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Community News

Kenneth D. Colen
Publisher

The last six months have been trying on everyone's nerves. The lockdown, gradual reopening of facilities, the reversal of the gradual reopening, have followed the ebb and flow of the pandemic locally. Many residents continued on voluntary isolation because of concerns for their health or the health of a loved one.

The reality is that this pandemic may be the "new normal" that we must all try and live with, figuring out how to cope with reduced social interactions, including altering social spacing, as well as masking, are making many of us (myself included) more than a little nutty trying to figure out what is "safe" and manageable.

To the extent that dealing with COVID-19 accommodations can safely be done, the Associations and the Management Company are operating recreational amenities and adhering to distancing and disinfection guidelines. Dealing with short-staffing has been a challenge to maintain operations. We get it: employees must tend to their children and aging parents first. For the most part, residents have been very understanding and helpful.

Resident Services continues to experience much higher than normal flow of traffic, both walk-in, over the phone, and internet. This is resulting in delays and is slowing response time as they work through the service backlog. To limit exposure to staff and, by extension, to residents, the office is open to a limited number of residents at any given time. The office will be closing mid-day for one-half hour while a specialized disinfection using high-strength UVA lighting is underway. This process requires all workers to leave the workspace while disinfection takes place.

Kindness and compassion are the greatest of attributes any person can give to another. The understanding and patience of all residents in this time are really appreciated. However, this has not always been the case. To put it bluntly, some people have been outright rude to frontline staff members. Staff is here to assist residents resolve concerns and to answer questions. No staff member is required to endure verbal abuse or threats of any kind. Each team member has authority to deny service in such circumstances, as they arise.

This same principal goes for use of the amenities in each of the communities. Residents using the facilities are subject to a screening procedure designed to minimize the chance of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Anyone failing to cooperate in the screening or failing to mask or distance, will be asked to comply with these simple procedures or exit the facility. Your Association reserves the right to use all legal means to enforce these procedures for the benefit of all residents and staff.

Summer is Winding Down

As this beautiful, wet summer is winding down, the ramp-up for the fall and winter is moving into full gear. September seemed to get here very fast. From the property management perspective, the push is to catch up the last of any rain-delayed work in the community and getting lawns and landscaping ready for what little winter we enjoy around here.

Phase I of the waterline extension project taking place on SW 80th Avenue north of SW 80th Street, should be pretty well completed by the time you read this. The purpose of this project is to tie Calesa Township into the master water distribution loop. Phase II of the project involves extending a pedestrian and golf cart trail to Sholom

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Books, Magazines & Jigsaw Puzzles

By BJ Leckbee
World News Writer

The library, now located in the Hobby Building, has reopened with new operating hours – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Saturday. As of this writing, entry requires knocking on the door, as social distancing limits the number of people allowed in the room. Face masks are required, and a resident ID as well.

Our librarian, Rita Mandl, or one of her volunteer assistants will ask a few questions – probably the same ones you've been asked at other locations recently; and then you are free to roam the new facility and take as much time as you like deciding what you want to take with you when you leave. It doesn't have to be a book; there are magazines as well, and our most popular item recently – jigsaw puzzles. You'll find a well-organized closet of them, ranging from as few as 100 pieces to over 1,000.

The bookshelves are clearly labeled and there is a reference catalog available that is arranged by both author name and title. Some special-interest books are grouped by subject; for example, Large Print, Sci-Fi, Western, World War II, Civil War and Florida. Other books catalogued by subject have a numerical designation based on the Dewey Decimal System.

The magazines are current, and, as they are donated by residents, tend to reflect the interests of different clubs in On Top of the World.

The special thing about borrowing something from our library is that you don't have to check it out. Take as much time as you need to enjoy it and then bring it back for others to enjoy. Drop boxes are available outside both entrance doors for after-hours returns.

All the books, magazines, and puzzles have been donated by you, our residents; and those donations are very much appreciated.

Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, LLC

Library located in the Hobby Building.

Are You Hurricane-Ready?

By Phil Panzera
World News Writer

Don't answer so quick. Sure, if you're the cautious and organized type, you've studied the hurricane checklists we all see every year at this time, and you're ready to go with a cache of water, food, a med kit, a battery-operated radio, etc. To be fully prepared, however, it's not quite that simple. The standard checklist takes care of your physical safety, while this article discusses how to safeguard your finances.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers a special kit with all the information you need to guide your family through the recovery process. This Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) will be vitally important if you are ever impacted by a natural disaster or emergency.

The EFFAK guides you through simple steps for financial preparedness. It helps you assess, compile and then safeguard all your important financial documents, contacts, insurance policies and cash resources.

The FEMA financial kit also has an excellent reference section, listing helpful organizations and resources, along with tools to assist your financial well-being. It also advises you of common scams, and how to protect yourself against disaster-related fraud.

Even though I served in a former life as the chief financial officer and president of a NASDAQ company, I nevertheless found my own financial preparedness for emergencies a bit lacking. Sure, I have water and flashlights ready, but if anything serious happens it would be far more difficult for me to deal with the financial fallout than if I had prepared with FEMA's financial kit.

I'm sure I'm not the only one in our community who is not as "fully prepared" as I thought I was. I encourage residents to check out the EFFAK resources and information on the FEMA site. The direct link is quite lengthy, but if you just search on your Internet browser for "FEMA EFFAK" it will take you there. On that page choose the very last underlined document at bottom.

You can also visit the link in the adjacent graphic for more information from FEMA on hurricane preparation. At this very moment we are smack in the middle of hurricane season, and if you think more preparation is a good idea, I encourage you to do it now. If you wait until next week, or even tomorrow, the notion and impetus will likely evaporate as the dawn mist. Be a good girl scout or boy scout; hope for the best, but plan for the worst.

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July	06/12/20	06/25/20	07/02/20
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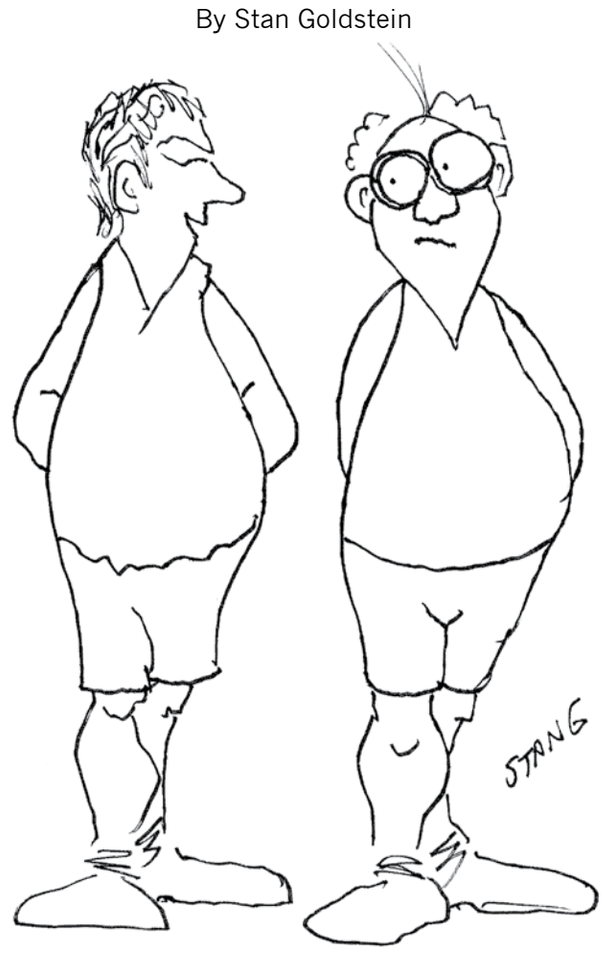
GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



The best labor-saving device is money.

Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT #1: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reports that the top fraud complaints are "imposter" calls. These are phone calls from someone saying they are from the Social Security Administration (SSA) or from some other government agency, such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Usually, these days, it's a robocall at first and then you are told to press #1 or whatever for more information.

Bottom line is the same: the caller wants to trick you into pressing #1 so they can hook you up with a human scammer. They claim there is something wrong with your social security account or there's fraud or suspected fraud and then, they want personal information.

Most of us already know this but it's well to go over it again. The SSA does not:

1. Call unless in return of a call you made.
2. Call to tell you that your account has been suspended.
3. Offer you a benefit in exchange for you providing any information, including, of course, personal/private information.
4. Call to demand immediate payment of any money.
5. Require a specific method of payment such as a credit card, iTunes card, debit card, gift card, wire transfers, etc.

Folks, most of you already know about all of this and you know just to hang up the phone. But some folks are not as aware of scams and frauds as you might be. So, please check on your neighbors and friends. Chat about these frauds; it helps you stay aware and helps acquaint you with folks who may not be as savvy as you.

SCAM ALERT #2: I've been getting a bunch of calls where my caller ID says, "potential scam" or "out of area." Sometimes, I am tempted to answer just to see what the scammer has to say. But I don't answer, and neither should you. More often than not, if you did answer, you'd get no answer back. That's because they are hoping you will call back and more than likely you will get hit with various scammer phone charges. We must resist the desire to answer these kinds of calls. We must.

Q. My father needs Medicaid. He will need to go into a nursing home fairly soon because my mother can no longer take care of him at home. Mom was told about a Medicaid-compliant annuity that can be used to protect assets (for my mother) while at the same time allowing dad to obtain Medicaid benefits, when he has to go into the nursing home. Your thoughts?

A. John Beck is an attorney in our law office, who handles Medicaid matters. He also has a master's degree in taxation. So, I ran this issue by him. John's first comment was that it was very difficult for him to comment on information about a Medicaid-compliant annuity, when he was not there when you received this information. Further, John didn't know precisely what information was given to whomever discussed that kind of annuity with you.

John had a couple of comments, though. First, John hopes that whoever gave you information about that kind annuity was an attorney familiar with Medicaid. Second, John said that, as a general statement and not one to be relied upon for anyone's specific issues, a Medicaid-compliant annuity can have benefits to enable a Medicaid applicant to receive Medicaid benefits. However, these kinds of annuities need to be very carefully reviewed and must always be designed to meet applicable Medicaid eligibility laws. Those eligibility laws change frequently as legislative bodies seek to control spending, thus making it harder and harder to obtain Medicaid benefits, even for those who need them and should have them.

Q. My 18-year-old granddaughter wants to come and stay with me until she can go back to school. She said she would bring her boyfriend, but I don't have to worry because they will bring masks. I would like your thoughts.

A. I don't think I want to give you my thoughts on this. Oh, okay. Masks are good. Where and when they wear them are separate matters, don't you think? Suggestion – tell her not to come. The virus is too serious a matter.

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Finding Zen

Sholom Park

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Sholom Park successfully hosted their second annual Lil' L.E.A.F. program the first week of August. Children of all ages enjoyed three fun-filled mornings at Sholom Park. Attendees were separated into groups of 10 to help maintain social distancing guidelines and rotated between educational, creative, and interactive stations throughout the park.

Guest speakers from Queen of America Bee Keeping Club and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Science provided an educational presentation under the park's pavilion to stimulate the children's minds. The children also explored the great outdoors and nature with an educational walk and scavenger hunt through the park.

The "Kids Rock Station" on the Sholom Park stage encouraged their creativity by designing and creating their own themed garden rocks. Ocala Rocks Official provided more than 300 decorated rocks for children, as well as regular park attendees, to find hidden throughout the park. Each day concluded with a snack and story time with Marion County Public Library under the shade of the large live oaks in the formal garden, followed by a refreshing summertime treat from local food truck vendors. It was a great week for little ones to Learn-Explore-Appreciate and Focus (LEAF) at Sholom Park.

Stay tuned on our website, Facebook and Instagram for more family-friendly events coming to Sholom Park this fall.

Photos (left and top) courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, LLC

Second annual Lil' L.E.A.F. took place in August.

OneBlood Bloodmobile

oneblood

Sara Sommer

Good news! After all, that is what this newspaper is all about.

The Big Red Bus® was here Monday, Aug. 3. It was a truly fantastic drive. We had 28 whole blood donations and four double red cell donations. We saved up to 88 lives. As essential persons, donors have great powers.

The Big Red Bus will be here again Monday, Oct. 7. It will be parked at the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to eat a good breakfast and drink lots of water before and after donating. Please bring a picture ID and a mask.

During the donation process everything is kept sanitized and social distancing is practiced. You will receive a small token of appreciation for your donation. Also, you will receive a mini physical which includes temperature check, blood pressure check, cholesterol reading and a COVID-19 test. The cholesterol and COVID-19 results can be viewed online about four days after the donation.

There is no substitute for human blood. Only you can make a difference. Please give. See you on the bus!

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Park and north to SW 63rd Street. This involves permitting by Marion County. A late October permit release and mobilization for work to begin is anticipated. The permit application for a traffic signal at SW 63rd Street was submitted to Marion County in late July. No approval date can be anticipated at this time for that work.

Longleaf Ridge is going full bore on construction of new homes in Phase I. This neighborhood offers a limited number of Estate Series homes fronting on The Links Golf Course. Premier and Carriage Series homes are also available in this gracious, maintenance included neighborhood.

The newest neighborhood in Candler Hills is Kestrel. Sales of these premium Estate Series homes has been strong. Site development work will bring us a total of 131 estate lots in Kestrel when completed.

Indigo East is down to a final five homes, nearing completion. Meanwhile, sales continue at a brisk pace in Weybourne Landing. Weybourne Landing Phase 1A saw a completion of 199 lots in June. The next 173 lots making up Weybourne Landing Phase 1B, are targeting August for site construction commencement.

Home sales across all communities are moving along at a very good pace. Interestingly, over one-third of sales have been move-in ready homes. Demand remains strong, despite the many challenges this nation is facing.

Recycling Update

It's worth reminding all residents that plastic bags do not recycle. If you bring your aluminum and metal cans and newspapers to the recycling containers or in the curbside containers in plastic garbage bags, empty the contents into the recycling bins and dispose of the bags in the household garbage. Doing otherwise only contaminates the entire recycling stream and it will be directed to the landfill. A resident asked that we place a convenient container near recycling to place the plastic bags and we are in process of testing this suggestion.

Recycling works and has saved the Associations money in the long run. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Hurricane Season

The recent National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) update on the 2020 hurricane season was concerning to say the least. 25 potential Atlantic storms must be taken seriously. It has the Management Company reevaluating their resources for storm preparedness and recovery to ensure they are ready for the challenge serial storms may pose. Generally, the Management Company is able to persevere in its ground's maintenance responsibilities, despite the month of July and August posing challenges with rain. It seems that every time the mowing crews got caught up, a long cycle of showers pushed them behind. I congratulate our crews for working so hard to keep up under the grueling temperatures and rainy days. Granted we need the rain to replenish the groundwater, but it does come with a price.

As we move deeper into storm season, focus may be shifting to storm preparations. The Management Company is positioned to move fast, on sometimes less than 24-hour notice, to secure buildings and equipment from possible wind and rain damage, as well as making sure everyone is clear on their post-storm responsibilities for recovery and clean-up.

Residents are encouraged to be alert and ready to clean up personal items outside the house that may become missiles in high winds. Movable property that cannot be stored in the garage or secured in a closed room must be secured in place from high winds. If you have not prepared your hurricane kit, we urge you to do so. Please refer to page 8 for "Storm Preparedness - Key Points" to assist you with your kit.

Home Modifications

Residents of all communities who add an addition to the exterior of their home are required to obtain approval from the Association prior to the modification. One of the largest factors considered in the review and approval process is the wind rating on any proposed addition to the home. Many aluminum products have an inadequate wind rating. Naturally, these types of products will not be approved by the Association. Check with Resident Services for details. Finally, don't forget to update your homeowner insurance to ensure any additions to the original structure are included in your policy.

Citizens Emergency Response Team

Sue Gribbins

Hurricane safety tips:

- Keep a full tank of gas.
- Have a gallon of water per person and pet for seven days.
- Have food for each person and pet for seven days.
- Have enough medication for seven days.
- Fill the bathtub. Don't forget that water in the hot water heater is drinkable.
- Get a couple of bags of ice.
- Have a first aid kit available.
- Cash ($200 to $300 in 20s).
- Put important documents in a waterproof container.
- Weather radio.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Portable barbecue.
- Charge cell phones. Get a solar or portable charger.
- Create a "help" sign for window, if needed.
- Finally, leave when told; don't wait!

Don't forget to pick up your emergency placards at the Recreation Center lobby.

Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) usually meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. We plan on meeting in September.

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GOLF CART REGISTRATION
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We are looking forward to cooler weather as we officially move in to fall Saturday, Sept. 22. We also observe Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7.

2020 has certainly been a different kind of year. Our routines changed, social interactions have been difficult to maintain and everywhere we go, we are outfitted with a mask and hand sanitizer. It is understandable some of us have cabin fever and patience is just a little fragile. It is hard to get our arms around what we call, "the end in sight," but I remain optimistic, with everyone doing their part, this difficult challenge will be contained. Then, the question becomes, what is the new normal?

Resident Services is now open with the following restrictions:

- Will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.
- Closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. daily for sanitizing.
- Lobby is limited to six residents at a time.
- Social distancing of six feet and masks are required.
- Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Residents needing to utilize Resident Services at Friendship Commons may continue to contact the office by phone, (352) 236-OTOW (6869), or email at otowservice@otowfl.com in lieu of visiting. We are experiencing higher than normal volumes and appreciate your patience. Be assured, your call or email will be returned as soon as possible.

Florida Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-192 on Thursday, Aug. 6, which rescinds EO 20-80 and EO 20-82. Persons traveling in from the Tri-State Area (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut) no longer need to quarantine for 14 days. EO 139 "Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery" remains in effect. As a reminder, key portions of the order include individual responsibility of social distancing, avoiding crowds and gatherings, and taking measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Safety protocols remain in place and are posted at each facility:

- All opened amenities and facilities have capacity limitations which are posted at each location and which allow for proper distancing.
- Masks are required in all indoor locations and standard operating hours will be implemented. Masks are recommended at outside facilities, but not required.
- At this time, no non-resident guests are allowed. (Must be Gateway of Services member.)
- All residents must be responsible for their own personal safety and for compliance with the safety protocols for each location. Residents should bring their own hand sanitizer and wipes in the event that provided sanitizer is out.
- Do not utilize the facility/amenity if, within the past 14 days, you have had COVID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with or exposed to a person having COVID-19, have been asked to self-monitor at home, have been on a cruise or traveled to any U.S. city or foreign country on the CDC's affected areas of widespread/sustained community transmission.

We encourage all residents to continue to take all precautions and follow safety protocols posted at each facility and those recommended by the CDC and local health department. Cases are still increasing in Marion County and by following the safety protocols, we keep each other safe.

Power Outages

Please keep in mind that when we have power outages it is a good idea to check your irrigation clock to make sure that it is still on the correct setting. Many times a power surge or outage may cause the clock to revert to its original settings. If the settings are not checked, you may be watering too much or not enough.

Private Contractors

There are always questions and concerns regarding debris and trash left in the community by private contractors. So, I thought I would offer some clarification. Whether you hire a contractor to do work inside the home or outside of the home, it is that contractor's responsibility to remove any trash or debris from the community. Contractors are not permitted to use waste or garbage facilities in the community, and they should not be asking residents to dispose of their trash. Please inform your contractor of their responsibility. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Resident Services at (352) 236-6869.

Rule of the Month

To complement the paragraph above on private contractors, please be aware of the community rules regarding any changes to the outside of the home. "13. Maintenance and Alterations. No alteration or modification of the exterior or structural components of any Residential Unit, of the landscaping or lawn irrigation (sprinkler) system on any Lot, nor any exterior painting of doors, driveways, or exterior areas of any Dwelling, Home or Lot, nor the installation, alteration or painting of any fence or wall, may occur or be made without the specific advance written approval of the Association or its designee …"

Stay safe all!

CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE
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ontopoftheworldinfo.com/otow-central-garbage-and-recycling-locations/

World Home Improvements Offers New Services

By Marie Arroyo

World Home Improvements is the remodeling services division of On Top of the World Communities, LLC and offers a full array of renovation and remodeling services. World Home Improvements has added a new range of services that include the installation of solar panels, window treatments and generators.

Solar Panel Installation

World Home Improvements can help you save energy and reduce your power bills with their new solar panel installation service. These solar panels, made right here in the USA, utilize industry-leading micro-inverters and are covered by a 25-year warranty.

Window Treatments

World Home Improvements can now help their customers with their window privacy needs. Now offering real and faux wood, cellular, rollup, or illusion blinds; World Home Improvements can help you add privacy and style to your windows. Looking for something different than classic blinds? Consider upscale plantation shutters for your home.

Generac® Generator Installation

As we move further into hurricane season, it is important to be prepared for a storm. World Home Improvements has got you covered with Generac® generator installation services. With the Generac® 10-22 kW Guardian® Series Automatic Home Standby Generator, you can have peace of mind that you will have power during and after the storm passes.

Here are just some of the amazing features you get with this generator:

- Largest air-cooled generator on market for whole home coverage.
- Free Mobile Link™ wireless monitoring.
- True Power™ technology.
- User-friendly Evolution™ controller.
- Engineered and built in the USA.
- Durable aluminum enclosures.
- LCD display.
- Powerful but quiet G-Force engines.
- 10-year extended warranty.

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One call does it all for all of your home upgrades! World Home Improvements is licensed and insured; for total peace of mind. For more information, contact them at (352) 387-7479 or remodeling@otowfl.com.

For a gallery of photos, visit worldhomeimprovements.com or on Facebook (@worldhomeimprovements).

World Home Improvements has added a new range of services that include the installation of solar panels, window treatments and generators

Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard

Many members of the Republican Club participated in another flag-waving event Saturday, Aug. 1. The event was sponsored by the Stone Creek Republicans. Communication Chair Tom Hauck reported that approximately 150 people participated at the Friendship Shopping Center. In addition, many local candidates joined with their signs and shared information about their campaigns.

These events are becoming more and more popular as indicated by the growing attendance and enthusiasm.

Over the course of the past five months, many people have called to inquire about the club and the upcoming primary election. Their names have been added to our mailing list and when we are able to meet again, they will be formally welcomed into the club.

For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at (518) 534-0201. Your call will be answered as soon as possible.

Lifelong Learning

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We have been waiting with anticipation, and now the Master the Possibilities staff is excited to announce the completion of the addition at the Education Center. This addition includes a new classroom space, a new art and culinary art space, as well as a multipurpose classroom that will house more versatile educational moments for participants. We invite you to stop by to see the gorgeous new classrooms, as well as grab a delicious cup of coffee at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli while in the building.

Do not forget to pick up a copy of the July through December catalog, if you do not already have one. During the month of September, Master the Possibilities has more than 160 classes available for learning in the classroom or from home. We are adding to the Distance Learning curriculum weekly to ensure everyone has a continual opportunity to learn, engage with others, and stay abreast of current events. Whether you choose to visit our building to attend a course, or learn from home, be assured our team is doing what we can to promote a clean, healthy learning environment for all.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, John Hunt will be offering a course on "Introduction to Buddhism." This course will include fundamentals, cultural aspects, geographic distribution, and intellectual qualities of Buddhism. Have you ever been curious about the Buddhist temples in China, Thailand, or the United States? Hunt will be sharing images of many of these locations, including the Dalai Lama, as he speaks about Buddhist facts. This class will be presented in person and virtually from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost to attend is $2 for members and $7 for non-members.

Dr. Devin Breedon with AdventHealth Ocala will be on campus Thursday, Sept. 10 to discuss "Nutrition and Healthy Aging." His discussion will include topics on ways in which nutrition may dictate longevity and possibly prevent a decline in overall health. This class is also being offered in person and virtually, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Cypress Hall, for those attending on campus. Cost to attend is $2 for members and $7 for non-members.

We are excited to announce the addition of a special speaker this month, Dr. Damon Friedman. Many of you may have met him at the On Top of the World's Veterans Park grand opening event in 2019. He was the dynamic, energetic keynote speaker for that event and has agreed to speak to our community again from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Circle Square Cultural Center about "How to Be a World Changer During Uncertain Times." This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required, however.

Dr. Friedman is a combat-decorated veteran who served four combat deployments in both Iraq and Afghanistan, where he was supporting the global war on terrorism. He was a U.S. Marine Corps officer, then later a special tactics officer with the Air Force elite, where he led special operations. His combat decorations include three Bronze Stars (one with Valor), and the Air Force Combat Action Medal. In his presentation this month, Dr. Friedman will include real life stories about how true humility can help empower people. He is the author of "Igniting Movements: How Critical Factors and Special Ops Empower World Changers," and will be signing books after the presentation.

For additional information on these courses, or other events this term, visit masterthepossibilities.org. Our team is also available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help with registrations, or answer curriculum questions. To register by phone, call (352) 861-9751.

Williamsburg Neighbors

Ginny Nardone

When September arrives, many of us move from summer to fall mode. Fall is the time we anticipate welcoming back our snowbirds and we look forward to the fun fall activities in our community.

2020 has been a year of many challenges and changes; this statement is also true for things in Williamsburg. We will not be able to hold our in-person October social at the Arbor Conference Center as planned, but something new is on the horizon. Jill Carel, chairperson for the fall social is working on an alternative for us, a Williamsburg Zoom get together! As this column goes to press, Jill is busy drafting an announcement about the day, time, and theme for the gathering, as well as information on how to download Zoom for those of us who may need help getting started. The meeting information and instructions will be shared with residents via email in the coming weeks. Be sure to watch for updates in your email inbox!

If you are new to Williamsburg and would like to be added to the email contact list, or if your previous entry needs to be updated, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266.

Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss

The Community Patrol is active. We are the "eyes and ears" of our community and the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). In addition to patrolling here at On Top of the World, we drive through the surrounding shopping areas.

The patrol car has been sanitized and is cleaned often.

Once again neighbors, we ask you to remember to obey all traffic rules. Keep your cars locked at all times on or off site, and ask that you to keep garage doors closed, particularly after dark (days are getting shorter). Please stay alert and safe.

We continue to ask for volunteers to become members of the Community Patrol. If interested, please contact Paul Altman at (860) 460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com for information.

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Storm Preparedness – Key Points

- Designate a "post-disaster contact" who is a relative or friend who lives outside of the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person's address and phone number and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane.
- Keep on hand at least one week's supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, flashlight and battery-operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can quickly pack and evacuate.
- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.
- Remove furniture from porches or patio and secure hoses and lawn ornaments so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.
- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further damaged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.
- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.
- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.
- Don't forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

When a hurricane threatens, immediately take these steps:

- Refill prescriptions and critical supplies such as oxygen.
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.
- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.
- Bring inside any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.
- Protect or shutter windows. (Please refer to your association's rules on when to do so.)
- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMs may be closed for several days following the storm.

During a hurricane:

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.
- Follow the orders of local authorities.
- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows; even inland locations may still be at risk. If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom and use mattresses to protect yourself.
- Don't assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

If the electricity goes out:

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match. You do not want to take the risk of igniting gas from a broken line.
- Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

After the hurricane has passed:

- Don't venture outside until local authorities have issued an "all-clear."
- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.
- If you have evacuated, don't return until authorities reopen your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.
- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.
- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.
- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.
- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.
- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Use the phone only for emergencies. Resident Services maintains an outdoor facility to charge your cell phones. Capacity is limited so be prepared to share the area and facility.
- Conserve water! Do not wash driveways of debris. If the power is out and you still have water pressure, it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power and with a limited supply of fuel.

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster:

- Don't alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.
- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.
- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.
- Keep records and receipts for all expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.
- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

Additional Resources

- National Hurricane Center: nhc.noaa.gov/
- Hurricane & Storm Tracking for the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans: hurricane.terrapin.com/
- The Weather Channel: weather.com/
- Duke Energy Hurricane Preparedness Info: duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness/storm-safety
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: ready.gov/severe-weather
- Marion County Emergency Management: AlertMarion.com

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Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton

The following Indigo East Social Committee events have been placed on hold: Oct. 31–Halloween Party; Nov. 14–Hog (BBQ) Roast; Nov. 21–Fall Craft Show; and Dec. 8–Golf Cart Parade. Please continue to check the Indigo East Facebook page, and/or email should there be any changes to these events.

On the first Monday of September, we celebrate Labor Day; this year the holiday falls on Sept. 7. Labor Day came about by the idea of Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader. He thought the American worker should have a day of their own to be honored for their achievements. Mr. McGuire proposed his idea to the New York Central Labor Union in 1882 and they too thought it was a good idea.

The first Labor Day was held on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882 in New York City. It was celebrated with a parade of 10,000 workers followed by a picnic, concert and speeches. Soon after the first Labor Day celebration, the holiday was moved to the first Monday in September.

Congress passed legislation in 1894 making Labor Day a national holiday. All too often, we celebrate this holiday, but forget the actual workers, past and present, that have contributed to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our Country. Hopefully, this year, and in the future, we take time on Labor Day to remember the true meaning of the holiday.

Other notable days in September:

- Sept. 11: 9/11 Remembrance Day
- Sept. 13: National Grandparents Day
- Sept. 16: American Legion Day
- Sept. 18: Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 22: Autumn Equinox
- Sept. 28: National Good Neighbor Day

Some silly and other celebrated September days:

- Sept. 5: Cheese Pizza Day
- Sept. 7: National Salami Day
- Sept. 9: Teddy Bear Day
- Sept. 10: Sewing Machine Day (a special thank you to all Indigo East seamstresses)
- Sept. 12: Chocolate Milk Shake Day (yum)
- Sept. 13: Positive Thinking Day
- Sept. 15: Make a Hat Day
- Sept. 18: National Cheeseburger Day
- Sept. 19: National Dance Day
- Sept. 20: Wife Appreciation Day and National Women's Friendship Day
- Sept. 21: Miniature Golf Day
- Sept. 22: Elephant Appreciation Day and Hobbit Day
- Sept. 23: Checkers Game Day
- Sept. 24: National Cherries Jubilee Day
- Sept. 26: International Rabbit Day
- Sept. 27: Crush a Can Day
- Sept. 28: Ask a Stupid Question Day (one of my favorite days)

As we enter into a new month and season, let us not forget, we, the residents, enhance beautiful Indigo East.

Have a great September, and as usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Indigo East

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Summer heat continues here in Central Florida. Stay hydrated especially during participation in summer outdoor activities when temperatures and humidity can reach critical levels.

I have noticed an increase in new residents to the community lately. I would like to extend a hardy welcome, and I look forward to meeting all the new residents. Our monthly activities sponsored by On Top of the World and resident events, with great regret, have been canceled. As you know these are uncertain times but the safety of our residents and employees must come first.

For the time being, the pools at the Indigo East Fitness Center (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and Indigo East Community Center (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) will remain open daily. You must have your resident ID to gain access to either pool.

The use of a protective face mask is mandatory inside the facilities and recommended outside. Six-foot minimum social distancing is required at all times. Again, this is for the safety of residents and employees. At this time no guests are allowed in either the Indigo East Fitness Center or Indigo East Community Center. Some residents have raised concerns about seeing unfamiliar faces in the Indigo East Community Center pool; be advised that sharing your resident ID card with anyone is strictly forbidden.

For those of you who are into working out to stay healthy, the Indigo East Fitness Center equipment and Fitness On Demand (FOD) rooms are a great place to maintain physical fitness. The FOD room is dedicated to video assisted training at your convenience. There are many videos available via simple menu selection including strength, cardio, yoga and flexibility training. The fitness staff has supplemented and continues to update many of the training videos specifically designed for our Indigo East residents. Stop by the Indigo East Fitness Center office to get your Frequent Flyer punch card. This card will be punched by the fitness center staff when you use the FOD room. Prizes are awarded based on usage. The Frequent Flyer program will conclude Wednesday, Sept. 30.

I want to thank all Indigo East residents for your cooperation and patience during these challenging times.

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Keeping It Green

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Understanding irrigation runtimes, precipitation rates, Solar Sync/Virtual Solar Sync, matched precipitation and evapotranspiration are crucial to irrigation management and turf grass health. Many times, when investigating grass-related service tickets, we come across one of these areas and often see this as the genesis of turf grass problems.

Let's begin with how long to run the irrigation and how it relates to precipitation rate. Knowing how the runtime and precipitation rate interact is essential in how your irrigation system is set up. How many minutes should you irrigate? The University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) recommends half to three-quarter inches per application. Knowing the type of irrigation head you have and nozzle are indicative in how long to irrigate.

For instance, homes constructed since 2009 use the MP (match precipitation) rotator. This means each head has an identical precipitation rate to the other nozzle patterns; they all produce a precipitation rate of .43 inches per hour. So now, if you know the precipitation rate you can determine how long you need to irrigate to water between half to three-quarter inches. This is why we set the irrigation systems at 90 minutes applying .63" at each cycle.

I have seen many controllers set to water for 20 minutes with MP Rotators; at that rate you are applying .14" of water. Needless to say, this is not enough but it also leads me to my next point of evapotranspiration.

Evapotranspiration (Et) is an algorithm combining the water evaporated from the ground and water transpired through the leaves. Typical Et values during the summer months is around .10 to .14 inches per day. Going back to my previous paragraph, if you irrigate 20 minutes twice a week you are always operating in a deficit and the plant can never recover, leading to drought stress, weeds and insect pests. For instance, I irrigate today and apply .14 inches at 20 minutes, the next cycle on a twice per week system is two to three days later. Given that known constant and an Et value of .12 inches, I have lost .24 inches of water in two days but will only be putting back .14 inches at 20 minutes. In the end, the plant cannot keep up and the soil becomes hydrophobic or repels the water and you see drying, dormancy and often dead grass.

If you couple the runtime with the Solar Sync or Virtual Solar Sync this also may cause more problems if not using the correct runtime. The Solar Sync or Virtual Solar Sync take site specific Et values and solar radiation to create a runtime adjustment. If you are at the correct runtime to apply half to three-quarter inches, these will offer a savings to keep you from over watering; but if you are not watering correctly, these devices or settings may cause even further problems.

On another note, I had the experience of a lifetime a few Saturdays ago. You know the old saying, "Never judge someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes?" Well, I walked a few miles or saw the miles while mowing with the Parkway staff in one of our neighborhoods. These Parkway employees are consistent, loyal and unwavering in their determination trying their hardest to keep our community clean and presentable. But even in the face of this determination we face a host of external challenges. One of the challenges I noticed while in the field operating a mower was an obstacle course of trees that were not maintained; also bird baths, grill covers, hoses and other items that we need residents to tend to.

Items such as trees that are properly lifted and maintained allow mowers to be operated underneath reducing ground workers "weed whacking." Trees also pose safety hazards. We get employees who try to do their best and get poked in the eye or run into a spider web while in the process of mowing and get bitten leading to delays and production loss. Owners in On Top of the World Central are responsible for owner installed plantings and it is the resident's responsibility to install and maintain these plantings in a manner that allows for proper maintenance.

As I read from the community standards "Any homesite, which has been altered from its natural state, shall be landscaped according to plans approved by the ARB. Any owner-installed landscape is the owner's responsibility to maintain. All shrubs, trees, grass and plantings of every kind shall be kept well maintained, properly cultivated and free of trash and other unsightly material."

We thank you for your cooperation and helping us to maintain the community.

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We are now in the peak of hurricane season and we all need to make sure our hurricane kits are up to date along with those important contact numbers. The Marion County non-emergency citizens information line is (352) 369-7500.

Many of our facilities are open with capacity limitations posted for each. If you are planning on using a facility, please remember you must book the facility through the Recreation Center office prior to use and this includes all pavilions. Residents must be responsible for their own personal safety and for compliance with the safety protocols for each location. Keeping our residents and employees safe while re-opening On Top of the World Communities amid the COVID-19 reopen plan has been and will remain our focus.

Holiday Hours

The Recreation Center office will be closed in observance of Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7. The Recreation Center Fitness Center, Arbor Fitness Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills office, Indigo Fitness Center office and pools will be open, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but all classes will be canceled. Please plan accordingly.

Line Dance Classes

Many considerations have been made for your comfort and safety as line dance classes resume. Due to mandatory class size restrictions, the largest classes have been split into two sessions. All Monday classes will be 50 minutes long to accommodate a total of five classes and allow for entry and exit. Improver class will be held on Thursdays for now. These changes will be adjusted as restrictions are lifted. Each class will start at a slow pace as we regain our physical and emotional energies and recover from six months of "stay at home" time.

Classes are held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Masks are required, and temperature checks will occur before each class. Please sign up well in advance of your dance class, as no passes will be issued on Mondays prior to class or after Sept. 14. Maggie will be handling all registrations and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. (Please remember gathering is not allowed in the Recreation Center lobby.) All classes are progressive September 2020 through June 2021.

Monday's class offerings are as follows:

- Absolute Beginner (noon to 12:50 p.m. and 1 to 1:50 p.m.): For new dancers and those who want to review last year's class. Basic steps and patterns described, practiced and used in easy dances.
- Beginner Level 2 (2:10 to 3 p.m.): Prior dance experience needed. Higher level beginner plus dances taught. New patterns taught as needed.
- Beginner Level 1 (3:15 to 4:05 p.m. and 4:20 to 5:10 p.m.): Dancers know basic steps and patterns learned in Absolute Beginner and are ready to move on to more. Easy dances with additional step patterns taught.

Thursday's class offering is as follows:

- Improver (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.): Dance experience required for this class. Current, popular dances taught that include easy intermediate dances.

Community Bus

The community bus is running by appointment only and limited seating of four persons per day. The bus runs Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week for a morning run only. The current destinations at this time are Aldi, Publix and Super Walmart. You can make reservations by calling the Recreation Center office at (352) 387-7533 and please note limited space on bus so you will need to call to see what dates are available.

Community Information

Please remember that mask and social distancing are required inside all facilities at On Top of the World. Guests are not permitted at any facility or pools at this time and this would include when dining at The Pub.

Note at this time all Recreation Center events have been cancelled unless noted in this column.

Think of yourself and others and abide by all safety protocols.

Back at The Ranch

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Most of 2020 is behind us now, and yet it seems like this year has just begun. I am not sure about you; but I am still adjusting to the "new normal." This unique time has presented us with many challenges, now is the perfect opportunity for you to pause and focus on self-care. Take a breath before the holidays roll in. We know that with our "new normal" this year's holiday season will pose many unique hurdles.

Over the last month, I made time for a massage, pedicure and facial. What a relief it was to retreat from life's daily stressors. Let The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa whisk you away from the troubles of your day. Our spa and salon team specialize in relaxation, stress relief, energy restoration, and making you look beautiful. Retreat for a single service or book a package to escape for the day!

Our salon has three cosmetologists to accommodate the latest in hair color and style, and a nail technician with expanded availability. When The Ranch reopened in May, we stepped up all of our safety measures including cleaning protocols, adding time to appointments for smoother transitions, and our reception team has been diligent with social distancing guidelines. We have accommodated the entire backlog of appointments, which accrued during our closure. We are ready and able to make an appointment for you – book now!

Our experienced team of spa providers offer a vast menu of services including massages, facials, and body treatments.

If your idea of feeling your best includes breaking a sweat, we got you covered. The fitness team worked hard to schedule fitness classes that accommodate social distancing and increased opportunity for sanitizing equipment. If you are not quite ready to return to the fitness center, we get it! We have a solution for that too! Select a virtual workout from our library of fitness videos, available at no charge at RanchOcala.com.

Schedule some self-care time and book a salon or spa service or stop by and we will gladly provide you with a personal tour of the fitness center.

Exciting news for residents … The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is waiving the member initiation fee during the month of September! It is the perfect time to take care of you.

Democratic Club

Dan Lack

The members of our club will receive an email around 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 (when we normally would meet in person) with a link to our September 2020 video message on our YouTube.com channel.

If you would like to join the Democratic Club, please use the contact information at the end of this column and provide your name, address, phone number and email address. If you are an Indigo East resident, please email a copy of your current Gateway of Services pass. There are no dues and you will receive useful information.

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us. The Ritz is in need of disinfectant and wipes, face masks, anti-bacterial soap, hand sanitizer, shoes, paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toiletries, canned food and dry food. Club members will receive "where and when" information via email.

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

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The Lodge at Candler Hills

Cassie Cummings
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I am excited to introduce myself to you, Cassie Cummings, as your new coordinator at The Lodge at Candler Hills. I look forward to meeting you once we get our activities back up and running again. A few of you may have already met me by the pool. We continue to monitor the pool closely to ensure everyone follows safety protocols and guidelines. We ask that six feet of social distancing be maintained at all times, wearing a mask when entering indoor facilities, and still no guests permitted at The Lodge at Candler Hills or Candler Hills Community Center at this time.

September is peak hurricane season; we will see a lot of rain and thunderstorms along the way. Our staff is working hard to keep residents safe; this includes informing you when there is lightning detected in the area while you are at the pool. Lightning regularly strikes water so we will ask you to please evacuate the pool area and find shelter immediately. When you hear thunder, please wait a minimum of 30 minutes before returning back to the water.

Our monthly activities are still cancelled until further notice. The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center pools remain open for our Candler Hills residents only. Please note our hours have temporarily changed to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The safety of our residents and employees remains our main focus. I want to thank Candler Hills residents for your cooperation during these challenging times.

The annual Craft Fair at Circle Square Cultural Center sponsored by On Top of the World, with great regret, has been cancelled this year.

Residents, please remember to bring your Candler Hills resident ID to utilize all of the facilities.

Please note Monday, Sept. 7, is Labor Day and our pool and facility hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

Very few activities can currently take place in Candler Hills, but updates are provided below.

The Candler Hills potluck dinners have been cancelled until further notice. They will resume whenever we can have large crowds at The Lodge at Candler Hills again. Our previous dinners have averaged anywhere from 70 to 145 attendees. For new Candler Hills residents, the potluck dinners are always on the last Tuesday of each month and start at 5:30 p.m.

We had many different themes, such as Mexican night, where we set up a taco bar in addition to all of the wonderful Mexican dishes that were provided by our residents. German night was a spectacular night with all of the wonderful German cooks providing their best culinary displays. We had Italian night which was also a great success. We had barbecues with our volunteer chefs cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, a variety of picnic salads, side dishes and desserts to choose from, and a DJ so that you could dance the night away.

We are anxious to start the potlucks again. We miss all of you and are looking forward to the time when we can have wonderful meals together along with stimulating conversation. If you have any questions, contact Deb Keirn at arthurkipdeb@verizon.net or at (352) 414-5737.

The postponed Golf Cart Scavenger and BBQ has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17. Watch for information in the World News and "The Happenings."

If you are interested in greeting new neighbors and helping with the very important Candler Hills ambassador program, contact Amy Waller at abwarnp97@aol.com. Several neighborhoods within Candler Hills still need ambassadors.

Some future events (hopefully) to look forward to at Candler Hills are:

- Sunday, Oct. 25: Annual fall picnic (tentative).
- Saturday, Dec. 12: Holiday party.

The 2020 speaker series is as follows thus far:

- Monday, Oct. 19: Pat Gabriel from the SR200 Coalition regarding what is going on around us.

The speaker series committee has a couple of options for November, but they are holding off scheduling anything further until they find out what the restrictions will be for future months.

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 1,253 residents of Candler Hills receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 892 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents.

Richard Steinfeldt has a "new resident" presentation on Facebook to welcome new residents to Candler Hills. You can access this presentation at steinfeldt.com/newresonline.pdf .

The Candler Connection board meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Please stay healthy and safe. Hope to see you at future events and around the neighborhood!

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Back-to-School Drive a Tremendous Success

By Bob Leiter

SoZo Kids is a non-profit organization helping to combat rural poverty in the Ocala National Forest. In July, a back-to-school drive was held by the Candler Hills community but supported by all residents!

The donation totals are in – $11,725 in school supplies and clothing plus monetary donations of $4,670 – with a grand total of $16,395! Wow!

We have a big-hearted community! We appreciate everyone's donations for this great back-to-school program for SoZo Kids! A special thanks to all of the volunteers and to Office Depot for their contributions.

The following items were donated for the back-to-school drive: 37 pairs of girls shoes; 26 pairs of boys shoes; 196 boys tops; 2 boys short sets; 12 boys pants; 421 pairs of boys socks; 197 boys underwear; 490 girls underwear; 504 pairs of girls socks; 48 sports bras; 30 leggings; 3 teen girl tops; 14 girl pants; 20 girl dresses; 2 girl shorts; 4 girl sweatshirts; 2 girls short sets; 123 girl tops; 2 girl sweaters; 3 girl jackets; 274 notebooks; 129 composition books; 305 pocket folders; 85 packages of lined paper; 392 boxes of crayons; 187 packages of colored pencils; 84 pencil sharpeners; 114 scissors; 19 Crayola crayon boxes; 40 zippered pencil bags; 59 packages of mechanical pencils; 165 packages of pencils; 334 two-pack glue sticks; 53 bottles of glue; 1 bottle of glitter glue; 3 bottles of colored glue; 1 30-piece school supply kit; 7 large bottles of hand sanitizer; 6 packages of hi-lighters; 17 binders; 1 girl lunch bag; 3 packages of graph paper; 26 various note cards and stickers; 2 packages of construction paper; 1 package of chalk; 4 boxes of binder clips; 4 packages of gel colored pens; 3 organizer trays; 1 artist paints and brushes in a wooden case; 10 boxes of tissues; 2 calculators; 4 dry erase boards; 2 manuscript tablets; 1 stapler; 77 backpacks; 9 reels of scotch tape; 1 fanny pack; 1 package of baby wipes; 99 packages of colored markers; 95 packages of pens; 7 packages of dry erasers; 47 rulers; 3 four-count variety glue; 42 packages of index cards; 94 packages of erasers; 4 40-count pencil erasers; 1 container of 110 erasers and pencil grips; 4 packages of tab dividers; and 14 packages of fashion pencils.

Photo by Bob Leiter

Bob Leiter and Patti Gresick presenting check to Pastor Dave Houck for $4,670 for SoZo Kids in the Forest.

Mission: Space

By Bill Shampine

This monthly column is called The World Traveler. Note that it doesn't specify any particular world, so I decided to write about Mars because I have been fascinated with space and space travel for my entire life; and that's a lot of years! I was reminded of space travel when I recently learned that three spacecrafts are being launched to Mars this July/August. The launches include the U.S.'s "Perseverance" Mars rover; the United Arab Emirates' "Hope" orbiter; and China's "Huoxing-1" mission will include both an orbiter and a rover. They all should get to Mars in early 2021. A fourth launch was cancelled.

How does this affect me? I heard someone ask this question. If you have been following the news, you will know that Elon Musk's SpaceX company is on a roll. This private company has successfully launched, and recovered, multiple spacecrafts in the past year. Now, here's the part that could affect you. SpaceX is planning to sell passenger space on some missions in the not-too-distant future. It would be expensive, but, wow, what an adventure! SpaceX also has developed a huge rocket called "Starship" that is designed specifically to provide the power necessary to take payloads to Mars and beyond.

Did you know that the U.S. and its partners are hoping to return to the Moon by the mid-2020s and to Mars by 2030! There is even one (optimistic) Dutch company (Mars One) that plans to start colonizing Mars starting in 2023! Think about that! They actively are seeking volunteers to join their program for a permanent move to Mars. Are you ready?

The core question, however, is why go to Mars? The scientific reasons for going are humankind's never-ending search for life, understanding the surface and the planet's evolution, and learning lessons for future human exploration of space. Mars is the logical target because it is close by, and potentially habitable. I say "potentially habitable" because there are some serious problems to overcome; little things like oxygen, water, and extreme cold.

America's "Perseverance" will be working on the oxygen issue with a device called MOXIE (Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment). It takes carbon dioxide from the Mars atmosphere (95% of the atmosphere) and converts it into oxygen and carbon monoxide. If MOXIE works as planned, truly long-range thinkers believe it may even be possible to "terraform" Mars – that is totally change the composition of the atmosphere to make it similar to that of Earth. Scientists also believe they have identified some deposits of frozen water on the surface and some potentially liquid water stored at depth. The world's famous polar caps primarily are "dry ice," frozen carbon dioxide, but, apparently, they do contain some amount of frozen water. For the cold, an average temperature of -81 degrees Fahrenheit, take a warm jacket and a "space" heater!

We always hear broadcasters talk about "windows" when they are discussing impending space launches. What is that? You have to remember that the Earth is always moving and the target for the launch rocket also is constantly moving. Therefore, for the most fuel- and time-efficient launch, you have to aim for where the target will be, not where it is at the time of launch – extraordinarily complex mathematics. For Mars, there is a one-month launch window available every 26 months, which explains why there were three launches this summer.

Photo by Rosetta, the European Space Agency's spacecraft

Mars, from a distance of about 150,000 miles.

A New Season Ahead

By Nancy Meininger

The season is upon us! We are about to enter the High Holidays, soon to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – the beginning of our Jewish New Year. Like you, we are all longing to gather for a true meet and greet.

In this interim, the Jewish Club board of directors, led by Vice President Len Elsner, has met at the outdoor pavilion to map out our new season.

On Top of the World has granted us the opportunity to meet for half of our season at The Lodge at Candler Hills, accommodating all of our wonderful Candler Hills resident members, and the other half of the season at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III as we have in the past. When permitted, we will meet a total of 10 months annually, excluding July and August.

The board members also agreed to a fundraiser to support Kimberly's Center for Child Protection, our chosen Ocala charity to have a donation drive in October to collect needed supplies and funds. Kimberly's Center is a home for abused and neglected children. It houses about 30 children from five to 18 years of age. They also advocate and help others who are at risk or just need legal advocacy. This has been the chosen charity for the Jewish club the last few years.

Charlie Calhoun, well known in the community for his successful fundraisers for other charities, will spearhead the effort. If you would like to assist with this fundraiser, contact Charlie at (352) 556-6004. Collection points will be arranged throughout the community at specific neighborhood locations.

Our popular outdoor barbeque is on the new year docket, too.

First order of business is our election of officers. If you have an interest in helping to make this our best year ever, please contact Len Elsner at (631) 807-5688. You do not have to be Jewish to run on the board. The club is open to all residents.

If you need a little sunshine or would just enjoy a friendly visit, contact Sunshine Lady Karen Fishman at (860) 712-7472.

The Jewish Club looks forward to an active and exciting season. Our lunch and dinner bunch planner, Myra Post, will be arranging mid-month events when appropriate.

Our Wandering Jews One Tank Travel Group is anxious to get on the road with new trip ideas as soon as we are allowed.

Membership in the Jewish Club is $20 per year. Those who paid last year will receive a $10 credit since our season was cut short. For member information, contact Len Elsner at (631) 807-5688.

Photo by Nancy Meininger

Wandering Jews visiting Homosassa.

Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

If Michigan is your home state, then you share a common root with some very notable folks. There is Tim Allen, comedian of the "Home Improvement" TV show, from Birmingham, Michigan; and Madonna, the "Material Girl" from Bay City. Basketball great, Earvin "Magic" Johnson is from Lansing, the state capital; world heavyweight champion, Joe Lewis from Detroit, where a bronze of his punching arm hangs outside the City County Building; and Motown's million-dollar baby with the velvet voice, Dianna Ross hails from there, also.

You knew the auto greats Henry Ford and Walter Chrysler were Michiganders. But did you know the state was also home to Thomas Edison who grew up in Port Huron and aviator, Charles Lindberg who was born in Detroit?

Michigan also has a dark side in the history books. It was home to the Purple Gang, Detroit's most notorious mob that monopolized the flow of alcohol in 1916 when the state prohibited liquor sales, three years before national prohibition. This prompted bootleggers to smuggle booze from Canada to Detroit.

In northern Michigan, on property once owned by the founder of General Motors, William Durant, a group of Detroit mafia families built one of the largest ranches in the state which was frequently visited by union boss, Jimmy Hoffa.

This year marked the end of private ownership of the Ambassador Bridge, a gateway to Canada via Detroit to Windsor. It had been owned by billionaire trucking mogul Matty Maroun since 1979. During his lifetime, he managed to block construction of a second bridge to Canada called the Gordie Howe Bridge which is now under construction.

Michigan Club is proud of our colorful state history. When we are allowed to meet again, we hope you will join us in sharing more Michigan memories at our popular monthly Sunday night meet and greet potlucks.

We hope to have our annual Coney Island barbeque Sunday, Oct. 4, at the outdoor pavilion at 5 p.m. Tickets are $5. Those purchased for the event in the spring will be honored.

Call Nancy Meininger for details at (352) 554-0757.

Photo by Nancy Meininger

A perfect beach day at Hazarat Beach, Lake Michigan.

Photo by Judy Parisi

The Breakers from Cliff Walk.

Rhode Island Group

Judy Parisi

We're hoping it won't be too long before we can get back to lunches with our Rhode Island Group where we can reminisce and share favorite memories.

This is the first summer we have not returned to Rhode Island. We are very much missing the wonderful food opportunities, especially chowder and clam cakes, lobster rolls, Italian cuisine on The Hill and more, as well as visiting the many scenic spots.

One of our favorite places to visit in Rhode Island is Newport, particularly Cliff Walk. Strolling along Cliff Walk you'll see the natural beauty of the rugged Atlantic, along with the spectacular architecture of the mansions from Newport's Gilded Age. These homes were the "summer cottages" of the late 19th century tycoons such as the Vanderbilts, and Astors. Interestingly, quite a few of the mansions had a Vanderbilt connection.

It was said members of the family would build their home to outdo the home of another family member. For example, Ochre Court was built by the Goelets in 1892. Mary Goelet's youngest sister, Grace, had married Cornelius Vanderbilt III ("Neily"). To outshine Ochre Court, Cornelius Vanderbilt II constructed The Breakers in 1893, and William K. Vanderbilt, an uncle of Neily had Marble House constructed. These are all striking mansions designed by Richard Morris Hunt with spectacular grounds. You can get a glimpse of these "cottages" as you traverse Cliff Walk.

Cliff Walk is 3.5 miles long, with about two thirds being easy walking. The southern part of the walk however is a rough trail over the natural, rugged rocky shoreline. Over the last 150 years, some of the estate owners objected to access rights along and to the shore. However, access was protected by "Fisherman's Rights" under the Colonial Charter of King Charles II along with a passage in the Rhode Island Constitution granting the public "rights of fishery and the privileges of the shore to which they have heretofore been entitled". This provided the public a right of way over private property.

The truly intrepid can walk the 3.5 miles and either retrace their steps back to their starting point or return by streets that are along the front of the various mansions, though the return that way would be longer. However, by coming back along the street you will see other mansions across the street. While these don't have frontage on the Atlantic, they are no less impressive, an example being Belcourt Castle, designed by Richard Morris Hunt after the Louis XIII hunting lodge at Versailles. Another alternative is to walk a portion of the Cliff Walk by entering and leaving through one of five designated right of way access points.

Cliff Walk is definitely a "must see" if you visit Rhode Island.

For those who have lived or worked in Rhode Island and who would like to join the Rhode Island Group for lunches in the future, please email me at Judith.parisi@gmail.com, and I'll add you to the list.

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Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

On Monday, July 20, Michael John Neill, a professional genealogist, gave a very informative educational presentation on "Immigrant Research Strategies" via Zoom.

Michael stated that even if you don't have many vital records from the 1700s and 1800s, any record could have a clue. Check church records of your ancestor's children and grandchildren. These records could have the birthplace of your ancestor on their descendant's birth or death records.

Also, check the ethnic newspapers, such as German, Italian or Irish newspapers, and also religious newspapers in the area in which they lived. They may have information on your ancestor.

Location is the key to finding information. In what village or county could they have lived? Where would the records be located? Remember, city, county and state lines changed over time. In Europe, even the country boundaries changed after the many wars in the 1700s, 1800s and after World War I and World War II. If they lived in a very rural area, they may have given the name of a nearby large town.

Do you have the correct surname? Did your ancestor Anglicize their name after coming to this country? Did they truncate their name so it could be better understood, or did they change it completely?

Was the place in which they lived also the place of their birth, or had the parents moved decades before they immigrated?

Immigrants normally immigrated to areas where friends or relatives, or other people of their nationality or religion settled. To find information on ancestors in the early 1800s, check for the names of friends, relations or neighbors as witnesses on early documents on land records.

Check census records for the same surname with similar spelling or ethnicity. Check tax lists for personal and real property. When your ancestor passed, were there quit claim deeds of the property, which might list living relatives of the deceased? Are there estate settlements of the immigrant's descendants who died without descendants?

If they became a citizen of the U.S., check the Declarations of Intention for Naturalization which could be done right after arriving in the U.S. Also, if they traveled on business, check their Passport application. It can give vital information. Search familysearch.org/search/collection/2185145 for passports from 1795 to 1925.

If available, check passenger lists of ships coming in about the time your ancestor came to the U.S. Also, if they homesteaded, the application may provide naturalization information.

All of the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Members will be notified by email from our club President, Ron Niebo, on how to access the meeting.

On Monday, Sept. 14, we will hold an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, Sept. 21, there will be an educational presentation.

Visit otowgens.shutterfly.com for more information.

Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

The Travel Toppers board has decided for the safety of our residents to cancel all remaining 2020 trips. Please visit traveltoperstours.com for updated information regarding 2021 trips.

The rescheduled trip to Mango's Tropical Café and Dinner Show in Orlando has been set for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021. Dinner includes appetizers, salad, choice of three entrees, dessert, and coffee or soda. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. The bus will depart at approximately 3:30 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The price, contact information, and other pertinent details will be available on our website later in the year.

The rescheduled Father's Day trip to Sanford to enjoy a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee will occur June 20, 2021. A delicious meal will be prepared fresh onboard and served at your table. Meal selections, price, contact information, and other pertinent data will be posted in a future column.

Remember these trips are open only to residents and their guests. Indigo East residents must have a Gateway of Services pass to be able to book tours through Travel Toppers.

Women of the World

Mary Purfeerst

We won't see you in September, but it was a good thought and nice song! Things are still on hold and at a standstill.

There is no "new" news to report from our club.

I would like to strongly remind you all, that when we do have permission to meet again and start up our club once again, we will be in need of a board. The column in the August World News described how this would all be handled. When we meet, I hope you all attend with ideas and names to fill the seats on the board and

be able to go forward with our worthy causes.

No one came forward to claim the lucky ticket for the "egg/hat" drawing, so that money will remain in the treasury and be

donated to Hospice of Marion County.

Our email is womenoftheworld2019otow@gmail.com if anyone wants to submit ideas, information or questions. It isn't checked daily, but you will receive an answer within a few days.

Remember our Facebook page for checking notifications – that is also a place you can submit ideas, etc.

Everyone stay healthy and wear those masks. See you down the road.

Singles Club

Sally Wall

Welcome to the 37th year of the Singles Club! We hope to have our first meeting of the new season soon!

Since we are not meeting in person this month, officers will be installed via email/phone. You will be hearing from the board regarding the process of election of officers for the 2020-21 year by email or phone call.

We welcome new members also, so if you are interested in joining, please contact Nancy Grant at (352) 854-9185 or Sally Wall at (352) 237-9103.

Stay tuned and check the next month's World News for further information as to when we will resume our monthly meetings.

Stay safe!

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SPCA of Marion County

Paula Gajewski

SPCA is now canceling all general meetings until January 2021. As time progresses, we will review the safety of holding public meetings.

We are happy to introduce the newest group of kittens to you! (J.R.) Lewis (orange male), Gracie (dark tabby female) and Zelda (all gray female). These three domestic medium hair felines are being fostered by a new worker bee, who captured the feral mom cat and took her to Sheltering Hands for trap-neuter-return (TNR).

As the end of August is here, these little ones are about nine weeks old. They will be altered when they are fully three months old and vaccinated as well as micro-chipped. We still have kittens and young felines ready to go. Call (352) 300-1072 for an adoption appointment. Adoption applications can be downloaded from spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com. Wear a mask and bring paperwork to your appointment. Time is running out on the waived cat/kitten adoption fees. That offer expires Monday, Aug. 31.

We are still operating our Meals On Wheels pet program. We are reaching out to all of you to encourage donations of dry cat food and small canned wet food (three ounces) for cats (made in America). Pet food donations can be dropped off at 8683-E SW 93rd Lane or 8883-D SW 94th Lane or 8880-C SW 94th Street. Monetary donations can still be mailed to SPCA of Marion County, 11100 SW 93rd Court Road, Ocala, FL 34481. We appreciate all of you every day!

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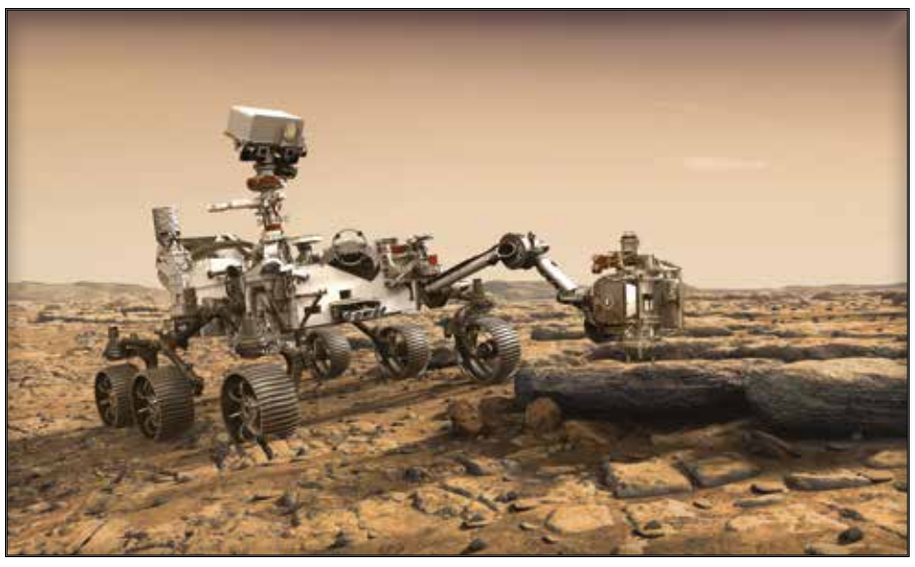
Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting using Zoom Thursday, Aug. 13. Club President Jim Di Paolo discussed the "2020 Perseverance Rover Mission to Mars," which is of special interest due to NASA's launch of the mission Thursday, July 30, from Cape Canaveral.

The Rover is scheduled to set down on the Martian surface next February. It is engineered to move about and investigate, among other things, possible forms of microscopic life on the Red Planet. Recent research on the surface of Mars indicates the presence of water on the Martian surface at a much earlier time, most likely under a layer of ice that covered the entire planet. Using analytic equipment on the Rover, scientists may be able to answer the question of whether any microscopic forms of life could have developed in that water eons ago. Clearly, members of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club will be interested in learning what the mission finds!



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Depiction of the NASA Perseverance Rover on Mars.

In addition to the Perseverance Rover presentation, club Vice President Larry Isenberg introduced members to the 114mm Celestron Nexstar reflecting telescope that he refurbished when it was recently donated to the club. The telescope will be added to the club's "telescope lending library" for members to borrow and use on their own to search the heavens.

Club Secretary John Bridges reviewed the August night sky for club members, and club President Di Paolo stated that evening star observations for club members will continue at the R/C flying field in September. As always, observing sessions will be announced to members via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions will allow for an open sky, and owners of telescopes 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. Until further notice, participants must wear face masks and maintain social distancing throughout the time they are at the observing sessions. Other instructions and precautions will be provided in emails announcing each session.

Excitement about astronomy continues to build here with the reestablishment of evening observing sessions and recent rocket launches at Cape Canaveral. Regular club meetings are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For now, they will remain online.

Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only $15 per year, which includes a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. For information or club registration, please contact Club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com.

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What's Cookin'

Elaine Morrison

As much as I enjoy cooking, I never did feel the same way about baking. I know the reason for this is my dislike of having to be exact with measurements of ingredients, such an important component of turning out a successful product. So, when I was introduced to a category of cakes requiring no more technique than dumping all the ingredients into a bowl, I was ecstatic. I hope you will enjoy a similar reaction if you make this recipe.

Apple Dump Cake

2 eggs
2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1 cup oil
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can apple pie filling
1 cup chopped nuts, walnuts or pecans

Grease and flour an 8- x 12-inch baking dish. Dump all ingredients into a bowl and stir until well mixed. Pour into prepared dish and bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until inserted toothpick comes out clean.

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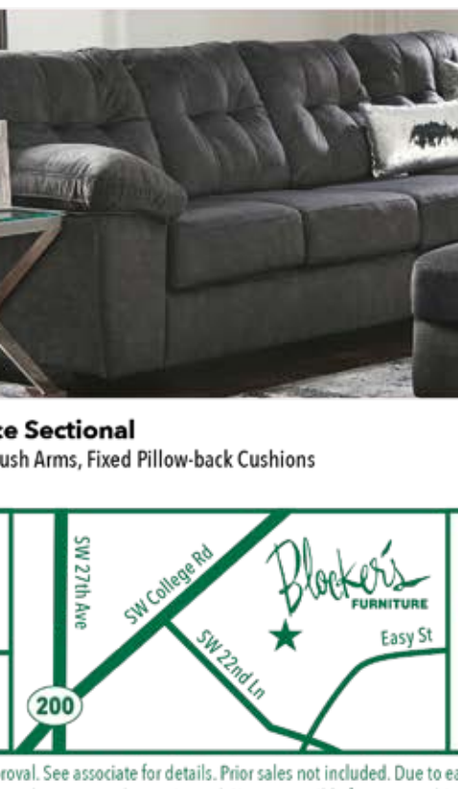

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Where in the world grows this tree?

Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

Current restrictions are putting quite a strain on our ability to find a plant that fits our criteria for "Where in the World Grows This Tree?" We don't get around much these days, as you well know, not even to the drug store to get pictures made. We're using pictures of plants we already have photos of, so you may remember them.

The plants we feature here need to be growing in On Top of the World, be a native in this area of Florida and have a picture recognizable where it is growing now. We're running out of choices; but we believe this one has what it takes.

Today this tree is a bit taller and fuller than in this photo, but the clues are still there.

If you located the red cedar in last month's "puzzle" you'll have absolutely no problem finding this beauty. Probably the best way to describe her is her height, bark and leaves. (No, she's not a strange dog – ha ha.)

As trees go, she's about medium height, up to about 20 to 30 feet in good soil, which is essentially well drained sand. (Clue #1)

The bark is pale gray broken into uniform interlacing vertical furrows. You'll need to get up close and personal to see them.

The leaves, though, are the most distinguishable aspect of this wonder. They are dark, shiny, and narrow (less than an inch wide in the center) and about two and a half inches long. But contrary to most other members of her species they tell on themselves. (Clue #2)

If you get close and hold a leaf in your fingers, flip the edge back and forth holding it up to your ear, it makes a kind of clunking sound. The scientific name for these edges is revolute, meaning in English rolled under. If you use a magnifying glass, you'll see what we mean.

Well, that's about it except for where it's growing in our community. In fact, it is only about 100 feet from the red cedar featured last month.

Oh, by the way, you may find it an enjoyable and instructive activity to actually name this species by her common and or botanical name.

When you find her give us a call at (352) 861-4560. You might be the winner!

Call this same number if you would like to be involved in helping our Native Plant Group members continue to maintain our projects (at a safe distance apart and wearing masks).

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Computer Club

Chris Kilbride

Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour through our online meetings 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 feature Kathy and Kevin Norris who met in Queens, New York and have been together over 30 years now. In 2015, their move here started out as snowbirds, and when they were introduced to Bill from the Computer Club during the Club Fair, they decided to become full–time residents last year, as they sold their home in New York and never looked back.

Kevin had a 47-year career working for Sears' appliance repair business. He started as an appliance repairman, then lead technician, sales manager, tech manager and finally retiring as the New York district tech manager. Kathy worked in the freight forwarding business in John F. Kennedy International Airport for 15 years. Right after 9/11, the air freight economy changed. Choosing to retire, she then took care of personal family issues.

In February, they purchased two new iPhone 11s and decided to switch over from a 12-year-old Hewlett Packard computer to a new Apple laptop for the first time. Neither of them had a clue on how to use these Apple devices. They have been distance learning through the club since then.

They have enjoyed the Computer Club and have met many new friendly and supportive people. They wish to thank Bill and Chris along with the computer club's experienced team of experts for helping them navigate any issues. Thanks also for the friendship and help from Marilyn, Lorraine and beloved Fanny.

All residents are welcome to join our club, with $10 individual yearly dues or $15 per couple. The Contact page on otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us.

Each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., we offer free online help sessions. Members may discuss their PC or Apple computer, smartphone or device issues for one-on-one instruction.

Recent monthly presentations were about iPhone tips, StoryWorth writing your own life's story book, making a Shutterfly photo book, 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 our members. Hope to see you on Saturday!

Active Singles

Jane Parker

Active Singles Club (ASC) was created for single residents. We are single, not alone! The ACS board planned for reopening activities and will be implemented as soon as we are able to do so. This plan contains membership meetings, pool parties, barbecues, Interfaith Emergency Services breakfast, golf cart decorating and parade, and the New Year's Eve party.

This month, we are spotlighting Barbara Reed. For six years Barbara has lived here having relocated from Clarion, Pennsylvania. Barbara lived in a small villa before she bought a house in Crescent Ridge. Barbara and her sister toured many Florida 55-plus communities and she researched them online before she moved from Pennsylvania. Barbara said she wished she had moved here earlier than she did.

Barbara likes the amenities. She mentioned the wide variety of activities and classes offered. There is live music Friday and Saturday nights, as well as the Friday night Happy Hours. She said people are kind and helpful. After living in here for less than a year, Barbara had over 20 people to her house for a Christmas party. She mentioned that when the sun is setting there are several locations throughout the community that are as if you are at an expensive resort.

Barbara joined Active Singles Club about two and a half years ago and has already served as the On Top of the World Central member-at-large board member. She enjoys the many activities sponsored or supported by the club. Barbara's favorite activities are the pool party and the poker run, and she waits for these events to reopen. Barbara mentioned that if there is an activity that you want to participate in and the club does not do it, you can organize the new activity and get it started. That is how the hiking groups and the Sunday night dinners were started.

Before retiring, Barbara worked for Clarion University for 30 years as an administrative assistant. While Barbara worked in many areas of the university, library sciences is the last area she worked in before she retired. Barbara is one of the lucky people who was able to retire at age 55. Working with a financial planner allowed her to make this dream come true.

Barbara volunteers at the Hospice Thrift Store in Jasmine Plaza. She found a way to give to Hospice of Marion County that suits her talents. She mentioned that volunteering is a great way to ensure those in Hospice receive items that are not provided by insurance.

Barbara is one of the interesting people you will meet at ASC. If you want to find out more information, please consider attending the first meeting held after restrictions are lifted. Information requests are also accepted at activesingleso-tow@gmail.com.

Lions Club

Gail Morris

The Lions Club meetings are being held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. We are meeting in person with masks, proper distancing and via Zoom.

We were pleased to have two more visitors and potential members, Jewel Hafer and Lora Rossi, attend our meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11, and they both requested membership at that meeting. We are looking forward to installing our new members at our next meeting. Estelle Michelson, our membership chair and president, has been working at recruiting new members to meet the goal of 15 new members before the end of August for Lions Clubs that have 10 or less members.

Estelle has also been working with our local Walmart stores to obtain donations either in gift cards or grants to help our club support the children of Arnette House. The children are in need of school supplies for the new school year. Our focus is our local community to assist where needed to help others be successful.

We are continuing with donations to the AdventHealth Ocala for Children emergency unit – socks, stuffed animals (with eyes that don't come off) and children's books – all new. We are also collecting donations for Ocala Ritz Veterans Village – socks and toiletries for men and women. Estelle Michelson is the contact for the drop location for these items at (352) 861-7358.

Board member, John Morris reported on eyeglass collection at the meeting. He has been faithfully collecting glasses from a variety of locations locally to recycle the glasses for those in need. His efforts to date have recycled 1,385 eyeglasses, 581 lenses and 298 sunglasses. This is an ongoing effort by our club.

If you know of someone who is struggling financially and is in need of an eye exam or glasses, please contact our Lions Club. We have an application form for such services.

Our meetings focus on developing new ways to attract new members so we can continue to support our community.

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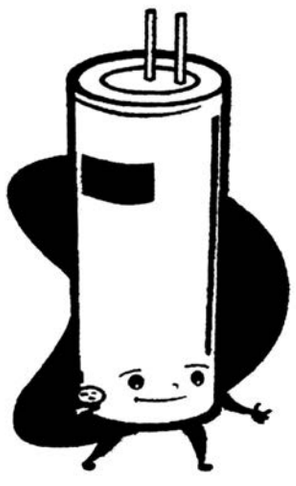

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SWANS

Sandi Dickerson

July was a month that went very quickly for the SWANS. We are keeping up with our friends in many different ways. Some small groups of ladies have met for picnic lunches at the pavilions to celebrate their birthdays while they catch up with each other. This is such a good idea! Call those ladies who have a birthday during the same month as you and get together to celebrate your birthdays when they come around.

Several of the ladies are playing shuffleboard in the ladies league with Lois and Sally. Many of the women are still getting together to play Samba, Mah Jongg, and various other card and/or board games.

Telephones are still ringing, and the internet is buzzing! One way or another we still keep in contact with the friends that we have made over the years while still adhering to the CDC guidelines.

I finished the book that Lois recommended, "From Hell to Marion County," and it was very interesting. Reading about what Ocala and the surrounding springs were like in the days following the Civil War was a good reminder of just how wild Florida used to be! The book has been passed on to Marge Adragna for the moment. I believe Sally is next, then it will be available to anyone else who is interested. We are also still passing around "Where the Crawdads Sing." Jean Duda has it now and should be finishing up soon. Let Lois know if you are interested in that one. I can tell you it is fantastic!

We have not started having our breakfast out, lunch out, or dinner out at this time. Some of our dinner in and appetizer groups have met and enjoyed each other's' company.

Please remember, if you are in a group with someone you are interested in getting to know better, call or email her. There are so many ways to enjoy each other's company and still be safe. You are not in any way restricted to socializing with them in only the appetizer or dinner-in groups.Some of our longest friendships are with ladies we haven't been in a group with for years!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center. At this time, we are talking to On Top of the World to determine if we will even be able to hold this meeting. In the event that we cannot hold the meeting, we will email the usual form to join to all old members and handle dividing up into groups just like we did in March. New women interested will also be able to get a form and get into a group. We will keep you informed about this meeting! Please remember that you may join the SWANS at any time. We always welcome new members and new ideas. As a SWAN, you are never alone, there is always someone interested in the same things you are. Stay healthy. Be smart about your activities and we will all make it through this trying time. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.

Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell

Det var helt texas! If you're Norwegian (are you listening, Scandinavian Club?) you might know this, but I was a little surprised, but kind of proud too, to find out that apparently the word "Texas" is slang for "crazy" or "wild."

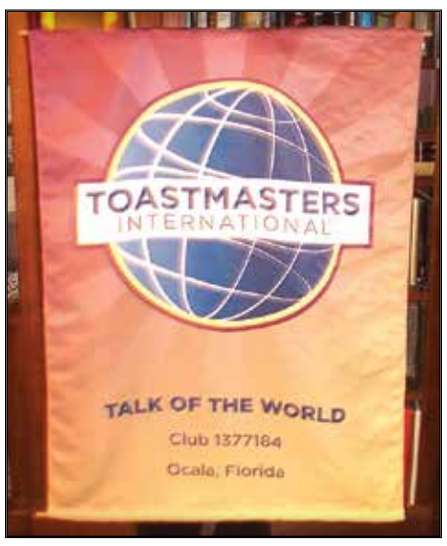
Usually when the word "texas" – as an adjective, most often without capitalization – appears in Norway, the context involves the phrase, "det var helt texas," which translates to roughly, "it was totally, absolutely, completely bonkers." You wouldn't call a person "totally texas;" it usually describes a chaotic atmosphere.

The expression itself has to do with associations. It apparently dates back several decades and speaks to how the mythos of Texas has been interpreted in Norway: "Texas" equals "cowboys" equals "Wild West" equals "an unpredictable, exciting, sometimes scary atmosphere."

To prove that "texas" is actually widespread terminology in Norway, Texas Monthly magazine dredged up several news articles in which the state name is used to describe everything from truck drivers on dangerous routes to a wild soccer game to a rare swordfish caught in a fjord.

Det var helt texas could apply to the Texas Connection Social Club as we have developed a reputation for activities that are a little bonkers but totally fun. When meetings resume, we'll have to tone down some of our more creative and interactive pursuits because of social distancing. I'm working on some things we can do that won't need parts and pieces or sharing of personal space but will still be fun and get us laughing. Hopefully we can get together in October or November.

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. Contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com for more information about the club and to get on the email list for meeting notifications.



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New Toastmasters banner.

Toastmasters – Talk of the World

David Wesenberg

Toastmasters will meet via Zoom Wednesday, Sept. 16 and 30, at 8:30 a.m. Our officers will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Sept. 23. If you want to meet with us contact David Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com.

We have a new Toastmasters banner. During normal times this banner is displayed at club, area, division and district meetings with all of our club awards attached to it. For example, Talk of the World Toastmasters has enthusiastically participated in the Distinguished Club Plan and awarded numerous awards for active service to members.

Our Wednesday, Sept. 16 Zoom meeting will be an open house with guest speaker Juanita Benedict. Contact David Wesenberg and he will email the link to you. This should be a really interesting meeting everyone will want to see.

Juanita Benedict has been a member of Clermont Toastmasters since April 2017. She loves to inspire others with stories and antidotes. Juanita is a successful TedX speaker and she was honored to represent Clermont Toastmasters in area and division level international speech competitions and looks forward to more opportunities to spread the joy of speaking.

See you at the meeting!

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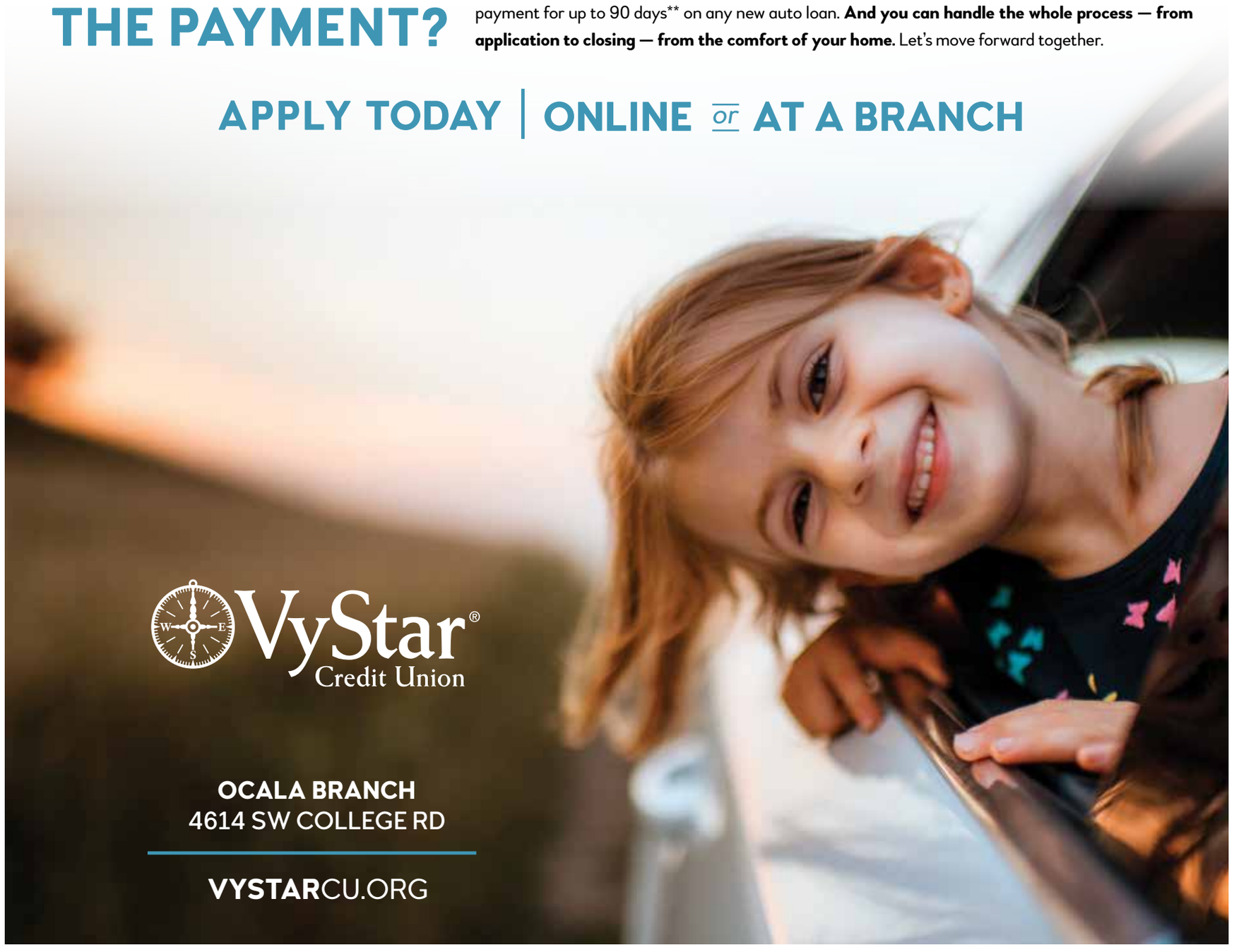

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Members of the Kayak/Canoe Club on one of many river adventures.

Yakin' Around Florida

By Lisa S. Tatum

Would you like to explore the many rivers, creeks and springs in Central Florida? If so, you might want to join the Kayak/Canoe Club. The club was established in September 2019. Our first trip was a paddle down the Silver River starting at Silver Springs State Park. Since then, we have kayaked the Rainbow River, Crystal River, Weeki Wachee, Juniper Creek and many others. We see an abundance of plants, flowers, and wildlife, including alligators, birds, otters, manatees and monkeys.

At this time, the Kayak/Canoe Club has around 90 members. The club is open to all levels of experience, and you do not have to have a kayak to join. We try to schedule trips where you can rent a kayak, if needed. Canoes and SUP boards are welcome too.

If you have questions about the club or the activities, please email otowkayakclub@gmail.com. If you would like to join the club, go to our Facebook page – OTOW Kayak/Canoe Club – and request to join (there are no fees). On the Facebook page, you can see pictures and information about our activities.

During these unprecedented times, kayaking or canoeing is a great way to get out and enjoy the fresh air and nature while social distancing. We hope you will join us on our adventures!

Photo by Bill Ballweg

Spring mixed doubles cornhole champs – Betty DeLong and Bob Helf.

Cornhole Champs

By Jim Russell and Bill Ballweg

OPEN PLAY: Thanks to all of our loyal players who have been keeping the cornhole open play spirit going during these dog days of summer. Braving warm temperatures and scattered rain showers, groups ranging for eight to 20 players have showed up each Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. to take part in one of their favorite forms of outdoor recreation. Of course, we all are thankful that we can continue to play during these trying times and adhere to the safety protocols in place to insure we are being safe while having fun.

In our last column, we honored a player who was able to throw five consecutive bags through the hole during an open play match. This month we can add two more names to that list. As of this writing, Amy Kuzo, Donna Hansen and Jim Russell have all done five in a row but Donna Hansen has taken the lead by doing six in a row. Congratulations Donna! Who will do seven in a row? It could be you, but you have to come play to have a chance to get your name on the hall of fame list. Contact Jim Russell at jimrussell44@outlook.com or (352) 861-6355 to get the details on how to join the Cornhole Club.

LEAGUE PLAY: When the spring mixed cornhole season started the Cornhuskers, Teachers and No Names were all tied for first place with a record of zero to zero. After 21 games they remained tied with identical 16 to five records. The Cornhuskers were eliminated via tie breaker rules thus the Teachers (Donna Hansen and Joe Lawson) and No Names (Betty DeLong and Bob Helf) were left to battle it out for the world domination championship. Because of CDC guidelines, ESPN nor Fox Sports were able to carry the championship match which is a real shame because the battle of these two titans was cornhole talent at its best. After a split in the first two matches the third and final game was decided by only a few points with the No Names the winner.

We are pleased with the parity in the mixed cornhole league as this season's teams were all very good and all teams needed to be on their "A" game. A special thanks to all of the players in the spring season, you made it both competitive and fun.

The men's league has one week left in their season but there will not be a close finish like we viewed for the mixed league. The dreaded Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) entered the season with a goal of going undefeated and they came close with a 23 to one record at this juncture. The Dirt Bags (Rick Dikeman and Dwight Weirich) finished a respectable second place with an excellent season. To be a part of future league play competition, contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com.

New Shuffleboard Season

By Walt Lamp

Welcome to the 34th season of shuffleboard. It began here in 1986 by Jack Huard. Our closing tournament of the year was named in his honor.

The new schedule begins in September. Regular shuffleboard will be played Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Ten Pin, our game of skill, will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. Joe Botash will captain Mondays and Jane Boyer will captain Tuesdays. We will have a captain for Thursdays before the season starts. We will be playing on those new courts at the Veterans Park, which were used over the summer.

Our summer session went very well. Despite the "hot" summer, we had good attendance. Thank you to the captains who helped out by preparing the courts and cleaning up after: Joe Botash, Walt Lamp and Bob Stoops.

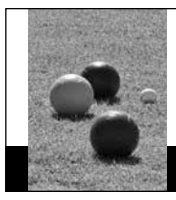
Introduction to shuffleboard will be offered on the second Saturday of the month at the new courts at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning to play the game, we invite you to come down to these courts. We will go over the rules, safety, scoring and basics of shooting the discs. Open-toed footwear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

We had our first club meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11. With the new safety rules still in effect, we wanted to be sure all understood their responsibility.

With the outlook for playing in the International Senior Games in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in June 2021, in doubt, I felt it was a good time to re-introduce our gold medal winners from 2019. They were Paul Hodges, Darryl Kenyon and John Mataya. We're hoping to see them in action again.

Photo by Annette Hodges

Shuffleboard players return to play at the new courts at the Veterans Park.



Bocce

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! Due to the current social distancing rules and regulations, there will be no league play at this time. Open bocce is played Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 a.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. Due to social distancing rules now in effect, courts are limited to four players per court. All six courts are being utilized.

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.

When the new season begins Tuesday, Oct. 6, dues will be reduced to $5 per player to cover the cost of liability insurance. This entitles 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 collect your dues. Open players are required to pay dues.

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.

All are welcome to watch, learn or play. For further information, please contact Terry Connolly, president, Bocce Club at (352) 362-7284. Until we roll again …

Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sherry Winn

I'm quite aware that pickleball is the fastest growing and most common sport in our community, and senior sport in North America. However, I believe that there are still many folks who crave a team atmosphere.

In co-ed recreational softball our goal is to mingle not only genders, but sports ability and histories to satisfy personal needs. Our plans continue to be to co-mingle players in constantly changing and balanced teams to gratify our individual needs for fun, exercise and self-improvement.

You are not expected to be the player you were in your teens, 20s or later, because we accept and support each other as we currently age and change, including physical limitations. We will support each other to realistically master the skills we currently have. If you can't run, don't worry! Substitute runners are a part of the game. If you need assistance or coaching with batting, catching or throwing, that too will be available. Rules are only meant to be guidelines, so we adjust them to individual needs. We are all out there to just have fun! If you do not have your own equipment, we will help you acquire it or share what is available.

Unlike the men's league, we have no age limits. Once the safety guidelines are lifted, you can even bring visitors to join in the fun.

So whether you're a novice or an expert, it's all in the attitude.

Let's just congregate to have fun! Socialization afterward is just as important as the "competition."

As mentioned in my last published column, we will abide by safety, social distancing and sanitization guidelines to keep each other safe.

My excitement is growing daily! If you're unable to play, or consider yourself too advanced to participate, you can still participate by coaching, umpiring, scorekeeping or cheering on your friends, neighbors or loved ones.

I so look forward to coordinating a new sport group in our growing community!

What's even better, is that it's free! There will be no set teams, so if you are unavailable, no problem. Competition will be self-imposed. Our scheduled time will be Saturdays at 9 a.m.

For any questions or concerns, please call me at (315) 528-8499.

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera

It's time for my annual reminder about cue care. Your cue might look shiny or colorful, but it's important to remember that it is basically still a sliver of a tree. That tree, just like we are, is made up of over 50% water. Even though your cue isn't sprouting leaves anymore, it still retains plenty of moisture, and it can dry out and warp from excessive heat.

I'm sure you wouldn't like being stored in your car where temperatures can reach 170º, and I can assure you your cue doesn't either. Even during the winter months, large changes in temperature from day to night can harm your shaft.

Always keep your cue inside, and, unless it's in a hard case, be sure to keep it vertical. Leaning it against a wall won't deform it in a day, but it might over time. If it's in a soft case, be sure it's in a place where it won't get banged around.

Cleaning your cue is a bit of an art, with many different methods, but there are simple techniques that can get you ninety percent of the way there without special billiard products. It's most important to keep your shaft clean, as whenever you feel a little friction while stroking you are definitely decreasing your accuracy.

You don't have to clean your shaft every time you play, but you should after several sessions. Any trace of blue chalk (an abrasive) is both harmful to the shaft and your game. To clean your shaft at home, screw the butt on first. (If your mind has wandered, I am only talking about your pool cue here!)

Fold a paper towel into four layers, wet it (not too much), and put some white powder kitchen cleanser on it. Starting at the ferrule, and avoiding the tip as much as possible, clean the entire shaft firmly. Wipe away any excess cleanser with another damp paper towel. If there is any blue remaining at all, repeat. Your ferrule should be perfectly white; if not, or if you cannot get your shaft down to its pure wood color, it is time for a professional cleaning.

Wipe dry thoroughly, and if you have a leather burnisher it really helps to rub the shaft vigorously (until warm) to seal the pores. These are the essential steps. You can also use liquid shaft conditioners or cue wax to make it silky smooth. (Plain car wax paste works as well.) Never, never use any sandpaper or any liquid chemical cleaner unless specifically sold as a cue product.

Don't forget the butt as well. Does it feel sticky and grimy? Well, it is. It's very good practice to wipe down your cue with a room towelette before putting it back in your case (which keeps the inside of your case from becoming grimy as well).

Billiards humor:

"Dad, why is my sister's name Rose?"

"Because your Mom really likes roses."

"Thanks, Dad."

"No problem, Eight-Ball."

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Susan Yenne

A belated congratulations to Christine McIntire who beat five opponents to win the 2020 Player's Championship, which finished this spring. "I enjoyed playing with all the ladies and they were all tough competitors. Lynne Dickson and I played our championship match Monday, March 16. We were happy to have gotten this finished before they closed the courses," she said.

Lynne Dickson was the runner-up, followed by Lynn Barber and Connie Norris in third place.

Last year's winner, Peggy Ellenberger, won this year's consolation bracket. Beverly Ovrebo was the runner-up, followed by Gretchen Normandin and Antonio Varney in third place.

The match game, played over about 10 weeks, is just one of the many fun challenges the 18-hole group plays. Others played during Tuesday weekly events include:

- Blind Mice: The Golf Shop, once play begins, drops several holes from your overall score. Effect isn't known by anyone until end of play.
- Three, Two, One: With an A, B, C and D player on each team, the score is determined by adding the top three scores on par five holes, the top two scores on par four holes, and the top score on par three holes.
- Cha, Cha, Cha: With an A, B, C and D player on each team, on the first hole, the lowest net score is recorded. On the second hole, the two lowest net scores are recorded. On the third hole, the three lowest net scores are recorded. Third hole, one score. Fourth hole, two scores. Fifth hole, three scores. Pattern repeats as 1-2, 1-2-3.
- Scramble: Everyone tees off. Best ball is selected for everyone's second hit. Pattern continues until ball is holed. One team score.
- Shamble: Everyone tees off. Best ball is selected for everyone's second hit. Everyone plays their own ball after that to have individual scores.
- Stableford: Points are given for each player's net score on each hole. Bogie, one point; par, two points; birdie, three points; eagle, four points; double eagle, five points.
- Ying & Yang: On all even holes, the two best net balls will be added. On all odd holes, the two worst net balls will be added.
- Criss Cross: Take the best net score from one or 10, two or 11, etc., for a nine-hole score.
- No More Crying: After playing, the four worst holes in relation to par will be dropped.
- O.N.E.S.: Net scores on holes that begin with the letters O, N, E and S: one, nine, eight,11, 18, six, seven, 16, 17 – for nine-hole score.

For more description on all games, visit otowlga18.shutterfly.com.

Photo by Sharon Johnson

2020 Player's champion – Christine McIntire.

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix

Our summer shuffle is over. We managed to shuffle with 41 women on Wednesday mornings and Monday evenings.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 9 a.m., we will begin our 2020-2021 season, which will end in May 2021. Registration for the season will take place Monday, Aug. 31, at 9 a.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. All women are invited to join. Indigo East women must have a Gateway of Services pass. Our dues are $10 for the season. We will be play Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. We ask all players to arrive at the courts 15 minutes early.

Basic instructions will be available to all new players. Shuffleboard is a fun game, has been played here since the early 80s, and has been played in Florida since the early 1900s. During our season of play we will record the ladies weekly scores, and at the end of the season the ladies who won the most games will be presented with a trophy. There will be first through third place winners. The monthly scores will be recorded in the World News. We also will have a tournament; trophies will be presented to the winners as well.

If you want to try shuffling and are not sure if you want to join our club, you can come and shuffle with us on a tryout basis. We are sure that you will enjoy the game, have fun with us, and become a member. We are abiding by 6 feet distancing. Although masks are optional, many of the ladies are wearing them.

Hope to see the return of members who have been shuffling with us for the past four years, and we welcome all new members. Happy shuffling.

Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf

Beth Wolinsky

League play is still suspended, and it is uncertain when it will resume. Golf lessons are available. Contact the Golf Shop, if a lesson is desired.

Despite the league being on hold, we are still out playing on the course. It is easy to become negative while playing but we must remember that we are out there to enjoy ourselves. It is so important to maintain a positive attitude. Keeping that optimistic spirit will lead to better golf every round.

Golf is a special game that requires patience. It is an ongoing process of learning that affects each of us differently. Sometimes, getting back to basics is all we need.

Florida summer weather can be quite challenging if you're not prepared. Please remember to bring snacks, energy drinks and water to replenish yourselves while playing.

The golf league is open to all ladies in On Top of the World. It is a fun way to play golf and meet new people. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Nov. 5 for our membership meeting and lunch, and Thursday, Dec. 10 for our holiday party.

Finally, stay safe and believe, achieve and enjoy golf.

Ladies 9-Hole Golf Play Day

Denise Mullen

Have you stopped by the Golf Shop to see our newest Arctic Blast quick cooling towel? They are available in six colors and are lightweight and chemical free. You simply soak the towel with water, wring out the excess and hold the towel at both ends and pull hands apart snapping the towel three to five times to activate the coolness. They are quite refreshing while playing a round of golf in these 90-plus degree days.

Are you having trouble around the greens in the thicker grass? Have you ever tried to use a hybrid to chip with? Your set up is like you are doing a chip shot where the ball is played back in your stance and choke down on the grip. Your stroke is an extension of your putting stroke and allow your arms to swing the club back and through without using your wrists. By using the hybrid, it will impact the ball, even when it is nestled down in the heavy grass, and pop it out of the lie a lot easier than trying to use an iron.

Keep in mind there are two ways to improve your golf skills. First, the slow way, which you try to figure it out on your own and hit numerous golf balls. Second, the fast way, you have an instructor look at your technique and coach you with a plan for improvement.

There are also two ways to score better and take your skills to the golf course. The slow way, which you try and figure it out on your own while hitting numerous shots that are not solid, straight or with the proper trajectory for the club you are using, thus causing frustration. Whereas the fast way you get an instructor to look at your approach and what you are thinking and then set up a plan for improvement so that your game is not stuck in a rut.

The fast way is not really a fast road or a shortcut, it is a process to put a plan in place and work on improving your skills and eventually scoring better. It requires time and effort to practice correctly and make the necessary positive changes with your swing. Once you apply the changes, the results and your confidence in producing a more reliable shot to your target will most definitely show improvement with your scores.

Catch up on the latest information from the golf by watching our On Top of the World Golf YouTube.com channel.

Please feel free to contact me with any and all concerns or questions you may have at denise_mullen@otowfl.com or (352) 861-9712.

Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Russ Smith

As we continue to move forward under challenging circumstances, all events and league play will remain postponed until further notice. We will continue to monitor recommendations from the experts and act accordingly. I hope that we will be back to running exciting and competitive events in the near future. We appreciate everyone's patience through this transition.

For the last couple of months, we have occupied your down time with golf tips, and some great ways to beat the heat. This month's column will focus on club maintenance and its importance. Golf clubs today are more than just a financial investment, they are an investment in your game. With most sets of irons starting around $900 or more, it's important to make sure we take care of them.

Ideally you should be cleaning your club after every shot to help with consistent performance. Dirt on your club face can negatively affect performance. The grooves on the club face add spin to the shot, so be sure your clubs have clean grooves. Dirt on the face can also transfer to the ball, affecting the distance and accuracy of your shot.

Along with keeping the face of the clubs clean it's just as important to also keep your grips clean too. A good practice to get into is cleaning your grips once a month, all you need is warm soapy water and a rag. Start by dipping the rag into the water and wring it out, then give the grip a good scrub all the way around to remove any dirt and oil from the grip. Use a dry towel to gently pat the grip down and set aside and let it air dry. This should give your grips that new tacky feeling and should help with the grip slipping in your hands.

Now if your grips are passed the point of just needing a cleaning and are showing signs of wear and tear (example discoloring or disintegrating), then it is time for some new ones. According to Golf News, "The general rule of thumb is a golfer should replace their grips every six months or so if they are playing three to four times a week and exposing the grips to the heat and humidity." With that being said, we offer a wide variety of grips at the Golf Shop with a fast turnaround time so you don't have to give up a day of play. All of our grip prices include install. We also offer install only if you already have your grips and just need someone to put them on for you.

I hope you found this information useful, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and YouTube.com at On Top of the World Golf Club. I hope to be back to more news regarding the LGA-9 soon, but until then please be safe and I hope to see you all back on the course soon.

Fit Tips

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Fall Prevention

Due to the many physical changes, conditions and sometimes the medications used to treat those conditions, fall risk typically increases with age. However, the good news is that in many circumstances you can manage both the external and internal factors that influence falls. Do not let the fear of falling rule your life, consider these fall prevention tips to help you gain control.

FIT TIP #1: Get a lay of the land. Take a good look around your home for possible trip hazards. These 'external' fall risk factors include; clutter, loose rugs, pets, electrical cords and poor lighting. Most falls occur in the home! Make the necessary changes to keep yourself steady on your feet.

FIT TIP #2: Accept assistance when necessary. Assistive devices such as canes, walkers, railings and grab bars can make all the difference in preventing a fall. These support safety and encourage mobility and independence.

FIT TIP #3: Move to improve. Age associated muscular decline is considered an "internal" fall risk. Exercise can combat age related muscle loss! Regular physical activity will keep your body strong, functional and falls free. If you need some assistance with getting started on an exercise program stop by or call me anytime at (352) 854-8707 ext. 7531; I am here to help!

Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group is postponed until further notice. Please refer to the World News for updated information when the group can meet again.

The Bunco for Babies fundraiser luncheon for the March of Dimes has been postponed until Saturday, March 27, 2021. Please hold onto your tickets. The location has been changed to the Arbor Conference Center; the time remains the same as printed on your tickets.

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV (formerly Suite H), which is the last room facing the building on the right, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Check the World News for the next scheduled game.

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

The cost is $3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. Cash prizes are awarded for the holder of the last player who yelled "bunco", the most number of "buncos", the most number of "mini buncos", the most number of wins, and the most number of losses. 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.

It's a great way to have fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. Stay safe and be healthy until we meet again!

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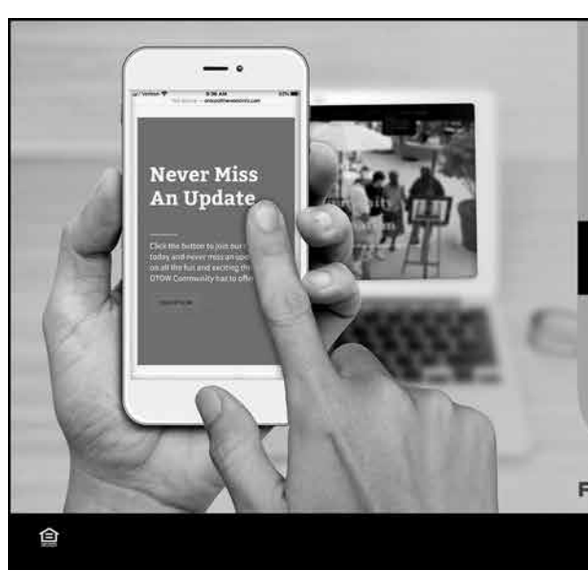

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Golf

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September and fall are finally here! This happens to be my favorite time of the year, not only because the temperatures begin to fall but football season swings into full effect. Now with the unforeseen circumstances surrounding the college football world if the season is played out, I'm picking the Ohio State Buckeyes to be this year's national champions. Go Bucks!

Attention all golf members: Please be sure to read the Golf Membership Handbook to stay abreast of all the rules and regulations of your golfing membership. We would like to put an emphasis on the Membership Medical Suspension Request Procedure. As stated in the membership handbook, "Should a current annual golf member of one of the On Top of the World golf courses become incapacitated during that year, there are several conditions that must be met before receiving consideration to obtain credit for this time period towards the following year's membership fees:

1. Within two weeks of sustaining an accident or a medical condition, the member must submit paperwork describing the condition which prohibits golf activity to the Director of Golf.
2. The severity of the accident or medical condition must prohibit play for a minimum period of 150 days.
3. A physician's statement must be submitted stating the nature of the accident or medical condition including when treatment began and when the patient was released.
4. The Director of Golf will notify the member if the condition warrants a credit of membership fees towards next year's membership dues.
5. No golf or driving range use may be played during the time of membership suspension.
6. The Director of Golf must be notified before the member returns to any golf participation.

All requests for credit will be reviewed by the golf department and must be approved by this department before any credit for the following year will be issued. No refunds will be issued for a membership suspension, except in the event of death for a current golf member. If there is a couple membership, the remaining member will receive a credit towards the following year's membership fees."

Just like knowing the USGA rules, it can pay to know the policies and procedures in your Golf Membership Handbook. Don't miss out on the credit you deserve.

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Upcoming Events

- Monday, Sept. 14 through Thursday, Sept. 17: Candler Hills Golf Club closed for aerification.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Andrea Fratarangelo, eagle #7. Tim Mullen, hole-in-one #8. Ken Fournier, eagle #7. Everett Kimball, shot 69 four strokes under his age.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: David Schaefer, eagle #16. Bob Flynn, eagle #5. Steve Sarkozy, eagle #5.

THE LINKS: Roger Karsnitz, shot his age 67. John Hill, shot his age 72. Joe Wilks, shot his age 68. Chris Piotrowski, hole-in-one #6. Bill Wiechmann, hole-in-one #14.

Golf Tip of the Month

Eating healthy before, during and after your round may not only benefit your health but also your handicap.

Before your round you'll need to eat healthy foods that don't contain extra fat or empty calories. Eating plenty of fruits and vegetables will keep your energy level up for that four-hour round of golf. Also be sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

In order to keep your energy high throughout the round you will want to snack on something every four to five holes. Something that is high in protein like nuts or beef jerky. Stay away from beer and soda and drink plenty of water/sports drinks to keep fully hydrated.

After your round you will need to reenergize and recover. Eat a meal that again is high in protein and carbs. Eating steak or chicken with a salad and bake potato is an option. Grilled chicken salad is my favorite choice. If you're going to have an after-round alcoholic beverage, pair it with water.

Follow these healthy habits to improve your overall health and lower your scores.

Men's Golf Association

John Yenne

Stay cool, hydrated and informed. That's the advice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as sultry summer weather continues through the month of September in Central Florida.

Men's Golf Association members should not let their guard down regarding heat-related health issues.

Heed the CDC's advice:

- Check the weather report for extreme heat alerts and safety tips.
- Schedule your tee times carefully; golfing at cooler times of the day.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a wide-brimmed hat.
- Apply sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher at least 30 minutes before going outside.
- Drink more water than usual, and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Dehydration has serious health risks, and medical studies have shown that it hurts athletic performance.
- Stay in the shade as much as possible.
- Avoid sugary beverages and heavy meals, and limit alcohol intake.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down after a round.

Although league play was still suspended at press time, here are the scheduled playdates for September (watch your email for updates):

- Sept. 2: Chicken Day Modified Scramble (The Links)
- Sept. 9: Individual Stableford (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Sept. 16: Shamble (The Links)
- Sept. 23: Beat the Pro (The Links)
- Sept. 30: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)

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Softball

Tom Sheridan

New season. New beginnings. New teams. New rules. And new players.

The Softball Club kicks off its fall season Monday, Sept. 14 with new perspectives and opportunities. The league's board of directors has voted to inaugurate a three-season year rather than the traditional two.

The club is also in the midst of a major drive for new players, building on the several guys who have come out to play senior softball already this summer. On Top of the World is adding new homes and neighborhoods at a record clip and the club wants to take advantage of that growth by inviting new residents – and, of course, existing ones – to join the fun.

And it is indeed fun. Board chair Jeff Thomas loves to quote from the club's mission statement. "Our goal," he said, "is to provide exercise, fellowship and fun while enjoying friendly competition."

Instead of two seasons a year – winter/spring and summer – which have been the rule here for years, the board decided the intramural league will play three. The fall season will run from mid-September to the Christmas break. The winter season will be from early January through mid-April. The spring/summer season will go from early May through mid-August. New teams will be formed for each season providing for better balance of skills and players. There will be a two-week break between seasons to accommodate field upgrades and maintenance.

Also beginning this fall, the end of each season will include a set of playoff games increasing the opportunity for competition. The three-season year makes sense in other ways, too. Many snowbirds return after the holidays. Several veteran players are snowbirds. The season shift will give other snowbirds a greater opportunity to join in and play ball.

The board expects to field five or six teams this fall, depending on the number of players available. Following On Top of the World's directives and club rules, players practice social distancing on and off the field.

The club's board has been lining up sponsors for new uniforms and expects to have all in place when the season opens. Opening week will offer exhibition games on Sept. 14 and Sept. 16. Regular games are played each Monday and Wednesday at the softball field near the Hobby Building.

Softball at On Top of the World is slow-pitch using mostly standard rules. All skill levels are welcomed. It doesn't matter if you've played regularly though the years or if you haven't touched a bat and glove since childhood. Each Thursday morning a general practice is held. There are no tryouts; new players are assessed before being assigned to teams.

The drive for new members is ongoing. In addition to seeking new players through columns in the World News, information about softball has been placed on local social media and on community bulletin boards.

For more information about softball, contact tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com.

Photo by Tom Sheridan

Rich Karam picks up a grounder and tosses the ball to Fausto Coste for the out at second base.

Archery Club

Leslie McCormick

The Archery Club range has been officially open for three months now. During that time we have welcomed over 30 new members and they have been at the range on a consistent basis, usually several times a week. It has been great to see the increased interest within the community.

In August, we held our first event created exclusively for the ladies. It was called the Ladies Spyder Challenge, sponsored by one of our members, Martha Millican. As of this writing, several ladies had successfully hit the "spyder" (the "x" in the center of the target) at 20 yards. The challenge continued through the entire month and there will be an award ceremony with prizes given Tuesday, Sept. 1, with a one arrow shoot-off to determine the top winner.

The next event is coming up Saturday, Sept. 5, and is for all members – the gents as well as the ladies – shooting any equipment: the member's own recurve or compound bow or club equipment. If you have not signed up and want to join in on the fun, contact Jerry Hoppe at jerryhoppe123@gmail.com.

The club held an election for the board officers and the following officers will serve for 17 months, getting the board back on the next regular election cycle: Bob Papirner, president; Leslie McCormick, vice president; Tom Roach, secretary; and Don Southard, treasurer. The board also includes the following directors: Bill Millican, pro shop and range operations; Leo McCormick, safety and training; Jerry Hoppe, range events; and Gerald Benedict, by-laws.

Congratulations to Bob Papirner and Fred Penichet for receiving their USA Archery Level II Instructor certifications. Well done, gentlemen!

At our range, Rod Kicklighter got a "robin hood" Saturday, July 18! And at the Sunshine State Games that were held Aug. 7 and 8 at the Easton-Newberry Archery Center and Gator Bowman in Gainesville, congratulations to our members who did very well with the following results in their specific classes (their age, bow type, release or fingers, sight):

International Round

1: Bill Millican. 1: Paul McGuckin. 3: Jerry Hoppe. 4: Don Southard.

3-D Round

2: Tom Roach.

900 Round

1: Paul McGuckin. 3: Jerry Hoppe.

Because we are not able to have our monthly club meetings we have started using a monthly newsletter, electronic voting and messaging through groupworks to keep in touch with our members. We look forward to a day when we can all get together for a social activity.

I always close this column with a huge thank you to our volunteers! If you are interested in the sport of target archery, contact Leslie for information, llmccorm74@aol.com, or come out to the range and see what we are all about.

R/C Car Club

Gene Mangold

It was a hot, rainy summer afternoon at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I and II Tuesday, July 28. The R/C Car Club members were busy setting up an 80-foot slot car track. Suddenly Sheriff Michael Day, with his black and white police cruiser with blue flashing lights, arrived. All eyes turned as he roughly pushed open the door with his NFL size body. Everyone shuddered as he approached the race track; nobody dared give this gentle giant any lip. He set his realistic-looking model police cruiser car on the track and announced he was here to race and not arrest anyone.

The slot races are held every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. These little slot cars are fast, and they can complete a 15 lap race in four minutes. The track consists of S curves, straight-aways, and even a fueling station. Each driver has a handheld controller used to control speed, change lanes, and also refuel with the press of a button. It is entertaining and often hilarious watching or piloting these cars, and yes, there is Officer Michael's police car flashing his blue lights as he rides the bumper of a competitor.

Retired Sheriff Michael is a joyful bubbling personality, and sometimes he shares recollections of his dedicated retired police officer career. Michael and his wife lived in New York City before moving to a peaceful life in beautiful On Top of the World. He received an associate's degree in law enforcement and spent 13 years as a sheriff in Upstate New York, another 10 years with the New York City Police Department, and then as an accident investigator on New York highways.

The race strategy is to go as fast as possible without flying off the track on a curve or changing lanes, and sometimes pushing the car ahead of you off the runway works. Like NASCAR, drivers have to be careful about their refueling pit stops. These little cars use virtual fuel, and they must watch a displayed fuel gauge. Four to six drivers stand in line with a controller in hand, and when the buzzer sounds, they're off. Each car is electronically bound to a controller and track at the start of the race. The slot cars are a part of the R/C Car Club, and membership allows racing the larger R/C cars as well as the little slot guys.

The club is racing 1/10 scale R/C cars on Tuesday and Saturday starting at 8 a.m. at the R/C car track at the end of SW 94th Street. The July winners are Berry, Beyer, Burrey, Metzer, Henne, Neumann, Frederick, and Day.

Next month official points racing should begin as field modifications are completed. Paul Burrey moderated an enlightening two hour seminar Friday, July 31, discussing car maintenance in the Hobby Building. The club now has 90 members and growing.

Photo by Gene Mangold

R/C Car members race on an 80-foot indoor slot car track.

R/C Flyers

John Workman

Warm weather continues and so the new grass runway grows. In July the club prepared the area and sowed a fine grass seed throughout the length of the planned runway area. More than 30 members turned out for the work party. As long as we get the usual rainfall through this month, we ought to have a good start on a usable grass runway parallel to the paved one. When the grass thickens up, we will address the transition between the two and the result will be a fine facility for whatever kind of aircraft you want to fly.

Unexpected thunderstorm winds last month did a number on our canopies, several of which are still in the process of repair. The hurricane warnings allowed us to be more prepared for that event, but the winds never arrived … thank goodness! Activities were hardly affected on either occasion and flyers were and are out at the field on most days. Quite a number of new models are appearing on the flight line as well as some older models being brought out for the first time in a long while, sometimes with new owners. Variety is indeed the spice of life.

Since the club has been unable to hold its regular meetings because it would exceed the maximum numbers allowed for gatherings, we have had to depend on our club officers to ensure that things are being taken care of. In August we enacted a new amendment to our bylaws to specifically authorize the board of directors to take action in emergencies. The amendment was sent to the members by email and voted on by a walk-up ballot to avoid a crowd. Kudos to the board for working out a way to maintain order during these trying times.

As always, we extend an invitation to all who are interested to come out to the flying field and see what we are doing. Early mornings are best (who wants to go out in the worst of the summer heat?), but there is usually someone out punching holes in the sky most any time. If you become interested in joining us, we have instructors available and can schedule you for a no-cost turn with the club trainer. What could be easier than that?

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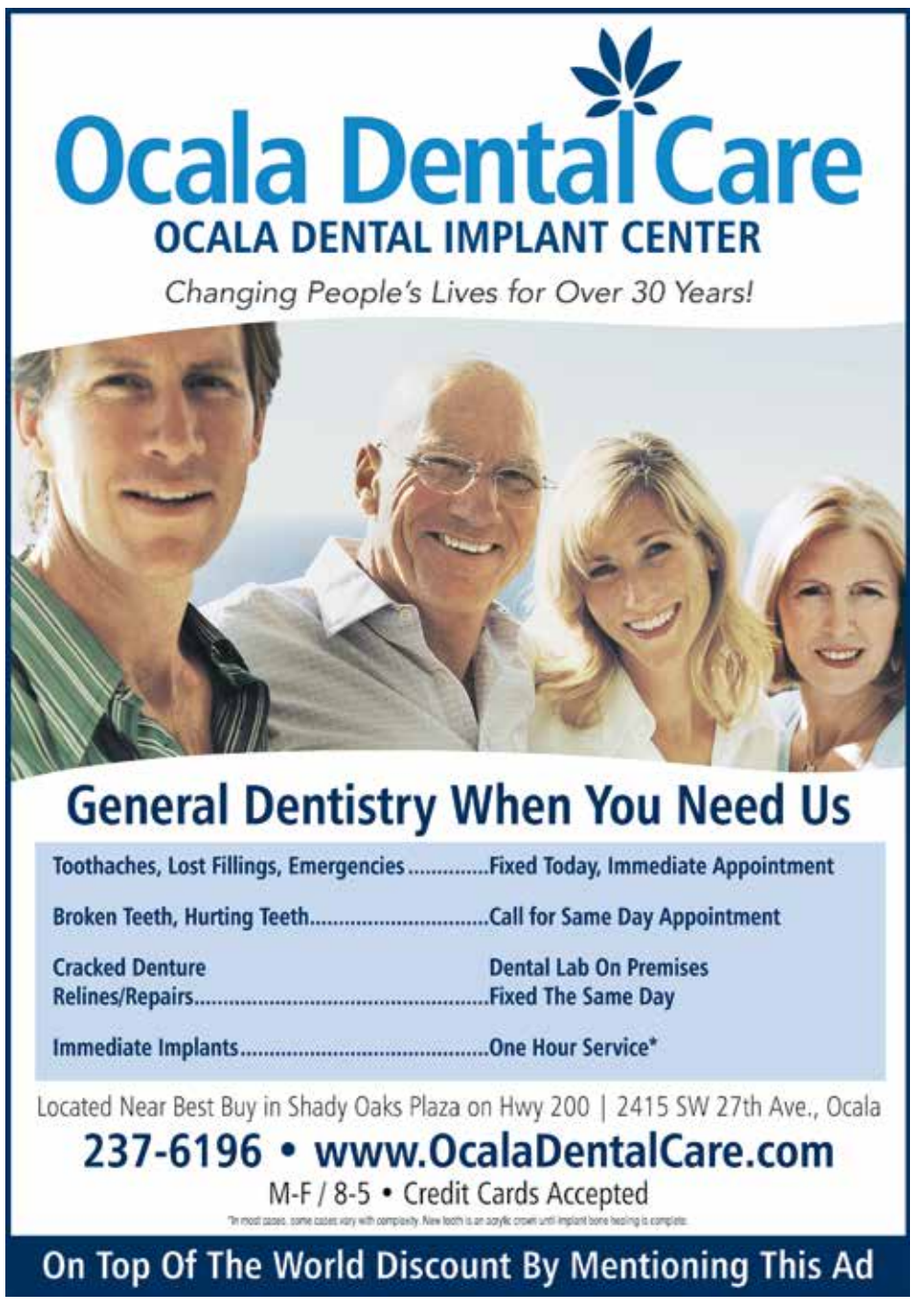

Tennis

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Is it September already? Wow! At this time of the year, the US Open should be taking place in New York, and, if you have the Tennis channel, I would encourage you to watch as much as you possibly can. You can learn a lot from watching professional players from around the world. Even though some of the top seeded players opted not to participate, there are still plenty of good ones playing.

On another subject, I am requesting from all of you to close the gates when you leave the courts. A gust of wind can take the gates off their hinges and damage the gate as well as the surface of the courts. So please, let's try to maintain all of the courts in perfect condition. Thank you all!

Over the years I have written about so many aspects of the sport of tennis, all in an effort to help you improve your game. This time, I would like to touch on a subject that not many players think about it carefully, even though it can make a big difference in the way they play each point.

Reading the Ball

There are different things you can read from the second the ball leaves your opponent's racquet; an important one is the speed. The rhythm method of ball control states there is a rhythm to the speed of the ball. Balls hit at a medium to slow speed are three count shots – bounce, rise, peak; plant, shift, stroke; 1,2,3. Players have time for a full swing. Balls that are hit very fast or bounce at the feet are two count shots – bounce, hit; shift, block; 1,2. Most players try to cram a faster swing - into less time on two count shots.

A player should be able to recognize that these shots require a step and block (little or no backswing or follow through). Players must know when they can perform a three count shot and when they must hit a two count shot. Many players believe their woes can be solved by learning a new mechanical secret. In many cases the problem is rhythmical, not mechanical. Learning to read the ball sooner and more accurately will allow for a better contact point that will solve most problems. At a minimum, it will allow a player the ability to groove an efficient stroke. Being a creative player, creating a different contact point on every shot will lead to frustration.

Contact Point of the Opponent

It is worthwhile to see and understand the contact point of the opponent. First, there is an "ideal" contact point for each shot – the place where the most force and control can be generated. Recognizing the contact point of the opponent will enable you to tell the "potential" and the "limitations" for the shot selection of your opponent, so you can give very low or very high balls where it is difficult to generate a lot of power or control.

The stroke work and grip of the opponent. Remember, you are building toward the ability to see multiple variables on the other side of the net. This is accomplished in other activities as well. For example, someone driving a car is able to see what is in front, on both sides and behind them. See the road condition, understand a safe speed and be able to depress the gas pedal or brake with the correct amount of effort. Like drivers, tennis players can be trained to accurately recognize ingredients that go into shot selection.

See you on the courts!

Pickleball

Tom West

In scoring the game of pickleball here at On Top of the World, we utilize two kinds of scoring. One is called rally scoring and is not recognized by the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA). With rally scoring basically every single time someone misses a shot, even during a serve, the other team gets a point. Any fault means a point for the other team.

With the scoring used by the USAPA and the International Federation of Pickleball, things are different. This is what I call regular scoring. I guess it could be referred to as recognized scoring since this is what the rest of the world uses. Only the serving team can score points. Same in singles play. Only the person serving can score points. In doubles, both players on a team will serve before a side out is declared and the serve switches over to the opposing team. It must be noted that at the very start of a game the beginning side only gets one person serving. After that both sides utilize both players to serve. So, the starting server is actually designated as "server two" for scoring purposes at the beginning of a game.

I think the confusion for many beginners in using regular scoring is that they don't understand what is happening when the score is called out. I will endeavor here to eliminate confusion. At the start of each side out, service begins in the right or even serving area. When the team's score is an even number the team's starting server's correct position is at the right/even serving area. When the team's score is an odd number the starting server's correct position is at the left/odd court. After each side out, service begins with the player correctly positioned on the right/even side of the court according to the team's score. This player is referred to as "server one" and the partner is "server two."

Server one will serve, alternating service sides after each point is won, until a rally is lost or the server's team commits a fault. Then it is time for the other person on that team to begin serving and switching sides every time a point is won. Before each serve the score is called out and this is where the confusion starts. In my own case, my brain is so far gone just remembering the score is a major accomplishment.

In calling out the score, here is a good rule to remember: think me, you and who. Me is my team's score. You is the opposing team's score, and who designates who is serving on that team. Server one or two. So, if you were to hear the person serving the ball say "five, one, two." What that means is his team has five points, the opposing team has one point, and he is the second server. I hope that helps some of our newer players.

Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

September is here and fall is just around the corner. Where has this "wonderful" year gone? It is hard to think that the time goes on even when we all stay home and stay in. Along with that thought, I would like all who are reading this to help me get out the message that Mah Jongg Junkie Day has been cancelled in October. If you see any flyers around the community, please disregard them; this event is cancelled! We are not able to keep a safe distance and all the other rules, like only 10 people to a group, and we are unsure if they will even open to us. Very sorry to tell you this but I know everyone really wants to stay safe.

Maybe next spring we can do it again. I know you all must be missing the game and are hoping to get back to playing. Maybe as a Christmas present, we will be able to do something like that. I miss seeing all of you and the great fun we always have. I encourage you to play the free game on the computer. Call me for all the details.

Congratulations to Karen. She has won every game on the 2020 card except the very last one in singles and pairs. Nice job Karen. Let's all try to do that too. Until next time … jokers to you.

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10:00 AM			**Move To Improve*** Larry		
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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
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Outdoor Pool		Summer Splash!		Summer Splash!	
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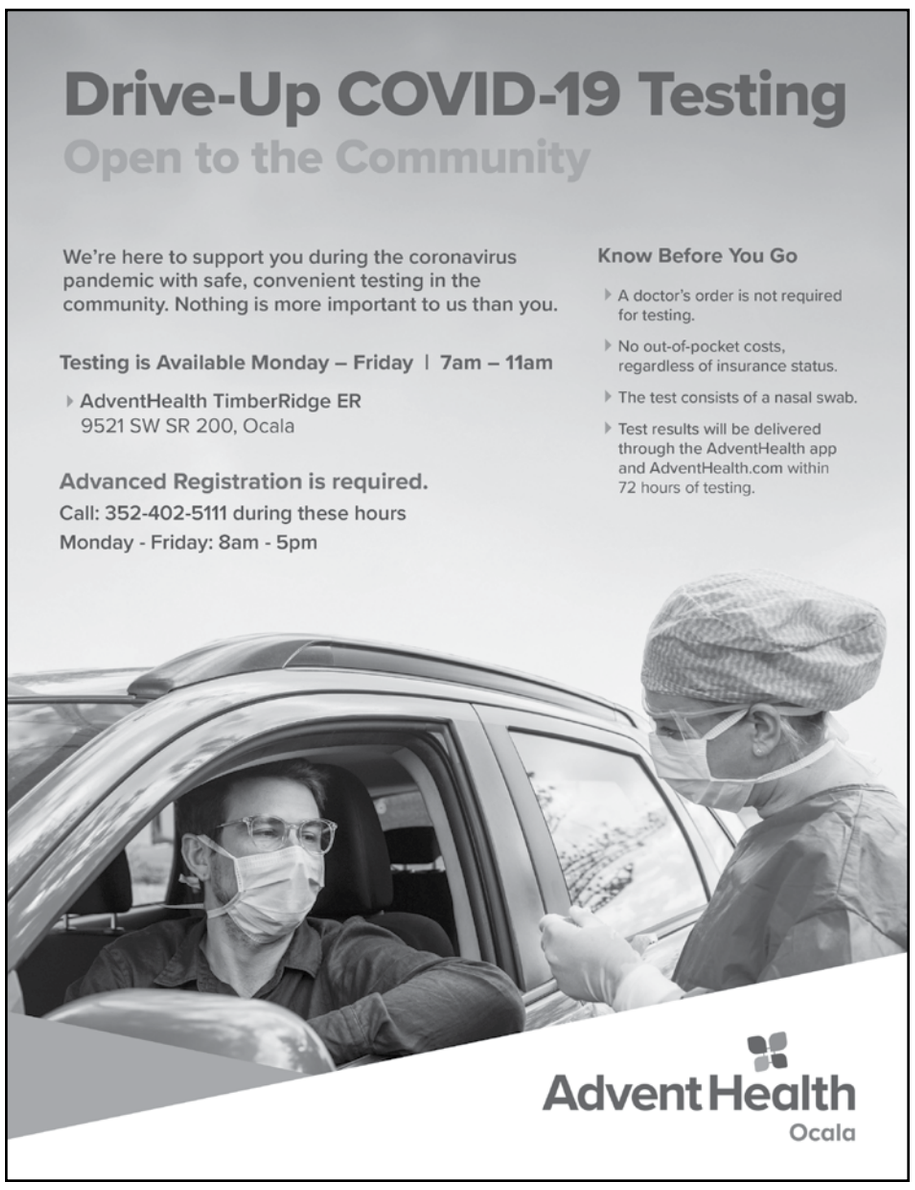
Hello Autumn! Goodbye 'Fall'!

A welcome, seasonal change beckons as autumn draws near. This year the first day of fall will be Tuesday, Sept. 22. The National Council on Aging (NOCA) cleverly uses the start of fall to bring attention and awareness to "fall" risk reduction.

NOCA sponsors National Falls Prevention Awareness Week annually, which coincides with the start of fall. At the core of this initiative is a very important message; falls are not a normal part of the aging process, and they can be prevented. Falls are due primarily to a set of risk factors, which can be managed, and in many cases reversed. Everyone has the opportunity to reduce his or her fall risk through lifestyle modifications. Here are five things you can do to reduce your risk of falling:

1. Keep moving. Staying active is without a doubt essential to optimal aging and staying falls free. Regular physical activity preserves muscle, strength and power. This provides you with the ability to maintain good posture, gait function and the ability to react quickly to environmental changes. On Top of the World resident, Margaret Dobbins, a regular participant in fitness classes noted, "Exercise has absolutely supported my ability to travel and keep up with my grandchildren. On a trip to Italy last year, we had to venture down cobblestone streets and manage steep, narrow staircases. If it was not for my exercise, I would not have trusted my ability to keep up with the grandchildren and more importantly not to have fallen!"
2. Get Support. Talk with your health care provider and enlist the help of family, friends and qualified professionals. Share your history and any fear you have with falling. Guidance from your health care provider along with the right exercise program can be life changing. Resident Sumi Bridges remarked on how her doctor attributed her health resolve to exercise, "I am a two-time cancer survivor and my doctor told me that my ability to recover so well was due to being fit and physically active. In addition to overcoming cancer, I had a bad fall. I tripped on an uneven surface. I had a serious injury to my back and many of my peers thought that my Dance Aerobics days were over, but I proved them wrong! Once again I was able to come back from this setback because of my exercise!"
3. Review medications. Medication side effects and drug interactions can increase your fall risk. Keep a comprehensive list of all the medications you take and ensure that your doctor and pharmacist are aware of these. One of the greatest gifts that exercise provides is the ability to reduce the need for medication. In many instances, regular physical activity coupled with a healthy diet can reduce need for blood sugar and blood pressure medications. Exercise is medicine!
4. Get your vision checked. Strength is a critical factor for balance, so is sensory acuity. The visual system, the auditory system and the somatosensory system (detects sensations, primarily derived from sensors in your skin) play an important role in providing the brain with "sensory input," information that helps govern balance. Unfortunately, all of these systems typically fall victim to decline with age. Vision is your brain's "go to" for spatial awareness and therefore it is very important to light up your living space and keep eyeglass prescriptions current!
5. Manage environmental fall risk factors. Most falls occur in the home. The upside here is that we can control our personal space by eliminating slip and trip hazards. Keep your home clutter free, install handrails where needed, wear supportive shoes and make sure you have adequate lighting especially at night.



Fantastic Flights of Fancy

By Elaine Morrison
World News Writer

Flying high and fancy is business as usual for the more than 160 members of the R/C Flyers.

For resident John Pannacchione, fancy flying has been a special love of his since boyhood. When he was 10 years old, living in Queens, New York, during World War II, he remembers watching, from his house, American bomber planes, taking off from the nearby military air force base, soaring high into the sky. The sight and sound of those magnificent airplanes excited him, propelling him into wanting to know all he could about planes and flying. The interest resulted in the making of his first balsa wood plane from a kit, and he was hooked.

John's father was an extremely handy man and John learned early about all things mechanical. It was no great stretch, therefore, that he evolved into a talented mechanic, specializing in the repair and restoration of large commercial printing presses. He formed his own company, with one of his sons, and traveled extensively to perform his special expertise in many countries.

Somewhere along the way, he met and married his adored Florentina. In addition to her many redeeming qualities, Florentina's unequaled skills in the kitchen became a most valuable asset as we will see later on in this story.

The young family moved several times to larger homes to comfortably accommodate their growing family and John became involved in a local flying club in Long Island where he rose to become a flight instructor. Happy days of friendly competitions elicit fond memories for John, an outstanding one being a limbo contest, the winner being the plane that could come in under the lowest level of the bar height. John won that one handily, not only bringing in his plane at the lowest level but landing it upside down as well.

With the children grown and happily settled, John and Florentina's decision to relocate to On Top of the World became a no brainer. On Top of the World is only one of two active adult communities in the country that has its own flying field. It also has homes with three car garages, a feature that easily transferred into a very large workshop for John's planes. To make the move, John had to sell many of his treasured planes, and only one made the cut, and that only due to the fact that it fit into the SUV.

Soon after they moved into Stonebridge, John noticed that his next-door neighbor's garage door was open. He walked over and looked inside, and he could scarcely believe what he saw. There, on the garage floor, were six airplanes. Upon closer scrutiny, he was further astounded. One of them was an exact replica of his very special P51 Mustang, which he had just parted with.

When the neighbor appeared, John greeted him with "Bob, I have to have that plane," to which Bob responded, "we'll talk." The uniqueness of this particular plane is that it is a replica of the plane World War II ace pilot Freddie Ohr flew and in which he shot down 16 enemy aircraft. He named the plane after his wife "Marie" and the name and the hits are clearly written on the plane. The chance that this plane would land right next door to John, in the garage of his closest neighbor, proved to be providential because at this very moment, Florentina enters the picture, with her famous lemon cookies, and several batches later, "Marie" became John's once again; an exchange that one can say was almost made in heaven.

John is once again an R/C Flyers instructor. To become a member, you must become licensed after passing a test comparable to a driver's license test and purchase a $3 million insurance policy.

"Flying requires knowledge of electrical work, plumbing, radio transmission, welding as well as patience and good eyesight," John explains. He goes and says his plane is hard to see, as it is far off in the distance and quite small. Adding to the difficulty, the controls are in reverse right and left, making the landing of the aircraft particularly precarious. There are many crashes, as the planes can slide off the runway, and most recently, that is what happened to the aforementioned "Marie." It is, fortunately, in the restorative hands of its devoted owner and will soon be up, up and away once again, in all its glory.

There are many fascinating aspects to this exciting art – the fact that there are three ways to fuel the motors, gasoline, alcohol and electricity and all are controlled through radio transmission. There are many types of planes, and John is particularly taken with the flying wing models that do not have any tails. All the functions are performed by the wing.

An open invitation is extended to all to visit the field, which is located behind the new storage area beyond The Arbors. Once there you can experience the delight and expertise of the flying club members as they perform their intricate maneuvers in the sky and if you are lucky, you might come at a time when John is flying "Marie."

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John Pannacchione in his workshop with "Marie."

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New Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

The New Dancin' On the Top officers wish you the best for the start of the fall season. Please stay safe and well for the next few months. We want you to enjoy dancing when it returns in full force to our great community. Please watch for any changes to our New Dancin' On the Top calendar. Currently, we have no dance plans for months of September through November.

Our annual New Year's Eve dance is still on the drawing board in the Recreation Center Ballroom Thursday, Dec. 31. We hope to welcome 2021 with a big party on New Year's Eve.

A great big "thank you" to all those club members who have volunteered to help with our dances in the past and our future dances. 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 On Top of the World bulletin board later this fall and winter with these exciting themes along with ticket sale dates for each of our dances. 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 2021. 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 (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 and on into 2021.

Line Dancing

Nancy Carmack

We are so happy that classes will resume this month. Class times and schedule will be different for a while, so please check Theresa Field's column for details on the class that you would like to join.

Kathy Petrosky has also sent the new schedule to all dancers, including the new regulations that we will all need to follow to keep safe. It is mandatory that everyone wear masks that cover their mouth and nose and that we practice social distancing at least six feet apart.

Everyone must purchase their dance passes before the Monday that dance classes start, no exceptions.

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal at (352) 804-1546 for the Beginner or Improver classes, or Freddie Sharp at (352) 387-7775 for the Intermediate class.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's dancing feet!

Sidekicks Western Dance

Paula Shira

September for me still conjures up images of childhood with warm New England Indian summer days and cool crisp nights. Unfortunately, September in Florida is generally just hot with a touch of storminess and for Sidekicks a little dance thrown in.

Sidekicks continue to dance every other Tuesday (the second and fourth Tuesday of the month) with Zoom. We always allow for enough time for everyone to talk at once and share stories and laugh before we start to dance. Several couples deserve to be acknowledged for having attended every Zoom class to date: Clare and Paul Pardee, Giena and Joe Wong, Virginia and Allan Rickards, Lucy and Phil Fay, Polly and Gene Huckel-Cazeault, and Lois and Bill Hull (who even danced on Zoom with us from a Cracker Barrel when they were on the road). That is true dedication. There are several more couples who have only missed one session.

So far during this trying time we have "Waltzed through Texas," "Strolled in Florida," enjoyed some "Drinkin' Partners," and "Barn Danced" our way to a "Purple Daze." We know this won't "Last Forever" but while it does, we will not let it drive us "Out of Our Minds" because we can just "Look What God Gave Us" and keep smiling and dancing.

Sidekicks coordinators are meeting to make plans for our new dance year. We will continue to use Zoom to socialize and dance until it is safe for us to meet together in person in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The Sidekicks circle is never complete without each and every Sidekick, and there is always room for more. To find out more about Sidekicks, visit at patterndancers.wixsite.com%2Fsidekicks or email us at otowsidekicks@gmail.com.

Remember … dancing is not only fun ... it is good for you. Dance every chance you get and dance as if no one is watching, unless of course it's a funky "Rimrock." Then you need to dance as if the whole world is watching.

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'Bunco for Babies'

By Michelle Malsch

The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser which was to be held Saturday, Sept. 26, has been postponed until Saturday, March 27, 2021. The location has been changed to the Arbor Conference Center. The time will remain the same as posted on your tickets. Please hold onto your tickets as they will be honored at that time.

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.

All tickets have been sold at this time, however, I have started a wait list as tickets do sometimes become available at the last minute.

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

Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

For almost three months, the Ballet Club has been doing four classes each week while social distancing. Dancers are hardy people, and we stay as well-conditioned as we can through our classes. Ballet is very good for posture, strength, balance, flexibility and grace. Our group is lucky to have another good teacher who has joined our ranks. Her name is Suzanne Scheraga, and she is teaching the barre and some center dances for our Saturday class. It is so much fun for me to be able to take a class with the other dancers.

All of our classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room just next to the rest rooms.

Our weekly schedule is as follows:

- 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.

Anyone may join our classes, and no previous experience is necessary; nor are ballet clothes. To start, you need exercise clothes, socks for the feet, a facial mask and hand sanitizer, and a bottle of water, of course. If you are interested in inquiring about our classes, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!

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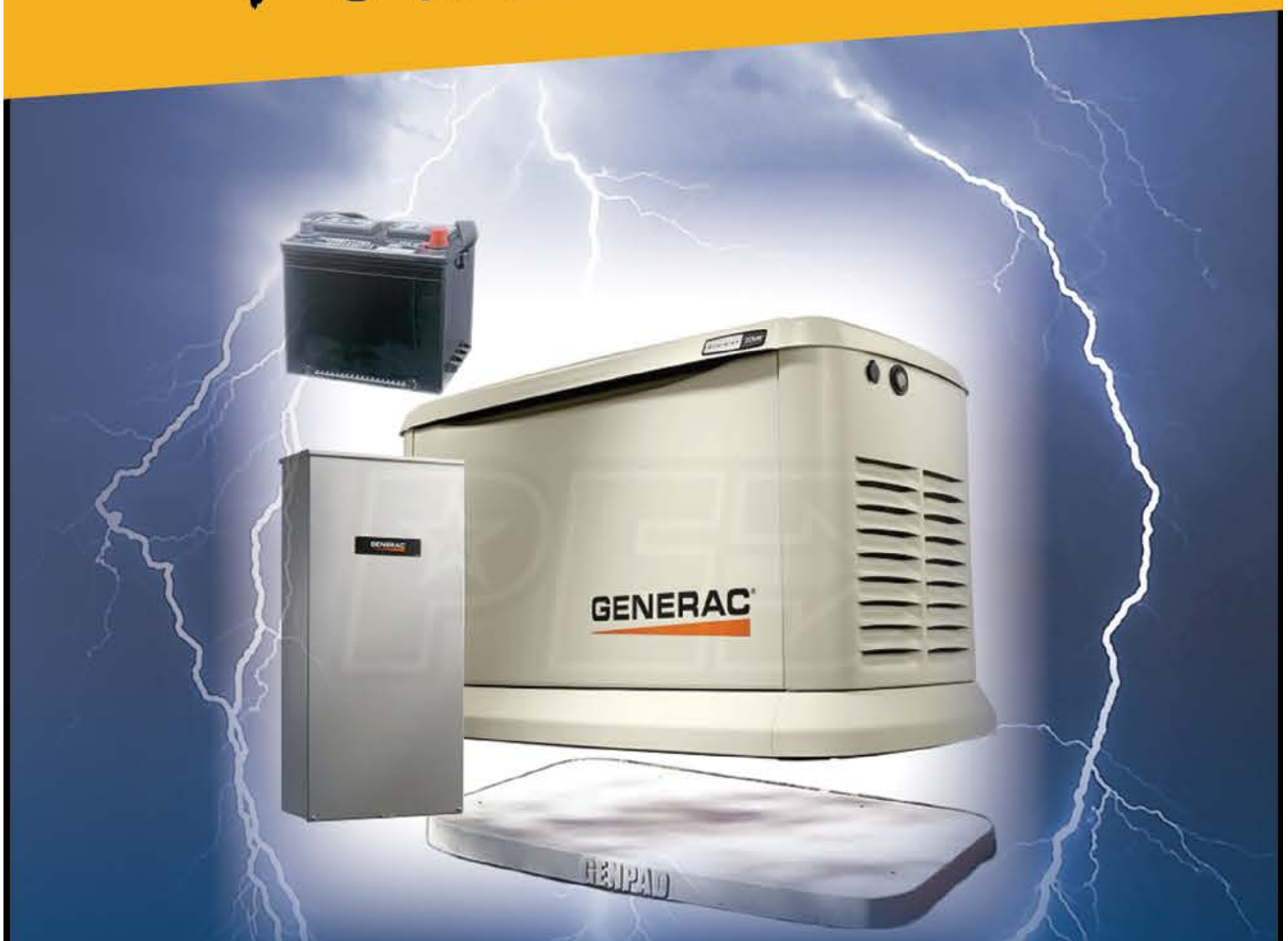

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Education Center Expands Facilities

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

"Education should be a part of our everyday lives as we grow, mature, and find our very own niche in life. Here at Master the Possibilities, we have been privileged with an amazing foundation that contributes to the education of On Top of the World residents and those of our surrounding communities. This wonderful support and recent expansion help to make a difference in thousands of lives – one educational moment at a time."

Director of Education Michelle Shideler, Master the Possibilities

It was back in the '80s in New York City, when a new building was going up on just about every block. Construction sites were surrounded by tall wooden barriers with round holes cut in; pedestrians could stop and look down into a cavernous foundation and watch the progress. Painted next to those peepholes was written, "Dig we must for a growing New York."

When visiting Master the Possibilities and the construction that is now close to completion, this comes to mind, "Build we must for the education of our growing community."

There are close to 24,000 registrations for the coming year at Master the Possibilities – more than 5,000 students. The newly expanded building behind Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli will greatly add to the flexibility of how classes are structured. It also makes room for additional teaching venues and allows for more students to participate in classes. The vinyl flooring is extremely versatile and welcoming, whether for tap dancing, yoga stretches or classes in science, history or current events, among many others.

There's a new room designed just for chefs to demonstrate their specialties, such as a perfect crème brûlée, or maybe, how to cook up a pasta sauce that will make you the envy of your neighborhood. It will have all the accoutrements, envied by the very best home chefs – so, no excuses.

To meet the continuing increase in registrations at Master the Possibilities, additional evening classes are being scheduled, as well as expanding the Saturday curricula. It is important to note that all CDC guidelines are being followed. Classrooms are sanitized, masks are required, and social distancing is being practiced.

To sign up for a class at Master the Possibilities, visit masterthepossibilities.org.

Photo by Ray Cech

Welcome to Master the Possibilities' new classrooms.

Art Group Exhibit

By Joanie Ford

The Art Group had a successful art exhibition in the Master the Possibilities lobby Thursday, July 30 through Thursday, Aug. 27. Our next exhibition will be in January 2021.

What is an art exhibition and why do artists have them? An exhibition is an organized activity in which a collection of the artist's work is viewed by the public.

Photo by Joanie Ford

July Art Group exhibit.

Artists enter exhibits to show their work and sometimes to negotiate a sale of their work. We as artists hope that by exhibiting, we can raise the awareness of the art that we create and generate some brand awareness within our styles.

If you attended the exhibition and the work that is exhibited by the Art Group, you may notice that each artist has a certain style. The artist becomes known by their style or the way they paint or the subjects that they choose to paint. At previous exhibitions at Master the Possibilities you could meet the artist at an artist reception. The Art Group was not able to sponsor a reception this time.

For the Art Group each artist creates an art of their choice, whether it be portrait, drawing, landscape, still life, seascape or sculpture. Some artists incorporate a number of different mediums in their work. Mediums are paints, finishes and sometimes objects or materials and different papers.

Henry Sayre has defined four fundamental roles of the artist. This short list is taken from his book, "A World of Art." I have paraphrased his thoughts, and not quoted him directly. Please note that not all artists assume all of these roles, some incorporate a combination of the roles or just one as they create.

- Artists make a visual record of people, places or events from their time spent on earth and the place they live or visit.
- Artists help us to see the world in new or innovative ways.
- Artists make functional objects (clothing, furniture, buildings) more pleasurable and elevate them with meaning.
- Artists give form to the immaterial. This includes the hidden or universal truths, spiritual and personal feelings.

You can look at the images pictured and learn a little about each of these artists by studying their work. What are they trying to say to you? What do they feel deeply about? Sometimes the colors in the work will give you clues, as well as the style of their work, their brush work, and the energy in the piece.

We welcome you to our next exhibition in January 2021. Our snowbirds will be back, and our exhibition will be larger.

Changes will come in society and our Ocala artists and many others will make a visual record of what they see and how they feel about this time in world.

Karaoke Trivia

By Kathy Petrosky

I was thinking, "What can I write this month?" Karaoke is such a social event. It will be great when we can get back to it again. I thought, "I wonder if I can find some karaoke trivia?" You could be prepared if you play and karaoke is a category.

I think we all know what karaoke actually means. Just in case it actually means "empty orchestra" in Japanese. We all got that one.

Where was karaoke born? It was born in a Japanese town called Kobe when a band failed to show up for a gig in a bar. The innovative owner played some music and asked his customers to come up and sing.

What year was it created and who was the restaurant owner? It was in the 1970s and the restaurant owner was Daisuke Inoue. Did anyone know that one?

How many karaoke bars are in Japan? According to the Japan National Tourism Organization there are more than 100,000 karaoke bars in Japan.

What country has the most karaoke machines at home? The Philippines holds the title for the most in-home karaoke machines with reportedly one in almost every home.

What is the record for the longest karaoke performance by one person? The Italian Leonardo Polverelli holds the Guinness World Record for the longest marathon karaoke. He sang 1,295 songs for four days straight (a total of 101 hours 59 minutes and 15 seconds.

What year did the Karaoke World Championships begin? It started in 2003. Finland was the last host.

When is national karaoke week? It is the fourth week in April.

Do you know the song that was prohibited in the Philippines? It was Frank Sinatra's "My Way." The lyrics were considered arrogant.

Hope you kept score for yourself! While we are not in session, feel free to go to the Z's Karaoke page on Facebook. Gary, from our group, started this. It has expanded to singers from all over.

Singing is a fun activity. I hope everyone is singing at home. Are you learning new songs for when we can get together again?

Photo by Steve Warren

Can you guess the song?

View from the Library

Linda Barilli

"The Great Pretender" by Susannah Cahalan is a study of the diagnosis and treatment of psychosis. She deeply pursued this subject due to the fact that she herself had been misdiagnosed.

Miss Cahalan concentrates primarily on Dr. David Rosenhan's experiment that led to his book "On Being Sane in Insane Places," published in 1973. Rosenhan's real talent was teaching. When challenged by his students, he finally suggested, "if you really want to know what psychiatric patients all are about, don't waste your time on case histories … why don't you simply check into a psychiatric hospital as a patient?" And they did.

This single experiment changed the course of modern medicine. You might somewhat relate this book to the movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" which came out in 1975.

This book is in hardcover nonfiction labeled 616CAH.

But what is normal? In "Bad Monkey" by Carl Hiaasen, we encounter Andrew Yancy. Due to his uncouth behavior, Yancy gets demoted to roach patrol for the local eateries in Key West. But Yancy has dreams of being reinstated and turns his attention to investigating three murders. We follow him from Key West to Miami, down to Andros Island in the Bahamas and back again.

Basically, we get to see firsthand the impact on local residents as prime waterfront property is bought up by wealthy real estate investors, leaving the locals deprived of the enjoyment they once experienced.

Carl Hiaasen's books are quick and witty and "Bad Monkey" is no exception. This PG rated book is chockfull of colorful vernacular and racy characters, including a "man eating" voodoo witch known as Dragon Queen.

"Bad Monkey" can be found in hardcover fiction in the Florida section of the library.

In "The Giver" by Lois Lowry we enter a totally different world. We visit a community where children are assigned to a family unit, citizens are assigned specific partners and jobs. Everyone obeys the rules and never asks questions. Their world is without conflict, inequalities, divorce, unemployment, injustice or choice. Children are guided to develop self-confidence and maturity. And if you don't fit, you could be sent elsewhere and never be seen again.

Jonas is a boy who has been selected to take the place of "The Giver." As a 12-year-old he finds himself having yearnings and is given a pill that he must take every day for the rest of his life. There was to be no emotion in his world. Love was a generalized word, meaningless, almost obsolete.

Jonas chose to stop taking his pill and took off on a long and very dangerous journey. He could never go back to the world of no feeling and sameness.

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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

Happy Hookers continues to meet separately, and our group continues to work privately on their projects.

Recent Happy Hooker columns have focused on various aspects and fun facts of knitting, crocheting, and embroidery. This month's topic on crochet hooks continues our series focus on the tools.

Crochet hooks started with people fashioning their own, usually of wood, bone or metal. In Ireland, exquisite Irish laces were worked with hooks made from stiff wire inserted into a piece of wood or cork. In the early 1920s sets of interchangeable hooks became popular. Each set consisted of a single handle, perhaps of bone or amber, with an assortment of short steel hooks generally ranging in sizes from 1 to 14. The crocheter simply selected the size hook needed for the project and screwed it into the tip of the handle.

In America, the Boye Needle Co. produced the first complete line of American-made steel crochet hooks in 1917. Each hook sold for a nickel. Aluminum hooks appeared in 1923, and hooks for hairpin crochet were introduced in 1935. World War II forced the government to order the cessation of nickel plating for crochet hooks in 1942, and Boye began a special black plating process known as "hoto" black process, or hot oxide black process, in order to prevent corrosion of the hooks. Nickel plating was not reinstated until the latter part of May 1945.

Today's crochet hooks are made from many different materials including abalone, glass, bamboo and exotic woods such as rosewood and ebony and feature a wide variety of styles and embellishments. (Source: www.free-crochet.com/blog/?p=718) 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 with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.

Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg

Concert Chorus members are anxiously waiting to see when we can start up in the fall. For the moment it looks like we will not be able to start rehearsals for our holiday program yet.

This month I want to emphasize the sheer joy of singing, especially with the comradery of a chorus. Unlike solo or ensemble singing, the many parts create harmonies and variations that are just not possible with smaller numbers. The director's goal is a blend of voices that can create emotional and dramatic effects for the listener. And the head of the listener is where all the musical action takes place.

Among the listeners are the members of the chorus themselves. If you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass you listen both for others singing your part, but you also listen for the harmony with other parts and for the meaning and emotion of the lyrics. For the audience you listen to resonate with familiar tunes and lyrics, or you plunge forward with new tunes, lyrics and musical ideas. Maybe you even want to dance or tap your foot to a lively beat, or hum along to reinforce the listening experience.

If you are a listener who loves to sing, join us by contacting Mary Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@aol.com. Get on our contact list and get access to our coordinating website. If you just want to listen, watch this column to get the latest news about chorus performances and events.

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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski

Reluctantly, The New Pretenders have postponed our practices which were slated to begin in September. Naturally, this changes the show dates in February 2021. On a brighter note, we are hoping that some other options may fall into place. We'll keep you posted!

While we wait to see what changes will occur eventually, The New Pretenders continue to work on the upcoming performances. We are safely practicing in our own homes with the hopes that small groups may soon be able to gather.

To get to this point, many hours of work have already been logged. Way back in January, intrepid volunteers put their names forward in hopes of becoming a member of the music committee which will work on the show for the following year. Yes, you read correctly, this group is working a year in advance! Five people are chosen, and they serve from this point until after the road shows. The first order of business for this talented cadre is to select a chairperson, then they move on to the second step: finding a theme for the show. The next difficult task is winnowing down the massive amounts of music and comedy to a workable sixty selections. It seems overwhelming!

When the dauntless music committee reaches this point, the director sits in on the meetings. Selecting 28 to 30 songs is every bit as hard as it seems. These selections must fit into a time frame, too. Yet, year after year, the job is completed. But, the work is not done.

The numbers that have been chosen are now put into an order that makes the program flow. Additionally, performers are assigned to each act. The assignments revolve around the fortes of individual troupers as well as providing enough time for costume changes. We can't stop here, there's more to be done!

At this point, other committees swing into action. The costume committee spends countless hours in our "closet" seeking the exact look necessary for each song. The band's look is completed, too. The stage committee has an arduous task to enhance the stage. There are some difficulties to work around with this project and the most creative crew manages to pull it together every time. Are we finished yet?

The simple answer is "no!" The amazing Recreation Center staff prints the tickets we need, working from the clip art and data we send them. A program is designed and printed, too. Volunteers often assist with moving props and scenery from our storage units to the stage and then, returning them after the shows have been completed. Then, groups within The New Pretenders must find help from some folks who are willing to help as we present our show. These groups include the ushers and some dressers who work behind the scenes assisting with costume changes.

Whew! Just reading this review is tiring but exhilarating, too! We will keep our fingers crossed for some more definitive news with the next article. Meanwhile, if you are interested in The New Pretenders or lending your help when we do get the go-ahead, talk to any current member or Nancy Grabowski at (352) 209-4699.

Photos by Lennie Rodoff

Top: Janet Juhlin, Terri Molnar, Philene Frazar and Fran Allen.
Bottom: Joe Furfaro, Nick Lagattuta, Doug Ensley and Tom Miller.

Poetry

John Kinser Hall

Memo to the Boss

Perfection is the answer and nothing else will do.
These words I heard so clearly,
when I was facing you.
Now I know that excellence, is what you want of me.
No less can be accepted, you said resoundingly.
What mortal is expected to answer and obey
or even come to bargain, if no latitude you say.
The truth is I am human and really once were you.
I can only give my best, perfection may ensue.

Poetry

Alvin Ross

Together

When we walk hand in hand
We are together
In a fond embrace
We are together
When our eyes meet
We are together
With the newborn baby
In my arms
We are together
When I look to the heavens
For guidance
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As we lie side by side
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From the warmth of the sun
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Al Lohr workin' on the railroad.

Model Railroaders

Gerald Mucci

A great sense of accomplishment …

The previous train room, a rather small space, has been vacated – the new one in the Hobby Building is growing gangbusters. The new room is four times the size of the previous one and is host to not only a greatly expanded HO layout, but also an O gauge (Lionel) and G gauge layout.

The amount of progress is beyond the expectations of most members. Whether this is due to recent "social distancing" or due to the enthusiasm of a dedicated core group of model railroaders is hard to say – probably both.

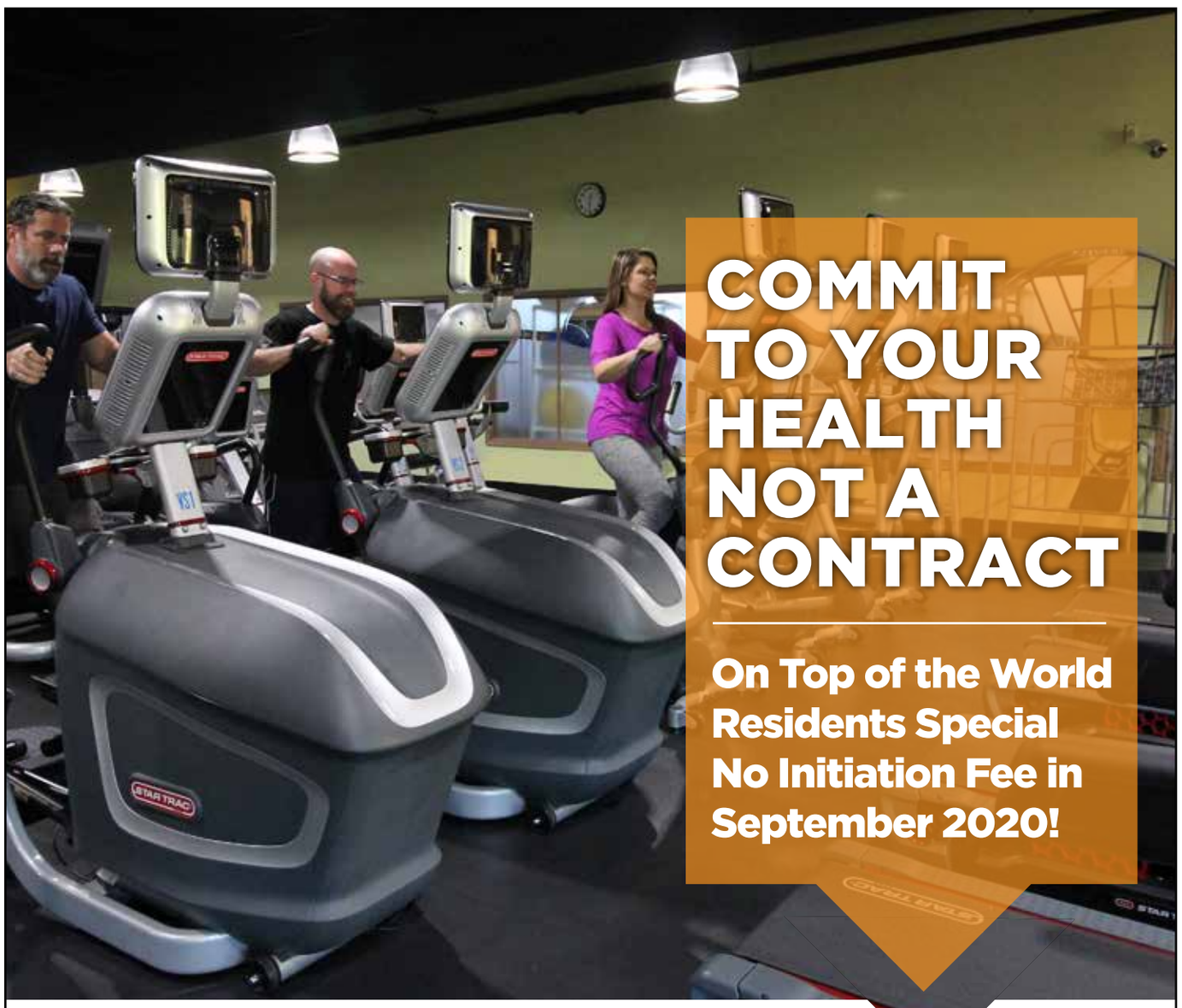
Al Lohr is among that core group. What do flight test engineering and model railroad construction have in common? Answer: Al Lohr. Al transitioned from a 30-year career with Sikorsky Aircraft as a flight test engineer to his new "career" of model railroading. There is little doubt that a career with a company that was among the first to develop multi-engine "landplanes" as they were called, amphibious craft, and ultimately the leader in helicopter design and manufacture (UH-60 Blackhawk) brings some creative skills with it.

A random visit to the new train room will reveal two or three guys exercising their creative skills and hard work, with Al often among them. He moved from Connecticut to On Top of the World in 2008 and was one of the earliest members of the club. "I enjoy it – it's a good group of people," Al acknowledged. Moving and rebuilding the model town and laying a lot of track was accomplished in large part to the generous efforts of Al.

Now that the two main HO lines are completed around the room, the next phase will be adding spur lines to serve industries that will soon mushroom around the layout. Ongoing scenic improvements are headed by Joe Liminowski, with a great deal of assistance from Bernie Bossert, Bill Rostiser and Larry Luke.

While the new layout is not yet open to visitors, there is a large viewing window along the walkway along the left side of the Hobby Building. The town is located in front of the window. You will often see several club members doing a variety of model building jobs, from electrical wiring, to installing miniature lighting, to laying railroad sidings, to erecting houses and industries.

The next train club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. The Model Railroaders Club is always welcoming new members. Email the president, Jim Lynam at lynamj1946@gmail.com or me at gfmucci@yahoo.com with any questions.



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ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip

Camera Mode: Landscape

Here's another opportunity to move your camera dial off "auto" mode.

We've been talking about the icon-labeled scene modes on your camera dial. Even some smartphones have them. Use them to improve the quality of your shot. They can also be used by more advanced photographers with limited time to adjust their camera.

Most cameras will display a mountain shaped icon that represents landscape mode for you to select.

This mode has been optimized to create a well-focused image from the foreground all the way into the distance. It does this by automatically using a small f stop. It will also pick the lowest ISO possible to give you a sharp image. It works especially well if your scene is well lit. Some cameras will also boost the reds and greens, since that's what landscapes usually are.

Because your photo is probably well out of the range of your flash, most cameras will not allow it to use the flash.

While Phyllis didn't use landscape mode for her photo, a landscape like this would have been a good one to try.

ShutterBugs' month-long September exhibit at Master the Possibilities will be a great opportunity to "travel" to Giverny, France and see Monet's garden!

Phyllis Hlavac is exhibiting her favorite shots from her visit to see Monet's garden and its bridge area. She went there for a private early morning access visit when the lighting is perfect for taking photographs. I can't wait to see it; Monet is my favorite artist!

Check out our recently updated club website at otowspc.com. Here you can view our members' galleries. For example, ShutterBug Pam Schmitt is displaying beautiful photos from a trip to Butchart Gardens in Brentwood Bay, British Columbia. You can also view our past photography contest winners or find updated schedule information.

For more information contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or guhley@cfl.rr.com.

Photo by ShutterBug Phyllis Hlavac

Small bridge.

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Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr

Since our club has so many members, we are not yet allowed to meet in the Event Room. Until then, we are all working on cards at home for our own use. Some of us participated in a card swap which was a lot of fun. So much talent in our group!

Let's hope we can soon meet in person! Until then …

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

Our group is open to all crafters – beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For information on any class or for general information, contact Kathy at the number/email below. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

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

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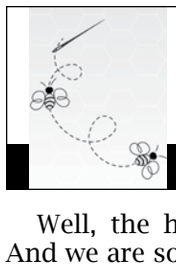
Joan Gattozzi's entry for the card swap.



Sewing Bees

Linda Lohr

Well, the hive is buzzin' again! And we are so happy to be meeting in person and seeing our friends again! Everyone wears a mask, one person to a table, but it is working well. Several people are still working at home to add to our inventory. Slowly, our agencies are opening up and we are able to make the donations.

I know it is very hot out, but our minds are on Christmas! We have many Christmas quilts being made ready for donation later this year. Several people are sewing the tops at home and bringing them in to be given a backing and then sewn.

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, from 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 with any questions. Above all, stay safe and healthy!

Photo by Linda Lohr

Detail of a Christmas quilt to be donated.

Theatre Group

Richard Rosen

Theaters and other venues are shut down all over the world. Indoor entertainment of any kind will be the last to re-open. Broadway and London theaters are hoping to go back into business in spring 2021, at the earliest. The Theatre Group is no exception. We were about a month away from our dazzling production of "Snippets" when things shut down in March. We still hope to produce "Snippets" as soon as possible; though it may be months away.

In next month's edition of the World News, we will announce our tentative plans for the production and the specific disposition of sold tickets for the original April dates. We will also keep everyone informed as to any developments in the Theatre Group. We will be back and the show will go on!

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