

**Community News**

**Kenneth D. Colen**  
Publisher

The Indigo East and Candler Hills Association meetings were held Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 in Circle Square Cultural Center. Both Associations are on a calendar fiscal year, so the big topic of discussion for both was the proposed budget for 2020. Guy Woolbright gave a recap of income and expenses and how each relates to fiscal operations. Indigo East residents voted to retain the current board of directors.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, the On Top of the World (Central) Owners' Association meeting was held. This Association is on a March 1 fiscal year, so no budget action was necessary. An estimated 600 residents attended. The board report was made updating residents on the status of new and planned amenities. The majority of the meeting was spent answering written questions submitted by residents.

Several questions dealt with cable television services and whether or not Spectrum would expand services into additional neighborhoods. In answer to the question, I responded that the association has had ongoing communication with Spectrum on their desire to serve all neighborhoods. To accomplish that, they would need to acquire Bridgenet Communications' assets that service these areas outside the current Spectrum service area. This conversation has actually been going on for a long time and I must stress that nothing is imminent in happening in this regard.

The current bulk service proposal that Spectrum put forth is based on 100% participation of all homes within On Top of the World (Central). The rate charged for cable and internet in similar homeowner association communities (Citrus Hills for example) is \$46.50 per month, and includes 525 digital channels, 55 music channels, on-demand pay options, and 100 MB internet service with modem and wireless router. There would be an offset from the charges in the community services fees tied to the current (minimal) bulk offering resulting in a \$14 reduction in bringing the net to roughly \$35 including fees and taxes.

If an agreement could ever be successfully negotiated, for areas not serviced by Spectrum, each owner would be giving up a monthly bill to Dish, DIRECTV or Bridgenet Communications, in favor of a bulk service charge added to your CSF. Each owner would need to do the math on that to determine the benefit for themselves.

The board is very reticent on taking on third party costs into the CSF, inasmuch as this is something that cannot be controlled directly. Comparing this to electric service in the common areas, the board has indirect control by the duration of operational times and connections to influence the monthly use charges. Not so with bulk cable. The bill is the bill each and every year. The board does not wish to see residents burdened by additional expenses without offsetting benefits.

**General Development**

Dirt continues to be flying around the community as development continues at a brisk pace. At both meetings we had a question, "When will we be able to drive our golf cart to the Walmart Neighborhood Market?" Well, it's coming soon. We had to work through a major snafu with the county traffic engineer over moving a signal controller, pole, and mount at the SW 90th Street intersection. Rather than incur that much expense, all agreed it made more sense to slide the cart path over and avoid the conflict altogether. So that revision is in review and once approved,

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**The New and Improved R/C Flying Field**

By Taci Clay

Due to the fast-moving construction of the Avalon neighborhood at On Top of the World, the R/C Flyers Club moved to a new location. The last time the club got a new field location was in 2004.

The new flying field is located on the crest of a low ridge west of the previous field. The club now has a 600 x 150-foot paved runway. Adjacent to the runway, the club will prepare a grass runway in June 2020. Similar to the previous field, there is a complete set of safety fencing, setup tables and canopies. There is also a main shade shelter pavilion for spectators and flyers

to comfortably hang out under.

The views from the new site are spectacular. There is almost unlimited overfly area with nothing below to concern the flyers. The new runway is angled better to adapt to the prevailing winds and the new basic flight path from the runway is directed away from the new construction.

The R/C Car Club had their dirt track upgraded to a paved surface.

In 1990, the R/C Flyers Club first started when a group of seven residents obtained permission to fly R/C model aircraft in a field behind the residential area. Today,

the club has over 160 members and continues growing. The R/C Flyers and its members are affiliated with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), which is a world-class association of modelers organized for the purpose of promotion, development, education, and the advancement of model aircraft activities. The R/C Flyers and AMA provide leadership, organization, competition, communication, protection, representation, recognition, education, and scientific/technical development to its members regarding remote control model aircraft.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month and the club takes part in a few yearly events. If you are interested in joining the R/C Flyers Club, please visit the website and fill out appropriate forms: [ontopoftheworldinfo.com/clubs-activities/on-top-of-the-world-rc-flyers/](http://ontopoftheworldinfo.com/clubs-activities/on-top-of-the-world-rc-flyers/).

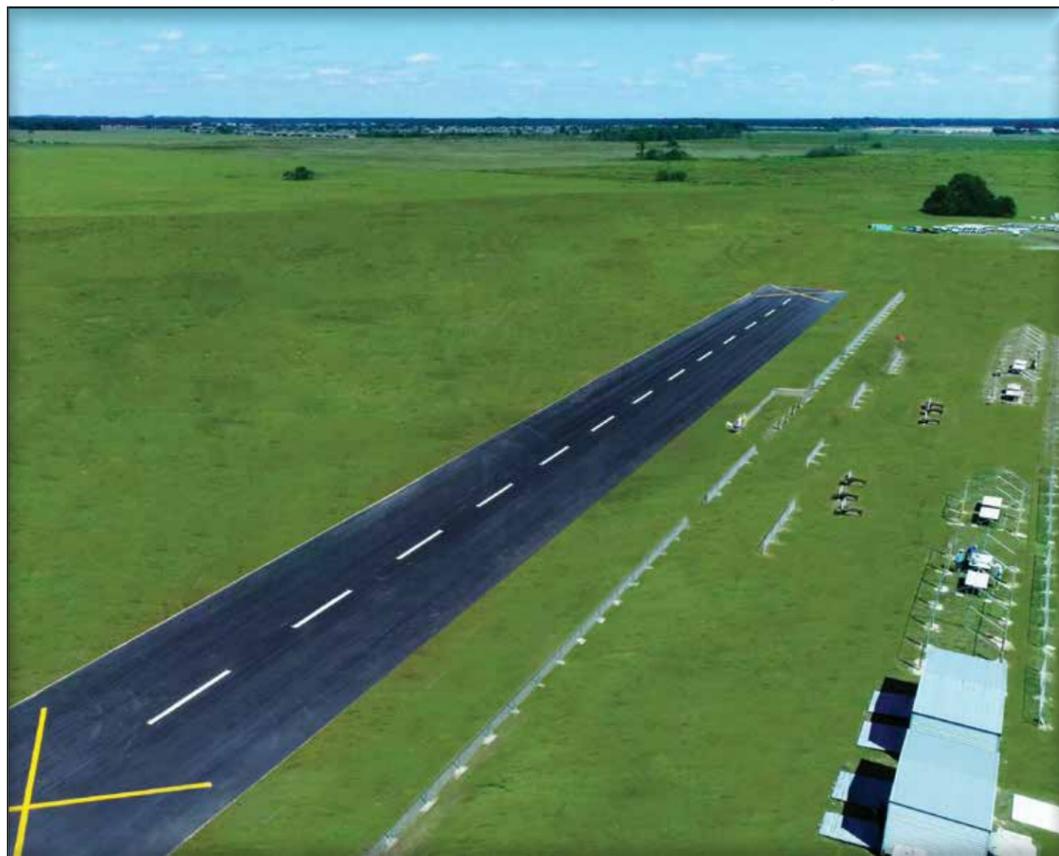


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The new paved runway for the R/C Flyers Club.

**Health & Wellness**  
18th Annual EXPO

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The 18th annual Health & Wellness Expo, which is co-sponsored by On Top of the World Communities and AdventHealth, will take place Saturday, Jan. 18 at Circle Square Cultural Center, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public with hundreds of people attending.

There will be approximately 60 medical-oriented vendors present to answer questions and provide information concerning all aspects of health facilities and care. To list some of the health providers that will be attending this year's event will be doctors and nurses representing AdventHealth, eye clinics, hearing aid facilities, dental offices, foot and ankle, orthopedic groups, rehabilitation and nursing centers,

home care, chiropractic practices (sometimes providing sample massages). The Lions Club will provide diabetic screenings and blood pressure services.

On Top of the World World's fitness team will be on hand as well as representatives from The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa.

Since there are so many new residents moving into the area, this is a great opportunity to find out what Ocala has to offer.



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**GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR**

By Stan Goldstein



**Stay is a nice word in a friend's vocabulary.**

**Is It Legal?**

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

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**SCAM ALERT #1:** Scammers are always lurking, lurking, lurking. Scammers claim to be a preacher, rabbi, priest, imam and they hope you will contribute to a charitable endeavor. It's just another scam as reported by the Federal Trade Commission. Here's what you should never do: Never speak with them just to tell them, you are "on to them." Do not speak with scammers. Just hang up the phone.

**SCAM ALERT #2:** My wife got a message on her smartphone that said (in bright letters), "Your iCloud has been breached." There was an "ok" to click on but no other way to "X" out. That's not a problem, though. She just turned off her phone and turned it back on and the problem was solved. I've seen similar scams that suddenly pop up on my phone and have no way to exit. But there's always a way to exit - an easy way - turn off your phone.

**SCAM ALERT #3:** I made the mistake of answering a call that was from my area code plus first three numbers of my cell phone's number. I should've known better. Anyway, a very loud and angry voice told me I was about to be arrested! I didn't wait to hear the rest as I just hung up. You should too.

**Q.** Is it okay for me to set up my IRA so it's payable on death (P.O.D.) to my children?

**A.** I suppose it is but that's not the best way to do it. The best way is to have your children (or any beneficiary) listed as the beneficiary. Of course, if you are married, and you want your spouse to be the beneficiary then he/she should be the primary beneficiary. A spouse can do

something that no one else can do with an IRA. The IRA can be rolled over into the surviving spouse's IRA and then become subject to the surviving spouse's required minimum distribution rules. If the beneficiary is not a spouse, it's possible to treat the IRA as a "stretch" IRA. However, the rules are such that I don't feel I can adequately get into them in this column.

**Q.** I am under the impression that you do not believe we should put our home in our trust. Why?

**A.** First, some terminology. The homestead is the place where someone resides. A home can be a place where you visit from time to time (such as being a snowbird). I make no comment about whether a home should be put in trust as that will depend on factors which are outside the purview of this column other than for me to suggest you visit with your attorney. A homestead is where you live permanently, maybe get the homestead exemption and have the right to the Save Our Homes Cap. Although, as with most matters involving legal questions, there are always exceptions. However, I personally prefer that the homestead not be put in a trust. The homestead is the single

most protected asset anyone can have in Florida. When you transfer it into a trust, you have to make sure that the provisions of the trust are consistent with the homestead laws of the State of Florida that provide a range of asset protection not only to a homestead owner but also to his/her/their heirs (if they are blood heirs).

So, I try to suggest that it's one thing to put your assets into trust and I usually favor that (unless there are easier methods of probate avoidance such as pay on death accounts). However, because a homestead is such a significant asset in Florida, I want folks to consider just leaving it in the homestead owners' names alone.

**Q.** I am a very spry 81-year-old single woman. My 73-year-old boyfriend is married but has not seen his wife for many years. He says he's not even sure if she's alive because his children refuse to speak with him. (She probably is alive, but that's not a worry for us.) Neither of us likes to fly and we've been thinking about taking a car trip that would take us through five states besides Florida. Is there something called the "Mann Act" that would create a problem for us?

**A.** In all the many years I've been writing this column I never once had a question quite like this one and I am trying desperately to avoid answering it. For that matter, I don't know how to comment on your use of the word "spry." How about this? I have no idea whether you would be violating that act. Although, if you were, I cannot conceive of the fun the news media would have, let alone Twitter and Facebook.

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**Charles Calhoun**

The annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade was an overwhelming success. We had a fantastic time and were fortunate to be awarded "best in show." It was a wonderful group effort by all the veterans who participated. Thanks go out to Angela Santos (VFW post 4791 honor guard), Lou Simmons and his submariners, Sherry Whitmer-Hall, Fran Calhoun (my dear wife) and Elliot Wilkins for procuring a trailer and helping me turn it into a fantastic float. We also had over a dozen outstanding creative veterans decorate our golf

cart who helped us win and have a fun time. A special thanks to Frank Kalusa for his musical talents on the keyboard. We all really enjoyed your music.

In our efforts to support local veterans, we received a generous donation from resident Judy Kane of two electric scooters, a lift and a walker that will be refurbished by Veterans Helping Veterans in Ocala and given to local needy veterans.

Due to our increasing membership, we will now be meeting in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV on the third Thursday of the month, at 2 p.m. No, you will not be required to dance and perform unless you really want to. Hope to see you at our next meeting! Happy New Year to all!



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Veterans Club won "best in show" at the Holiday Golf Cart Parade Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019.



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construction may begin.

Otherwise, mini storage and motor home (maxi) storage are progressing. This area is located at the western terminus of SW 94th Street. We anticipate completion in late second quarter of 2020.

The neighborhoods of Avalon 7 and Longleaf Ridge are continuing development. Homes have begun to sprout up in Avalon 7. Longleaf sales will follow in June 2020. Weybourne Landing sales will begin in late January 2020. Indigo East is nearing completion of sales and final home construction will lag by approximately 10 months.

The last sections of Candler Hills are under site improvement and home construction. We expect completion and build out in 2022. You'll have to sit tight to find out where we go after that.

Calesa Township has begun land development. Home sales are anticipated to commence in January 2021. This will be a family community. One of the distinguishing features is an extensive pedestrian trail system, allowing residents to move about the community on walkable and bicycle friendly trails. Much more is planned there as well.

If you follow the Ocala StarBan-

ner, you may be aware that the Circle Square Foundation has entered into a lease with College of Central Florida to keep their 40-year-old pool open while the new aquatic center is planned, permitted and constructed. This competitive style aquatic center will house an indoor and heated 50 meter by nine meter deep pool, dive wells, a 25-yard warm-up pool under cover, and a recreational pool suitable for young children.

This will be located on property set aside for the Greater Central Florida Employment Center. I predict that name will be truncated somewhere along the way. Nonetheless, that 309-acre development is located just south of SW 38th Street and west of SW 60th Avenue near the Ocala Municipal Airport.

**Personal Insurance**

Fire events or water damage are cautionary reminders for each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate. If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider. The cost of repair or reconstruction, as well as loss of use (being displaced pending restoration), may well exceed the purchase price of your home many times over. It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their dwelling, including loss of use coverage. Loss of use coverage will cover expenses for living and lodging should you become displaced. Displacement after a fire may be between six and 18 months!

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual dwelling owners may wish to have. Contents coverage may vary greatly depending on what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor

coverings, appliances, and cabinetry. Carriers who write in the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls or losses. For Candler Hills, Indigo East, and Weybourne Landing, carriers would probably use an HO3 rider.

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any casualty event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 3% of the total value at the time of loss, at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence. With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a 5% of location total insured value subject to a \$250,000 deductible per occurrence. For more information, please visit otowinfo.com then click "Associations," then "OTOW Central," then locate Insurance Requirements and Forms and download the pdf document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Homeowner.

Besides casualty insurance, other steps to protecting your home are testing your smoke detector regularly and having an operable BC fire extinguisher at easy reach. Read the extinguisher operating instructions when you first purchase the unit and at least twice a year thereafter is also recommended. In this recent event, having and using an operable fire extinguisher may have greatly limited the damage.

**Williamsburg Neighbors**

**Ginny Nardone**

On Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, the Arbor Conference Center was transformed into a holiday wonderland complete with shimmering trees, glowing lights, and a visit from Santa and his elves who brought surprise gifts. We enjoyed a delicious catered buffet and an elegant dessert extravaganza provided by Williamsburg neighbors. Just when we thought we had experienced everything the evening had to offer Brady Reeves serenaded us with several musical selections including "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Many thanks to holiday party chair, Linda Jones, and to her creative and very capable team for a fabulous and fun evening!

The second annual Williamsburg neighborhood meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Hobby Building Event Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m. This meeting is an excellent opportunity for residents to hear about what's happening in our neighborhood and to provide input and ideas for future planning. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

If you are new to Williamsburg and have questions or would like to be added to the email contact list, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266. Happy New Year to all!

**Winter Kickoff**

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

"Knowledge is Power." - Sir Francis Bacon

If we accept Mr. Bacon's proverb as credible, then truly, residents must be the most powerful people on the planet. (Okay, how about in all of Florida?)

As proof positive, you had to be at Circle Square Cultural Center on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, to witness the turnout for the kickoff of Master the Possibilities' winter semester. More than 600 turned out to meet with instructors, check out upcoming class offerings and, of course, to register for classes. The theme for this winter's session is "The Age of Visionaries."

More than 90 instructors were at the kick-off. They answered questions about the class(es) they'll be delivering, and at times, helped potential students register. There were more than 160 registrations, followed by 150 online registrants the following day. All-in-all, there are more than 1,000 class opportunities this winter session (January through June).

Registering for classes is easy. Online at [masterthepossibilities.org](http://masterthepossibilities.org), call (352) 861-9751 or in person at Master the Possibilities.

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It was great to see so many new faces at the association meetings this year. We welcomed many new residents in 2019 through new home sales and resales alike. We hope all of our residents, those who have been here a while and those just moving in, are enjoying being a part of On Top of the World. This wonderful community offers many opportunities for active adults whether it be through continued education, fitness, events, activities, trips or outings with friends. There's a little something for everyone. Management strives to continually work to offer our residents exceptional service, experiences and a wonderful place to call home.

**Property Insurance Meeting**

We have scheduled a meeting to review HO6 property insurance to assist residents in the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association in understanding the type coverage they should provide versus the association. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. We have invited local agents including Allstate, State Farm, Farm Bureau and Fero and Sons.

**Holiday Lighting and Decorations**

Please ensure that all holiday decorations are removed by Thursday, Jan. 16. Live Christmas trees may be placed at the curb in front of your home for pick-up on your community's regularly scheduled yard debris pick-up day.

**Traffic, Speeding and Stop Signs**

Please obey the speed limit signs posted throughout the community and keep in mind that we do have an agreement with Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to patrol throughout the community. After receiving many requests at the HOA meetings, I have followed up with MCSO to pay our community a visit. Be sure to slow down and obey the speed limit and come to a complete stop at stop signs. As one resident pointed out, stop signs are not suggestions.

**Indigo East Gateway**

The Indigo East community is unique in that they may choose to opt in to the Gateway of Services. For those Indigo East residents wishing to enjoy the amenities behind the gates, a Gateway of Services pass is necessary. We offer several payment options when you sign up: monthly automatic debit from your checking, savings or credit card with no fees; one-time check or credit card payment; or quarterly payments with a quarterly processing fee. If you would like more information regarding Gateway of Services or if you would like to sign up, please contact Customer Service for an appointment.

**Customer Service**

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**Food Drive**

The annual food drive ran from Sunday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 and we had a wonderful outpouring from our residents. Our residents are a very generous group, and we appreciate your support each year as we help Interfaith Emergency Services fill their food

pantry.

**Getting Ready for the Cold**

Winter is here and, even though we are experiencing warmer than normal temperatures, we did experience cooler temperatures in early to mid-December. Colder weather is right around the corner. That being said, cold temperatures can have an effect on your backflow preventer. For those residents who maintain their own backflow preventer, have you read Phillip Hisey's tips on how to winterize it? If not, please check out "Shutting Off Your Back Flow Valve" in the "Homeowner Maintenance" section under the Resources tab on otowinfo.com to read more details about how to winterize your backflow preventer and protect it from freezing temperatures.

**Rule of the Month**

We are continuing to hear complaints of residents not picking up after their pets.

Animals: "... All animals shall be kept inside residential units and no exterior structure for the care, housing or confinement of any animal shall be constructed or maintained in the community. While outside residential units, all animals must be kept on a leash or other restraint and must be accompanied at all times by the owner or custodian. Animal feces must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly by the owner or custodian of the animal."

Best wishes for a wonderful year!



**Lifelong Learning**

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Happy New Year from Master the Possibilities! The start of a new year usually means resolutions. In joining with that tradition, we here at Master the Possibilities have made a few of those resolutions of our own, and the most important of those resolutions being that our team pledges to continue to offer outstanding educational learning experiences for our participants.

Our hope is that our participants get inspired by something learned when taking a class this year. That new hobbies are found and enjoyed. Or, that new friendships are created while experiencing a dynamic presentation on an amazing subject matter. One of our resolutions this year is to help participants find their passions for learning.

The January through June 2020 catalog was recently released, and within that "Age of Visionaries" themed curriculum, there are more than 1,010 options from which to choose. There are course selections in art, health, history, language

and reading, lifestyle, excursions, science and technology, current events, and special presentations.

"The Golden Age of European Painting" is an example of an art history course this month. Participants are invited to join in the conversation with Jan Clanton, retired curator of the Orlando Museum of Art. This course will cover art from the Baroque period and the 17th century. Participants will explore art of Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, and France. Works by Caravaggio, Velazquez, Rembrandt and the Gardens of Versailles will be examined and discussed. Learn about the outrageous artist personalities and amazing artistic developments by attending this course Wednesdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., starting Jan. 22. Cost to attend is \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members.

Local equestrian visionary Chester Weber will be presenting a course on "Achieving Excellence in Equestrian Sports" Monday, Jan. 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Live Oak Hall. Chester will be sharing with the class what he feels it takes to achieve excellence in the sport. Known as the most celebrated combined driver, Chester has earned many accolades, prestigious recognitions, and World Equestrian Game medals, including the num-

ber one slot on the FEI world rankings. Participants will have a unique opportunity to hear about the hard work and amazing accomplishments from this Ocala native. Cost to attend is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members.

With current and historical visionaries being the main theme of our educational opportunities this term, our curriculum would not be complete without course content like "Galileo, the Father of Modern Astronomy." Instructor Jim Di Paolo will explore with participants interesting topics on the life of Galileo Galilei, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays, Jan. 10 through Feb. 14. Galileo's childhood, inventions, discoveries, and life challenges will all be discussed. The cost to is \$27 for members and \$32 for non-members.

Still needing inspiration for a class resolution? Visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org for a complete listing. Registration is available 24/7, along with more information on course expectations and instructor biographies. Registration help is also available by visiting our office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 8415 SW 80th Street, or by calling (352) 861-9751.

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**Keeping It Green**

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Hope everyone had a great holiday season. I hope that 2020 is a great year for everyone.

Did you remember to cut back your irrigation timer? Current restrictions allow once per week watering, but based on the temperature, your grass and plants may not require that much water. Try reducing the run time a little at a time.

Many factors should be taken into account before reducing the run times. How long have you lived at the location? Is it a new home or has it been there for longer than one year? If your landscape is older than one year, reducing run times gradually in small increments is the best way. Small increments will keep you from creating a severe problem if you don't add enough water. If you do too much at once, watering on the next run day could cost you your landscape.

January typically brings us the coldest weather of the year and many times stretches into February. With these colder temperatures, you can see problems with the pressure vacuum breaker or

backflow preventer on the side of your home.

Florida plumbing code specifies that at a minimum, a pressure vacuum breaker (PVB) be installed on irrigation systems. Backflow preventers are "an approved safety device used to prevent pollution or contamination of the potable water supply due to backflow from the irrigation system." Basically, these devices prevent the contamination of the potable water supply in the event of a negative pressure within the potable system when back siphonage from the irrigation system could occur. These devices are a public safety measure to ensure that our potable water is safe. Protecting your backflow during the winter months needs to be a priority for maintaining your irrigation system. We have seen temperatures in the teens here from time to time and these will cause problems if the backflow is left unprotected.

Many people will soon be wondering what they can do with their crape myrtles. For starters, crape myrtles flower only on new growth. With that said there are many studies to suggest the proper pruning method for crape myrtles, but the studies do not show conclusive evidence that one way is better or worse than the other.

The method I prefer for resi-

dents to follow is the "pencil pruning" method. Basically, you remove all branches pencil size and smaller. This method is the least invasive to the tree and still provides an aesthetic quality to the tree even when the leaves have fallen and all you have is sticks. The best time to prune the crape myrtle is late winter or early spring when the plant is dormant. This provides the new growth for summer blooms.

Early December 2019 gave us some temperatures in the lower 80s creating conditions that were favorable for fungal development. Below is some information about fungal issues and products available for you to treat your lawn should you have a concern.

Brown Patch fungus is attributed to soil temperature being just right for pathogen development. Abnormal weather conditions this time of year with hotter than usual days can spur on fungal infestation. Humid days and over irrigation can also complicate things, creating the perfect storm for growing conditions. Turning off your irrigation after rainfall events or simply turning it back using the seasonal adjust feature will help to reduce fungal problems.

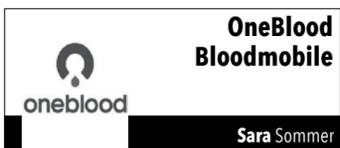
You can normally spot fungus issues in your yard by a large symmetrical ring or circular patch that

has a yellowish edge. The spots typically start as one-foot diameter areas and grow from there. Keep from walking and mowing affected areas. Fungus travels from spores and disturbance of the fungus could potentially cause more areas to pop up.

Routine lawn maintenance and pest control is key to keeping pest problems such as Brown Patch fungus from popping up in your lawns. Identification and treatment of this pest is crucial in control and will help keep the pest from spreading. Keep from fertilizing these areas until the fungus has been treated and eradicated. Fertilizers will actually feed these fungi, creating more problems in the future.

Lowe's carries a product that is labeled for fungal control. It is called Spectracide Lawn Disease Control Systemic Fungicide. Siteone Landscape Supply can also help with many products to treat fungal pathogens. Be sure to read the label before using and make sure you have proper personal protective equipment (PPE). If you have a maintenance company taking care of your lawn, they can easily treat for the fungal problem. Fungus is preventable and controllable.

Again, have a great 2020.



**OneBlood Bloodmobile**

Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® was here Monday, Dec. 2, 2019. There were 25 angels who came to give the gift of life. Each donor received a fuzzy warm throw and a \$10 ecard.

The next date is Monday, Feb. 3. The Big Red Bus® will be in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All blood types are needed, especially after the latest holiday season. It takes about 2,500 donations each day to meet the needs of patients in our hospitals. The need is that large and constant. If every donor gave just one more time, we could eliminate blood shortages.

See you on the bus.



**Back at The Ranch**

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**Yin Yoga**

Yin Yoga is a specialized practice that slows down the pace of traditional yoga exercises. This method introduces yoga poses that are held for longer periods of time. Yin Yoga allows an opportunity for muscles to relax and disengage. This enables a deep stretch in the body's connective tissue.

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The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is delighted to offer a Yin Yoga work-

shop, led by Julie Jenkins, Saturday Jan. 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Here are five compelling reasons why you should think about attending this very specialized workshop:

1. Restoring range of motion - Yin Yoga helps to release the tension between muscles and connective tissue. These tensions build up over time and are likely due to habitual postures, aging and injury.
2. An invitation to slow down - The longer holds of the Yin Yoga poses provide an opportunity to celebrate stillness and invite a calming of emotions.
3. Resiliency to stress - When subjected to holding these poses for longer periods, the body may react with some anxiety. Welcoming and accepting this new discipline can train your body to acclimate and surrender, releasing the stress.
4. Mindful meditation - This

practice sets up the perfect scenario to release tension in both the body and the mind. We rarely take the time to clear out thoughts of distress and distraction. Yin Yoga promotes this opportunity.

5. Bring in balance - the physical adaptations from this style of yoga help to balance your body, the emotional release helps to balance your spirit. Health and wellbeing require mindful attention. Discover how to restore physical and emotional energy to better balance life's demands.

For more information about this Yin Yoga workshop, please call (352) 861-8180, then press 2 for the front desk. Not a Ranch member? Not a problem! The Ranch offers membership alternatives ranging from a single Class Pass to the full Ranch membership to accommodate your personal needs.

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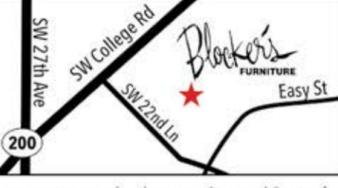
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The December 2019 potluck was a huge success thanks to the help of a large group of Avalon resident volunteers. They came early and helped create a holiday-inspired room to welcome our guests. Other volunteers arranged food as it came in, and the smell of baked ham filled the air. The stage was set for an enjoyable evening.

The goal of the club is to allow new residents of Avalon to mingle with neighbors in a relaxing atmosphere while sharing a meal. Having a "new resident" decal on the name tag is a conversation-start-

er. Our new guests asked questions about our community, activities, and things to do. We asked them to introduce themselves and tell us something about themselves. It was a really fun night.

As the short business meeting ended, the volunteers immediately went into pick-up and put-away mode. The clean-up was quick and efficient, and the room once again was returned to a meeting room. It was a successful night.

The next potluck will be held on the second Monday in March. We will be asking our guests to bring Italian or Mexican-inspired dishes.

We are asking for suggestions for the March entertainment program. If you have some ideas, please contact Sherry Whitmer-Hall (913-6389256) or [skwhitmer@yahoo.com](mailto:skwhitmer@yahoo.com).



Photo by Sherry Whitmer-Hall

Dean Barks, Ann Barks, Wanda Bird, Cheryl Fiedler, Bill Brooks, Sue Sanders, Joe Sanders, Sandy Conrad, Austin Easenlios, John Kyle's, Robin Love, Nancy Love, Dale Hagerty, Bonnie Hagerty, Veronica Majewski and Dan Hall.



In December 2019, Friendship Connection celebrated the holiday season with a potluck party at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Residents came dressed in their Christmas and Chanukah attire, which

made the party very festive. Caron Jensen led a fabulous group of volunteers who did an amazing job of setting up and making sure everyone's needs were tended to. Nancy Carp brightened the day as the cheerful emcee who kept the crowd amused with her humor, especially as she read a holiday story while everyone exchanged gifts. We feasted on delicious pork, beef, chicken, sides and wonderful desserts. We cheered, "We are - Friendship!"

If you are a resident of Friendship Village, Park or Colony, please join our happy group of residents at our next event which will be Sunday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. at the pavilion in the Veterans Park.

A planning meeting for the upcoming year will take place Sunday, Jan. 5 at 3 p.m. in Arbor Activity Center Card Room III. If you are interested in helping to plan events for 2020, communications, writing columns or any other form of organization for our group, please join

us at this meeting.

Keep up-to-date with our group by joining our Facebook page (Friendship Connection - OTOW). If you would like to be on our list to receive invites to events and have not provided us with your email, please email your names, neighborhood and phone number to [friendshipconnection2019@gmail.com](mailto:friendshipconnection2019@gmail.com).

Please join our ever-growing, fun loving group of neighbors! We are - Friendship!



In 2019, Windsor had a large number of new residents move in. Except for attending one of our events, we never had a chance to meet most of them. So, two of our current residents, Joyce Wood and Yvonne Beckman, had a new idea and arranged for a ladies afternoon tea in Joyce's house. So, they contacted as many of the current and new ladies as possible.

After a few emails and phone calls, the date was set for Friday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m. Some beverages and sweets were ordered. Many ladies brought additional goodies to add to the enjoyment of the afternoon. Joyce and Yvonne appreci-

ated all the extra goodies that were brought.

Those in attendance were Mary Lamp, Janis Hannasch, Pat Maine, Barbara Kilroy, Noreen Bausewein, Diana Bennet, Loretta Campagna, Joyce Smith, Donna Cerutti, Ellie Cyr, Cammie Fairburn, Cheris Garrison, Mel Manion, Ginny Pascarella, Silva Okorn, Rose O'Rourke, Kathy Peak, Fran Cellura, Petra Scholl, Judy Wagnitz, Paula Verenski, Marlene Zink, Penny Schaefer, Pat Nelson, Marty Howe, Judy Norgan, Agnes Dru, Dawn Rosewicz, Cindy Weirich, Karen Riley, Betty Carroll and Mary Rumora.

There are plans for future neighbor get togethers.

Windsor is divided into two sections: east and west. Those in attendance were from the east.

But what about the folks who moved away? Well, we created another list entitled, "Friends

of Windsor (East)." If they live close to us, such as in another On Top of the World neighborhood or if they move further away, such as out of state, it is hoped we will stay in touch. But those who are close by are welcome to attend our get

togethers, such as our first Friday eat and talk fun time or our luminaries light show in December or any other group activity. We look forward to them sharing in our good times, like they used to do.



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**Indigo East**

**Janice Liberton**

The Christmas party was held Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, and sponsored by the Indigo East Social Club. The party was attended by 127 residents and was the last big event for 2019. A great time was held by all who attended.

The conclusion of the 2019 Indigo East Social Club sponsored events was the second annual Golf Cart Parade, hosted by Harold Brouillard and Bob Hutson. The residents of Indigo East were extremely creative in decorating their golf carts.

Kathy Rowe-Sparks has stepped down as chair of the ladies breakfasts and the ladies luncheon. Sharon Nickels Gruca has volunteered to continue the ladies breakfast gatherings. Thank you Kathy and volunteers.

The Indigo East Neighborhood Association, Inc. annual meeting of the members and board of directors was held Monday, Dec. 9, 2019. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Kenneth Colen, current board members were introduced, and Mr. Guy Woolbright reviewed the 2020 budget. In addition, members voted to retain the current board - 389 to 38.

Cookie Daniels has passed the bunco baton on to Karen and Kevin

Jensen. Bunco will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 14, and will continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. There is one important change, and that is bunco will now begin at 6 p.m.

About six years ago, Cookie Daniels began running the once monthly bunco games with only a handful of female players. Cookie made the game available to both men and women and the game took off. Under Cookie's direction, the game attendance grew to an average of 38 residents per game night and sometimes as many as 48 residents attended. Because of the game's popularity, Cookie added another night per month and so developed the bimonthly bunco games. Thank you Cookie for all the time and effort you put into running a successful activity in our neighborhood.

Bingo will continue on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

In a short few days, we will be bidding 2019 goodbye and ushering in 2020. As legend goes, the end of the year is depicted by an old man and the new year is depicted by a baby. The baby ages each day throughout the entire year and retires as an old man at the end of each year. Please, someone direct that old man to Indigo East so that he can fully enjoy his retirement in style.

We have 365 days of blank pages to fill with wisdom, experiences and lessons learned. Make 2020 a great year filled with health and happiness. Happy New Year!



**Indigo East**

**Theresa Fields**  
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Welcome 2020! It is time to put those New Year's resolutions in order and start the year with a bang. Please note all facilities will be closed Wednesday Jan. 1.

Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center for Country & Western Night with entertainer Shawn Ash. Pull out those cowboy boots and hats and come out for a night of country dancing. Bring your favorite beverage (BYOB) and snacks. Resident IDs will be needed for the event and guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident ID.

Karaoke will take place at the Indigo East Community Center, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10. Bring your own cocktails (BYOB) and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping. This event is free. Guest fees are \$5 per person.

Challenge your neighbors in a game of trivia Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Indigo East Community Center ballroom, from 5 to 7 p.m. Get those thinking caps on, form a group and come out for a fun-filled night of mind-boggling questions. Tickets are \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with a resident. We will have teams of eight per table.

**December Winners**

1: Brainiacs; 2: Know Nothings; 3: Good Ole Boys.

2021 room requests are now being accepted at the Indigo East Fitness Center office. Don't miss out

on that special event or reoccurring club meetings. Submit your paperwork in a timely manner.

Upcoming February events:

- Social Night
- Sassy Ladies Night
- Karaoke Night
- Trivia Night

**Community Information**

The Indigo East Fitness Center pool was created with a portion of the pool being designated for lap swimmers. Please be courteous to our lap swimmers and refrain from using that lane if a lap swimmer is present.

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For more information, please call the Indigo East Fitness Center office at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7372 and 7373.

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**The Lodge at Candler Hills**  
 Theresa Fields  
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Happy New Year! I have a great idea to help you with some of those resolutions. Get fit, lose weight and feel good about yourself by taking advantage of all our fitness centers. You have so many choices available like the Arbor Fitness Center and Recreation Center Fitness Center as well as membership opportunities at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa. Come out and make it happen!

Please note, all facilities will be closed Wednesday Jan. 1.

Kocktails & Karaoke will be held Thursday, Jan. 2 with Charlie and Kathy in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktail and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Candler Hills residents.

Trivia will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the ballroom, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person and \$5 per guest. For more information, contact Lynette DiPaolo at (570) 971-5269.

Our next Social Happy Hour is Saturday, Jan. 18, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment by Crossfire. Bring your own beverages and snacks. Guest fees will apply at \$5 per guest and guests must be accompanied by the residents.

Our next Girls Night Out is Thursday, Jan. 23, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to unwind, catch up, and enjoy socializing with some of your closest friends. Bring your favorite drink (BYOB) and we will take care of the rest. Live entertainment is by Magic Mark, and appetizers will be provided. The cost of the event is \$12 per resident \$15 per guest accompanied by resident.

Join us for Lounge Piano Music by Jim DiPaolo Thursday, Jan. 30, in the lobby, from 4 to 6 p.m. Come mingle with friends, enjoy light hors d'oeuvres prepared by Fresh Plates Creative Catering (while they last) along with your beverage of choice (BYOB). This is a free event for our residents. Please note resident IDs are required and guest fees apply to anyone not holding a resident ID.

The winners from Name that Tune Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 were:

1: Emanon; 2: Tone Deaf; 3: Misfits.  
 2021 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Please remember room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and resident I.D.s will be required for bookings. Only overnight guests may participate. 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.

- Upcoming events for February:
- Kocktails & Karaoke
  - Social Happy Hour
  - Name That Tune
  - Coffee & Conversation

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

**Candler Connection**  
 Debra Keirn

Happy 2020 to all of you! The Candler Connection holiday party was a huge success. 170 Candler Hills residents enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by The Mojo Grill & Catering and danced the evening away with music supplied by DJs Charlie and Kathy Petrosky. A special thank you to all of the social club members who helped with centerpieces, setup, and cleanup.

This month's Mexican-themed potluck dinner will be Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Residents with the last names beginning with A-H should bring a side dish or salad; I-R main dish; and S-Z dessert. Setup volunteers should arrive by 4:15 p.m. All others by 5:15 p.m. to obtain a seating table number. \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, decaf coffee, and hot tea. A 50/50 drawing will be held. To attend, please contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net.

The annual board meeting will take place Friday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Four board members are up for re-elec-

tion with two slots open. Nomination of the Candler Hills social board members will take place at this meeting. The board members who remain for 2019 and 2020 are Richard Steinfeldt, president; John Bain, vice president; Deb Keirn, treasurer; Darryl Kenyon; and Doug Dahlen. Four gift certificates will be given out at this meeting and cookies, coffee, and water will be available.

Some future events to look forward to are:

- Saturday, March 21: Spring dinner dance (also a celebration of St. Patrick's Day).
- Saturday, April 25: Car treasure hunt and dinner dance.
- Sunday, June 21, and Sunday, Aug. 16: Ice cream social.
- Saturday, Dec. 12: Holiday party.

The 2020 speaker series is on the following Mondays:

- Feb. 17: Nancy Baroody regarding the World Equestrian Center.
- March 23: Brian MacNeel about fraud, scams and how

to protect yourself.  
 • May 18: Pat Gabriel from the SR 200 Coalition regarding what is going on around us.

New residents of Candler Hills can log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email in order to learn about events and activities.

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 729 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents.

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 2, at 2:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

Put the planned activities on your 2020 calendar. Hope to see you there and around the neighborhood!

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Beth McKeen

Please visit our booth at the Club Fair Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We enjoy talking with residents about the CERT program here in On Top of the World. You can also pick up some brochures on disaster preparedness. It is never too early to get prepared!

We have been very fortunate for the last several years to have not been severely affected by any

storms or hurricanes. Nevertheless, we must always be prepared!

The year 2019 was a good one for our team: we added an additional nine members, bringing our team to a total of 40; our members are diversified and all have much interest in strengthening the team. Team members have greatly improved our radio communication skills, which are an essential part of our duties; and we have resolved the issue of "lift and carry" in order to move patients from one area to another.

As we do every year, the team will continue to practice our skills and participate in three to four drills. Last year was the first time

we did a drill in Sholom Park. This drill was very well received by participating members and will continue to be an annual event.

As I mentioned above, we now have 40 members. With the continuous growth in the community it is necessary to add even more members. I am hopeful that we will add nine new members to our team each year. Medical experience is not necessary, and you will receive free training from members of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, and Fire Rescue.

Our next training class will begin in February.

We welcome your attendance at our monthly CERT meetings, held the second Tuesday of the month in the Hobby Building Event Room. Our January meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.



**Finding Zen**

Christina Shearer  
info@sholompark.org

The holidays are behind us. Now what? With so much to do during the holiday season, January can leave you feeling a little empty.

Sholom Park can help you beat the post-holiday blues. The days are shorter during the month of January, so we tend to spend more time indoors than outdoors. Visit Sholom Park from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and soak up some midday sunshine, a natural form of vitamin D.

Research has shown that higher levels of vitamin D can help ward off depression or that holiday hangover. Exercise may be the key to good health, but it can also help turn that frown upside down. Exercise increases your level of endorphins, which are natural mood lifters. Sholom Park has more than two miles of walking trails, so lace up those tennis shoes and hit the trails for a brisk morning or afternoon walk.

You can also discover how nature nurtures your health with our educational L.E.A.F. Series "Nature & Nurture for Body, Mind and Spirit" with Fitness Director Cammy Dennis on Friday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 a.m. Reflecting on the good times and memories made over the holidays can put a smile on your face.

The peaceful surroundings of Sholom Park can help clear the clutter in your mind, so you can focus on the blessings you have in your life. Nothing beats reading a good book on a blanket, under a tree, in a park. Sholom Park has plenty of trees to choose from, so pick your favorite and indulge in a little quiet time with your book in hand.

Volunteering is another way to brighten that bad mood. Do you miss the holiday gatherings with friends and family? Sholom Park has several volunteer opportunities, which are a great way to get out of the house, be around others and maybe even make a new friend.

Let Sholom Park help give you a brighter perspective and beat the post-holiday blues.

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**Active Living**

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I would like to start out by saying "thank you" to everyone who participated in and watched the Holiday Golf Cart Parade Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019. This year's parade was the largest by far as we had 85 decorated golf carts participating along with floats, antique cars, a horse and buggy carrying the 2019 prom king and queen, 27 military cadets, seven deputy explorer cadets from Marion County Sheriff's Office, R/C Car Club and so many more. Santa was seen riding in style on the back of a 1984 El Dorado Cadillac. The Veterans Club was awarded the trophy for "Best in Show" this year! The trophy will be displayed in the Customer Service office.

**Club Fair**

Join us at the bi-annual Club Fair Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are looking for new activities or want to meet new people, our resident clubs are a great choice. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for sale by S.P.C.A. of Marion County.

**Health & Wellness Expo**

The annual Health & Wellness Expo will take place Saturday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center. This event is free and open to the public.

It's that time of year where health and wellness resolutions are in full swing. There will be over 60 local healthcare agencies, wellness screenings, and fitness demonstrations. The event is sponsored by On Top of the World Communities and AdventHealth of Ocala.

**Social Hour**

Social Hour is held on the fourth Thursday of every month (except November). Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Enjoy easy listening music as Tony Mongerio performs for the evening. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided (while supplies last). This is a free event.

**Insiders' Tour of Ocala's Horse Country\***

Tour the beautiful Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association museum Friday, Jan. 24. You will get a "behind the gates" tour of two local horse farms for an interactive experience with these magnificent animals. The cost is \$33 per person and includes transportation, museum and farm tours. This trip requires a lot of walking (rain or shine). Itinerary is subject to change. Lunch is on your own at Southern Pig & Cattle Company.

**Victory Casino\***

Join us for an afternoon of gambling Tuesday, Jan. 28, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Florida. Bingo, live table games, over 600 of the latest slots, entertainment and relaxation are on tap for the day. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. You will receive \$20 in qualified slot play that can be

downloaded once you have played and received eight points. 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, buffet, and \$20 qualified slot play.

**Get Acquainted Coffee**

Welcome new residents to the community at the Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 9 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. There will be coffee, doughnuts and representatives from various clubs, fitness and more. At the conclusion of this event, we will take you on a short walk to familiarize you with some of the facilities and amenities that are available to residents.

**Tropic Trivia Night\***

Do you like trivia? Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions. We have added more tables which increases your winnings! Trivia is held on the first Thursday of every month with the next one on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We have tables of eight and you may select your team's name. 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.

**November Winners**

1: La Trivato; 2: Gone to the Dogs; 3: Wonderful Windsor.

**December Winners**

1: 96th St. Bunch; 2: Thespianage; 3: La Trivato.

**Line Dance Classes\***

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

The following classes will be taught at the Recreation Center every Monday. The cost is \$10 per four-week class per month. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays.

Choose your class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level, if necessary. The instructor is Marilyn McNeal and she can be reached at boarsnestfarm@aol.com.

- Absolute Beginners (noon to 1 p.m.): This class is an introduction to line dance and progresses into Beginner Level I. Step patterns are described, practiced and used in simple patterns. Step sheets for each dance are provided.
- Improver Plus (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience is required for this class. Improver Plus means it's slightly easier than Intermediate. Current popular dances are taught at this level.

- Beginner Level II (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 (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Class participants who have completed last season's Introduction to Line Dance. Dancers have some experience now. Easy dances are taught with additional step patterns added.

**Tap Dance Classes\***

Learn to tap dance with New York tap instructor, Penny Berton. She is patient, caring, creative and is a great choreographer! Penny owned and operated a very successful dance studio in New York for over 20 years and recently moved to Ocala full time.

No experience necessary! You will be dancing to music of all genres and doing routines the very first week. Come join the class, bring those tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes) and re-awake your love of tap!

The following classes are offered weekly at the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room:

- Tuesday Advanced Beginner Tap: 10 to 11 a.m.
- Tuesday Beginner Class: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Basic Beginner: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

The cost of the classes will be \$20 per person for a four-week class.

**Happy Hour**

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom and on the outside veranda. "Senior Prom" Happy Hour will take place on Friday, Jan. 24 as we crown our new king and queen for 2020. Please note that there will only be seven themed Happy Hours a year.

The entertainment lineup in the Recreation Center Ballroom is as follows:

- Jan. 3: Dave Beaty
- Jan. 10: Rock Solid
- Jan. 17: Groove 41
- Jan. 24: "Senior Prom" with Automatic
- Jan. 31: Solid Gold

The entertainment lineup for the outside veranda is as follows:

- Jan. 3: Bad Kitty
- Jan. 10: Robert Franco
- Jan. 17: Johnny Lobo
- Jan. 24: The Joe's
- Jan. 31: Shawn Ash

Individual resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour. Anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that outside beverages of any kind will not be permitted at Happy Hour.

**Community Information**

The Arbor Activity Center will bring additional parking to The Arbors.

All rooms at The Arbors now have scanned entry and will require residents to bring their resident ID cards. Residents must accompany their guests.

All facilities will be closed on Wednesday Jan. 1. The community bus will not run on Wednesday, Jan. 1. Please plan accordingly!

**February Events**

- Friday, Feb. 7: No Happy Hour.
- Thursday, Feb. 6: Tropic Trivia Night\*
- Tuesday, Feb. 11: Epcot\*
- Thursday, Feb. 13: Florida State Fair\*
- Friday, Feb. 14: "Sweetheart" Happy Hour
- Friday, Feb. 14: Horse Farm Tour\*
- Tuesday, Feb. 18: St. Johns River Cruise\*
- Thursday, Feb. 20: Victory Casino Cruise\*
- Saturday, Feb. 22: Home Improvement Expo
- Tuesday, Feb. 25: Jacksonville Zoo\*
- Thursday, Feb. 27: Social Hour\*

Have a safe 2020!  
\*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7380 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or less 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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**CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

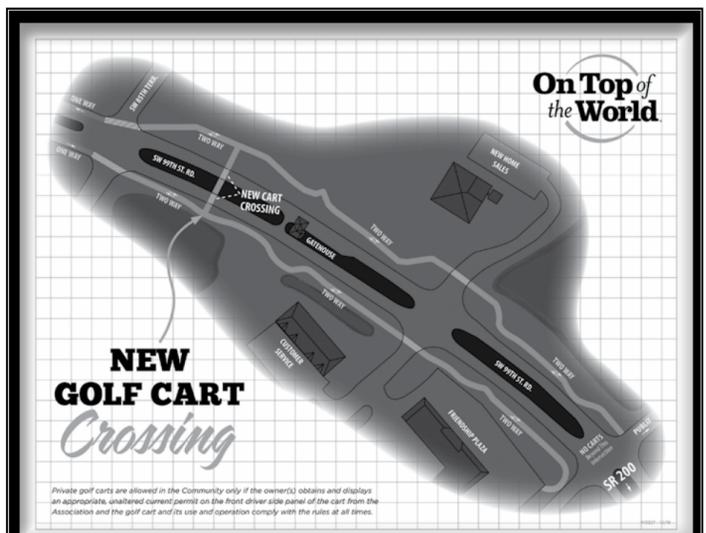
Monday*	Wednesday (cont'd)
Americana Village	Indigo East
Friendship Park (SW 97th St to 94th St)	Larkhill
Friendship Village	Sanctuary
	Stone Bridge
Tuesday*	Thursday
Friendship Colony (SW 93rd La to 90th Pl)	Avalon
	Providence
	Williamsburg
Wednesday	Friday
Alendel	Crescent Ridge/Green
Candler Hills	Renaissance Park
Friendship Colony (SW 90th St, 82nd Terr, 83rd Ave, 83rd Ct, 83rd Terr, 90th Ct, 89th Terr, 89th Ct Rd)	Windsor

\* Due to volumes, pick-up may extend into Tuesday or Wednesday

**On Top of the World BUS SCHEDULE**  
Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
Williamsburg	91st Cir. E. - 91st Cir. W - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
<b>Exit Community</b>		<b>9:36 a.m.</b>
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart	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.
<b>Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.</b>		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
The Lodge	1:15 p.m. Candler Hills Community Center	1:20 p.m.
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m. Friendship Colony Post Office	1:25 p.m.
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m. Williamsburg Post Office	1:28 p.m.
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m. Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m.
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.	
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Friendship Center	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.

\* All times are approximate  
For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533 #9801 - 1/19



**Main Gate Golf Cart Path:** The golf cart paths at the main gate (SW 99th Street Road) are changing to two-way golf cart traffic. The paths entering and exiting the gate starting at the intersection of SW 85th Terrace, as you exit the community, and SW 84th Court, as you enter the community will be expanded to accommodate carts going in both directions. The path along SW 99th Street Road converts back to one-way golf cart traffic once inside the community beginning at SW 84th Terrace. The crossing has been moved from the intersection at SW 84th Court and SW 99th Street to behind the gate inside of the community. Please refer to the map above.

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## A Gift for Giving

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

You haven't experienced the real meaning of the word amazing until you've met Phyllis Jarskey of Friendship Village. Over the last year, Ms. Jarskey has knitted more than 140 sweaters — and that's only the beginning of her story.

Along with those sweaters, 140 hats, 124 pairs of socks, and dozens of girl's and boy's underwear were donated to Romeo Elementary School in Dunnellon in December 2019. Additionally, more than 700 woolen, under-helmet hats went to our servicemen.

It all started about five years ago when Phyllis and her son were driving by the Romeo Elementary. They stopped to watch the students playing in the school yard, and as they took it all in, they realized that the students could use some help. She confirmed that need after speaking to several members of the 100 Grandparents who volunteer in the reading program at Romeo. There are approximately 800 students at Romeo Elementary that are living at, or below the poverty line.

Phyllis went into action. She determined that what the students needed most of all, was clothing.



Photo by Ray Cech

**Phyllis Jarskey with one of her knitted sweaters and dozens more donated.**

And so, Phyllis started knitting, and as word spread, volunteers did the same. Pretty soon her house started filling up with clothes for the students at Romeo Elementary. People from all around the neighborhood, as well as from surrounding communities pitched in; they brought yarn, knitting needles, and of course, finished goods such as

underwear and socks.

A few contributors to her cause are Sarah Tooher and Barb Thomas from Oak Run, Mary Till who donated servicemen's helmet liners, and Cindy Voight, Nancy Singleton and Betty Jacobs who donated underwear and shirts. There are many others, for example, her two sons who live "around the block," and

help out with packing and transportation.

Phyllis is almost a native of On Top of the World, having lived here for 28 years. She long ago gave up on those cold Michigan winters.

When asked, "What's next?" Phyllis says, "I need to start knitting for my 2020 visit to the kids at Romeo Elementary."

## Where in the World Grows this Native?

By Ron Broman

2020 is here! Sounds like a real eye opener to me. Seems we should do something, especially native, to acknowledge this happening.

It just so happens that we have an idea. One of the goals of our Native Plant Group is to be able to identify a plant native to our area when we stumble upon it (figuratively of course). Another is to plant more natives.

So here's the deal. To celebrate, honor, or whatever, the year 2020, with eyes wide open, the theme of this column will be "Where in the World Grows this Native?" We will picture a plant native to this area, growing somewhere here in our community. We will describe it as we have done in the past; then if you are so inclined, you may search for it.

When you find it, call (352) 861-4560 and describe its location.

If you are the third caller, tell us where you'd like to plant a native. We will find one for you and help you to plant it, if you wish.

To get started this issue is presenting the first "Where in the World Grows this Native?"

You may have already identified this magnificent tree as our live oak, *Quercus virginiana*. She is Florida's most widespread oak, in more ways than one. Her species inhabits many different communities in Florida including the Keys. She can live up to 300 years or more, and if allowed to grow untrimmed, can grow to more than 50 feet high and up to twice as broad.

Early spring brings most of the leaves down, allowing new shiny, dark green ones to take their place. We prefer to let most of the dead leaves decay in place, providing nutrients to the foliage beneath.



Photo by Ron Broman

**Where in the world grows this native?**

If you wish to plant a live oak, be sure to keep in mind its grow-out height and width. It really needs room to grow!

Now it's your turn to find this one. Good hunting!

The Native Plant Group contin-

ues to maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail and native garden, as well as the SW 94th Street circle and the Belleview Library native garden. Call when you decide to join us as we work to keep our world healthy by growing native!

## The Concept of a 'New Year'

By Jim Shuman

According to astronomers, the Earth has gone around the Sun about 4.5 billion times, ever since the Sun and the solar system formed through gravitational attraction of gasses and space dust. According to archeologists, the earliest homo sapiens appeared on Earth only in the last one to two million years, very recently in terms of the Earth's existence.

As our ancient ancestors

watched the stars turn overhead at night, they identified patterns of stars in the sky and noticed how the appearance of those constellations aligned with the progression of seasons on earth. It was only then that the concept of a "year" was developed by humans.

An appropriate illustration of how recently the concept of a "new year" has existed is as follows: If the current age of the Earth were

exactly one year, human's use of the idea of a "new year" would not have developed until Dec. 31 at about 3 p.m.! In other words, saying "happy new year" is a very recent development when it comes to the age of our planet.

To celebrate the end of 2019 and prepare for a new year, the Moonstruck Astronomy Club held a holiday party at its December meeting. There were potluck appetizers, drinks, and good cheer. Club President Jim DiPaolo provided a video show of club activities throughout the past year, and plans were made for 2020.

Membership in the Moonstruck Astronomy Club has increased

steadily since the club's formation in June 2018, as many residents express an interest in the heavens. Given events such as the detection of a massive black hole the size of the solar system, launch of the new Kepler telescope into space, and NASA speculation about the atmosphere of Jupiter, the club has plenty to discuss at every meeting. The Moonstruck Astronomy Club meets on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15. Evening observing sessions are announced via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions will allow for an open sky at the new R/C flying field and owners of telescopes are willing to set up for others 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 objects as they cross the night sky. During a recent observing session, club members viewed Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, the Andromeda Galaxy, Ring Nebula and two globular star clusters. Some of the members even spotted the Andromeda Galaxy only using their binoculars! If you have an interest in joining the club or would like additional information, please contact Jim DiPaolo at spacecadet3010@gmail.com.



Photo by Jim DiPaolo

**Andromeda Galaxy taken with an 80mm Explore Scientific refracting telescope.**



**Travel Toppers**

Anne Parker

Travel Toppers would like to wish you a happy and prosperous 2020 and hope to see you on our trips in the new year.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, there will be a trip to see "Wild Women of Winedale" at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre in Clearwater, Florida. This comedy focuses on three women who come up with surprisingly unorthodox ways to clear clutter from their lives in Winedale, Virginia. For reservations, contact Gail Ambrose at (954) 614-0898 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays only). The cost of \$67 per person covers bus, tips, lunch and show.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, we travel to Mount Dora, Florida, for shopping in the downtown area. The cost, \$24 per person, covers transportation and driver tip. Mount Dora is loaded with antique, gift and shop-

ping stores as well as many excellent restaurants. Call Helen Finizio at (352) 509-4114 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays only). Lunch will be on your own.

A trip to the Straz Center to see "Miss Saigon" is planned for Sunday, March 29. The cost is \$118 per person and includes transportation, all tips and show; lunch will be on your own at International Mall. Make reservations by calling Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays only). Seats are limited, so be sure and call soon. "Miss Saigon" is based on Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly" and similarly tells the tragic tale of a doomed romance involving an Asian woman abandoned by her American lover. The setting of the plot is relocated to 1970s Saigon during the Vietnam War with a romance between a U.S. Marine and a 17-year-old South Vietnamese bargirl.

Call today to book the seven-day trip to the International Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Contact Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1

p.m., weekdays only). A deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking. Be sure to use the exact name on your government issued ID. 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, evening balloon glow, mass ascension, two nights in Santa Fe, and historic venues in surrounding areas. The total cost is \$2,848 per person plus \$50 for transportation to and from the airport. Linda will be escorting this trip.

If you picked up one of the green September 2019 through June 2020 Travel Toppers brochure prior to Nov. 22, 2019, please note that the Tampa Bay Downs trip originally scheduled for March 28 has been cancelled.

Trips are only open to residents and their guests.

Visit [traveltopperstours.com](http://traveltopperstours.com) for up-to-date information. This is the best way to keep current on any changes or additions after brochures have been published.



**Tall Tale Travelers**

Donna Seay

Tall Tale Travelers and its members are an association of campers organized for the purpose of traveling, sightseeing, comradery amongst its members, and generally having a good time. Our meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September through April, excluding December. We meet in the Hobby Building Event Room, at 6:30 p.m.

We travel once per month, mostly in Florida and Georgia. In November, we went to Sherwood Forest in Kissimmee, Florida. We had a potluck one night, some of us went to a lunch/show at Capone's, we had a group dinner at the Boathouse at Disney Springs, some played cards or games, some went thrift shopping, and others went touring.

In January, we are traveling to Wekiwa Springs State Park in Apopka, Florida. There will be a chili potluck, dinner out at Cafe Murano, cards, and games. Other things to do include hiking, renting canoes or kayaks, the Central Florida Zoo, and many other choices.

If you own any type of camper and are interested in our club, you are cordially invited to our next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29 (this is a change of date). If you would like further information, please contact Donna Seay at [donna.seay@mustangone.com](mailto:donna.seay@mustangone.com) or (516) 578-8655.



**On the Road Again**

Bob Woods

Happy New Year to you! Here's hoping all your resolutions come true. I hope Santa Claus did well by you bringing everything you desired.

The three-night, four-day excursion to Georgia to attend the Christmas light display at Callaway Gardens departing Dec. 1 has been cancelled. Sorry, as I have received many phone calls concerning this trip but after consideration, the club had to cancel.

The cruise scheduled on board Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas departing Feb. 2, 2021 from Tampa for an 11-night, 12-day voyage to the Western Caribbean with a partial transit in the Panama Canal is still happening.

At present, there have been a large number of residents who have already booked but there are still cabins available, so if you think you would like to participate in this cruise, don't procrastinate, call me today. Ports of call include Key West, Grand Cayman, Cartagena, Columbia and Colon, Panama, Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, Cozumel and then back to Tampa. A flyer is posted at [bobwoodsontheroad-again.com](http://bobwoodsontheroad-again.com). If you decide to place a deposit on this cruise remember your deposit is fully refundable up to final payment.

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**Genealogy Society**

Peter Parisi

On Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, Luana Darby, a certified genealogist, gave a presentation, "Is This the End? Taking Your German Walls Down Piece by Piece" via an internet webcast from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Luana's presentation stated that before you begin to look for information on an ancestor across the pond in Germany, you must first triage the information you can acquire from every record available here in the U.S. and Canada and assess the needs of your genealogical research. This can be censuses, birth, marriage and death records, city directories and land deeds. Focus on one event or place at a time. Set up a timeline chart on your immigrant ancestor to determine what information you have and what you are missing.

What religion was your ancestor?

If you know where they settled in America, check the church records in that area. Baptismal records may give the parent's village in Germany and marriage records may give the German village in which the couple were born or in which they lived before coming to the U.S. Look at different spellings of the last name.

When did they arrive in the U.S. and where did they live? What was their occupation and were they educated? Look at both civil and church records.

The first wave of German immigrants began arriving in Philadelphia in the 18th century from the Palatinate region in southwestern Germany. Remember, these immigrants seldom came on their own, but joined others from the same village.

The second wave of German immigrants, nearly five million, mainly settled in the Midwest, around Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee, as well as New York and Baltimore during the mid-19th century. Not everyone came through New York or Philadelphia. Many came

through New Orleans. Check the database (in German) on ships leaving Hamburg, Germany or Bremen, as well as the 1870 U.S. Census.

The last wave of German immigrants began about 1880 into the 20th century. There was a mass exodus, especially of Jewish Germans, scholars and scientists after the Nazis took power in 1933. Passenger lists and naturalization records for these people should be easier to locate and give much more information than for earlier arrivals.

For a more in-depth summary of Luana Darby's presentation, come to one of our meetings to see how we can help you find information on your ancestral roots.

All of the following meetings will take place at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

On Mondays, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10, we will hold an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, Jan. 20, Donna Cunningham will give a presentation, "Library Lucidity: Accessing Library Materials from Your Home Computer."

On Monday, Feb. 17, Annette Burke Lyttle from [heritagedetective.com](http://heritagedetective.com), will give a presentation on "How to Blog Your Family Stories the Easy Way."

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**Birders' Beat**

Debbie Sherer

On Thursday, Jan. 23, the Unique Birders will visit the new Ocala Wetland Recharge Park. The park was developed to improve Ocala's wa-



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**Red-bellied woodpecker.**



**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

Luke Mullen

November marked the beginning of our holiday season of sharing great meals amongst members. Five dinners were held at club members' homes to accommodate a total of 28.

Hosting our first dinner were Kathy and Luke Mullen. Mary Hannon and George Campbell started the night off with puff pastry sausage rolls and olive pepper pin-wheels. Kathy and Luke then served a Greek salad. The entrée was an Italian style chicken cacciatore. The accompanying side dish was potatoes au gratin. Pat and Russ McNulty then served a chocolate cake made with Guinness beer.

Annette and Paul Hodges were the hosts for the second dinner. Gail and Ted Boerema served a shrimp cocktail and bacon wrapped water chestnuts with a sweet glaze. Annette and Paul then served a spinach salad with a honey Dijon vinaigrette. The main course was pork chops stuffed with cornbread dressing, pork and mushroom gravy, green beans with toasted panko, and homemade applesauce. Anne and Carl Crutchfield served a Hawaiian wedding cake.

The hosts for our third dinner were Kathy and Don Grosner. Phyllis and Al Richards provided stuffed mushrooms and garden pizza crescent rolls. Kathy and Don then served an elaborate green salad, lasagna and eggplant Parmesan with Italian bread. Pat and Mike Felton served a made from scratch apple cake with cream cheese dressing.

Hosting our fourth dinner were Pam and Jeff Bell. Appetizers for the dinner were prepared by Ann and Conrad Massa. The first was a cheese ball made of Gouda and sharp cheddar cheeses and sprinkled with nuts. The second was rol-lups of sliced beef filled with cream cheese and horseradish. After the appetizers, Pam and Jeff served a pot roast with roasted carrots and



Photo by Luke Mullen

The Favorite Recipes Dinner Club members, Paul Hodges and Carl Spotts, dressed for the occasion, welcomed picnic attendees.

ter resource usage and water quality, to create a wetland ecosystem for wildlife and to boost regional groundwater supplies. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please contact Margitta Claterbos (mclaterbos@gmail.com).

The City of Ocala broke ground for construction of the park in June 2018. This 60-acre park is owned by the City of Ocala and is locat-

ed next to the old Pine Oaks Golf Course in northwest Ocala. When the park is fully operational it will add five million gallons of recharge water to the upper Floridan aquifer to increase water flow at Silver Springs. The park will also allow the City of Ocala to use its water resources more efficiently. The park has 2.5 miles of eight-foot wide asphalt trails along with 1,500 feet of scenic boardwalks that cross the open water ponds and provide visual access to small birds that are found in wetland vegetation.

This park is already home to red-headed, red-bellied and downy woodpeckers, killdeer, red-shouldered hawks and hooded merrigans. Please contact Margitta (mclaterbos@gmail.com) if you want to explore this park with us on Jan. 23. We will meet at 8 a.m. by the large tree in the Recreation Center parking lot at the corner of SW 99th Street Road and SW 98th Street. You will be provided with directions to the park and information about the chosen lunch spot on the day of the trip.

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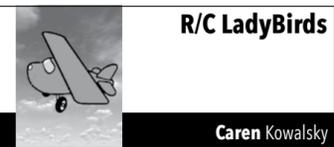
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**R/C LadyBirds**

**Caren Kowalsky**

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and happy holidays!

The Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 LadyBirds holiday luncheon at The Club at Candler Hills was a huge success. Thanks to Leigh Workman, several of the LadyBirds who had previously been president were honored with scrapbooks containing pictures of events which took place while they were in office. Leigh, you did a wonderful job, and we wish to thank you so much for your wonderful work.

Our Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 annual LadyBirds meeting and annual cookie exchange turned out well as

usual thanks to all of the delicious offerings from our lovely bakers.

Gloria Scicluna wanted to let you all know that 20 ladies will attend the Sunday, Jan. 19, 3 p.m. performance of "Menopause the Musical" at the Ocala Civic Theatre. After the show, the ladies may want to continue to enjoy their day at the Blue Highway Restaurant for dinner, if they choose.

The LadyBirds also have some plans for the coming months. Please keep reading our monthly column to see what we have planned.

In the meantime, we invite all wives and significant others of any R/C Flyer, who have not as yet come to one of our monthly meetings, to kindly join us. We would love to show you around. We are sure you will want to join our happy group of LadyBirds. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



**SPCA of Marion County**

**Paula Gajewski**

Happy New Year! We look forward to 2020 and the help of our



Photo by Paula Gajewski

**Patsy**

supporters to continue providing vet care for pets in need, fostering homeless animals, adoptions, etc. Our first meeting of the new year will be Thursday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. at the Deputy Bryan Litz Building.

We will resume the Super Walmart weekend sometime in February. We still attend the weekly Circle Square Commons Farmers Market on Thursday mornings. Stop by for a visit and meet our new adoptable pets.

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**Women of the World**

**Mary Purfeerst**

Happy New Year to all - we hope 2020 will bring health and happiness to all residents! December's holiday luncheon was a wonderful gathering! Our luncheon began with food catered from Publix and we topped that off with our own cookie exchange. Our members brought their favorite batch of cookies and we had a wonderful variety. As we enjoyed our food and fellowship, we had 11 members of the Concert Chorus attend and entertain us with holiday songs - we even sang along with them!

We thank them so very much for sharing their time and talent. We would also like to thank Betty Thayer and Pam Koch who were instrumental with the decorations and contributions with our upcoming fashion show. Betty created our beautiful centerpieces and has donated so much of her time and talent helping our club. Pam Koch also created our Women of the World wreath that was on display at the Recreation Center. Our president, Gail Curione, announced that we have reached her goal of over 200 women in our membership!

Our next meeting is Friday, Jan. 10 with the doors opening at 12:35 p.m. and our meeting starting at 12:45 p.m. We will have a speaker from the Southeastern Guide Dog group who will bring her dog with her.

Our charity for January is Helping Hands of Ocala. Helping Hands provides help for the homeless

and others, with a safe and clean place to live in a compassionate and supportive environment. They assist with employment, food, clothes, medical and dental needs, transportation, counseling and education. Their mission is to help others come out of difficult and painful circumstances into a new and better life through the grace of God. A list of requested items are as follows with a request that the most needed items are non-perishable pantry food items, toilet paper and paper towels, bath towels and bedding for queen, double and twin sheets, fitted and flat. Other items are laundry soap, dish soap, hygiene products, cleaning supplies (for bathrooms and counters), disposable dinnerware, aluminum foil, saran wrap, Zip-loc bags and kitchen trash bags.

We begin again this month with our membership providing refreshments - our members with last names beginning with A through K are asked to supply a potluck dish for at least 12 people.

Our members are reminded to begin planning for our annual Spring Tea Fashion Show Saturday, March 14. Please wear your fanciest hat and bring your favorite teacup. We will have fashions from Resort Fashion by Tiffany, who is from Melbourne, Florida. Tickets will be sold at our January and February meetings. Ticket prices are \$27 for members and \$29 for non-members. Non-members will be able to purchase tickets beginning Feb. 15. So please come to our meeting, pay your membership fee of \$15 and get your ticket for our luncheon and fashion show this month.

Please join us this month and continue to enjoy this wonderful group of women.



**Toastmasters - Talk of the World**

**Leona Vlacancich**

January will be a busy month for us. We will be starting the new year with a new meeting place, holding our club speech contest, and attending officer training in Winter Park.

Our new address is 9860 SW 84th Court, Suite A. This is in the same parking lot as Customer Service. We will continue meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The club speech contest will consist of the humorous speech, the international and the evaluation contests. As of this date we are not sure of the location and date. Call Leona at (205) 410-0836 for information about this. It will be a fun and informative meeting with judges from other clubs in the Ocala area.

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**Scandinavian American Club**

**Ginny Nardone**

Happy New Year to all! In late November 2019, the Scandinavians celebrated the holiday season with a combined Thanksgiving and Christmas party. As always it was a delicious, festive and very Nordic afternoon. We all enjoyed the door prizes and the 50/50 raffle as well as the opportunity to socialize with long-time members and a chance to meet new folks as well. In addition,

club members generously donated food and personal hygiene items for the Salvation Army which was joyfully accepted.

Now 2020 is here and we look forward to the upcoming meetings and activities. The first meeting in 2020 will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room.

All residents of Scandinavian descent are invited to participate in club activities (spouses welcome). For more information, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

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**SWANS**

Sandi Dickerson

November 2019 was a super-charged month for the SWANS. A team of us participated in Tropic Trivia night. Once again, we had fun and learned a few things at the same time. Where some of the answers come from continues to amaze and befuddle us. Some of the SWANS went on a St. Johns River cruise. Even though it was a little chilly the ladies still had a wonderful time. Evidently the guide was quite knowledgeable and a great storyteller.

Many thanks go out to Kathy Kloos and Sandy Welch for their efforts in making the SWANS barbeque on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 a huge success again this year. We had quite a crowd again this year and, this time, the weather cooperated fully. I do believe the highlight for November had to be the seven-day cruise that several SWANS went on for Thanksgiving. They all had a wonderful time and are al-

ready making plans for next year's Thanksgiving cruise.

Breakfast out for November was hosted by Lois Nix on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019. The group met at Oasis Restaurant. As usual, the service was wonderful, and the food was excellent. Oasis has become one of our old standbys for breakfast. We always enjoy ourselves there!

Sally Herrick hosted the lunch out on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019. For this, 18 of us met at Penn Station in Dunnellon, Florida. This restaurant features Cuban cuisine and it is excellent. There is a big variety on the menu and the flan is to die for. Especially with the coconut!

Dinner Out was held Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019. This activity was hosted by Pam Russell and was held at Chili's. We had a great group of ladies in attendance and had a wonderful time. There were a few new faces and we are so glad they joined us! Thanks to Lois, Sally, and Pam for hosting during the month of November. We appreciate the work you put in setting up these outings. They are such a good opportunity for all of us to stay connected and make new friends.



Photo by Shirley Handel

**SWANS' barbeque.**

Our appetizer-in and dinner-in groups continued to meet in November 2019. We started our new groups in October, and they will last through March. These groups are easy to participate in and fun! Our book club and card groups continued through the month of November also. Also, on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, some of us

attended brunch at Ipanema. We were invited here by an ex-SWAN who wanted to thank us for helping her move. It was a wonderful morning of camaraderie and food. Please remember that you may join the SWANS at any time. We always welcome new members and new ideas! For more information, contact Lois Nix.



**World Traveler**

Bill Shampine

Sri Lanka is an island country located just off the southeast coast of India. For many millennia, there used to be a land bridge between the two countries. Legends claim that you, literally, could walk from one to the other as recently as 1480. Even today, there are sections of limestone shoals remaining above sea level, and submerged shoals as shallow as three feet.

The island is about 268 miles long and 139 miles wide and has a population of 21.7 million people. Geographically, there are flat plains in the north and high mountains in the south. With monsoon winds from the south, this causes as much as 98 inches of rain a year in the south and only 47 inches a year in the north. The high mountains and rainfall result in 103 rivers on this small island, with many dramatic waterfalls.

Although Sri Lanka is small in size, it has the highest biodiversity density in Asia and is home to an amazing array of flora and fauna. There are 24 wildlife reserves, which are home to 433 species of birds, Asian elephants, leopards, sloth bears, and many other animals, some of them are endangered.

With a human history of 125,000 years, you can imagine how many different cultures have ruled the island, but several have been notable. Buddhism arrived from India in 250 BC and continues today with 70% of the population being Buddhist. Sri Lanka was the first Asian country to have a female ruler, Anula of Anuradhapura, who reigned from 47 to 42 BC. Sigiriya, also called the "Fortress in the Sky," was built between 477 and 495 and is one of the most amazing construction projects in history. It is a massive monolithic rock formation with sheer walls 656 feet high. It also is surrounded by a network of gardens and reservoirs. It originally was built as a rock-shelter mountain monastery.

With 3,000 years of recorded his-

tory, there are many ancient cities, palaces, temples, monasteries, and theaters that remain for interested visitors.

In 1595, King Vimaladharmasurya brought the sacred tooth relic to Sri Lanka. It is a tooth thought to have come from the Buddha. It is housed in Sri Dalada Maligawa, a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy. This relic is the traditional symbol of royal and religious authority amongst the Sinhalese (one who lives in Sri Lanka).

The Western World arrived in Sri Lanka when the Portuguese Empire settled there in 1505. The Dutch came in 1638 and the local rulers asked them to help kick out the Portuguese, which they did. Great Britain occupied the coastal areas of the island, which they called Ceylon, in 1796. The British remained in control until 1948, when they gave the Sinhalese political independence. The country became a republic and adopted the name of Sri Lanka in 1972.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Sri Lanka had a plantation economy famous for its production and

export of cinnamon, rubber, and Ceylon tea. Today, the main economic sectors are tourism, tea export, clothing, rice production, and other agricultural products.



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**Sri Dalada Maligawa, said to house the relic of a tooth of the Buddha, in the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka.**

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**Lions Club**

Gail Morris

The Lions began December 2019 with a lot of fun for all; we participated in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7 with a couple of "Lionish" decorated golf carts. Our participants included Lions Estelle Michelson, Kathy McIntyre, Charlie Hassett, Ed Michelson and recently inducted Lions Deb and Larry Joiner.

We continued the fun by decorating our Toys for Tots tree. We collected toys in order to spread some holiday cheer. Our Toys for Tots tree collection site in the Recreation Center proved to be a success. Thank you all.

We continued our fun and fellowship with our holiday dinner meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10; we even conducted a little business, as sponsors Dale and Janeva Bledsoe stood alongside Deb and Larry Joiner as they were inducted into our club.

Now we're on to a new year and lots of things to do. We'll start with inviting prospective new members



**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger

Pat Gabriel, development guru and president of the SR200 Coalition, will speak at our Sunday, Jan. 5, potluck meeting, unveiling all of what's new for 2020 that will impact residents and Ocala. She will report on progress of on-going projects, new permits pulled, new places to shop or visit and new plans to alleviate traffic woes.

The 5 p.m. meeting will take place at Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass based on their last name starting with A-H vegetable dish; I-R meat dish; and S-Z dessert.

The group's December meet and greet featured music by the Banjo Club with a Frankenmuth holiday theme. The dinner was arranged by Phyllis Ricard and Claire Pardee and featured Bavarian-style baked chicken, ham and sides provided by the members. The gingerbread house centerpiece contest was won by member Adam Schuler for his Elk Lake gingerbread cottage. The prize was dinner for two at The Club at Candler Hills.

For more information or to join the Michigan Club, please contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 or Judy Wagnitz at (352) 509-7509.



Photo by Nancy Meininger  
**Adam Schuler proudly displays his Elk Lake cottage – a first attempt at gingerbread cookery.**



**Midwest Heartland Club**

Elaine Sullivan

Our first meeting of the new year will be Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in our new permanent location at Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Several members have agreed to bring soup, chili and stew. We are asking all others to bring cornbread, bread, and deserts.

We will have a game and are asking each person or couple to bring a wrapped white elephant gift of little value to exchange in the game. An evening of laughter and fun will be had by all. If you have questions, please call Elaine Sullivan at (505) 401-1257.

to join us Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the Hobby Building Event Room, from noon to 2 p.m. to learn more about the Lions Club. We will be serving refreshments and giving you a short history of just what the Lions do. Please RSVP to Lion Estelle Michelson at (352) 861-7358. We look forward to meeting you.

Our first club fundraiser for 2020 will take place Saturday, Feb. 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. It's a Casino Party USA event with trained staff at the blackjack, craps, roulette and poker tables. Come join the fun. Cash bar, snacks, and for the admission price of \$25 per ticket you get \$200 in "casino fun chips" Hope to see you there. Tickets can be purchased from any Lions Club member.



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**Active Singles**  
  
**Kathy Mansfield**

What a wonderful Holiday Golf Cart Parade! The Active Singles took the time to enjoy a decorating party prior to the main event. Louise Castelli, Aggie Mahoney and Patsy Keegan did a fantastic job organizing the decorating and refreshments, while Neil Sorensen hustled the golf carts and participants. It was an assembly line to match no other. There were 20 Active Singles' carts in the parade. Hats off to the winners, especially the Veterans Club and thank you for your service.

December started with a delicious dinner and social time at the Ivy House. January's dinner is scheduled at Logan's Roadhouse. Our second Tuesday happy hour is always a hit as it is a nice time to socialize with your favorite singles and meet future friends. A few members went to the Poinsettia Show and Sale at the University of Florida in Gainesville and had a

"fragrant" time. Our first New Year's Eve party is being held this year. DJ, lots of fun, music, dancing, and homemade goodies are on the agenda for the evening.

Our walkers enjoyed a holiday lighted walk through Rainbow Springs. Don't forget our monthly game night and nine-hole scramble, as well as the weekly walleyball. Come on out and enjoy yourself with other singles

Lastly, I want to take the time to thank the 2019 Active Singles Club board for their contributions to the club. Each of you did an amazing job to grow our club, fun, and friendships. We welcome the 2020 board, who begin their reign on Jan. 1. We know you will continue to grow this club with more members, more fun, and more activities.

Don't forget your non-perishable donations, including personal hygiene products for Interfaith Emergency Services. Follow us on Meetup.com to see all the many activities we enjoy or email to activesinglesotow@gmail.com. As a member you can join our closed Facebook page and keep updated on more club interests.

**Singles Club**  
  
**Sally Wall**

Happy New Year! A good time was had by all who attended the Christmas luncheon in December at Craft Cuisine. A group also went to the Appleton Museum of Art to view the Urban Family Christmas display and then on to Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille for dinner and enjoyed the fantastic Christmas lights on the Downtown Square.

The Singles Club will meet again Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Arbor Activity Center Event Room, at 2 p.m. At this meeting, we will have Jim Phillips and his ice cream memora-

bilia collection. Jim's collection of all kinds of ice cream scoops and other paraphernalia is quite interesting.

You can also sign up for the tour of Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary taking place Thursday, Feb. 20, and the play "Father of the Bride" at the Ocala Civic Theatre on Sunday, March 15.

Our activity for January is Social Hour at the Recreation Center Ballroom Thursday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. We will meet there at 4 p.m. to enjoy the free hors d'oeuvres and live music. Just come and look for our table.

Our meetings are at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room, the second Thursday of each month. Please join us at the Jan. 9 meeting. We always welcome new members.

**Texas Connection Social Club**  
  
**Kathy Cornell**

"Henrietta the blue lipped ante-lope" was one of the more colorful clues when we played the Christmas carol opposites game at our holiday party. In spite of teams protesting that the game was too hard, once they got into it they did quite well. In fact, the team of Kathy and Chris Nastally, Linda and Jim Monaco, Clara Ward, and Henry Ince managed to get all 20 answers following. A spirited minute to win it game followed where teams of four people did a relay type race to hand off bows, remove the backing and stick it on a team member's back. Erwin Fluss, Bill Bachmann, Bill Edwards, Bev Moreau, Linda Monaco, Tom Atencio, Lynn Pluto and Chris Nastally were our competitors and showed lots of great teamwork.

We closed out the evening with a reading of "Twas' the Night Before Christmas Texas Style" that was modified to make it a left right - and in a new twist - across gift exchange game. There were lots of laughs as folks tried to figure out their left from their right. Good thing the occasional across move was there to get them back on track for a little while.

It's chili cook-off time again on

Sunday, Jan. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II (note our new location). As of press time, we need three more contestants to bring a crock pot of chili for the sampling and judging. It doesn't have to be "true" Texas chili (no beans or tomatoes); just whatever your favorite is. Prizes will be awarded to all contestants. Previous competitors are welcome to enter again. You might want to use a different recipe or even the same one as before. We have lots of new members and those members who were around last year found it hard to decide on their favorite because they were all so tasty. This could be your year to rise in the rankings or even win! If you want to compete, please contact me to get on the list. As usual, everyone needs to bring their preferred beverage. We'll have ice and water on hand.

Texas Connection is a club for residents who have a connection to Texas by: being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason such as vacation, professional, competitions, etc.; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven't been to Texas are considered honorary Texans by association. We have a great group of folks who look forward to welcoming new members into the fold. For more information, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

**Computer Club**  
  
**Chris Kilbride**

Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour in the Hobby Building to answer both PC and Apple related questions regarding software and hardware. Our otowpclub.org website will give lots of great information about our group.

This month we highlight Dan Buerke (brrr-key) who is a recent enrollee in the Computer Club, having moved to On Top of the World this past March with his wife Kristy. Dan was a lifelong resident of the St. Louis metropolitan area, having retired from positions in finance and technology management.

As a child, he was fascinated with office machinery, specifically his parents' calculator. His first "computer" ownership was a Casio calculator and calendar device, gifted to him in high school. Dan brings 30 years of computer hardware and software use to the club. As one of our new club mentors, he enjoys helping others work through their computer challenges and learning. A current project involves work on cataloging a computer music library of over 100,000 songs.

Dan is available at most Thursday morning club computer clinics, and at the club's Saturday morning meetings.

All residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. You can join at the meeting or call President Bill Torzsa at (352) 873-8519 for more information. The contact page on otowpclub.org or email otowpclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us.

Each Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m., also in the Hobby Building, we offer free help sessions. Members may bring their computer, smartphone or device for one-on-one instruction. Later in the day from noon to 2 p.m., four of the club members take part in the "Ask Arnold" help session for county residents at the Freedom Library.

On the first Saturday of the month, members are treated with coffee and doughnuts. Recent monthly presentations were about Google Drive and apps, Apple watch, digital estate planning, identity theft, and passwords.

Members may list on our website any computer related software or hardware for sale or to give away.

Software links for PC and Apple related topics are listed on the website to help you on your educational journey to learn more or find a solution to a problem.

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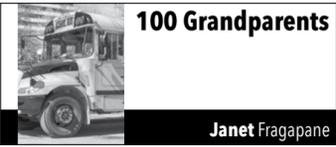
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**100 Grandparents**

Janet Fragapane

Last month, Romeo Elementary put on a very special Veterans Day celebration for the students. On stage, there were eight men and women veterans in uniform, and 12 other veterans, probably parents of Romeo students, dressed in civilian clothes. The audience consisted of all of the children, all of the teachers, the 100 Grandparents (38 of them), and many parents, some of whom also were veterans. The room was filled with red, white and blue colors as the children (and the 100 Grandparents) had been asked to wear one of the three colors depending upon the grade. Many of the students also had small flags, which they proudly waved throughout the ceremony.

Suzette Parker, the school principal, opened the ceremony with a few remarks, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the music teacher directing the students in three patriotic songs. The

fourth and fifth grades sang "Fifty Nifty of the United States," the second and third grades sang "God Bless the USA," and the kindergarten and first grades sang "This Land is Your Land." They all did a wonderful job and were very proud of their accomplishment.

After the song fest, Cecil Quates, a retired military chaplain living in Newberry, Florida, spoke to the audience. Mr. Quates had served in the Air Force for 28 years, from 1953 to 1981. His duty stations included Texas, Italy, Patrick Air Force Base in Florida, Thailand, California, and Japan.

Before the closing remarks, the school played the five official Armed Forces songs, and asked veterans on stage and in the audience to please stand during the song that represents their branch of service.

There was one final event after the closing remarks by Principal Parker. Many of the children had made cards thanking the veterans for their service. At the conclusion of the ceremony, these children then gave their cards to the many veterans in attendance.

As usual, you need to be aware



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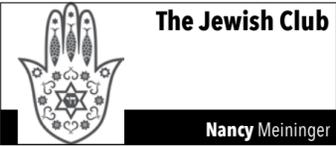
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Submitted by Bill Shampine



**The Jewish Club**

Nancy Meininger

Bring on the bagels and lox! Jewish Club members will celebrate the start of the 2020 season, Sunday, Jan. 19, at 12:30 p.m. with some of their favorite Jewish foods. Although this is a members-only event, you can join at the door. The fee to belong is only \$18.

New members who have already joined this year are being honored at a meet and greet breakfast at the Recreation Center Ballroom, Sunday, Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m. No memberships will be sold at this event. You must have a reservation to attend the breakfast.

In December 2019, the club enjoyed celebrating Chanukah with stories, games, singing and dancing.

If you are considering joining the Jewish Club, you will find it is a great opportunity to learn about the Jewish culture and how it has helped to change the face of the world today.

Each meeting offers a Jewish moment in time, a history segment for members. You will find the group friendly, caring and genuinely interested in sharing their views and hearing yours. You will come away with a new perspective from a warm and welcome experience. This club is open to all residents, no matter what your religious affiliation is.

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The dinner club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Edo Sushi & Japanese Steakhouse, at 5:30 p.m. Contact Myra Post at (352) 861-9223 for reservations.

If you have questions about the Jewish Club and are considering becoming a member, please contact president, Nancy Carp at otowjewishclub@gmail.com or (410) 935-2625.



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**Members look forward to bagels and lox at the January luncheon.**

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## Line Dancing Through the Holidays

By Vivian Gecan

Happy New Year! I hope all had a wonderful and happy holiday season. Since the ballroom will be available, Marilyn McNeal will be teaching classes Monday, Dec. 30, 2019. No practice that week. All classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 6 and practices Wednesday, Jan. 8. In November 2019, Marilyn Mc-

Neal hosted a line dance for Improvers, Intermediates and Advanced dancers at her barn. Julia Wetzel, choreographer of many of our new dances, was a special guest. Some of the dances that Julia has choreographed and that we have learned are *Senorita la-la-la*, *Sucker*, *Rock It*, *Better When I'm Dancing*, *Beyond*

Beautiful, *Dear Future Husband*, *In Other Words* and many more. It was an honor and pleasure to meet her and dance with her. All who attended had a great time. We thank Marilyn for being such a gracious and generous host.

Also in November 2019, Patty and Crystal River hosted a line dance in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Everyone had a fun time. It was a learning session for both the dancers and the group to be able to dance to live music. Hope we can do it again sometime.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, Lynn

Thornberry, Kathy and Charlie Petrosky hosted the third annual Christmas carol sing along. Each table was assigned a Christmas carol to sing. The 12 days of Christmas were changed to the 12 days of body aging and each table had a day to sing out. The chipmunks sang their song and the hula hoops came out. This was a blast and everyone had beautiful singing voices. It was a great way to enjoy the holiday season.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, our monthly dance will be held Thursday, Jan. 9. If there are any changes, your instructors will let you know. The theme will be announced by your instructors when decided on.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, a line dance workshop will be held in Spring Hill, Florida. The cost is \$40, which includes lunch. All levels are welcome. Marilyn McNeal will be one of the instructors at this workshop.

For those of you who will not attend the workshop, some of the Intermediate dancers will be performing at the Health & Wellness Expo held at Circle Square Cultural Center Saturday, Jan. 18, at 12:40 p.m. Come out and show your support for these dancers.

Our 2019 year finished with a lot of activity and it looks like 2020 is starting out with a bang. Hope to see you all out on the dance floor.

For detailed information on classes, please contact Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 or for the Intermediate level contact Nancy Carmack at (352) 533-8870.



Photo by Marilyn George

Advanced dancers at Marilyn McNeal's barn dance.

## Shuffleboard Challenge

By Walt Lamp

On Saturday morning, Nov. 16, 2019, 28 players (14 on each side) challenged each other. This was our first tournament of the season - the black and yellow team challenge. Tournament director John Gayso read the rules to all assembled and then blew his whistle signaling the start of the match.

The match consisted of two 25-minute rounds, followed by one 20-minute round and ending with a 15 round, having various team members shooting four shots only. Then, the scores were added up and winners declared.

The black team won by a score of 20 to 8, capturing the yellow team's \$2 match fee. The winning team consisted of Damon Boston, Nancy Chatham, Lynne Dixon, Nancy Dreimiller, Gary Foster, Annette Hodges, Charlie Lenz, Scott Lyons, Gib Mattson, Mario Migiacco, Lewis Migiacco, Jess Taylor, Va Hall, and Darrell Kenyon.

In 2020, there will be two or

three other tournaments that will be played and put together by our tournament director.

In July 2019, I wrote about our gold medal finishes at the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I also mentioned that the 2021 games have been scheduled to take place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in June 2021. To qualify, you must earn a spot right here in Florida and have two pre-tournament competitions. Saturday, April 18 through Sunday, April 26, the first round will take place in The Villages, with the top five qualifying for the next round. The second round will take place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 13. Again, the top five here, will qualify for the national competition in June 2021.

This is not just for our members, but any resident who enjoys the game and would like to give it a try. Also, the National Senior Games includes other sports on

all three levels of competition, in which you may excel. Information on signing up and other sports may be obtained by getting in touch with either Paul Hodges, Darryl Kenyon or John Mataya.

Finally, we are once again offering an introduction to shuffleboard on the second Saturday of the month, at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come on down to the

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

### October Men/Women

Monday a.m.: David Lee/Betty DeLong. 30-David Lee and Mary Lamp. Tuesday p.m.: Paul Wagnitz/Jane Boyer. 30-Joe Bartosh. Thursday a.m.: Joe Bartosh/Shirley Lindsay. 33-Joe Bartosh.



Photo by Darryl Kenyon

The winning team of the shuffleboard black and yellow challenge.



Photo by Steve Schlesselman

The B-level medalists of the Pickleball Club's fall tournament: Denny Mielke and Tom Marshall (bronze), Eduardo Huertas and Mark Daddario (gold), Raoul Garfinkel and Steve Gardner (silver).

## Pickleball Fall Tournament

By Deborah Bush Harden

The Pickleball Club's fall tournament Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, was a great success thanks to its organizers: Steve Schlesselman, Syd Phelps, Louie Carzoo, and Dan Lack. Thanks to all the line judges as well. We had 50 players in our B and C level groups competing for gold, silver, and bronze medals. The B level medalists were Eduardo Huertas and Mark Daddario (gold), Steve Gardner and Raoul Garfinkel (silver), and Denny Mielke and Tom Marshall (bronze). The C level medalists were Joe Vargas (gold), Tony Vahid-Salehi (silver), and Laurie Martyniak (bronze). Congratulations to all who competed and made the day fun.

Several of our club members played in the Stone Creek tournament Monday, Dec. 2 through Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 with 10 winning medals: Sharon Altany (3.0 bronze), Bill Brisette (4.0 gold), Vickie Cornell (3.5 gold in two events), Ron Harden (3.5 gold), Eduardo Huertes (3.0 sil-

ver), Dave Phelps (4.0 bronze), Lori Pizzinni (4.0 gold in two events), Debbie Rhinesmith (4.0 gold), Gordon Thom (4.0 bronze), and Andy Woods (3.0 silver and bronze).

The annual meeting of the club was held Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019. The 2020 board was elected at this meeting and will begin their term on Wednesday, Jan. 1. Congratulations to Steve Schlesselman (president), Erik Cambier (vice president), Jana McElroy (secretary), Sue Olson (treasurer), Herb Katz (member at large), Gordon Thom (member at large), and Dave Phelps (member at large).

In 2019, the club membership rose to 301 players. Residents interested in learning the sport and becoming members will find information on the bulletin board outside the upper level pickleball courts. You may also contact Steve Schlesselman (steveschlesselman5@gmail.com) or Erik Cambier (cambieremr@gmail.com).

### Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you all will have the healthiest and happiest year ever!

We have met so many wonderful residents and feel so blessed by the friendships we've made each week. Our members recap for the past year: highest score in the beginning when dominos first started was 815 and is now 710; and lowest score was 100 and is now 23.

No matter where you fall in scoring, having fun friendly games and meeting new people is our goal each Monday in the Hobby Building Art Room, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Come try us out in 2020.

If you have played with us and

have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to bring them to our attention as our goal is for our entire domino family to come out and have a good time for one quarter. Please remember to bring your resident photo ID, a quarter, and your rack if you own one. Our email is leegiraffe@bellsouth.net if you have any suggestions or comments.

For those of you who have come but haven't returned, we hope you will join us again for another game in the near future. We play six to a table and play with both dots or numbers, your preference.

We pick chips to help you meet and play with new people. We have a learning table and all new folks start there. If you have a special need, please contact me so we can try to accommodate. If you have been there and forgotten how to play a quick refresh is on the way. Happy 2020!

### Hand Foot Cards

Larry King

I recently assumed responsibility for hand and foot cards with 28 players attending the first week. Everyone enjoyed playing again and the only change made from previous play is how we deal.

Each hand begins with each player dealing two stacks of 13 cards. The right stack is passed to the player on his/her right. The left stack is then passed to the player on his/her left. After all players have new stacks dealt by opponents, all players move the two top cards from the right stack to the left stack and place them on the top of the left stack. All players start by playing their left stack of 15 cards and the right stack of 11 cards is their foot.

A rule sheet will be provided to

all new players. My goal is to have players enjoy Tuesday mornings and meet their neighbors. The only requirements from players is to bring a smile and laugh a lot.

Players at tables are random each week by selecting a card that has your seat and team color. We want all to enjoy playing the game. All games and the wins/losses are recorded and different contests, for example, men versus women or play by state is happening now. Each player is given a player number. Welcome to computers and spreadsheets!

Each week, someone will organize lunch at a local restaurant. Normally about 10 to 14 will attend. Each individual or couple pays for his/her meal.

We play every Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room.

### Hand Knee & Foot Cards

Larry King

State participation by number of players is as follows: Florida - 12, Michigan - 11, Massachusetts - 10, New York - 9, Pennsylvania - 6, and Ohio - 5.

Leading by win percentage is Massachusetts - 61.2% of 49 games

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## CARDS & GAMES

### Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

**Nov. 4, 2019**  
1: Joe O'Brien & Jo McKeown; 2: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 3: Gayle Taylor & Fran Griswold; 4: Elsa Groe & Cindy Brown; 5: Rad D. & Bernie Kelly.

**Nov. 11, 2019**  
1: Brent Powell & Betty Morris; 2: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Jack Heller & Shirley Stolly; 4: Gayle Taylor & Fran Griswold; 5: Debbie & Pat Quinn.

**Nov. 18, 2019**  
1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 3: Jack Heller & Shirley Stolly; 4: Rad D. & Bernie Kelly; 5: Elsa Groe & Carol Johnson.

**Nov. 25, 2019**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Debbie & Pat Quinn; 3: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Herb & Phyllis Silverman; 5: Lynda Hannon & Darlene Clark.

### Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

**Nov. 5, 2019**  
North/South 1: John Leasure & Paul Claremont; 2: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

East/West 1: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 2: John Fiorillo & Paul Agarwal; 3: Bettirae Woodruff & Gayle Taylor.

**Nov. 12, 2019**  
North/South 1: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 2: Dan Lack & Gayle Taylor; 3: Paul Pinter & Sharon Davis.

East/West 1: Bob Durst & Paul Reidinger; 2: Paul Agarwal & Bettirae Woodruff; 3: Darlene & Andrew Fiel.

**Nov. 19, 2019**  
North/South 1: Paul Pinter & Gayle Taylor; 2: Andrew & Darlene Fiel; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Jack Heller.

East/West 1: Tie for 1/2; Patsy & Paul Claremont & Linda Yuen & Bettirae Woodruff; 3: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock.

**Nov. 26, 2019**  
North/South 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Jack Heller; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

East/West 1: John & Marie Fiorillo; 2: Betty Devoy & Rita Smyth; 3: Bob Durst & Paul Reidinger.

### Wednesday Afternoon Beginners Bridge

Jean Krueger-Travis

Practice and play for free with new bridge players or those returning to bridge after "many years." We will meet at the tables in the Master the Possibilities Living Room every Wednesday, from 1 to 3 p.m. Please contact Jean at (352) 414-5907 or jakt@excite.com to indicate if you will attend, or if you have any questions.

### Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Dianne Robinson

**Nov. 6, 2019**  
1: Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Gayle Taylor; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

**Nov. 13, 2019**  
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Joe McKeown; 4: Caryl Rosenberger; 5: Pat Goltart; Cons: Pat Quinn.

**Nov. 20, 2019**  
1: Pat Quinn; 2: Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Joan Lord; 4: Phyllis Silverman; 5: Betty Morris; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

**Nov. 27, 2019**  
1: Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Mike Merrick; 3: Pat Goltart; 4: Diane Turkin; Cons: Betty Morris.

### Thursday Night Bridge

Jeff & Pam Bell

We meet every Thursday at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room, at 6:30 p.m. The cost to play is \$0.25 per person. All levels are welcome.

**Nov. 14, 2019**  
1: Brent Powell; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Jean Krueger.

**Nov. 21, 2019**  
1: Jane Frost; 2: Paul Reidinger; 3: Jean Krueger.

**Dec. 5, 2019**  
1: Gina Andrejak; 2: Jean Krueger; 3: Paul Claremont.

### Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge

Jean Krueger-Travis

There will be no meeting in January. For more information, please contact Jean at (352) 414-5907 or jakt@excite.com.

**Dec. 6, 2019**  
1: Sophie Redman, Gina Andrejak & Mary Bloch; 2: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 3: Darlene Fiel & Patsy Claremont; Grand "2" prize: Mary Bloch Dushary.

### Monday Night Euchre

Bob Bicknell

**Nov. 11, 2019**  
1: Bob Bicknell; Tie at 2: Bill Bender, Shirley Schopf.

**Nov. 18**  
1: Billy Swing; 2: Henry Vieu; 3: Mike Gerbo.

**Nov. 25, 2019**  
1: Billy Swing; 2: Jo Swing; 3: Doug Hines.

**Dec. 2, 2019**  
1: Billy Swing; 2: Paul Schaefer; Tie at 3: Dick Bartel, Larry Remer.

**Dec. 9, 2019**  
1: Bob Bicknell; 2: Paul Schaefer; 3: Toni Strance.

### Wednesday NASCAR® Euchre

Bob Bicknell

**Nov. 13, 2019**  
1: Dick Bartel, Wayne Garwold; 2: Mary Bicknell, Gayle Argano; 3: Edith Kolb, Chip Parsons; 4: Phyllis Wall, Henry Vieu.

**Nov. 20, 2019**  
1: Roger Tiessen; Jo Swing; 2: Henry Vieu, Billy Swing; 3: Toni Strance, Jean Gillette; 4: Shirley Schopf, Chip Parsons.

**Dec. 4, 2019**  
1: Wayne Garwold, Edith Kolb; 2: Jo Swing, Roger Tiessen; 3: Dick Bartel, Phyllis Wall; 4: Henry Vieu, Paul Pinter.

### Friday Night Euchre

Bob Bicknell

**Nov. 15, 2019**  
Tie at 1: Carol, Rick Carroll, Dick Bartel, Joan Sigafoos; Tie at 2: Richard Miles, Mary Bartel.

**Nov. 22, 2019**  
1: Jean Gillette; 2: Joan Sigafoos.

**Nov. 29, 2019**  
1: Larry Remer; 2: Jean Gillette; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

**Dec. 6, 2019**  
1: Mary Bicknell; Tie at 2: Bob Bicknell, Larry Remer; Tie at 3: Joan Sigafoos, Doug Hines.

### Tuesday Night Pinochle

Herb Katz

**Nov. 5, 2019**  
1: Herb Katz; 2: John Bunyak; 3: Edith Kolb.

**Nov. 12, 2019**  
1: Evelyn Ebbighausen; 2: Whitney Frye; 3: Dan Ebbighausen.

**Nov. 19, 2019**  
1: Charlie Budd; 2: Walter Hickenlooper; 3: Doug Hines.

**Nov. 26, 2019**  
1: Charlie Budd; 2: Ed Casper; 3: Andy Nuccio.

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**Call of the Wild**

**Roger Bonifield**

Well, another year has come to an end, and we had a great time sharing our experiences enjoying Florida's great outdoors.

In 2019, we had several fishing trips together, both deep sea trips and flats fishing charters, along with just some casual shore fishing trips to local area lakes and rivers.

Although we do not organize or sponsor hunting trips of any kind, we do have a number of members, myself included, who enjoy taking our bows or guns for a walk in the woods with each other. I know one member, our director of hunting, Tom West, who scored two wild boars in one day just a couple months ago. Tom also put together a great notebook full of information about where, when and what to hunt throughout central Florida.

We also had a great time and plenty of good food at our annual

fish fry last April and again at our annual pot luck dinner just last November.

Last but not least, a number of members and wives got together and produced a super entry for the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade. Although we didn't win, we had a great time designing and putting it together.

We are looking forward to another fun year of enjoying Florida's great outdoors, with a number of guest speakers, club events, fishing trips and just enjoying each other's company and experiences.

We are also always looking for people who want to take part in helping run the club at various levels. If you are interested in finding out more of what we are about, you are welcome to join us at our regular monthly meetings, normally held the first Wednesday of the month in the Hobby Building Event Room, from noon to 2 p.m. Please note that our next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 8 (same place and time). If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly at (352)-300-3601.



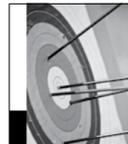
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**President Roger Bonifield and member Terry Howells departing with the club's entry in the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade.**



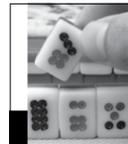
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**Susan Leavitt is ready to start the parade.**



**Archery Club**

**Frank Tarentino**



**Mah Jongg**

**Mary Ehle**

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 was the Holiday Golf Cart Parade. The golf cart representing the Archery Club was driven by Frank Tarentino and Susan Leavitt. The weather cooperated. Waving and cheering residents lined up along the parade route; it was a fun day. The anticipated opening day for the archery range will be in February; the exact date depends on completing the safety inspection.

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

Wishing you the very best for 2020! Try to find some time to play Mah Jongg in your busy schedule. Have fun. Play hands you have not tried before. The last three hands in 13579 are great hands and seldom played. I play them often and find most of the time I can fool people ... for a while. The addition hand is very seldom played. If you are lucky enough to get some fives, then you really have a lot of choices. I am going to make a goal of at least making the last hand in the singles and pairs once before it is gone. Hope you all enjoy the game.

New classes start the third week in January at Master the Possibilities. Now is a good time to sign up. Jokers to you!

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Welcome to 2020 and the new World Handicap System, which may change members' handicaps even if they haven't played lately. Among other things, the new handicap system changes the way handicaps are calculated and puts limits on increases in handicaps. It will be based on your best eight scores instead of your best 10 out of the last 20. Net double bogey replaces the Equitable Stroke Control system. The maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to par plus two plus any handicap strokes received. The Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) will now revise your index after every day you post a score instead of every two weeks.

League play depends on equitable handicaps. So, make a New Year's resolution to post all your eligible scores in the GHIN system in 2020. The Men's Golf Association board will meet Tuesday, Jan. 7 to elect officers and directors for 2020. Congratulations to all our members and board for all their accomplishments in 2019. The 2020 MGA handbook will be available on Chicken Day Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Current membership is 270. Please welcome our newest members: Bob Gorman, Chuck Lundberg, John English, Egon Okorn, James Selm, Jean Poulx, Steve

Schutz and Steven Thesman. Mark your calendar for these upcoming Wednesday playdates:

- Jan. 1: Open Play
- Jan. 8: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- Jan. 15: Three Best Balls (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Jan. 22: Individual Low Net (The Links)
- Jan. 29: Team Quota Points (The Tortoise & The Hare)

#### Chicken Day Scramble Dec. 4, 2019/ The Links

59–Brian Wilder, Rusty Zarrell, Mike Driver and Mike Benes. 61–Larry Gibson, Ken Zweiback and Barry Smith. Tie at 63–Charles Crenshaw, Mike Wathen and Dale Clarke; John Langville, Carl Singleton, Carl Zeiler and Lance Davsko; Terry Hubbart, Mike Limoges, George Lineman and Stephen Allen. Tie at 64–Brian Andrew, Mike Kurlakowsky, Ralph Solvold and Bill Koch; Joe Wilks, Howard Hudgens, Jerry Nagel and Frank Dragos. Tie at 65–Larry Manion, Dan Goggin, Tom McHaffie and Armando Pena; Anthony Morris, Paul Snyder, C David Nelson and Tom Murphy; David Miller, Steve Adams, James Merrick and Thomas Kujawa; Don McCrimmon, John McLaughlin, Vince Dellapenta and Charles Miele; Charles Lundberg, Henry Sohl, Tim Torrey and George Brombacher.

#### Shamble

#### Dec. 11, 2019/The Tortoise & The Hare

226–Joe Polizzotti, Ricki Plesea, Alan Varney and Bob Mondore. 229–Larry Manion, John Spielvogel, Bob Egger and Charles Miele. 240–Mike Wathen, Gene Cardarelli, Michael Gerbo and Loren Magsam. 241–Brian Wilder, Bob Leiter, Clay Norgan

and Thomas Kujawa. 243–Charles Lundberg, Mike McAllister, John Owen and Frank Dragos. Tie at 245–Larry Gibson, Howard Atherton, Tom Neville and Lance Davsko; Dan Goggin, Neil Seaman, Paul Richards and Mike Benes. 246–Anthony

Morris, Dennis McCourt, Vince Dellapenta and Damon Boston. 247–Larry Cordill, Ken Zweiback, Tony Loureiro and Danny James. 248–Dale Clarke, Kevin Hammonds, Tim Williams and Lance Davsko.



#### 3 Best of 4 Net Nov. 12, 2019

186–Joe Damiata, Bruce Shanfelt, Ken Zweiback, Carl Fosberg. Tie at 187–Everett Kimball, Charlie Taylor, Gilbert Green, Chris Lyndrup & William Wignall, Richard Ross, James Marley, Marvin Brooks. 188–William Lock, Michael Altomare, Mark Monk, David Nelson. Tie at 194–Walter Pacuk, Thomas Rcinowski, Hal Levine, Edwin Vilorio & Mike Deahl, JC Van Bloom, Joe Jingo, Sam Fox.

#### Individual Quota Nov. 19, 2019

Flight 1: +3–Mike Deahl. +1–Louie Ouellet. -1–Bill Wignall. -2–Everett Kimball, Tie at -4–Rick Brown, Bill Gurbisz, Bill Lock.



The holidays are over, and it was certainly a busy time of year for everyone. League members still seemed to find the time to get out and play golf. Staying warm on the course can be a challenge but being prepared and dressing in layers always helps. Remember your gloves and ear warmers.

The Charity Golf event for Marion Senior Services Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 was a great success. Fifty Candler Hills and On Top of the World 18- and nine-hole ladies participated and raised \$2,201. We had a good time on the golf course even though we did need our ear warmers. Once inside, we had a delicious luncheon, and bid in a silent auction for some beautiful gift baskets. We also collected food items and delivered them with our check to Marion Senior Services the next day. Thank you to all for supporting this event.

Since Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday, the league did not play that day. We were thankful to enjoy this day with family and that we live in sunny Florida where we can golf all year round.

The league celebrated the holidays Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 with a party at The Lodge at Candler Hills. We had a lovely meal of carved roast beef and turkey, Caesar salad, mashed potatoes and a red velvet cake for dessert. John Gallo entertained us and some of us even ven-

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Flight 2: +7–Larry Smallwood. +2–Dave Miller and Richard Ross. 0–Bilby Scholp. -1–Gene Francisco, Michael Brayer, Ken Fournier, Steve Thesman.

Flight 3: +10–Joe Jingo. +4–Ken Zweiback & Dennis McCourt. +3–Tim Beaty. +1–Rusty Zarrell. Flight 4: +7–Sam Fox. +6–David Nelson. +4 –Richard Freeman & Edwin Vilorio. +3–Dave Green and Mark Monk.

#### 2 Man Stableford Nov. 26, 2019

C/D Flight: 80–Richard Freeman, Joe Jingo. 77–Chris Lyndrup, Rusty Zarrell. 75–Randy Ford, Sam Fox. 74–Danny Ball, Mark Monk. 73–Tim Beaty, David Nelson, Gilbert Green, Paul Silliman.

A/B Flight: 86–Paul Rubly, Louis Quillet. 81–William Lock, Charlie Taylor, Ken Fournier, Bill Wignall. 77–Mike Altomare, Everett Kimball. 72–Steve Thesman, Paul Kupsco.

tured out onto the dance floor.

Don't forget to save the date for the January general membership meeting Thursday, Jan. 16.

Tee it high, let it fly and may the course be with you!

#### Ready Golf Tips

- Drop your cart partner off at their shot and proceed to yours.
- Be at the ball ready to hit, when it is your turn.
- Take only one practice swing. Start moving to the next shot immediately after the ball is hit.

#### Ribbon Game (Team) Oct. 31, 2019

68–Becky Welsh, Angelita Jingo, Sue Fierce. 69–Sara Nunn, Rosann Ross, Carla Kimball. 72–Pam Carpenter, Mary Joe Lock. 73–Beverly Ovrebø, Jonell Washburn, Lynn Barber. 74–Mary Burns, Kate Beaty, Anne Dahlen. 75–Eileen Gustavus, Iro Lisinski, Sandra Dechambeau.

#### 1 Best Ball of 2 (Team) Nov. 7, 2019

Tie at 59–Carol Oman, Virginia Madura, Carol Clark, Angelita Jingo. Tie at 60–Beverly Ovrebø, Gail Banavige, Rosann Ross, Bonnie Bunce. Tie at 63–Mary Ann McCourt, Shelly Karsnitz, Mary Jo Lock, Carla Kimball. Tie at 65–Iro Lisinski, Sandra Dechambeau, Toni Stevenson, Bertha Myers.

#### Pick 9 (Individual) Nov. 21, 2019

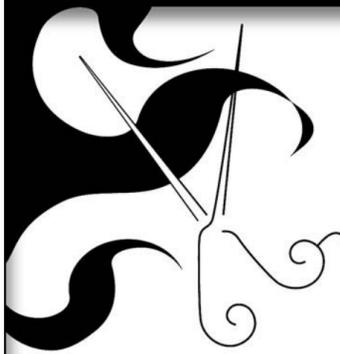
Flight 1: 26–Su Freeman, Tie at 27–Angelita Jingo, Beverly Ovrebø. Flight 2: 23–Iro Lisinski, 27–Carol Oman, Tie at 28–Mary Jo Lock, JoAnn DellaPenna. Flight 3: 26–Diane O'Brien, 27–Carla Kimball, 30–Betty Dong, Tie at 31–Carol Clark, Rosann Ross. Flight 4: 26–Kathy Zunica, 27–Sandra Dechambeau, 30–Mary Ann McCourt.

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**Golf**

**Matt Hibbs**  
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Happy New Year from the On Top of the World golf staff. We also would like to thank everyone for a tremendous 2019 and we hope 2020 will be even better.

With a new year brings resolutions. If your resolution is an improved golf game, then we have the answer for you. Our professional staff has created a wonderful and exciting golf clinic schedule for 2020. The season kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 4 with a clinic on "Putting: Short Range Putts" at the Candler Hills putting green, at 9 a.m. This clinic is \$10 per student.

Please register in the Candler Hills Golf Shop no later than Friday, Jan. 3, at 5 p.m. Look for the complete 2020 clinic schedule in both the Candler Hills and On Top of the World Golf Shops.

2020 bodes some major changes to the handicap system. Please learn about these changes by visiting whs.com. The new World Handicap System will officially begin Jan. 1. You will be unable to post scores to GHIN through Jan. 5 due to updates to the system. Please feel free to contact any of the golf professionals with any questions.

A friendly reminder from the golf staff that all shop credits will expire Saturday, Feb. 29. All credit winnings to your account will be posted through the January events. Any winnings during February will be held until the beginning of

March to be posted.

Make sure you subscribe to our YouTube channel at OTOW Golf. You will get the latest updates on events, golf tips, special merchandise and much more.

**Upcoming Events**

- Friday, Jan. 24: Jekyll & Hyde, The Tortoise & The Hare, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Friday, Feb. 14: World Sadie Hawkins, Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun. Check Golf Shop for details.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Roger Karsnitz, hole-in-one #13. Ann Flynn, first birdie ever on #7.

**LINKS:** Jerry Dennis, shot his age 81.

Congratulations to all.

**Golf Tip of the Month**

How many of you get frustrated and upset after each missed shot? Golf is a funny game that with one swing can manipulate your attitude and demeanor for not only your round but the remainder of your day. Keep in mind that everyone hits bad shots, including touring professionals.

Every round take a minute to appreciate your surroundings, the birds chirping, the beautiful flowers and trees and the friends you have made playing this wonderful game. Don't let the wonderful things in life pass you by and remind yourself golf is just a game we all enjoy to play.

Everyone have a safe and exciting 2020!



**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

**Denise Mullen**

Can you believe it is 2020? Let's start off this decade playing better golf by stretching. It is so important for the golf swing. As the weather gets colder, we tend not to move as freely, so stretching would benefit us even more. Take time before you start to hit practice balls and stretch your back, arms and shoulders. This will lengthen your large

muscles and allow you to swing freer. You can layer for warmth with thinner pieces of clothing that will allow you to swing and not feel so bundled up. We stock these types of outerwear in the Golf Shop now.

Your LGA-9 event calendar is in the 2020 Golf Genius portal. If you are experiencing any problems logging in or not receiving your weekly email to register for golf, please let us know so that we can assist you.

As of Monday, Jan. 6, we will be on the World Handicap System. It is still your GHIN handicap. The key points to remember are - if you play, you post your score the same

day. This can be done in the comfort of your own home by putting the GHIN app on your phone or computer and creating your profile to log in. Your handicap under the new system will update every day that you post a score. In addition to that, your maximum score on a hole will now be called net double bogey plus. This means your maximum score on a hole would be double bogey plus any strokes you are entitled to. As an example, you are a 20 handicap for nine holes. On a par five you have a really bad hole and score an 11 on that hole. Your handicap allows for two strokes on

that hole. You would then post an adjusted score of nine under the new system. Please feel free to ask anyone on the professional staff should you have additional questions.

Your GHIN handicaps have to be renewed by Friday, Jan. 10 if you are not a golf member at either facility. Renewals began in mid-December. The fee is \$30 for the year.

Please feel free to email me at denise\_mullen@otowfl.com or call me at (352) 861-9712 with any and all concerns or questions you may have.



**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

**Russ Smith**

As we move into the month of January, I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The LGA-9 schedule will be on the following Tuesdays:

- Jan. 7: Team Pink Ball. Play your own ball with one player using the pink ball. The pink ball will be used as the team score each hole.
- Jan. 14: Tee It Up Scramble. Tee up every shot up to the green.
- Jan. 21: Individual Fewest Putts. Play your normal round and only your putts

on the green count.

- Jan. 28: Team 3 Blind Mice. The Golf Shop will pick three holes to not count towards the team score. The twist is you will not know the three holes eliminated until you finish your round.

We have one special event coming up, the Jekyll & Hyde event on Friday, Jan. 24. This event will be played on both The Links and The Tortoise & Hare Golf Courses, at 9 a.m. The format will be a two-person scramble and you can create your own foursome.

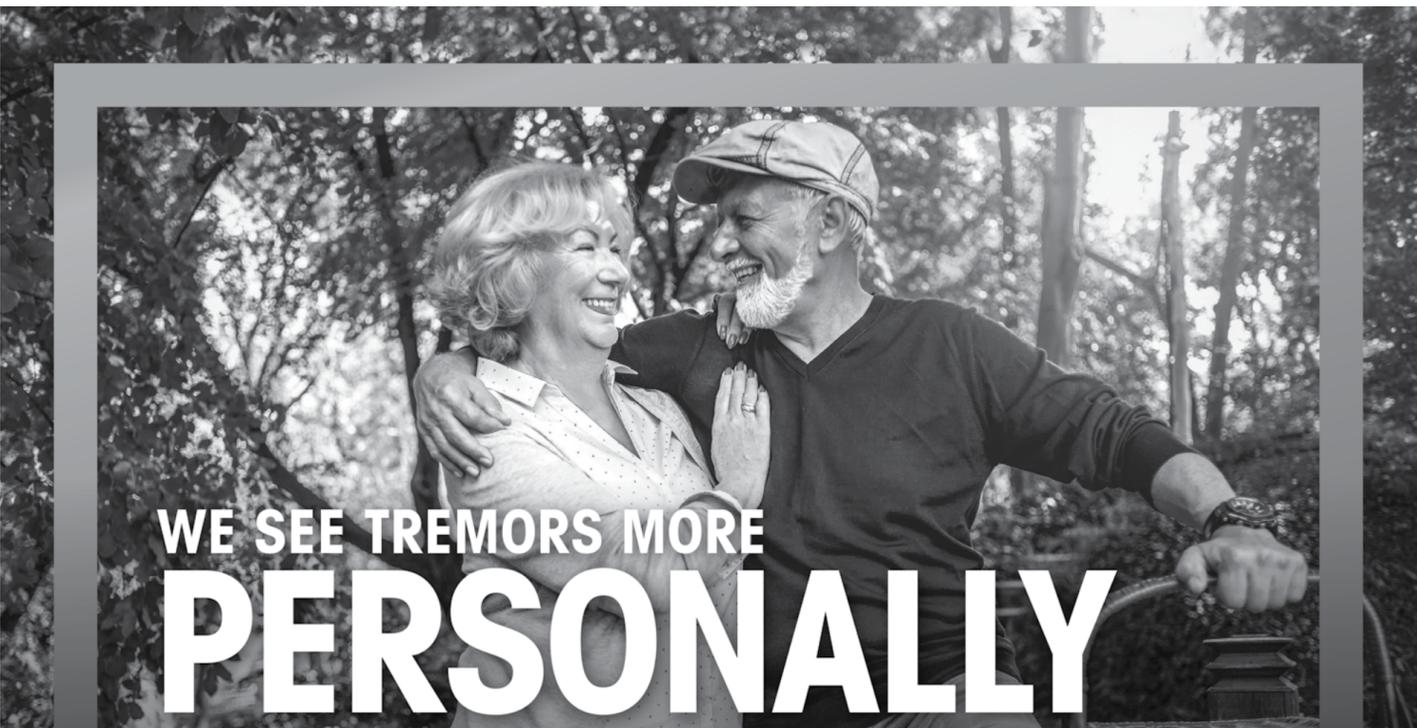
I am happy to announce that we are now up to 89 ladies in the league and I want to take a minute and say welcome; we are happy to have you and if you ever have any questions or need help, please feel free to stop by and see CJ or my-

self.

Now I would like to take a minute and go over the new handicap changes and how they affect the LGA-9 league. We are transferring to the new World Handicap System, which officially begins Monday, Jan. 6. The biggest change is that your handicap will now update daily instead of the first and 15th of every month. For league play this means we will use the handicap you have when we close registration for the game on Monday at 10 a.m. regardless of the update. This will allow us to still do pairings

the day before and post them for players to see. With the handicaps updating every day, it is now more important than ever to make sure you post your score on the day you play. One of the best recommendations I can make if you haven't done so already, is to download the GHIN app to your smart phone because it is the easiest way to post your score or check your handicap no matter what course you're playing. If you still have any questions, please feel free to stop by the Golf Shop and we will be happy to help.

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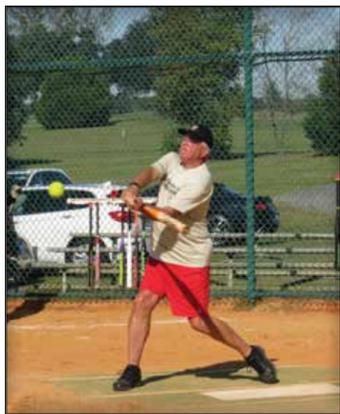
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**Softball**

Tom Sheridan

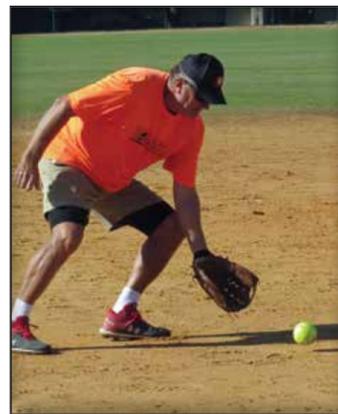
Senior softball at On Top of the World is in full swing this winter. Following the long holiday break, the Softball Club's six intramural teams will be at it again beginning Monday, Jan. 6, offering exciting play and a great spectator experience. The teams compete against each other during the long winter season which continues through May. New players are welcome anytime. Games are played Monday and Wednesday mornings at the softball field. A general practice is held every Thursday morning.



**Bill McElroy slugs a ball into the outfield.**



**Outfielder Lonnie Arterburn fires the ball toward second.**



**Pitcher Dave "Cork" Clune scoops up a grounder.**

Photos by Tom Sheridan



**Ladies 18-Hole Golf**

Susan Yenne

The December holiday lunch was a day for gold coins, trophies, pins and certificates, recognizing many achievements in 2019.

The service excellence award went to Sandy Chase, who has volunteered for nearly every service imaginable to the league including longest laugh and best beer cheer.

Vadonna Hall was the most improved player of the year, lowering her handicap more than any other league player.

Hole-in-one trophies were awarded to Peggy Ellenberger and Antonia Varney, the only women to have hole-in-ones during league play for the year. It was a first for both.

There were four eagles during 2019, one each for Robbie Limoges and Lynn Dickson, and two for Deborah Martin.

Peggy Ellenberger received a trophy for winning the LGA Players Cup (Match Play) during the spring.

Deborah Martin received a trophy for winning League Championship. Flight winners in League Championship received certificates: Flight 1-Vadonna Hall, Flight 2-Debby Wilson, Flight 3-Peggy Wiechmann and Flight 4-Joyce Jones.

A big thanks to Rosann Ross and Kathy Zunica for arranging the luncheon and gift draw.

New member, Shelly Karsnitz, moved here four months ago from Spruce Creek, and earlier, Hershey, Pennsylvania. She has been golfing more than 30 years and has a handicap of 10.5.

**Red, White, Blue/2 Best Ball Net Nov. 12, 2019/The Tortoise**

**& The Hare**  
85-Mary Ann Livingston, Jill Strey, Nancy Zielinski. 87-Diane Boston, Virginia Madura, Margaret Hudacik. Tie at 90-Gail LaGrange, Debby Wilson, May Chin, Geri Treppa; Peggy Borro, Mary Jeannotte, Molly Lucieer, Lynn Barber; Linda Taylor, Betty McNeeley, Pam Jones, Susan Yenne. 91-Deborah Martin, Valerie Smith, Lilly Gee, Sharon Johnson.

**Beat the Pro (Individual Net) Nov. 19, 2019/The Links**

67-Joyce Jones. 68-Linda Blewitt. Tie at 70-Yuhlan Cho, Linda Kitz. Tie at 71-Gail LaGrange, Lynn Barber, Robbie Limoges, Vadonna Hall, Geri Treppa. Tie at 72-MJ Strelec, Connie Sohl, Pam Jones. 73-Debby Wilson, Diane Boston. Tie at 74-Beverly Ovrebo, Donna Brunell, Mary Ann Livingston, Connie Norris, Peggy Wiechmann.

Team Stableford/3 Best Balls (Net) Nov. 26/The Tortoise & The Hare

128-Diane Boston, MJ Strelec, Joan Gerbo, Antonia Varney. 124-Mary Ann Livingston, Katie Schriewer, Peggy Ellenberger. Tie at 121-Lilly Gee, Jill Strey, Robbie Limoges, Sandra Dechambeau; Mary Jeanotte, Joyce Jones, Donna Brunell.

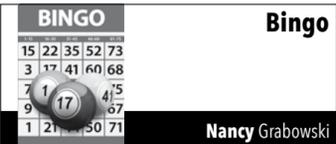
**Even Holes (Individual Net) Dec. 10, 2019/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Flight 1: Tie at 32-Beverly Ovrebo, Gail LaGrange. 33-Diane Boston. 36-Deborah Martin.

Flight 2: 35-Connie Sohl. 36-Christine McIntire. 37-Pat Lindstrom. 38-MJ Strelec.

Flight 3: 34-Betty McNeeley. 35-Pam Jones. 36-Peggy Ellenberger. Tie at 37-Janis Hannasch, Ellen Brin.

Flight 4: Tie at 36-Susan Yenne, Sharon Johnson. Tie at 42-Sandra Dechambeau, Sandy Chase, Antonia Varney.



**Bingo**

Nancy Grabowski

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019 was the last bingo of the year and what a night it was! 157 stalwart bingo fans came out in support of our efforts! As usual, the evening began

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with the 70/30 raffle. 18 lucky winners, some multiple at that, walked away with \$20; a great way to begin the festivities!

Carl Folkers, our president, called the games; the payout was \$40. The big surprise involved the 10th and 20th games, which we bumped up to a whopping \$250 each as our way of thanking our faithful followers. Janet Becker was one of those lucky winners. Then, if you want to talk about luck, turn to Peter Sanford. He cashed in on the raffle and won twice on regular games. Of course, that might not have happened for Pete if Don

Hood hadn't been watching Pete's cards! Truly, a team effort there.

We hope to see you Wednesday, Jan. 8 to wish you a happy New Year and welcome you back to bingo. Our routine will not have changed: 70/30 tickets will be sold until 5:40 p.m.; bingo cards will be sold from 4:30 to 5:40 p.m. Each card is \$1 and you need your resident ID to purchase cards. The raffle begins at 5:45 p.m. and bingo shortly thereafter.

Many of our regulars come early and eat in The Pub. Food can be ordered and brought to the tables; but Florida law stipulates that no

beer, wine, or alcohol is permitted on the gaming floor. Those liquid refreshments can be consumed in The Pub or on the patio. As a safety reminder, please do not tip chairs forward in an effort to save seats.

Our volunteers will be anxious to return to the Recreation Center Ballroom and head the fun each Wednesday night. Volunteers are always welcome; if you're interested, talk to any of us before the games or during intermission or call Nancy Grabowski at (352) 209-4699. Once again, happy New Year from all of your bingo crew!

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**R/C Car Club**

Gene Mangold

Races are now faster than ever before! We are recording new speed records on nearly every race with the new and wonderful hard surface track. Paul Burrey now holds a blistering 7.575 second lap. We are averaging 27 drivers, eight classes and 50 cars. The new stock class had six cars racing and is growing as new members get used to their new Traxxas GTs. The GTs are also allowed in the novice class where new members can learn their racing skills. Theresa Maguire has been finishing first as a novice and has been heard a number of times saying, "I love my new car!"

There are always members to help new drivers with setup and operation of their cars. Some first-place members are forever sharing some of their secrets.

Practice races will continue through January while the track

barriers are being constructed and racing for points resumes in February.

It takes many volunteers to run a race such as track maintenance and setup, running the computer timing system, announcing the races and finally keeping things organized and on time.

Now, we would like to highlight the wonderful work that Carolyn Frederick has been doing to organize. She's always the first to arrive at track and the last to leave. She greets the arriving racers with a pretty smile and a signup sheet. It is a big and tedious job getting all the names and cars entered but she never complains. At the conclusion of each race, Caroline posts the results for each race on the bulletin board. She always makes time to answer questions and maintains a log of the breakdowns even though she's constantly running between the computer building and the driver's stand. We salute you as you are important to our very successful racing program.

The new officers elected at the Dec. 3, 2019 meeting are Presi-



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**Carolyn Frederick posting race results.**

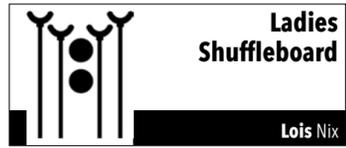
dent Paul Burrey, Vice President Bill Cruff, Secretary Fred Penichet, Treasurer Linda Piscitelli, Safety Officer Rean Morse, Race Day Chair Ed Sobolewski and member-at-large Theresa Maguire.

We encourage and welcome all visitors to come out and watch the races on Thursdays and Sundays, at 1 p.m. Bring a boxed lunch and have a picnic. Look for us on Facebook under OTOW RC Car Club.



Photos by Paul Pardee

**Joe Lawson Autumn season champion and Larry Stickles was runner-up.**



**Ladies Shuffleboard**

Lois Nix

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that our club has been shuffling for four years. Time goes by when you are having fun. Shuffleboard is the kind of game that you never get tired of. So many different factors are involved.

We play every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. We welcome all women looking for a new challenge; make shuffleboard that challenge for 2020. We have four of our members who felt challenged to participate in the Florida Shuf-

fleboard Association tournament Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019. This was their first tournament. Paul Hodges had been teaching these ladies the strategy of shuffleboard. We want to thank Paul for taking the time to help these ladies prepare for their first tournament.

We are looking forward to 2020 when we will be able to start playing on the new shuffleboard courts.

**November**

Most Games Won: Linda Trickey, Diane Carlyton, Ellen Cusamano. 30-plus Games: Marge Adragna, Linda Trickey, Diane Carlyton, Sally Herrick.

Happy shuffling!

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**Horseshoe League**

Paul Pardee

Winter season competition and the Tri-County Horseshoe travel season are well underway. While Joe Lawson is off to a good start in his attempt to win back-to-back season titles, that is not the case for the travel team in their effort to repeat as champions.

Apparently, the chilly weather has reduced the number of players lately. However, we do want to express a warm welcome to our newest member Dave Laliberte. Dave is new to the game, but he has shown a willingness to stay with it and practice.

By the way, if you have any interest in trying horseshoe, there is a large plastic box with a green lid adjacent to the pavilion containing horseshoes for practice. Who knows, you may have a hidden talent for hooking a horseshoe on the stake (ringer) and it is a game where being close counts.



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**Tennis**

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Happy New Year to all of you, on and off the courts! It is my hope that 2019 was a good year for you and it is my wish that 2020 brings you the promises of a better year yet.

I think that we should close the tennis calendar with a friendly mixed doubles tournament since it was difficult to do during the holidays. You can pick your own partner. Other suggestions are welcome.

POP tennis is picking up. Try it if you have not, you just might like it; it's easier than tennis and there is less ground to cover. If you can play pickleball, you can play POP tennis!

Have you heard the expression that one of the important elements in tennis is "mental toughness?" Well, let me give you a synopsis.

**How Mentally Tough Are You?**

Mentally tough means you are a player who accepts responsibility for controlling those aspects of competitive play under your control - tangibles such as effort, attitude, self-talk, confident physical image, pre-match preparation, rituals before serve and serve return. You can even control your level of motivation by setting goals and taking risks with yourself.

Unfortunately, many players believe mental toughness means never getting nervous, choking or always winning the big points. That's just not true. You can't always control winning, nervousness or how well or badly you play. You can't control bad playing conditions or the personality of your opponent. However, you can control your emotional response to these external events and that's what sets the mentally tough competitor apart.

When the going gets tough on court, do you get going? Do you control your emotional response to all aspects of competitive play, whether you can influence the outcome or not? Find out how mentally

tough you are by taking the mental toughness quiz below. In the space next to each question, answer by writing a number from 1 to 5 (1-almost never; 2-seldom; 3-sometimes; 4-often; 5-almost always).

1. My on-court image remains strong and confident regardless of the situation.
2. I do not complain or make excuses when things go badly during play.
3. I am highly motivated to play my best.
4. My friends would say that I have a positive attitude during play.
5. I give my best effort regardless of the score.
6. The tougher the situation, the more challenged I become.
7. I look relaxed and loose under pressure.
8. I perform well-defined rituals before serving and returning.
9. I love competition, win or lose.
10. I practice and play with great intensity.

Total score: 42-50 mentally tough; 34-41 need work; and below 34 red alert.

If you need a little work, begin trying to incorporate these mental toughness traits:

- Have a strong physical presence.
- Take responsibility for themselves.
- Are intensely motivated to achieve.
- Are positive thinkers.
- Are great fighters because they never give up trying. They always give their best effort.
- Work very hard to perceive tough situations as challenges rather than as threats, the emotional response is often "I love it."
- May be nervous or uptight on the inside, but on the outside, they have learned to look calm and cool.
- Have learned to follow a precise series of mental and physical steps under pressure.
- Love to win, but primarily love the battle.
- Have learned to control their intensity levels. They practice and play with the same intensity.

See you on the courts!



**R/C Flyers**

**John Workman**

Winter is such a variable thing in Florida, especially for the R/C Flyers. Days may be bright and sunny, but temperatures and winds have a significant impact on our hobby. There are brave and resolute souls who will challenge almost any condition, but there used to be few willing to risk a model that had taken months to construct. Flying a 48" model in 10 to 15 mph winds takes skill and risk. Multiply any wind speed by six and think about what it would be like to take off or land in your average four-seat Cessna. Or multiply it by 10 and think about what your average commercial airliner pilot would have to cope with. Then consider it blowing across the runway instead of straight down it. It would sure scare me.

Fortunately, when one of our models falls victim to the elements, the only real damage is to our pride (and bank account). Most of us are flying what are known as "almost-ready-to-fly" models. Where we used to have to build our models from balsa, plywood and glue, then cover them with an assortment of coverings from fabric to heat-shrink plastic sheets, now we purchase highly detailed models of various constructions that have been painstakingly developed to have good flying characteristics.

No more than an evening's work is usually needed to have one ready to go out of the box it comes in. The result of this ease in obtaining attractive models is that we are more willing to risk them in marginal conditions.

Which also brings me to my point: You would be surprised to see how many of us will be out at the flying field even in marginal conditions. Freezing (that's Florida freezing, not Minnesota freezing) temperatures just require appropriate clothing - and gloves. High winds above 15 mph may shut us down, but not everyone is as timid as I am. Rain will shut us down unless it is just scattered showers that are expected to go away. The result of this is that you will still find R/C Flyers at the field enjoying this fascinating hobby all through the season. Come out and watch. The shade pavilion is in place and we are working on the details to have everything fully functional soon so we can get back to hosting our fly-ins for the community.

Congratulations to the new club officers who will be taking over at the January meeting for 2020. Last month I listed the nominees with contested positions for only the at-large directors. Gary Springer and Lee Simmonds were elected to fill the two positions. Let all of us club members show our support for the new officers through volunteering where needed and providing good, respectful input when requested. This is every member's club. It will only be as good as we make it.



**Billiards Club**

**Phil Panzera**

Every month we're seeing more and more new faces, as residents realize that we have perhaps the nicest billiard room of any senior community in Florida. If you're new to the community or used to play pool many years ago but have just gotten away from it, come on over and try a game or two. We're one of the largest clubs in On Top of the World, and we continue to grow each month.

The new year is upon us, and - if you haven't already - we kindly remind all current and new members

to pay their voluntary \$5 annual dues. These dues are used to maintain the room and offset certain costs of club social events. You can pay by check or cash, deposited in the blue box on the counter, along with a membership slip so our treasurer has your name and contact information.

Club President Jerry Snyder and I are planning tournaments for the coming year. Some prior events have been well attended, and others not; so if you have any thoughts or preferences as to how often you'd like to have events, and what type, please let Jerry or me know.

Next month we have our first quarterly club meeting of the year. It will be held on Monday, Jan. 13 at 4 p.m., in the Hobby Building Event Room (i.e., our former billiard room). The principal item on the agenda is a vote on amendments to our club's by-laws. The proposed amendments are posted on the club bulletin board and should be reviewed before the meeting.

Art Keck and Phil Panzera traveled to the Golden Age Games, a regional competition for the Florida Senior Games series. Art brought home a gold medal, and Phil a silver.

Finally, we'd like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season, and a great year to come. I at least know that everyone's eyesight will improve, as everyone will have 2020 vision.

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**Fitness Happenings**

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**Power into the New Year!**

What is "power training" and why is it important? Power is, by definition, the rate at doing work. Therefore, power training involves moving a resistive load (your body weight, dumbbells, etc.) in the shortest time possible. In simple terms, power training is a combination of strength and speed.

This type of training is very important for older adults. As we get older, it is common to think that we should slow our movements down. However, this leaves us at a deficit in training our bodies to react quickly; for example, reacting to a slip or trip and preventing a fall. There are many ways to power train safely. This type of training is vital to aging actively and maintaining independence. Power training is for everyone, regardless of age!

According to Dr. Julie Silver, chief editor for Harvard Health Publishing, "Power training for older adults is proving to be just as important as strength training in maintaining or restoring function." When your muscles are capable of producing power, you can quickly exert force to produce a desired outcome. Dr. Silver uses a great example to highlight the practical nature of how power works in our bodies: "Imagine you are faced with crossing a four-lane intersection. You may have enough strength to walk across the street, but it's power, not just strength, that can get you across all four lanes of traffic before the light changes."

The human body has two different types of muscle fibers; Type 1 muscle fiber which drives strength and endurance; and Type 2 muscle fiber which drives power. As we age, the Type 2 muscle fibers ebb more swiftly than the Type 1. This underscores why power training is important. Exercises that promote power will help to preserve Type 2 muscle fiber and therefore enable you to move energetically. The ability to move quickly is the major determinant of power in older adults. Dr. Joseph Signorile PhD., a leading exercise scientist at the University of Miami, notes, "Power is one of the major performance variables associated with independence, fall prevention and rehabilitation following injury."

The fitness team works hard to ensure that we include power training in our programs. If you are looking to include some power training, I would recommend the following:

- Ensure that you have a good base line of strength and cardiovascular endurance.
- Add a few power training exercises to your regular workouts by attending the S.O.S. (Serious on Strength) classes at the Recreation Center or the STRONG classes at the Arbor Fitness Center.
- Discuss power training with one of our personal trainers.

**FITNESS SCHEDULE**

January 2020

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	Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Warrior Darla
9:00 AM	Strength & Stretch Tucker	MAC Fit Tucker	Chair Yoga Julie	MAC Fit Tucker	Strength & Stretch Tucker
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Tucker	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Kitti	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Larry	S.O.S. Ingrid	Move to Improve Jessica	S.O.S. Larry
11:00 AM Ballroom Location	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Nichole
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*	
4:00 PM				Guided Meditation Sandra	
5:00 PM		Intro to Hatha Yoga Kathy		Yoga Sandra	

Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM  
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Arbor Fitness Center Group Wellness					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand				
8:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	STRONG Jessica	OPEN Fitness On Demand	STRONG Ingrid	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 Tucker	STRONG Linda	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Roger
11:00 AM	Dance Aerobics Cammy	Dance Aerobics Sue	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Denise	OPEN Fitness On Demand
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN Fitness On Demand				
1:00 PM		Posture Assessments**	Orientation**		

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Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 AM	Qi Gong Art				
9:00 AM	Tai Chi Art			Qi Gong Art	
10:00 AM				Intro to Tai Chi Art	

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

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**Fit Tips**

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**Get a Jump on January**

Get a jump on January and make a commitment to your health! Everyone wants to look and feel great; now is the perfect time. There are many ways to build healthy habits; here are some tips to get you started. Feel free to stop by the Recreation Center Fitness Center for more advice on health and wellness. I am here to help!

**FIT TIP #1:** Get the lay of the land. Register for free orientations of our fitness centers! You can register for these in person at the Recreation Center, Arbor Fitness Center or Indigo East Fitness Center. You can also call to make your

reservation: Recreation Center Fitness Center at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7534; Arbor Fitness Center at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7638; or Indigo East Fitness Center at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7373.

**FIT TIP #2:** Sit less! Instead of putting stress and guilt on yourself to exercise, simply try to sit less. When your body is upright, you are helping to preserve good posture and better function. When you sit less, you are much more likely to move.

**FIT TIP #3:** Ditch the diet. Food is not the enemy; shift your perspective from cutting back and counting calories to making nutritional choices that fuel your health!

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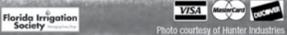
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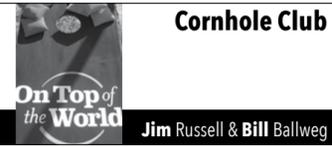
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**OPEN PLAY:** Back in my younger days, our family played cards and board games every week. One game, called Othello, had the tag line "A minute to learn - a lifetime to master." That's kind of the story with cornhole. It's an easy game to learn but it can take some time to become proficient.

How hard can it be you might ask? Tossing a 16 ounce bag that is six inches square at a board 27 feet away can't be that difficult, right? After all, the board has eight square feet of area to land on. The challenge comes with overcoming all the variables that can affect your toss. Once you determine what is the best way to hold the bag in your hand and which throwing motion feels most comfortable to you, you've got to deal with things like wind, humidity and the sun. The wind can alter your intended flight path, humidity can affect how the bag slides when it hits the board



Photo by Robin Ballweg

**Two-time men's cornhole champions: Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg.**

and the sun might be at an angle that hinders your vision. Then you also have your competitor placing his throw on the board in a position that prevents you throwing your bag where you want it to land.

So now you're thinking: cornhole sounds like a difficult game! It really isn't. It's easy to learn, easy to play but challenging to master. Like anything, the more you play,

the better you'll get. Most of us will progress to the point where we might like to try playing in our men's, ladies or mixed leagues. Others will want to simply enjoy open play at their convenience. The important part is to come out, have some fun and meet your neighbors. Give the game a try by attending open play each Monday at 3:30 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 a.m. Got ques-

tions? Contact Jim Russell at jim-russell44@outlook.com.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** After a long and fun filled season, the men's cornhole league has a winner - The Bag Boys (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) successfully defended their title and won a second League Championship by holding off Team 6 (Joe Lawson and Dave Rearick) who finished in second place. There is no love lost between the Bag Boys and Team 6, so next season is bound to be a fight to the finish between these two teams.

Team 6 is already making plans to take the winter season title while the Bag Boys are eager to complete the three-peat. There will be a lot of new players and teams that have plans to keep both of these teams from winning, so we expect a very competitive and fun winter season.

Our thanks to all of the new teams and players who competed in the fall season. Six teams battled it out for the title so there was a lot of fun and excitement and all indications point to an even more exciting winter season starting in January 2020. Need more information? Contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com.

# Cranksgiving Bike Ride & Food Drive

By Paul Brunner

Ocala's first Cranksgiving Bike Ride & Food Drive took place Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019. This charity

ride was organized by residents Dean and Raye Fesette to provide Thanksgiving meals for over 200

veterans living at the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. 28 riders left The Club at Candler Hills heading toward Aldi and Publix grocery stores for a seven-mile round trip. At each store, riders purchased turkeys, hams, and all the trimmings to make a special day for our cherished veterans. Bill Eleazer and Paul Kapelanski followed the pe-

ton in their pick-up trucks to load and transport over \$1,800 worth of groceries to Ocala Ritz Veterans Village.

The Cranksgiving Bike Ride & Food Drive is already making plans for next year's event, and we hope to have many more riders join us in supporting our veterans.



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Cranksgiving Bike Ride & Food Drive took place Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019.



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**New Dancin' On the Top**

Arlo Janssen

Our final dance of 2019 is our New Year's Eve celebration Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 with music provided by Automatic. The theme is "Dancing Under the Stars" with a special champagne toast to end 2019 and bring in 2020 with a big bang. We will have appetizers, pas-

tries/sweets, party favors, and at midnight a traditional toast to the new year. A great time is all set for everyone with plenty of dancing for the night.

The New Dancin' On the Top Club February Valentine's dance is all set for Saturday, Feb. 15, with the music from the Paul De Ritter Band. The featured theme will be "Love is in the Air." The Recreation Center Ballroom stage will be closely matched with our selected theme, and our tables will be colorfully decorated for this special

dance. No coolers, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, or jeans should be worn at this dance.

A big thank you to all those club members who have volunteered to help with our dances in the past year and our future dances in 2020. Our club provides dancing for all - ballroom, waltz, meringue, line, free style, slow, pattern dancing, etc. There are dances for everyone.

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the bulletin boards this winter and spring with these exciting themes

along with ticket sale dates for each dance. Resident IDs will be required at the time of ticket purchase and for entry into the Recreation Center Ballroom on our dance nights.

The New Dancin' On the Top officers are working on future dance dates for 2020 and beyond. 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, (919) 669-6919 or hestermulch@aol.com; or Donna Cottrell at (410) 591-7899. The New Dancin' On the Top Club is open to all residents. So, keep on dancing in 2020.



**New Circle Squares**

Noreen Church

New Circle Squares started out with a Christmas dance Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 (the only dance for the last month of the year). The hall was decorated very nicely for Christmas and included a tree! There were presents for all the females in attendance that covered a wide variety of likeable items.

The Ocala Twirlers lost their banner to New Circle Squares in

a raid at their always wonderful Christmas buffet and dance party Monday, Dec. 9, 2019. Never fear, they will be back to retrieve it in January from us and we are looking forward to it.

January boasts another major square dance put on by New Circle Squares! It's "Happy Feet" on Saturday, Jan. 25 in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This dance features the fabulous Nick Hartley who will wow us with his calling ability as he did here last January. Loretta Hanhurst will delight us with her music and round dance choices. For tickets or other information, please call

Dotty at (352) 502-6789 or Norm at (352) 873-1734. Tickets will be \$7.50 ahead of time and \$8.50 at the door. It will be a special evening for all of us and you may spot some penguins!

For the month of January we will deviate from our first and third Wednesday dances. The first dance will be Wednesday, Jan. 8 and the second will be Wednesday, Jan. 22. Please make a note of this. In February, we will return to our regular schedule.

We wish you a healthy new year. Be sure to include square dancing and dancing in general in your life. "Dance, it's cheaper than therapy!"



**Ballet Club**

Eugenie Martin

Happy New Year to one and all! If you are like many of us, you make New Year's resolutions which you hope to see come true. If one of your resolutions is to become more fit, dance exercise should definitely be on your list. It strengthens you while burning calories and improving balance. And, it is fun! That certainly describes ballet for us.

Right now, the Ballet Club members are practicing routines for our demonstration at the Health & Wellness Expo in Circle Square Cultural Center on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 12:20 p.m. The expo is very interesting, and attendees can watch many groups demonstrating their specialties.

After the expo, our classes will return to their regular routines - before class stretch, ballet barre exercises, after barre stretch, and dancing in the center of the floor as a group. The stretching and ballet barre exercises really warm and prepare our bodies to dance. They

are particularly helpful to new dancers, whose bodies may not yet be familiar with ballet positions and steps.

Our classes are all held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room, just to the left of the rest rooms. This is the class schedule:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Fridays: noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Newcomers are always welcome. No previous ballet experience is necessary, nor are ballet clothes. Just wear exercise clothes and socks and bring a bottle of water. For information on our classes, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



**Sidekicks Western Dance**

Carla Magri

Happy New Year everyone! Here's hoping 2020 will be the best one ever.

The Sidekicks jingled our bells big time when we attended our potluck dinner and Christmas dance. The great dishes provided by our members were just the right thing to keep up our energy for lots of dancing. Our instructors had us dancing to holiday music (always a challenge) and there was good cheer all around

Thanks to Lois and Bill Hull, Luci and Phil Fay and all of their help-

ers who put us in a festive mood and made the party a success. Nice work, everybody. A special thanks goes out to Mitzi Augur for decorating our Sidekicks wreath. A beautiful job, Mitzi. Also, a big thank you to our instructors, Paula and Dave Shira, BJ and Roger Schwartz, and sometimes Gienna and Joe Wong. For those who don't know what's involved in teaching, be assured it ain't easy.

We look forward to the coming year to continue to experience the joy of dancing (not to mention the health benefits) and we wish everyone in the community and their families a happy, healthy New Year.

Visit [patterndancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks](http://patterndancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks) or view our videos on YouTube.com (ro67ger). Happy trails ...

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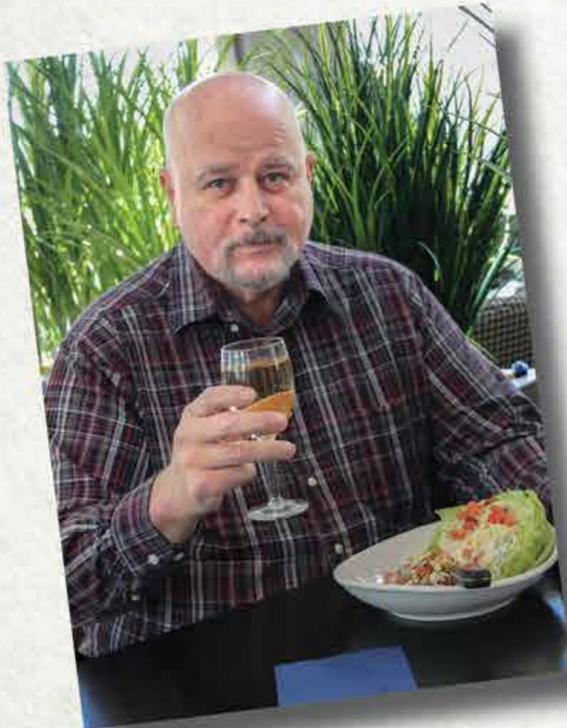
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## Ticket Sales Begin for The New Pretenders

By Nancy Grabowski

It's so close we can barely stand it! What's that, you say? Why, it's The New Pretenders 2020 show, entitled "An All-American Road Trip." When is that, you say? The show itself will be presented on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. Each performance will take place on the stage in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Tickets for our shows go on sale Monday, Jan. 6, at 8 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will hand out tickets at 7:15 a.m. for those early birds who are there; no need to come any earlier because we won't be ready before that time. Reserved tickets are \$10 and general admission tickets are \$8; no tickets will be sold at the door. However, tickets will remain on sale each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 8 to 10 a.m. Checks can be made out to "TNP" or The New Pretenders and we truly appreciate exact cash; we are not able to accept credit cards.

Bill Tupper, our stage manager, will head the ticket sales at Indigo East Community Center, from 8:30

to 10 a.m. Bill can be found in the Indigo East Community Center ballroom or near the fireplace in the vestibule. He will be there Thursdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30 only.

This month our practices intensify as we put the finishing touches on our presentation. The entire troupe works diligently to perfect each number, all of which will take you on the road somewhere in this great land of ours! Are we ready? Just ask any band member and each is sure to reply, "The band is always ready!" We know, once you've witnessed our production, you'll readily agree.

Our singers are not to be outdone either! They will delight you with song, dance, and a great deal of comedy. Some of our most loyal fans think they've seen everything we can do. Just wait! All of our audiences will be more than surprised this time around!

The New Pretenders are always on the lookout for new talent. We hope our production might inspire you to contact us about joining in the fun. Talk with any troupe member or call Nancy Grabowski at (352) 209-4699.



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Ron Fulton and Bruce Herget.

## Spreading Good Cheer

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

For the last couple of years a group of would-be Carnegie Hall aspirants have been lighting up the neighborhood with song. About 50 mellifluous voices get together around the Christmas season and start practicing. The caroling group claims no professional singers, but if you heard them at Bridgewater Park on Sunday evening, Dec. 15, you would probably dispute that.

The choirmaster of the caroling group from Friendship Village is Beverly Cox. Beverly hails from the Midwest and grew up humming and singing to herself.

After moving to On Top of the World about four years ago she made friends quickly, and two years ago she formed a small choir. They are mostly neighbors and friends who are interested in putting some Christmas cheer into the hearts of others. They got together last year and after a practice ses-

sion or two, realized they could actually harmonize. So, they took their show on the road. The group was invited by several neighbors

to come a-caroling. When Bridgewater Park heard about them, they too invited the carolers over for an evening of song. They were thrilled with their performance and invited them back this Christmas to again spread holiday cheer.

The caroling group has about 50 members. "But," says Beverly Cox,

"we will always welcome anyone who enjoys singing and would like to join our group of carolers. Also, as we look forward to next year, if you know anyone that would like to have us "serenade" them next Christmas season, do let me know." Beverly can be reached at (219) 805-7020.



Photo by Janis Holte-Pavlatos

Resident carolers at Bridgewater Park.

## Model Railroaders Open House

By Gerald Mucci

Happy new train year! What a great start of the year for the Model Railroaders! On Top of the World's already great train room is expanding at its new location in the Hobby Building. Not only is the real estate for the HO layout more than doubling, but O gauge Lionel and even larger G gauge layouts are being added.

The current train room in the lower level of the Recreation Center is still in full operation. In fact, the club is holding an open house for

two days, Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. All residents and guests are welcome to see this great HO layout in operation. Children of all ages are welcome.

With the new year, we have two new officers, Dave Seay as vice president and yours truly as secretary. Continuing to serve the club are Jim Lynam as president, Charlie Vartanian as treasurer, and Al Lohr as director. To these the members give a hearty air horn blast as a

thank you for their significant contributions of time and expertise to the club. And a special thanks to Bob Wilkes and Paul Lewandowski for their part in four years of service as officers to the club.

The club needs help in creating our sky board, the scenic backdrop along the 80 or so lineal feet of wall around the train layout in our new train room. The new layout will feature various scenes, including a town, industries, pastures, meadows and mountains. The sky board would mimic these scenes to carry the illusion of distance from the layout to infinity. We are not able to pay for this specialized artistic expertise, but hope the fun, satisfaction and recognition from contributing to this public display

will be its own reward. If you are interested in participating in this project, call Jim Lynam at (352) 861-2822.

The Model Railroaders is always looking for new members. The current layout is located in the lower level of the Recreation Center accessed through the fitness center. It will continue operations until the layout in the new room is substantially operational. Club members work on and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III. Please join us and see the club in action.

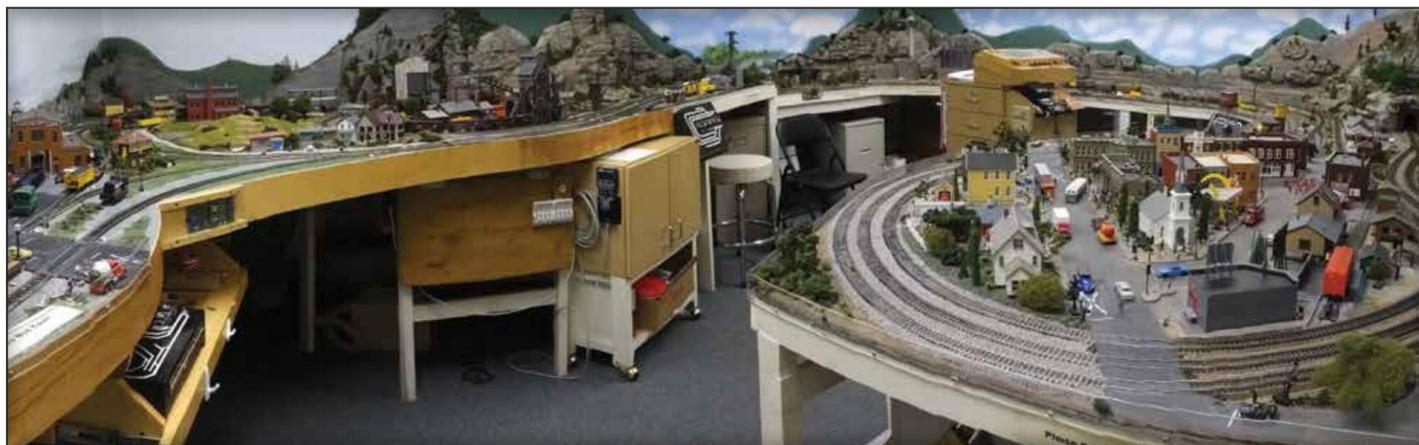


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HO layout.



**View from the Library**

Linda Barilli

"The Unfinished Presidency, Jimmy Carter's Journey Beyond the White House" is penned by Douglas Brinkley and highlights not only the events that occurred during Carter's administration but beyond.

Henry Kissinger stated that Carter never really got a fair shake for all his accomplishments. Carter has been compared to Eleanor Roosevelt for his international humanitarian work. His neutrality was the key to his negotiating strategy.

Carter was an excessive micro-manager; not a team player. During his four years in office we had double digit inflation, high unemployment and near record interest rates which reduced the prosperity of the housing market. He concentrated instead on actively reforming repressive regimes in other nations. Human rights was his hallmark and the soul of his foreign policy.

A much-overlooked fact was how Carter's philosophy influenced the end of the Soviet Union. He worked closely with the CIA to infiltrate Soviet-style communism, ending the Cold War.

The 1978 Camp David Accords made unprecedented peace between Egypt and Israel. In 1979 diplomatic relations normalized with the People's Republic of China. Carter denounced apartheid.

His goal was a worldwide forum to influence the actions of political leaders. His spiritual strength, organizational skills and international experience helped him accomplish these goals.

Carter served in the U.S. Navy for 11 years after graduating from the Naval Academy. In spite of that, his attempt to rescue the hostages from the Iranian occupied U.S. Embassy was a dreadful disaster. Carter was condemned for his timing, lack of military hardware, and retreat. Carter's decisions were aimed at protecting America's petroleum interests. Ultimately the hostages were freed, and Carter succeeded in strengthening and modernizing our military.

Carter was not prepared to lose the 1980 election to Ronald Reagan. But his final executive orders helped our planet by protecting our wetlands, flood plains and desert ecosystem. He created the Department of Energy and the Superfund, and also the Alaska Lands Act, which was viewed as a great conservation law.

Carter did not really retire from the international scene once he left the White House. His mission became to continue as a global peacemaker. The man's greatness can be seen in Chapters 5 through 23. His influence was felt in world health, Africa's Green Revolution, Central American policies, the showdown with Noriega, Desert Storm, Clinton, North Korea, the Haitian crisis and Palestinian election.

This book can be found in the biography section labeled CARTER, JIMMY.



**Antiques & Collectibles Club**

Susan Johannes

Happy 2020! I hope you all had a fabulous holiday season and a joyous New Year.

Our club did some celebrating at our second annual holiday party with an added holiday house tour. Thanks so much to Jim and Marcy Miller, Joe and Andi Moia and Susan Newman for generously opening up their homes to us. The tour and luncheon were enjoyed by all.

December also had several of our members visiting the home of noted antiques dealer and collector, Bruce Beck, in Orlando, Florida. We so enjoyed viewing all his magnificent treasures. Thanks so much Bruce.

We will be starting off 2020 with a tour of the Stetson Mansion in Deland, Florida on Friday, Jan. 3. Their holiday decorations will still be up at this time.

Our general meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 22. We will have a presentation on victorian calling/visiting card cases and 19th century papier mache cigar cases. These objects are charming miniature pieces of art. The talk is being given by yours truly and by my wonderful husband, Arthur. Be sure not to miss it. We will bring in many of these objects for you to view.

Please join us for a fun and factual season ahead. We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May, at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room, at 10 a.m. I can be reached at victoran@brighthouse.com or (570) 862-8785. Looking forward to seeing you.



**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

Chris Kilbride

The Artistic Crafts & Gifts group's Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon each week. Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of what you'll find each Tuesday.

This month we feature the background of Susan Weiss who started painting 30 years ago. Her only free time was once a month at a mothers of twins club. At the club, Susan met a mother who encouraged her to learn how to decorative paint, and from there, the addiction to painting took off.

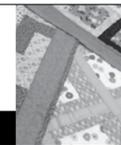
Anything small that could fit on a folding snack table in their small house, was targeted to paint! After eventually moving to a larger home, she graduated to an old kitchen table in the family room. Having learned that you can paint on al-

most any surface with the correct tools and paint, she even painted 300 baby food jars for a mother of twins convention.

Her favorite surface is wood, where you can cut it to any desired shape and then paint. With her own saws, Susan cuts out her own creative shapes. Yes, she still has all her fingers! The items on Susan's weekly crafts show table are varied. Some of the items she paints on are light bulbs, old ceiling fan blades, mason jars, baby food jars, rolling pins, journals, or almost anything.

When Susan moved to Ocala 13 years ago, she lived outside of On Top of the World, but her parents and aunt and uncle lived here. Five years ago she moved into the community. Susan's hobby/addiction may be as a painter, but her favorite part of life is being a mom and a grandmother.

If you have your own artistic endeavor you wish to sell, please contact us through our website ArtisticCrafts.org where our coordinator Rene can answer all your questions!



**Sunshine Quilters**

Lyn Timm

What a fantastic year we had! Our membership is up! We have so many new ideas to execute in 2020. New patterns to make into beautiful quilts or table runners.

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A number of upcoming road trips to add to our piles of fabric we already have, as we can never have too much fabric.

We celebrated the end of the year with welcoming our new officers. We look forward to working with them this year. We enjoyed a beautiful holiday feast, along with a fabric swap and games to keep us all on our toes and giggling.

We welcome anyone interested in quilting or trying your hand for the very first time, we offer one-on-one mentoring to all. We meet in the Hobby Building, Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; a warm welcome and many new friends await you.

Happy New Year!



**Original Karaoke**

Sindy & Richie O'Brien

We want to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. We had a really great year and we owe it all to our karaoke friends; they are the most amazing group of

people we've ever met. I think it's because happy people like to sing, and when you're happy you make other people happy. So, join us in 2020, make some new friends, and put on a happy face.

We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday at the Arbor Activity Event Room and the fourth Monday at the Candler Hills Community Center. For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.

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**Polymer Claymates**

Judy Sullivan

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way ... to Polymer Claymates this year! Have you always enjoyed working with your hands to create things? Or, you always wanted to do something creative but never had the opportunity or thought you'd be good at it? Take the op-

portunity to come any Tuesday and take a look at this fun group and see if this is something you would enjoy. We will provide the polymer clay so that you can make something on your very first day! Our members are so helpful and share not only their tools but their knowledge from their experiences to create all sorts of things from jewelry and ornaments to table centerpieces.

We gather every Tuesday at 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hobby Building to socialize while creat-

ing our own things. This group is for people of all experience levels. Some who are brand new to this and some have been doing this for many years as well as some who have artistic background. We will be offering tutorials periodically on different techniques. Once you join the group you can sign up for our own Facebook page where you can see some of our creations. It's a wonderful support system for any questions or suggestions. I recently joined this wonderful group and it has been a blast! We hope to see you soon!



Photo by Judy Sullivan

Polymer Claymates members.



Photo by Elizabeth Wales

Art Group's January exhibit.



**Art Group**

Elizabeth Wales

Once again our group is privileged to display our creations in the lobby of Master the Possibilities at Circle Square Commons. From Friday, Jan. 3 through Friday, Jan. 31, you can stop in and view the gallery. It's a great time to grab a cup of coffee from Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli, and pull up a chair for leisure time and check out the many paintings and other works of art.

That same room will be the location of a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. We invite our residents and guests to have a cup of coffee with us then! As always, you can see more of our works at ocalaarts.org.

Please know you are welcome to join us in our practice sessions at the Hobby Building Art Room on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 to noon. Hope to see you soon!

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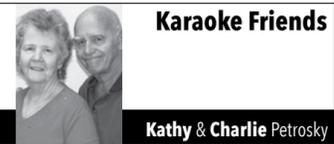
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**Karaoke Friends**

**Kathy & Charlie** Petrosky

We had our Christmas prop night Monday, Dec. 16, 2019. I will tell you all about that night in the February issue of the World News.

We have been getting new people to come every month. Sometimes they just want to enjoy the evening by listening and clapping. Sometimes we get a new singer and that is great.

I read interesting information about listening to music. I thought of our clappers when I read this.

“Research shows that listening to music releases certain chemicals in the brain. Dopamine, a “feel-good hormone,” is released every time you listen to music you like. Listening to music with someone else can also release prolactin, a hormone that bonds people together.” This was on the Science of People website.

I read about singing and mental well-being. I found this to be interesting for our singers. Research shows that singing with others can improve your mood, brain health and immune system. That’s right -



Photo by Steve Warren

**Some happy clappers!**

you can age well simply by singing, or better yet, singing with others. So our singers have double benefits as a listener and a singer.

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ity and fewer injuries. Dancing can also improve your cardiovascular health, which will decrease your chances of developing heart disease.

Our goal is to have a happy evening with laughter and smiles. Now we can add it as an evening for good health. Come join us in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

We meet on the first and third Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. You can come any time in between those hours. We would love to have you come. All residents are invited to attend. This month we meet Jan. 6 and 20. Bring your resident ID to open the door. We hope to see you there.



**Concert Chorus**

David Wesenberg

The Concert Chorus has begun rehearsals for our spring concert under a new director. This is the time for you to join us at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at the Arbor Conference Center Music Room. If you are a piano player, we would welcome

you with open arms as we need a piano player to accompany us during rehearsals and our concerts. What a great time to improve your skills and have a wonderful time.

This column often features a member of the chorus. This time we want to focus on a key person who means everything to us, our audience. If you think about it, everything making a concert a success takes place in the mind of the audience. You hear, enjoy and cheer us in the joyful process of singing and listening to wonderful music. Your feedback gladdens and encourages the chorus.

I came to this realization after just completing our first Christmas concert at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. What a joyful time with an appreciative audience. During the seven years I have been a chorus member we have received generous and enthusiastic support from our audiences which makes it a joy to sing and perform for them. During

those years support has increased year by year with full houses at each concert at On Top of the World.

I also want to thank our audiences for your generous financial response enabling us to purchase new musical arrangements. This enables our directors to plan more ambitious and challenging pro-

grams to entertain you.

To sum up, to our audiences, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

And to singers and piano players out there who want to joyously participate in our spring program contact Mary Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@aol.com.

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**Happy Hookers**

Jan Spielvogel

To start off our new year we are featuring another club member - Marge Curran. Marge has been a resident for six years and a member of Happy Hookers for the same amount of time. In fact, Happy Hookers was the first club Marge joined after she arrived here.

She has been crocheting for 54 years, having taught herself this skill at the age of 12. Grandkids, family, Romeo Elementary and Domestic Violence of Ocala have all benefitted from her creations. In addition, Marge also sews and has been an active contributor to Operation Shoebox. In the last three years, Marge has sewn over 1,000 ditty bags for the soldiers including crocheting the drawstrings for each bag. While all of this work keeps her quite busy, she also finds time to be a member of Women of the World, play mah jongg, is a past member of the Monday afternoon bowling league, and participates in the Sunday samba card game.

Our Happy Hookers group is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues or agenda and no penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving

early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that’s never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on. If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.



**Poetry**

John Kinser Hall

**Brother**

Brother let me tell you  
Of that what’s in my heart  
And how I understand you  
Since we have been apart.  
I’ve placed myself inside you  
And trod your path in years;  
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And cried your many tears.  
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# For the Love of a Car

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

John Grace grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts - not exactly the vintage car capital of the world. So, what got John hooked? To hear him tell it, "I think it all really started when I was in high school. I saw this magical machine sitting by the curb with a for sale sign on the windshield. I wrote the phone number on my sleeve. It was the slowest school day ever, and after the last class I ran home and called the number. The price range was well over my head, so I went to the national bank of grace - my dad. He loaned me the \$150."

John was soon the proud owner of a 1957 Chevy convertible. It was black with a silver and red interi-

or and a sound system that could be heard all the way to Maine. He babied and loved that car through his high school years. It was during those years that John met Diana, and to this day he's not sure if it was him or the car that attracted his future wife. When asked, Diana will tell you, "I loved them both." After graduation, John bestowed the Chevy onto his brother and moved to a Camaro. That car was bought with their wedding money, Diana will remind you.

Over his 33 years while working for US Air, John Grace would always stop and look at any vintage car that caught his eye. In 1997, he stopped looking. It was a 1969

Chevy Chevelle that segued him from looking to buying - this time with Diana's approving eye. The car was kept in mint condition by the original owner, but as any car buff will tell you, "It ain't perfect 'til it's your perfect." So, over the years John Grace has given the Chevelle lots of loving care with a new paint job, a sparkling interior, a bit of work under the hood and, of course, new red-line tires.

Since moving to Indigo East in 2006, John Grace no longer has to winterize the Chevelle or store it when the snow flies.

John occasionally enters the car in shows and has even won several awards. Mostly though, he and Diana simply enjoy riding around Ocala, and whenever passersby stop them, as they inevitably do, they happily answer questions about their vintage 1969 Chevelle.

**What's Cookin'**



**Elaine Morrison**

I have been making this dish as an alternative to traditional white potato salad. It has been very well received, so I hope you will consider including it as a delightfully different side dish.

### Sweet Potato Salad

Serves 10

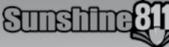
- 2 sweet potatoes, cut into large dice-sized pieces
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika salt and pepper
- olive oil for drizzling
- 1 can chickpeas, drained
- 1 bunch cilantro, chopped
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Combine olive oil, potatoes, smoked paprika, salt and pepper and spread out on a baking sheet. Bake about 15 minutes, or until potatoes are softened. Set aside to cool.

In another bowl, combine the chickpeas, cilantro, and scallions. Add the cooled potatoes and stir together with the apple cider vinegar, honey and spices. Adjust seasonings with salt and pepper. Chill for at least one hour so the flavors can develop.

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John Grace in front of the Marion Theatre with his vintage 1969 Chevy Chevelle.



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**Theatre Group**

**Richard Rosen**

After taking a few weeks off after our successful sold-out November run of "Love Times Four" at the Arbor Conference Center, the Theatre Group is gearing up for its exciting April musical production of "Snippets" Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We have chosen some great musicals for your entertainment: "Kiss Me Kate," "Cabaret," "The Fantasticks," "Damn Yankees," "Titanic" and "Crazy for You." As we narrate the plot outlines of these plays, we will present some of the memorable tunes from each show. "Try to Remember," "I've Got Rhythm," "Cabaret," "Heart" and "Someone to Watch Over Me" are just a few of the show-stopping numbers that we hope our audiences will enjoy.

Also joining us for this extravaganza will be our newly minted On Tap of the World tap dance ensemble. Taking the line from "I've Got Rhythm" - "Who could ask for anything more?" We still have room for some more cast members. Please consider joining our wonderful group.

For further information, contact Richard at [upstage111@yahoo.com](mailto:upstage111@yahoo.com) or (561) 235-6791.



Photo by Richard Rosen

**Donna Smalley playing Marilyn Monroe in scene from "Bombshell" at the Theatre Group's November production of "Love Times Four."**



**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

**Linda Lohr**

Welcome 2020! We had a great 2019 and are looking forward to all that 2020 brings.

Kathy Hoefer was our presenter for December. She offered several Christmas thank you notes as well as gift card holders. She set up stations for each item and provided the stamps, embossing folders as well as the dies necessary for each item.

We thank Kathy for her generosity as well as her creativity in presenting these great items.

Anyone can be a presenter - 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 meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

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

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hoefer at (352) 237-6439 or [kathyh508@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyh508@yahoo.com). We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



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**Thank you notes and gift card holders by Kathy Hoefer.**

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**Advanced first place: Night Balloon Glow.**



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**Advanced second place: Hummingbird Feeding.**



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**Advanced third place: There's No Place Like Mom.**



**ShutterBugs Photography**

Connie Filip

ShutterBugs proudly present our advanced class winners from this year's photo contest.

John Ware captured this amazing view of Ocala's inaugural night balloon glow to take first place. It was held in November 2019 at the Florida Horse Park at dusk, and featured hot air balloons glowing, along with tethered balloon rides.

John's second place win of this hummingbird feeding was extremely hard to capture. He says, "I was sitting on my best friend's porch, just outside of Atlanta, drinking coffee early one morning. I caught this beautiful hummingbird coming in for a little nectar." I researched to find out just how fast those hummingbird wings move. It turns out that they beat 100 to 200 times a second!

From a photography point of view, even the fastest shutter speed is way too slow to freeze the wing movement. Normally we use 1/250 to 1/1000 of a second for fast moving subjects. Probably the only way to get a sharp photo is to use a flash. And the power output of the flash unit needs to be reduced to 1/16th power so that the flash duration becomes much shorter - about 1/16,000th of a second.

The third-place photo of penguins was taken on the Falkland Islands at Bluff Cove. There was a large, wild colony of Gentoos penguins on the beach. This photo of mom and her chick was taken during nesting season in December. It was fun to watch a parent waddle into the sea to pick up dinner for the rest of the family.

Check back next month to see more of our winners.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7 our field trip will be to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville, Florida.

As usual, we will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:15 a.m. Read more about Kanapaha Botanical Gardens at [kanapaha.org](http://kanapaha.org).

For up-to-date schedule information, visit our club website at [otow-spc.com](http://otow-spc.com).

We're continuing an instructional DVD series about travel photography. Stop in and learn along with us!

Our monthly club schedule:

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

Want to learn more about digital? Stop by the Hobby Building for ShutterBugs' Tuesday meeting. We start at 3 p.m. For more information contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or [guhley@cfl.rr.com](mailto:guhley@cfl.rr.com).

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**Sewing Bees**

Linda Lohr

Welcome 2020! 2019 was a great year and let's hope 2020 is also.

We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and the cooler weather. Now that all our Christmas quilts have been sent out, it is time to start our spring and summer quilts for the children.

The hive was very busy last year and next month's column will have our totals of quilts, totes, doll blankets and ditty bags.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year

long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Art 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 Alice Zurica at [sweetta508@aol.com](mailto:sweetta508@aol.com) or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, we and the children thank you for all your support.



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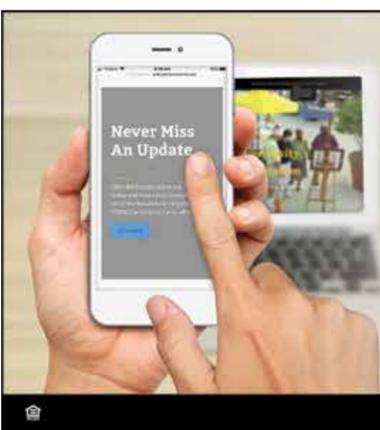
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**Republican Club**

**Bill Richhart**

President Bill welcomed us to our last meeting for 2019 on Friday, Dec. 13 followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Our Christmas gathering was well attended and the spirit of the season was all around. Everyone brought appetizers with the club supplying cake, coffee, tea, soda and water.

Russ Randall, currently pastor of First Baptist Church of Dunnellon and candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, gifted us with a presentation on "Christmas, the Reason for the Season." Member Dave Wesenberg, who sings with the Concert Chorus, led us in singing the familiar Christmas carols we all know and love. We became a pretty good chorus too!

Nominations are open for new officers to take the helm and guide the club into 2020, as the current board will close out their term at the end of 2019. Election of new officers will take place at the January meeting. There is excitement, energy, encouragement and commitment from our members to work hard in electing our Republican candidates both locally, statewide and nationally. The election in November will be the most important vote we will cast in our lifetime.

Our next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios, Suites I-III.

Please contact President Bill at [gobears46774@yahoo.com](mailto:gobears46774@yahoo.com) or (260) 515-0543 with any questions.



**Democratic Club**

**Dan Lack**

We will start off 2020 with our meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23, when we will enjoy our annual audio/visual trivia contest that is devoted to U.S. history, the Constitution and civics. Teams will be determined by the tables where people are sitting. Prizes will be awarded for first place and second place. Bring your thinking cap and have fun!

We will also have an election for our 2020 board of directors. Here is the slate of candidates: President Dan Lack, Vice President Paul Pardee, Secretary Lynn Miller, Treasurer Jill Carel, Directors Betty Broman, David Hypke, Evelyn Koffroth and Bob Troy.

This is a pivotal year for our nation. First there will be a presidential impeachment. Then there will be a November election for president, for the entire House of Representatives and for one third of the Senate. Every club member should try to help out with your money, your time or both.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. 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](http://youtube.com/otowdemclub).

The Marion County Democratic Veterans Caucus awarded a certificate of recognition to the On Top of the World Democratic Club on Veterans Day due to our support for the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with donations of shoes, towels, washcloths, twin/full bed sheets, dry/canned food, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, dish/laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper towels. We continue to 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](mailto:otowdemclub@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club). You are not alone!



**Community Patrol**

**Erwin Fluss**

Happy New Year!

Saw a "friendly" Marion County Sheriff Office deputy standing by his motorcycle opposite the dog park on SW 90th Street watching traffic. I wonder why? The point is deputies are here from time to time. They may appear anywhere; so always watch your speed and those stop signs.

Members of the Community Pa-

trol are busy placing and moving the radar-controlled speed sign at various times and places. This is a great tool to assist with speed awareness. A deputy has been known to be in close proximity.

Our function is to be alert for any unusual happenings around On Top of the World and surrounding shopping areas. Meetings are very interesting and informative. On Top of the World is a fast-growing community. We need more participants to remain active and vital, please consider joining us. Contact Paul Altman at (860) 460-7632 or [shelvesc@aol.com](mailto:shelvesc@aol.com) for further information.



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Deep-sea fishing trip Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 on the Sea Spirit.

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