

Community News

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Publisher

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Annual Budget Meeting

Remember, that Tuesday, Feb. 12, the board of directors annual budget meeting will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center at 9 a.m. The proposed budget was mailed out in late January. Each new fiscal year presents its own considerable challenges. Your board is pleased to report that despite significant work done around the community, the increase in community service fee is anticipated to only be a moderate increase.

Community Updates

The mail kiosk at SW 90th Street will be getting a complete parking lot revamp. In an effort to alleviate some of the traffic congestion and help make garbage disposal and mail pickup more convenient, the parking lot will be widened to accommodate two-way traffic as well as creating a separate drive up area just for recycling. In order to make room for growth at the site, the garden area and portions of the play area will be relocated to the newly completed Veterans Park.

On Top of the World has received preliminary approval from Marion County to install a temporary traffic signal at the intersection of SW 80th Avenue and SW 63rd Street Road. This new signal should help to manage the flow of traffic around Calesa Township more efficiently. As a part of these improvements, Marion County will also be conducting a study of the SW 80th Avenue and SW 80th Street signal for the addition of a dedicated turn signal into the community near Circle Square Commons. The signal at SW 90th Street will also have signal timing adjusted to be more in sync with these new improvements.

Our newest community, Weybourne Landing, is nearing completion of roads. The model grand opening will begin Friday, Feb. 14. Weybourne Landing will feature many elements that we know and love about Indigo East. The model park will be open in late February and the first new homes will begin construction by the end of summer.

By now you've noticed the construction along SR200 near the Walmart Neighborhood Market. That area will soon be home to RaceWash Car Wash, a local car wash enterprise. Site development will be complete by the beginning of March and the building will begin to take shape shortly after. To that end, we are always on the lookout for the type of quality retail and dining opportunities that will add value to the community, but most importantly, the business that our residents want to patronize.

Work is well underway in Candler Hills on the Newcastle and Kestrel neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are in the area of The Lodge at Candler Hills and will be the final neighborhoods in Candler Hills. Candler Hills has evolved into a beautiful community and the views onto the golf course are some of the best you will find anywhere.

As we wind down with the development of Candler Hills, we are actively planning for what will come next. Estate Series homes will be located in a new community just past Circle Square Commons and Candler Hills called Terralea. Stay tuned to the World News for future updates on the community design.

Trending Real Estate Values

The strength in the local home resale market reflects not only the general economic recovery in the nation and region, but also diminishing supply of listings and distressed properties throughout the nation. Higher interest rates are shaping up to be a drag on both

HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020
9 AM - 1 PM

'Honey-Do' List – Done

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Grab that "honey-do" list and head over to the annual Home Improvement Expo Saturday, Feb. 22, at Circle Square Cultural Center, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is great opportunity to meet with a variety of businesses/contractors.

There will be approximately 60 vendors representing all kinds of

businesses from home improvements, additions and remodeling to do-it-yourself projects. Qualified businesses will be there to answer all questions on that particular project you are considering; such as prices, needed materials, and time to complete the project.

Vendor services include floor-

ing, windows and doors, window treatments, solar lights and tubes, heating and air conditioning, landscaping, pavers, and so much more! Also on hand will be plumbers and carpenters.

The Home Improvement Expo has been an extremely popular event to all those desiring to hire professional contractors or to receive information and advice.

It is recommended to arrive early. The expo is free and open to the public.

Sholom Park Celebrates Gnomes & Fairies

By Taci Clay

Sholom Park is excited to announce the upcoming Fun at the Park event - Gnome and Fairy Festival - Sunday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be live music, magical games, fantastical storytime, a marketplace and food/beverage trucks throughout Sholom Park. This is a free event to the public for the young and the young at heart. Come explore the whimsical world of fairies, gnomes and other mystical creatures at the park!

On stage, enjoy the magical sounds of The Mystic Celts, a five-piece Celtic band, from 1 to 4 p.m. You can also watch traditional Irish step-dancing performances by the Irish Echoes.

Where are the fairies? Find hidden fairy doors as you take a walk on the pathways through the enchanted forest. Is anybody gnome? Find out as you make your way down Gnome Street searching for hidden gnomes and their homes.

After searching for the hidden fairy doors and gnomes, be sure to make your way to Fairytale Lane where you will find a fairy godmother. She will be sharing enchanting tales and fantastical stories of fairies, gnomes and other mystical creatures every half hour under the pergebo.

The opportunities are endless at the Magical Marketplace. Shop for handmade trinkets, jewelry and

more from local vendors. Let your imagination sparkle and creativity shine with one of our arts and crafts vendors. The Early Learning Coaliton will be sponsoring a variety of kid-friendly fairytale activities, games, magical arts and crafts.

Let your fairytale fantasies come to life with this magical experience. Don't miss your chance to get up close and personal with a real live mystical creature. Stop by the Whimsical World of Fantasy and meet a unicorn!

Join us Sunday, Feb. 23 for a celebration of magic and fantasy at Sholom Park! There will be plenty of fun activities for the family and plenty of food and drinks. Come enjoy the live entertainment and explore the whimsical world of fairies, gnomes and unicorns at Fun at the Park. Keep up to date with event information and activities with our Facebook page. For more information on the Fun at the Park, call (352) 873-0848 or visit Sholom-Park.org.

FUN at the PARK

Gnome and Fairy Festival

February 23rd, 2020
1-4 pm

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On Top of the World NEWS

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Family are those who accept your faults and all.

Is It Legal?

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DON'T: Don't let yourself be spoofed by robocalls and texts. Don't answer phone calls or texts from an unknown number. If you don't recognize a number, don't answer it. Scammers are able to send you a call by using your area code and the first three numbers of your actual phone number. Just don't answer!

DO: Do let a caller leave a message unless you are already familiar with the number of the caller.

DON'T: Don't, under any circum-

stance, respond to any personal questions, especially where you have to answer with a "yes."

DON'T: Don't allow someone to pressure you for a decision immediately. That's a sure sign of a scam. There's a wonderful word that we all should say over and over ... it's no.

Recently, I was asked to explain an "inter vivos" trust. That term frequently appears in various documents and often in durable powers of attorney. The term inter vivos means "between the living." Therefore, an inter vivos trust is created between someone or some people, who are living at the time the trust is created. However, the simplest way to understand that term is just to know that an inter vivos trust is what most of us know as a living or revocable trust.

As I said, we most often see that term in durable powers of attorney. That's because one of the typical provisions in a durable power of attorney states that the agent for the maker of the power has been granted authority to create an inter

vivos (living) trust if it is proper to do so. Why would it be proper to do that - that is, to create a living trust? There may be several reasons, but the most likely reason is to protect the assets for someone who is no longer able to manage them by himself/herself. Under Florida's power of attorney statute, if the agent under a durable power of attorney does not have the written authority to create such a trust, it cannot be done.

From time to time, I have had clients ask me if that authority should be given to an agent and my answer is always the same. It makes good estate planning sense to give your agent the authority to create that kind of trust, but only if you trust your agent in the first place. Of course, and I cannot say this enough: If you are not sure that you can trust your agent, then you should not name that person. And if your answer is that you don't have anyone else to select, then I think you should discuss it with your attorney or with someone at your bank or with some of the trust companies that provide that kind of assistance.

I talked with a client of mine regarding whether she needed a living trust or a will. In the process, my client said she had heard of the term "grantor trust." Was there a difference between a living trust and a grantor trust? Actually, a living trust is one type of a grantor trust and in fact, a living trust is

the most common type of grantor trust that is designed to avoid probate for assets held in the name of the trustee. However, grantor trusts can serve many other functions as well.

All grantor trusts (if properly drafted) result in probate avoidance; some of them can be used as tax avoidance mechanisms or as methods of passing on assets to other generations of family members. It's a very complex topic.

And now, for some courtroom humor:

Attorney: "What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?"

Witness: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Attorney: "And why did that upset you?"

Witness: "My name is Susan."

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Please contact Jenny O'Donnell at 904.726.1500 ext. 2128 or jennifer.odonnell@ecs4kids.org.

Storytelling Season Comes to an End

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

It was a fun season of storytelling at Master the Possibilities. Host of the program, Jerry Snyder, said, "It was one of the best. During the last several months we had eight "telling" sessions and heard more than 50 stories." There were fictional tales and real-life drama; some were funny, and some were serious and some that caused the audience to pause and give thought. But most of all, they were all entertaining.

Every year the storytelling season comes to an unofficial close with The Tall Tale Festival. This is a very special day when volunteer storytellers weave out their best and often most ludicrous tales. They are, of course, made up in the very far right of the teller's brain where all things creative and often the absurd get their beginnings.

The festival took place in Live Oak Hall at Master the Possibilities, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019. Close

to 200 came from On Top of the World and surrounding communities to enjoy some very entertaining stories as told by five talented and creative storytellers. There was a story of a giant, flying bug doing damage to our very own storyteller, Edith Gandy. Clayton Williams, who came down from Georgia for the event, was hilarious in telling his story about an out-of-control shrimp. But it was Melinda Sutherland whom the judges voted as the best of the best, who took home the first-place prize money. Her story titled, "Sally-Sally" was a thigh-slapping, comedic presentation about grandma, an ogre, and conquest ... you should've been there!

You don't have to be a Will Rogers to share in the fun of storytelling. If you have a story or "tale" to share, please get in touch with our storytime host, Jerry Snyder at either (353) 509-7642, or jsnyder1207@yahoo.com. Storytime began again in January.



Photo by Ray Cech

Tall Tale Festival, host Jerry Snyder, Tall Tale winner Melinda Sutherland, Edith Gandy, Walt Belcher and Clayton Williamson.

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resale and new properties. New household formation is impacted because of the total debt load many millennials face.

According to the Ocala Marion Board of Realtors statistics for 2019, in Marion County new listings increased 4.4% over the same period in 2018. The average home sale price was up 5.74% over that same period.

From where On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion County sits, we continue leading the market in resales dollar volume for 2019. The number of resale transactions in all the On Top of the World neighborhoods stayed virtually the same as 2018. The change in average home resales price in On Top of the World was nearly flat at 0.04% compared to 2018.

Winter Weather & Shrubbery

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

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

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

Do not uproot plants affected

by the cold. They will surprise you with their recovery. Sometimes we are too quick to prune frost damage from plant material shortly after cold temperatures have gone but we need to be careful. Pruning plant material too soon can cause plants to want to flush back out creating more problems when the next frost or hard freeze hits. Wait one to two weeks after the cold damage has occurred then look to prune back your plants. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter, so be forewarned.

Safety Tips

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

Proper service on your heating and air conditioning systems (HVAC) is a must do. Improperly operating heat strips (on reverse cycle units/heat pumps) can mal-

function and may become a fire hazard. These need to be checked by a licensed and insured air conditioning and heating professional, ideally prior to the cooler weather, but after a chill is a strong reminder as well.

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

Cleaning is not complicated. Moving the dryer may be the hardest part. Disconnect the vent hose from the dryer and the wall vent. Use a vacuum cleaner to suction the vent hose, or you may choose to replace it entirely. Use the vacuum to suction the wall vent as well. If you've never done this before, the vent pipe may need a top down cleaning.

Get a functioning fire extinguisher for your kitchen! Read the instructions and be ready to use it, especially on a grease fire.



Back at The Ranch

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Why Diets Don't Work

To be perfectly honest, diets do work initially, in the short term. But research shows that 95% of those who lose weight by dieting will gain it back, and the really bad news is of that 95%, two thirds will gain back more weight than they started out at. Interestingly, a meta-analysis revealed that weight cycling (lose weight, gain it back, repeat) is actually a predictor of weight gain.

Your body is a very protective mechanism and it is designed for

survival, therefore as Traci Mann, a professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota, states, "Dieting is bound to fail, it is destined to fail." Professor Mann chronicles her 20 years of studying eating behaviors in a new book "Secrets from the Eating Lab" and highlights why diets fail.

1. Dieting causes biological changes that your body views as a form of starvation. These biological changes slow your metabolism down. Your body will conserve energy (or calories) which results in burning less fat and storing more.
2. Dieting results in hormonal changes that make you feel hungry. As you lose body fat, there are significant hormon-

al changes in the body. The level of hormones that help you feel full decrease. The hormones that make you feel hungry increase. Therefore, you become more likely to feel hungry even with the same amount of food intake.

3. Diets solicit neurological changes that undermine your relationship with food. You actually become more likely to notice food, and your brain becomes overly responsive to food. Essentially the thing you are trying to resist becomes harder to resist. Human beings are wired for survival, the brain and body will not sustain deprivation (dieting) for long

periods. This scenario typically leads to binge eating.

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is pleased to present a workshop - "Why Diets Don't Work" Saturday Feb. 8, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Cammy Dennis and Jessica Pinkowski will lead this 50-minute discussion, followed by 30 minutes of optional exercise. Discover how to manage nutrition and implement healthy lifestyle behaviors that last. Stop dieting and start living! This workshop is free and open to members and On Top of the World residents! For more information, please call (352) 387-7532.

Bunco for Babies

By Michelle Malsch

The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 4, at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Bunco is a fun game where no skill is required - if you can roll three dice you can play the game. There are four players per table. Four games of six sets will be played. Following the first two games, a brief intermission will be held, and players will switch partners at their table at that time.

Tickets are \$25 and include lunch, cash prizes for the bunco game categories, and numerous door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held as well. Doors open at 10 a.m. Tickets will be sold on Thursdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom starting on Feb. 1.

For further information, please call Michelle Malsch (Micki) at (352) 615-2790. All proceeds benefit the March of Dimes March for Babies.

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February is a very busy month. We celebrate Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Presidents' Day and Black History Month. We may have some residents who are sad that pro football season is coming to an end Sunday, Feb. 2, with Super Bowl LIV at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. However, we may have some very happy residents as the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series kicks off Sunday, Feb. 17, as the best stock car drivers in the world compete in the 62nd running of the Daytona 500, the "super bowl of stock car racing." Whomever you are rooting for, we hope your team or driver wins. For all you Mardi Gras fans, the fun starts Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Customer Service

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Ocala Open

The Candler Hills Golf Course will host the 14th annual Ocala Open this year. It's hard to believe that we have been hosting this wonderful event for so many years, and we have raised over \$663,000 for our charities.

The event is sure to be one of the largest charity golf events in Marion County in 2020 and will be held on March 11, 12, and 13 with a Pro-Am Tuesday, March 10. The

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

Walking Path Versus Golf Cart Path Usage

Please be aware that the path that follows SW 99th Street Road between SW 90th Street and SW 94th Street is not intended for golf cart use but is a walking path only. The path for golf carts is designated as the golf cart path in the roadway. Please use the proper path.

Golf Cart Decals for 2020

As a reminder, all golf carts should now be updated to the 2020-2022 decal. If your decal still shows 2017-2019 it is expired and needs to be updated at Customer

Service.

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

The following buildings are scheduled to be re-roofed within the next 90 days:

- **PROVIDENCE:** 16A, 18D, 33A, 20B, 20E, 20G, 31A, 32F, 32C, 17C, 19A, 32H, 18A, 19B, 16F, 20A, 16J, 20C, 15B, 16C, 18G, 21A, 31E, 16H
- **AMERICANA VILLAGE:** 2014, 2017
- **FRIENDSHIP COLONY:** 2062
- **CRESCENT RIDGE (VOLUNTARY):** 0701A, 0802, 0818

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

Crimes Against Seniors

We would also like to remind everyone that each year billions of dollars are lost due to scams and

fraud against seniors and several of your neighbors have fallen prey to these schemes. Here are a few of the most frequently used scams: imposter schemes, where criminals pose as government officials or other figures of authority and claim that money is owed.

In years past we had a resident receive a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS and said they owed money. The IRS will never call you; they will mail you. Scammers can call and pretend to be a relative in trouble and will ask for money. Scammers can also call or mail and claim that a person has won money, but the catch is that the winner must pay fees or taxes up front.

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



Democratic Club

Dan Lack

The Florida Presidential Primary election will take place Tuesday, March 17. Our Thursday, Feb. 27 club meeting will be devoted to learning about the candidates on the ballot so that you will be a more informed voter. Since it's unlikely that the candidates will appear themselves, we will hear from their local supporters. If you are passionate about a particular candidate, please let me know via the contact information at the end of this column and you may be awarded a time slot to speak on your candidate's behalf.

Our club participated in the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 16. A lot of traffic stopped at our table to express avid interest in joining our club in this pivotal election year. In addition to our usual display board and free candy, newsletters and American flag fans, we added a poster of what Democrats believe in. Here are some of those 15 principles:

1. Environmental protections;

2. Fiscal responsibility;
3. Women making their health decisions;
4. Protecting Social Security and Medicare;
5. Keeping promises to veterans.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio 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).

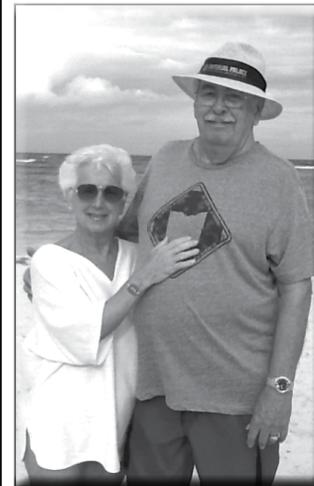
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Indigo East

Janice Liberton

Thanks to Sharon Cruca, the Indigo East ladies breakfast has been once again added to the calendar of events. Sharon held a breakfast in December 2019 at The Club at Candler Hills and it was attended by over 60 women who had a great time. The current schedule is to meet for breakfast every other month. The next breakfast is Thursday, Feb. 20 at The Club at Candler Hills, at 9 a.m. It is important to remember all scheduled breakfasts must have at least 30 members attend and can be cancelled if the RSVP response is less than that amount. Sharon is working on resuming the ladies luncheon and more information to follow in that regard as soon as possible.

It is that time of year whereby all positions on the Indigo East Social Club are available for a membership vote. Anyone interested in holding a position should notify Melinda Huser at melinda.huser@yahoo.com. Your current contact

information and the position you are interested in holding should be relayed to Melinda. A general meeting of residents will be held sometime in the near future. The announcement of the meeting date will be on the Indigo East Facebook page and also in the Indigo "Flash" email.

Here is a brief description of each available position:

- Chairperson: The heart of the club. All event and meeting plans must be approved by the chairperson and then taken to the board for a vote. The chairperson must also make any executive decisions any time it is deemed necessary.
- Vice chairperson: Must have a good working relationship with the chairperson and has the same authority, in the absence of the chairperson.
- Secretary: All meeting notes and schedule dates are recorded by the secretary and published as deemed appropriate.
- Treasurer: All money matters including, but not limited to accurate bookkeeping, paying bills, recordkeeping of

all receipts, and more. The treasurer must attend all event ticket sale days with the proper amount of cash for change.

- Facility coordinator: Responsibilities include accurate inventory of supplies, ordering supplies for a function and shopping for items needed for an event.
- Hosts: Non-elected members of Indigo East who volunteer their time to host an event. This entails planning every aspect of the event and seeing it through to completion.

It is important to note all members of the Indigo East Social Club must attend, must pay full price for their ticket and must work at every function. This includes, but is not limited to setting up, working the door to welcome residents, selling 50/50 tickets, serving, cleaning up after the event, and more.

2020 is a leap year and will occur on the last Saturday of February. Although there isn't a set rule, in the United States babies born on leap year generally celebrate their birthdays March 1 and they are under the Pisces zodiac sign. Any leap year babies in Indigo East? Have a great February.

Williamsburg Neighbors

Ginny Nardone

Most of us have limited knowledge of law enforcement techniques, and some of what we think we know may be influenced by movies and television shows. Recently I spoke with Williamsburg resident, Gary Donaho, and he certainly opened my eyes to the world of law enforcement investigations!

For some people, retirement provides an opportunity to pursue a long-time interest, and that was

certainly true for Gary. His interest in law enforcement and fingerprinting specifically stemmed from a career as a claim investigator for a large utility company. In this position, Gary frequently worked with local law enforcement agencies to solve problems arising from a claim. When Gary and his wife Tina retired and moved to Naples, Florida, in 1999, an opportunity to advance his interest in law enforcement presented itself. After many hours of initial education and training plus a very extensive background investigation, Gary was approved for employment and additional specialized training.

For the next 14 years Gary worked as a civilian certified back-

ground investigator and fingerprint examiner for the Collier County Sheriff's Office. He holds certifications from the National Crime Information Center (FBI) and several from the state of Florida. He is an expert in fingerprinting techniques and crime scene investigation.

The Donahos moved to On Top of the World in 2018 where they have become involved in various aspects of the community. They are Williamsburg block captains, and Gary co-teaches a course in fingerprinting and crime investigation at Master the Possibilities.

As this column goes to press, Williamsburg is preparing for the second annual neighborhood meeting where residents will discuss the happenings of the past year and brainstorm new possibilities. A summary of the meeting will appear in next month's column. If you are new to Williamsburg and have questions or would like to be added to the email contact list, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The annual Candler Connection Social Club board meeting was held Friday, Jan. 10. The following new members have become part of the board: Vicky Major Bell, John Maggio, and Amy Waller. The following board members will remain on the board until 2021: Richard Steinfeldt, president; John Bain, vice president; Deb Keirn, treasurer; Darryl Kenyon; and Doug Dahlen. John Podkomorski expressed interest to remain on the board for another term and the board unanimously agreed. The board will elect a member to fill the position of secretary and a member of the communications committee at their February meeting.

A special thank you to the following people who will be leaving the board: Mary Purfeerst, Pat Diaz, and Peggy Janisch. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work over the past years. You will be missed, and we hope to see you at some of our future events.

This month's potluck dinner will be Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The theme for the night will be a "Sandwich, Soup and Stew Night." Residents with the last names beginning with A-H should bring a main dish; I-R dessert; and S-Z side dish or salad. Setup volunteers should arrive by 4:15 p.m. and 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.

Some future events to look forward to in Candler Hills are:

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

The 2020 speaker series is as follows thus far:

- Monday, Feb. 17: Nancy Ba-



Photo by Bob Scherff

Candler Hills residents enjoying our annual holiday dinner presented by the Candler Connection Social Club.

roody regarding the World Equestrian Center.

- Monday, March 23: Brian MacNeel about fraud, scams and how to protect yourself.
- Monday, 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. Currently 1,215 residents receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 768 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for residents.

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 6, 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!

Friendship Connection
David Wesenberg

Friendship Connection provides fellowship and fun events for residents of Friendship Village, Friendship Colony and Friendship Park. Our first meeting of 2020 is Sunday, Feb. 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the pavilion. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 at the upper entry to the Recreation Center on Jan. 31, Feb. 3 and Feb. 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets will be sold for a dinner choice

for each attending person of hamburgers, hot dogs or veggie burgers accompanied by drinks, coleslaw, baked beans and chips.

If not able to obtain tickets during these times, contact Linda Hansen at (352) 509-4967. It is very important that attendees do this so that adequate quantities of food can be prepared.

This is a great time to join us for fellowship and fun. Visit otow.lolipop.org/club/friendship for details or contact Gail Curione at (407) 497-3958 or David Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@master-softwareinc.com.

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Lifelong Learning

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One of the major learning themes for Master the Possibilities in February is Black History Month. Participants are invited to learn about the many achievements by African Americans and pay tribute to prominent historical moments and accomplishments in our nation's history.

DL Havlin will be presenting General Daniel "Chappie" James - "America's First African American Four-Star General" Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Cypress Hall. General James, as a young man from Pensacola, set what many thought to be an insurmountable goal, to one day be a pilot. He made it through college and then trained pilots for the famous

Tuskegee airman group. As part of that group, he flew test flights for fighters and bombers. Come and learn about his 101 missions in Korea, becoming a four-star general, and assuming command of NORAD. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

"Faces of African American History" from the past (Queen Neferiti), to the present (Barack Obama), and beyond will be facilitated through pastel drawings created by the artist, Sharon Thomas Duca. Join Sharon as she reflects on experiences to define African American history and highlight strengths, creativity, achievements, and the many outstanding contributions to our country and the world. In addition, participants are free to walk around the room after class to get a closer look at the artwork. This event is Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon in Cypress Hall. Cost is \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members.

One of the art classes being offered this month is "Frida Kahlo-Woman of Vision I- Acrylic Techniques." Many believe artist Frida Kahlo has become a cultural icon. To those, her art, life and creative process offer revolutionary inspiration. Taught by Vanessa Fuller-Brown, this art workshop will introduce acrylic techniques and the versatility of combined/mixed mediums. In this workshop, painters will be creating their unique vision of Frida. Each will be painting on a pre-sketched canvas. No experience required. Cost to attend this three-day workshop is \$95 for members and \$105 for non-members, and will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 11 through 13, from 1 to 5 p.m.

"The Emmett Till Memory Project" will be presented by Secular Conversations on Saturday, Feb. 15. Those who attend will learn about the kidnap and murder of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old Chicago boy vis-

iting relatives in the Delta region of Mississippi. Participants will also hear about the challenge for Mississippi on remembering lynching, and who and what is included in that historical narrative. Learn some of the highlights of the Till trail, along with how the National Park Service and others continue to negotiate the accounts of the case, and what challenges lie ahead. The presenter, Dr. Davis Houck, is the Fannie Lou Hamer professor of rhetorical studies at Florida State University, where he has taught in the School of Communication for the past 21 years. Cost to attend this event is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members.

There are many additional learning Black History Month opportunities. For more information or to register, visit masterthepossibilities.org. To receive additional information from our team, please call (352) 861- 9751, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Citizens Emergency Response Team

Joe Moia

Well a new year, much less a new decade, often begins with change. Our team leader, Beth McKeen, who has led and inspired us for the last five years is stepping down. If one were to ask Beth what her medical background was, she would probably state, "I don't have one." When you get to know her, she will tell you she worked at a tissue bank for donors. Well, in the Navy we would call that a medical service corps. officer (or in layman's terms an administrator).

I was a Navy S.A.R. medic and then went into special education so over the years I have seen a lot of

teachers and administrators. Beth is one of the best! We are lucky in that she is only stepping down as our leader and is staying on as our mentor and as an active member of CERT, so we will not have to "reinvent the wheel." Everything is in place; she can make sure it spins in the right direction. As of now there is a team of five running CERT and Beth will say on in emeritus.

Thanks Beth, you always taught us with grace and humor. She always had a smile on her face but would tell us when she felt something was unworkable without making it personal. With Beth one always learned through positive reinforcement. If you see Beth around you might want to stop and say thanks for your service to our community for the last half decade.

That leads us into what is CERT. If there is ever a major disaster it

could take up to three days for the fire department or police to get to us. We are trained by FEMA to provide first aid in the interim, the proper use of fire extinguishers, and how to determine if a structure is safe. We have about 40 members for our community and we need more! Each team of four has at least a medical leader, radio person and a scribe, so there is something for everyone.

We recently had booths at Club Fair and the Health & Wellness Expo. Our annual drill will be Thursday, March 19 at Sholom Park. If you would like to be a "victim," please contact Joe Moia at joemoia@att.

net.

We will be attending Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday, Jan. 30, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Recreation Center. Hope to see you there!

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. I'll close by saying come by and say thanks to Beth, and think about getting some excellent training and being of service to your community. If you'd like to join us, contact Rocky Pizzarello at rpizzarello@gmail.com. If you're a HAM radio operator and would like to join, contact Sue Gribbins at suegrib@yahoo.com.



Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss

Our shiny and brightly lit patrol car participated in the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade in December 2019. You could be riding in it too ... should you choose to join the Community Patrol, which helps

keep On Top of the World safe and secure.

We meet monthly, usually with Lieutenant C.T. Welch, who gives us an update of happenings in and around the county. These meetings are interesting, informative, and enjoyable. There are times when the lieutenant gives us helpful tips for our own safety and use. We have a great group of people!

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With the confusing weather we have been having this season, some lawns are growing, and other lawns are dormant. You should mow and water as conditions dictate. For example, in cooler weather, water approximately every 10 to 14 days, applying three-quarters of an inch at a time. Even though grass is growing at a slower pace, do not fertilize yet.

Cold weather could have damaged the roots of the turf grass making the grass less likely to uptake vital nutrients such as nitrogen and potassium. When the grass is weakened it is also susceptible

to fungal pathogens that can create more issues.

Take All Root Rot will be a major fungal pathogen residents will deal with. If you had patches of grass last year that were yellow and you could not get them to green up, chances were that you had this fungus. Those same areas will most likely cause problems again this year. Getting ahead of the game and treating your lawn in the spring when temperatures are favorable for disease development will aid in keeping the disease at bay.

Fungal pathogens are most active when soil temperatures are between 60 and 80 degrees. Once the symptoms of this disease are seen above ground this disease is very difficult to control. Preventative measures for alleviating stress are the best methods for completely controlling the disease.

Residents should also be ready for Brown Patch Fungus caused by the Rhizoctonia solani fungi. This fungus is controllable and is often caused by over watering. This fungus is more prevalent in wet winters and/or where temperatures are not exceeding 80 degrees F. The fungus is typically noticed with the greenish-yellow "halo" that forms on the outside of the infected area.

Cold damage will typically not show up until the spring when plants begin to emerge from the winter dormancy. Many plants that are listed for this climatic zone can be found on otowinfo.com. Please be advised, this list is generated from UF/IFAS publications where they are shown to do well in the climatic area which we live in but extreme cold temperatures will damage plants no matter what. Trimming cold damage from plants in the late winter or early spring will be most effective and will not trigger a surge in growth on the plant before the last frost.

Crape myrtles are one of the relatively few plants that are easy to grow and produce flowers in many different colors during the summer months. Some crape myrtles are trained into trees while others are grown as shrubs. The best time to prune the crape myrtle is late winter-early spring. This provides the new growth required for summer bloom. The plant is also dormant at this time making it easier to shape. 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 propose for residents to follow is the "pencil pruning" method. Basically, you remove all branches smaller than a pencil.

February and March typically bring some late season cold blast

from the north. Don't forget to cover up your backflow preventers on the irrigation system when freezing temperatures are in the forecast. Using a heavy blanket should be sufficient but if you want, Customer Service sells a back-flow preventer cover. This bag runs about \$60 and would be a great investment for your irrigation system.

Remember Sunday, March 8, we go back to daylight saving time so don't forget to reset your clocks and set your irrigation timers back to twice per week watering. Check your system out monthly and make sure it is functioning properly. Spring is a great time to hire an approved contractor for irrigation system checks. Checks should include seeing if your timer is functioning, watering times are sufficient to provide half to three-quarters of an inch at each application, rain sensor operation and also check the system for leaks and adjustments.

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



Avalon Social Group

Sherry Whitmer-Hall

Avalon Social Club's first neighborhood potluck of the year will be Monday, March 9. This will be the third of four potluck dinners this season. It will be a themed potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share, a non-alcoholic beverage and/or a dessert.

Set up for the dinner is at 5 p.m. with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are always appreciated to help set up the room. And afterwards, clean up help is great. We are responsible for leaving the room clean, trash taken to trash area, and everything left as we found it. This is another way to meet new people while working together.

Our Avalon potluck is held at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. We have the right-hand side of room. Our reminder signs will be up at the mail area the weekend before the Monday event. (Second Monday of the months of October, December, March, and May).

Our dinner this March will have the theme - "South of the Border." We would like to have residents bring Mexican food from the following groups - by the first letter of their last name - A-D appetizers; E-H salad or soup; I-L meat dishes; M-P tortilla dishes; Q-S cheese dishes; and T-Z desserts.

The Avalon Social Club is a great

place to meet your neighbors. We do not have dues and our club structure is relaxed. We don't have assigned seating and new residents are encouraged to join us. We all were new once and really enjoyed the chance to meet other Avalon residents. There are name tags especially for new residents and we encourage current residents to take time to introduce themselves to our newcomers.

Avalon residents who have visited Mexico and have souvenirs are asked to bring some to share. Or, bring a map, tour guide, or a picture of some place in Mexico you would like to visit. We will have a couple of games with prizes. And, of course we will play Mexican music.

Please feel free to call Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256 with any questions, suggestions, or ideas for games or activities. We hope to see you March 9!

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Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun

I would like to thank the Francis Marion Military Academy for leading our Holiday Golf Cart Parade in December 2019. It was an honor to have these young patriots lead our parade.

We are now supporting Vets Helping Vets of Marion County. They are a one stop full-service facility for all veterans. Anything a veteran needs can be found at their facility in Ocala.

We now meet at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. All are welcome and there are no dues.



Photo by Charles Calhoun

Francis Marion Military Academy honor guard.



Republican Club

Bill Richhart

President Bill welcomed our large crowd to our first meeting of the new year Friday, Jan. 10 in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III.

He invited Russ Randall, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, to give the invocation followed by everyone joining in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

The treasurer's report was given and approved. Minutes will be emailed to our members.

Political dignitaries and candidates running for office who were in attendance were recognized and welcomed. We were honored to welcome a number of new members as well as a number of guests.

President Bill announced that this was his last meeting as president, along with his board of officers, treasurer and secretary. He was pleased to introduce our nominee, Lizabeth Woodard, to become

the new president. She presented a short introduction about herself and her credentials. A vote was taken by the members with the result being unanimous approval. Welcome President Liz!

The nominees for vice president, treasurer and secretary were also introduced and by vote, unanimously approved. Yearly dues were due at this meeting as well.

Joe Harding, candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, District 22, was our speaker for the evening.

We are always honored to support Operation Shoebox. Our chairman, Paul, commented on how the military recipients so appreciate all the "stuff" in their go-to bags.

Opal Stroud made the announcement that the Republican Executive Committee has secured a new headquarters in Ocala and will be looking for volunteers to help in every capacity for the coming election.

President Bill invited Lizabeth to the podium. With a warm handshake, he passed the gavel to her and asked her to close the meeting. President Lizabeth adjourned the meeting and invited Sonny Sparks to conduct the 50/50 drawing followed by everyone helping themselves to refreshments.

If there are any questions, please contact our new president, Liz Woodard, at (518) 534-0201 (leave a message) or lizabeth.woodard@plattsburgh.edu.



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"Transfer of the gavel" from past president, Bill Richhart, to our new president, Liz Woodard.

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Most of us are fortunate to say our home is in the Sunshine State. We can truly say we live in paradise when you look at the weather across the nation. Our Recreation & Wellness Connections guide is out and full of exciting trips, activities and fitness events that will help you get out and enjoy what Florida has to offer! If you did not receive your copy in the January issue of the World News you can pick up a copy at the Recreation Center or visit ontopoftheworldinfo.com/fitness/ to view the guide online.

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 started in September as an introduction to line dance and is currently progressing 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 Tap: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Basic Beginner Tap: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Ballroom Dance Classes*

Would you like to learn how to ballroom dance? Instructor Butch Phillips has teaching certificates in American style bronze, silver and gold as well as bronze in international ballroom and international Latin and is a nationally certified country and western judge. We encourage anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Participants will be evaluated to determine the class levels needed.

February's class will focus on Two-Step and March will be West Coast Swing.

The classes will include step description for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance and practice to music. Singles are welcome as willing students will rotate partners. Classes are held on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The cost of the classes is \$30 for three weeks of class.

Tropic Trivia Night*

Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions as we have added more tables which increases your winnings! Trivia is held on the first Thursday of every month with the next one Thursday, March 5, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We will have tables of eight and you will select the team names. Please note you must have four or more paid contestants at a table to select a team name. Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. All beverages must be purchased at The Pub (no outside beverages permitted). Water is available at no charge. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident.

January Winners

1: Sweet & Sassy; 2: Grey Matters; Tie at 3: Happy Ours and Gym Rats.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom and 3 to 6 p.m. on the outside veranda.

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

- Feb. 7: No Happy Hour
- Feb. 14: "Sweetheart" with Kathleen Kane
- Feb. 21: The 45's
- Feb. 28: Katillac Jack

The entertainment lineup for the outside veranda is as follows:

- Feb. 7: No Happy Hour
- Feb. 14: Gilly & The Girl
- Feb. 21: Magic Mark
- Feb. 28: Kurtis Mae

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. Chil-

ceive a token of appreciation for your time and effort. Please bring a photo ID and eat a good meal before and after donation. Drink plenty of liquids, too.

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

There is no substitute for human blood. Only you can save a life. Come be a hero on Feb. 3! See you on the bus.

dren under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that outside beverages of any kind will not be permitted.

Epcot*

Take a day trip to Epcot Tuesday, Feb. 11. Epcot is a theme park designed to both entertain and educate. Epcot is twice the size of Magic Kingdom, so be prepared to walk. Epcot is made up of Future World and World Showcase. Future World is where you can experience the past and future of technology advancements. World Showcase highlights the art, architecture and culture of the countries that surround the World Showcase Lagoon. You will be given a map to help plan your visit to set your own schedule and pace. There is so much to see in one day that it is almost impossible to cover all the attractions. The cost of the trip is \$149 per person and this includes admission to the park and transportation.

Florida State Fair*

Join us for a day at the Florida State Fair Thursday, Feb. 13. You'll enjoy rides, games, entertainment, crafts and food. You will also have the opportunity to attend the Country Gold Tour at an additional cost paid at the gate. The cost for this trip is \$38 per person, which includes transportation and entry into the fair.

St. Johns River Tour*

Take a scenic boat tour down river through Blue Creek in the Ocala National Forest Tuesday, Feb. 18. Alligator encounters will be plentiful. You will leave the creek behind to re-enter the St. Johns River by pristine Lake George, Florida's second largest lake which is surrounded by the Ocala National Forest on the east. You will have the opportunity to dine at the famous Blackwater Inn for lunch on your own. The cost of the trip is \$49 per person and this includes the boat cruise and transportation.

Victory Casino*

Are you feeling lucky? Join us for an afternoon of gambling Thursday, Feb. 20, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Florida. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation. Live table games and over 600 of the latest slots. 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.

Home Improvement Expo

Mark your calendar for the 10th annual Home Improvement Expo Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center. Browse through the dozens of exhibitor booths and visit with experts from a wide variety of trades in the home improvement industry

including solar, screen room enclosures, windows, flooring, home entertainment, single room or total home renovation, home security and much more. This event is free and open to the public.

Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens*

Escape to Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens for the only walking safari in Northeast Florida Tuesday, Feb. 25. Discover the earth's wildlife through interactive and educational experiences. The zoo has something for everyone with more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 varieties of plants. You will also find two full size restaurants (Trout River Grill and Palm Plaza Café), as well as snack and drink shops. The cost of the trip is \$49 per person and this includes transportation, admission and narrated train ride around the zoo. Lunch will be on your own. Please note there is an additional fee for Stingray Bay and 4-D theatre.

Social Hour

Social Hour takes place on the fourth Thursday of every month. Relax with friends and neighbors Thursday, Feb. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music as Long White Cloud performs for the evening. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided while they last. This is a free event.

Community Information

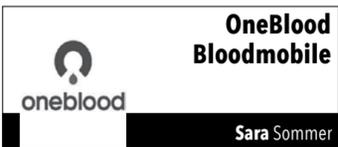
The Victory Garden at the Veterans Park is now open and ready for plot assignments, if you are interested in gardening contact the Recreation Center office.

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 5: Strawberry Festival* and Tropic Trivia*
- Friday, March 13: Gatornationals*
- Wednesday, March 18: Cummer Museum*
- Thursday, March 19: Not So Newlywed Game*
- Friday, March 20: Lakeridge Winery & Seafood Festival*
- Monday, March 23: Sign up for Rags to Riches
- Thursday, March 26: Room Booking Meeting
- Thursday, March 26: Social Hour
- Friday, March 27: Singing River Cruise*
- Tuesday, March 31: Victory Casino*

*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip.



The holidays are over, and it is time to get back into your regular routine. I hope that routine includes giving blood to save lives. The Big Red Bus® will be here Monday, Feb. 3 so you can do just that. The time is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center parking lot. We have extended our hours for your convenience.

Each donor will receive a mini physical that includes blood pressure, temperature, and cholesterol screening. Each donor will also re-

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On Top of the World BUS SCHEDULE		
Monday - Thursday		
MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
Williamsburg	91st Cir. E. - 91st Cir. W - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
The Lodge	1:15 p.m. Candler Hills Community Center	1:20 p.m.
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m. Friendship Colony Post Office	1:25 p.m.
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m. Williamsburg Post Office	1:28 p.m.
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m. Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m.
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.	
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Friendship Center	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
*All times are approximate		
For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533		



It's hard to believe we are already into February and getting ready for Valentine's Day!

Social Night will take place Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., with live entertainment by Stan Prinston. Enjoy easy listening music with light hors d'oeuvres (while they last). This is a BYOB event and a free event for all Indigo East residents. Guest fees of \$5 apply to anyone not presenting a resident ID card and all guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.

Sassy Ladies Night Out is Wednesday, Feb. 12. Enjoy live entertainment, dancing and light appetizers with your girlfriends. Cut loose and be fancy free while sipping on your favorite beverage (BYOB) and snacks. The entertainer for the evening will be Nate Leslie, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Indigo East Community Center ballroom. This event is free. Guest fees are \$5 per person and must be accompanied by a resident.

Karaoke will take place in the Indigo East Community Center, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21. Bring your own cocktails and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping. This event is free. Guest fees are \$5 per person and must be accompanied by a resident.

Challenge your neighbors in a

game of trivia Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the 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.

Community Information

Please be mindful when using the walking trails. Walking trails are for walking only and golf carts should not be utilizing these trails.

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changes throughout the year. When requesting new posters, please be sure the information you are submitting is accurate and sufficient in order to advertise your club's event successfully.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, March 4: Rock & Roll Night
- Friday, March 6: Meet & Greet Coffee
- Friday, March 13: Karaoke Night
- Wednesday, March 25: Trivia Night

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



We are beginning to see a lot of familiar faces around the community. With that being said, we are busy planning events to help make everyone's calendar fun and active.

We are happy to announce that we raised \$100 cash for Toys for Tots in 2019 from our raffles on the gift basket and we received a tremendous amount of toys from all our residents. Thanks so much for helping to make this such a successful event.

Trivia will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, in the ballroom, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person and \$5 per guest. For more information, contact Diane Podkomorskiat (352) 875-9923.

Kocktails & Karaoke will be held Thursday, Feb. 6, 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.

Our next Social Happy Hour will be Saturday, Feb. 15, in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment with Automatic. Bring your own beverages and snacks. Guest fees will apply at \$5 per guest and guests must be accompanied by the residents.

"Name That Tune" with Beach Bum American Media Entertainer Dave Conrad will put your music knowledge to the test Wednesday, Feb.19, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the ballroom. Tickets are \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, rise and shine with "Continental Breakfast, Coffee and Conversation," in the ballroom, at 10 a.m. We want to hear your ideas for events that you would like to see planned. We will share information on ideas for upcoming events and social gatherings.

"My Big Fat Italian Funeral" murder mystery comedy dinner show

will provide an evening of comedy, suspense, music, and good food as you try to guess who done it. This event will take place Monday, March 16, in the ballroom with buffet style food and a cash bar. The cost is \$65 per person and includes the show, dinner and a complimentary glass of champagne. Schedule of events are as follows: Social hour at 5:30 p.m.; show at 6 p.m.; intermission with salad at 6:25 p.m.; buffet dinner at 7:10 p.m.; and dessert at 7:55 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun as we try and solve the mystery!

"Girls Night Out" is Thursday, March 26, 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 with Ron Hackling, and appetizers will be provided. The cost of the event is \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by resident.

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 IDs 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.

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requests must be received a minimum of 30 days prior to function date. Further all posters will be valid for one year from the last printing date as we are unable to keep up with the demand we receive for changes throughout the year. When requesting new posters, please be sure the information you are submitting is accurate and sufficient in order to advertise your club's event successfully.

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

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By Paula Gajewski

Mark your calendar, SPCA of Marion County will resume its Super Walmart (SR 200) weekend Saturday, Feb. 15 and Sunday, Feb. 16. Our next general meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Marion County Sheriff's Southwest District Office Deputy Bryan Litz Building.

We appreciate all the donations of pet food, carriers, towels, etc. that our supporters bring by the craft fair on Tuesdays and the Farmers Market on Thursdays. Many thanks!

Winn-Dixie Marketplace (Marion Oaks) is sponsoring SPCA during the entire month of February with their Community Bag Program. While shopping for groceries, pick up this sturdy colorful bag and SPCA automatically receives one dollar.

We would like to introduce you to Lenny. He is a gentle and friendly eight-month-old kitten. He will make anyone a loving companion. To meet him, contact Paula at (352) 300-1072 or spca.marion.county@gmail.com.

SPCA of Marion County is a reg-



Photo by Paula Gajewski

Lenny

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Photo by Paula Gajewski

In February, SPCA will be the recipient of the donations collected through the Winn-Dixie's Community Bag Program.



Photo by Kathy Cornell

Texas Connection chili cook-off contestants.

Texas Connection's Chili Cook-Off

By Kathy Cornell

Hats off - or sombreros as the case may be - to the Texas Connection Social Club January chili cook-off contestants. Once again it was a hard decision for the voters. First place chili was the culinary creation of Joanie Boling with second place awarded to John Griner and third place to Lynn Pluto. Runners up were Kathy Nastally, Sally Epton and Linda Byrd. All received prizes of chili pepper themed items that came from vendors, Barbara Maul and Susan Weiss, both artisans with the Artistic Crafts & Gifts group that meets on Tuesday mornings in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Thanks to everyone who provided chili, sides and desserts. Our entertainment for the evening was a narrative of an unsuspecting foreign visitor who takes a spot as a judge at a chili competition with the lure of free beer. Kathy Cornell and Linda Byrd were the native Texan judges with Pat Casey, our resident British Texan, doing an outstanding job as Archibald Southerland III from Grovner on Thames. Though the Texas judges are mildly impressed with the various concoctions, Archibald's take on the first entry "Mike's Maniac Mobster Monster Chili" is that you could remove dried paint with it. By the time he gets to entry number seven, "Susan's Screaming Sensation Chili," he's decided to quit breathing because it's too painful. The original story has been passed around for

ages in Texas but in it the hapless judge is from New Jersey. Thanks, Pat, for putting a fun twist on the story and for really getting into the role with the appropriate British words and accent.

Our next meeting is Sunday, Feb. 9, which is also Academy Awards night. So, our theme is going to be movies made or set in Texas and Texas actors or actresses who have won the coveted Oscar. We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II beginning at 6 p.m. This will be a "bring a snack to share" meeting such as a party type munchie or sweet treat. Please also bring your own preferred beverage. Club supplies water and ice. We'll also be collecting any old DVDs you no longer want and plan to give them to a veterans or military support group.

We are a club for residents who have a connection to Texas by being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for vacation, competitions, or for professional reasons; 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.

The 'Blue Mosque'

By Bill Shampine

If you ever go to Istanbul, Turkey, you absolutely must visit the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, also known as the "blue mosque" because of the beautiful blue tiles that adorn the interior of the building. This photogenic building was built by the Ottoman Sultan Ahmed I between 1609 and 1616. It was, and still is, the largest mosque in Istanbul. The mosque has five main domes, six minarets, and eight secondary domes. The exterior included a large courtyard with fountains, a kitchen to serve the poor, and bazaar shops to help raise money for maintenance on the mosque. There also is a heavy iron chain hanging at the court entrance on the western side.

The Sultan was the only person allowed to enter the court on horseback, and the chain was put there so that the Sultan had to lower his head every time he entered the court to avoid being hit. This was a symbolic gesture to ensure the Sultan's humility in the face of the divine.

It is when you go inside, however, that the true majesty and beauty of the mosque becomes apparent. You immediately will be impressed by the beauty of over 21,000 Iznik tiles, 260 stained glass windows, and the calligraphy art of verses from the Koran. The central dome is 111 feet high and surrounded by smaller domes and semi domes to distribute the heavy weight of the

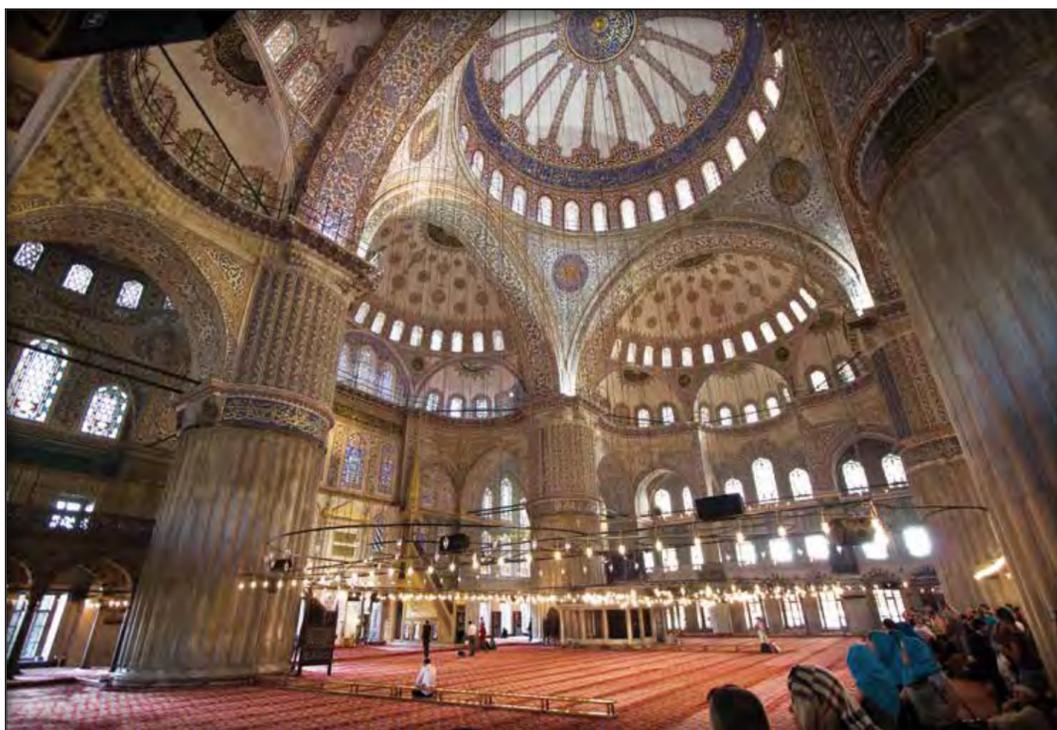


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An interior view of the Sultan Ahmed Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey.

main dome. Aligned with the axis of the mosque is a finely carved and sculptured marble niche, called a Mihrab, that shows the direction of Mecca.

The floor is covered with carpets, so you have to take off your shoes before entering. As the carpets wear out, they are replaced by donations from the faithful. Women must wear a head covering and be dressed appropriately. Women who

don't have a headscarf, or are considered to be too scantily dressed, will be loaned a headscarf and/or robe. Photography, including the use of flash, is permitted.

The many lamps inside the mosque were once covered with gold and gems, but these have been long removed or pillaged. Many of the lamps also held glass bowls. These were used to hold ostrich eggs in order to avoid spider cob-

webs. Here is a moment for a science lesson. Ostrich eggs emit an odor that is not detectable by humans but is unbearable to spiders and other insects. The eggs are a natural insect repellent!

If you do go, be aware that the mosque is closed to non-worshippers for 30 minutes or so during the five daily prayer times, which are sunset, night, dawn, midday, and mid-afternoon.



On the Road Again

Bob Woods

This is a reminder that the club is not offering any trips in 2020. Bev and I are traveling on our own this year. However, we have a couple of cruises on Royal Caribbean booked in 2021.

The first cruise is onboard the Rhapsody of the Seas departing Tampa, Florida Feb. 2, 2021 for an 11-night, 12-day Western Caribbean cruise heading for Key West; Grand Cayman; Cartagena, Columbia; Panama Canal (partial transit); Colon, Panama; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; Cozumel, Mexico; and then back to Tampa.

This cruise is just about sold out; and the reason I say this is at times there are only certain cabins available and at other times there are plenty available. Call me and I will

give you a complete explanation. At time of writing, all cabin categories are available, even balconies.

The next cruise is onboard Royal Caribbean's Empress of the Seas departing Port Liberty, New Jersey on May 17, 2021 for a seven-night, eight-day trip to Bermuda. This cruise is unique, as all the large ships have to moor at Kings Wharf on the western end of the island; but the Empress is docking right downtown Hamilton. Walk off the gangway and you are on the main street. The ship will spend a few days in Hamilton and a couple of days at St. George Island on the other end of the island. The Empress is the only ship, at this time, docking in Hamilton; and there is another ship docking only during the summer months.

Join us! Please give Bob a call at (352) 854-0702 or visit bobwoodsontheroadagain.com. (The website is currently transitioning to a new webmaster and may not be completely up-to-date.)



Tall Tale Travelers

Donna Seay

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month from September through April (no meeting in December). Next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the Hobby Building Event Room, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who enjoys camping and likes to have a good time, is welcome to join us. We accept new members throughout the year.

During our meetings, we like to have a time where we discuss technical aspects of campers, or relevant issues. In the past, we had discussions about tire pressure sensors, and LED products for RVs. We organized a group tour to General RV when it first opened in Ocala. One of our members meets

regularly with On Top of the World management regarding the new RV lot and keeps us posted on such. In the upcoming months, we will be touching on units traveling after being in storage, sharing information about campgrounds for members of the American Legion, Moose Club as well as military bases that have camping facilities, and campgrounds that are near casinos.

This month, our group traveled to Wekiwa Springs State Park in Apopka, Florida. Its 7,000 acres offers great wildlife photography such as wild turkeys, white tailed deer, gopher tortoises, herons, and egrets. They also offer canoeing, hiking, bicycling and swimming.

If you own any type of camper and are interested in our club, you are cordially invited to our next meeting. If you would like further information, please contact Donna Seay at donna.seay@mustangone.com or (516) 578-8655.



Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

Travel Toppers has exciting trips planned in 2020, and we invite you to come with us.

A trip to the Straz Center for the Performing Arts 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 the International Mall. Make reservations by calling Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday only). Since seats are limited, please hurry to book this event. "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.

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In next month's column, look for details concerning the St. Johns River Cruise in Sanford, Florida on Father's Day. Mark your calendar for Monday, March 30, the opening date for reservations for this popular event.

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

Trips are open only to residents and their guests. Visit 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.



Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

Hi, we are back! Did you miss us? The Southern Club took a few months off, but we are ready to resume meetings in February. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are excited to see what 2020 will bring.

We had several people inquire about joining our club. It's easy - just come to our meeting/dinner and pay your dues. Since the club year is half over, anyone joining now gets a bargain price of \$5 per person.

For those who are not familiar with our club, let me fill you in. We are a social club whose purpose is fellowship and good times. Most of us are Southerners but we welcome any resident who agrees with that philosophy. We surmise that since you now live in the South, you can officially be called a Southerner, even if you weren't born here.

Our meetings are held at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Our meeting day is

the fourth Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner first, which starts promptly at 5 p.m., so we ask everyone to come early, choose a seat and get their drinks. You can choose to bring a casserole, vegetable dish, meat, salad, or dessert. You also must bring your own plates and utensils. The club furnishes the drinks (tea, lemonade and coffee), ice and cups. After dinner, we have entertainment or a speaker, and then a short business meeting.

If you check the calendar, you will see that the fourth Friday it is Feb. 28. That's a month from now but if I wait, you won't see our column until the day before the meeting. This way you get lots of time to make your plans and decide what you will bring to add to our sumptuous buffet. Our speaker will be Sheriff Billy Woods who will discuss issues of interest to people of our age.

I hope you will join us. If you like friendly people and enjoy some good home cookin', come check us out. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 873-8690. Don't forget to bring your resident ID card to get in the room now that the doors are locked.

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Birders' Beat

Debbie Sherer

The Unique Birders will be traveling to Emerald Marsh in Leesburg, Florida, Friday, Feb. 28, for our first bird walk of 2020. The Marsh covers a large area with many opportunities for observing a diverse population of birds, particularly those you would expect to see in a wooded/marshy/open water landscape. If you want to go on this trip, please contact Margitta Claterbos at mclaterbos@gmail.com.

Originally the marsh covered over 10,000 acres in Lake County on the eastern side of Lake Griffin, near the headwaters of the Ocklawaha River. In 1974, the area was designated as a National Natural Landmark through a National Parks

program. The marsh is located in Lake County between State Roads 42 and 44.

The trip will focus on Wood Duck Drive and Yale/Griffin Canal, two areas at the marsh. The water birds most common to these areas are ducks, herons, anhingas, osprey and grebes. The marsh birds in this area are gallinules, snipe and rails. Passerines that occur here are jays, towhees, yellow-billed cuckoos, and painted buntings. There is an eagle's nest near the entrance of the area.

Please contact Margitta Claterbos (mclaterbos@gmail.com) if you want to join us on this trip. We will meet at 7:30 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 marsh and information about the chosen lunch location for the day of the trip.



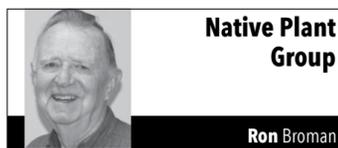
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Scarlet ibis.



Photo by Ron Broman

Where at On Top of the World grows this native?



Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

Well I'll be doggoned if it isn't February already. When we become this chronologically gifted, time seems to move quicker than a flea on our pet cock-a-poo. (not that Ebony ever had fleas, you understand).

But it's time to get serious - for a change.

Where in the world grows this tree? Last month, we began what might be the shortest botanical contest ever.

Nobody. That is nobody called to let us know that she or he had located the tree we described. Two ladies told me they had read the column; and I responded that they hadn't called. There was silence. They didn't even catch my new year's 2020 play-on-words. You know, 2020 - eyes.

Now remember the rules. Find the tree, pictured in the column, and the surroundings in which it is growing. Then give us a call at (352) 861-4560. We'll do the rest.

This Florida native, the longleaf pine, *Pinus palustris*, stands out above most of the other "compatriots" in her community. She can

reach up to 120 feet tall! (The view must be magnificent.)

Her leaves (needles) are probably the longest in the Pinaceae family - 15 inches or more; and her cones are the largest at least in this part of the U.S.; up to 10 inches long.

One might think that with all of that going for her, her future should be quite bright. One would hope that to be true. However, because of her attributes, the forest products industry, primarily in the past, has over-used the longleaf pine.

The Longleaf Pine Trail in On Top of the World was constructed in what remains of our longleaf pine forest, being careful not to negatively impact the pines so that we can experience the majesty of these wondrous trees.

So again, it's your turn - to see if you can find this one. Look for clues and give us a call.

The members of the Native Plant Group continue to maintain the newly renovated Longleaf Pine Trail, the adjacent native garden, the SW 94th Street circle and the Belleview Library native garden. Call us when you've located the tree and/or are ready to help us grow native at (352) 861-4560.

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Women of the World

Mary Purfeerst

Hello February and a happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Our next meeting is on Valentine's Day, so please wear something red to celebrate. The doors will open at 12:35 p.m. and our meeting will begin at 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided by our membership with last names beginning with L-Z. Please bring a potluck dish to serve 12. Our topic this month is healthy heart and our speaker is our own Amy Waller, who will speak to us about nutrition and activities for a healthy heart.

Our charity for February is the Ocala Domestic Violence Center and whose statement is "Strength, Shelter and Support to Weather the Storm."

Their critical items wish list is as follows:

- Cleaning: Laundry detergent, large and/or tall garbage bags
- Supplies: Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, zip lock bags and alarm clock
- Health: Antibiotic ointment, children's medication, band aids
- Hygiene: Hairbrushes, tampons/pads, bar soap and deodorant
- Children: Diapers, baby wipes, pull-ups and formula
- Linens: New pillows, twin sheets, pillowcases
- Other: Canned food and bottled water

Members are reminded to purchase your tickets and reserve your table for our annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show. This will be held Sat-

urday, March 14, at the Recreation Center. Our fashions are from Resort Fashion by Tiffany. Tickets went on sale in January and will continue through our next meeting. Ticket prices are \$27 for members and \$29 for non-members/guests. Please wear your fanciest hat and bring your own teacup.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- Saturday, March 14: Spring Tea and Fashion Show. All proceeds of ticket sales go to Hospice of Marion County. We will also have beautiful baskets to raffle so please purchase as many raffle tickets as you want for your chance to win. This will also be a catered event.
- Friday, April 3: Monthly meeting with a surprise topic. Our charity will be Pace Center for Girls. A detailed list will be provided in the April column. Membership will provide the lunch.
- Friday, May 1: Our last meeting before taking a summer break. We will be celebrating the great year we've enjoyed. Our charity will be Marion County Fire Rescue, Friendship Station 21 and it will be our annual Staff the Bus school supply drive. Membership will provide the lunch.

Our club would love to have more women attend and join us - either as guests or better yet - join us officially for just \$15 for the year. Our meetings run through May and we take the summer off and begin again in September 2020. Help us celebrate a wonderfully successful year and also, help us keep going strong for our wonderful community and the charities we support. See you on Valentine's Day!



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

Luke Mullen

December provided a wonderful beginning to our holiday season. Five dinners were held at members' homes to accommodate 32 diners.

Hosting our first dinner were Ann and Conrad Massa. They started the evening with two appetizers brought by Fran and Ken Kerl - stuffed peppers and salami and cheese roll. Following the appetizers, Ann and Conrad served a spiral ham baked with pineapple and brown sugar, a green bean casserole and brown sugar yams. A dessert of apple pie with vanilla ice cream was brought by Georgian and Joe Hilchey.

Pat and Mike Felton hosted our second dinner of the evening. Annette and Paul Hodges brought a cabbage and tropical fruit slaw. Pat and Mike then served grilled salmon; cooked to perfection by Chef Mike. Pat and Russ McNulty served a creamy dill cucumber salad and cauliflower casserole. Pam and Jeff Bell then served an inside-out chocolate cake.

The hosts for our third dinner were Nancy and Tom Meininger. Linda and Brian McDonald pre-

pared a hot spinach artichoke dip with dipping crackers. Following the appetizer, Nancy and Tom served shrimp scampi over angel hair pasta a side dish of French long green beans and a citrus salad. Phyllis and Al Richards served the dessert which was a tres leches cake.

The fourth dinner hosts were Glory and Bruce Herget. Two appetizers were brought by Kathy and Don Grosner - marinated mozzarella with pepperoni and olives and seasoned shrimp with cocktail sauce. Glory and Bruce then served chicken cordon bleu, spaghetti squash casserole, German-style string beans, and artisan bread. Following the meal, Marilyn Astor and Harry Tidd then served a lemon cream pie.

Our fifth dinner was hosted by Gail and Ted Boerema. Lynn Palo and Carl Spotts provided an appetizer of skewered shrimp with four homemade sauces: wasabi cream, classic cocktail sauce, salsa, and tartar sauce. Following the appetizer, Gail and Ted then served lasagna with homemade meat sauce, Caesar salad, and garlic bread sticks. Diane and Dave McCarthy then served a Toll House (cookie) pie for dessert.

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



Toastmasters - Talk of the World

Leona Vlacancich

January was a busy month for us this year. We began the new year at our new meeting place. We have more opportunities to use computer technology, among other things.

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.

We were not able to hold a speech contest this time around, but contestants have been appointed. David Wesenberg will compete in the area contest for the international speech and the humorous speech. Leona Vlacancich will compete in the evaluation contest. The area contest will be in March.

Our newest member is Sylvia Gillespie, who joined in January. She is already taking on her first role

as joke master. This person starts the meeting off on a happy note, choosing and telling a joke, preferably about the theme of the month. The theme for January was "Winter Wonderland."

Officer training was held at Winter Park, Florida in January. Officer training is held twice a year and keeps us on our toes. Six of our seven officers attended. All members and guests are welcome. You don't have to be an officer to attend. Keep this in mind when June rolls around.

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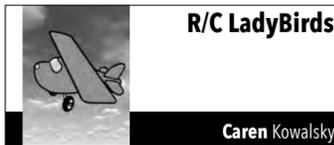
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R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

Happy and healthy New Year to all of our wonderful LadyBirds. Thank you, Hedy Schamal, for the lovely cookies for our first meeting of the new year.

Thanks to Opal Stroud our Friday, Jan. 10 meeting was chaired by Representative Charlie Stone of District 22. Also, thanks to Opal, our Friday, Feb. 14 meeting will be chaired by County Commissioner Michelle Stone of District 5.

Our Wednesday, Jan. 15 LadyBirds luncheon was arranged by Judy Grigsby at Sweet Potatoes. As usual, all of us had a great time. Thank you, Judy.

Thanks to Gloria Scicluna, the Sunday, Jan. 19 trip to the Ocala Civic Theatre to see "Menopause the Musical" turned out to be a huge success. Laughter echoed during the entire performance.

Friday, Feb. 14 is our Valentine's Day party at the Hobby Building Event Room, from noon to 2 p.m. The theme is "Little Italy" and will be catered by Fresh Plates Creative Catering. Please contact Linda Lohr at (352) 873-9872 for details and to sign up.

Barbara Wright is looking into a trip to Two Tails Ranch, an elephant rescue, followed by lunch at the Ivy House in Williston, Florida. Be on the lookout for updates in the next column.

Many R/C Flyers have located to On Top of the World. We welcome them and hope that their wives or significant others will join us at one of our monthly meetings which take place from September to April at the event room located in the Hobby Building. We are sure you will want to join our group. For further information, contact Caren at (352) 291-1235 or allensky@earthlink.net. Hope to hear from you soon.

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Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

We held a holiday luncheon at Bella Cucina in Oak Run Monday, Dec. 9, 2019, which was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank Kathy McKelvey for obtaining the banquet facility for our luncheon.

The following is written for those people who are just beginning to do research on their genealogical roots.

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

1900. European surnames are classified under five categories:

1. patronymics - forming of a surname from the father's given name or sometimes metronymic, less frequently from the mother's given name;
2. occupational name;
3. location (toponymic) name;
4. nickname; or
5. ornamental name.

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

"Morgenstern" (mornings star) or "Safire" (sapphire).

In Ireland and Scotland, England anglicized the Gaelic surnames. The common prefixes to anglicized surnames were Fitz, Mac or Mc meaning "son of" and "O" meaning "descendant of." In Italian, a common prefix used is de or di meaning "son of."

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

Today, in most western countries, the surname follows the first name. In some cultures, such as Hungary, Romania, Bavaria, Austria, South India, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and China, the surname is placed first, followed by the given name. In most Spanish speaking

countries, the custom is to have two surnames, the first surname denotes the father's family and the second surname denotes the mother's family. Only the father's surname is passed on to the grandchildren. Polish surnames are gender specific. If a wife takes a husband's surname which ends in -ski, her new surname will end in -ska.

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

On Mondays, Feb. 10 and March 9, we will hold an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, Feb. 17, Annette Burke Lyttle from heritagedetective.com, will give a presentation on "How to Blog Your Family Stories the Easy Way." On Monday, March 16, there will be an educational presentation to be determined.

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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 otowpcclub.org website will give lots of great information about our group.

This month we highlight Mike Scheerer who always had the desire to learn how things work, not so much why they work - starting from the time he tore apart his first Lionel train.

Mike was first introduced to the computer age at his first job when they brought in a machine that could do 30 different tasks at once, being run by one man. Fast forward to the mid-1980s and the introduction of the home computer; whereas his was still being run with floppies and a CRT monitor. He was in heaven adding ram and swapping parts to make it run better and faster.

Starting to build computers in the early 1990s, he had little success until Dell started selling to the mass market; so then he entered the troubleshooting side. As a beta

tester, Mike worked on Windows 95, Windows 98, Office 95, and Office 98. This hobby was sidelined after starting a new job making paper products at Irving Tissue for over 20 years in upstate New York.

As a new retiree, Mike and his wife Jo Ann relocated in August 2019 and found out there's a computer club. It was like a message that he could now pursue his hobby again with people of like minds. So, in his brief time here, he's relearned how much fun it is to be able to help others with their computer needs as one of our club's help session mentors.

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 otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@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.

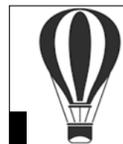
On the first Saturday of the month members are treated to cof-

fee and doughnuts, and to educational presentations. 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.

We keep the meeting fun and offer good advice and solutions to help to our members. Hope to see you on Saturday!



Singles Club

Sally Wall

We had a fun time at our January meeting with Jim Phillips' fantastic ice cream memorabilia display. Jim had ice cream scoops from way back in the 19th century! We enjoyed his presentation on the history of ice cream making and were treated to several flavors of ice cream as well as cookies.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, we met in the Recreation Center Ballroom for

Social Hour and enjoyed the music and hors d'oeuvres.

Looking ahead, we will have Dee Collier's historical characterization of Martha Washington at our meeting Thursday, Feb. 13. On Thursday, Feb. 20, we will tour Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary (OWLS). We will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot near the big tree at 3 p.m. and carpool. Call Lorraine Serwan at (352) 854-1365 for more information.

If you plan to attend the play "Father of the Bride" at the Ocala Civic Theatre Sunday, March 15, please call Nancy Grant at (352) 854-9185. Tickets are \$27 payable in advance to Nancy as she will purchase the

tickets.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. We always welcome new single members! So, if you are a new resident or have been here for a while, come join us Feb. 13. We are a very friendly group!

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Solomon's Castle

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

You know who Leonardo DaVinci is, right? A famous Italian painter whose works date back to the late 1400s to early 1500s. But there is an eccentric individual who has nicknamed himself as the "DaVinci of Debris." Who is this character? He is Howard Solomon, who has built himself a castle for himself and family east of Bradenton, Florida.

According to Solomon, who has a talent making beautiful things and objects out of items that have been discarded by others, his art is created from unlikely items and includes hundreds of sculptures all made out of junk or as Solomon states, "found objects." This outlandish person has many skills including welding, painting, carpentry, and the list of skills continues.

Solomon originally purchased 40 acres of swamp in 1972 after returning from the Bahamas looking for a place to settle down with his family. He wanted to build a large one-floor house, but the property he purchased would not allow him to do so. After finding a small piece of land on his property that was not swampy, he started to build a dwelling in a small area high enough as this house to be built had to be; not in length, as originally desired.

He came up with the idea of building a castle, not like those envisioned in the minds of those who have seen castles in Europe; but a castle, nevertheless. It took Solomon seven years to construct his dream castle while he and his family lived on the property in a double-wide.

The exterior of his dreamwork is covered with shiny silver-colored metal printing plates that were salvaged from newspapers. The reflection from the sun makes taking pictures almost impossible. The structure has 90 stained glass windows that were created by Solomon, giving this structure a church-like appearance. He also built a turret with a balcony giving his castle the medieval appearance.

The ground floor of the castle is where Solomon displays his artwork in many galleries. The area has hundreds of sculptures which

were made out of junk. There are countless sculptures that will interest just about everyone who enters the castle. There is a motorcycle that Solomon made out of gears, sprockets and used car parts that would surely interest the males visiting the museum. Solomon named it "Evil Kornevil."

Another great piece of art is titled "Jeb the Bushman." It is an elephant made from many oil drums while the elephant's tusks are made out of manatee tusks and the elephant's toenails are clam shells. The elephant is named after a former governor of Florida, Jeb Bush.

"The Menagerie" contains dozens of sculptures made out of over 50,000 wire coat hangers. This room is an amazing sight. The sculptures made from coat hangers consist of an elephant, giraffe, shark, penguin and many more animals. Solomon's Castle covers 12,000 square feet, standing three

stories high.

The castle has a unique restaurant named "Boat in the Moat." It is a replica of a Spanish galleon that actually is situated in a moat. It has a variety of light food such as sandwiches, and near the moat Solomon constructed a lighthouse which is actually a place to eat that takes any overflow from the galleon in the moat.

Solomon did not have to dig very deep as his land is in a swamp. His original purchase of 40 acres of swampland has grown to 90 acres.

The castle itself is extremely interesting; mostly because of the artwork within created by Solomon. Visitors can take a guided tour conducted by a Solomon family member. The castle also offers a bed and breakfast.

Solomon also collected pieces of wood. This guy was certainly a hoarder of hoarders. His art forms are not just limited to metal objects. By collecting pieces of wood Solomon would create a wooden montage of copies of modern art works. There is a montage Solomon created of Norman Rockwell's

Saturday Evening Post cover out of many bits of wood. There are plenty of montages Solomon created out of pieces of wood consisting of many sizes. There is one montage he created being over five feet in length utilizing over 1,000 pieces of wood.

Solomon also created a large model of a train. It was reported that in the train's engine compartment the engineer is somewhat life-like with Solomon's actual hair. This eccentric guy was known for not throwing anything away because he has stated in the past that he never knows when he might need it. Solomon was a genius by creating fantastic artwork in the form of sculptures and montages. Believe it or not this man is known internationally for his creative work and has been commissioned to create sculptures for many clients throughout the world.

The castle is well worth a visit. It is located in a very small Florida community named Ona, Florida. The town has approximately 314 residents and even has a post office.



Photo by Bob Woods

Solomon's Castle is located approximately 30 odd miles east of Bradenton, Florida. The outside of the three story, 12,000-square foot castle is sheaved with old aluminum newspaper printing plates.

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Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club is off to an exciting year in 2020! Membership continues to grow, in part due to interest in upcoming celestial events throughout the calendar year. These include a series of "super moons" in February, March, and April; a partial lunar eclipse on July 4; chances for great views of Mars throughout the summer; excellent opportunities to watch meteor showers in August (Perseids) and December (Geminids); and a spooky "blue moon" on the night of Halloween!

The club's January meeting included discussion of astronomical philately (NASA stamp collecting) and an in-depth introduction to use of the club's "telescope lending library," in which members John Bridges and Larry Isenberg demonstrated how to operate the club's five-inch Bressor reflecting telescope. Club members expressed interest in borrowing and using the scope once they become familiar with its operation. Bridges and Isenberg invited members to arrive before dark at some of the club's

evening observing sessions so they could try using the scope themselves under their tutelage.

Excitement about the Moonstruck Astronomy Club has risen since its formation in June 2018, as many residents express an interest in the heavens. Given recent news of a second observation of neutron star collisions, the curious dimming of a red super-giant star, and more general questions about space, the planets, and the cosmos, 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; the next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 13.

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 targets as they cross the night sky.



Photo by Jim Shuman

John Bridges and Larry Isenberg describe how to operate one of the lending library's telescopes at the January club meeting.

If you have an interest in joining the club or would like additional information, please contact club

president, Jim DiPaolo, at spacecadet3010@gmail.com.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

Members listened carefully to learn what new developments were on the horizon.



Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

Dee Collier will hold this audience captive as she saunters around the room in period costume, telling a tale about America's most notorious mobster and his secret lover. The talented actress has performed twice before for the group who enjoys her character personifications and the tales she tells.

The meet and greet potluck dinner will take place at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Because this is Super Bowl Sunday, members have been assured the meeting will break up by 6:15 p.m. so they can go on to their football parties.

If you are attending, and your last name begins with A through

H, please bring a dessert; I through R bring a salad; S through Z a main dish.

Our headliner as we opened 2020, Pat Gabriel, president of SR200 Coalition, told us about many new developments happening around us, in particular the new aquatic center being built by Circle Square Foundation adjacent to the new master-planned family development near West Port High School. We also heard whispers of many new multifamily dwellings behind businesses on SR200. We found out there are several new housing developments opening near us, all with price points above \$200,000. There is even an Einstein Bagels slipping into our midst. Best news though, was learning that Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli now serves Starbucks coffee!

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



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Lions Club

Gail Morris

On Tuesday, Jan 7, Lions Club membership chair Lion Estelle Michelson began our January with a meet and greet for any residents interested in the Lions Club. We had a good turnout and Estelle provided information on the Lions Club's mission. Thank you to all who came, and we hope to see you as a member soon.

Now we're on to a new year and lots of things to do. The Lions Club is inviting all those residents who have been or would like the experience of Las Vegas to join us in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. for Casino Night. Casino Party USA will be supplying all the equipment and dealers for a Las Vegas-style event.

Come join the fun. Tickets are \$25 for \$200 worth of chips to spend at the tables. We'll have craps, roulette, blackjack and poker tables for Texas Hold'em. We will be limited to just 175 tickets for this event. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Gail Morris at (352) 317-4067.

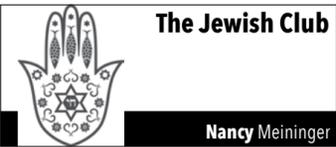
We're hoping this will be an event to remember and one that will help raise funds for the organizations deserving community resources, such as for veterans, the Florida Center for the Blind, Interfaith Emergency Services, Episcopal Children's Services and Domestic Violence Shelter, just to mention a few.

The Lions meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at, 5 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Please come join us and help us help others. Contact our membership chair, Lion Estelle Michelson at (352) 861-7358 for information about our club.



Photo by Gail Morris

Lion Estelle Michelson presenting.



The Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger

Starting the year with 180 paid members, the Jewish Club welcomed new members with a meet-and-greet brunch of bagels and lox. Officers of the club greeted and served the newbies who enjoyed socializing among themselves as well as learning all about the club and our ongoing programs from Nancy Carp.

Our February meeting at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III will feature game day with an ice cream social. Members love this day of getting to know each other while having so much fun.

The lunch bunch meets this month at Craft Cuisine. Contact Myra Post at (352) 861-9223 for

reservations.

Our travel group, the Wandering Jews, are planning a road trip to St. Augustine to Kilwin's. Details to follow. Contact Len Elsner at (631) 807-5688, David Santman at (407) 342-9157 or Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 for details.

The club's annual barbecue at the pavilion near the softball field is fast approaching Sunday, March 22. Reservations and prepayment are required. The charge is \$5 per person for which you get two sandwiches with a choice of hamburger, hot dog or veggie burger, all the fixings, side dishes and fun!

The Jewish Club is open to all members of the community no matter what their religious affiliation. It is an opportunity to learn about the Jewish people, food and traditions in an enjoyable, social atmosphere. Call Nancy Carp for more information or to join the club at (410) 935-2625.



Ginny Nardone

After a holiday break in December, the club used the January meeting to make plans for the remainder of the spring season and to update the membership on club organization and policy changes.

We now move on to February which is "beautiful baby" month at the Scandinavian Club. Everyone is asked to bring a photo from when you were a baby (infant up to two years). We'll have some laughs as we try to match a club member to

their photo. It should be easy; none of us has changed much! Plan to join us at the Friday, Feb. 28 meeting at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room and remember to bring your baby photo.

All residents of Scandinavian descent are invited to participate in club activities (spouses welcome). Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from September to May. For more information, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

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What's Cookin'

Gary Uhley

The following recipe was named for my mother, who had a "secret" ingredient (wait until the end). This is a very easy recipe. I seldom measure any of the ingredients, as I flavor to taste.

Carleen's Potato Salad

- 6 large Yukon gold potatoes, diced (red skin potatoes work as well)
- 6 stalks celery, diced
- 2 large green peppers, diced

- 1 or 2 bunches green onions, chopped
- Whole celery seeds ("secret" ingredient), to taste
- Miracle Whip mayonnaise, to taste
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 6 to 8 hard-boiled eggs, sliced (crack immediately; flush with ice water, they will peel easier)
- Parsley, to taste

In a large bowl, mix first 7 ingredients together. Chill before serving; garnish with egg slices and parsley.

TIP #1: I use Miracle Whip because I love the rich flavor. Also, it doesn't turn rancid in the sun.

TIP #2: Dice the potatoes before boiling. Add the eggs in with the potatoes to cook; less pots to clean.

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Fishing Tackle Flea Market

By Roger Bonifield

Call of the Wild Sports Club is off to a fast start. Starting with a tackle demo at our January meeting and two Gulf of Mexico charter trips, we are moving forward to a very busy spring with a number of fun and exciting events.

At our February meeting, we are trying something new. Most of us have been fishing for more decades than we like to count, and in that time, we have accumulated more fishing tackle than, as they say, "Carter has pills." Therefore, we are having our first ever, and hopefully not last, fishing tackle flea market. Members will be bringing in their fishing tackle and other outdoor sporting equipment (excluding firearms or ammunition) they no longer need, and will be offering it for sale, swap or trade. Although guests are welcome at any meeting, only members may offer goods for

sale or trade. In addition, the club will be raffling off a lot of equipment that has been donated to the club from a number of sources. Also, in February, we will be adding two more Gulf flats charter trips.

At our March meeting, an officer from Florida Fish and Wildlife, will be our guest, sharing information on some great freshwater fishing opportunities and programs available in central Florida.

With a number of other great activities coming up this spring and into the summer, you'll have to come in and see what we are all about. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents are welcome to join us. If you would like further information, you may contact me at (352) 300-3601.



Photo by Bob Kuebler

Roger Bonifield with his deep-sea catch of the day in November 2019.

Billiards Members Attend State Games

By Phil Panzera



Photo by Kate Maen

Phil Panzera and Art Keck, Florida State Game medalists.

It's been a quiet month in the room, with nothing really to report. There was a quarterly meeting of the club after this column went to press, at which there was a vote on proposed amendments to our

club's by-laws.

Art Keck and Phil Panzera competed last month in the Florida State Games, the annual state championship for seniors. Art and Phil together won the gold medal in eight-ball doubles. In separate age groups Art also won a gold medal in eight-ball and a silver medal in nine-ball, while Phil won a silver medal in eight-ball and the gold medal in nine-ball.

Anecdote of the Month: After a tournament in Los Angeles quite a few years back I'm watching two top players play a race-to-nine set for some decent money. They're playing on the main spectator table, with about seven guys watching.

One of the players was, shall we say, quite large. He was down three games, and his opponent needed only one more game to win the set. Nevertheless, the big guy asks his opponent if he wanted to raise the bet, adding a burger, coke and a Reese's.

His opponent says, "Sure, I'm on the hill." The big guy then breaks and runs the next three racks, and the whole bar erupts in laughter.

His disgruntled opponent says, "What are they all laughing at?" The big guy replies, "You broke the first rule of pool!"

"Oh yeah, what's the first rule of pool?" The whole bar in unison says, "Never ever play a fat man for food!"

Welcome Race Fans

By Gene Mangold

At the new R/C car track on any Sunday or Thursday at 12:30 p.m. the serenity of the rural pasture is suddenly interrupted with a loud, booming voice of Ed Sobolewski, the race committee chairman, and announcer. The PA system shakes with "Welcome race fans and drivers to the R/C Car Club races today." His gravelly voice, jokes, and advice are reminiscent of the great Yankee baseball club announcer Yogi Berra.

Ed says, "I know you can drive and think at the same time, so keep those cars going straight." "Wow, I felt that collision all the way into the computer building." "What is this, a demolition derby?" When the checkered flag goes up for the winner, he says "Keep racing until your name is called. It ain't over till it's over."

Not only is Ed an entertaining announcer, but he is also responsible for the organization involved with hosting 30 drivers, 50 cars, 10 different classes and 30 heats. This is really a big job and Ed loves it as indicated by his joyful, happy and friendly voice.

Ed races full size cars as well as the small R/C cars. He has a professional built and tuned 2011 Ford GT/CS red metallic Mustang with a 5.0-liter supercharged engine. The hood has an American eagle and

flag, which has the signatures of Bill Ford and Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford Motor company.

Starting in February, the second heats will be for award points based on finishing position and number of cars competing in each heat. They will be totaled and awards given out at our monthly meeting starting Monday, March 2. Harold Hoskins in December 2019 had the fastest lap time of 8.518 seconds

on the old track.

Harold Hoskins, Larry Fryer, Phil Paquette, Bob Herbst, Ed Sobolewski and Paul Newton setup the newly designed bridge at the start line. The bridge contains the sensors that record the name and times of each driver from transponders located in every car.

New orange barriers defining the racecourse, eight-inch concrete curbs, and protective fencing have been installed. The track has switchbacks, curves, straight away, which has really slowed the cars, and now it requires a higher

level of driving skill. For the novice class, there is a more easily run giant oval with gentle curves.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Visitors are welcome to our meetings, and this is an excellent time to find out more about the club, R/C cars, slot cars, and racing in general.

The new track is located north of the new RV storage, at the end of SW 94th. Bring a lunch and enjoy the race day in this beautiful rural setting.

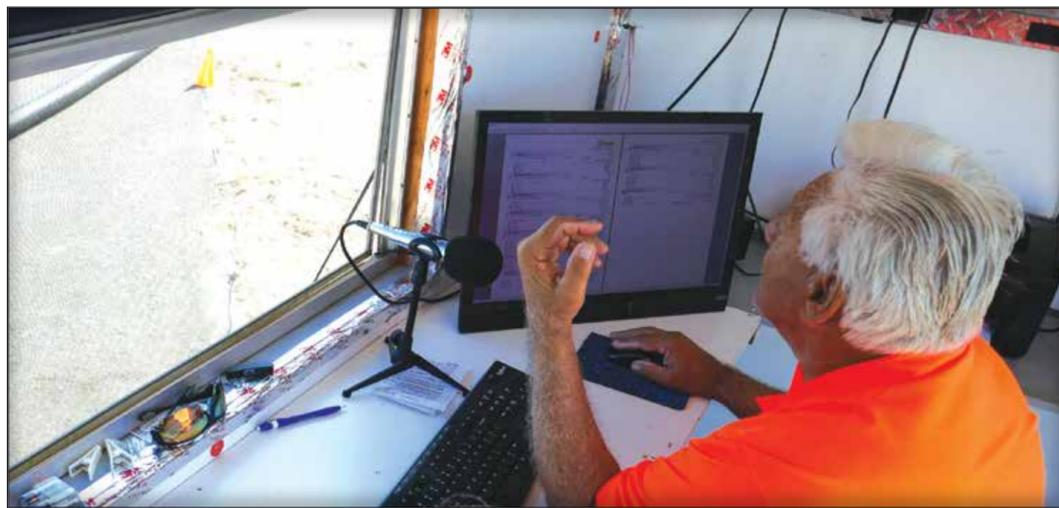


Photo by Gene Mangold

Ed Sobolewski announcing races at the R/C car track.



Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

Happy Valentine's Day! I wonder what the hands on the new card will look like. I hope you all received your mail-in for your new card.

I want you to read the questions in the National Mah Jongg League newsletter carefully because the last question really got to me. We have worked so very hard to get everyone to not touch the wall or touch a tile and then not take it

that I just couldn't believe their answer. They are saying that as long as the tile doesn't touch your rack in any fashion that you can still change your mind. Well, I got on the phone to New York and was told that is correct. I think that I will still suggest that you think it over carefully before you touch the tile. They say you can touch it as long as you don't rack it. What are your thoughts on this matter? Something is always changing but I think I will play that if you touch it it's yours. Hope the new card is great and we can win lots of hands. Good luck. Jokers to you!



Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

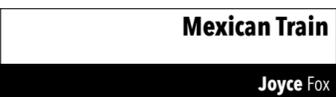
Happy Valentine's Day! Our group has lots of love and laughter we share each week! We meet every Monday, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Please join us! If you decide to join us, please plan on staying the whole time. Please bring your resident ID, a quarter and a rack, if you have one. We will teach you how to play. We have six to a table and play with both dots and numbers, your preference. We pick chips to help you meet and play with new people af-

ter the first evening. Come have fun conducting your own train and meeting friends and family from all around the community.

We sell racks for \$5 each, if you don't have one. We have a few loaner racks, but they are first come first serve for that evening only and are usually given to the new people.

If your resident ID is expired or doesn't have an expiration date, please visit Customer Service to have it replaced. Your resident ID must be current and have an expiration date.

Comments or suggestions are appreciated and welcomed. If you have any questions, please call Barbara or David Lee at (770) 394-7533 (leave a message).



Mexican Train

Joyce Fox

Do you want to have a few laid-back hours full of laughter and fun? The Mexican Train Group plays every Friday in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room, at 1 p.m.

Beginners are very welcome. We

would be happy to teach you this delightful, strategizing game. If you are an experienced Mexican train player or a newbie, please join us for a good time. Meet new friends!

Bring \$2 in quarters and a desire for a fun experience. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Fox at (352) 229-8066. See you soon!



Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Feb. 25.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy

and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play. New players are always welcome.

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. Cash prizes are awarded for the holder of the last player who yelled "bunco," the greatest number of "buncos," the greatest number of "mini buncos," the greatest number of wins, and the greatest number of losses. All ties result in a roll-off with the highest roll declared the winner. There are also two drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash prizes. Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing if you wish.

Tickets for the March of Dimes Bunco for Babies fundraiser Saturday, April 4, will be sold as well. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch, cash prizes for bunco games, and door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Doors open at 10 a.m.

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

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CARDS & GAMES

Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Dec. 2, 2019

1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 3: Pat Smith & Jerry Snyder; 4: Rad D. & Bernie Kelly; 5: Linda Yuen & Mike Merrick.

Dec. 9, 2019

1: Sophie Redmon & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Gayle Taylor & Marge Starrett; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Pat Goltart & Craig Ford; 5: Linda Yuen & Mike Merrick; Cons: Herb & Phyllis Silverman.

Dec. 16, 2019

1: Rad D. & Bernie Kelly; 2: Linda Yuen & Mike Merrick; 3: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Pat Goltart & Pat Smith.

Dec. 22, 2019

1: Joe McKeown; 2: Linda Yuen; 3: Barbie Trebilcock; 4: Barb Heller; 5: Cindy Brown.

Dec. 29, 2019

1: Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Mary Walker; 4: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Gayle Taylor.

Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

Dec. 3, 2019

North/South 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Andrew & Darlene Fiel; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller.

East/West 1: John & Marie Fiorillo; 2: Linda & Bill Ryan; 3: Patsy & Paul Claremont.

Dec. 10, 2019

North/South 1: John Lollo & John Leasure; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Jack Heller; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

East/West 1: Darlene & Andrew Fiel; 2: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 3: Patsy & Paul Claremont.

Dec. 17, 2019

North/South 1: Linda & Paul Ryan; 2: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 3: John Lollo & John Leasure.

East/West 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 3: Gayle Taylor & Sharon Davis.

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Dianne Robinson

Dec. 4, 2019

1: Craig Ford; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Mike Merrick; 5: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Donna McMurray.

Dec. 11, 2019

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Marlene Floeckher; 4: Pat Quinn; Cons: Betty Morris.

Dec. 18, 2019

1: Gayle Taylor; 2: Linda Yuen; 3: Will Revering; 5: Diane Turbin; Cons: Pat Goltart.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Pat Goltart

Dec. 4, 2019

1: Nancy Lustenberger; 2: Mike Meirick; 3: Joe McKeown; 4: Pat Quinn; Cons: Joanne Wagner.

Dec. 11, 2019

1: Rad; 2: Pat Goltart; 3: Nancy Lustenberger; Cons: Joanne Wagner.

Dec. 19, 2019

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Linda Yuan; 4: Diane Robinson; Cons: Joe McKeown.

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.

Dec. 12, 2019

1: Pam Bell; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Jean Krueger.

Dec. 19, 2019

1: Sara Anderson; 2: Jane Frost; 3: Mary Bloch.

Jan. 9

1: Jane Frost; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Joan Sigafoos.

Monday Night Euchre

Bob Bicknell

Dec. 16, 2019

1: Billy Swing; 2: Paul Schaefer; 3: Phyllis Wall.

Dec. 23, 2019

1: Mary Anne Reiber; Tie at 2: Rex Reiber, Jerry Mills.

Dec. 30, 2019

1: Billy Swing; Tie at 2: Henry Vieu, Jerry Mills.

Jan. 6

1: Bill Bender; Tie at 2: Mary Bicknell, Rex Reiber, Joe Schwartz.

Friday Night Euchre

Bob Bicknell

Dec. 13, 2019

Tie at 1: Edith Kolb, Larry Remer; 2: Jean Gillette; 3: Carol Condino.

Dec. 20, 2019

1: Edith Kolb; 2: Dick Bartel; Tie at 3: Mary Bicknell, Mary Bloch, Larry Remer.

Jan. 3

1: Edith Kolb; Tie at 2: Walter Hickenlooper, Joan Sigafoos, Rick Carroll; 3: Shirley Schopf.

Tuesday Night Pinochle

Herb Katz

Dec. 3, 2019

1: Herb Katz; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Evelyn Ebbigaussen.

Dec. 10, 2019

1: Glory Herget; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: James Magoon.

Dec. 17, 2019

1: Dawn Bunyak; 2: Marian Hotz; 3: Whitney Frye.

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Softball

Tom Sheridan

Softball newbies - or new players - are an increasingly frequent sight at On Top of the World softball games. It might be a guy who hasn't touched a bat and ball since he was a kid. Or it might be someone who's played through the years.

We had a conversation with Ken Reeves, a recent arrival at On Top of the World now playing his first season here. Ken has a background in marketing, printing and direct mail.

Q. When did you move in?

A. (My wife Judy and I) closed in August 2019. We bought a resale in Candler Hills. We moved from Griffin, Georgia, a small town just south of Atlanta. Before that we were in Tampa for 34 years.

Q. So you're a southern boy, through and through?

A. Pretty much (laughs!)

Q. What do you like about senior softball?

A. I love softball! I played ball all my life. Not necessarily organized ball. Just playing with the guys, going to the park and hitting the ball. That type of thing. And I played 13 seasons - spring and fall - in Georgia.

Q. So when you came down to Florida you were looking for a place to play softball?

A. Oh yes. Absolutely! I saw a column in the World News about practices on Thursday mornings and to come down if you wanted to join a team.

Q. You did, and now you're pitching - very well, I might add - for Team 4, sponsored by Bridlewood Dentistry. (The softball league fields six intramural teams during the fall-spring season and four in the summer season.) Are you enjoying it?

A. Yes, it's fun.

Q. What's so special about softball? What are you looking for that you come out to the field twice a week for games and maybe another day for practice?

A. Camaraderie. Exercise. Competitiveness. That sort of thing.



Photo/illustration by Tom Sheridan
It's a Ken Reeves collectible baseball card!

Q. How do you like the softball field? And our new electronic scoreboard?

A. The field is very nice. The field we played in Georgia had a 255-foot fence. On Top of the World's is 250 feet. It's well-maintained. The groundkeepers do a good job.

Q. Does your wife Judy also like it here?

A. She does; very much. We wanted the same type of community that we came from in Georgia which had basically the same sort of (amenities), pickleball, golf, softball, card games, social events, that type of thing.

Q. You play golf too?

A. Yes. I play twice a week - Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Q. So you keep busy.

A. I do. Mondays through Thursdays pretty busy and then I get the body back in shape for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Here you can be as busy as you want to be.

A reminder: if you want to be a softball newbie - experienced player or not - you're welcome. Come on down to the field Thursday mornings for a practice or just to get acquainted. Games are played Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you can't play, come down and watch. It's exciting and fun.

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WOMEN WINE WEDNESDAY

Wednesday | March 25 | 6 PM
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Thursday | March 26 | 6 PM
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UNA NOCHE EN ARGENTINA

Friday | March 27 | 6 PM

Una de la Noche will focus on food and wine of Argentina. Bring your appetite and comfortable shoes for this outdoor event. *Fair warning: Attendees may have a strong desire to Tango.*

GRILL CLINIC WITH JOSE JUAREZ AND RASHAD JONES

Saturday | March 28 | 11 AM
Trilogy Salted Brick
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Enjoy what is sure to be a delicious lunch prepared alongside grill superstars Jose Juarez and Rashad Jones. They'll share some of their know how in a small group setting, with time to answer questions.

FEAST AT THE FARM

Saturday | March 28 | 6 PM
Carolyn Wilson's Farm
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GRAND TASTING: FINALE TO THE 4TH ANNUAL OCALA CULINARY FESTIVAL

Sunday | March 29 | 11:30 AM
Bridlewood Farm
8318 NW 90th Terr. | Ocala

Join as we transform the Bridlewood Farm into the Grand Tasting in culmination of the four-day festival. A casual affair that allows participants to enjoy live music, mingle with like-minded foodies, chefs, winemakers, mixologists, and culinary vendors.

See you at these delicious events!
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New officers and directors have been selected for the 2020 Men's Golf Association. The new board includes Charles Crenshaw, president; Paul East, vice president; Rusty Rhodes, treasurer; and Roger Sparks, secretary. The new directors are Jerry Englar and Brian Wilder, tournaments; Larry Manion, food services; Joe Polizzotti, membership; and Brad Weirick, at-large. The 2020 MGA Handbook will be available on Chicken Day Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Current membership is 230. Please welcome our newest members: Bob Gorman, Chuck Lunberg, John English, Egon Okorn, James Selm, Jean Proulx, Steve Schutz, Steven Thesman, Nick Nimerala, Steven Rudolph, Marty Brown, Joe Wong, Jim Napierski, Jeff Rothwell, Paul Douthinett, Vince Taylor, Ron Weller, Bob Marks, Richard Dillon and David Garland.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming playdates:

- Wednesday, Feb. 5: Chicken Day (The Links)
 - Wednesday, Feb. 12: 2 Man Team 1 Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)
 - Wednesday, Feb. 19: Individual Low Net (The Links)
 - Friday, Feb. 28: Shamble (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Team 1, 2, 3 Best Ball Dec. 18, 2019/The Links**

106–Anthony Morris, Ken Zweiback, Steve Becker and Thomas Kujawa. 112–Rusty Rhodes, Joseph Mandala, George Lineman and Roy Harvey. 113–Kevin Hammonds, Howard Atherton, Jon Jackins and Daniel Hermsen. 114–Ron Delaney, Brad Weirick, Tom McHaffie and Jim Harvey. 115–Rick Schriewer, Carl Zeiler, Jerry Dennis and Alan Theusch. 116–Brian Wilder, Brad Weirick, Clay Norgan and Frank Dragos.

Chicken Day Scramble Jan. 8/The Links

61–Larry Manion, Paul Snyder and David Hannasch. 62–Brian Wilder, Jeff Rothwell, Bob Barbee and Jerry Nagel. Tie at 63–Brad Weirick, Bob Leiter and Terry Hubbartt; Everett Kimball, Jim Napierski, Leonard Ruble and Frank Dragos; Brian Andrew, Roy Coombes, Bob Janssen and Roy Harvey; Dale Clarke, Steven Sarkozy,



Photo by Linda Crenshaw

New MGA officers and directors.

Paul Richards and Vince Dellapenta; Charles Lundberg, Mike Maillet, Norman Schulze and Lance Davsko; Steven Rudolph, Ricki Plesea and Mike Benes. Tie at 64–Bob Mondore, Ken Zweiback, Jerry Chase and Daniel Hermsen; Jim Weaver, Mike Wathen, John Owen and Mike Driver; Paul Stoecklin, Tom Fragapane, Joseph Mandala and George Noltensmeyer.

Tie at 65–Paul East, Jim Lefaver and Jay Bouton; Joe Wilks, Joe Jingco, James Merrick and Phelps White; Don McCrimmon, Neil Seaman, Paul Silliman and Alan Theusch; Rick Schriewer, Rusty Zarrell, Tim Williams and Jim Harvey; Rudy Normandin, Dale Budd, Joe Pruss and Larry Chase.



And they're off! Thirty-two league members started match play Monday, Jan. 20 in the LGA Players Cup, after the Jan. 17 pairings party. All matches must be played within two weeks on The Links. The Golf Shop must be notified the day before play so updated handicaps can be entered on scorecards.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 is the deadline

for signing up for the Member-Member tournament and luncheon. A pulled pork lunch from Southern Pig & Cattle Co. will be served after play in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio. Cost is \$13.

Ringers is back, after taking a year off, partly because of the closure of The Links. Cost is \$8 and must be paid by mid-February. From the beginning of January through the end of October, each participant's low net and low gross on each hole on each course in league play is recorded. Your total is your best score on each hole throughout the year. Winners will

be announced in net and gross for each course at the end of the year.

League shirts are in. Cost is \$34 plus tax. If you didn't order a shirt or want another, leave your name and request at the Golf Shop for a re-order.

New members: Joann DellaPenna, who moved here from Palm Harbor, Florida, at the end of 2019, has been golfing 25 years and has a handicap of 22. Terry Wilks, who has lived here seven years, has been golfing for a year. Joy Benson, who moved here eight months ago from Jena, Florida, has been golfing less than three years and has

a handicap of 21.7. Bonnie Bunce, who moved here from Kissimmee, Florida, a year ago, has been golfing "forever" and has a handicap of 23. The league has 73 playing members and four social members.

Rudolph's Revenge 2 Best Balls Net Dec. 17, 2019/The Links

121–Linda Kitz, MJ Strelec, Nancy Zielinski, Sandra Dechambeau. 122–Diane Boston, Mary Ann Livingston, Betty McNeeley, Dee Howie. 127–Vadonna Hall, Peggy Borro, Rosann Ross, Antonia Varney. 128–Beverly Ovrebo, Iro Lisinski, Pamela Jones, Ellen Brin.

Low Gross/Low Net Jan. 7/The Links Gross

Flight 1: 76–Deborah Martin. 79–Shelly Karsnitz. Flight 2: 82–Mary Jeannottee. 87–Linda Blewitt. Flight 3: 85–Jill Strey. 87–Peggy Wiechmann. Flight 4: 91–Joyce Jones. 94–Nancy Zielinski.

Net

Flight 1: 63–Linda Taylor. 65–Diane Boston. 67–Yuhlan Cho. Flight 2: 62–Rosemarie O'Neil. 66–Debby Wilson. 69–Vickie Notensmeyer. Flight 3: 62–Pamela Jones. 66–Christine McIntire. 67–Peggy Ellenberger. Flight 4: 66–Sharon Johnson. Tie at 67–Ellen Brin, Sandy Chase, Dee Howie.

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Now that the stress of the holiday season is behind us, we can move forward and get back to some normalcy. The start of 2020 should be an exciting and eventful time.

Candler Hills will be hosting the annual World Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held Friday, Feb. 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be couples alternate shot. The cost is \$15 per player for awards and prizes. The Club at Candler Hills will have food and beverage specials concluding play. Please register in your respective Golf Shop.

Candler Hills will host a demo day Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cleveland, Srixon, Tour Edge, Exotics and Cobra will all be on hand to show you the latest technology. If you are in the market for a new set of golf clubs, do not

miss this opportunity.

With March right around the corner we are proud to announce the return of the Ocala Open Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13 at Candler Hills Golf Club with a Pro-Am scheduled for Tuesday, March 10. The benefitting charities will again be Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. For more information on the 2020 Ocala Open visit ocalaopen.com.

The golf staff would like to remind everyone to return all range balls and baskets to the respective Golf Shop after use. Please do not take these items home with you; keeping these items in circulation avoids us from having to continue to purchase new equipment. This in turns helps keep range prices minimal. Also, to maximize the use of the grass on the driving range, please keep your divots in a linear pattern. This will help keep the driving range in better condition. We appreciate your understanding.

Last reminder - all shop credit expires Saturday, Feb. 29. Any

credit won in February will not be posted to your account until March 1, 2020. It's time to shop!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 14: World Sadie Hawkins at Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Saturday, Feb. 22: String Event at The Links, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Saturday, Feb. 29: Animal Golf at Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Tuesday, March 10: Ocala Open Pro-Am at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13: Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Club.

World Accolades

- Candler Hills: Gil Brooks, hole-in-one #13. Shelly Karsnitz, hole-in-one #17.
- The Links: James Merrick, shot his age 84.
- The Tortoise & The Hare: Gail LaGrange, eagle #14. Dennis Pope, hole-in-one #13. Bruce

Shanfelt, hole-in-one #8. Congratulations to all!

Golf Tip of the Month

You're on the way to breaking 80 for the first time and you drive the ball in the fairway bunker on the 18th hole. I know how everyone hates the dreaded fairway bunker shot. Here are some tips to ensure you shoot your best round ever.

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

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



Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Russ Smith

As we move into the month of February, the LGA-9 schedule will be on the following Tuesdays:

- Feb. 4: Aces Wild (Individual game where you deduct one

stroke from your score every time you one putt.)

- Feb. 11: Criers (Individual game where you play your normal round of golf and at the end of your round you pick your worst hole based on score to drop from your total score.)
- Feb. 18: One Best Ball (Team game where at the end of each hole the lowest net

score of the team will be recorded as the team score.)

- Feb. 25: Ribbon Tournament (Team game where you are given a color ribbon before the round starts. When you get to the green of each hole there will be a color ribbon tied to the bottom of the flag stick and if it matches the color of your ribbon then your score counts for the team on that hole.)

We have a couple of special events coming up -Sadie Hawkins will take place Friday, Feb. 14. This event will be played at Candler Hills Golf Courses, at 9 a.m. The format will be a two-person alt shot man/woman team and you can create your own foursome. We also have a String Event Saturday, Feb 22. This event will be played on The Links, at 9 a.m. The format will be individual gross and you will be given a length of string based on your handicap. You can use this string

to move your ball out of trouble but once you do you must cut the string that you use off and it's gone for the rest of the round. You can make your own foursome for this event and sign up in the Golf Shop.

Don't forget your shop credit will be expiring at the end of the month. To help you spend your winnings, we will have a demo day with Cleveland/Srixon, Cobra, and Tour Edge Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Candler Hills driving range, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Finally, with the new world handicap system being live, please make sure you are posting your scores the day you play except on league days because we will post your score for you. If you still have any questions or issues using the new GHIN app or golf Genius app, please feel free to stop by the Golf Shop and we will be happy to help.

GOT TRASH?

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Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Denise Mullen

It's easy to start the year with a huge list of resolutions. The list can be lengthy, with many things we reflect on wanting to change or improve in our lifestyle or our golf game. In reality, do you think you will actually accomplish everything on your list?

Most likely not. Give yourself permission to incorporate new practices slowly and naturally and settle on "doing better" as your new year's goal.

This can also be applied to your golf game. Choose your weakest area of your golf game and focus on improving it. This requires practice and possibly some professional guidance. We have wonderful practice facilities to use and you should really take advantage of them so that your game will improve. The only way to break your bad habits is to work on improvement so your confidence will be there when you

need it most. As Jim Flick once told me, "Golf is a never-ending pursuit of problem solving."

As we round the corner for our upcoming Ocala Open Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13, I am looking for volunteers to assist with this year's event. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please email me and indicate which of these days you would be available to work a shift. Also, let me know if morning or afternoon is preferred.

Upcoming Thursday events are as follows:

- Feb. 6: Ribbon Best Ball
- Feb. 13: Tee it Up Scramble
- Feb. 20: Aces Wild
- Feb. 27: Lucky 4s.

If you are experiencing any problems logging into your Golf Genius portal or not receiving your weekly email to register for golf, please let us know so that we can assist you.

Congratulations to Olive Curtin and Sue Layne for their chip-ins for January.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at (352) 861-9712 or denise_mullen@otowfl.com.



Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Shelly Karsnitz

Spring is just around the corner. We welcome the return of warm, beautiful Florida weather we all love so much.

We have a few new members who have joined the league within the last few weeks. Please welcome Mary Jo Lock, Jo DellaPenna, Sandy McCarthy, Pam Jones and Judy Graham. We look forward to golfing with you sometime soon.

Congratulations to Shelly Karsnitz for a hole in one on #17 Friday, Dec. 27, 2019.

1-2-3 (1 BB on par 5s, 2 BB on par 4s, 3 BB on par 3s) Dec. 5, 2019

117-Pam Carpenter, Joann Dellapenna, Diane O'Brien, Vicki Foster. 121-Beverly Ovrebø, Maria Fournier, Toni Stevenson, Renee Aden. 121-Sara Nunn, Judie Anderson, Betty Dong, Kate Beatty.

Individual Stableford Dec. 12, 2019

Flight 1: 43-Sara Nunn, 40-Beverly Ovrebø, Tie at 37-Pam Carpenter, Su Freeman.

Flight 2: 38-Angelita Jingco, 34-Donna Smith, 32-Virginia Combs.

Flight 3: 41-Bertha Myers, Tie at 37-Rosann Ross, Iro Lisinski.

Flight 4: 41-Anne Dahlen, 37-Kate Beatty, 32-Carol Clark.

2 Best Balls of Foursome (Net) Jan. 2

116-Shelly Karsnitz, Iro Lisinski, Rosann Ross, Kathy Zunica. 124-Judie Anderson, Eileen Gustavus, Virginia Madura, Joan Gustafson. 127-Linda Taylor, Paula Lilly, Kate Beatty, Beth Wolinsky. 128-Donna Smith, Jonell Washburn, Carla Kim-

ball, Maxine Allen.

Aces Wild Jan. 9

Flight 1: 72-Shelly Karsnitz, 77-Linda Taylor, 79-Pam Carpenter.

Flight 2: 87-Judie Anderson, 88-Paula Lilly, 89-Angelita Jingco, 90-Mary Jo Lock.

Flight 3: 84-Kate Beatty, 91-Carol Oman, 93-Diane O'Brien, Tie at 94-Betty Dong, Pamela Jones, Lynn Barber.

Flight 4: 90-Carol Clark, 92-DeAnne Green, 96-Carla Kimball, 99-Renee Aden.

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Photo by Bill Ballweg

Two time cornhole men's league champions "The Undertakers" use some intimidation tactics on their opponents "The Hoosiers" as winter league play begins.



Cornhole Club
OPEN PLAY: The club is hoping that we will soon be playing at our new facility in the Veterans Park. Some additional construction has prevented us from making the move so, for the time being, we will continue both open and league play at the current location next to the softball field. Come join us each Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 a.m. for some great fun. New players always welcome!

Make your plans to attend the second annual Cornhole Club picnic, which is set to take place at the new pavilion in the Veterans Park Saturday, March 14, from noon to 3 p.m. This event features a catered main course and bottled water with members contributing their favorite side dish or dessert and beverage. Door prizes and cornhole related games with prizes to the winners make this a "don't miss" event! No charge for club members who may also bring non-member guests for a \$5 per person charge. We will have a RSVP sign-up system via email set up later this month to determine a head count for the catered main course.

Last year we used Lee's Chicken and plan to do so again this year unless there are alternate suggestions from the membership. For open play questions, comments and suggestions, contact Jim Russell at jimrussell44@outlook.com.

LEAGUE PLAY: In the spirit of good sportsmanship and fun, The Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) greet their weekly opponents with three tombstones and a "welcome sign" mounted by the cornhole boards. The two-time men's champions intend to three-peat and their theme for the winter season is: "We will bury you!" The new tombstones seem to be working as The Undertakers have started the season strong. It will be a long season with many teams eager to turn the tables and claim the coveted cornhole men's championship. This league is full of many talented players so it will likely be a very competitive season.

We have just started the men's league competition and, as expected, it is a close battle for the top spot. The Undertakers have an early lead but followed closely by Team 6 (Joe Lawson and Dave Rearick) and the upstart team known as The Young Guys (Kevin Jensen and Jim Russell). With nine weeks to go in the season there is plenty of time for the standings to change.

The Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg) and The No-Names (Lynn Dickson and Bob Helf) have split the last three season championships. Both teams appear to be prepared to fight it out as they both have started the winter season undefeated and are joined by The Unknowns (Sandy Martin and Rick Dikeman) who also have an unblemished record. It's early but it appears to be a very competitive season.

For league play questions, comments and suggestions, contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com.

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Shuffleboard
Walter Lamp

The month of December 2019 didn't offer anything new, but only the regular scheduled sessions. But, the second half of our season will offer some tournaments ending in April. Our tournament director has been working on them for some time.

So what is shuffleboard all about? You can have one on one, or two on two, as we do in our weekly sessions. There are two sets of discs - black and yellow. The first side (both teams) shoots both colors in order. The first objective is landing the discs in a numerical box - whether 10, eight or seven. The other side (both teams) can then shoot to score points. Any player can shoot with the intention of attempting to knock out his opponents' disc and prevent them from scoring. There is always a numeri-

cal goal in these matches. We use 75, with the idea the first team to obtain it, will win.

Oh, there is one more box I should mention. It is called the kitchen and is located at the bottom of the pyramid. If a disc lands in it, it is scored as a -10. That's right, the only box where points are subtracted from the team's total in that round. Needless to say, we all try and avoid it.

Also, an important point is that all shots, to either qualify as a score or landing in the kitchen, must fall within any of the white boxes. Those white lines border the outside and inside. They criss-cross in the middle. Any disc that touches a white line cannot score.

It's a fun sport, that doesn't require speed as in other sports. Rather, it involves concentration, strategy and enjoying the company of your partner and members of the other team. Within one round, the teams are constantly changing, so you are paired with a new partner.

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

December
 Monday a.m.: David Lee/Nancy Dreimiller. 30 Club 34-David Lee; 33-Charlie Lentz.
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 This 20- to 25-pound red snapper was caught by Luke Mullen in November 2019. Since red snapper was out of season it was immediately returned to the ocean.



Archery Club

Frank Tarentino

Congratulations to Bill Millican. He recently competed in the 2019 Florida Senior Games in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and won the archery gold medal for the 900 American Round.

The final stages of construction on the archery range are progressing as planned. On Top of the World management has completed most of the outside projects while club members are working on projects for inside the shop. Equipment repair benches and a bow tuning section, which will include a chronograph for measuring arrow speed are almost completed. A special thanks to all for helping make the range a safe and fun place to enjoy the sport of target archery.

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.



Pickleball

Jana McElroy

The Pickleball Club has a new seven-member board.

At the annual meeting in December 2019, it was decided that the club needed a set of by-laws. Herb Katz volunteered to chair the committee. The other members were Dave and Syd Phelps, Steve Schlesselman, Bob and Cherie Zangmeister. Thanks for their diligence.

The new board also had the task of looking into whether the club would be a formal or informal club, liability insurance, and open play. Those items were all tabled at the annual meeting.

The board also created a new membership and liability form which all members will have to complete when they pay their club dues of \$10. If you have not paid your dues yet, you can contact Sue Olson at (262) 353-5055.

The first board meeting was held Friday, Jan. 3. The liability issue was addressed and we are waiting to hear back from State Farm. After reviewing the suggestions submitted by the club members about open play, a decision was made to implement one of the suggestions for a trial period. There will be a general meeting Thursday, Jan. 30 to discuss this option.

The members are looking forward to a great year of pickleball in 2020 for the love of the game and the comradery. The membership would like to thank Ron Harden, Steve Schlesselman, and Erik Cambier for their work in 2019. Also a thanks to Deb Bush Harden for writing the monthly World News column.

With that being said a special thanks needs to go out to Ron Harden for the work he put into the B ladder. He ran this during the spring and the fall. The fall season ended as follows:

1: Denny Mielke; 2: Steve Gardner; and 3: Mark Daddario.

The top two ladies were Cindy Kowalski (eighth) and Ruth Lincoln (ninth).

The ladder ended with a red and blue format. Denny Mielke was the head of the Blue Team and Steve Gardner was the head of the Red Team. Twenty-two players competed in the round robin format. The teams were tied at 17 games apiece. The final match was tied at 10 to 10 and the Red Team pulled out the victory. Congratulations to all who participated in the ladder and the year-end event.

A special thanks needs to go out to Louie Sierra for organizing the social of subs and refreshments after the games. It was a great way to end the year for the ladder players.

If you are new to On Top of the World and are interested in playing pickleball and joining the club, check out the bulletin board outside of the upper courts. You can

also contact Steve Schlesselman, president, (steveschlesselman5@gmail.com).

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Tom Roach and Peter Tomaselli on bow tuning.



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Tennis

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This is the best time of year to play tennis! So let's get out there! I am happy to help you with your questions, strokes or strategy; just bring your good disposition and your desire to do your best!

Also, we should be preparing to go back to the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida to watch some outstanding collegiate tennis in March.

If you have any interest in following some of the professional tennis on TV, I hope you watched some of the action at the Australian Open to find out who is doing what at the start of the year. Of course, the big names of the past several years are still at the top, but there is a new crop of young players, men and women who are legitimately challenging the mainstays.

I would also encourage pickleball players as well as tennis players to try POP tennis, because it is a fun way to get some exercise and not difficult to learn. We have assigned Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Communicating With Your Doubles Partner

Talk isn't cheap when it comes to playing doubles. Teams should communicate more to win more. Unfortunately, club-level players don't understand the value of communicating with their partners. It's been demonstrated that amateur teams talk between 17% of the points. At the pro level, partners talk between 83% of the points, while the best college teams talk between 69% of the points.

Simply put, if you want to win, talk. It's especially important during the bad times, when you're getting beaten badly, or when one of you is choking on big points. Great teams face adversity together, not individually.

TIP 1: Move together between points. The best teams walk together, and they also walk closely; this promotes the chemistry needed for winning doubles.

TIP 2: Talk emotions, then tactics. This is simple if you have just won the point. Saying "way to go" or giving your partner a high five will promote positive momentum flowing into the next point. Then you briefly can discuss tactics. But if a partner is angry or down, here, you must take care of your partner emotionally. How best to do so depends on your partner and your team's chemistry. Humor often works well, or a few words of encouragement; even a pat on the back. Discuss with your partner how to deal with this situation.

TIP 3: Never show that you are disappointed or frustrated with your partner. If your partner is playing badly, things are tough enough for him without you giving negative feedback. Your job is to get your partner to believe in himself by convincing him that you be-

lieve in him. Even if you don't, fake it.

TIP 4: Don't talk mechanics. In an important match it's too late to give your partner lessons. If your partner is making so many blatant mechanical errors, he may need outside help.

TIP 5: Use humor. Laughter is a great way to diffuse anxiety or anger. Good teams understand that they can't play their best if they are too tense. Some questions you can ask your partner: How can I help when you're nervous or react after you've made a dumb mistake? How should I respond if you lose your temper or help when you're playing terribly? How can I help when you're getting down on yourself? Of course, this applies more when you have the same partner and play as a team regularly.

Nevertheless, when you play with a different partner every time, you should try your best to be a good partner, especially if you are the better player. See you on the courts!



Horseshoe League

Paul Pardee

Come to On Top of the World and stay forever were my thoughts after seeing the beautiful new Veterans Park. That sentiment grew as I discovered it was possible to purchase a memorial brick. Buying a brick is the insurance I will be there forever.

On Top of the World built new horseshoe pits and we are hopeful that the Club Fair will bring us some new players. The Horseshoe League is a unisex activity played every Tuesday at 10 a.m. (winter) in the pits located adjacent to the pavilion. The format is open play meaning everyone who comes will get to play and the scoring is handicapped. After three games an average is established then a handicap is computed, which is 90% of the

difference between the average and 60. Competition is by random draw of a pit number. The prize for winning is bragging rights. There are no dues because it's tradition to fund any expenses by recycling aluminum cans.

Considering that On Top of the World supplies the pits, the shoes, rakes, brooms and paint, the only expenses the league encounters are those related to entry into the Marion County horseshoe league. Competition against other retirement communities clearly increases the fun factor and raises the level of bragging rights.

Last year, the travel team beat all other retirement communities in the Marion County league and brought home the championship plaque. We were all surprised by accomplishing a feat we thought near impossible. The Villages has six teams, Del Webb has two and we scramble sometimes to find six players for travel competition.

We are well into the travel season this year and thoughts of repeating as champs is a bridge too far for us to conceive that it could happen. After the travel season ends next month, we will transition horseshoes to the new Veterans Park location to be ready for the fall season starting in September.

If you ever wanted to try horseshoes, now is an ideal time to give it a go. If you are a bowler, there is no question that those skills transfer to horseshoes. Walter Ray Williams has proven that in spades over the last several decades. Even bocce, a game where finesse is an important aspect, players will find an easy transition of the skill set to bowling.



R/C Flyers

John Workman

The Florida winter months are not usually a very active time for the R/C Flyers, but this year we are planning to use the cooler season to schedule some work activities to fix up the new field. We have a lot to do to get ready for the next growing season so that the grass will be green and the ground smooth. Work parties will be a regular occurrence as we get the humps out of the pit areas and get the grass runway prepared for seeding. There are lots of small rocks, twigs, and such that must be picked out of the dirt and the surface raked smooth again. If we all work at it together it won't be hard on anyone. The work is planned to be spread over several days so that flying activities won't be interrupted for very long on any one day. Keep an eye on your email for announcements of the work parties.

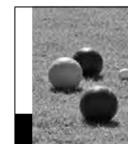
Speaking of parties, the January meeting brought up the proposal of the annual club picnic usually held at the end of March. Phil Moherek is willing to organize the event but needs volunteers for a number of jobs connected with it. Things like grill masters, grocery getters, setup and takedown crews, and the like need to have specific people willing to commit to doing the work. Contact Phil and volunteer. It's your club; make it the best it can be.

Also concerning events, if we get the field into presentable condition we may be able to schedule the

annual Fall Fly-In. This is always a popular and well attended occasion where we can both show off and entertain our neighbors. A tentative date around early November seems to be what we are aiming for.

The club roster is now over 170 members and growing. There has been a steady stream of residents expressing an interest in our fascinating hobby. The last meeting had six new members and prospects, most of them experienced flyers moving into the community. The club has four instructors and an established program to guide new flyers as they learn to control a model aircraft while standing on the ground ... a different skill from flying a full-size aircraft while sitting in it. It is not all that difficult (or else lots of us would not be doing it), but formal training certainly minimizes the serious mistakes and resulting repairs resulting therefrom.

If you are interested, come to one of our meetings held at 9 a.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Hobby Building Event Room. Or come out to the field and talk to the members under the pavilion. You are sure to find a helpful soul to answer your questions.



Bocce

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! Open bocce is played Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and the numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Evening bocce is now played on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. This is a league open play time slot. If you plan to play, arrive a few minutes early for sign-up.

Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play; however as a new player, once you have played with the league on three occasions you will be expected to join the league and sign a Release and Hold Harmless consent form. Dues are \$12 and entitle you to play as many times as you want when league or open are played. Any league representative can give you the form to fill out and take your dues. If you are interested in playing on a team, or being a substitute, please contact President Terry Connolly at (352) 300-3043.

A directory is in the storage unit which contains an alphabetical list of all members. Please make sure you have entered your name and contact information.

An amendment was made to the by-laws that no open-toed shoes or sandals, or bare feet are to be permitted on the playing courts at any time. All those playing on the courts must have closed toe shoes on.

The board will be meeting to discuss the best of bocce and the annual bocce banquet. Details to follow.

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

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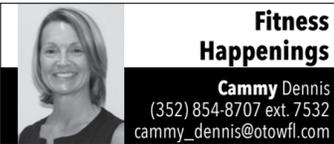
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When you are sitting, you use less energy. This can slow metabolism and interfere with the body's ability to regulate blood sugar, blood pressure and break down body fat. The human body is designed to stand upright and move. Our cardiovascular, neuromuscular and digestive systems work much more efficiently when we are in a vertical position. In addition, sitting for long periods shortens and tightens muscles and connective tissue. This will generate permanent changes in the structure of the body and make it increasingly difficult to maintain good posture. The cascading effect of this scenario is a serious one for older adults. It typically results in postural deviations, compromised mobility, increased fall risk and inevitably threatening quality of life.

Tips for sitting less and standing and moving more:

1. Take a one to three-minute standing break for every 30 minutes of sitting. Even if you just get up and do some simple stretching (see Larry's Fit Tips on flexibility) it can make a big difference.
2. Use a fitness tracker or pedometer to keep a count of your daily steps. This is a great motivator to move more. You should aim for 6,000 to 7,500 steps a day. Contrary to the "10,000 steps a day" campaign, research now shows that 7,500 steps a day grants you the same health benefits.
3. Use inactivity alerts. My smart watch buzzes me every 30 minutes to get up and stretch, and it works! I have been successful at breaking up my sitting time. You can set a timer or your wearable technology for notifications.
4. Try a height-adjustable desk. These work wonders for alternating between sitting and standing. I have one in my office and it is fantastic. I end up standing the majority of the workday.
5. Cook your meals. When you come home with take-out, order a pizza or pop something in the microwave you are typically sitting. Get up and cook your food! Not only will you decrease sitting time, home cooked meals are usually much healthier.

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FITNESS SCHEDULE

February 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 Han	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
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7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand				
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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 Jessica	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
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FIT TIP #2: Be patient. Stretch your muscles to a point of "mild discomfort" and hold for 15 to 30 seconds.

FIT TIP #3: Prep your play. Stretching prior to sports and exercise is very important. This allows your muscles to loosen up and become better able to withstand the demands of the activity and prevent injury!

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New Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

The New Dancin' On the Top's final dance of 2019 was our New Year's Eve celebration Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019. The theme for our big celebration was "Dancing Under the Stars" with a special champagne toast to end 2019 and bring in 2020 with a big bang. We had appetizers, pastries/sweets, party favors, and, at midnight, a traditional toast to 2020. A wonderful time was had by everyone with plenty of dancing for the night.

The New Dancin' On the Top will have a "Love Is in the Air" themed dance Saturday, Feb.15 with the music by The Paul DeRitter Band. The Recreation Center Ballroom stage will be theme decorated and our tables will be colorfully decorated as well. No coolers, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, or jeans should be worn at this dance.

February ticket sales for members were held in January. The ticket costs are \$15 per person for

members and residents. The ticket cost for non-resident guests is set for \$25 per person.

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 everyone - ballroom, waltz, meringue, line, free style, slow, pattern dancing, etc.

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the bulletin board 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 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.



Photo by Vivian Gecan

Marilyn McNeal dancing with the Beginners Level II at the Christmas dance.



Line Dancing

Vivian Gecan

We are now almost a month back into our dance season. Since our line dance community has grown so much, Marilyn McNeal had to host two ice cream socials this year. The first one for the Absolute Beginners, which totals over 100 dancers and the second for the Beginners I, II and Improvers. Everyone had a great time dancing to Christmas music, enjoying ice cream and some lucky enough to win prizes.

Our monthly dance was a fun evening with everyone dressed in festive attire and dancing with glowsticks to special songs.

We are all happy to be back to our regular schedule of classes and practice sessions. Practicing is important to help remember the sequence of the dances, as repetition is the mother of all skills. Also through dancing, we can learn to work on ourselves in specific ways such as improving

muscle movements and coordination. We gain a sense of achievement and receive enormous satisfaction when we learn new dances. If we dance regularly, we find we walk with more grace and stand with more poise. Dance benefits the whole body in so many ways. But the best part of dance is that it's fun. It affords a release of energy so that we can dance just for the joy of dancing.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, Patty and Freddie began teaching a class for new dancers. If you have never line danced before and have been thinking about it, please come and join them. It's a great way to find out what line dancing is about and if you will enjoy it. No dance tag is needed and there is no cost for this class. They meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II.

Our monthly dance will be held Thursday, Feb. 13 and will be a Valentine's Day theme.

For detailed information on classes, please contact Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 or for the Intermediate, contact Nancy Carmack at (352) 533-8870. See you on the dance floor. Keep on dancing!



Photo by Janis HP

Jack and Jean Hester at the New Dancin' On the Top New Year's Eve dance.

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Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

Have you ever noticed how we seem to go from one holiday to the next? It was just New Year's Day, and now Valentine's Day is approaching. I hope we all are ready to deal with more sweets in our diets by exercising, especially by

dancing. In the Ballet Club, we celebrated the holidays with a small party and gift exchange, while preparing a demonstration of our dancing at the annual Health & Wellness Expo in January. Our group did five short dances, including "Sunrise, Sunset" from "Fiddler on the Roof." We always enjoy participating in this event, in addition to exploring the displays and watching other demonstrations.

Now that the demonstration is

at the "Snowflake Special" at Ocala Twirlers (our sister club). That was such a great dance and dinner! Dinner was made by our caller's wife - Carol Barngrover. Callers for the dance were Rod Barngrover and Whit Brown. They are great together.

I think most people know that square dancing is one of the oldest recreational heritages of the American people. It is recognized all over

- Here is our 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. Our classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. Since we reserve the room 30 minutes in advance of class time, we suggest that dancers arrive early to prepare for class and help set up the studio. Newcomers do not need ballet clothes to start, just exercise clothes and socks, and a bottle of water. For any information, please call me at (352) 854-8589.

the world. Our pioneers went to their neighbor's house with food and danced. We always manage to have some food. True to our forefathers or maybe we just enjoy snacks and great company?

Square dancing is social and physical exercise. Put a beat to your feet and a smile on your face, square dance, it's friendship set to music. For any information, call Dotty Huston at (352) 502-6789 or Ron Imus at (574) 370-9169.



New Circle Squares

Dotty Huston

We started 2020 with a raid from Celebrity Squares (from Anthony, Florida). Everyone was wearing their happy feet. We had a big dance with Nick Hartley as caller, Loretta

Hanhurst as cuer and the "Happy Feet" penguins in January. There is a team, led by Gail LaRue, who made mama and baby penguins for our tables. So many of our square dances make the Recreation Center so beautiful.

Residents are welcome to stop in anytime to see what we are about. Our caller is from Texas and always says, "Hurry, hurry!"

Most of us square dancers were

following people in history and literature? Answers at the end of the column:

1. Meriwether Lewis
2. Butch Cassidy
3. Robinson Crusoe
4. Hamlet
5. Don Quixote
6. Tom Sawyer
7. Sherlock Holmes
8. Harry Potter

9. Frodo
10. Robin Hood
11. Peter Pan

Back in the real world, the Sidekicks Western Dance Club members are preparing for our Valentine's Day pizza party when we will welcome our fellow dancers from Stone Creek to share in the fun of dancing, food, and most importantly the fellowship of our

friends "next door." Always a good time and we look forward to it with great anticipation. Happy Valentine's Day!

- Answers: 1. William Clark; 2. Sundance Kid; 3. Friday; 4. Horatio; 5. Sancho Panza; 6. Huckleberry Finn; 7. Dr. John Watson; 8. Ron Weasley; 9. Samwise Gamgee; 10. Little John; 11. Tinkerbell. Happy trails ...



Sidekicks Western Dance

Carla Magri

We all know that the Sidekicks are world famous at On Top of the World, perhaps even legendary, but can you name the sidekicks of the

free drinks and food. Thanks Joe and Larry for your contribution and service to the Candler Hills MGA.

The coveted trophy has currently taken up residence in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Individual Stableford Dec. 17, 2019

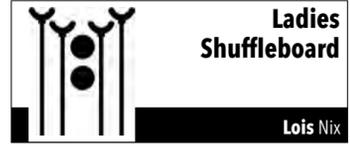
Flight 1: 41-Larry Smallwood, 40-Mike Deahl & David Steel, 38-Tom Presnick & Paul Rubly.

Flight 2: 47-Anthony Morris, 42-Michael Brajer, 39-Dave Miller & Charlie Taylor, 38- Gene Francisco, 36-Mike Altomare.

Flight 3: 46-Joe Jingco, 42-Michael Cunningham, 40-Tim Beaty, 38-Bill Wallenstein, 37-James Marley.

Flight 4: 44-Marvin Brooks & Mark Monk, 40-Richard Freeman, 37-Randy Ford & Edwin Vilorio.

Bob Dellepenna, Bill Wallenstein and Tony Morris were welcomed as new members.



Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix

Between the weather and Christmas, we only shuffled two weeks in December 2019. The most exciting event was that, for the first time, four of our ladies participated in the tournament held by the Florida Shuffleboard Association, Northern District. This tournament was held Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at the Holiday Travel Resort in Leesburg, Florida. The ladies had a great time and hope to play in the January tournament. Our players who participated were Jackie Andrews/Dee Caple and Ann Weldishofer/

Vicki Lentz. Jackie and Dee won one game out of three. You go gals!

Shuffleboard courts used for tournaments are "polished" concrete. The courts require a special bead that gets placed on each lane, which makes the discs much faster. Thanks goes to Paul Hodges who will continue to help our ladies with their skill and strategy. Thanks also goes out to the other players who were very helpful to our ladies especially with the rules of the tournament.

December

Most games won: Marge Adragna, Cindy Sipe and Sally Herrick.

30-plus: Norma Boteler, Debbie Snyder, Cindy Sipe and Sally Herrick.

See you on the courts. Happy shuffling!



Candler Hills Men's Golf

Terry Hoppes

Congratulations to Damiata (Red Team) for winning the Alfster Cup match play against Rubly (Blue Team) by a score of 13 to nine Dec. 10, 2019.

For those of you who are new to the men's league, Joe Alfano, who served about eight years on the MGA board, began the internal Ryder Cup style matches among the Candler Hills MGA so we could better compete against On Top of the World in Ryder Cup play. Larry Garvin made the "coveted" trophy which can be shared amongst the winning team. We hold this inter-league play twice a year along with

our mature physical changes). We have a diverse level of abilities that balances the genders well. It's always most fun when we can make a couple full teams to challenge each other.

This month we would like to extend a special invitation to more males who have participated in the men's league but are looking for less serious competition. Your experience is valuable and could extend your involvement while encouraging rookies. Reassure your wives there's no need to be jealous of the ladies in the group.

So, grab a glove, slather on the sunscreen, layer appropriately, bring water and a friend to the softball field every Tuesday at 9 a.m. for a couple hours of uninhibited, non-judgmental, clean fun and laughter!



Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sherry Winn

New Year's Song

"Christmas is over
We're all getting fat,
Time for us to go
And retrieve our bats.
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Festive Fun Night

By Kathy Petrosky

Karaoke Friends' Christmas prop night was well attended and enjoyed by over 60 people!

We had such a creative group! Nancy Jennings-Fair had her back-

up gals to help her with bells for "Jingle Bell Rock." Nancy Warren came dressed as a Hawaiian woman singing "Mele Kalekimaka." Later she sang the Florida version of

"Walking in a Winter Wonderland." I had my snowflakes as I sang "Here Comes Suzy Snowflake." Paloma was all dressed up to sing "Santa Baby." We had Dean Martin's version of "Winter Wonderland" sung by Russ. Norma and Bob sang "Baby It's Cold Outside." Bob gave us the male version of "Santa Baby."

John and Laura always entertain

with song and dance doing "White Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland." Bree told us about grandma being run over by a reindeer. Steve sang "Silent Night." Roger was all in blue and sang "Blue Christmas." Allen sang of the Christmas cease fire in Belleau Woods. Carl was really funny as he dressed the part of "Santa Claus Is Watching You." He then changed to tell us about "Leroy the Redneck Reindeer."

Robin was dressed with a donkey face and we all enjoyed singing "Dominic the Donkey" with her. Kristy sang the Carpenter's version of "Merry Christmas, Darling" and Don sang "O Holy Night." "Silver Bells" and "Deck the Halls" were Fran's choices. Jeff had us "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." The old standard "Christmas Song" was sung by Rick. Donnie told us about "Christmas in Dixie" and good old Frosty. Last but not least Charlie had a huge cookie and told us about "Christmas Cookies." He also told us that "Santa Looked A Lot Like Daddy."

We are thinking that March 16 is a good day for prop night. There would be no theme for the evening.

If you would like to get the singing bug, come join us on the first and third Mondays, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This month we will meet Feb. 3 and 17. Come to Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Bring your resident ID to open the door.



Photo by Steve Warren

Christmas prop night.

Holiday Festival

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

You would expect Santa Claus kick off any festival having to do with Christmas. But it was "The Year of the Woman." So at the 2019 Holiday Festival, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at Live Oak Hall, it was Mrs. Claus — Dee Collier who kicked off the event. She assured us that she and Mr. Claus are still married, despite the rumors. Mrs. Claus then went on to tell us how much better Christmas is this year with her in the "driver's seat." All this was told with great humor and good cheer.

Rob Vlacancich returned again this year to do his hilarious rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." While the audience was still laughing and full of cheer, Jack Copeland took up the torch and kept everyone rockin' and rollin' with his story, "How the Stone Creek Fire Baptist Church Got its Name."

When it came time for intermission, it was Rich Furlong who stepped up to the plate - actually he sat down at the keyboard - and played a few holiday sing alongs. Following intermission, people sat back, nursed a refreshment and cookies and were entertained by Winston Moore. In his very droll voice, he told us about "The Best

Christmas of His Life." Then Melinda Sutherland stepped up to the microphone and told us all about how she "Got a Whoopin'." It seems she wasn't very nice to her kid sis-

ters one Saturday when, "they just wouldn't get outta bed." They told mom on her, and Melinda got a whoopin'. Sounds cruel, but it was actually a very funny story.

Before host Jerry Snyder wrapped up the evening with the "History of Mistletoe," Heather Simsay, our very own chanteuse, charmed everyone with classic holiday songs.

And, of course, it turned into a cheerful sing along.

Jerry Snyder said, "Five years ago we threw the first Holiday Festival in the Master the Possibilities living room. We've kept the spirit going every year, and the turnout keeps growing. I can't tell you how much fun it's been and how happy I am to see it grow this way."



Photo by Ray Cech

Holiday Festival storytellers – Jack Copeland, Winston Moore, Melinda Sutherland, host Jerry Snyder and Rob Vlacancich.

A Year in Review

By Linda Lohr



Photo by Linda Lohr

The Sewing Bees took a well-deserved break Thursday, Jan. 9. We all met for our holiday luncheon in the Recreation Center Derby Room.

There was a grab bag, good food, and lots of celebrating.

Some of our 2019 statistics: 530 quilts; 148 pillows; 394 animals; 530 totes; 22 baby blankets and 92 Christmas stockings! A total of 1,716, which doesn't include the famous wonder wallets or ditty bags! Those totals will appear at a later date. We did an amazing job considering that we didn't meet for six weeks while renovations were being done to our sewing room. Great job Bees!

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Hobby Building 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 Kathy Nardone at (352) 300-3063 or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, we and the children thank you for all your support. Have a fantastic 2020!

Sewing Bees holiday luncheon Thursday, Jan. 9.



View from the Library

Linda Barilli

We hope you are enjoying your library in its new bright and comfortable location. There are a number of volunteers who helped make this tremendous move possible. Heartfelt thanks go to Sharon Hubbs, Fran Bernardini, Sharon Dinges, Cammie Fairburn, Holly Flint, Miriam Gerlach, Flo Giblin, Jean Kreuger-Travis, Rita Mandl, Myra Post, Catherine Raynor, Diana Riegler, Ginny Rivers, Barbara Stickles, Jeralie Walters, Shirley Scott, Tony Lagattuta and Linda Barilli.

And we would like to thank Mr. Kenneth Colen and management in providing the necessary tools for making this all possible.

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" by Heather Graham is a modern day "who done it," minus the parlor scene. The story takes place in South Beach, Miami. The characters were part of the "in crowd" in high school. Years later they all wind up back in town. They have all acquired successful careers. Some unpleasant memories spring up among them and while they are sorting these things out, one of them is murdered. An undeniable fact is that the murderer is a drop-dead gorgeous guy. He is irresistible and he knows it. Could it be Brad, Sean, Andrew, Ricky, Jeff, Josh? Quite a list to choose from. You'll be jumping back and forth

trying to decide who the culprit is. One minute you'll be sure it's Sean. Then you'll be positive it's Brad. Have fun getting to the bottom of this mystery which can be found in the large print section labeled F GRALP.

"Before I Go to Sleep" is a psychological thriller by S.J. Watson. It was made into a movie starring Nicole Kidman. The story revolves around a 47-year-old woman. When she wakes up in the morning, she does not know the man who is sleeping next to her. She looks in the mirror and does not recognize herself. The man says that he is her husband. He tells her that she has had an accident that caused her to have amnesia and that each morning starts out the same way. He tells her he loves her and that everything is going to be OK.

One day she is contacted by a doctor. He says he wants to help her regain her memory. He suggests that she write each day's events in a journal. Every morning he calls her to remind her who she is and where to find her journal. She discovers that she has had this condition for 18 years. She begins to have some recall of her earlier life. But her memories contradict what her husband has been telling her and she begins to fear him.

It is impossible to put this book down. But don't skip to the back of the book. You won't be prepared for the ending and you will have to go back to where you left off to find out how this all came about.

This is a hardcover mystery labeled Mystery FIC WAT.



Antiques & Collectibles Club

Susan Johannes

Our club is in full swing. Our trip to the Stetson Mansion on Friday, Jan. 3 was a huge success. We had an afternoon tour with 15 of our members present and spent the morning shopping for antiques and collectibles in the historic and delightful town of Deland, Florida. Many of us also enjoyed some fabulous Greek food for lunch. Our January meeting had a talk on Victorian cases for cigars and calling cards.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, we will have our monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Cen-

ter Event Room. At that time, we plan to play a trivia game with questions all about antiques and collectibles. Prizes will be awarded, and it should be a fun time for all. We will also get to view some very special antique valentines from the collection of Caren Ross. Also, in February, we are planning a trip to downtown Mount Dora, a haven for antique and collectible enthusiasts. Many other interesting and fun activities are planned for the months ahead.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, please give us a try. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month September through May at 10 a.m., in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Please contact Susan Johannes at (570) 862-8785 or victoran@brighthouse.com with any questions or concerns.



Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride

The Artistic Crafts & Gifts group's Tuesday crafts show in 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 back-ground of Rich and Evelyn (Evie) Forbes who have been Ocala residents for 30 years, with the last four at On Top of the World. Originally from Massachusetts, they spent some time in Missouri, California and Arizona before deciding to make Florida their home, following the sale of their real estate business. Rich became an independent real estate appraiser in Marion County, and retired from that profession several years ago. Evie retired at about the same time after several years in management at Belk.

Evie began making jewelry in 2005 after she was asked to make a beaded hatband for a niece. She took a one-hour beading class and, as they say, the rest is history. Her style is mostly of a tailored look, which bridges the gap between less expensive costume jewelry and more expensive "fine" jewelry. By always choosing to use the best beading techniques and methods,

Evie incorporates quality semi-precious gemstones, Swarovski crystals and pearls, Czech glass, sterling and gold-filled findings, as well as more budget-friendly silver and gold-plated findings.

She particularly enjoys hand knotting pearls using traditional silk cord. If you need your pearls re-strung, come see Evie. Two years ago, Evie started making Kumihimo, an ancient form of Japanese braiding, both with beads and fiber only.

For several years Evie taught beading at The Bead Strand in Ocala. She is a long-time member of The Gift Box at the Ocala Civic Theatre and has jewelry in the gift shop at the Brick City Center for the Arts, including selling at several arts and craft shows in and around Ocala during the year.

Rich has been a hobbyist woodworker for most of his life but started woodturning about five years ago. He has enjoyed making such things as decorative ornaments, bottle stoppers, kitchen utensils, including both large and small bowls for utility use, as well as art objects. His turnings have been shown and sold at both the Ocala Civic Theatre and Brick City Center for the Arts in downtown Ocala.

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

Happy February everyone! We hope that everyone's new year is off to a happy and productive start.

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Art Group

Elizabeth Wales

Almost anyone would bet that most folks reading this column have experienced the awesomeness of receiving that magical, wonderful bright box of new crayons! Many hours of our childhood were spent with a special "barnyard animals" or "cars, planes, and trains" book with which to create great pages using our imagination. Each school year, we probably also had that little metal box of watercolor paints, but happiness for many of us was that new box of crayons. When the manufacturer came out with 64 colors and a built-in sharpener, well, we'd surely reached heaven!

Nowadays there is a new kid on the block: adult coloring books! When I first saw them, they were mostly filled with intricate and delicate flowers and designs and seemed rather small and difficult. This is no longer true. There are literally hundreds of kinds of books available at our local craft and big box stores, with as many themes as you can count. Some are mosaic designs, or wild animals, flowers, and still life. Lately the wise creators have made images of art masters' works, and you can color the Mona Lisa, or Monet's beautiful landscapes.

The crayon for adults is the colored pencil, which has finally evolved from that dreaded red and blue two-sided teacher's grading pencil, into sets of gorgeous softer lead hues in sets of way more than 64, if you wish.

If you have thought of taking up a new hobby, perhaps to spice up leisure time in retirement, I highly recommend trying the adult coloring books. It doesn't require a large investment, and you might even be inspired to frame and put them on your walls, as our resident Anita Alston has done.

The Art Group meets three times a week in the Hobby Building Art Room. We welcome residents to join us during those times: Wednesday, from noon to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon. We promise the red and blue pencil will not be used for grading your papers! Also be sure to check out our website at ocalaarts.org. Click on "members" and see the various types of art we create. Hope to see you soon.



Photo by Tom Wales
Anita's coloring book art.

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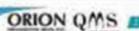

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Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg

Now is the time to join the Concert Chorus for the spring program, "Hooray for Hollywood." We meet each Tuesday in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room, from 9 to 11 a.m., for tenors and basses and 9:45 to 11:45 a.m., for sopranos and altos.

Our new spring program director is Jim Grapes. Jim hails from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He began piano lessons at five years of age and continued through college, successfully completing the University of Buffalo piano exam. He played the baritone in high school and college and is currently learning to play the ukulele. He has sung with many choral groups including with the Concert Chorus and the Messiah Chorus of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra.

Music has been a focus for Jim

since he was a teen. He has designed marching band half-time shows, been student director for a college chorus and directed church music ministries for four decades. He is a skilled piano accompanist for choral groups and soloists. He also plays the organ, directed a church orchestra for 10 years, played piano and keyboards for church praise services and accompanied numerous Jude Pohl Dinner Theater Productions in Pittsburgh. He has continued accompanying and directing theater productions and our chorus. Finally, Jim is choir and handbell director for Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church.

I believe you will agree, we have an excellent new director who will be a joy to work with. Jim's philosophy can be summed up in the quote, "For heights and depths no words can reach, music is the soul's own speech."

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



Jim Grapes with his wife, Marcia.



Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

Happy Valentine's Day from the Happy Hookers! Cupid rules the day on the 14th of this month. Did you know that Hallmark has been offering Valentine's Day cards since 1916, and today, industry-wide, around 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent annually - not including children's classroom cards?

You won't find cards at our gatherings, but you will find ladies working on projects that are for family, friends and charities.

Our projects are done in all colors - including the ever-popular February colors of red or pink. Happy Hookers 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 crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting. This is a very talented group who is never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on. If you have any questions, 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.



Theatre Group

Richard Rosen

Do you like the sophistication, wit, and energy of Broadway music? Then join us for the delightful musical theater review "Snippets" Saturday, April 4, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 5, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

This year's show features classic show tunes like the popular "Try to Remember" from The Fantasticks, the powerful and moving "Lady's Maid" from Titanic, the title number "Cabaret" from Cabaret, the seductive "Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets" from Damn Yankees, the hilarious "I Hate Men" from Kiss Me Kate, and the spectacular "I've Got Rhythm" from Crazy For You! These and many other favorites from Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Kander and Ebb, Frank Loesser and others will send you home humming, happy, and thoroughly entertained. A complete list of the songs and performers will be included in next month's column.

Tickets are \$10 per person and go on sale every Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Recreation Center beginning Feb. 3 until the production.

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



Poetry

John Kinser Hall

My Love is More - Valentine's Day

All the poets throughout time, have tried to find a way. To write this word, with meaning, on this special day. They focus, on a person, for whom they wish to share. A lifetime, in this moment, of feelings that they dare. Some find in past reflections, what they would like to see. Others dream, in their tomorrow, with hope of things to be.

Now I can only tell you, that true love spans all time. That words are simply written, no matter how they rhyme. True love is found by sharing, the caring day-by-day.

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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 doubling, but O Gauge Lionel and even larger G gauge layouts are being added!

What kind of planning, design, skills and construction go into this new layout? With room dimensions in hand, one of the club members used his computer aided drawing (CAD) skills to design the bench work for the "around-the-room" HO layout. Careful attention was given to walking and viewing access around the room and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements. Height and depth of the bench work was also critical to assure easy access both under the layout for electrical work and on top of the layout for easy access to any derailments, repairs or modifications.

On Top of The World contracted and paid for materials and construction of the over 80 feet of bench work in the new train room. Overhead track lighting was also provided. These are all amenities uncommon in retirement communities.

Carpentry, railroad engineering,



Photo by Gerald Mucci

One of the dozens of engines operating on the layout.

design, operations, electronics, painting, modeling, and graphic arts are all essential components to the design of an operating train layout.

While construction of the bench work was underway the track planning committee planned the location of the mainline tracks, the location of the town, the sidings, and locations for various industries. Included in the plan are rail crossings, tunnels, and overpasses as well as mining operations.

Now that the bench work is complete, club members will install the decking and lay the track in the

coming weeks. Club president Jim Lynam will be scheduling a number of "workdays" inviting members and others to have a hand in creating our new railroad empire.

As various sections of track are completed, the track and turnouts (switches) will be tested for smooth operation. Concurrently, the scening committee will be hard at work designing various vignettes to add at strategic locations in the layout. Buildings, landscapes, roads, cars, and people will be set in place in areas where sections of track are deemed "ready to go." Other useful skills include knowledge and recol-

lection of railroad towns and operations from our past that we can apply to the new layout.

Meanwhile, the original and still operational train layout remains for use by members and guests. The current layout is located in the lower level of the Recreation Center accessed through the fitness center. Club members work on and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Model Railroaders is always looking for new members. Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III.



Photo by Bob Woods

San Felipe de Neri in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Albuquerque Church

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

San Felipe de Neri (in Spanish) is a huge historic Catholic church located on the northern side of Albuquerque, New Mexico's famous Old Town Plaza. The church was constructed in 1793.

This church is one of the oldest surviving buildings in the city and is also the oldest in the Old Town section that dates back to the Spanish colonial era.

San Felipe de Neri replaced an older church that was located on the same site that dated back to the founding of Albuquerque in 1706 under the direction of a Franciscan missionary who by all records was reportedly among the original settlers of Albuquerque. The church apparently was allowed to deteriorate in the late 1700s and collapsed in the winter of 1792-93.

The governor, at the time the original church collapsed, report-

edly called the collapse a disgrace and ordered everyone in the surrounding area to help in the construction of a replacement.

Construction of the church now sitting on the site in Old Town began in 1793 and has a more sophisticated new design than the previous church with a cruciform rather than a rectangular plan containing two twin bell towers. The present church was remodeled during the mid-1800s giving it a more European appearance with a pitched roof and Gothic Revival spires plus inside additions.

This church is registered in the National Register of Historic Places and has remained in use for over 200 years. The San Felipe de Neri is one of the most popular destinations in Albuquerque's famous Old Town historic district and is open daily to the public.

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Photo by ShutterBug Tom Murray

Intermediate first place: Around the Bend.



ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip

ShutterBugs proudly presents our intermediate class winners from this 2019's photo contest.

Tom Murray's first place photo comes from the Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Florida. He took it as the horses went through the water part of the course. Tom did a great job selecting a fast shutter speed to freeze the movement of the horse and water splashing!

His second place photo was taken while on vacation in New Hampshire. He was taking photos of the fall colors in the town of Hillsboro when he came to Gleason Brook. It was the flow of the stream that caught his eye. In this photo, he selected a slow shutter speed to blur the water movement.

Gail Schultz was at the Grand Canyon in Arizona when she took her photo. She said, "When I turned to the right, I noticed this couple on a ledge of the canyon a distance away from me." She remembered two points from a DVD shown at a ShutterBugs meeting. First, look for a scene that tells a story. Second, having people in your photo will give the viewer perspective, in this case, the huge size of the canyon.

If you're looking for ways to improve your camera skills, consider coming to our meetings. Check back next month to see our special



Photo by ShutterBug Tom Murray

Intermediate second place: Gleason Brook.

category winners.

Our next field trip is being held on a different date, Friday, Feb. 28. This will allow a few of our less mobile club members to use a tram. We're going to the Circle "B" Bar Reserve in Lakeland, Florida. Those who have been to Circle "B" on our previous trips know that this place is usually teaming with wildlife. For more details, visit: polknature.com/explore/circle-b-bar-reserve.

In February at Master the Possibilities, ShutterBug John Bauer is showing photos from a recent trip to Greece. He and his wife, Jane,

spent 15 days there in May 2019. Their visit included Athens, the Parthenon and Delphi, along with many of the beautiful islands. They found the people to be friendly and welcoming. Greece had long been high up on their bucket list, so stop by and see some of the beauty they were able to enjoy.

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

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

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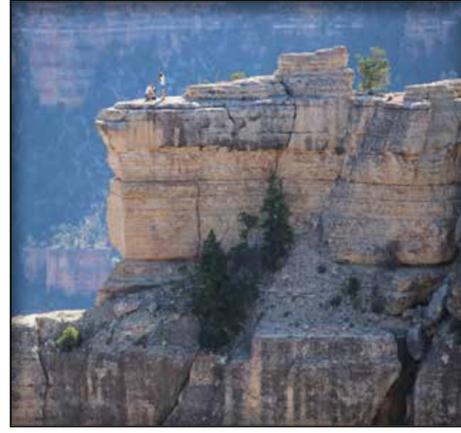


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Intermediate third place: Canyon Proposal.

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- 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.



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr

Happy February! Our presenter in January was Nancy Carroll. She is a fairly new member and we appreciated all her efforts to be a presenter. Nancy offered several versions of a small desk calendar as well as a beautiful magnolia-themed card to be used for many different occasions. We thank Nancy for her efforts and for providing all the stamps and dies necessary to complete the projects.

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

Our group is open to all crafters - beginners or those more experi-

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



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Calendars presented by Nancy Carroll.



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Smoky Arts & Crafts

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

Gatlinburg, Tennessee is where travelers and explorers visiting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park can deviate from the excitement of the park and explore Gatlinburg's Historic Arts and Crafts Trail. This trail comprises over 100 craftsmen and artists in an eight-mile loop where you can explore countless shops, galleries

and eateries.

The loop comprises the largest group of independent artisans in North America and has been designated a Tennessee Heritage Arts and Crafts Trail. No one person or group planned the loop of artisans, it just kind of happened. Back in 1937, these crafters and artists set up their craft areas on the streets

of Gatlinburg but many times due to weather they would have to close down. People visiting Gatlinburg loved watching the street vendors create their crafts.

The crafters decided to go home, as many lived in the area of the famous loop and this is where they set up shop either building a small shop or out of their homes. The loop grew into what it is today - over 100 artisans of all types. Shops are contained in little villages or separate buildings, shops, and houses.

No matter what type of craft object or subject one is looking for it is bound to be in one of the crafters on the loop which has been reported as the biggest concentration of crafters and artisans in America. Some of the crafts you may find in-

clude woodworking, painting, sewing, cast, weave, carvings, creating original collectables such as candles, oak and willow baskets, quilts, brooms, pottery, jewelry, dolls ceramics, scrimshaw, silversmith, leather, stained glass, wearable fashions, photography, not to mention paintings done in either oils, or watercolors, and lithographs. The loop also has some fine dining, liquid refreshment establishments, motels, and bed and breakfasts. In case the visitor wishes to get married, there are also two chapels in the loop.

If the visitors are not looking for anything in particular, the loop is still a great place to visit. Gatlinburg holds three craft shows yearly in the downtown Gatlinburg Convention Center.



Photo by Bob Woods

Gatlinburg's Historic Arts and Crafts Trail.

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Front End Alignment

Check Front End Components . Adjust Camber/Caster/Toe If Needed. Check Tire Pressures . Reset T.P.M.S systems if Needed.

\$ 34.99*

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Front Brake Job

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\$ 139.99*

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Tire Rotation

Rotate Tires, Inspect for Abnormal Wear, Reset T.P.M.S systems.

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Birds: Looking for loving home for 2 canaries, 2 parakeets, and 2 parrots. Cages included. (352) 355-3563 (leave message).

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Misc. Item: Handi Quilter Sweet 16 includes machine, table, thread & bobbin winder. (352) 390-3853.

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Saturday, Feb. 8: 8831-H SW 94th Lane (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. • 9758-A SW 94th Avenue (Crescent Ridge), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9: 9659-D SW 95th Terrace (Crescent Ridge), noon to 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14 & Saturday, Feb. 15: 8880-A SW 98th Street Road (Americana Village), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21: 10043 SW 90th Loop (Avalon), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22: 10043 SW 90th Loop (Avalon), 8 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 & Thursday, Feb. 27: 9651-C SW 85th Terrace (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Feb. 28 & Saturday, Feb. 29: 8459-A SW 90th Street (Friendship Colony), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Services

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Wanted

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Donations: Dog or cat food [SPCA of Marion County (352) 362-0985] • Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies & small appliances for homeless; pet food/supplies for animal shelters; used cell phones, computers & musical instruments for troops/veterans; theatrical costumes & props [Donna (352) 237-3062] • Toiletries for troops [Bob (352) 854-0702] • Towels and blankets for homeless shelter [Jim (740) 392-4494] • Yarn for VA hospitals, children and newborns [(352) 843-6519].

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