly if you would be willing to assume this position. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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 league board met in January. Several issues were discussed, reviewed and voted upon:

- Plans are underway for the annual bocce banquet on Saturday, May 4, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E-H, from 4 to 7 p.m. As soon as cost is determined, information will follow. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up; please contact Terry Connolly.
- The Release and Hold Harmless form was discussed. It was determined that several instances of the husband and wife being on the same line of the form had occurred. Each member must sign the form individually for it to be in effect. Also, effective October 2019, you must complete a form for each day you play. (i.e. if a member plays on a league on Tuesday and

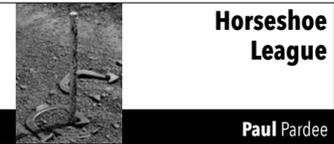
open on Wednesday, he must sign a form for each play date). Dues will be collected only once for anyone playing on multiple days.

Effective October 2019, dues will be \$12 and will be prorated for anyone joining at different times throughout the year. Someone joining in June will pay \$5 and \$12 in October for the remainder of the period until Sept. 30 of the following year.

The purchase of bocce club shirts was discussed. Terry Connolly will communicate final cost.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, at 2 p.m.

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



**Horseshoe League**

Paul Pardee

The horseshoe pits are located adjacent to the softball field. The Horseshoe League is open to all residents and everyone plays. New players establish an average after

just three games and based on that are given a handicap which is 90 percent of the difference between their average and 60. Women and men over 70 throw from 27 feet while younger pitch from 37 feet. Competition is by random draw of a colored chip that indicates which pit and whom they are playing against. There are no dues or fees or prizes other than bragging rights and season champs get their

picture and acknowledgement in the World News.

All league members are eligible to play on the horseshoe travel team. The Marion County Horseshoe League is the competition between On Top of the World and other retirement communities. The fun and excitement of winning against one of the six Villages teams, Del Webb, etc. reaches another level. Entry in the county league is funded by

collecting recycled beer and soda cans. So, if you have some cans, just bring them to the pits and we crush them and take them to a recycling center and receive cash to pay league expenses, entry fees and refreshments we provide when we play at home.

Whether you have played before or not, come on down and join us ... it's more fun than you might think!



**Archery Club**

Frank Tarentino

Great enthusiasm at the February meeting was reflected in a substantial increase in membership. Hope to keep the trend going. For the benefit of our members who are new to competitive archery, a suggestion was made to visit a local archery range to observe orga-

nized shooting. Frank Tarentino will arrange a field trip for those interested.

Training techniques and equipment, sometimes referred to as tackle, will be part of the agenda for the March meeting. This will be accomplished with videos and discussions. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C; join us! For more information, please contact Frank Tarentino at otowac@outlook.com or (978) 979-0814.



**Bunco Babes Social Group**

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, March 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. Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing if you wish.

The annual fundraiser "Bunco for Babies" will be held on Saturday, April 13, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets are \$25 and include cash prizes for all the category winners, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and lunch, beverage, and dessert. All proceeds benefit the March of Dimes March for Babies.

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

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**New Dancin' On the Top**

Arlo Janssen

The first dance of 2019 for the New Dancin' On the Top was our Valentine's Day dance. Music was provided by Automatic and the theme was "Moonlight and Roses" - a most successful dance. The Recreation Center Ballroom stage was beautifully decorated with greenery and roses with lighted large hearts. There was plenty of dancing and sweets. A box of candy was given to all the ladies attending the dance. A special thank you to all those who volunteered to help with this special dance. Our club provides dancing for all - ballroom, waltz, meringue, freestyle, slow, pattern dancing, etc. There are dances for everyone.

Our next dance is set for Saturday, April 20 and the theme is "Around the World." You are encouraged to dress to your family's heritage. We expect to see lots of Norwegian, Bavarian, Caribbean, and Oriental type of dresses for the ladies and special wardrobe items

for the men. The band for our April dance is CrossFire.

The New Dancin' On the Top has three more dances this year. A great big thank you to those who volunteered to help with our remaining dances. The dance on Saturday, Sept. 21 will have music by the Retro Express band and has a theme of a "Night at the Sea;" so think of a very special Caribbean cruise. The Saturday, Nov. 16 dance has a "Country Western" theme and music by Solid Gold. Our final New Year's Eve dance, on Tuesday, Dec. 31 has great music by Automatic. It will be as formal as we can make it.

Keep watching for dance flyers with these exciting themes and more information along with ticket sale dates for each dance. Resident IDs will be required at the time of ticket purchase and for entry to the Recreation Center Ballroom on the nights of our dances.

For club membership, ticket information, 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. The New Dancin' On the Top is open to all residents. So, keep on dancing.



**Ballet Club**

Eugenie Martin

Thank heavens for exercise to keep us in shape throughout the year. Although outdoor exercise is weather-dependent, for us who choose dancing to beautiful music as a form of exercise, the studio is indoors, and classes can be held regardless of the weather.

Our ballet classes are open to anyone who wants to exercise by learning classical ballet steps. I always wanted to learn ballet. When I was young, my family could not afford classes for me. When I grew up, I thought I was too old. Not true! I started taking adult beginner ballet in my middle years, and most of our dancers have started

ballet here.

We begin our classes with a long (45 minute) barre for stretching and building our joints and muscles slowly. Then as a group, we learn and practice steps in the center of the floor. No one is asked to dance alone. So please join us to learn ballet steps from an art form that is hundreds of years old and still going strong.

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 12:15 p.m. (floor barre first)

All classes are held in the Recreation Center group exercise room. To start, all you need are exercise clothes, socks and some water. A neck roll is good for the floor barre. For any information about our classes, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



**New Circle Squares**

Noreen Church

Beginner square dance lessons will continue and are coming along nicely. The lessons are at 5:15 p.m. before each regular dance. Our dances this month are on Wednesday, March 6 and Saturday, March 23 starting at 6:30 p.m. with lessons from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Also, Saturday, March 16 is our special dance - "Wearing of the Green" - with Jack Lewis calling and cuing. For tickets or information call Dotty at (352) 502-6789. The dance is in the Recreation Center Ballroom and features rounds starting at 7 p.m., with square dancing following from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please join us for this special event. We are hoping to have a banner raid or two.

New Circle Squares had some fun in February at our Valentine's Day dance with Cupid (aka Gail La Rue)

dressed appropriately and handing out kisses, if you wanted one. All the ladies received a ticket for a drawing to win flowers or candy. Several members were delighted to take home something special from our dance. Such a great club!

Our members had two banner raids in February. We traveled to the Orange Blossom Squares in The Villages, where we had an especially wonderful time with 13 squares in attendance for the evening. The other banner raid was to a Sweetheart Dance at the Clover Squares in Williston, Fla. with Rod Barngrover and Bill Chestnut calling. This gave us the opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day twice this year and experience the fun of dancing with larger groups that attend the banner raids.

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

Please join us; we would love to dance with you.



**Cornhole Club**

Jim Russell

The month of March brings us to the conclusion of our mixed doubles winter league competition. This time next week, we'll know which team played their way into first place and will claim bragging rights when the spring league begins on March 21. Anyone wishing to play the mixed doubles format still has time to present their male/female team to Bill Ballweg (waballweg@yahoo.com) so don't delay and contact Bill no later than March 16.

We have also seen renewed interest in forming other competitive league play formats. As new players continue to join the club, we are again asking all those interested in league play in both the men's and women's categories to contact Bill Ballweg.

Each team would consist of two men or two women. If you don't have a partner already lined up, submit your name to Bill Ballweg anyway and he'll try to match you up with another player. At the very least, he will put you on a "substitute list" that will enable you to play whenever a team member is unable to make it to a match.

League play dates and times for these new formats will be established after a minimum of teams have signed up. The players will then decide the date and time of play. Deadline for submitting your teams or individual names is Saturday, March 16.

Speaking of March 16, that's the day we have our first annual Cornhole Club picnic! All members in good standing are invited to attend at no charge. If you would like to attend with a non-member spouse or friend, a \$5 charge will be made for these guests. The good news is that they will then be a member of the club through all of 2019. The picnic will have the main course catered by Lee's Chicken, and each member is requested to bring an additional side item/dessert to round out the menu. Bottled water will be provided and attendees can bring their favorite beverage. All necessary paper products, utensils and cups will also be provided. There will be door prizes and awards presented to winners of a few cornhole related games we have planned. Be sure to RSVP by email to Jim Russell at jimrussell44@outlook.com by March 10 so we'll know how many to plan for. You do not want to miss this event ... it's going to be a lot of fun!

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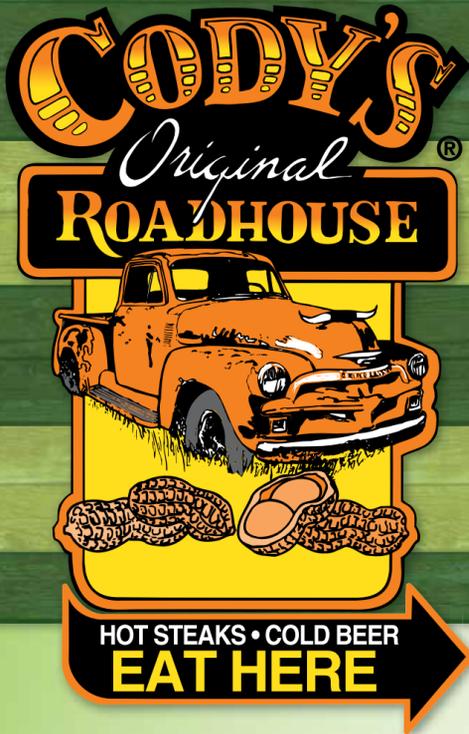
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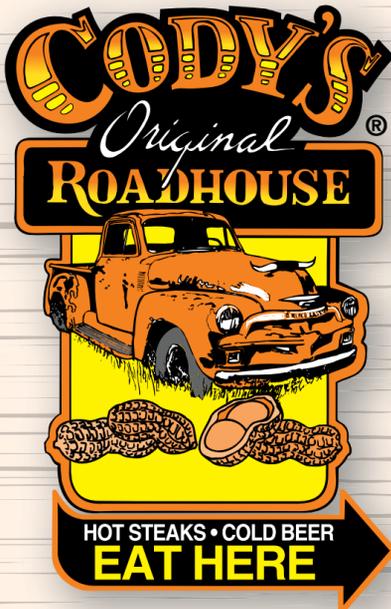
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## Another Successful Show

By Nancy Grabowski

What an amazing month February was! The New Pretenders kicked off their show, "That's Entertainment!" on Friday, Feb. 1. The Recreation Center Ballroom was filled

and the audience was enthusiastic, inspiring us to attain even better performances than we hoped to have had. The pattern was repeated on Saturday and Sunday too. We

cannot thank our supporters who came out that weekend.

We did not slow down after that either. Our music committee selected the songs that would be performed at our road shows. We were astounded at the receptions we received at Marion Landing, Cherrywood Estates, Queen of Peace and Spruce Creek North!

We presented this show to an amazing total of 2,040 people. That

translates to eight or more charitable donations to local groups. The meeting to decide these groups will be held after the newspaper deadline so we will include it next month. Our thanks are boundless!

The New Pretenders took some time for fun too! We held our annual potluck dinner on Sunday, Feb. 17. There are some outstanding chefs in our talent pool! The potluck was our chance to thank the support personnel who assisted us throughout the year or at the actual presentation; this includes the dedicated sound and light crew: Tom Hagerty, president, and Nancy Carp, Craig Ehle, Mary Ehle, Danny Clark, Carl Schneider, and Randy Schmid. We had the chance to thank our videographer, Darryl Kenyon, and our photographer, Lennie Rodoff. We would be remiss if we didn't express our thanks to our ushers: Jeanne Wise, Shirley Schopf, Michelle Kurtz, Tom Filip, Scott Fair, Steve Epstein, Joe Furfaro, Janet Juhlin, Glory Herget, Paula Guildford, Mike and Joan Gerbo.

There is no time to rest for our busy performers. A new music committee is searching for just the right mix of songs and acts for our next show. They are charged with the task of creating a theme and title for the performance too.

Another committee is hard at work, also. They are currently interviewing candidates for The New Pretenders. The membership committee is seeking interested people for the band and singers since a few of our favorite people are retiring or taking a leave of absence. If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Nancy at [tnpdirector@aol.com](mailto:tnpdirector@aol.com) or (352) 873-4315.



Photo by Darryl Kenyon

The New Pretenders family.

## Art Workshop

By Elizabeth Wales

"Talent is not a word I want to hear," declared Professor Vilas Tonape. He was teaching a workshop in Georgia on watercolor portraiture recently and wanted to make his opinions known right away. He continued, "I can teach you how to paint a portrait, but one thing I cannot help you with is practice." That statement formed the focus on his instructional method. Just as Tom Brady did not become this century's star quarterback by sitting on the sidelines watching, working at the thing you like means improvement is guaranteed.

We students attended the workshop to learn the professor's techniques, and using a live model, it seemed a bit overwhelming. He reiterated his message: practice. Everyone has heard the excuse of people who say they cannot draw a stick person. They have no talent, they say. Professor Tonape disagrees. His emphasis is on practicing what you want to create. For every portrait he puts in a frame, there are 30 in a trash bin, he says. This proved to be a valuable lesson to those of us attending the workshop. Our very first drawings of the model were almost comical, as if we were making a cartoon. But

by the third day, the life-sized faces looked almost human. Filling in the colors with shades of darker shadows made them come to life, and

the professor's mantra came true for us.

This is much of what we in the Art Group do here in the Hobby Building Craft Room. Three times a week we are able to come together to do what we enjoy: practice our art. Some have chalk, some do carvings, several are acrylic or oil paint-

ers, or apply the beloved watercolors. Several members are retired art teachers, and are always willing to give advice when asked. We are always welcoming newcomers, so come see us Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays or Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Never forget: practice makes ... well ... you know!



Photo by Jim Merrick

Art Group 2019.

## Donations Surpass Previous Year

By Linda Lohr

The count is in for 2018! The Sewing Bees donated 702 quilts with 702 tote bags; 314 pillowcases; 388 stuffed animals or animal pillows; 162 baby doll blankets; 18 play capes; and 374 ditty bags. The grand total is 2,660 items! That is 500 more items than last year! The Sewing Bees rock!

This is a testament to the efforts of over 50 members, and our efforts are greatly appreciated by all the agencies to which we donate. The ditty bags are filled with assorted toiletries, which we also collect and donate.

A great big thank you to all the Bees!

We are currently in need of cotton material for boys. We are also looking for someone to come in and adjust/oil/check our machines to keep them in good running order. If you have a donation or can help, please contact Rita or Louise at the numbers given.

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 Hobby Building Craft Room, 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find

our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

Please contact Louise Green at (352) 629-1195, or Rita Miller at

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Detail of a Tinker Bell themed quilt.

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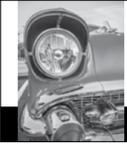
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**Car Club**

Bill Bender

Car enthusiasts gathered at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli on Friday, Jan. 18 for a brief meeting, and then we traveled in a caravan to a most special destination. Bill Bachmann planned a visit to the Gypsy Gold Horse Farm and what a great time we had!

This beautiful place has a most unique story, which was presented by its owner. He brought 16 unique horses from England to America establishing a new breed in 1995. If you have not yet been there, it is a must see! Everyone in our group raved about what an enjoyable and enlightening experience it was.

After our visit, we went to Sonny's BBQ for lunch and socializing. It gave us an opportunity to get better acquainted and, of course,

share some "car talk."

Our next outing is a trip to the "Doo Wop on the Block" event in Inverness on Friday, March 15. We'll meet at the Recreation Center around 2:30 p.m. for departure at 3 p.m. The 23 mile drive will take us to Inverness where we will park and enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants. After that we can stroll around until "Doo Wop on the Block" festivities commence around 4:30 p.m. There will be a car show complimented by oldies music. After that, we plan to leave around 7 p.m. Please plan to come out and join us!

Residents are continuing to express interest in formalizing a car club. We are in the process of responding to this. If you are interested, please send an email to George Hill at ghilljr.500@gmail.com. If you have done so already, there is no need to do it again, George has you on his list of approximately 50 others who have made their interests known.



Photo by Bill Bender

Vanner horse with owner Dennis Thompson at Gypsy Gold Horse Farm.



**Sidekicks Western Dance**

Carla Magri

Our beginner and more advanced levels took to the dance floor together along with our guests at our Valentine's Day dance. All had a

great time!

Our beginners are progressing nicely and have mastered a lot of dances already, with more to follow. They have a group practice session going and they're interested and enthusiastic. Everyone will have an opportunity for more practice as the weather warms up and we get to spend more time at The Town Square. Happy trails ...



Photo by Gerry McCann

The Sidekicks Western Dance Club and their guests at the Valentine's Day dance on Tuesday, Feb. 12.



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During Happy Hour on Friday, Jan. 18, Dennis and Marion Brenon were crowned the 2019 prom king and queen.

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**Concert Chorus**

Patricia Woodbury

The Concert Chorus looks forward to seeing you at our spring concert on either Saturday, March 23, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The chorus has worked hard to provide an entertaining selection of Disney classics for your enjoyment in their show entitled "Magical Musical Melodies." Come and enjoy some of your musical favorites from the popular show tunes.

The concert is free; however a free-will offering will be appreciated. You do not need a ticket; there will be open seating. So, come and

bring your friends.

One of the songs we will be singing is said to be one of Walt Disney's favorites "Feed the Birds." This song was written by the Sherman Brothers (Richard and Robert) and featured in the 1964 motion picture Mary Poppins. The song speaks of an old beggar woman (The Bird Woman) who sits on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, selling bags of breadcrumbs for two pence a bag so that passers-by can feed the pigeons in the square. The scene is reminiscent of the real-life seed vendors of Trafalgar Square in 1844. It is the first song written about the merits of giving charity.

This month we will give recognition to a member of our soprano section, Patty Kroohs. Patty is from Erie, Penn. She received her master's degree in special education from Edinboro University, Erie,

Penn. She taught special education in Erie for four years before coming to Florida and then in the Orlando schools for a total of 27 years. She is a recent resident of On Top of the World having arrived here in 2018. Patty did what many retirees do; she decided to try something new. She has not had any singing or musical experience and never had time to try it out until now.

In addition to trying out singing she also is taking online piano lessons, exploring some crafts in the area of jewelry making and scrapbooking. She also likes line dancing, Zumba®, board games and cooking. The Concert Chorus is pleased to have Patty find her voice in singing.

As always, if you would like further information about the chorus, please contact Sue Layne, membership chairperson at (352) 414-5420. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at



Photo by Bill Shampine

**Patty Kroohs**

9:30 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.



**Theatre Group**

Leslie Miller

The excitement continues to build for our upcoming show, "42nd and Broadway!" On Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m., the Recreation Center Ballroom will be transformed into a New York City theatre hall to re-create the sights and sounds of some of your favorite Broadway moments.

Remember the stirring songs from "South Pacific" and "Sound of Music?" Or the memorable melodies from "Sweet Charity," "Oklahoma," and "Guys and Dolls?" Maybe your Broadway favorites are more modern, like "Wicked," "Les Miserables," or "Evita?" Whatever your taste in Broadway, you are sure to

find something that suits your palette in the spring show, so plan to get your tickets soon!

Ticket sales take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom 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 the Theatre Group gives to a deserving College of Central Florida student who is majoring in the arts.

We continue to rehearse very hard behind the scenes, as Director Harry Boyajian has had individuals and groups of performers work on their songs in his home music studio, cutting down on the actual time needed on the stage. His neighbors get the bonus entertainment of watching the different individuals, costumes, and set pieces going in and out of the revolving door that used to be the Boyajians'

front entrance!

The cast does have access to the stage in the Recreation Center Ballroom for rehearsal on March 11, at 7 p.m., as well as on April 1, 2 and 4, to be totally ready for our production the following weekend. We also will be working on set construction on Sunday, March 31; volunteers will be meeting that morning to erect the flats necessary to provide the backdrop for our show, so please mark your calendars if you would like to help out behind the scenes in that way.

In addition to using the ticket money for our College of Central Florida scholarships, the Theatre Group has invested in some new sound equipment to make sure that the listeners have a good experience in the venue. New body microphones, sound board, and speakers should enhance the audience's listening pleasure to enjoy songs from "Paint Your Wagon"

and "Funny Girl," among so many more!

Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis, so please stop by the Recreation Center Ballroom at your earliest convenience Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon so you don't miss out on "42nd and Broadway." We believe you will be happy you did!

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



**Mexican Train Chicken Foot**

Barbara & David Lee

Hope the leprechaun will give all of our domino friends good luck this month! We play every Monday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building Craft Room.

We have a fun, friendly group and love meeting new friends who live in our community. We have room for you to come and learn how to play with either the dots, like the original dominos, or the numbers, which is the latest craze.

All that is required your first time is a resident ID, quarter and rack, if you have one. We only have a few extra racks to borrow. Bring someone with you or come alone, we will make you feel right at home.

Tables are assigned at 7 p.m. and then the trains begin. You can hear the group enjoying the train travels to wherever you want to go until a double is played and then the chicken foot hunt begins so we can unfreeze the tiles and continue playing. Confused? Well I guess you need to come and see how the game is played.

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**View from the Library**

Linda Barilli

"The Gold of Exodus" by Howard Blum is a true story that started out as a treasure hunt but turned into a story of Mt. Sinai. Larry Williams received a letter from David Fasold describing a potential treasure in Saudi Arabia. Larry, a self-made millionaire and treasure hunter, teamed up with Bob Cornuke, a retired policeman and former SWAT team member. Their destination was Jabal al Lawz. They used the Bible as their map. They found many biblical landmarks along the way. They began to believe that they were headed to the real Mt. Sinai and that it was in northwest Saudi Arabia. There was much unrest in the Middle East at that time. While Charlie Wilson was involved with the Afghans, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia had his own agenda with China. The Saudis had set up a military base surrounding Jabal al Lawz. This proved to be quite a challenge to Larry and Bob. This story proves that truth is stranger than fiction, and the book is impossible to put down. This book can be found in non-fiction softcover labeled 956 BLU.

"Ireland" by Frank Delaney is about a traveling Seanchai and a boy named Ronan. A Seanchai is

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"Rosemary, the Hidden Kennedy Daughter" is written by Kate Clifford Larson. Rosemary was born in 1918, the third child and first daughter of Joe and Rose Kennedy. Rosemary was "intellectually disabled," which wasn't realized until her younger sisters surpassed her in educational and athletic abilities. Rosemary was considered disabled. Schools were not equipped at that time to accommodate her needs. At age 23, her father had a prefrontal lobotomy performed on her. The procedure caused her to be permanently incapacitated and to be institutionalized for the rest of her life. When John F. Kennedy was elected, he established the Committee on Mental Retardation and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Ted Kennedy helped pass the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Child Care Act. The Kennedy family's greatest missions were sparked by Rosemary's loving spirit.



**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

Chris Kilbride

Having moved here last April, I hadn't known that the Artistic Crafts & Gifts group was available for people to join and sell their handmade items. After finding and reading this column, I marked my calendar for every Tuesday at the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon. The coordinator Rene and I chatted, and then she gave me the schedule, guidelines, and graciously welcomed me into the group.

You too will be very impressed with the quality and workmanship displayed for sale on the many tables. It's kind of like one stop shopping with a variety of jewelry, home and fashion accessories, pocketbooks, scarves, greeting cards, woodworking, baskets, quilts, wreaths, knitted and hand painted items. You can even get pet portraits and personalized embroidery items made.

We'll be featuring an artist or craftsman each month in this column, so perhaps I'll start. After 32 years as the University of Florida Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent, I'm getting back to sewing, featuring a variety of festive women's neckties to acces-

sorize. These neckties are meant to brighten a solid colored shirt, just trying to add a little fun and vibrant color in the world!

I was so impressed with this group, but found out that we were not online - so I designed our new website ArtisticCrafts.org where a picture is worth a thousand words! We now have business cards too, which serve as a reminder for you to stop by each Tuesday, since our talented group is always coming up with new and delightful items for every occasion.

Speaking of that, Mardi Gras is celebrated on March 5 and St. Patrick's Day is March 17. Many in our group have already geared up for these holidays, so early shoppers will have quite a selection.

Perhaps you have your own artistic endeavor you wish to sell, please come and chat with us about it. The camaraderie of the group is wonderful too.

If you have never come to our weekly Tuesday event, we welcome you to stop by and shop for gifts or a treat for yourself - something unique is sure to catch your eye. Check out our website ArtisticCrafts.org too; you'll see new items each week!

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**Antiques & Collectibles Club**

Susan Johannes

Please come and join fellow antiques and collectibles enthusiasts on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May. We meet at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Our February meeting was on "picking" antiques and collectibles at yard and estate sales. Our very own "American Picker" gave a talk with much useful and helpful information. We also had a small group attend the last Renninger's Antique and Collector's Extravaganza in Mount Dora.

I am very excited to announce our program for our next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, March 27. I have invited Frank Cafaro of Cafaro Vintage Jewelry and Repair in Belleview to be our guest speaker. He is an expert on dinnerware and "bling" jewelry. Frank will be giving all of us a quiz and handing out prizes, so be sure to attend. Also, don't forget to bring an item or two for Frank to evaluate in our very own "Antiques Roadshow."

If any or all of these sounds like fun, then please attend one of our meetings. Any questions or concerns, please contact me, Susan Johannes, at (570) 862-8785 or victoran@brighthouse.com.

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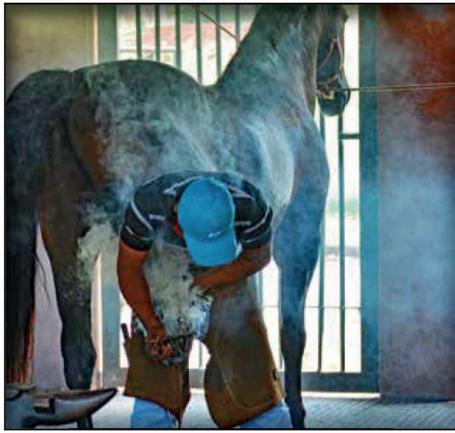


Photo by ShutterBug Connie Filip  
**Gonna make tracks.**



Photo by ShutterBug Dale Rubin  
**Footprints of the water.**



Photo by ShutterBug Martha Colyer  
**Footprints in the sea.**



**ShutterBugs Photography**

Connie Filip

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

And congratulations to our special category winners. Each year we select a different category and in 2018 it was the photographer's rendition of "footprints." Read on to hear the story behind their photos.

First prize was awarded to Connie Filip for her photo of a farrier shoeing a horse on an Estancia in Guatemala. I love the colors of the stable walls, and the way the steam is rising from the heat application of the shoe to the horse's hoof.

Second place belongs to Dale Rubin. She captured her icy-hot shot here in Florida. Just kidding. She took it last summer at Sawyer Gla-

cier in Alaska. As soon as she saw it, she knew this watery footprint was going to be her entry. Very creative, Dale!

Third prize was awarded to Martha Colyer. Look closely to see how many footprints you find in her photo of the sea off the coast of Santorini, Greece. Of course, we all see the beautiful wake made by the boat. But look again for the path in the sea made by the motor, and the pattern of clouds and sun on the mountains and the sea.

ShutterBugs ... start looking for opportunities to create your entry into 2019's special category of "night photos" for your winning shot.

January's field trip will be to Frank Lloyd Wright Museum at \$35 per person. While we don't normally select a pricey trip, we will have a docent guiding us on the tour, so it should be very informative.

For up-to-date schedule information, please visit otowspc.com.

Consider stopping by on Facebook! Our members post their favorite shots on Shutterbugs PSH

(Photo Scavenger Hunt). Anyone can log on and see them. 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: Field trip.



**Everyone Wins Club**

Sandi Kemp

Please join us for the next Everyone Wins Club game night! We have lots of fun playing group games like bingo, what's my line?, name that tune, charades, and much more! The cost is \$5 per person, which should be brought as five \$1 bills. You will win at least \$2 and maybe more, if you are lucky!

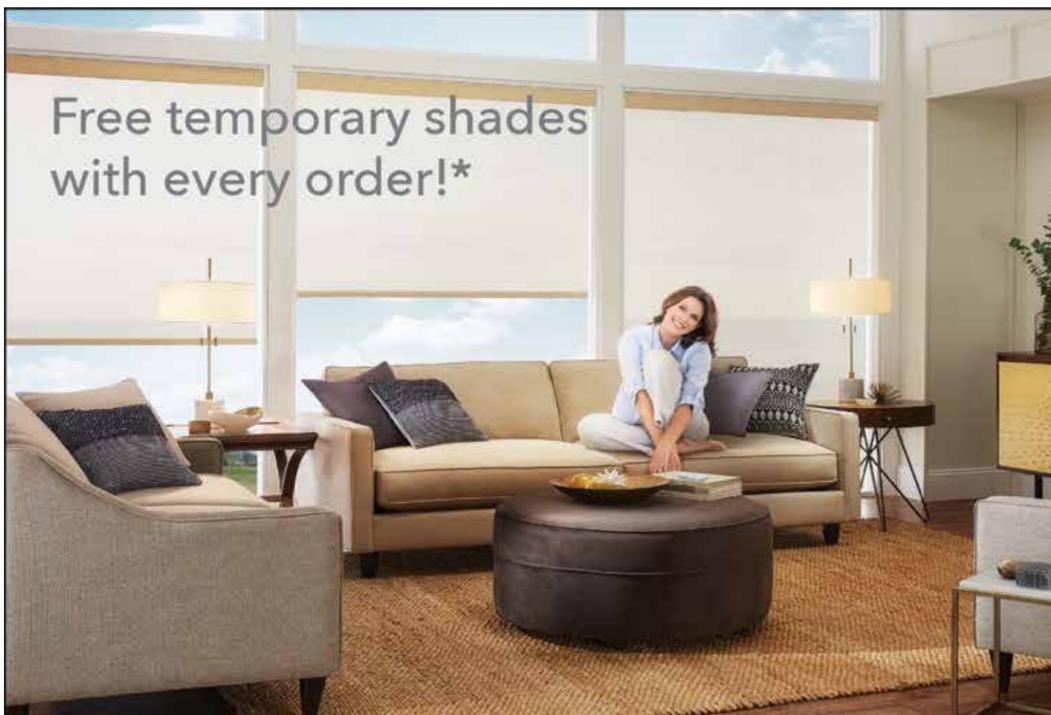
- Second Tuesday: Instructional DVD.
- Third Tuesday: Photo sharing activity.
- Fourth Tuesday: DVD or speaker.

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

You may bring a snack to share, and I provide drinks - iced tea, soda and water.

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B on the third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. Come early if you can for a time of meeting and greeting others as we enjoy the snacks! Our next gathering will be on Sunday, March 17 with a St. Patrick's Day theme, so wear your green! Everyone is welcome, couples and singles! No reservations needed, just show up and we will be happy to see you! Hope to see you there!

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**Mah Jongg**

Mary Ehle

I hope everyone has ordered their new 2019 card. They needed to be ordered in February to receive them by the first day of April.

Join us on Saturday, March 2, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C for Mah Jongg Junkie Day. We will play from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. Come when you can, stay as long as you want, and go home for lunch or bring something to eat. We eat out in back like a picnic.

The only rule is you must have enough to play all day. There will be no grace playing. Whatever you win is what you have for the day. There is no other charge. For more information call (352) 873-7507.

Everyone is welcome. It is a great time for new players to try their skills. We would love to have you play with us.

Hope to see you on March 2. If you happen to have a set, please bring it. Jokers to you.

**Avalon Social Group**

Marie Roppel

Coming soon is the month for wearing green. On Monday, March 11 the Avalon Social Club will meet for their potluck supper in celebration of St. Patrick's Day and leprechauns. That evening, meet friends, neighbors and new residents at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E-H, at 5 p.m. Any dish you wish to share should be accompanied by an appropriate serving utensil. A few Irish dishes would be welcome. Also, bring your non-alcoholic beverages.

Green money is also welcome as you participate in the 50/50 raffle. Small bills are helpful as it makes the ticket seller's job easier. Who will discover the pot of gold?

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**February Happy Hookers lunch.**



**Happy Hookers**

Jan Spielvogel

Happy Hookers wishes everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day! A bit of research turned up the fact that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other national festival. While we don't celebrate St. Patrick's Day specifically, Happy Hookers does celebrate the fellowship we have gained in our group by going out to lunch on the "even numbered" months of the year (February, April, June, August, October and December). Our February lunch was held at the Stone Creek Grille.

Happy Hookers meets on 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, agenda nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back.

What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group who is never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Beriman at (352) 873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them to the Hobby Building Craft Room any Monday between 1:30 and 3 p.m.



**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr

Our presenter on Thursday, Feb. 7 was Edie Howard. Edie offered three cards: a young girl in silhouette, a great birthday card; and a very interesting vase of flowers. All the cards can be modified for almost any occasion. We thank Edie for her ideas and for supplying all the embossing materials and dies needed to make these unique cards.

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

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

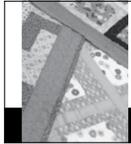
meet in any given month, contact Kathy at the number/email below. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact at Kathy Hoefer at (352) 237-6439 or kathyh508@yahoo.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



Photo by Linda Lohr

**Cards presented by Edie Howard.**



**Sunshine Quilters**

Arliss Day

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

Here is our upcoming Tuesday schedule:

- March 5: Monthly meeting followed by a showing of our mystery quilt challenge projects.
- March 12: Learn how to make a quick and easy baby receiving blanket. Whitney will teach this class and instructions will be sent out one week ahead of time.
- March 19: Open sew day.
- March 26: Basics of quilting class (cutting fabric, different stitching, bias sewing, etc.).

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.



**Poetry**

John Kinser Hall

**Nick**

I once had a Ukrainian friend.  
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**Model Railroaders**



Paul Lewandowski

Railroading began in the United States with the incorporation of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1827. The first section of track opened for business in 1830, from Baltimore to Ellicott City, Maryland (13 miles). From that humble beginning, the railroad mileage in the US would burgeon to over 397,000 miles in 1916. Since then, the number of miles has diminished to 161,240 (as of 2016). Why was that?

The Federal Aid Road Act of 1916 sowed the seeds of decline of U.S. railroads by making it possible for jurisdictions around the country to begin construction of highways that could carry people and freight to every corner of every city and town of the nation. When automakers began producing vehicles that could go places that tracks did not serve, business and people began to shift away from the rails.

Development of the national highway system was spurred by the experience of an U.S. Army convoy dispatched from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco in 1919. The convoy led by Lt. Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower took 82 days to cover the distance on the first national road, the Lincoln Highway (today, mostly Interstate 80). As president, Eisenhower successfully fought for the current interstate highway system that we all use so often today.

The rails were still able to move people and freight at a competitive cost and in a timely fashion, but only between places where track

was laid. We should be thankful that we had the rail infrastructure in place during the first and second World Wars and the Korean War, because it would most likely have been impossible to move the amount of men and material needed during those critical years to keep our nation (not to mention the rest of the world) free.

During World War II, aviation developed at a staggering pace. After the war, thousands of surplus aircraft were available for purchase by start-up airlines and established commercial airlines began a rapid expansion with new equipment that continues to this day. The speed and convenience of air travel have eclipsed the ease and romance of train travel for people, and airline schedule efficiencies have caused mail and freight contracts to shift from rail to air.

All of these advancements in transportation have caused American railroads to downsize and look for ways to increase efficiency to remain in business. Passenger service was dropped almost entirely due to operating losses incurred by carrying people instead of freight.

Those of us who love railroading miss the days of great steel beasts pounding the rails and belching smoke, but railroad enthusiasts hope that the iron horse can find a way to remain relevant in the future.

Our club schedules run sessions every Tuesday and Friday (except holidays) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the HO layout on the first floor of the Recreation Center. 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.

**Karaoke Friends**



Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

I think it is time for another prop night! We are aiming to have as many singers as possible participate on Monday, March 4. The singer selects a song. They wear something to fit the song or bring something to represent the song. It is always a fun night.



Photo by Steve Warren  
**Allen Berkowitz**

We are enjoying our new room in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

I asked one of our newer singers to introduce himself to you. Here is what he had to say.

"My name is Allen Berkowitz and I'm originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. I have been living in Florida for six years and came to On Top of the World 13 months ago. I have always loved to sing but for most of my life my singing was confined to the car and in the shower. In an effort to meet more people, I found out about karaoke and decided to go and see what it was all about. The first time I went, I just listened and saw that everyone was having a good time, so I decided to come back and give it a try. It is so much fun! It has become one of the main highlights of my recreational activities. All are welcome and you needn't be a Caruso to join in. I find that occasionally I even hit the right notes! I hope to see you there sometime soon."

We enjoy meeting new singers and clappers. All residents are welcome. We meet on the first and third Mondays, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come during that time and join the fun in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

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**Misc. Items:** Large collection of classic Model Motoring slot carts with transformers, speed controls and accessories. (352) 817-0944.

**Outdoor Furniture:** Chaise lounge, black metal with adjustable back, 69" long, \$25. (352) 433-5962.

**Sports Equipment:** Hollywood Rack Expedition trunk mounted bike rack, easily adjustable and sturdy, \$75. (585) 261-7758.

**Sports Equipment:** Ladies bicycle, \$70 cash. (352) 817-0944.

**Sports Equipment:** Ladies Next Amplifier bicycle, 26" wheels, aluminum lightweight frame, \$60. (352) 861-3849.

## Tag Sales

**Saturday, March 2:** 9320-A SW 89th Terrace (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. • 9155-B SW 83rd Court (Crescent Ridge), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friday, March 8 & Saturday, March 9:** 9102 SW 102nd Circle (Avalon), 8 a.m. to noon.

**Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16:** 9090 SW 94th Court (Providence I), 8 a.m. to noon • 8841-E SW 91st Street (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon.

**Saturday, March 16:** 8506 A & E and 8556 A-D SW 93rd Street (Friendship Colony), 8:30 a.m. to noon • 8742-D SW 92nd Place (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 27 & Thursday, March 28:** 8640-D SW 94th Street (Friendship Village), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

**Friday, March 29 & Saturday, March 30:** 9143-A SW 83rd Ave (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Services

**A-1 Village Custom Window Treatments:** Sales & installation of all window treatments. Experience & reliable. (352) 444-9001 or (352) 497-9507.

**Alterations by Nancy:** Reasonable rates, experienced. (484) 716-0270 (resident).

**Appliance, A/C & Heat Repairs:** Electrical & plumbing. Experienced and honest. Call Tom Parker (resident) anytime at (352) 873-1297.

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**Cleaning by Evelyn Lee:** House cleaning, deep cleaning, move outs. Lic. #A27450 & insured. (352) 629-0855 or (352) 286-6055. [sunshinecleaningocala.com](http://sunshinecleaningocala.com).

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**Computer Help:** Arthur Burditt, (352) 875-7878. House calls, \$40/hour. Tutoring, setups, installations, Windows upgrades, PC clean-ups, security software, Internet connections, email access, printers, wireless devices.

**D&D Painting of Ocala LLC:** Interior/exterior painting. Licensed & insured. 35 years experience. 10% discount for seniors & veterans. References available. (352) 425-3869.

**Geller Lawn:** Mowing, irrigation, bushes, mulch & much more! Starting at \$50 per month (no contracts). Insured. (352) 390-7454.

**Handyman:** Repairing sliding glass door rollers/tracks, sliding garage screen doors, window balances, sliding shower doors/guides, doors & locksets, door seals. Installing handicap grab bars. One call does it all! Steve, S&T Quality Services (352) 207-8682.

**Income Tax Preparation:** CPA and former IRS agent with 30 years income tax experience. Marcia (352) 509-4331 (resident).

**Laminate & Tile Floor Installation:** Plumbing, electrical work, general carpentry and painting. Insured and satisfaction guaranteed. Resident for 12 years. Dan (352) 425-1046 or Bill (352) 816-5450.

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**Transportation:** Doctor appointments, shopping, errands. Call Anna (resident) at (352) 615-0174 (cell) or (352) 873-4151 (home), leave message.

**Transportation:** Errands, doctor's appointments, shopping, hair, etc. Diane (352) 854-9999 or [dmstewart1948@gmail.com](mailto:dmstewart1948@gmail.com) (resident). Leave message.

**Window Cleaning, Pressure Washing, Gutter Cleaning & Landscaping:** Dirty windows? Driveway a mess? Got weeds? Call Bluechip Deliveries & Services LLC at (352) 362-1733 or (352) 598-4520.

## Wanted

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