

## Community News

**Kenneth D. Colen**

### Landscape Update

June is a great month for growing a small garden and planting shrubs. That said, please remember that landscape modifications apply to all communities, and must receive prior approval from the Owners' Association.

I am mentioning this in my column in the hopes that we can all avoid unnecessary consequences of violating the Rules and Regulations of your Association. The application process is very simple – stop by Resident Services to complete a modification request form. You will be asked to provide a detailed description of the work requested, a drawing of the affected area showing dimensions, the name of the contractor performing the work and proof of your contractor's insurance. A representative of the Association will inspect the area and the owner will be advised of approval, approval with modification, or denial.

Once you have approval, be sure you or your contractor contacts 811 prior to starting work. As a reminder, repairs to any underground utilities damaged due to the absence of proper locates are the responsibility of the homeowner.

### Development Update

The shade feature at the Veterans Park should be installed over the playground as of this writing – just in time for your grandkids' visit!

Miniature golf at Weybourne Landing may be a little longer on the carpet installation, but official completion is still planned for August. This will be 18 holes and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. You should see much work taking place as installation of pavers and landscape will be wrapping up around the time this column is published.

The new Weybourne Landing clubhouse, called The Landing, will include a library, fitness room, resident lounge, large card room, a food service area, a ballroom, and covered lanai overlooking the pool, and, of course, multiple restrooms. The Landing has an estimated completion date of November barring any unanticipated delay.

The next phase of Weybourne Landing will begin development in the fall and will feature many of the familiar finishes from the first neighborhoods that have made Weybourne Landing a welcome addition to On Top of the World Communities.

Longleaf Ridge continues to grow, with three new phases soon joining the neighborhood south of The Links Golf Course. The natural topography of the land and the refreshed home elevations make quite a pairing. The entire Longleaf Ridge area offers beautiful views along the golf course and across the rolling terrain of the neighborhood as well.

The new premier models located in Longleaf Ridge are expected to be completed in late June. Planning is underway for a new amenity center in the Longleaf Ridge area, and we are currently working on conceptual designs. Estimated completion of this amenity is late 2023. In the next several weeks, we will be launching a brief questionnaire to Longleaf Ridge residents inquiring about desired amenities in the future.

On the commercial side, Cody's Original Roadhouse is nearing completion and opening soon. Stay tuned for the date. The Residence Inn by Marriott is moving into the interior finish phase and is anticipated to open in late November.

### Practical Preventative Home Maintenance

From June through October your air conditioning system will be running full tilt. These systems don't operate by themselves without proper care and maintenance. For a helpful short video on practical

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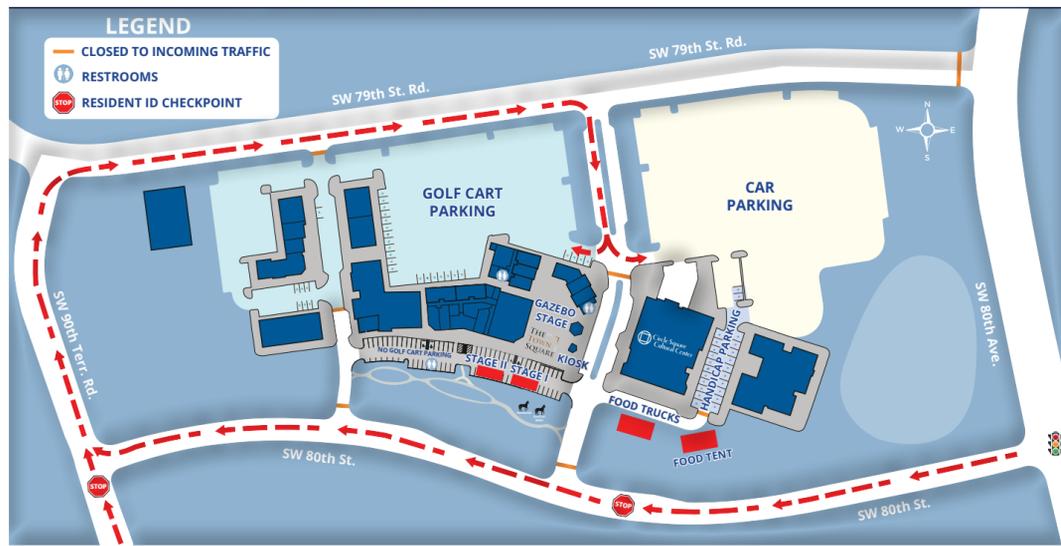


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## Red, White & Boom!

By Dave DeAngelis  
World News Writer

Finally, after a two-year hiatus, this year's big Independence Day celebration is back and aptly re-named Red, White & Boom! We are more than ready to celebrate! In the past, this event was held the Fourth of July, but this year it just can't wait that long and will occur Friday, July 1 for On Top of the World and Stone Creek residents only. The fireworks display at the culmination of Red, White & Boom festivities has the potential of making other displays sound like snap, crackle, pop (I'm having a Rice Krispies craving).

The Patriotic Celebration was one of the best attended and in the past, was open to the public. Estimates of attendance have been over 6,000 people. Because of community growth, this year's Red, White & Boom celebration is a private event, open only to On Top of the World

and Stone Creek residents, with resident IDs required for entry. The Town Square will be the center of all festivities with fireworks being launched adjacent to The Town Square.

So what festivities, you ask? Well, how about live music, a selfie station, dancing, food trucks, Mr. B's Big Scoop and, of course, fireworks! The celebration begins at 4:30 p.m. with a ceremony by the Veterans Club. In addition, the very talented Kathleen Kane will do a four-song medley that includes the National Anthem and God Bless America.

Approximately at 5:20 p.m., four bands will perform on three different stage areas starting with the gazebo. Second Slice kicks it off, followed by MPiRE, and Blonde Ambition preceding the fireworks display starting at 9 p.m.

To quench your thirst, The Town Square Kiosk will be open and selling wine, beer, soda, and bottled water. Coolers are also permitted on The Town Square.

Events Manager Gary Pierre stressed that safety, of course, is a primary area of focus during the celebration, with the adherence to social responsibility by everyone. Having fun while keeping each other safe is the goal. On Top of the World staff and Marion County Sheriff's Office deputies will populate checkpoints to direct traffic, and flyers that identify event scheduling and parking locations will be circulated through our communities.

When? Friday, July 1. Where? The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. Time? 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring your patriotic spirit and your resident ID a few days early. Celebrate our independence, honor our veterans, and have fun at Red, White & Boom!

## Prepare for a Storm Event - Key Points

- Designate a "post-disaster contact," a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person's address and phone number and agrees to make contact with this person 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, a flashlight, and a 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. Planning 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 portable 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 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."

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Is It Legal?

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**SCAM ALERT #1:** According to Microsoft, one of the biggest, if not the biggest consumer scam is the tech-support con. Apparently, 3.3 million folks have been scammed out of some \$1.5 billion in total. The scam works like this. The victim gets an unsolicited phone call from the scammer who claims to be with Microsoft or Windows or some tech support group. The victim is told that viruses have been detected on their computer and they must immediately call or log onto a certain website and follow the directions. It will look very real, but in reality, some form of malware will be installed onto your computer. If you get this kind of call, the only thing for you to do is hang up at once. Microsoft never makes unsolicited calls. Nor must you click on unsolicited emails from Microsoft or click on or open "pop-up" ads.

**SCAM ALERT #2:** We've all had the "silent call" where your phone rings and after you say, hello, there's no response. Trust me, it's just another robocall. Your best thing to do is make sure you contact your landline carrier and request caller ID be put on your phone. And of course, as most of us already know, do not answer any call if you don't recognize the number. And if you answer it because you think you recognize it, but it turns out to be some form of solicitation, just hang up!

**SCAM ALERT #3:** You all know this. The IRS will never call you! If someone calls and claims to be from the IRS, hang up. If they threaten to send you to jail because you owe back taxes or didn't pay enough, hang up! They say you have a refund coming but they need some information, such as a bank account number, hang up!

**Q.** My cousin lives in (a foreign country) and is no longer a citizen of the U.S. We are very close having grown up in the same town and attended many family functions together. I have no children and want to make her the executor of my estate and on my power of attorney and my living will. My neighbor told me that my cousin cannot be any of these because she does not

live in the U.S. True or false?

**A.** I'll pass on a "true" or "false" answer. I can tell you, though, that if your cousin is a blood relation of yours - say, the daughter or son of an aunt or uncle by blood of yours, then he or she can, indeed qualify for all those positions. Exception: A convicted felon cannot qualify, nor can someone mentally incapacitated. Best thing for you to do is check with the attorney who will prepare your estate planning documents.

**Q.** How do I look up an attorney to see about him or her?

**A.** You could always Google their name, city, and state. Example: "John Doe, attorney, Omaha, Nebraska." See what pops up. Or go to the state bar association in that state. In Florida, it's floridabar.org.

**Q.** Is the Federal Trade Commission a truly reputable organization or just another government agency that claims to help consumers but really doesn't?

**A.** I should certainly say it is a reputable organization. I once worked for it! It provides an almost unending list of valuable services to the public and its website is chocked full of good information on consumer fraud. I get a lot of my scam alerts from its website. Take a look at ftc.gov.

**Q.** My significant other and I are both in our early 70s. We want to be married in a religious sense. We will swear our love everlasting. A friend will marry us. The State of Florida won't be involved. Are we truly married or not?

**A.** You are truly married in your eyes. Whether you are truly married in the eyes of the State of Florida is problematic.

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As our January through June Explore, Discover, Understand semester winds down this month, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the amazing learning moments our participants and team have experienced. With the help of our talented faculty members, Master the Possibilities provided more than 800 course opportunities for knowledge and growth.

Our team had the privilege of hearing testimony after testimony about how our educational opportunities and volunteer moments have changed peoples' lives, gave them occasions for sharing, and chances to give back to the community. Multiple participants have commented they make learning a priority and are thankful to have our Education Center right here to become involved with. I have been humbled by the "thank yous" and passionate sharing of classroom experiences by so many.

Master the Possibilities has a mission and purpose to promote lifelong learning with the hopes to provide inspirational moments, help participants share with peers, give opportunities to give back to the community, and offer collaborative learning experiences for anyone who chooses to Always Be A Student. Our goal is to be the conduit by which people become educationally fulfilled and intellectually stimulated for continual growth. We are here so others may learn, connect, and give back.

As we complete our last two weeks of courses for this term, par-

ticipants still have a chance to participate in a class or event at Master the Possibilities. Topics like "Build and Manage a Family Tree," "Navigating Medicare," "Retirement: What Now?," "It's Your Turn to Ask An Attorney," and "Should My Next Car be Electric?" are just a few subjects to be discussed in our classrooms this month. Visit [masterthepossibilities.org](http://masterthepossibilities.org) or stop by our main office for additional course information.

Another program our team is particularly proud of is our annual Ageless Adventures event, which will take place the week of July 11. This weeklong program includes a schedule of different classes for an adult and child to take and learn something new together. This intergenerational event has more than 20 topics for great bonding and memory times with a youngster. Besides, who wouldn't want to "Paint a Masterpiece" together, try to conquer the "Escape Box," build a car and participate in a "Pinewood Derby Race," make a Japanese pizza, or meet a local firefighter and see a fire truck up close?

Registration for Ageless Adventures is currently underway. To see a full schedule of events, visit [masterthepossibilities.org/ageless-adventures](http://masterthepossibilities.org/ageless-adventures).

I would also like to thank this year's Ageless Adventures sponsors: Candler Hills Golf Club, The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, and On Top of the World Golf Club.

Oh, and by the way, the July through December Learning That Lasts a Lifetime catalog has been released. To pick up a copy of the newest catalog, visit our Education Center. The new catalog may also be found at [masterthepossibilities.org/print-catalog](http://masterthepossibilities.org/print-catalog), where registration is available 24/7.

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things you can do to service your air conditioning system to keep it functioning efficiently visit [www.otowinfo.com/homowner-main-tenance/](http://www.otowinfo.com/homowner-main-tenance/). These include changing

the filters monthly and pouring vinegar into the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction. Check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don't see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

At least once a year, have your air conditioning serviced by a professional. They will clean the coils in both the air handler (in home) and the compressor (outside), as well as clean electrical connections, and make sure the motors are operating properly.

### Storm Preparedness

June is the start of hurricane season and the time to start thinking seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm. Your Association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association-related assets, and making sure we have an updated recovery plan. Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm. Water and wastewater personnel are moved onsite to make sure that essential utility services are protected, and the chance of interruption is minimized. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure homes in the event of roof damage.

Despite all our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. To that end,

please refer to the "Key Points to Prepare for a Storm Event" article in this issue of the World News.

### Conservation Tip

Depending on the type of irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 18 to 26 gallons per zone per run cycle which can save 77 to 112 gallons per month per zone for once-per-week watering and 155 to 224 gallons per month per zone for twice-per-week watering. Overall, monthly you have the potential to reduce your water consumption from between 721 gallons to 2,170 gallons depending on the time of year and specific run times on each zone, assuming seven zones. Monthly water savings for seven zones may cost in a range of \$1.41 to \$7.67 for once-per-week watering and \$2.82 to \$15.34 for twice-per-week watering depending on the rate tier. Savings can add up.

### Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss



The Community Patrol is a group of resident volunteers dedicated to being the "eyes" for the community and some of the surrounding shopping areas.

Much has been written about obeying stop signs and speed limits as well as operating golf carts and automobiles. We like to remind you that Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) patrol our community from time to time. Be aware and safe.

Schools are now closed, and we welcome our grandchildren. Please exercise maximum caution and watch out for children. Children under the age of 15 are not allowed to drive golf carts, and under no circumstances should anyone allow a young child to sit on one's lap and steer a golf cart. Also, a young child should not sit alone on the back of a cart without an adult; this can cause serious accidents.

We again ask for your participation to volunteer. For more information, contact Paul Altman at 860-460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.

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**All Around Our World**

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Summer is officially here with the Summer Solstice beginning Tuesday, June 21, the longest day of the year. With our amenities back in full swing, keep cool in the pool or gather with friends at a favorite event or activity. In June, we remember D-Day on the 6th, Flag Day on the 14th, and on the 19th, we celebrate Father's Day.

Living in this beautiful community, having great neighbors, and a "world" of fun at our whim every day, we have so much to be thankful for. There are so many choices - activities, education, fitness workouts, trails to walk, and the list goes on. Living in such proximity, we have the choice of being tolerant and having patience with our neighbor to find common ground. We have the choice of being kind and understanding versus aggressive and demanding.

As you navigate the roadways and cart paths, maybe slow down and take time to choose to enjoy the drive. We are glad you made On Top of the World your community of choice and thank you for your support in keeping this community as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside.

**Hurricane Season**

June 1 marks the beginning of hurricane season. Please prepare for the season and not wait on a named storm to react. I would recommend you read and clip Mr. Colen's column this month as he details storm preparedness.

**Community Property Defacing or Removing**

Defacing community property ends up being a cost to all. Depending on the damage caused, serious charges can result. Recently the monument signs in Crescent Ridge were defaced which caused significant damage to repair. What may have started out as one person's attempt to help, ended up creating unnecessary repair costs for all. Making changes to community property is prohibited. If you have a suggestion, please pass it on to Resident Services. It will be forwarded to the correct area for consideration.

Removing community property is considered a theft. We are aggressively monitoring construction areas for theft of mulch, sod, and plants. We are cautioning residents, removal of property from these areas, no matter how small, can result in felony charges for trespassing and theft. We have received photos from several residents providing descriptions of vehicles removing items. Thank you for doing so as we are able to identify and address these thefts.

**Work Orders Available Online**

Residents in all communities can fill out and submit a maintenance request online without having to visit the Resident Services office. Please go to OTOWInfo.com,

click on "Maintenance Request" in the main menu, fill out the online form as completely as possible and click submit, it is just that simple. Resident Services will process your request as quickly as possible but please keep in mind routine requests may take up to seven days to complete.

**Landscaping Over Water Valves and Irrigation**

We are experiencing an increase in owner installed landscaping that is placed over irrigation valves and water main valves with weed mats, pavers, stone, mulch, and plantings. This makes it very difficult to locate the valves if there is a leak, or to shut the water off to your home in an emergency. Please make sure that you or your landscape contractor is aware of all sprinkler heads, mister heads, irrigation lines and the water main valve when installing landscape additions. Also, please ensure you have proper irrigation coverage for your landscape and that your system has not been altered or damaged in any way after the work is complete.

**Bulk Items - White Goods, Furniture and Other Large Items**

The SW 90th Street postal center and garbage area no longer takes bulk drop-off white goods, furniture, nor other large items. As a convenience for residents, if you need to toss out this type of item, you may want to first call a local charity that will pick up if resalable in their thrift shop; make arrangements with the vendor for your area for pickup; or take to one of the county facilities. You will pay the vendor directly for removal. The phone number for centralized garbage users is Waste Management 866-684-3142. The number for all curbside collection areas is Premier Waste Services at 352-454-9168. The county facilities are listed at <https://environmental.marionfl.org/solid-waste/customer-service/recycling-centers-locations>. Some of the local charities include Interfaith Emergency Services Thrift Store, 352-351-3541; Hospice of Marion County Thrift Store 352-237-7707; Goodwill of Ocala 352-629-4202; and Florida Sheriff Youth Ranch Store 352-857-8060.

**Resident Services**

Please note that the Resident Services office is closed for thirty minutes during the noon hour when the last resident leaves. The Resident Services office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, June 15, this month. Resident Services may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or [otowservice@otowfl.com](mailto:otowservice@otowfl.com) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 500, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. Visit [www.otowinfo.com](http://www.otowinfo.com), click on "Maintenance Request" on the top ribbon and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting and click submit.

**After Hours Non-Medical**

**Emergencies**

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members, please notify Resident Services first before contacting an outside contractor for repairs such as roots in water lines, sewer backups, damaged sprinklers damaged, etc.

If it is after normal business hours and you experience some manner of non-medical emergency, please call 236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

**Resident Message**

A resident asked that I share a couple of reminders with you after assisting a resident found lying on the ground on one of the paths. Others were passing the resident by and not stopping, which is a concern.

1. Please get help even if you are uncomfortable in stopping. The injured resident was wearing an alert button; however, it was not working due to not being properly charged.
2. She asked that we remind residents, if you purchase some type of medical alert system, test it every month! Her husband had passed, however, when he was living the alert company told him to set it off as a test, by pressing the button, shouting louder, or whatever method to trigger it. This helps you understand the reliability of the system, and how to use it when necessary.

**Two Rules of the Month**

**ANIMALS:** We are again hearing from frustrated residents who border the common areas and retention ponds about pet owners using these areas without cleaning up after them. Please keep others in mind while walking your pets and please pick up after them. Animals - "While outside Residential Units, all animals must be kept on a leash or other restraint and must be accompanied at all times by the owner or custodian. Animal feces must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly by the owner or custodian of the animal. Each

owner shall be liable to the Association for the cost of repair of any damage to the common property caused by any animal belonging to such owner or to any occupant of such owner's residential unit."

**PRIVATE GOLF CARTS:** Private golf carts are allowed in the community only if the owner(s) obtains and displays an appropriate, unaltered current permit on the front driver side panel of the cart (see photo) from the Association and the golf cart and its use and operation comply with these rules at all times. Golf cart permits are issued at Resident Services in Friendship Commons on a bi-annual basis. The use and operation of golf carts in the community are also subject to Marion County Ordinance No. 05-27 and 17-34. Any use of a privately-owned golf cart outside the community is beyond the scope of these rules and is the exclusive responsibility of the owner. Golf carts may not be operated on any county-maintained roadway including SR 200, SW 80th Avenue and may only cross SW 80th Street and SW 80th Avenue and any future county-approved crossing at the designated golf cart crossing points.

Within the community, all carts must stay on the designated cart paths, multi-modal paths, and other areas designated for golf carts. Golf carts shall not be driven in private yards, between villas (unless operated in ingress and egress areas) or homes, on sidewalks, or on any golf course unless playing golf and are in compliance with the Golf Course Cart Use Policy. When not in use, golf carts shall be parked in designated parking areas and not on grass or sidewalks.

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# Prepare for a Storm Event - Key Points

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- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.
- If you have evacuated, don't return until authorities re-open 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



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you may suffer because 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: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- Hurricane & Storm Tracking for the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans: <http://hurricane.terrapin.com/>
- The Weather Channel: <http://www.weather.com/>
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- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather>
- University of Florida's Disaster Planning Tips for Senior Adults: [https://www.escambia.ifas.ufl.edu/families\\_consumers/Disaster\\_Planning\\_for\\_Senior\\_Adults.pdf](https://www.escambia.ifas.ufl.edu/families_consumers/Disaster_Planning_for_Senior_Adults.pdf)

## Finding Zen

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As the flowers, plants, and trees of Sholom Park bask in the summer-like sunshine and soak up the warm rain, they spring back to life and display their vibrant colors and aromatic scents.

May was a fragrant month at Sholom Park thanks to an abundance of sweet-smelling flowers. The confederate jasmine was in full bloom in early May. Its rich fragrance filled the air and the delicate white star-shaped flowers looked like a soft layer of freshly fallen snow covering the Sholom Park pergebo. The southern magnolia trees blossomed with their large creamy white flowers and sweet fruity fragrance. However, if you missed May's majestic beauty and soothing scents,

no need to worry, there are more fragrant flowers to come as June blooms at Sholom Park.

In the ginger garden, through the winter-damaged leaves, tropical foliage and a variety of bright vibrant ginger flowers emerge with their citrus yet spicy aroma. The banana shrub, which is part of the magnolia family, can be found in the formal garden. It has glossy evergreen leaves and small creamy yellow flowers that have a delightfully sweet banana-like scent. However, these blooms do not last long. The exotic-looking agapanthus "Peter Pan" flowers, better known as Lily of the Nile, can be found throughout the park. Their tall stalky stems are topped with graceful clusters of light blue trumpet-shaped flowers. You can't help but stop and smell the roses as the vibrant shades of pink draw your eyes to them on the labyrinth's path. Make your way to Sholom Park this month so you too can discover the color and beauty around every corner.



Blooms of Sholom Park.

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**Community Emergency Response Team**



Andrea La Fave

The Community Emergency Response Team needs your help. As you read this column, we are at the beginning of hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. We in Marion County have not encountered a destructive hurricane in recent years, but this is a good time to make certain that we are prepared for anything.

Please consider joining the Community Emergency Response Team, which is a volunteer organization, trained by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to provide support services if our neighborhoods should encounter an emergency.

**Republican Club**



Lizabeth Woodard

On Friday, March 11, the Republican Club president Liz Woodard thanked all fellow patriots for their attendance and ongoing support of the club. An opening prayer was given by Fiona Bowling and all veterans came forward to lead in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Liz welcomed 24 new members to the club. Club membership continues to grow each month.

Two local candidates were introduced: County Commissioner Carl Zalak and Keith Poole. Both gentlemen are running for the same position in District 4. Incumbent Zalak has been a commissioner for 12 years and this election is Mr. Poole's first attempt. They were both given the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves. Also in attendance was State Committeewoman Kearsten Angel.

President Liz informed the membership of a meeting she recently attended with six other presidents from area 55-plus community Republican clubs. The group was spearheaded by the Stone Creek leader to target, educate, activate, and mobilize citizens in preparation of the mid-term elections and beyond. Liz reminded everyone of her monthly election countdown:

The training gives excellent knowledge and tools to identify, prevent, and handle whatever presents itself until first responders can arrive.

There is also a need for ham radio operators to activate and provide vital communications if other forms of communication are disabled. You can even be trained for this.

We need more members to support our growing community! You are welcome to attend the Community Emergency Response Team meetings as a guest on the second Tuesday of any month at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. For more information, contact Debbie Snyder at 412- 443-2930.

MCSO plans to hold its next Community Emergency Response Team training starting Saturday, July 9. For more information, visit [marionso.com/emergency-management-volunteering](http://marionso.com/emergency-management-volunteering) or call 352-369-8100.

242 days! She encouraged members to educate themselves at [www.votemarion.gov](http://www.votemarion.gov). The site gives information about primary and general election dates, voting sites, etc.

As a member of the Community Emergency Response Team, Tom Hauck gave a brief update on all the free services available to residents: AlertMarion.com, File for Life, disposal kits for medications, etc.

In April, our featured speaker was our newly elected club vice president Charles Dodge. Charles retired from the U.S. Army after 28 years of service as a combat engineer. In addition, he was an all-source analyst within the intelligence community. He shared his viewpoints on the current situation in Ukraine, including a historical review of the former USSR and Putin. He advised the members to stay informed, educate themselves and avoid buying into conspiracy theories. The information Charles provided was well received and greatly appreciated by the audience. A lively question and answer session ensued.

The Republican Club meets the second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. (Upcoming meeting dates: June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9.)

For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at 518-534-0201; your call will be answered as soon as possible. Come join in the political conversation with like-minded, positive, friendly people.

**Democratic Club**



Dan Lack

Lori Cotton and William Harris, the non-partisan candidates for county judge, will be the speakers at our meeting Thursday, June 23. Please note that this is not the last Thursday of the month. Lori Cotton was appointed by Governor DeSantis in May 2021 to complete the term of Sarah Williams who retired. William Harris is a former assistant county attorney who is currently in private practice. Each of the candidates will speak for 15 minutes, which will leave 30 minutes for questions from the club.

The Marion County Democratic Party Proud to be a Democrat dinner will take place Sunday, June 5, at the College of Central Florida Klein Center. U.S. Senate candidate Val Demings is the keynote speaker. Twenty-six Democratic Club members have signed up at the time that this column was submitted.

Congratulations to the first and second place teams at our recent audio/visual American history/politics/civics trivia contest: The Free

Presses and the Jacksons.

Our club supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, a former Ritz hotel that was converted into a facility for formerly homeless veterans. The Ritz provides a safe environment for these brave men and women to learn to become productive members of our community and to live on their own once again. The Ritz needs pillows, pillowcases, twin size sheets, towels and washcloths, toiletries, laundry pods, paper goods and canned and dry food. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

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

**GOLF CART REGISTRATION**

Bring golf cart, resident ID and insurance policy (stating amount of bodily injury). All residents in household must be present.

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It's hard to believe June is already here with summer in full swing. With the beautiful hot sunny weather, we are now seeing more residents enjoying the pools. Please make sure to follow the pool rules and stay hydrated.

Happy Hour is back inside every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Ballroom:

- June 3: Mike Webb
- June 10: Casey Young
- June 17: Ben Simmons
- June 24: Rear View Mirror Band

**Indigo East**

**Nora Dominguez**  
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Can you believe it? June is here. Time flies when we are having fun. This month we add to our summer fun with barbecues, pool parties, Father's Day, weddings and graduations. I invite you to join us as well with our June activities.

**Happy Hour**

Happy Hour is a great time to socialize with neighbors and meet new friends. Sip a drink, enjoy the music, dance, or just chill. This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest.

Upcoming live entertainment is as follows:

- June 3: Ben Simmons
- June 10: Palomino Blonde
- June 17: The BadKitty Band

Effective January 2023, we will be holding Happy Hour once a month on the third Saturday of every month.

**Girls Night Out\***

Ladies, get ready to dance! It's that time again for another Girls Night Out, and you ladies know how to have a good time. Join us Thursday, June 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. with entertainer Tim Hargis. Bring your own beverage and enjoy light appetizers (while supplies last). Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by a resident. Ticket sales will be cut off a week in advance (June 2) to get the correct count for Fresh Plates Creative Catering.

**Kocktails & Karaoke**

Join us Thursday, June 23, at Kocktails & Karaoke with Charlie

- June 24: Retro Express

**Trivia Night\***

Trivia will be held Monday, June 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. The game is played with eight-person teams. If you don't have a complete team, we can start a table with new residents and it is a good way for you to meet people. You can bring snacks and beverages.

**Karaoke**

Karaoke is held the third Thursday of each month. Join us this month from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the Indigo East Community Center. Our last karaoke had a great turnout of residents who sang and made us clap. Nice voices. Bring your favorite cocktail and snacks.

**Name That Tune\***

Name That Tune will be held Monday, June 27, at the Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m.

and Kathy in the Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Come sing, dance, and clap with other Candler Hills residents. Bring your own beverage. Guest fees are \$5 and guests must be accompanied by a resident. This event takes place the fourth Thursday of every month.

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*\*To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident IDs must be presented at all events and when purchasing ticket.*

Eight-person teams compete for prizes. Test your knowledge about music. Cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Bring your own beverage and snack.

**Sassy Ladies Night Out\***

Join us at our Sassy Ladies Night Out Wednesday, June 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Come with your girlfriends and neighbors for a fun night. The tickets are \$10 per resident and \$12 per guest. The tickets include live music by Tony Machicote, two slices of pepperoni or cheese pizza from Pizza de Lusso, and a variety of cookies.

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*\*To register, visit the Indigo East Fitness Center Office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident ID must be presented at all events and when purchasing tickets.*

**Veterans Club**

**Charles Calhoun**



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our first annual picnic. I would also like to thank all the staff from the Recreation Cen-

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ter and volunteers who helped with our Memorial Day ceremony. It is always our honor to perform these ceremonies for our comrades who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

I would also like to truly thank and honor all the spouses of military personnel who have been the backbone of our country, without them we could not do what we needed to do.

If you would like to see what some of your local heroes have done for this country, I would en-

courage you to go to our local veterans museum next to the Ocala/Marion County Veterans Memorial Park (2601 E. Fort King Street). The June meeting of the Veterans Club will spotlight the museum and a representative will update us on the plans to renovate and improve the park. They are working on adding monuments to honor our Gulf War heroes and the next generation of military personnel.

We hold monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month

at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. I am looking forward to seeing you June 16.

On Friday, July 1, at 4:30 p.m., members of your club will be at The Town Square to celebrate Independence Day at the resident-only Red, White & Boom event.

On Sunday, July 3, Red, White, and Ocala Symphony Blue will take place at the Reilly Arts Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Sixty of our local veterans will be honored at this event.

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It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of June. If you are a native or you have lived in Florida any length of time you are well aware that with June, we get our warmer temperatures and the start of hurricane season. Be prepared and have your hurricane survival kit ready.

To obtain information on what you'll need for your supply kit, visit [noaa.gov/hurricane-prep](http://noaa.gov/hurricane-prep), review the key points in Mr. Colen's article or stop by the Recreation Center office to receive a list of supplies needed.

Remember, when working or planning activities outdoors that our temperatures can climb into the 90s. The heat index climbs even higher, which can cause extreme heat exhaustion in a very short time. Drink plenty of fluids and try to plan your outdoor activities during the early part of the day.

**Community Pools**

The warmer temperatures are here! What better way to cool off than by dipping in one of our beautiful pools? This is a busy time of year for families to visit. Please make sure you are accommodating your guest as IDs are now required to scan at all pools for entry. An adult must accompany children and the swim time for children under 15 is from noon to dusk during the week and no time restrictions on the weekends at pools. Please note the Arbor Fitness Pool is an adult only pool.

Coolers and alcohol are not permitted at the following pools: Recreation Center, Arbor Fitness Center and Candler Hills Community Center. Please note that when visiting the Recreation Center pool, alcohol will be permitted if purchased at The Pub. Pool rules are posted at all pool and spa areas.

**Telephone Directories**

The 2022 telephone directories have arrived. Please pick up your copy at Resident Services. If you have changes for the directory, you may fill out a form at Resident Services for next year's publication.

**Tropic Trivia Night\***

Tropic Trivia has exploded with everyone ready for mind-boggling challenges and takes place the first Thursday of every month in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This event has become so popular that every month is sold out up until September. To give everyone an opportunity to participate in future Tropic Trivia nights, we will be adding four more tables totaling 32 more residents who will be able to participate starting in September. If we continue to sell out after the addition, we will resort to a lottery system for each month. Sign-ups for September Trivia will start in July once the Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog is out. Don't miss out on your team's opportunity to participate. Please note that beverages, water bottles or cups are not permitted at Trivia.

**April**

1: House of Windsor; 2: Smartinis; 3: Bold & Brassy.

**May**

1: Gym Rats; 2: La Triviata; 3: Paw Patrol.

**Social Hour**

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, June 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music as Saxman performs. A cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided (while they last). This is a free event.

**Victory Casino\***

An afternoon of gambling is scheduled Wednesday, June 29, on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Florida. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, relaxation, live table games and over 600 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. You will receive \$30 in qualified slot play that can be downloaded once you have played and received 12 points. Please note that a valid government-issued photo ID will be required to board. Cost is \$54 per person and includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, and \$30 qualified slot play. Face masks are required on the vessel.

Please note this will be our last Victory Casino Cruise until November due to hurricane season.

**Tap Dance Classes\***

Have some fun with tap instructor Penny Berton. No experience necessary. She will start with the

basics, and you'll find yourself progressing quickly. Join the class, bring tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes), and awaken your love for tap.

There are currently two classes available on Tuesdays in the Recreation Center Ballroom: Intermediate (2:15 p.m.) and Advanced (1 p.m.).

Classes are \$20 per person for a 4-week class (monthly).

**Ballroom Dance Lessons\***

Butch Phillips teaches social ballroom dancing in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Singles are also welcome as we will rotate partners among all willing students. The three-week class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 per resident per three-week class.

Classes include step description for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance with an emphasis on lead and follow skills and lots of practice to music. Butch will be teaching the waltz in June.

**Happy Hour**

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom and outside at the pool pavilion. (Please note that all outside entertainment will be cancelled when inclement weather is expected.)

The Cruise-In Happy Hour will resume in September and October. Please note during inclement weather the car show will be cancelled and the Happy Hour will move inside the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m.

This month we will have Jam Night Friday, June 17, bringing in four entertainers in one night from 3 to 9 p.m.

The Happy Hour entertainment lineup is as follows:

- June 3: Rock Solid (Ballroom); Robert France (Pavilion).
- June 10: Indigo Band (Ballroom); David Beaty (Pavilion).
- June 17: Jam Night with Solid Gold (3 to 5 p.m.), Tim Hargis (5 to 7 p.m.) & Groove 41 (7 to 9 p.m.) (Ballroom); Sal & the Gal (Pavilion)
- June 24: One Flite up (Ballroom); Dave & Kenny (Pavilion).

Individual resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour; anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour.

Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour.

**Poolside Entertainment**

Poolside entertainment will be provided at the pool pavilion at the following locations:

- Sunday, June 5: Mike the Band (Recreation Center Pavilion), 1 to 4 p.m.
- Friday, June 24: Jo Jo (Weybourne Landing Pavilion), 3 to 6 p.m.

**Wine Social\***

Wine down Thursday, June 30, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. for a Wine Social. The cost is \$12 per resident and \$14 per guest which includes live entertainment, light hors d'oeuvres and a selection of wines to taste.

**Streaming & Broadcasting**

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**Community Pavilions**

Please keep in mind that to guarantee your use of the following pavilions: Veterans Park, Recreation Center pool, softball, Weybourne Landing, The Lodge at Candler Hills or Indigo East, you will need to complete a Room Request Form. Booking of the pavilions and the forms can be obtained by contacting the facility offices.

**Community News**

The R/C flying field and car track are an amenity for all residents and Indigo East residents holding a Gateway of Services pass. Please note that when utilizing these facilities, all pets must be on a leash, and you must pick up after them. The pavilion located at the flying field and car track is members use only; no private parties permitted. Alcohol is prohibited in this area due to the insurance that is carried by these clubs.

Please note all resident clubs and



organizations requiring printed flyers and tickets will now be charged \$5 per request. This fee includes professionally designed artwork and a maximum of 200 printed flyers and tickets (if needed).

**Stay in the Know**

Additional event/trip details are available at [OTOWInfo.com](http://OTOWInfo.com) by clicking "Activity Info" then "Virtual Bulletin Board" (or scan the QR code above), the Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog, or pick up a printed flyer at the Recreation Center. Please also refer to the monthly event calendar (home delivered with every issue of the World News).

Stay safe and hydrated!

\*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7498 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.

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

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge at Candler Hills	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
Providence	91st Cir. East - 91st Cir. West - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir.	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Weybourne Landing	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Longleaf Ridge	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.

MORNING DESTINATIONS	
Freedom Library	Ollie's
Jasmine Square	Paddock Mall
VA Hospital	Walmart
Dillard's/Kohl's	Target
Sam's Club	Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center
Home Depot	Gaitway Plaza

Arrival and pick-up times for morning destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.

Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.

AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES
The Lodge at Candler Hills	1:15 p.m. Candler Hills Community Center 1:20 p.m.
Friendship Colony Post Office	1:25 p.m. Providence Post Office 1:28 p.m.
Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m. Crescent Ridge Post Office 1:38 p.m.
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m. Americana Post Office 1:49 p.m.
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	
Friendship Center	Save A Lot
Publix	Big Lots
Walmart Neighborhood Market	Beall's & Dollar Tree
ALDI/Lowe's	Walmart

Arrival and pick-up times for afternoon destinations will vary according to the number of passengers. The bus driver will announce the pick-up time at each destination for that day.

\*All times are approximate

For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533 #9801 - 2/22

The Community Bus will be running according to schedule as long as the Governor's requirements are allowing. We continue to direct you to the [www.otowfl.com](http://www.otowfl.com), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), and [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov) websites for the most current and accurate updates on socializing and transportation.

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## SWANS Are Never Alone

By Sandi Dickerson

The Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established for single women at On Top of the World in 2006. Our motto has always been "SWANS are never alone." We actively support each

other during times of need and enjoy life through our many social events. The friendships made during these events are long-lasting and wonderful! We continue to meet on Satur-

days at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room to play samba. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. and bring six decks of shuffled cards. We start playing at 10 a.m. If you are a SWAN who is interested in learning how to play samba, give Lois a call for more information. The book club continues to meet, as well as our appetizer- and dinner-in groups. Pam and Nancy hosted our April breakfast out at the Ocala Downtown Diner, while Renee and Laura hosted our April lunch out

with groups at Lakis Restaurant. Both restaurants were new to most of the SWANS who attended. Everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie! Thanks to all these ladies who volunteered to host. Without you, these outings would not happen. These lunches and breakfasts are a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, try new restaurants, and make new friends!

Our semi-annual trip to Daytona Beach also happened in May. We always look forward to this trip. There are many things to do in Daytona and we take advantage of all of them! There were several excursions planned and I will report on them all in next month's column. I can't wait to hear about the adventures that were had by our SWANS on this trip. It always proves to be eventful and noteworthy. Our spring barbecue is set for Saturday, May 28, at the Veterans Park pavilion. Once again, Kathy and Sandy will be setting this up and taking care of the cooking. We really appreciate these two ladies! They work hard to make this barbecue a wonderful time for all who attend.

Our group's sole purpose is to make sure the single women in On Top of the World are never alone in this journey. Lois continues to lead us all through these unusual times in many of our lives. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her years of leadership. Thank you! If you are interested in joining us, give Lois a call. New members are always welcome. Remember, SWANS are never alone!



Photo by Jan Lindell

SWANS at The Yearling.

## Sharing Heritage

By David P. Wesenberg

In April, the Scandinavian American Club celebrated with a picnic in Sholom Park. What a great event on a beautiful day to relax with fellow Scandinavians. We even had some musical entertainment with a harmonica solo.

Our next meeting will be the third Tuesday of June from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Our Norwegian members will be sharing their heritage, traditions, culture, music, and food with the club.

Every meeting is an opportunity to learn more about our Scandinavian heritage and to share a meal and fellowship. Contact Linda Pinney at luckypinney@gmail.com or 831-431-0525 about joining us.



Photo by Linda Pinney

Picnic in the park.

## Island of Eternal Spring

By Bill Shampine

The Canary Islands, which are administered by Spain, are located off the north coast of Africa, about 80 miles west of Morocco. Today, we are going to learn a bit about Lanzarote Island, one of the many islands in the Canary Island archipelago.

Known for having lovely weather, Lanzarote sometimes is called the "Island of Eternal Spring," because temperatures are mild, and rainfall is scarce. During the summer months, the average high temperature ranges from the mid-70s to the mid-80s, and the average low

temperature ranges from the mid-60s to the mid-70s. Nice most of the time, although it can get quite hot during the summer. Lanzarote only gets an average of 4.4 inches of rain a year, and almost none during the summer months.

Lanzarote Island was created from volcanic activity about 15 million years ago. More recent eruptions that occurred between 1730 and 1736 left the craggy, otherworldly landscape you see today. Timanfaya National Park was created to preserve the landscape for future visitors. You must take a bus to visit

this park, however, because the fragile hills are considered far too dangerous for hiking. For the hikers among us, all is not lost. There are other areas on the island that offer equally fascinating views where you can hike to the point of fatigue.

Perhaps the most famous adventure on Lanzarote is a visit to a lava tube called Cueva de los Verdes. The tube formed after an eruption of Monte Corona when the lava hardened on the outside but continued to flow within. The tube extends for about four miles below the surface, about one mile of which is open to the public. As you meander through the tube, you will see a lake and fascinating rock formations and colors.

Lanzarote also is famous for its beautiful yellow sand beaches. Many of the beaches are sheltered from the open ocean, so the turquoise water is tranquil and ideal for an easy-going swim.

A wine lover, like me, would love to visit the island. It may seem strange, but volcanic soil can grow plump, healthy grapes, which, in turn, can be made into premium wine. The vineyards are in a protected area and are like nothing you have ever seen before. Single vines are planted in pits 13 to 16 feet wide and six to 10 feet deep. Each pit has a small stone wall around it. This agricultural technique is designed to be able to harvest the scarce rainfall and collect overnight dew and to protect the vines from the winds. It may sound strange, but it works. There are multiple wineries on the island, and they all offer sampling tours.



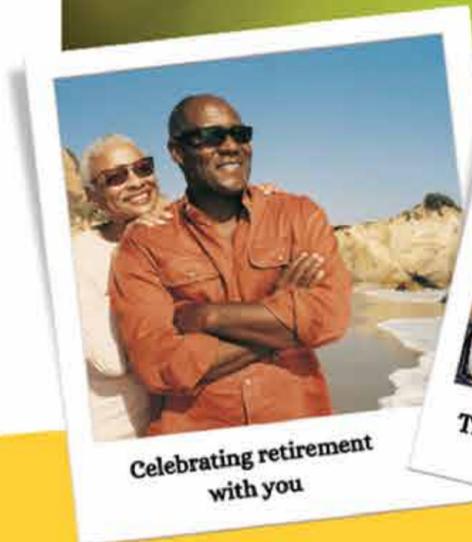
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A lake inside La Cueva de los Verdes, a lava tube located on Lanzarote Island, one of the many islands in the Canary Islands archipelago.



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**Lions Club**



Gail Morris

We began our meeting in May by inviting all members and their spouses to a potluck, in celebration of the installation of officers for the year 2022-2023. We also celebrated three of our members for their tireless work for the club with special awards.

Our club invited the Lion zone chair, Susan Oliva to install our new officers. She made the installation a fun event for all, acting as a judge finding all incoming officers "guilty" of wanting to serve our club. Our Lion officers for 2022-2023 are President Ken Vaudo, Vice President Charmine (Charlie) Hassett, Secretary Tracey Hodge, Treasurer Gail Morris, Membership Chair Lion Estelle Michelson, Directors Lora Rossi and Sharon

Stetson and Lion Tamer Lion John Moses Morris.

Lion John Moses Morris and Lion Lora Rossi received the Melvin Jones Fellow award. Melvin Jones was the founder of the Lions Club International in 1917 and through his energy and dedication the board bestowed the title of secretary general for life. Melvin's hand can be seen in the founding documents. He also helped articulate the club principles and values. One of his quotes was, "Truth and roses have thorns about them." Our recipients, Lora and John Moses emulate this type of energy for our club.

Tracey Hodge received the Lion of the year award. Tracey has been doing double duty by taking minutes of our meeting and maintaining the secretary duties; she also has been our "tail twister." Her creativity for fun games or events at the end of each meeting has made for lively, fun meetings.

Our limited business of the meeting included the membership vot-



Photo by Gail Morris

Installation of officers: Estelle Michelson, Susan Oliva, Ken Vaudo, Lora Rossi, Sharon Stetson, Tracey Hodge, Charlie Hassett, Gail Morris, and John Morris.

ing on a \$500 donation to the Arnette House.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event

Room at 5 p.m. If you would like further information, you can contact Estelle Michelson our membership chair at 352-861-7358.

**SPCA of Marion County**



Kathy Tilghman Kluge

June through November is hurricane season, so June is a good time to double check your hurricane preparedness plan, particularly if you're a pet owner. Whether or not you will be required to evacuate, some basics are always in order. Planning is key!

Some essential supplies will be needed whether you are away from home for a day or a week or longer. Keep your portable pet disaster supply kit in an accessible place and make sure the items are stored in a sturdy container that's easily transportable, such as a duffel bag or covered trash containers. The supply kit should include:

- Medications, medical records and a first aid kit.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses and carriers to transport pets

- safely.
- An updated photo of you and your pets to verify ownership.
- Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan and can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and name and number of your vet in case you must board your pet.
- Pet beds and toys if they're easily transportable.
- Extra sanitary items such as litter box, extra bag of litter, paper towels and trash bags to collect pet waste.

Bear in mind that animals react differently under stress. Outside your home and in the car, keep dogs securely leashed. Transport cats in carriers. Do not leave animals unattended.

Many communities have pet-

friendly shelter plans. Marion County Animal Services hosts a pet-friendly shelter at Vanguard High School, the only county shelter that accepts pets. Owners must provide proof of rabies vaccinations and county licenses for their pets. Call the Marion County Board of County Commissioners Animal Services office at 352-671-8700 for further information. And petswelcome.com is a good resource to research pet friendly hotels and motels outside your immediate area.

In other news, many thanks to the Women of the World who chose us as one of their year-end beneficiaries. Their generous donation of \$1,000 will go towards our emergency vet fund, to help low-income people pay a vet bill. This is one of our major projects and one that few other rescues do for people.

The SPCA of Marion County has a table at the Circle Square Commons

Farmers Market every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., where monetary and other pet supply donations can be dropped off. The table is there every Thursday except the third one of each month when we have our meetings. Our table will be there through June, off July and August, and resume in September.

Our meetings are held at 1 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street. If you have a pet in need, please contact us. For more information, visit us at [spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com](http://spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com) to learn more about us.

For more information about being a foster or adopting a pet, call the SPCA at 352-362-0985. Also, we get daily requests to accept large dogs. If you're interested in adopting one, contact Dawn at 703-932-2701 to be added to our request list and we can be on the lookout for what large breed you are seeking!

**Florida Sales Tax Holiday**

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Hurricane season is here and runs through Nov. 30. To help with preparations, take advantage of the 2022 Florida Disaster Prep Sales Tax Holiday, which runs through June 10.

What does that include? Some examples of tax-free items include flashlights and lanterns costing \$40 or less; radios costing \$50 or less; tarps costing \$100 or less; coolers costing \$60 or less; batteries costing \$50 or less; smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide detectors costing \$70 or less; and generators costing \$1,000 or less. The holiday also includes several items related to the safe evacuation of household pets.

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**Electricity and Your Electronics**

We are starting to enter our rainy and hurricane season here in Florida. With proper diligence, you can save your devices from damage due to lightning and power surges caused by damage to electrical infrastructure.

First, not all surge protectors live up to their name; some are little more than glorified extension cords. Second, a surge will follow any wire into a house – phone and cable lines included – and threaten fax and answering machines, tele-

visions, satellite systems, computers, and modems. Third, delicate electronic circuitry has proliferated throughout our homes, leaving common appliances as vulnerable as computers to the effects of surges.

A whole-house surge protector is hard-wired to your electrical system to provide power surge protection for your entire home. The best whole-house surge protection systems can stop surges of 40,000 amps and more; when electrical voltage spikes or surges, the whole-house surge protector blocks it or grounds it, so your appliances and electronics aren't damaged.

Proper grounding is key to successful surge protection. Without grounding, the surge protector will not work correctly. Most people see lightning danger as a bolt of electricity coming from the sky and di-

rectly striking a person or object. This type of lightning, called a direct strike, only accounts for 3% to 5% of all lightning-related injuries.

Two of the most common indirect strike dangers include ground current or step potential and side flashes. Ground current/step potential occurs when lightning strikes the ground near a person or object. The current passes from the strike point, through the ground, and into that person or object.

Lightning-induced surges are the most powerful and feared: A 200,000-amp jolt crashing through a power line will burn standard 20-amp wiring like a lightbulb filament. But a lightning strike must be less than a mile from the house to cause harm, and in fact, most surge-related damage is not caused by lightning. Where a more common type of power surge may last

for only a few millionths of a second, but at its worst, it carries tens of thousands of volts, enough to fry circuit boards, crash hard drives, and ruin home-entertainment systems.

Most plug-in models fall into three basic categories: the familiar multi-outlet power strip; the multi-tasking surge station that can handle phone and cable jacks as well as power cords; and the UPS (uninterruptible power supply), which thoroughly cleanses electric power of random fluctuations and provides a short-term battery backup in case the power dips or goes out entirely.

A combination of whole-home surge protection and proper plug-in protection per device is the best way to guard your equipment as well as unplug your most important/expensive devices during a thunderstorm.

**Computer Club**

**Chris Kilbride**



Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour via Zoom. We discuss PC and Apple issues regarding software and hardware. Our otowpclub.org website will give lots of great information about our group.

Hurricane season is here. Two

wonderful resources are floridadisaster.org/planprepare and the University of Florida's disaster.ifas.ufl.edu for home, food and supplies information. A consideration now before the hot days of summer catch us without air conditioning and refrigeration, is to check out a generator. They come in all sizes and fuel options, whether for the whole house or just to keep parts of the house with electricity.

When the electricity and Wi-Fi are off, you could choose to have your smartphone become a cellu-

lar mobile hotspot, giving internet service to your tablet and computer. This can get pricey if you go over your current service provider plans, so check with your company and weigh the options of upgrading to an unlimited plan. When charging your phone, a wide variety of emergency weather radios have a hand crank, solar charging, NOAA/AM/FM, cellphone charger, and flashlight features. Portable battery phone chargers are another option, with them fully charged before the power goes out, but needing a source to recharge again.

Keeping food safe during power outages is critical for your health, and foodsafety.gov is a great resource with helpful refrigerator and freezer safety charts noting what to throw out or keep, and other pertinent information. When purchasing your shelf-stable foods now before the rush, be sure to mark each can or box with a month/year date so you can rotate and use them during the storm and after the season is over. A one-time purchase might be a camping-style cooking pot which uses either sterno or solid fuel cubes to heat your food.

With thousands of people fleeing their homes during a hurricane, you're looking at crowded highways, running out of gas, and

no room at the inn. Securing your home can be a smart choice. If you must travel, download the GasBuddy app on your smartphone for open gas stations, and the Waze app for the current traffic status. Make digital records of important papers and save to your cloud storage ahead of time. Both DropBox and Google Drive apps also allow you to access any photos and documents that you upload to the system, using an internet connection.

On Top of the World residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on otowpclub.org or email otowpclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us.

Each Thursday, from 9 to 10 a.m., members enjoy in-person help sessions in the Hobby Building or online one-on-one instruction, discussing their PC or Apple computer, smartphone, or tablet issues. Members may list on our website any computer-related hardware for sale or to give away.

We keep the meeting fun and offer suggestions and possible solutions to help our members.

**R/C LadyBirds**



**Linda Lohr**

Earlier this year, the LadyBirds celebrated our club's 19th birthday! Past president, Gloria Scicluna, provided the group with a beautiful cake to commemorate the occasion.

Our club does not meet June, July, or August, although luncheons are always a possibility! Join us again in September.

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. We meet the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Please come, bring your choice of beverage, and join us! Our dues are \$10 per year. We are working on setting up adventures and guests for the coming year!

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Travel Toppers**

Anne Parker



Join us on Saturday, Oct. 1, when we return to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater in Hudson for Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony-winning musical "Evita." This musical follows Eva Duarte on her journey from poor illegitimate child to ambitious ac-

tress to the most powerful woman in Latin America as the wife of military leader turned president Juan Peron. The events in Evita's life are presented through the show's narrator, Che, and well-known songs including "Don't Dry for Me Argentina," "Oh What a Circus," and "Buenos Aires." Make your reservations by contacting Gail Ambrose at 954-614-0898 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The cost, \$88 per person, includes dinner, show, transportation, and all tips. Do not delay making your res-

ervation since ticket sales are limited to 36.

An overnight trip is planned for Nov. 4 and 5, to the Navy Seal Museum and the Manatee Observation and Education Center in Fort Pierce. The cost per person for double occupancy is \$166. The cost per person for a single room is \$305. The trip includes hotel, breakfast, both museums, transportation, and the tip for the driver. To make your reservation, contact Linda Hein at 352-861-9880 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1

p.m.). Please note that all tickets are non-refundable unless we have a wait list.

"White Christmas" will be presented Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater. The cost, \$88 per person, includes dinner, show, transportation, and all tips. Watch for registration details in the July column.

The "Best of Panama" tour will be Jan. 26 through Jan. 31, 2023. This trip includes the tour, airfare, travel protection insurance, and the bus to and from Tampa airport. A daily breakfast buffet is included as well as two lunches. Enjoy a city tour of Panama City, Mira Flores Locks Visitor Center, partial transit of the locks, and private transfer to the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. A deposit of \$250 per person is required to book the trip. The final payment is due by Nov. 22. The price is \$2,350 per person double occupancy, \$2,866 single occupancy, and \$2,280 triple occupancy. Please note that the gratuities for the tour cannot be prepaid. Look on our website for the daily itinerary details. Contact Linda Hein for more information at 352-861-9880 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

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**Genealogical Society**

Ron Niebo



It is natural to not want to talk about criminal ancestors, but it was the topic at May's Genealogical Society educational meeting. President Paul Belter led the discussions. Paul is an accomplished genealogist and registrar for the local Sons of the American Revolution chapter. A Zoom presentation prepared by Education Chair Sid Levine assisted in presenting this topic. In summary, criminal records are valuable for genealogical research as they can contain detailed information including photos and physical descriptions of your ancestor, as well as addresses and event descriptions. Our discussions highlighted online resources (court, jail, and newspapers) documenting criminal records. Even if your ancestor was not guilty of a crime, such as my grandfather who supposedly made beer for "neighbors" during the Depression, records will still be

there. No matter how unpleasant the thought of tangling with the law may be, the one-of-a-kind details found in criminal records are just too interesting to pass up.

What is the Genealogical Society planning for its June educational meeting? Have you done one of those DNA tests where you spit into a small vial and send it off for analysis? Did you get understandable results? Now what do you do? At the Monday, June 20 meeting, DNA specialist and author Dan Kastrul will dig into this topic via Zoom. He will explain what the test reveals and how you can use the results to identify ancestors and relationships. Dan will also provide additional online resources relating to genealogical research using DNA.

Interested? The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on assisting genealogical investigations. Meetings are both in-person and via Zoom on the second and third Monday every month in the Hobby Building Event Room from 10 a.m. to noon. During that time, there are open discussions amongst the members and special interest group meetings regarding such topics as ethnic origins, DNA,

and genealogy software and technology.

On the third Monday, a designated timeslot is reserved for a guest genealogist to review a specific area of interest.

All residents can join the Genealogical Society. New members are welcome - beginners and experienced genealogists. Yearly dues are \$20 for an individual and \$35 for a couple. For membership information contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at [wkellymt@outlook.com](mailto:wkellymt@outlook.com). Or visit [otowgens.shutterfly.com](http://otowgens.shutterfly.com).

The best aspect of genealogy is the personal light it shines on history.

It is now June, the traditional month for weddings. Besides remembering your own, did you ever imagine those of your ancestors? We get a review of past traditions and considerations in David Bogue's, 1852 book published in London. The title is "The Etiquette of Courtship and Matrimony: with a Complete Guide to the Forms of a Wedding." It is free at Google Books ([books.google.com](http://books.google.com)) and is an informative and fun read.

**Book of the Bible**

Pam Bell



Come join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room as we explore the Bible. Fred Thompson is our teacher. We are currently going through the book of Genesis.

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**Tall Tale Travelers**

David Cranmer



The Tall Tale Travelers RV Club is open to all residents interested in the RV lifestyle. Whether you drive a motor home or a tow a camper – or you'd like to know more about RVing – please join us, we always welcome new members. Membership is free. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

At our monthly meetings we have time to meet new friends and catch up with others. We hear about past RV trips and future trips. There's always time to ask questions and share ideas on the care of our RVs.

We are planning informal meet-ups during the summer.

The club is making arrangements for our fall trips to Savannah, Georgia in September, and Ft. Myers Beach in October. On these trips there are fun-filled activities at the resort as well as opportunities to enjoy local attractions. Throughout the year we enjoy informal camping trips to area campgrounds usually around special events like festivals and fairs.

For more information contact club president David Cranmer at talltaletravelers@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook (Tall Tale Travelers).



Photo by Ron Broman

What and where is this 16-year-old?

**Native Plant Group**

Ron Broman



Last featured here in May 2008, this specimen is probably 16 years old and possibly the only one of her species in our community. I have seen no other; but that doesn't mean much since my close observations have been greatly limited. She should be beginning to bloom now. The photo shows some partial and some about-to bloom.

She has reached her maximum height of slightly above 10 feet even with her gracefully drooping form. Her "favorite" habitat, according

to the experts, is somewhat moist, acidic, semi-shade, which is where she was planted. Seems like it was to her liking.

Her urn-shaped flowers give it away that she is a member of the same family (Ericaceae) as blueberries.

Planted adjacent to a narrow trail, which has since overgrown, she is easily seen as she is also next to a clearing at the edge of the pines that were planted some years ago.

Nearby natives include the slash pines, a river birch, a water oak, a sparkle berry, and some very tall Virginia creeper vines. Nonnative species (exotics) include camellias and azaleas. It's truly a haven for acid lovers.

That's about it for clues as to where in the world grows this shrub. She's classified as a shrub because she doesn't really reach the height of a tree.

Last month's where in the world featured the beautiful scarlet or tropical sage, salvia coccinea. She is flourishing in our Garden of Weedin' next to Tampa verbena, iron weed, coral honeysuckle, and several other compatriots.

Members of the Native Plant Group continue to maintain the circle at SW 94th Street and 89th Court Road with its community of native plants including the impressive dahoon holly. We also steward the Longleaf Pine Trail with her sandhill habitat. We would encourage you to join us on the second and/or fourth Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Just call 352-861-4560 for specifics.

Now, if you think you know the location of our where in the world entry for the month, just call the above number. You'll be glad you did.

Growing native. What a blessing!

**Active Singles Club**

Eileen Marden



We had amazing weather in May and here is hoping it is just as great in June. Active Singles' fourth annual Memorial Day weekend picnic was a fun time. Our monthly dining out with friends is always good food, good company, and a good time.

The Actives Singles Club has multiple events planned. The board encourages any member who has an interest to be an officer in 2023 to attend the next board of directors meeting Tuesday, June 7, at 6 p.m. These meetings are held in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room 3 on the first Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday, June 15, is our Active Singles Club general membership meeting, starting at 6 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. New members may sign up at the beginning of the meeting.

Bocce has been suspended until fall due to the summer heat. Wallyball on Saturdays at 1 p.m. has also been suspended since participation has fallen off. There is great wallyball play on Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Center. This is not an Active Singles' event, but it is open to anyone who wants to play. Just a reminder, Indigo East residents are required to have a Gateway of Services pass.

Walks and hikes have been suspended for the summer months. Thanks to Neil and Sandy for scheduling all the spring walks.

There is a new 2022 event for our members. Music appreciation night is Wednesday, June 8 at the Indigo East Community Center from 6 to 10 p.m. Bring your favorite alcoholic drink and get ready to rock out or dance the evening away. There is a \$5 fee to offset the cost of the music. Pizza is being provided by the club, but feel free to bring a light snack to share. Sign-up is required.

Join us for game night on the second Tuesday of every month at Candler Hills Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a game to play and share.

The breakfast club meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Recreation Center Lounge. Join the group discussions which are about popular "being single" topics.

The group bowls on the fourth Sunday of every month, except November and December, starting at 6 p.m. at the AMF Galaxy West (1818 SW 17th Street, Ocala). Come on out and have fun. There are no professionals here; any skill level is welcomed.

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**Women of the World**

Anna McGonigal



The Women of the World had a hugely successful 2021-2022 season. Our mission to support the charities in Marion County resulted in some of the highest donations we have ever received, thanks to the members, their friends and the entire On Top of the World community.

Every month, we support Operation Shoebox. One month, a member paid the shipment for an entire pallet of goods to be sent to our soldiers overseas. The fashion

show proceeds enabled us to donate \$11,436 to Hospice of Marion County. Members voted on which charities would receive the rest of our donations. Members voted to give \$1,000 to the Arnette House, Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center and SPCA of Marion County. \$500 went to the Covenant House and Marion Senior Services. Once again, a very heartfelt thank you to our generous members.

Our May charity was Stuff the Bus. Members donated much needed school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, and binders for students for the upcoming school year. The fire chief and his crew collected the donations during the meeting. Our speaker was Fitness

Director Cammy Dennis from On Top of the World. Cammy gave us very informative and useful information on helping to prevent our bodies from aging and keeping our brains active.

The board is already working hard on next season's programs. They will be spending the summer contacting speakers geared to our needs and researching charities that desperately need assistance.

In the works is a new Woman of the World Facebook page and monthly email blasts. The historian is doing a wonderful job keeping track of all we do via a scrapbook filled with many pictures of all our activities. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested

in helping, please contact President Betty Thayer at 352-361-1313. One exciting piece of news I can share with you now is that the yearly fashion show and luncheon will return, bigger and better.

Women of the World monthly meetings will move in September to the Recreation Center. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at noon. Transportation will be available to assist members who are not able to walk up the hill to get in the building. Even though we will not hold meetings during the summer, we will continue to keep you informed of what is happening with Women of the World in the World News.

Have a fabulous summer! We will see you in September.

**Eco Gardeners**

Jeff Bell



Helen Ogren, a master gardener, also known as the "bird lady" made a presentation on water contamination and preservation. She also identified the importance of birds in gardens and the ecosystem, as well as how they are threatened by deforestation, loss of habitat and pesticides. They are seed carriers and help in spreading seeds to other areas

Helen informed the club that 80% of the insects in our gardens are beneficial. Selected controls are important to keep the beneficial insects as pollinators in our gardens as well as a deterrent to destructive pests.

Joe Hilchey was appointed to maintenance committee chair and has 11 volunteers to assist him in the projects the Eco Gardeners are engaged in. The committee volunteers are utilizing recycled materials to modernize the signs at their plots. Members are encouraged to personalize them with their name and designs to acquaint themselves with other gardeners in the club plots.

The maintenance committee is building a larger and better bulletin board and a seed exchange mailbox. They are also planning to create a comment-suggestion box for gardeners to express their ideas for presentation topics and events for the club.

The Eco Gardeners held a clean-

up day Saturday, April 9. Volunteers cleaned aisles between the garden beds. Attention was provided to several neglected gardens, removing weeds and uncontrolled growth, improving their appearance.

The first bluebird house the club installed has already attracted a mating pair. They have now produced their first hatchlings. These hatchlings are now on the wing. The club has also installed a second bluebird house. We are looking forward to attracting a mating pair to this house as well.

The club is organizing a working party to start a rehabilitation program to control erosion in the garden aisles and retain soil in the beds. The rehabilitation program will consist of volunteers who will be working with three types of ground cover: chamomile, Bermuda grass and mini clover. The club is still in the testing stage to evaluate each ground cover for drought resistance, traffic, sustainability, watering, and maintenance requirements

Wildflower seeds packets were given out to attendees to encourage saving a space in the gardens for pollinators as well as beautifying the gardens.

The club meets the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will convene Monday, June 20, at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. The club will have a presentation and display of weed and pest identification; apps to use for insects and plant identification, plant problems and diseases as well as recommendations of organic and chemical control.

**Rhode Island Group**

Judy Parisi



The Rhode Island Group met in May for lunch at Milano Italian Grille. While not "The Hill," the food was good and the conversation even better. It was nice to see new members join the group to share memories and reminisce about what makes Rhode Island special.

Talk included discussing the wonderful Italian food and seafood. Fresh Rhode Island seafood includes lobster rolls, clam cakes, oysters, chowders, and our official state appetizer - fried calamari.

An interesting place to visit is the Port at Galilee, a fishing village on Point Judith, to watch the fishing vessels bringing in their catch. The sky around the boats will always be filled with sea gulls, and there will be an aroma of salt water and fresh fish.

There is a story that in 1902 a fisherman from Nova Scotia - Thomas

Mann - settled there and felt the village with its fishing shacks should be called Galilee after the fishing village of biblical times. It is said a stranger who was repairing his nets asked an old timer where he was, and the old timer responded Galilee. Then the stranger pointed to the other side of the channel and asked, what is that? The old timer replied, it must be Jerusalem. And so, we have the villages of Galilee and Jerusalem in this picturesque part of Rhode Island.

Some activities in this area are kayaking, fishing, and sightseeing. You can also take a whale watching cruise to look for whales, and a variety of seals. Or you can get aboard the Block Island Ferry for a trip to Block Island to spend time on their beautiful beaches, rent a moped to tour the island, or just relax in one of their wonderful restaurants.

If you lived, worked, or served in Rhode Island and would like to be part of the Rhode Island Group, please email judith.parsi@gmail.com with your contact information and we will add you to the email list. We plan to meet again for lunch in the fall.



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Rhode Island Group meets for lunch.

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**Texas Connection Social Club**

Kathy Cornell



Since Mother's Day and our monthly Texas Connection meeting fell on the same day our activity just had to be "Mama Said." We shared lots of things our mamas said to us, some we used on our kids and also had a few online "mama said" anecdotes. Of course, everyone had heard "Always wear clean underwear in case you get in an accident;" "Don't cross your eyes, they'll stay that way;" "Eat your spinach so you'll grow up strong like Popeye;" and "What will the neighbors think?" Some were less familiar such as "You would complain if you were hung with a new rope" or "Feel sorry for yourself? Then go out in the garden and eat worms." Online there was a running theme having to do with eating bread crusts or burnt toast. Some mamas claimed doing so could take curls out of your hair, make your

hair curlier, or if you're a young lady even make you more buxom. We had lots of "mama saids" and lots of laughs as we shared our experiences.

Are you up for some game? Not the dead animal kind - we're talking games that were invented by Texans, are popular in Texas, or have a Texas theme to them. Most are easy and can be quickly learned if you don't already know how to do them. All games or supplies will

be provided. Folks can decide what they want to play, and we'll divvy up into teams.

Our game night will be on Sunday, June 12 in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II at 6 p.m. Come any time after 5:30 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. We'll have our usual 50/50 drawing too.

Texas Connection is a club for residents who have a connection to Texas by being born and/or raised

there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason such as vacation, professional, competitions, etc.; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven't been to Texas are welcome too. We have a great group of folks who look forward to welcoming new members into the fold. For more information, contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

**Southern Club**

Melanie Vittitow



The Southern Club had its final meeting for the season Tuesday, May 3. We will take a break over the summer and resume meetings in September. Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Food is a big part of our meeting, and last month it was a great dinner. The south and fried chicken go together, right? So, the club furnished fried chicken strips from Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. Our amazing cooks provided the fixins'! I said last month that I was going to highlight one special dish but all the dishes I tried were good, so I decided to choose one from each category! There were delicious, scalloped

potatoes baked by Carmen Jackson, a tasty three-bean salad made by Rene Turner, and a luscious Boston cream dessert furnished by Brenda Dormstetter.

After dinner, we were treated to a very informative talk by Linda Hein, president of Travel Toppers. I didn't realize that this group is one of the oldest clubs in On Top of the World. She explained how the tours are planned and all the steps that go into setting them up. Not easy! So, we need to thank these dedicated volunteers for their service to our community. Linda brought us up-to-date on the trips and tours planned for the rest of this year and into 2023. Then she reached into her goody bag and gave us some hints and ideas for things to take along to make our travel easier and safer. Great talk, Linda, thanks so much. The Travel Toppers column appears in the World News if you want to learn more.

Before I end the column, I want to thank the current board members who made this year a success and who have agreed to stay on for another year. Thank you, Bob Czopek, for taking the job of president to keep the club from folding, and special thanks to Phyllis Richards who found such interesting speakers and entertainment. Over the summer they will be working on the schedule for next year. We welcome suggestions, ideas and anyone who wants to volunteer to help.

I want to welcome the two couples who came to our meeting as guests and plan to join in September. If you are looking for a nice casual evening out with friendly people, good food, and a little entertainment, consider joining us. If you have any questions, you can call me at 352-873-8690. Feel free to leave a message if I'm not home.

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**What's Cookin'?**

Nancy Grabowski



**Easy Brownies with Raspberry Mousse**

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Water, vegetable oil and egg called for on brownie mix box  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

3/4 cup whipping cream  
3 tablespoons red raspberry jelly  
1 cup cream cheese frosting  
1-1/2 teaspoons whipping cream  
Fresh raspberries, if desired

Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or non-stick pan). Grease bottom only of eight- or nine-inch square pan with cooking spray or shortening. (For easier cutting, line pan with foil, then grease foil on bottom only of pan). Make brownies as directed on box. Cool completely, about 1-1/2 hours.

Reserve two tablespoons chocolate chips for drizzle. In medium microwavable bowl, place remaining chocolate chips, 3/4 cup whipping cream and three tablespoons raspberry jelly. Microwave uncovered on high for two to three minutes, stirring once every minute, until chocolate is melted. Stir until mixture is smooth (there may still be a little undissolved jelly). Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until slightly thickened.

Add frosting to chocolate mixture. Beat with electric mixer on high speed for one to two minutes or until well blended and fluffy. Spread over cooled brownies, smoothing top.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave reserved two tablespoons chocolate chips and 1-1/2 teaspoons whipping cream uncovered on high for 30 to 45 seconds, stirring once, until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in a few additional drops of whipping cream to thin chocolate, if necessary. Drizzle over frosting mixture. Refrigerate one to two hours or until set.

Cut into nine squares; cut each square diagonally in half to make triangles. Garnish with raspberries.

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**Pennsylvania Club**

Lacinda Hobbs



On the Friday, May 6, episode of Jeopardy, the clue was “Enjoy a fasnacht baked by this Mid-Atlantic group who despite their name came from what’s now Germany.” The question, “What are the Pennsylvania Dutch?” So, who are the Pennsylvania Dutch?

They were 18th and 19th century German speaking immigrants from areas of what is modern day Germany, but also the Netherlands, Switzerland, and France’s Alsace-Lorraine region. The word Deutsch

or Dietsche (German) was later corrupted to Dutch. They spoke numerous south German dialects which over the generations developed into the hybrid dialect known as Pennsylvania German or Pennsylvania Dutch. German Americans remain the largest ancestry group in Pennsylvania.

They had several religious affiliations, most notably Amish, Anabaptist, Mennonite, Moravian and Lutheran. The “plain” who adopted a simple lifestyle contrasted with the “fancy” who assimilated a more mainstream lifestyle.

Most Pennsylvania Dutch live in the south-central areas of Pennsylvania in Lehigh, Berks and Lancaster counties which includes Allentown, Bethlehem, Lancaster, Reading, York, and Chambersburg.

There seems to be a renewed interest in the language and lifestyle of the Pennsylvania Dutch. Kutztown University offers history and language classes. Doug Madenford has online lessons in the dialect on YouTube.com. If you’ve been raised in the area, you have probably heard the terms “outen the light” (turn out the light), “it’s all” (it’s all gone) or “spritzing” (light rain).

Thank a Pennsylvania Dutch cook for some of these unique foods: shoofly pie, fasnachts, funnel cake, whoopie pies, pepper cabbage, chicken potpie (made with noodles, not between two crusts), apple dumplings, red beet eggs, dandelion greens with hot bacon dressing, Lebanon bologna, and scrapple. Many of these recipes

were born from their resourcefulness using what was available to them from their farm life.

The members of the Pennsylvania Club like to share their memories of life in Pennsylvania. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios at 5 p.m.

Our April meeting had an Easter theme. Members participated in our first ever Peep toss (think corn-hole tossing marshmallow peeps into Easter baskets). What a hoot! Our winners were:

1: Dennis Schneck; 2: Larry Daubenspeck; 3: Joe Matriccino.

Our May meeting included a picnic and horse races. The club will resume in September. Have a great summer and we hope to see you then.

**The Jewish Club**

Gail Levine



Are you a new resident? Are you curious to learn what the Jewish Club is and does? The Jewish Club is a cultural, educational, and social club that meets on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. with a few exceptions. Meetings are held at both the Arbor Conference Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills, except for our annual barbecue which is held at Veterans Park. Membership is open to all residents, including, Indigo East residents with a Gateway of Services pass. The club has over 140 members. The annual dues are \$18 per person and are payable every January.

Most meetings feature a five to 10 minute “Jewish moment in time.” These can be anything from personal to educational topics related to Jewish culture or traditions and are prepared and delivered by our members.

Our meetings are casual. They include game days, musical entertainment, interesting speakers, and more. Our hospitality committee prepares refreshments for each meeting followed by time to schmooze with new and old friends.

A quick overview of our past year includes:

- June 2021: Dee Collier is a master at creating authentic historical characters. Dee’s storytelling was powerful

and spell bounding as she portrayed Sabine Bonhoeffer Leibhotz.

- September 2021: This was our annual welcome back meeting, featuring bagels, lox and desserts. This was followed by Pat Gabriel, speaking on behalf of SR200 Coalition.

- October 2021: Entertainment by Grammy nominee, Sheeba, the Mississippi Queen, delighted our members with her singing of the blues.

- November 2021: Our club hosted its first barbeque in two years with over 100 members in attendance.

- December 2021: This meeting featured karaoke singer Henry B. and traditional Channukah donuts.

- January: Game day featured favorite group games such as rummikub, Mexican train and Farkle to name a few.

- February: Black History Month featured speaker Gorham Black III.

- March: The Book of Esther was performed in a farcical Purim skit. Haman’s appearances brought out the groggers and boos!

- April: Passover teaching and tastings was an interactive meeting. Members were able to sample traditional Passover foods and share their family traditions.

- May: Our annual barbeque is a relaxing tradition. However, this could not be possible without our members who assist with cooking, setting

up, serving, and cleaning up.

If you have thought about joining the club, come give us a try. Sunday, June 19 will be our last meeting before taking a two-month break. This meeting will be held at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Stu-

**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger



Perhaps you’ve noticed many Michigan Club members are packing to head up north to their home state for their annual summertime get-away.

It may be for the miles of freshwater shoreline or the multitude of beaches with all those lakes. Or it could also be the lush green forests so popular with campers and hikers. You know there are deer living in those forests with big white tails—larger deer than those we see in Florida. There are bears and bobcats, too. But no panthers.

This is trillium time in the forest. Tiny white flowers that blanket the forest floors pop up after the snow melts and let you know something wonderful is about to happen.

The reasons people love to spend vacations in Michigan might include a family heirloom cabin with knotty pine interior. You see them everywhere. Close your eyes for a moment and imagine the apple pie

dios I-IV from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Member, Dan Lack, will lead the meeting with a Jewish trivia contest. Prizes will be awarded. Meeting will conclude with an ice cream social.

For questions, contact President Rick Carel, at 352-316-9946.

baking in the oven and the smell of fresh pine branches all around you. Imagine waking up to a pancake breakfast with Michigan maple syrup drizzling down the edges.

Those are the same maple trees that blanket the state in a myriad of colors every fall. Did you know people drive to Michigan just to see those trees?

Incidentally, if you plan to sleep in on a visit to Michigan, you should know there are a lot of roosters there. Seems the state has a rooster at every farm and there are a lot of those. Every morning when the sun peeks up the roosters let you know!

So, if you are wondering what a 90 degree day feels like in Michigan under those big oak and maple canopy trees, here’s the truth... the feel-like temperature is a mere 77, which causes most folks to want to venture back from Florida each summer.

Let me know if you want to try it. I can offer a few good suggestions on places you might enjoy. We discovered a lifetime of memories when we went back, which has brought us to return every summer.

For more information about the Michigan Club, contact Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0757.

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## National Senior Games

By Dave DeAngelis  
World News Writer

What do residents Jerry and Patty Hoppe, Tom Weiss, Bill Millican, Karen McShane, Paul Hodges, Darryl Kenyon and Bill Anderson have in common with Fort Lauderdale? They are competing there in the National Senior Games, having earned their spots from various past recognized qualifying events. Jerry and Patty, Tom, Bill and Karen are competing in archery. Paul and Darryl are competing in shuffleboard, while Bill is running in the 10K road race.

In archery, Patty has already won three national championships. Jerry has excelled since the late 1970s (including prior National Senior Games) and travels with Patty year around to shoot in various competitions. Tom started shooting in high school in a converted bowling alley and didn't pick up the sport again until two years ago here at On Top of the World. Karen McShane has five major championships (since taking up archery in 2020), and Bill Millican's list of awards since 1986 is one full page long list typed in Arial 8 font.

I watched them practice at the Veterans Park archery range, and they explained that competition distances vary according to the individual event, and that an equipment package can cost between \$600 and \$2,500. With each shot, their degree of accuracy was incredibly consistent. Why, I would have even put an apple on my head ... okay, maybe not.

This is the third National Senior Games appearance for shuffleboard stars Paul Hodges and Darryl Kenyon, both having won gold, silver, and bronze medals in singles and doubles competition. Paul and Darryl first bumped into each other playing badminton, then teamed up to challenge their shuffleboard



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

Bill Anderson.

skills. Obviously, they have succeeded in meeting that challenge. Graphite cue sticks can cost up to \$150, with a "noticeable" difference across the price range. Paul "encourages people to try" shuffleboard, as he does give lessons. He and Darryl have also created two shuffleboard videos that have top internet rankings.

A retired college president from New York, Bill Anderson began running in high school, but didn't lace up the shoes again until after he retired in 2017; and now, here he is, competing in the National Senior Games in the 10K and 5K races. When he resumed running, he started out slowly, running every other day, gradually working up to 6.2 miles (10K) with it being his specialty race. Recently, he returned to On Top of the World with a third place, age group medal that he earned in an Iowa half marathon. Bill runs a 10K three times a week and walks five miles every other day, his "days off." To round out his lazy week, he plays pickleball.

Bill moved here to On Top of the



Photos by Dave DeAngelis

Top: Paul Hodges and Darryl Kenyon; Middle: Tom Weiss, Jerry and Pat Hoppe; Bottom: Bill Millican and Karen McShane.

World to assist his brother in caring for their father; a World War II veteran, who was awarded the French Legion of Honor and speaks

via Zoom to seventh grade students about World War II.

Stay tuned to the July issue of the World News to read about their trip!



Photo by Michelle Malsch

Best of open bocce Jim Vail, Maryann Matthews, Don Matezevich, and Paula Hammonds.



Photo by Michelle Malsch

Best of bocce league Gary Schulte, Kevin Kidd, Micki Malsch, and Ed Malsch.



Photo by Michelle Malsch

Best of bocce league runners up Gib Mattison, Wayne Scale, Robert Novitske, and Henry Erikson.

## Best of Bocce

By Michelle Malsch

This is how we roll! Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town. As of late, all six courts are being utilized and are at full capacity. Open bocce is played Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Teams are decided by the luck of the draw. Masks or face coverings are optional. Social distancing guidelines may affect the number of players per court.

Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play. This is your chance to watch, 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, pay dues, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form.

The best of bocce league results are in! League winners were Lady and the Tramps from 11 a.m. Tuesday (Micki Malsch, Captain Ed Malsch, Kevin Kidd and Gary Schulte). It was an exciting game played

against The Neighbors also from the 11 a.m. Tuesday (Henry Erikson, Captain Wayne Scales, Robert Novitske, and Gib Mattison).

The best of open bocce winners were Paula Hammonds, Maryann Matthews, Don Matezevich and Jim Vails.

The Longleaf Ridge open bocce champions were Charles Zappala, Donna Abel, Karen Moyer, and Janet Meyers.

Wendy Kakolowski will be the new league vice president, replacing Gary Schulte. Paula Hammonds will take over as the new league secretary. A special thanks to all outgoing officers and league representatives for their hard work and dedication.

Several positions remain available: league representatives for Tuesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m., and Thursdays, at 10 a.m. The new season will begin Tuesday, Oct. 4 and end April 27, 2023. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like information on what the responsibilities are, please contact Terry Connolly, president, at 352-895-3866.

Until we roll again ...



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Longleaf Ridge best of open bocce Janet Meyers, Donna Abel, Charles Zappala, and Karen Moyer.

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**Softball**

Ernie Sersen



“The goal of many leaders is to get people to think more highly of the leader. The goal of a great leader is to help people to think more highly of themselves.” - J. Carla Nortcutt

We are very fortunate at On Top of the World to have an outstanding group of guys managing our softball teams. Without them, we would not have the quality of play that we all enjoy. This column is a simple way to say “thank you.”

Managing can be thankless and contentious, but it can also be enriching and provide an avenue to give back to a game that has given so much. I have started clubs and managed teams, so I know what goes on behind the scenes and why someone might want to step into this role.

I can't speak for all managers, but I believe those who enjoy the most success have found a way to look beyond the scoreboard and standings. They are more interested in encouraging someone who just dropped the ball, costing them the game, or rejoicing with someone in a slump who just drove in the game-winning run. They consider laughter, camaraderie, and unity among their most significant achievements and value the quality of their team's experience over

their own. They lead by example and see the value of everyone on the team. Their reward is simply knowing they contributed positively to the game and someone else's life and watching a teammate step up to manage a team of their own is merely icing on the cake.

As a member, I want to thank our managers on behalf of a grateful club. We can't do this without you. Thank you for the welcome emails, reminders, friendship, and leadership. We appreciate your effort, encouragement, advice, and correction. It means more than you know, and if there is anything that we can do in return to make your job easier, please ask.

I can't say enough about our club and how exciting it is to play softball at On Top of the World. As long as you can safely play this game, we offer American and National divisions to accommodate all skill and ability levels. Our New Player Orientation program assesses those skills and abilities to get you optimally placed on one of our teams to maximize your level of fun and competition. Other club benefits include weekly batting practice, groomed fields with umpires, a digital scoreboard with scorekeepers, socials, and other fun-filled events.

If you are looking to elevate your level of fun here in the community, or if you would like to consider managing a team to support our growth, check out our new bulletin board or email me at esersen@yahoo.com, and I'll get you connected.



Photo by Sherry Winn

Several participants at the co-ed softball barbecue.

**Co-Ed Recreational Softball**

Sherry Winn



If you were to ask the co-ed softball players what they like besides playing ball, the answer would be a party, of course. So, on Mother's Day weekend, we played ball in the morning then gathered at The Lodge at Candler Hills for a barbecue. All 40 attending players and spouses contributed to the success by bringing specialty dishes to share, to complement the meat prepared by select volunteer hosts. Cornhole and ladder golf games proved to be as popular as swimming; however, getting to know each other better in a different setting was the highlight of the day.

If you are new to On Top of the World and would like to become a part of this group, consider joining us at the softball field on Sat-

urdays, at 9 a.m. for an informal game. All who show up play on different teams each week, so there's no commitment to attend regularly. We consist of all levels of competency, then balance the teams by gender and skill to ensure relaxed rules (according to individual ability).

We don't count balls and strikes so everyone gets an equal opportunity to bat, and we supply equipment to those who don't have their own. New players consistently join as some men move on to join the men's league, so numbers and faces are constantly changing.

The fact that this is a free recreational activity allows for visitors to participate and prospective players to try something new without making a regular commitment or financial investment.

If this interests you, please call Sherry Winn at 315-528-8499 for more information, or just show up on Saturday morning to make new friends like you did as a kid.



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**Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association**

Susan Yenne



Forty-two women participated in the two-day World Cup event at Candler Hills Friday, April 29 and The Links Saturday, April 30.

The pairings party, receiving raves from the participants, featured a fun putt-off to determine partners. In addition to monetary winnings, the winning team members received tumblers declaring them winners; the others received participation tumblers.

**Beat the Pro April 12/The Links**

Tie at 72–Bobbie Wiener, Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 74–Vickie Foster, Jonell Washburn, Peggy Ellenberger, Marlena Laclair. Tie at 75–Christine Giza, Rosann Ross. Tie at 76–Debby Wilson, Kathy Zunica, Molly Lucieer, Pam Brown. Tie at 77–Christine McIntire, Cynthia

Gersten, Jean Hsu, Debbie Zile, Jill Strey, Pam Jones, Lori Pizzini. Tie at 78–Kathleen Goodwin, Sandy Chase, Ellen Brin, Linda Blewitt, Lynn Colomb.

**Best Front, Best Back, 2 Best Ball April 19/The Tortoise & The Hare**

1: Sandy Snyder, Judi McGuinness, Joan Gerbo, Sandra Randles. Tie at 2: MJ Strelec, Kathleen Goodwin, Lilly Gee, Cynthia Gersten: Beverly Ovrebo, Lori Pizzini, May Chin, Dee Howie. Tie at 4: Linda Taylor, Page Falconer, Betty Mc-Neeley, Ela Sumpter: Lisa Free, Katie Schriewer, Susan Martin, Lynn Barber: Christine Giza, Peggy Wiechmann, Pam Brown, Jean Czachor. Tie at 7: Virginia Madura, Mary Burns, Jeanne Newman: Mary Ann Livingston, Jill Strey, Sandy Chase, Donna Brunell: Peggy Ellengerger, Mary Ruffner, Linda Ryan, Diane Boston.

**Three, Two, One, Team Net April 26/The Links**

Tie at 135–Christine McIntire, Virginia Combs, Janis Hannasch, Debbie Zile: Lily Gee, Christine Giza, Liz Lang, Sandra Randles. 136–Nancy Zielinski, Lori Pizzini, Pam Brown, Rosann Ross. 137–Judi McGuinness, Beverly Ovrebo, Sandy Chase, Cynthia Gersten. 138–Linda



Photo by Maria Fournier

Champion and participant tumblers.

Blewitt, Mary Burns, Susan Yenne. Tie at 139–Maria Fournier, MJ Strelec, Pam Jones: Lynn Colomb, Joann Dellapenna, Joan Gerbo, Jean Czachor.

**Low Gross/Low Net May 3/The Links Gross**

Flight 1: 74–Sandy Snyder. 77–Vadonna Hall. 80–Linda Taylor. Flight 2: Tie at 82–Joyce Jones, Joann Dellapenna. 88–MJ Strelec. Flight 3: 90–Sharon Johnson. 91–Linda Blewitt. 93–Judi McGuinness. Flight 4: 92–Liz Pruss. 93–Jonell Washburn. 97–Sandy Chase. Flight 5: 94–Kathy Zunica. 97–Beverly Merrick. 98–Debbie Zile.

**Net**

Flight 1: Tie at 71–Christine Giza, Diane Boston. 74–Lisa Free. Flight 2: 68–Vickie Noltensmeyer. 70–Peggy

Ellenberger. 73–Eileen Gustavus. Flight 3: 73–Molly Lucieer. 75–Susan Martin. 77–Virginia Madura. Flight 4: 72–Rosann Ross. 74–Carolyn Cummings. 76–Pam Brown. Flight 5: 68–Jeanne Newman. 69–Elena Sumpter. 70–Suzanne Weirick.

**Scramble/Shamble, 2 Best Balls LGA 9-Hole Invitational**

**May 10/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Tie at 71–Kathleen Goodwin, Molly Lucieer, Pam Brown, Chris Parnau: Judi McGuinness, Joann Dellapenna, Terry Wilks, Donna McCombs. 75–Sandy Chase, Valerie Smith, Kathy Gallagher, Virginia Combs. 77–Marcela Nunez, Iro Lisinski, Vickie Foster, Jane Williams. Tie at 78–Linda Taylor, Susan Rhodes, Mary Ann Polizzotti, Jeanne Newman: Joyce Jones, Virginia Madura, Janette Sheil, Suzanne Weirick. 79–Bobbie Wiener, Kathie Schriewer, Jan Christ, Sandy Thompson.

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**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole**

Beth Wolinsky



The league championship occurred Thursdays, April 21, and April 28. Sandy Snyder is our league champion for the second year in a row with a combined score of 153. Congratulations, Sandy!

Congratulations also goes to Michele Otto who had a hole-in-one on the first day of the league championship. This accomplishment happened on Candler Hills #8. Way to go, Michele!

We welcome two new members to the league – Susan Martin and Jean Czachor. Please give them a warm reception when meeting them.

Summer Survivor events will once again be held during the next four months. All these games will be choose your own partner. Please look for details in future correspondence.

The Candler Hills LGA–18 is open to anyone in On Top of the World. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

Finally, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

**Low Net in Flights (Individual) Feb. 24**

Flight 1: 71–Shelly Karsnitz. 73–Christine Giza. Tie at 76–Gail Lagrange, Linda Taylor. Flight 2: 70–Maria Fournier. 73– Darlene DeBerry. 74–Lisa Free. Tie at 78–Judie Anderson, Mary Ann Livingston, Beverly Ovrebo. Flight 3: 70–Donna Smith. Tie at 72–Ellen Brin, Sara Nunn. 77–MJ Strelec. 78–Molly Lucieer. Flight 4: 72–Jonell Washburn. 74–Angelita Jingco. 75–Toni Stevenson. 80–Pamela Jones. Flight 5: 73–Cynthia Gersten. 74–Beth Wolinsky. 78–Kate Beaty. 79–Anne Dahlen 80–Carla Kimball. Flight 6: 68–DeAnne Green. 71–Janette Sheil. 77–Sue Fierce. 78–Jan Christ. 79–Joann Delmar.

**Shall We Waltz (Team) March 3**

136–Lynn Colomb, Janelle Gluckman, Kathy Zunica, Blind. 138–Maria Fournier, Kathleen Goodwin, Teri Stecker, DeAnne Green. 140–MJ Strelec, Michele Otto, Toni Stevenson, Sandra Randles. 141–Judie Anderson, Roe Gromacki, Pam Brown, Liz Laing. 144–Linda Taylor, Connie Sohl, Jonell Washburn, Rosann Ross. Red/White/Blue

**Two Best Balls of Four Combined 18 & 9 (Team) March 17**

93–Maria Fournier, Eileen Gustavus, Carla Kimball, Donna McCombs. 97–Maryjo Lock, Angelita Jingco, Rosann Ross, Mary Cunningham. 98–Linda Taylor, Pamela Jones, Kay Budd, Connie Campbell. Tie at 100–Judi McGuinness, Vickie Foster, Kathy Zunica, Blind and Dawn Carroll, Molly Lucieer, Beth Wolinsky, Diane Masterson. 101–Beverly Ovrebo, Janette Sheil, Chris Parnau, Blind. 103–Ellen Brin, Mary Burns, Toni Stevenson, Pat Gill. Tie at 104–Sara Nunn, Mary Dawson, Teri Stecker, Cynthia Gersten and Michele Otto, Peggy Ellenberger, Jana McElroy, Gloria Collins.

**Club Championship (Individual) April 21 and 28**

**Gross**  
Overall Champion: 153–Sandy Snyder.  
Flight 1: 158–Michele Otto.  
Flight 2: Tie at 172–Dawn Carroll, Maria Fournier. 174– Lynn Colomb.  
Flight 3: Tie at 180–Ellen Brin, Judi McGuinness. 193–Jonell Washburn. Tie at 194–Teri Stecker, Virginia Madura.  
Flight 4: 188– Rosann Ross. 194–Jan Christ.

**Net**

Flight 1: 148–Linda Taylor.  
Flight 2: 146– Peggy Ellenberger.  
Flight 3: 152–Molly Lucieer.  
Flight 4: 138–Joann Delmar.

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**Golf**

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The PGA Tour is in mid-season with the 2022 US Open just days away. This year's US Open will be held at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts. Jon Rahm will be defending his title. Here are the professional staff picks for this year's event: Matt Hibbs - Sung-Jae Im; Denise Mullen - Justin Thomas; Russ Smith - Cameron Smith; Nick Schwander - Jon Rahm; and Candon Ehler - Collin Morikawa.

On Top of the World Golf Club

will host the annual Flag Day Tournament Saturday, June 25. Tee Times begin at 7 a.m. and you will pick your time upon registration. Every player will receive a flag at the first tee. You will plant your flag on the golf course once you hit your last shot, which is par for the course plus your course handicap. Example (par 72 plus handicap -18 equals 90) so after you hit your 90th shot, that is where you will plant your flag. Entry fee is \$15 per player, and you can create your own foursome. Check with the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more information.

The professional golf staff would like to remind everyone about proper golf cart safety. Here are a few tips for safe driving.

- Always keep all body parts

- in the cart (arms, hands and feet).
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- Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
- Avoid distractions while driving (talking on cell phone, or texting).
- Operate the cart from driver side only.
- Use extreme caution when turning around blind spots.
- Never drive while intoxicated.
- Reduce speed in high traffic areas (around the clubhouse).
- Use caution when driving in inclement weather.

**Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, June 11: Par 3 at Candler Hills Golf Club with 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16: The Tortoise & The Hare will be closed for aeration.
- Saturday, June 25: Flag Day Tournament on The Links with 7 a.m. tee time.

**World Accolades**

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Bruce Venslavsky, hole-in-one #15. Kevin Hammonds, eagle #4. Jim Merrick, shot 84 two strokes under his age.

**THE LINKS:** Judie Anderson, hole-in-one #14. Jim Merrick shot 85 one stroke under his age. Mitch Gladden, shot 76 one stroke under his age.

**CANDLER HILLS:** Michelle Otto, hole-in-one #8. Carl Forsberg, eagle #7. Dick Ross, eagle #7. Sam Fox, eagle #7. Connie Loviska, eagle #12. Ed O'Leary, hole-in-one #13.

Congratulations to all of you for these fine accomplishments!

**Golf Tip of the Month**

You're facing a tricky six-footer to win your match; palms are sweating, and your heart is racing. A consistent pre shot routine is the key to staying focused and not letting your emotions dictate your putting stroke.

Keep your pre shot routine simple and really focus on the rhythm of your stroke.

The less your mind wanders the better the chance for a smooth stroke. Keep this in mind next time you have that downhill six-footer to win the match.

**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

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As we move into the summer months, and the weather gets warmer, it is very important to stay safe while you're out on the golf course. The Florida summer sun can take its toll while you're out on the golf course enjoying this great activity.

Here are a few tips to help you beat the heat:

- Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water/Gatorade before, during, and after your round.
- Find shade whenever possible to give yourself a break from the sun
- Cover your skin and wear appropriate clothing while exposed to sunlight for long periods of time, sun-sleeves, hats etc.

All these tips will help keep you safe and ensure you enjoy your time on the golf course.

**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

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

- June 7: Team Scramble (The Links) is where every player tees off, then the team of four picks the best drive and each player hits their second shot from that location. The process is then repeated until the ball is holed out.
- June 14: Invited to play with the On Top of the World LGA-18. The game will be a Florida Scramble (The Links). Each player hits their tee shot, then the team of four picks the ball position to be used to the next shot. The player whose ball is selected, will sit out the next shot. So only three players will be hitting second shots. This process is continued on each shot until the ball is holed out. Repeat this process on each hole, so the only time all four players hit shots, will be off of the tee box.
- June 21: Individual Low net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where every player plays their normal round of golf with all ladies flighted according to their current handicap index.
- June 28: Red, White, Blue - Two Best Ball - Team Net (The Links) is where every player plays their normal round of golf, but on the par 4s, the ladies will tee off from white colored (150-yard markers) and on the par 5s, the ladies will tee off from the blue colored (200-yard markers). On the par 3s the normal orange colored (red) tee boxes will be used.

First off, I'd like to say that the Ladies World Cup was a fun and exciting event Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, at Candler Hills Golf Club and On Top of the World Golf Club. We had a total of 42 women sign up for the event and had a pairings party, where the professional staff and ladies randomly selected their teammates. Each player was selected to either the red or white team. In the end the white team prevailed and were able to take home the win, as well as some nice-looking rose gold colored mugs with "champions" inscribed on them. We hope that more ladies, including nine-hole ladies want to play next year to make this a really big and fun event moving forward.

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**Men's Golf Association**

John Yenne



A new game is on tap this month for the Men's Golf Association - Beat the Board.

On Wednesday, June 15, the Beat the Board Scramble will pit the membership against a team or two made up of MGA board members. If your team's score beats the best board team's score, you win!

"It's something new," tournament director Jerry Englar said. "It's a take-off on the Beat the Pro game we used to play."

The total MGA membership is 270. Our newest members are

Joe Loviska, Dave Emmons, Greg Hofmann, Steve Czachor, Michael Clancy, Karl Christensen and Fred Visnav.

Mark these upcoming Wednesday events in your calendar:

- June 8: 1, 2, 3 Team Best Balls (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- June 15: Beat the Board Scramble (The Links)
- June 22: 2 Man Scramble (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- June 29: Black Tees, 3 Best Balls (The Links)

As always, games may vary at the discretion of the tournament director.

**2 Man Blind Draw April 27/The Links**

A/C Flight 1: 68-Robert Walker, Thomas Martinetto. Tie at 70-Brad Weirick, Robert Coughanour: Irl Flanagan, Ronald Grob: Joe

Moenter, Joseph Mandala. Tie at 71-Danny Newby, Greg McDowell: Robert Dellapenna, Terry Hubbartt.

A/C Flight 2: 66-James Gourlay, James McCormack. Tie at 68-Brian Wilder, Carl Zeiler: Raymond Hendrix, Sam Feola. 69-David Hannasch, Ken Zweiback. Tie at 70-Anthony Morris, Philip Petrozella: Douglas Kelchner, Mark Beauchamp. B/D Flight 1: 63-Matt Raies, Thomas Kujawa. 67-David Garland, Henry Sohl. 68-Joseph Dunnack, Richard Deschenes. Tie at 69-Bob Gee, Robert Coutt: Don Edmond, Thomas Nicholl: Dwight Weirich, Leonard Ruble. B/D Flight 2: 66-Bob Hilton, Joe Polizzotti. Tie at 67-Bill Searight, Ricki Plesea: Dennis McCourt, Doyce Mathis. 68-Barry Barringer, Charlie Taylor. Tie at 69-George Brombacher, Mike Madura: Larry Manion, Thomas Norris.

**Chicken Day Scramble**

**May 4/The Links**

50-Roger Sparks, John Owen, Paul Randles, Tary Bole. 52-David Fosdick, Bill McElroy, Steve Czachor, Leonard Ruble. Tie at 53-Brian Wilder, Don Edmond, Danny Newby, Robert Coutt: David Clune, John Parnau, Tom Nutt, Thomas Kujawa. 54-Steven Sarkozy, Robert Walker, Bruce Venslavsky, John Hartney. 55-James Gourlay, Rex Heitz, Bob Janssen, Joseph Dunnack. Tie at 57-Rick Pettit, Dale Budd, Bob Flynn, Thomas Norris: Richard Deschenes, Terry Hubbartt, David Miller, Lance Davsko: Joe Wilks, Kevin Thompson, Mike Benes, Charles Regini: Jim Weaver, Bryan McCleave, Roy Coombes, Steve Skonecke: Jim Lefaver, Gary Hassett, Roy Harvey, Bob Lang: Joe Polizzotti, Kevin McGuinness, Ricki Plesea: James McCormack, Terry Hoppes, Mike Altomare, John Bradford.

**Table Tennis**

Athena Drewes



Periodically this column will feature one of our directors, as well as various members of the club. This month we feature Paul Stadterman, president director of the Table Tennis Club.

How long have you been a member of the Table Tennis Club? Five years. How long have you lived in our community? Six years.

Where did you live before On Top of the World? I lived in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, which is outside of Pittsburgh. What did you do professionally before moving here? I was a plant manager for Westinghouse Electric Corporation at their Turbine Generator Service Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

When did you first start playing table tennis? I started playing as a kid at a local YMCA. How long have you been playing? I have played off and on for 65 years. I played as a teenager for the YMCA on a traveling league. Also, I played during my time in the U.S. Navy. Then I didn't play much at all for 30 years.

Why do you love to play table tennis? It is a fun time with a great group of players on all levels. It is a good way to keep active and exercise. What is your favorite time to play: doubles, singles? I like playing singles with the advance players and doubles on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Any favorite table tennis stories you can relay? After not playing for many years, my wife's boss asked if I would like to play ping pong. He said they played every Friday night after work. I was hesitant since I had not played for quite a while but decided to give it a try. After winning my way up the ladder it was down to my wife's boss and me. I won the first game, and he won the second. I wasn't sure if it was a good idea to beat my wife's boss, but I won the third game. I was never asked back again!

Any favorite tips for newcomers? As a newcomer, you need to know the club rules and don't be afraid to play players who are better than you!

The best way to learn the rules and experience the differences in singles and doubles play is to come on down and play a game or two at the Arbor Conference Center. We are the first room on the left. Monday and Tuesday doubles (6 to 8 p.m.), beginners (Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., doubles; Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m., singles), ladies play (Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon); all levels doubles (Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m.) and all levels singles (Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m.).

Membership is open to residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Applications are in the marked envelope on the bulletin board. Annual membership dues are \$10. Don't worry if you don't have a paddl, paddles are available in the room. Come meet us! Any questions, contact Paul Stadterman at pstadterman@yahoo.com.

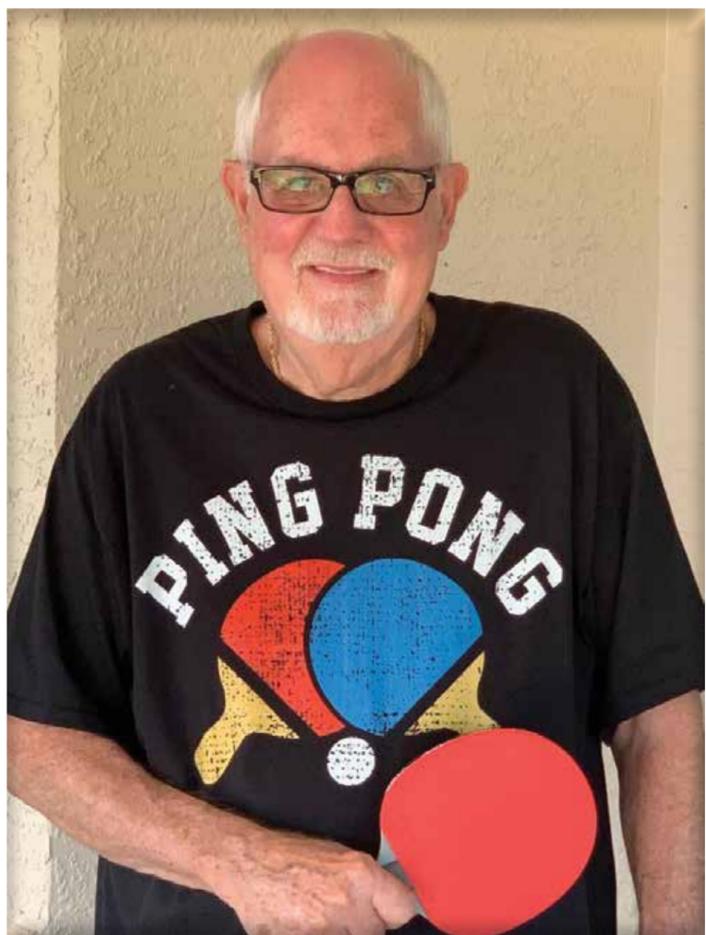


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Cycling Club



Dennis Baker

The Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club invites and welcomes all residents and guests interested in cycling regardless of cycling ability. Beginner, intermediate, advanced, or pro? All are welcome and will find cyclists of similar interests and capabilities!

The club meets two or more times each week usually at the Power Park on SW 90th Street. Special rides or excursions are often scheduled by group members. The Santos Trail here in Ocala, and the Withlacoochee Trail in Dunnellon, Hernando, and Inverness are some of our favorite haunts. Schedules are published regularly on Facebook (OTOW Chatroom and Wheeling Around the World Club). Grab your bike or trike and your helmet and join the fun.

For information, contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-562-0088.



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Several cyclists taking a short break while wheeling along the Withlacoochee Trail in Inverness, Florida.

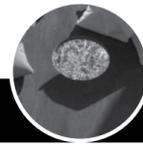


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Full house at cornhole open play.

Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



Cornhole Club activities have cooled somewhat with the advent of the summer season and the temporary suspension of league play. Our ever popular "Introduction to Cornhole" class, hosted by the club's on-site "cornnologist" Bill Ballweg, was again conducted during the month and experienced a high turnout. As usual, the class was informative, fun, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. Our intention is to continue these introductory sessions monthly as long as current interest levels are maintained. To be included in our next class, contact Bill directly at otowcornhole@yahoo.com.

**OPEN PLAY:** Our open play schedule was amended a bit to hopefully avoid conflicts with other very popular activities on Fridays. We currently hold open play Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Overflow crowds on Mondays continues to be the norm, with slightly less activity on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All residents are invited to visit the cornhole courts during open play to see what the sport entails, and discover just how much fun one can have with a bag of beans.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** League play remains on hiatus throughout the summer. League play will resume in the September/October timeframe with women's, men's, and mixed leagues being formed toward summer's end. Specific information regarding league will be provided directly to Cornhole Club members when leagues begin forming.

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**Tennis**



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Our good fortune has given us some pretty good weather for April and May. As you know the tennis committee is always planning activities. There will be a gathering and we will notify you via email soon. Also upcoming is a visit (with the option of playing) to the National Tennis Center in Lake Nona.

If you have the Tennis Channel, I recommend you watch the big tournaments taking place on the pro tour, such as The French Open. You can learn a lot if you pay attention to how the pros handle certain strokes and tactics in singles as well as doubles, and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me.

I also encourage you to bring plenty of fluids when you come to

play, especially in hot weather.

Han Dong, a certified fitness instructor and avid tennis and POP tennis player, is giving a (free) Core Performance Exercise Clinic designed for racquet sports players who wish to improve performance. Common racquet sport injuries will be discussed and how to prevent them. It will be held at The Arbors tennis courts Thursday, June 9, at 8:30 a.m. with a June 16 as a rain date. For exercise routines, you may contact Han at hdong434@gmail.com to sign up and receive instructions on what to bring.

And please, don't forget that POP tennis and pickleball are great alternatives to traditional tennis.

**10 Tips for Safe Stretching**

1. Stretch for 10 minutes every day. Regular stretching improves your balance, strength, and flexibility.
2. Get advice to avoid injury. Check with your doctor or health professional before stretching if you have an in-

- jury or a previous injury.
3. Warm up your muscles before stretching. Try 10 minutes of gentle exercise, like walking. Stretching cold muscles may result in injury.
4. Hold a sustained stretch for 10 to 30 seconds. Don't bounce when stretching. Over stretching causes muscle to contract and cause small tears in fibers.
5. Only stretch to the point of mild discomfort. Once your muscle feels comfortable, increase the stretch, and then hold it again. If it hurts, you're pushing too hard.
6. Breathe normally when stretching. Don't try to hold your breath or do breathing

- exercises.
7. Balance your routine. Work opposing muscle groups each time you stretch.
8. Prevent boredom. Add variety to your routine by increasing your stretching repertoire.
9. Include stretching in your daily routine. Gentle stretching can improve circulation and a steady blood flow helps reduce muscle tension and soreness.
10. Make stretching part of your warmup and cool down activities. It will put you in the right frame of mind and relax afterwards.

See you on the courts.

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**Top Pickleball Club**



**Bill Bender & Bill Ballweg**

On a cloudy and raining morning in May 30 members of the Top Pickleball Club made the trek to Spruce Creek for a spirited head-on-head competition. Just as we arrived the sun popped, out quickly drying the courts. What we did not know was this was an omen for how the rest of the day would unfold.

The play was spirited and tough but was secondary to the camaraderie, trash talking, and humor, which made the event more of a social experience than a competition. It was obvious the players were enjoying the game and winning was secondary.

A special shout-out to the teams that were undefeated: Randy Schmid & Dave Phelps; John Johnson & Matt Corey; and Robin & Bill Ballweg.

As we walked away from the courts tired from playing for over two hours, we came to the realization that winning the most points was great, but it was not the most important event of the day. The experience of meeting quality people who share the same love for this sport as we do was the memory we

will retain in the future.

It was an exciting and enjoyable trip to Spruce Creek, and we are looking forward to a return match at our facility in October.

Thanks also to the Spruce Creek Pickleball Club for hosting us and organizing the matches, and all the club players who made the trip.

As we say every month in this column, we always have room for more. As you read this, if your interest is sparked, you only have to make your way to the courts adjacent to the Recreation Center Monday through Saturday, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. to see how the game is played.

If you like what you see, come join us at one of our free introductory classes. These sessions are specifically for residents who want to learn about the fastest growing sport in the world. Just show up on any Monday or on the first Saturday of the month, at 10:30 a.m. with plenty of liquids (to avoid dehydration), wearing your tennis or court shoes, and we will provide the rest (equipment and fun!). We recommend that you not purchase paddles before taking the lesson as our instructors will guide you in choosing the proper equipment. In one hour, it will be abundantly clear if this sport is for you.

If you like it, the opportunity for you to join the club is yours for \$15 annually. As a member, you would have access to our website where you can sign up for various clinics to improve your pickleball skills, and participate in club tournaments and functions.

**Ladies Shuffleboard**



**Lois Nix**

We had a great season! Lots of fun and we made new friends! What more can a gal ask for? This was the end of our fifth season with over 60 ladies who shuffled.

We had our board meeting and pizza party in April. At this meeting, it was decided that the present board would serve one more year; each board member will have a shadow so that they will learn the requirements of their chosen position. We have captains and co-captains for each timeframe.

Summer shuffling began Wednesday, June 1. Shuffle times are at 9 and 11a.m. We ask that you arrive at the courts 15 minutes early. We then shuffle Mondays, at 5:30 p.m. You need not know how to play the game. All women residents are welcome to play, and Indigo East women must have the Gateway of Services pass. Please do not wear open-toed shoes.

**April**

10-Linda Myers, Sandy Welch. 9-Marge Adragna, Kathy Kloos. 8-Cari Martin, Elena Sumpter.

Congratulations to Kristi Hilton for her first 30-plus. Happy shuffling. See you on the courts.

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**Fitness Happenings**

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**Floor Freedom**

As we age, we sometimes put activities on the "I don't do that anymore" list. Getting up and down off the floor seems to be one of those activities. Unfortunately, this can limit opportunities to live an active, robust life; things like gardening, getting down playing with grandchildren, or attending a yoga class. Additionally, the less we get down and up, the harder it gets. We took this ability for granted in our younger days; however, it is not too late to regain the necessary strength, and learn the techniques required to conquer this task.

Several factors make getting down and up off the floor more challenging as we get older. Physical decline, a history of injury or surgery, a decreased range of movement and balance issues can all have a negative influence on our ability to feel confident with this task. Not to mention possibly feeling embarrassed over a less than graceful execution of doing so. Someone's actual ability may be clouded by their reluctance to even try. Unfortunately, this is a cyclical problem, as the avoidance of the getting down and up leads to further reduction in the ability to do so.

As we age, there is an inevitable degenerative process. When left unchecked, this can have a negative effect on how we look, feel and function. Daily activities and everyday movements can become increasingly challenging and eventually there may be an avoidance in doing them. Getting up and down off the floor is a good example. Avoiding the floor not only limits choices; there is also the concern of finding yourself on the floor due to a fall and unable to get up. This is especially troubling due to something called "found-down syndrome." Found-down syndrome highlights the correlation between the amount of time someone remains on the ground after a fall and the severity of the ensuing injuries because of the fall. The unfortunate reality is that the longer someone remains on the ground after a fall, the worse the injuries will be.

The On Top of the World fitness team is here to help you conquer the ability to get down and up from the floor. Join us for Floor Freedom Monday, June 27, from 1 to 2:20 p.m. at the Recreation Center Fitness Center. The Floor Freedom class will educate you on how you can regain strength safely and effectively, and provide you with simple exercises. We will then demonstrate how to get down and up from the floor with the assistance of a chair. No registration is required, for more information please call 352-387-7532.

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**JUNE 2022 FITNESS**

**RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Dance Aerobics DENISE P.	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Warrior MAUREEN	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Dance Aerobics CAMMY
9:00 am	S.O.S. GIB	Dance Aerobics JACKIE	S.O.S. LARRY	Dance Aerobics DENISE P.	S.O.S. GIB
10:00 am	Balance Body LINDA	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body MARGO
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI	Brain Power CAMMY & SUE	Get Fit While You Sit GIB	Move to Improve Parkinson's SUE	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI
11:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>	Dance Aerobics DENISE P.		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics DENISE P.
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
2:00 pm				Tai Chi JIT	
3:00 pm	Blended Yoga JOE		Chair Yoga TRISH	Qigong JIT	
5:00 pm		Intro Hatha Yoga KATHY		Yoga SANDRA	

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**ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Pilates Fusion GIB	Yoga JOE	Pilates Fusion BRENDA	Yoga MELANIE
10:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG LINDA	Yoga MAUREEN	STRONG JOHN
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TRISH		
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*	

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 am	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 am	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
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**	Closed for Cleaning 10:30 - 12:30 pm	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming		Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 pm	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**				Deep Water Fitness Class**
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
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HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR HURRICANE SEASON:

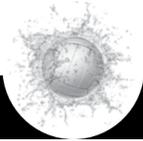
- Build a disaster supply kit (first aid kit, water, canned food supply, etc.)
- Compile a list of medications, including dosage and frequency. Have a 7-day supply on hand, particularly special needs items like oxygen tanks
- Those with special needs should register with the Marion County Special Needs Program to receive assistance during a disaster ([marionso.com/special-needs-program](http://marionso.com/special-needs-program) or (352) 369-8100)
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn ornaments, patio furniture, etc.)
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters\*
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank and any gas cans you may have
- Obey evacuation orders
- Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals
- Register for emergency alerts at [alertmarion.com](http://alertmarion.com)

Visit [www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php) and [www.ready.gov/hurricane](http://www.ready.gov/hurricane) for additional information.

\*Please refer to the Association Rules as to when hurricane shutters may be closed. #10703 - 7/20

**Arbor Water Volleyball Club**

Karen Kenton



The weather outside is getting hot and so is the fun at the Arbor Fitness Center indoor pool! That is where our club meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to splash and play from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. If you enjoy the game of volleyball and you like water sports, this is the game for you! If you're interested but lack experience, come give it a try. We will help you learn! Plan to arrive 15 to 20 minutes early to sign in.

If you join us, one of the interesting people you will meet is Sandie Capelli. She and her husband Joe call On Top of the World home after spending many years living

in The Villages. She is originally from Toms River, New Jersey. Before retiring, Sandie worked in code enforcement as a housing inspector. Sandie brings 10 years of water volleyball experience to our club. When she's not playing, Sandie enjoys the Tall Tale Travelers RV Club and singing in several choral groups. Sandie says she likes water volleyball for the exercise, friendships, and fun. She would like to see the club expand to offer clinics once a month on Wednesdays to teach various aspects of the game, such as setting or serving. The board welcomes and will consider all suggestions that promote the game of water volleyball!

In closing, we want to give a hearty shout out to all the pool monitors, especially Jim, Peggy, and Chip, for all the help they give to our club!

Please note that The Arbors is scheduled for renovations and will be closed Monday, June 13 through Sunday, June 19. Other than that week, "See you at the pool!"

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**Nutrition That Boosts Brain Power**

A healthy balanced diet is not only important for the body but also for the brain. It is important to consider nutrition from a broad perspective and make choices that enhance the health of our bodies and brains. Dr. Barnard, author of Healthy Foods for the Brain, highlights using power foods to optimize brain health and function. Dr. Barnard notes that foods high in vitamin E, B6, B12 and folate are important to "build your vitamin shield" and protect the health of your brain. Vitamin E is an antioxidant acting to protect brain cells against free radical damage. The B

vitamins also act as protectors, they work as a team to eliminate homocysteine (ho-mo-sis-teen), small destructive molecules that can circulate in your bloodstream.

Foods high in vitamin E: broccoli, spinach, sweet potatoes, mangoes, avocados, almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts, pine nuts, pecans, pistachios, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds and flaxseed

Foods high in B6 vitamins: green vegetables, whole grains, sweet potatoes, bananas, and nuts

Foods high in B12 vitamins: fortified breads and cereals, animal proteins. (I should point out that Dr. Barnard does not advocate a diet that includes animal protein due to the saturated fats.)

Foods high in folate: when it comes to folate think of "foliage" broccoli, spinach, asparagus, and other green leafy vegetables

Besides the vitamin shield, Dr. Barnard notes that the type of fat you are getting in your diet is also critical to brain health. He says that you should "give your brain an oil change" by substituting the unhealthy saturated and trans fats with healthy fats. The typical American diet is high in saturated fats. The largest source of saturated fats in the American diet is from dairy foods, and meats are a close second. A four-year study showed that people who got 25 grams of saturated fat a day were at twice the risk for Alzheimer's disease. Here is how easy it is to get 25 grams of saturated fat in a day: bacon and eggs for breakfast, grilled cheese sandwich for lunch and a portion of meat for dinner. The Alzheimer's Association notes that people who were obese in middle age were twice as likely to develop dementia in later life. A diet high in saturated fat is bad for the waistline and the brain. Dr. Barnard sums this up succinctly "bad for the heart, bad for the brain."

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Mother's Day tree at the Recreation Center.



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Overhead view of the R/C car track.

**R/C Car Club**

Gene Mangold



It's loud and noisy with crashes, racing announcements, yelling, cheering, and an occasional, oh my goodness, oh no! Cars are flipping, flying, spinning out of control, and crashing, and it is something to experience. R/C car racing has become a major spectator sport, it's free, and it's right here within the gates of On Top of the World. Bring your family and come out at 9 a.m. and stay until 11:30 a.m. or later on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The races are spectacular entertainment, and you'll have a great time. You'll need to bring your golf cart, chairs, and a sun umbrella.

Unfortunately, the covered pit tables are closed during the races for safety and insurance requirements. The pit area is where cars are tuned, repaired, and tested, and it is pretty crowded during racing. After the races, please come to the pit area, visit the drivers, and see all of the spectacular cars. You'll learn about the R/C cars and the club and enjoy our racing stories.

You can expect around 15 races in two separate events, lasting for three minutes and a two-minute pause between races as Marshals place cars in their starting posi-

**Fit Tips**

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**What Goes Down, Must Get Up**

Can you get down and up from the floor with strength and confidence? If you answered "no," there is likely a host of reasons preventing you from doing so. Age related muscle loss, injuries, and surgeries are some of the things that make this task difficult. You can regain strength, and you can learn techniques to avoid pain when getting up and down from the floor. Here are some tips to help you get down and get back up again.

**FIT TIP #1:** Increase your strength – getting up and down from the floor requires strength in your upper body, lower body and core. Start with the strength machines in the fitness centers or try one of the strength training fitness classes. Group fitness schedules are posted here in the World News and can be found on OTOWInfo.com.

**FIT TIP #2:** Get to all fours – once you have established enough strength to lower yourself to the floor, get to your hands and knees on "all fours." Balance your weight between your knees and your hands.

**FIT TIP #3:** Strong leg forward – step your strongest leg forward and bring both hands to that leg. Push with your arms into your leg and lift your chest, bringing your trunk to vertical. Tuck the toes under on the back leg and push with both your lower and upper body strength to stand upright. Bring both feet together underneath you.

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tions. The first 15 races event is for qualifying positions in the second point's event. There is an intermission for approximately 10 minutes between events. You can expect to see lots of crashes and noise, as mentioned earlier. It is very competitive, so yelling and cheering are encouraged.

Our little white shack on the edge of the track is our computer control room, where the race manager makes racing announcements on outside speakers. Elapsed times and finished positions are determined in the shack and posted following each race. You'll also see an elevated stand where up to seven drivers can better see their cars as the cars travel around the track in the distance. We were hoping to have a covered bleacher area and bathroom facilities for you spectators by this time of year, but due to shortages and budget constraints.

**April**

Novice-Becky Queen. Two-wheel drive Truggy-Gene Chicoine. Two-wheel drive buggy-Ken Berry. Four-wheel drive buggy-Terry Altman. Two-wheel drive truck-Dave Johnson. Four-wheel drive truck-JD Taylor. Touring-Dominic Papa. Pan Car-Jim Ellis. Traxxas-Jim Ellis.

R/C car races start at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the R/C car track. Slot car racing on Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Music Rooms I-II and Legend Cars on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the R/C car track. Call President Fred Penichet at 914-588-7293 for information.

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## Sidekicks Western Dance

Barbara Scales



D-Day was June 6, 1944. They did not give up, and neither should we. Living in this community allows us ample opportunities to test our resolve, to be young at heart, to reach beyond what our ancestors and our parents had to make ourselves into a stronger, fitter person. The soldiers, sailors, and airmen risked it all for our sakes. They deserve nothing but the best from each of us. Honor our military men and women past and present. Be counted. Strive to be mentally and physically strong.

There is an adorable little video put out on the Mayo Clinic website that promotes positive thinking, with a can-do attitude. It gives hints on how to defeat fear and negativity in your life. It is quite inspiring. To see the short video visit [mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/resilience-training/multimedia/train-your-brain-to-be-happy/vid-20125396](https://www.mayoclinic.org/tests-procedures/resilience-training/multimedia/train-your-brain-to-be-happy/vid-20125396) and after you view that, remember, Sidekicks is one of the best ways to begin your journey.

Over the years, Sidekicks has introduced more than 70 dances. When the class resumes in the fall, several couples will share responsibility for leading the dance sessions. Therefore, designated teachers will review the prior week's dances and introduce a few new ones. Sidekicks is deeply grateful to those who have accepted the leadership roles.

Years ago, Sidekicks met on Sunday evenings to practice. To our good fortune, Bill and Lois Hull have generously donated their time to resume Sunday evening practice sessions. Thank you, Bill and Lois!

Sidekicks enjoyed their end of the year party, dining on pizza and cupcakes while listening to music. The summer session resumes lessons on Tuesday, June 28, with the primary focus on assisting beginners. However, this class is open to all members who wish to practice Sidekicks dances. After Tuesday, Aug. 16, everyone gets a break as we prepare for the fall. The next beginners' class will not be available again until January 2023.

Summertime is no time to let your skills go by the wayside. There is a great deal of opportunity to get out and dance all summer long. At The Town Square on Tuesdays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays you can line dance or partner dance to recorded music. And there are live entertainers who play at The Town Square on Fridays and Saturdays. Additionally, musical entertainment is available in the Recreation Center Ballroom, as well as outside

at the pavilion on Friday evenings. There is plenty of opportunity to dust off those lazy, hazy days of summer cobwebs. So, come on out, shake your tail feathers, and keep dancing until our organized classes begin again.

## Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



In April, line dancing began a new season of recorded music and dancing at The Town Square. Every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. there is organized line dancing.

Periodically, the music and line dances for Thursdays are reviewed and updated by our line dancers. New dances are taught monthly by instructor Darlene Miller.

Many dancers enjoy the addition of new material at the Thursday dances as it gives them the opportunity to practice new steps to new songs. There are also dances considered classics by the line dance community. Some classic dances

that were in the prior year's program are temporarily retired and other classics are taken out of retirement for the new year. A few classics, such as "Boot Scootin' Boogie," music by Brooks & Dunn, always have a place on the current list.

The project of compiling the 2022-2023 program of music and dances began in January. Comradery and fun are the goals. There is a large library of songs and line dances that have been developed over the years of line dancing at On Top of the World, so there are many choices.

The first step in the project was to request the opinions of the experienced dancers regarding the music they wanted to hear and

the steps they wanted to dance. The dancers submitted lists of the favorites. The lists included both new dances and classics.

The dance music at The Town Square on Thursday evenings is recorded. The amount of time between the ending of a song and the

beginning of the next song is an important factor in the ease of dancing and the fun of listening to music. Dancers need time to prepare for the next dance. Some dances start after the first few notes of a song. Other dances have a longer musical introduction. The shorter the musical introduction, the more time is needed between songs.

Another consideration in the organization of the dances is the genre of the music. There are waltzes, the cha-cha, modern, and two step, to name a few. Some of the different types of songs are distributed in the rotation so that they are played weekly. Waltzes have loyal fans in On Top of the World line dancing, so waltzes are danced each week.

There are several people and lots of laughs at The Town Square on Thursdays. It is a fun opportunity to dance and visit with friends. Some people attend just to listen to the music. No matter what your level of dance knowledge, there is a place for you in line dancing. We hope that you will join us.

For detailed information regarding line dancing, contact Darlene Miller at 352-2593695 or Sheryl Bradley for information regarding her classes at [sbradley057@yahoo.com](mailto:sbradley057@yahoo.com).

## Ballet

Eugenie Martin



Aside from exercising and toning our bodies while we move to beautiful music in our ballet classes, we have the joy of meeting new women and developing friendships and support systems. Maybe that's just the way women are, but I enjoy seeing it in our classes. If someone is down for some reason, or needs information, or has a problem that needs some help, then other dancers are there to assist. We also give "hand-me-across" ballet and regular clothes and pass around books for others to read. Some dancers get together outside of class for outings or other socializing.

The Ballet Club is a wonderful group. Come join us and get the social benefits as well as the exercise and dance benefits. To start, no ballet clothes are necessary – just stretchy exercise clothes and socks, and a bottle of water, of course. Our classes are all held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. For information on which class might be best for you, please call me at 352-854-8589.

The class schedule is as follows:

- Tuesdays: Beginner from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; More advanced from 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays: More advanced from 1 to 2:15 p.m.
- Fridays: Beginner from noon to 1:15 p.m.
- Saturdays: More advanced from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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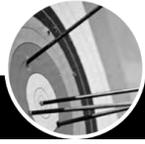
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**Archery Club**



**Dee Dombach**

If you are intrigued by archery but may be a little timid, intimidated, or just not ready to join the Archery Club yet, there are several ways you can become familiarized with the club and the sport before you join.

Our new website, otowarchery.com, has been developed with everything you need to know about the club. Under the New Members tab, you'll find information about the benefits of archery, how to join the club, the three levels of membership (individual, household, and resident associate), downloadable application forms, club range insurance, an overview of mandatory safety and orientation training, and contact information for the club president, Bob Papirner, and vice president, Mark D'Addario.

The Calendar tab contains downloadable monthly calendars listing tournaments, fun shoots, new member training, range closings, social events, and scheduled board meetings.

The Education tab provides access to information on our classes, workshops, and training materials. On this tab, you can read the class descriptions and download PDFs of the class PowerPoints. Here you can learn the basics of archery rules and etiquette, types of bows and equipment, and become familiar with sport specific terminology and practices.

The Mentor tab describes a recent initiative in which more experienced club members volunteer to mentor newer club members if they request assistance. Volunteer mentors are listed with their areas of expertise and contact information.

Under the More tab, you can find photos of events, the history of the club, a list of board members, downloadable guest registration packets and instructions, shooting commands, club bylaws, newsletters, and more.

Prospective archers can try their hand at archery through the resident associate membership. This membership affords prospective members safety training, archery basics, and the ability to use club equipment on three times for \$15. If an associate member decides to join the club, the \$15 fee will be applied to their full membership cost.

Anyone interested can visit the range, located behind the Veterans Park, to observe and talk to some of our members. Our archers are friendly and happy to share their love of the sport. If you still have questions, you can reach out to club leadership at archeryclubotow@gmail.com.

Club membership is open to all residents. Complete the application form, sign the waiver forms, attend a safety orientation with basic instruction and pay the annual dues. Club equipment is available for all members to use until such time that they decide to purchase their own equipment. All are welcome to join our club whether they have been shooting for 50 years or are just getting started. We hope to see you on the range soon!

**Call of the Wild Sports Club**



**Jeff Wiita**

I have often said that the best tasting fish that I have ever had was the halibut I caught out of Seward, Alaska on the Kenai Peninsula in front of the Kenai Fjords. Well, that has changed. Now, I heard hog snapper was the best tasting fish, but I haven't tasted hog snapper. I may change my position again, but as of right now, the gag grouper has knocked off the halibut. And that wasn't an easy job.

I first tasted grouper at Annie's Café up by Cedar Key, Florida. I never purchase fish at a restaurant, and I don't know what caused me to purchase a grouper sandwich. I chose to have them blacken the grouper. There was love after first bite. The grouper melted in my mouth.

Whether you catch a gag grouper on a charter boat or purchase elsewhere, I would like to share the recipe we used to prepare the grouper, for you groupies.

My wife, Sandy, got this recipe from the internet. The recipe is for two pounds of grouper fillet. A 28-inch grouper produces three pounds; therefore, you would have to increase the recipe by 50%.

- 1/4 cup of butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black or white pepper
- 2 pounds grouper fillets
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1/8 teaspoon paprika  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Combine melted butter and lemon juice in a small bowl. Brush two tablespoons of this mixture on a piece of foil placed on a broiler pan. Mix garlic salt, parsley, paprika, and pepper. Sprinkle spice mixture on both sides of fillets. Bake fillets until meat flakes, about 10 minutes. Brush fillets again with lemon butter and spread with mayonnaise. Sprinkle with paprika before serving.

Oh, my goodness! The halibut dynasty has been defeated.

If you are interested in outdoor opportunities in Florida, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club Wednesday, July 6, in the Hobby Building Event Room from 1 to 3 p.m. You will find plenty of friends with recipes to share, and they may just take you to their secret fishing spot. If you would like further information or have any questions about our club, feel free to contact Scott Bloch, our president, at 614-806-6738.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly**



**Gail Hopper**

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) advocates healthy eating and moderate exercise to achieve weight loss and maintain it. TOPS is a weight-loss support group that's affordable and works. No fad diets or foods to buy in our program. Eat what you love and lose weight. We offer two TOPS chapters here at On Top of the World.

Mondays in the Hobby Building Art Room with weigh-in

at 6 p.m.; meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Linda Sisco (ljsisco@comcast.net).

Tuesdays in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room with weigh-in at 9:30 a.m.; meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. with Gail Hopper (gailhopper@yahoo.com).

Members must be residents, or if in Indigo East, have an active Gateway of Services pass. You can also find us on Facebook (OTOW TOPS).

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**R/C Flyers Club**

**Dan Gaffin**



The world of aviation has advanced significantly since the time of the Wright Brothers. The first planes were built from wood and fabric and now the more advanced aircraft are built from modern alloys and composites. This is especially true with the building of military aircraft.

Two of the most modern military aircraft are the F-22 Raptor and B-2 Stealth Bomber which is also known as the B-2 Spirit.

These aircraft are categorized as the fifth-generation aircraft. The stealthiness of these planes are due to a combination of the surface angles of the planes and the composites that encompass the outer shell of the fuselage. The design of these aircraft is difficult to detect on radar and their signals on radar appear around the size of a bird.

The F-22 Raptor is a twin engine plane that is powered by a F119 afterburner that has a thrust vectoring exhaust system. The aircraft also has a M61 Gatling gun that is capable of firing 6000 rounds per minute, has two weapon bays and is capable of air to air and air to ground attack.

The B-2 Stealth Bomber is a flying wing that absorbs radar signals and deflects radar signals making it undetectable which allows the plane to penetrate deep into enemy territory. The B-2 is considered a deep strike aircraft and it is powered by four General Electric non-afterburning engines. There have been 21 of the B-2s manufactured and there are still 20 remaining in service today. The next version of the B-2 is currently in late-stage development and has been designated with the name of B-21 Raider.

John Workman has been an aviation enthusiast for most of his life. He started flying R/C airplanes in 1975 and developed a true enthusiasm for military jets and he has been flying R/C jets for many years. John recalls that when he started flying, he would build his own planes from plans and he once tried to build a gas-powered jet, however, the plane did not turn out well. When the R/C plane industry developed the EDF (electric ducted fan) it became much easier to build his



Photo by Dan Gaffin

R/C Flyer John Workman.

own jets. John flies those jets today and owns five of the military style jets.

John moved to On Top of the World in 2013 after retiring. He is originally from Nashville, Tennessee and worked 29 years planning and developing school buildings for the Nashville school board before retirement.

The R/C Flyers club membership is currently at 196 members. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 22, to come out to the next R/C Flyers Club Fly-In. This is a great event and free to attend. Refreshments are available for purchase along with a 50/50 raffle.

If you are considering joining the R/C Flyers there is information available at otowrcflyers.com about how to join.

**Shuffleboard**

**Walt Lamp**



The regular shuffleboard season is officially over. The final scores for the month of April are listed a little further down this column.

We had our luncheon Saturday, April 30. At the meeting, we nominated and selected the board from last year. President Jane Boyer; Vice President Walt Lamp; Secretary Bob Stubbs; and Treasurer Annette Hodges. We also honored the member of our club, who recently retired, John Mataya.

It is time to look forward to the summer season. The schedule remains the same – Monday and

Thursday, 9 a.m.; and Tuesday, 1 p.m. Ten-Pin is Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.

**April**

**Men/Women**

Monday: Charlie Lentz/Vicki Lentz. 30 Club-Vicki Lentz.

Tuesday: Moe Gauthier/Barbara Daughy.

The 30 Club welcomed Charlie Lentz, Dottie Migliaccio, Dode Phillips, and Scott Lyons.

It's officially our 36th season, here at On Top of the World, starting in September.

Are you looking for a fun sport, with nice people? Why not give us a try? Call Jane Boyer at 352-509-7142 or myself at 352-854-9378 for more information.

Have a great summer, whether you're staying here or going north, west, or wherever! Be safe and see you in September.

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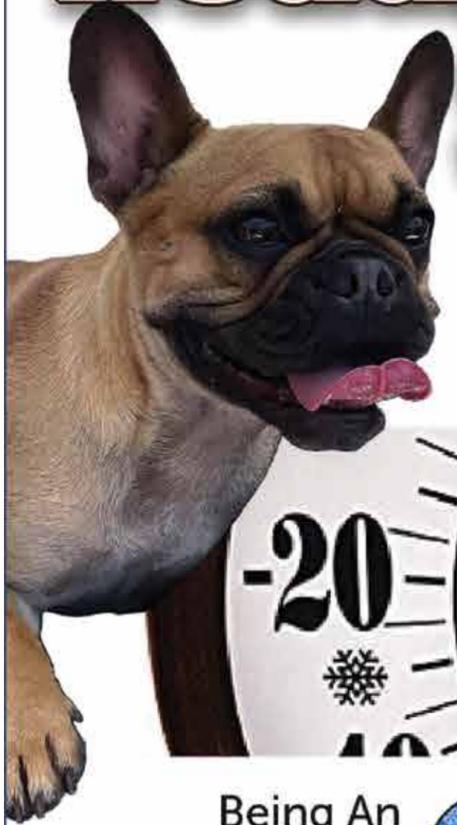


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## Try a New Hobby and Create Something Special

By B.J. Leckbee  
World News Writer

Donna Josephson has a suggestion for those who now have the time to test their artistic abilities: Create something special using stained glass.

In Donna's earlier years of travel, she and husband Joe visited many churches in Germany and other European countries. At some time during those travels, she fell

in love with the way the sun shone through the colorful stained-glass windows in the churches. She knew exactly what she wanted to do when they settled into retirement; and she did it after moving to On Top of the World in 2013.

As luck would have it, Master the Possibilities had (and still has) stained-glass classes on its sched-

ule. She signed up and took other classes throughout Florida as well. The instructor at Master the Possibilities declared her to be a "natural" and asked her to be his assistant. Did she accept? You bet she did. And when he left, she took over teaching on her own. She's still doing it.

Donna keeps the classes small; five or six students at the most. In the beginner's class she teaches the basics. The patterns are easy; and students practice using all the tools before moving on to a project. The project for the most recent beginner class was a scrap glass cat.

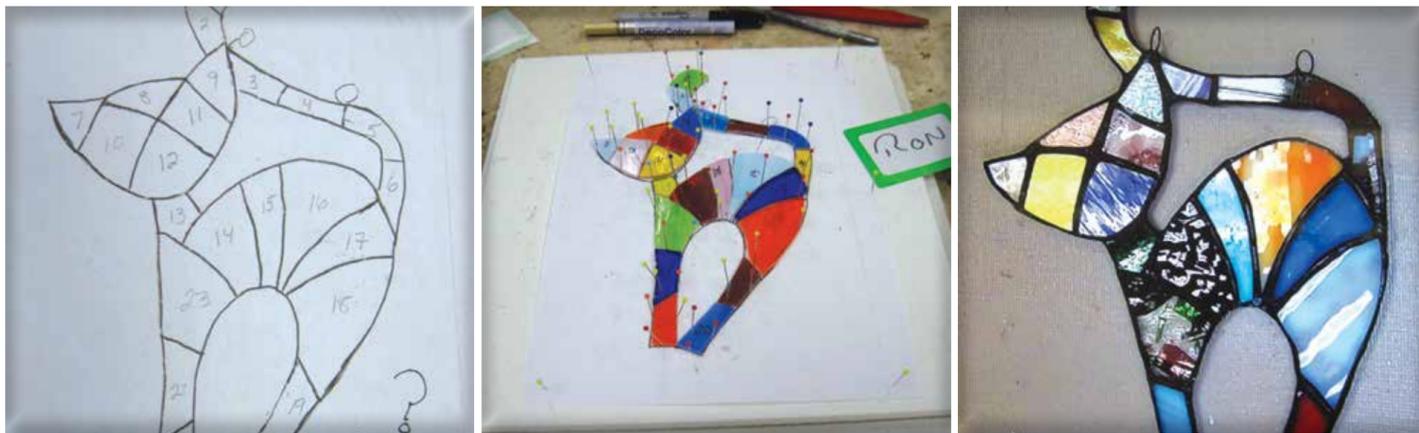
In an advanced class, the students are expected to already have the needed skills. The patterns are harder, with inside curves.

"The style I normally teach is called Tiffany, after Louis Comfort

Tiffany of the Tiffany jewelry family," she explains. "We use copper foil around the glass so the solder will stick to it."

When she's not teaching, Donna can often be found in the studio located inside her garage, which has all the bells and whistles one needs to do stained glass. She credits her husband, Joe, for that. He's a woodworker and builds the work benches, cabinets and glass stands she needs.

Interested? Ready to learn? Check out the new Master the Possibilities catalog for class dates and information about the projects. There will be two instructors listed. Each has a different style. Donna recommends that anyone interested in learning stained glass take classes from more than one instructor and choose the teaching style that is best for them.



Photos by B.J. Leckbee

Left: The pattern. Center: Cut, grind, and solder. Right: Finished stained glass piece.



Photo by Paul Lewandowski

Ocala Union Station - April 2022. CSX (former Seaboard) twin tracks to the right and Florida Northern short line single track in front (former Atlantic Coast Line).

## Terminal vs. Passenger Station

By Paul Lewandowski

How many passenger terminals do we have on our layout? None (trick question). There are three passenger stations on the layout: Franklin, Midway and Harisbergh.

All the stations on our layout are straight-through stations; therefore, they cannot be referred to as "terminals." Terminals are stations where the track comes to an end at the rear of the station house. Such a terminal in Florida was the current Prime Osborne Convention Center in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville terminal was built originally in 1919. New York architect Kenneth M. Murchison won the competition for designing the terminal by borrowing freely from the design of New York's Penn Station (metrojacksonville.com/ - Lost Jacksonville: Union Terminal). The terminal had about a dozen tracks where the trains backed in, so the engines were at the far end of the train from the passenger station to minimize smoke and noise for passengers.

Almost all passenger trains coming into Florida from the north stopped in Jacksonville, thus "Union" in the name. In the early half of the 20th century, one could see engines and cars from the Florida East Coast, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Southern, Illinois Central and Central of Georgia, and cars from those railroads, plus through cars from the Pennsylvania, Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac, Louisville & Nashville, and others. Because the terminal was served by so many different railroads (and each contributed in some part to the operation of it), it became known as Jacksonville

Union Station.

Union stations exist all around America, wherever two or more railroads share the use and maintenance of a single station (or terminal).

We even have one in Ocala. It was built in 1917 by and served the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line railroads. The station still stands, although it is no longer used as a passenger train stop (Amtrak serves Ocala with a bus between Jacksonville and Lakeland). The two tracks going approximately north-south are the CSX tracks, formerly Seaboard Air Line; and the single east-west track (formerly the Atlantic Coast Line) is the Florida Northern Railroad (a short line between Lowell and Candler, through Ocala).

Tampa also has a Union Station, built in 1912 (renovated in 1994). This terminal still hosts at least two trains per day between Miami and New York City. Palatka has a Union Station built by Florida East Coast and Georgia Southern (now part of CSX). The current host railroad is Amtrak. Silver Springs had a Union Station that served the Seaboard and steamboats. That station closed in 1915. Other Union Stations were in Hawthorne, Bartow, and Plant City.

For information on joining our club, call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822. Our club schedules run sessions every Friday (except holidays) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Hobby Building Model Train Room. Club business meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except holidays) at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

## Tesla Light Show

By Dave DeAngelis  
World News Writer

Dan Lack indulged me in my request to take a passenger ride in his Tesla Model 3. The car accelerated quicker than I can type this sentence. My body was slammed back into the seat, and after the dizzying ride of a few seconds, my back never felt better! Cancelled my chiropractic appointment. Quite impressive.

Dan also informed me that the Tesla light show was going to be impressive. He wasn't exaggerating, I mean, electric cars exercising to their own music wasn't what I was expecting. Just music, I thought, as it began to emanate from the cars. Gradually, they began blinking their lights with the side view mirrors moving in tempo with the music, windows doing the same and then, one car's doors came to life, flapping up and down. It really was surprising, like when Alexa suddenly blurts out something about the recommended flying altitude needed to achieve optimal crop-dusting coverage ... when you didn't ask her anything.

Members of the Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club proudly displayed their "computers on wheels" Friday, May 6, in the parking lot adjacent to The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. The show began right at its announced time, shortly after 8 p.m. During the band's in-

termission and soon after the show it became obvious that the spectators truly were impressed and engaged with the performance.

I can't remember when I've ever seen people applauding cars without drivers. Not surprisingly, the Tesla owners engaged themselves in conversation with the crowd at this well-attended event. Kudos to the Clark Barrios Band for alerting the crowd to the upcoming show, and to Big Lee's for satisfying appetites.

A resident of On Top of the World since 2011, having relocated from Kingston, New York, Dan Lack is a retired optometrist and presently a part-time math tutor. In 2019, he switched from his gasoline powered car to his electric powered Tesla and was so pleased with its performance that he started Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club, a club with 40 overall members, 25 of whom are Tesla owners. Dan said that his computer on wheels takes about eight hours to fully charge in his garage, and about 20 minutes to reach a full charge in a "super charge" station.

Many thanks to the Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club for planning and delivering this impressively synchronized show! It was great fun! There was, uh ... electricity in the air (okay, okay, collective groan).



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

Members of the Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club proudly displayed their "computers on wheels" Friday, May 6, at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons.



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**Sewing Bees**

Linda Lohr



The recent Rags to Riches sale was a big success for the Sewing Bees! If you donated items, purchased items, or purchased a ticket for the quilt drawing, we thank you one and all! The happy winner of our beautiful red, white, and blue sailboat quilt was Laura Saporito! Thank you, Bee Betty Webb, for meeting with Laura and presenting her the quilt.

Although some of our snowbirds have headed back north, the rest of us are still working on the quilts and other items needed by our agencies.

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 or Marsha Schmeer at 813-920-3487 with any questions or concerns.

We currently have a need for small stuffed animals, such as Beanie Babies or small teddy bears as well as Christmas and boy-themed material for quilts.

If you are cleaning out your closets, these items are donated to the preschoolers at Head Start along with our quilts.

And we thank you for your contributions of fabric, thread and batting and your continuing support.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Sewing Bees quilt won by Laura Saporito.

**Bridge Clinic**

By Jean Krueger-Travis

Have you completed several of the beginning bridge classes here at On Top of the World? Are you returning to bridge after many years away from the game? There will be a bridge clinic offered Tuesdays to help you get back into regular games here in the community. For most of the time we will be playing to give everyone practice and experience with different players and situations. There will be occasional topics discussed in some detail. We will occasionally "replay" hands to demonstrate what might have happened in a different situation. Occasionally, we will have so-called "experts" describe their most notable bidding or playing disasters!

There is no charge nor sign-up. Food and drinks (except water) are not permitted.

The bridge clinic will meet Tuesdays, in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, please call Jean Krueger-Travis at 352-414-5907.



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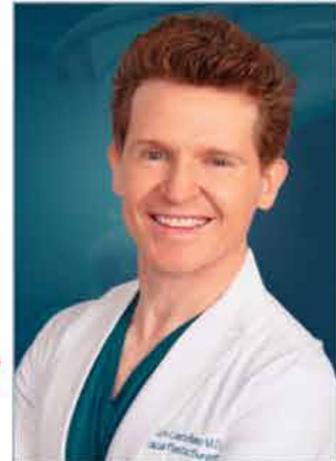
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Nancy Grabowski



We're heading into June and the hot, humid summer days ahead. Why not come to bingo on Wednesdays to cool down a bit? We play in the Recreation Center Ballroom every week, all summer long!

We begin each session with a 70/30 raffle with individual prizes of \$20. The raffle tickets are sold from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Amazingly, our prices have remained constant: three for \$1 or 10 for \$5. As the saying goes, "You have to be in it to win it!"

Playing card prices have remained steadfast, too. Each card is sold for \$1 and is used for all 20 games. The payoff depends on the total sales amount except for game 10 which is always \$75 and game 20 which can reach the maximum payment of \$250.

Playing cards are sold from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. after your resident ID card is shown. Guests are welcomed and are signed in by the accompanying resident. There are no reserved seats although each person may save one chair for someone. Please respect the volunteer signs at seats as they indicate a volunteer is working before the games and will return shortly.

Safety remains a priority to each of us. We cannot enter the room until the maintenance personnel have set up the tables and chairs. Don't tip chairs forward as it poses a tripping hazard. Watch for spilled water particularly near the entrance to the Pub where water is provided for all players. When exiting at the end of the evening, watch for cars and carts or better yet, use the sidewalks.

Join us for a cool night of fun soon! See you there!

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**Bridge**



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

**April 11**  
1: Bob Kraus & Craig Ford; 2: Linda & Bill Ryan; 3: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 4: Linda Yuen & Mike Meirick; 5: Mar Balchin & Bruce Gillett.

**April 18**  
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Mar Balchin & Bruce Gillett; 3: Donna Peters & Shirley Stolly; 4: Mary Walken & Carol Johnson; 5: Bill & Linda Ryan.

**April 25**  
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Mar Balchin & Bruce Gillett; 3: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 4: Phyllis & Herb Silverman.

**May 2**  
1: Bev Meirick & Craig Ford; 2: Mar Balchin & Bruce Gillett; 3: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 5: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac.

**Tuesday Night Duplicate**  
By Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor

If you enjoy playing rubber bridge but have never played duplicate, you can learn the mechanics in just a few minutes. Then you'll be playing the same hands as every other pair and you can hone your skills, because the keys to winning are good bidding and good play, not being dealt the best cards.

We meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in. Bring a partner and \$0.50 per person. After all the boards are scored, this is distributed the following week to the top teams.

You can also play occasionally as a substitute if that's what you prefer. Contact us and we will put you on our list. For more information, you can contact Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525 or Gayle Taylor at 352-387-9571.

April 12

**North/South**  
1: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell; 2: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

**East/West**  
1: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp; 2: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller.

**April 19**  
**North/South**  
1: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 2: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell; 3: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

**East/West**  
1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 2: Barbara Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp.

**April 26**  
1: Arlene Loepp & Sharon Miller; 2: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 3: Mary Bloch & Gina Andrejak; 4: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell.

**May 3**  
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 4: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen.

**May 10**  
1: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 2: Billie Andersen & Connie Campbell; 3: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 4: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
By Debbie Quinn

**April 6**  
1: Rik Saffol; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Mar Valchin; 4: Judi Wallace & Bruce Gillett; Cons: Jane Brown.

**April 13**  
1: Rik Saffol; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Linda Carlis; 4: Joe McKeown; 5: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Lucy Malloy.

**April 20**  
1: Craig Ford; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Bernie Kelly; 4: Billie Andersen; Cons: Joe McKeown.

**April 27**  
1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Pat Quinn; 4: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

**Thursday Afternoon**  
By Marlene Floeckher

**April 7**  
1: Pat Quinn; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Bruce Gillett; 4: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

**April 14**  
1: Craig Ford; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Billie Anderson; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Joseph McKeown.

**April 21**  
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Rik Saffol; 4: Joseph McKeown; Cons: Betty Morris.

**April 28**  
1: Pat Quinn; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Steve Sekac; 4: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Linda Curtiss.

**Thursday Night**  
By Jeff & Pam Bell

Come join us at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the Recreation Center Lounge. No need to bring a partner, we will pair up by luck of the draw and rotate partners through the evening. Bring \$0.25 and a smile. All levels are welcome.

**April 14**  
1: Lucy Molloy; 2: Brent Powell; Tie at 3: Pam & Jeff Bell.

**April 21**  
1: Mary Bloch; 2: Dean Samuel; 3: Jean Krueger.

**April 28**  
1: Jeff Bell; 2: Dean Samuel; 3: Sara Anderson.

**May 5**  
1: Jeff Bell; 2: Dean Samuel; 3: Mary Bloch.

**Bunco Babes Social Group**

Michelle Malsch



The group meets in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, June 28. Registration is at 6:30 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. You do not have to call to register. You need only show up. You may bring a guest. The room is set up for 32 players. Please make sure you arrive on time to reserve your spot. It will be first come, first served. Always check the World News for the latest updates for our group.

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. 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 snack if you wish. There is a short intermission after the first three sets have been played.

Come join in the 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!

**Euchre**



**Friday Night**  
By Mary Bloch

**April 1**  
1: Billy Swing; 2: Donna Turner; 3: Carol Condino.

**April 8**  
1: Doug Hines; 2: Phyllis Jarskey; Tie at 3: Billy Swing & Jean Gillette.

**April 15**  
1: Billy Swing; 2: Doug Hines; 3: Mary Bloch.

**April 22**  
1: Mary Bartell; Tie at 2: Lawrence Remer & Donna Turner; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

**April 29**  
1: Richard Bartell; 2: Phyllis Jarskey; 3: Billy Swing.

**Pinochle**



**Tuesday Night**  
By Herb Katz

**April 5**  
1: Rick Carroll; 2: James Tomaszek; 3: Dan Ebbinghausen.

**April 12**  
1: Ed Casper; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Billy Swing.

**April 19**  
1: Bruce Gillett; 2: James Tomaszek; 3: Lee Freehauf.

**April 26**  
1: Edith Kolb; Larry Black; 3: Jim Magoon.

**Friday Morning**  
By Mary Hannon

**April 15**  
1: Jim Recor; 2: Judy Black; 3: Debbie Martello.

**April 22**  
1: Cheryl Adams; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Al Whitford.

**April 29**  
1: Al Whitford; 2: Phyllis Jarskey; 3: Jim Recor.

**May 6**  
1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Debbie Martello.

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**Happy Hookers**

Jan Spielvogel



The snowbirds in our group have departed, but the group size on a regular basis has not changed! This is because we continue to have new members each week. We are pleased and excited to welcome new ladies on a regular basis. Please come join us!

The 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, agenda nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needle-pointing, 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 either Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or Kathleen Frost at 925-960-5945 to arrange for pickup.

**Poetry**

Linda Toner



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**Artistic Crafts & Gifts**

Chris Kilbride



The Artistic Crafts & Gift Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is taking a summer break until Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans. All resident crafters are welcome to display virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show in the fall.

So don't write us off just because we are not selling in person on Tuesdays. Each vendor on our website has provided contact information, and you still have access to all the wonderful things they have for sale.

This part is directed toward anyone who has anything to sell. One easy avenue for any crafter is with a free online shopping cart. Years ago, you needed to learn computer code to build a website, and now you type your wording, and drag a photo from your computer to place it on your page. Just start an account with any website builder (Square, Weebly, GoDaddy, Paypal, etc.), and use their free website offer. If you don't mind, your website moniker has their company name in the beginning of the URL and your "shop name" tagged on at the end. You can upgrade to a paid plan and get a domain "your shop name" dot com.

You can't carry around all your products to show people, so just design a business card with your website on it. Customers can take their time at home to peruse all your

wonderful photos, variety of priced products, and buy online. Customers get an instant receipt through their credit card company, and you get a receipt through your website account.

Ask other crafters how they are making sales at local venues. Some do cash only, and many are online. Some people can swipe credit cards in person with a small device or one attached to their smartphone or tablet. Now there are even touch-free payments when you set up a QR code for your store or table; customers use their smartphone and app to pay, with no devices needed. Web builders and payment solution companies have made it low tech so that more vendors can sell online using step-by-step instructions. All companies have help sections where you can search for topics and get more information.

Many customers walking through craft show venues only carry so much cash on them. They usually prefer to use a credit card, and often spend more when the vendor offers an easy credit card solution. Perhaps take these summer months to get credit card savvy and/or design a website to showcase your creative endeavors.

All our crafters are now part of our website, displaying a wide variety of handicrafts. Any crafter can make individual arrangements for anyone to purchase throughout the week using cash, check, or credit card.

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

[OTOWInfo.com](http://OTOWInfo.com)

**Theatre Group**

Richard Rosen



The Theatre Group concluded its year on April 10, with elections for new and existing board members. Wayne Dilts was elected president, Dave Wesenberg was elected vice president, with Carole Beauchamp retaining her position as secretary and Russ Kaye continuing as treasurer. The at-large board members will be Jane Bennett-Bailey and Richard Rosen.

We will be welcoming new members into the group later in the sum-

mer, and shortly thereafter will begin casting and rehearsals for our next musical project in January. It will be a dazzling musical theater tribute to George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerry Herman. If you loved our production of "The Best of Times" be prepared to be dazzled even more with our next production!

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**Fun with Golf Carts**

Susan Pulling Robinson



The Memorial Day parade Saturday, May 28, was planned in honor of those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Scheduled events included a potluck picnic in the Veterans Park.

Club members will spend the month of June planning and decorating their carts for some exciting Fourth of July celebrations. Details to follow.

Membership in the Fun with Golf Carts Facebook group is now well over 300, so it is no wonder that the parades are getting bigger and better! If you have a golf cart, please consider jazzing it up (or not) and joining in as we "parade for a cause." Each parade benefits one or more local charities.

To follow us on Facebook, search for OTOW Fun with Golf Carts, then click "Join Group." For more information or to receive emails about this club, please email otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com.

All parades start at the Recreation Center, with lineup and charitable donations at 9:45 a.m., and pullout at 10 a.m. The route for a given parade is posted on Facebook (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts and OTOW Chatroom). If the parade is not coming by your house, please come see the action as we leave the Recreation Center promptly at 10 a.m.

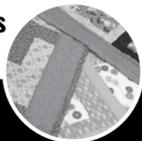


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Golf cart decorated for the Memorial Day parade.

**Sunshine Quilters**

Arliss Day



Our Sunshine Quilter of the month is Joan Rudolph. Joan is an accomplished quilt maker and has won many ribbons for her work. Joan has taught classes on different techniques and quilt patterns and her work is awesome. Joan comes here from Tampa, Florida where she spent most of her adult life. She earned a master's degree from University of South Florida. Then she became a school counselor for 26 years in Hillsborough County. Joan moved to here in 2016 after she retired. She has been a member of the Tampa Quilting Guild for over 20 years and is still an active member.

Joan has been sewing since she was a child; she got her first sewing machine at eight years old. In 1980, she saw a Better Homes and Garden magazine at the checkout counter "Make this quilt for under \$50 in one weekend" and she was hooked. She has been making quilts ever since. Her favorite sewing machine is a Bernina and currently has two of them, one of them being an embroidery machine.

One of her favorite things to do is pick specific fabric for each quilt she makes, along with the piecing process. Because she has such a large fabric stash her favorite go



Photo by Gail Schultz

Joan and one of her scrappy quilts.

to quilt is a scrappy quilt, and they have become her favorite.

Her favorite thing about Sunshine Quilters Club? Joan finds our club to be a very fun and welcoming group, where we all help each other. And we laugh a lot.

Our upcoming Tuesday club activities are:

- June 7: Monthly meeting and sit and sew.
- June 14: Making an apron (part I).

- June 21: Making an apron (part II).
- June 28: Block of the month.

We welcome new members who are interested in learning how to make quilts and other items. Our club meets every Tuesday in the Hobby Building Art Room from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call Gail Schultz at 352-304-9159 for more information.

**Longleaf Ridge Friends**

Michelle Migdal, Kathleen Taylor, & Debra Vitale



Longleaf Ridge residents were very busy during the last week of April. Not only did new neighbors get together at a potluck at the Al-lard's home; over 80 friends attended the luau hosted by the Cepanec's, the Heys' and the Kimmel's. Hawaiian leis and ukulele music (special thanks to Janet Voyles and the Ukulele Club) added joy to the festivities.

In sports news, Longleaf Ridge neighbors continue to challenge each other on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. for open pickleball. All levels are welcome.

Special thanks to our bocce team for participating in the tournament

and celebratory dinner.

A new club, Around the World Vacation Club, for those who love to travel, meets the second Thursday of each month at the Arbor Conference Dance Studio IV.

If you are a future or current

homeowner in Longleaf Ridge, we'd like to connect with you! Please join our Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends) or send an email to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to Longleaf Ridge!

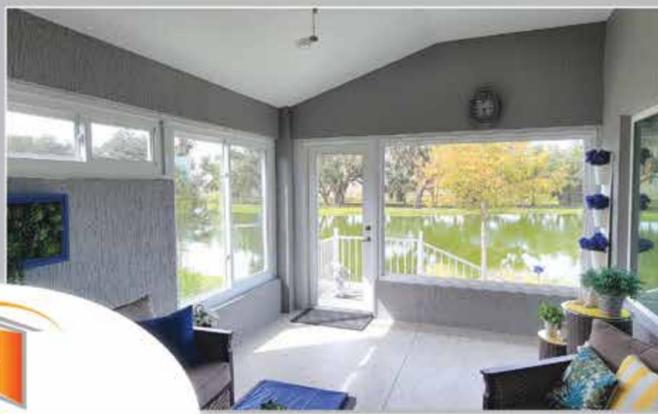


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Luau hosts Jerry Kimmel, Vickie Kimmel, Bob Cepanec, Marilyn Cepanec, Sandi Heys and John Heys.

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**ShutterBugs Photography**

Connie Filip



While in Master the Possibilities' lobby last month to see Denise's photo display, I stopped to talk to a friend who introduced me to a couple of newer residents sitting at her table, Susan Pulling and Parker Robinson.

I enjoyed meeting them and was enthralled by their enthusiasm for how they've utilized their photos from the many trips they've taken over the years. Parker has chosen his best - some 5,000 photos - to display! How? He's dedicated a large screen LED television to display them during waking hours. Some of their favorites are pictures of family and from their many trips to national parks. Parker said that those photos were never looked at before and his project reawakened his love for photography. What a wonderful way to re-spark a hobby and relive memories!

Photographs indeed capture our memories, and you can find Matthew Corey's favorites on display in the Master the Possibilities lobby in June.

He chose them "to provoke thought ... if you admire it or dislike it then I've done my job."

Because he likes shooting moving objects, he usually shoots in

manual mode or shutter priority. This gets him the best possible image quality with a fast shutter speed, followed by setting the remaining elements of the exposure triangle based on his scene's lighting.

He says, "I love to shoot fast moving objects, such as birds in flight, airplanes, jets, and fast-moving cars. I find it challenging both physically and technically. In preparation of the last air show I practiced shooting anything moving ... butterflies, birds, cars."

Here's one of his photos on display. It earned him a finalist award in a Detroit News contest last year: "Garden City photographer Matthew Corey captured this incredible photo of an F-35 at Willow Run Airport during the Thunder Over Michigan air show."

Matthew says, "My favorite and most used photo editing software is Lightroom and Topaz Labs. Because I shoot in raw format, every image needs to be processed through a raw processor such as Lightroom and Photoshop. I especially like Lightroom because of its cataloging quality."

Look for Matthew doing volunteer photography around Ocala or here on our pickleball courts. You might also enjoy what he has displayed under his name on Flickr.

ShutterBugs June monthly field trip will be the last before summer. Planned for Tuesday, June 7, we'll be going to the Don Garlits Museum. There will be lots of photo



Photo by ShutterBug Matthew Corey

F-35.

opportunities to capture both drag racing and antique cars. Rather than our usual lunch, we'll be getting together over breakfast that morning. Please sign up with John Bauer.

ShutterBugs president, Harry Boyajian continues to facilitate our sharing of photography tips to improve our skills in camera use and editing. Last month we broke out into groups, helping each other

learn more about the settings on our cameras.

Want to learn more about digital? Stop by the Hobby Building Event Room for a ShutterBugs' meeting at 3 p.m. on the third and fourth Tuesdays. There will be limited meetings in July and August.

You can also find our photos and our club calendar at otowspc.com.

For more information contact Harry at 239-336-4804.

**Concert Chorus**

David Wesenberg



The Concert Chorus is looking forward to our winter concert Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4. It will be directed by Mike Nagy and should be full of holiday cheer and good will. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

A great deal of work is needed to prepare for a concert. First is music selection. The Concert Chorus has extensive music archives and an accounting system to track where each copy of a song is located. Some new music is purchased to keep our program lively and current. Choral music for 40 or more members is

expensive. Our collections at concerts help us to purchase new music.

Once the music is selected it is put into a program. The order of music is important to establish the mood of the audience, lifting their spirits and increasing their enjoyment. At this time members may suggest solo or ensemble music to enhance the performance.

Then a schedule of rehearsals is set. Rehearsals are not random events, but planned preparation to perform well. Typically, we have a dozen or so rehearsals for perhaps 20 numbers in two acts. A lot of tuning is required and some numbers may be dropped.

It is fun and satisfying to sing in the chorus and see a program come together.

If you are a singer, or want to be a singer, now is the time to consider joining us. Dues are \$15. But the

chorus is more than just singing and dues. It is a great time to work with other singers, learn a little bit about voice performance, and fellowship with other folks who really support each other and want to learn.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents and Indigo East resi-

dents with a Gateway of Services pass. Please be sure to bring your resident ID card to the first rehearsal you attend and every rehearsal thereafter.

If you plan to join us, contact Mary Ann Majni at flmam68@aol.com for further information.



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The winter concert is scheduled for December.



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**Karaoke Friends**

**Kathy & Charlie Petrosky**



Many say they enjoy doo wop music. So, what does that mean? It is a style of rock and roll characterized by a cappella singing. You can also hear nonsense syllables to support the melody. Musical parts are sung in harmony.

This month we would like to highlight Lorraine Bettica who is a new resident. She loves doo wop



Photo by Steve Warren

Lorraine Bettica.

and harmonizing. Here is what she wants to share with you.

“As a little girl, in Brooklyn, I listened to my nonna’s Enrico Caruso and Mario Lanza records, the big band standards and the famous singers of the 1950s on my mom’s kitchen radio. I loved the music, harmonies, and memorized all the songs by the time I was nine.

As a teenager my new love became doo wop and rock and roll. Even though I loved to sing, no one wanted to hear me. They asked me not to sing. Well, they demanded that I not sing. That certainly crushed my vocal self-confidence. It took me many years to figure out that, of course, they thought I couldn’t carry a tune, all they

heard was me singing the harmony and that can sound weird. I didn’t let that stop me. Even though I couldn’t read music, I taught myself to play the piano, wrote my own songs and sang in private.

Fast forwarding there I was, a 50-year-old woman, imprisoned by her own love of harmony, when the Sweet Adeline’s (barbershop) found me, trained me, and built up my singing confidence. Finally, my musical world opened for me. Soon, I started singing professionally with a swing band and several doo wop groups on Long Island. I was very happy.

Karaoke didn’t exist for me until six years ago because every weekend, my friends and I would sing

our hearts out at various Long Island restaurants with Steve Lynch at his piano.

All that has changed since I moved to On Top of the World and found Kathy and Charlie’s super welcoming Karaoke Friends. How lucky are we who get to sing our hearts out each first and third Monday of the month with Karaoke Friends?

Keep singing! Stay happy!

By the way, I am still singing doo wop with the “Can’t Stop Doo Wop” group.

Come join us on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**View from the Library**

**Linda Barilli**



There once was a country called Ocali, explored briefly by three European nations. They encountered the Timucua Indians, who had followed other far earlier tribes, the builders of the shell mounds.

Welcome to “Ocali Country, Kingdom of the Sun: A History of Marion County, Florida.” Here you will find a plethora of details sure to sate the palate of the most exacting history buff.

Part one, written by Eloise Rob-

inson Ott, begins in 1528 with the landing of the Spaniards on the Gulf Coast. They were in search of gold and other riches.

Following, are the chronological highlights of part one:

- In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
- In 1826, a reservation was established for the Seminole Nation.
- In 1827, Fort King was established and became the hub for government and military.
- From 1842 to 1843, there were 300 land grant permits issued around Fort King, land formerly occupied by Indians.
- In 1844, Marion County became official, with only 1,475 residents.

• In 1846, an area previously explored by Hernando de Soto became officially known as Ocala.

• In 1849, the earliest Florida chapter of the Masonic lodge received its charter.

• In 1860, gigantic deposits of shells were discovered at Silver Glen and Lake George.

• In 1861, Florida troops prepared for the Civil War.

Part two, written by Louis Hickman Chazal, describes the “new south.” Glowing accounts drew folks from all over to Central Florida in the 1880s. At the time, Ocala had 803 inhabitants, Silver Springs being the main attraction.

The first successful railroad tracks were laid in 1879. Flat cars were pulled by mules. By 1881, a depot crossing was laid on North Magnolia Street, and the railroad came to Ocala.

The original 16-acre Tuscawilla Park was a development undertaken by the Ocala Women’s Club as part of a community beautification program in 1887.

Phosphate was discovered in 1889 and the industry rapidly developed.

The “big freeze” of 1894 ruined the citrus groves. By 1895, both banks failed, and the cigar factories closed.

The horse industry began in 1943. In 1956, Needles was the first Florida-bred racehorse to win the Kentucky Derby.

“The Yearling” debuted in 1946. At the same time several films featuring Hollywood stars and sports figures highlighted Silver Springs and Rainbow Springs. This brought a leap in tourism back to Marion County.

“Ocali Country, Kingdom of the Sun” can be found in the Florida non-fiction section labeled 975 OTT.

**Crescent Ridge Happenings**



**Joe Josephson**

On a bright, sunny Mother’s Day, residents of Crescent Ridge gathered at the Veterans Park for a chance to meet their neighbors. It was a terrific opportunity to get to know each other and, of course, the usual questions and answers; where you lived before, how long have you lived here, were asked, and answered. And for new residents it is an opportunity to get “old-timers” to give advice on where to eat, how to get things done around the house, doctors, dentists, and vets.

And each meeting is an opportunity to enjoy potluck dishes provided by the attending residents.

Mark your calendar now. The next gathering will be the Sunday, June 12, again at the Veterans Park, from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring a side dish of your choice and look at our Facebook group (Crescent Ridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors).

Questions can be forwarded to Carol Lewis at crescentridgenhn@yahoo.com, Email Carol to be included in the Crescent Ridge mailings.

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**Theatre Arts Group**

Nancy Carp



The Theatre Arts Group is off to a great start. We have been meeting every Thursday and meeting new people every week. Each week, new persons introduce themselves and talk about something interesting about themselves. This allows the group to get to know each other. For each person to speak in front of a group, it not only builds confidence, but builds camaraderie within the group. That is part of our mission.

Every week we have filled our

meeting room with laughter – learning new performance skills and working with others is fun. Our meetings consist of people with acting skills and without any acting skills. Most people in attendance have never danced on stage nor have any clue how to do ballet or ballroom dancing for the stage. Some have no interest in learning to dance. And then we have people who love to sing in the shower but have never sung on stage. Our group allows all of these people to live out their dreams. We are going to work on any skills which you as a member would like to participate in.

The group will experience work with one-act plays, musical comedies, improvisations, vignettes with acting/singing and even dancing.

We will work with props. You can engage in some of it or all of it. The choice is yours.

With Nancy and Claudia assisting with vignettes, adding comedy, showing how props are used, building your confidence, and showing how much fun theater can be, you will love this group. Alvin Ross, a career director, is the person to direct our plays! You will be in good hands as you learn and then perform for our community.

The Theatre Arts Group also has committees that anyone in the community can join if you don't want to be on stage. The committees are: prop masters (assist finding props), costumes (explore ideas for costumes, seamstresses), set design (construct backdrop), ticket sales (coordinate and publicize event),

and tech (oversee tech and sound equipment for rehearsals and production).

Dues for the club are just \$10, which will start to be collected at our Thursday, June 2 meeting.

We meet every Thursday in June, at 2:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Our committees will meet in the summer to plan for our performances. The Theatre Arts Group will gather to begin working on a performance in September.

Come check us out and make magic with this new group! You will not be disappointed! Follow us on Facebook (OTOW Chatroom) and this column. Our contact information is otowtheatrearts@gmail.com, Nancy at 410-935-2625 or Claudia at 805-630-2777.

**Friendship Connection**

Carron Janssen



Barbecue season is here so Friendship Connection is having one Saturday, June 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. Hopefully, you have already bought your tickets. But, if you haven't, you have until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 3, to see Linda in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center. Please bring your resident ID and \$10.

Our cooks will fix hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs. We will also serve salads, chips, desserts, and non-alcoholic drinks. As

usual, we will have 50/50 and door prizes. We will have games set up to play, including cornhole, lawn darts, lawn washers, croquet, and bocce. Be sure to bring a lawn chair, and, perhaps a small table, as our food will be set up on the tables in the pavilion for serving.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom we will have a luau-themed catered event. Ticket sales will be July 18 through July 22 and July 25 through July 29 in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center. More information will be in my next column.

Do you remember the survey we put on our Facebook page concerning how often we should have our events? Linda also asked the same questions when she was issuing refunds for the Mardi Gras-

themed event. After looking at your responses, and discussion, the planning committee has decided that starting in 2023 we will have our events quarterly instead of bi-monthly. Thank you to all who responded. Making these decisions is much easier when we have community input.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship

Village only. Our events are currently scheduled on the second Saturday of every other month from 4 to 6 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, set up, clean up, or serve, please contact Carron Janssen at 847-529-6183, email us at info@otowfriendshipconnection.com, or visit otowfriendshipconnection.com or our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

**Avalon Social Group**

Sharon Hall & Karen Volpe



Our ice cream social and meet your neighbors event is scheduled for Monday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. This is a free event, but we would still appreciate RSVPs so that we can plan accordingly. Please RSVP via text or call to Sharon Hall at 270-855-1354 with your name and number attending.

Our planning committee has been meeting and making plans for the August, October, and December events. We are excited that the committee is expanding to include members from various sections of Avalon; however, we are still in need of representatives from Avalon 1, 2 and 6. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee or volunteering to help on the night of the event, please let us know. Men and women are needed in both areas.

There are three ways to keep in-

formed of upcoming events: email, our Facebook group, or posting at the postal center. If you would like to be added to our email list or to verify that you are on the list so that you can be notified of future events, please email your request to avalonsocialclub@gmail.com.

For up-to-date Avalon news and upcoming events, we also encourage you to join our Facebook group (Avalon Social Club). This is a private group, and you will be asked for your address to verify that you are an Avalon resident. If you have trouble finding the group or getting in, please email to the email address above and we'll send you the link to the group. Activities and events will also be posted at the postal center.

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Sara Sommer



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The buses were here previously in April. We had a great turn out with 37 units of whole blood and 12 units of double red cells collected. Not everyone can donate double red cells and I thank those six people who did. Each donor received a \$20 e-card to spend at many local places plus a T-shirt.

Here are the guidelines for donating double red cells. For women, you must be five feet, five inches tall and weigh at least 150 pounds. For men, you must be five feet one inch and weigh at least 135 pounds. The donor care specialist also checks your iron level which must be 13.3 for both women and men. Blood pressure cannot be higher than 180/90. The wait time for the next donation is 16 weeks instead of the regular eight weeks.

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It is not too late for you to make an appointment for the next drive. Simply go to donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now. An appointment is not necessary, but it can assure you of a space on the bus.

See you on the bus.

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**Newcastle Social Committee**

Sherry Bright



The Newcastle Neighborhood second annual summer barbecue will be Saturday, June 18, at The Lodge at Candler Hills pool pavilion at 1 p.m. Menu will be a burger bar with all the fixings along with potluck sides and desserts; drinks are BYOB. We will have a silent auction, games and a 50/50 raffle. We are looking forward to seeing all our Newcastle neighbors along with their friends and family at the picnic.

Don't forget to attend the monthly social committee meetings to find out what's happening in the neighborhood and to share your ideas. Meetings are held the first Friday of the month at The Lodge at Candler Hills pavilion at 5 p.m. Next meeting will be June 3; hope to see you there!

This last month I was able to catch up with Meg Kajewski our Newcastle Social Committee leader and hear about her and Randy's sweet pets. Toby and Maggie are seven-year-old teddy bears (Bichon Frise/Shih Tzu) siblings. Milo is a nine-year-old morkie (Maltese/Yorkshire Terrier).

Toby is a sweet, shy young man. In the real world, Toby would be the shy, shy genius sitting in the dark

just waiting for his opportunity to outshine all the others! Toby's favorite thing is to be loved and his superpower is being cuddlier than any teddy bear you've ever met!

Maggie is princess and chief instigator of all mischief. Maggie would shine as a CEO in the real world; she is the leader of the pack! Maggie enjoys guarding the house - she's on watch at all time. Maggie is wigglier than the best dancing queen; that's her superpower.

Milo is a noisy, active, gotta have a ball kind of guy! Milo is faster than a speeding golf cart. For Milo, it's all about the ball - retrieving it, chasing after it, and diving into the pool for it! Milo would be a detective in the real world; he can find that darn ball no matter where it ends up. Since the new pool was completed, Milo has successfully become an Olympic swimmer and diver.

Don't forget to contact our "sunshine lady" to acknowledge special occasions like birthdays or to send a cheery note or get-well card when needed. Text/call Nancy Monaghan at 352-572-7281 or email nancylea55@gmail.com.

Newcastle residents, if you would like to be included in our email list or to verify that you are on the list, please telephone your request to Sherry Bright at 860-287-9232 or Meg Kajewski at 540-272-2247. For up-to-date Newcastle news and upcoming events, we encourage you to join our Facebook group (OTOW Newcastle Neighbors).

**Williamsburg Neighbors**

Carmel Kessler



Early May was a busy time in Williamsburg. People came from near and far for our tag sales. Fifteen families opened their garages to sell their unwanted treasures. Everyone who participated was happy to gain additional storage space in their homes and some extra cash in hand!

On Monday, May 9, 25 people in 12 golf carts participated in the first 2022 golf cart poker run. The poker winners of \$60 each were Gary and Dee Null for the red team, and Dan Weigand and Linda Jones for the blue team. What a fun way to spend the afternoon!

A potluck dinner followed the golf cart run at the Veterans Park pavilion. Over 40 residents joined in. Neighbors Jake Jacobs and Pat Pratt helped with the setup. Vickie and Bob Enderby and Linda and Brian McDonald sold 50/50 tickets. All profits from the 50/50 will be used for the December holiday party. Those who came had a wonderful time mingling and enjoying one another's company.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 30. Dan Weigand is hosting a summer luau coordinated by Linda Jones. The menu includes delicious chicken and potluck dishes. There will be music, games, and other activities. RSVP by Monday, July 18, to LindaLeighJones@gmail.com or 602-380-6431. Don't miss out on this fun filled gathering!

Please consider volunteering for

activities and events that are being planned in the future. A sock hop is scheduled for the fall. Contact Linda Jones at 602-380-6431 for further information. Our holiday party committee is also looking for help. Contact Vickie Enberby at venderby@aol.com for details.

Another great way to get together and meet people is a spontaneous driveway party. The host provides only their driveway/yard for this informal gathering. There is no food served nor brought. The host picks a date and time, preferably in the evening. A few days prior to the party an email will be sent to all neighbors. There is no RSVP, just show up to the provided address with a smile, your own chairs and beverages and have some neighborly fun! Rain cancels the event. There is no make-up date until the host wants to try again. So, please give it some thought, and let Nancy know if you'd like to provide your driveway at nancy@nancymeininger.com.

There is interest in forming a group for solo residents in Williamsburg. These folks can come together and sit together at all events or choose to plan their own. Ideas or suggestions for other gatherings or activities are always welcomed. Please contact Nancy Meininger at nancy@nancymeininger.com.

Linda McDonald has taken over as the treasurer of Williamsburg. Gwen Fabian is assistant treasurer.

If you are new to our wonderful community, please contact Jill Carel at Jileroni@gmail.com to add your name to our email list. Email reminders and notices are sent periodically to keep everyone informed of happenings in Williamsburg.



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Toby, Milo and Maggie.



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Williamsburg residents enjoy potluck picnic at the Veterans Park.



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Joe Wood, Terri Molnar, Nancy Grabowski, and Rita Miller.

**The New Pretenders**

**Nancy Grabowski**



The New Pretenders are so glad to be back in business, so to speak! We have the fundamentals in place for our show in 2023: a host of amazing new members, the music, costume, and stage ideas! The only thing we are missing at this point is you – our audience.

We hope you will mark your calendar to join us in the Recreation Center Ballroom Friday, Feb. 3, or Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. The show is about two hours in length with a 25-minute intermission. We guarantee you will have a great time.

Prior to the shows, tickets will be on sale. The sales happen in the Recreation Center Ballroom Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2023, from 8:15 to 10 a.m. They will continue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until Feb. 1. Our ticket prices have remained the same – reserved seating is \$10 each and general admission seating is \$8 each. Where else can you get this much entertainment at this price?

To have you get to know us a bit better, let me introduce Bob Schmitt. Bob is one of our singers with a penchant for performance and comedy in addition to filling in wherever he perceives a need. He

hails from New York and has held a variety of jobs starting with his first one as a deli clerk. He has six brothers and sisters and as the oldest, rules over them (or so he thinks). Bob has served on several of our committees, in particular membership and music. As chairperson of the membership committee, he helped recruit 10 new people to join the ranks.

One of the new recruits is Gloria Emmons who moved here in October 2020 with her husband, Dick. They came here from New Jersey where Gloria worked in the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry before retiring. Gloria will be in the band and is easily recognized with a warm and welcoming smile.

Another veteran Pretender is Terri Molnar, a versatile musician who has played violin, euphonium, and keyboard within the troupe. Look for her this coming season on the electric guitar, a challenge for some but not Terri! She hails, along with her husband, Steve, from Michigan where she worked for the HUD agency. Terri enjoys traveling to the Caribbean and Alaska as well as visiting family in Virginia, Michigan and Alabama. Another of our group who is recognized with a wide smile and wicked sense of humor.

While our roster is complete, we are always on the lookout for new members. If we've sparked your interest, talk to one of us or contact Nancy Grabowski, director, at 352-209-4699.

**Americana Village**

**Julie Sloat**



Things have been hoppin' in Americana Village! The Easter event, held at our gazebo, was a lot of fun. The Easter bonnet contest had many beautiful and creative hats. Rick Meister and Paula Houle tied as winners! There were many awesome door prizes donated by our residents. So many generous and talented people live in our great community. The Easter egg hunt went well with lots of candy and money prizes.

The Americana team has been busy organizing a welcome committee for newcomers to Americana Village – a birthday committee to help celebrate; a neighbor-to-neighbor committee that helps us help each other; and a sympathy committee that helps us share in our grief.

Barb Scales has been hard at work learning and sharing the computer program called Mealtrain. It helps us organize and communicate with each other as needs arise. It is not only for meals but for many needs that can be serviced within our own community.

Persons of the month: Meet Wayne and Barb Scales. They have

lived here for three years. Prior to here they lived in upstate New York. Wayne was in the U.S. Air Force early on and then worked as a machinist for 20 years. He finished out his career as the head custodian for an elementary school. Barb, the middle child out of 11, worked as a registered nurse for 43 years. These two are accustomed to staying busy and that continues to be their lifestyle here. Wayne loves bocce ball, archery, and collecting coins. Barb enjoys swimming, archery, and softball. She loves to garden and is also an author. She has published several books. "Max and Jax" and "Wally the Whale with the Crazy Wavy Hair" are children's books. She also wrote a non-fiction book, "Ada of the Angels."

Wayne and Barb both enjoy music and dancing, going to the gym, and spending time with neighbors and friends in their little corner of Americana Village. They are so grateful to be living here. They are making the most of this season of life and are such an inspiration to others.

Connect with us through our Facebook group (OTOW: Americana 2022) or mealtrain.com (check your email). Any questions or needs, please reach out to Julie Sloat at 814-720-5377 or Gloria Stoecklin at 618-977-3295. More fun events to come! Hope to see all Americana Village residents there!



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Rick Meister and Paula Houle winners of the Easter bonnet contest.

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**Weybourne Landing Neighbors**

Laura Thomas



Aloha! Come join us Sunday, June 5, for the meet and greet social at the pool pavilion. The theme is a Hawaiian luau, and we want to see you sporting your best Hawaiian outfits. There will be games and prizes - you know what that means - come dressed to impress the judges and start practicing your hula moves!

We ask that if your last name begins with P - Z, please provide a main dish, and A-E, please provide a dessert. Since this is a Hawaiian-themed event, use your imagination! There are many ideas on Pinterest and Google.

Please note there will be no meet and greet social for the months of July and August. If you would like to help Karen organize the monthly meet and greet, please email her at ksgoldsm@yahoo.com.

We all know that pickleball is the most popular sport in the country, but did you know that the game of pickleball has been around since 1965? The invention of the game

of pickleball is credited to Joel Pritchard, a congressman from Washington State, and Bill Bell, a successful businessman. The game rules relied heavily on badminton; however, as they played and rules were changed, they kept in mind the original purpose: to provide a game that the whole family could play.

The first composite paddle was made by Arlen Paranto, a Boeing industrial engineer, in 1984. He used the fiberglass/nomex honeycomb panels that commercial airlines use for their floors and part of the airplane's structural system.

The pickleball courts at Weybourne Landing are open to all residents all the time (Indigo East requires a Gateway of Services pass). Organized play is held on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. (note time change.) This is a great time to come out, play a round or two and learn the ins and outs of pickleball in a non-competitive atmosphere. Keep in mind that some of the courts are temporary, so caution is advised while playing on those courts. Also, in the event of rain, the courts can become slippery. Please be very careful while playing and stay out of that kitchen!

As a reminder, household garbage will now be picked up on Mon-

day and Thursday; recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, and yard waste remains on Wednesday. On Top of the World suggests that you have your garbage bag or 55-gallon container to the curb no later than 7 a.m.; however, some residents have reported seeing the garbage truck earlier than 7 a.m. Please be patient as the new schedule works itself out.

**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr



Our presenter for Thursday, May 5, was Sherry Lovelass. She offered a beautiful magnolia card that incorporated a sponging technique. The second card was a joy fold card, which is always fun to make. Each card can be used for different occasions easily by changing the sentiment stamps. We thank Sherry for providing instructions for the sponging technique, as well as all stamps, dies, and inks necessary to complete both cards.

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.

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.

For information on any class or for general information, contact Penny at the email below. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors,

Golf carts should adhere to speed limit signs and use the provided golf cart paths. Some residents have seen golf cart drivers go into the grass to go around the gate. Please refer to the On Top of the World private golf cart rules found online for additional rules and regulations ontopoftheworldinfo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/private\_golf\_cart\_rules\_10-09.pdf.

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 Penny Douphinett at pennydough@gmail.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



Photo by Sherry Lovelass

One of two cards presented by Sherry Lovelass.

  
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**Candler Connection**

Debra Keirn



The equestrian appetizer party was a new event for Candler Connection attended by 145 residents. We enjoyed an evening of wonderful appetizers, delicious desserts, dancing music by Hal Dodd, a hat contest with a parade of hats, and a great evening of socializing. Thank you to all who worked diligently to make this event a success.

Let's cool down this summer by attending the Sunday, June 19, ice cream social from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Enjoy ice cream flavors of vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, salted caramel and no sugar added moose tracks.

Create your own ice cream sundae with numerous toppings including hot fudge, caramel, and strawberries. Enjoy the popular root beer and creamsicle floats. All these choices are available for \$4 per person, and you can go back for seconds. Buy tickets from 10 a.m. to noon at the Candler Hills Community Center Tuesday, June 7, or at The Lodge at Candler Hills Thursdays, June 2 and June 9. You may also purchase tickets to the Sunday, Aug. 14 ice cream social as well. We will serve ice cream from 3 to 5 p.m. Any questions regarding the ice cream social, contact Deb and Kip Keirn at arthurkipdeb@verizon.net or 352-414-5737.

The June potluck dinner has been combined with the Fourth of July social party at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 5 p.m. Please bring a picnic dish for 12 to 15 people. Hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade, iced tea,

and coffee will be provided. Purchase your \$5 ticket Tuesdays, June 7, 14, or 21 at Candler Hills Community Center or Thursdays, June 9, 16, or 23 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Music by Alan Ross.

Last names beginning with A-F bring condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, onions, tomatoes, mayonnaise); G-P side dishes/salads; and Q-Z desserts. Celebrate Fourth of July with us and enjoy an evening of good food, socialization, and music. We are looking forward to celebrating this special day with all of you.

- Listed below are future events:
- Sunday, Aug. 14: Ice cream social from 3 to 5 p.m.
  - Saturday, Sept. 17: Selfie scavenger hunt (3 to 4:30 p.m.), dinner and games (5:30 to 8:30 p.m.). Catering by Hill's Barbecue will include a pig roast and barbecued chicken.

- Sunday, Oct. 23: Annual barbecue at the pavilion.
- Saturday, Dec. 10: Holiday party.
- Want to be an ambassador? Contact Pat Diaz-Verson at pdv@bellsouth.net.

New resident of Candler Hills? Receive "The Happenings" by email; log in and fill out the form at candlerconnection.org. 1,544 residents receive this publication to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

Keep informed by joining 1,404 Candler Hills residents who are members of the Candler Connection Facebook group.

Next Candler Connection board meeting is Tuesday, June 7, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. We welcome any resident of Candler Hills to attend.

See you around the neighborhood!

**Indigo East Social Committee**

Janice Liberton



The Indigo East Social Committee will be holding a breakfast Saturday, June 11, which will be catered by Breakfast Station. Tickets, for residents only, were sold in May.

Exciting news regarding bingo. Effective Tuesday, July 5, there will be an 11th bingo game added. This super jackpot bingo requires the purchase of a separate bingo card for the game. More information will follow.

A fall craft show will be held. After the date and time are finalized, more information will follow. Please contact Lynn West at 570-954-4082 if interested in displaying your crafts at the show.

The Indigo East Social Committee has many exciting events in planning for the remainder of the year. There will be more information in the July column.

The campaign to celebrate Father's Day did not meet with the same enthusiasm as Mother's Day. On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event honoring fathers. It was a Sunday sermon in memory of 362 men from the Fairmont Coal Company mines' explosion from the previous December. It was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, and shopkeepers to drum up support for fathers. Ms. Dodd was successful with her idea and Washington State held the first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910. The holiday was slow to spread in other parts of the United States. In 1916, to honor fathers, President Wilson used telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that a day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday. Father's Day is always celebrated on the third Sunday of June.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day. In 1949, the US Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day. Although Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, Pennsylvania celebrates the day as a state holiday.

A new federal holiday was established by President Joe Biden on June 19, 2021. He designated the holiday as Juneteenth which commemorates the end of slavery. On June 19, 1865, two months after Confederate General Robert E. Lee

surrendered at Appomattox, Virginia; Gordon Granger, a Union General, arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform enslaved African Americans of their freedom. General Granger's announcement put into effect the Emancipation Proclamation which was signed more than two

and a half years prior by President Abraham Lincoln.

This June, I wish all fathers a happy Father's Day. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

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