

Community News

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Resident Services

Mary Anne Lynum has taken over as director of resident experience. Mary Anne has an extensive background in community management so its logical that her new role encompasses oversight of all recreational amenities, golf operations, as well as grounds and property maintenance.

Resident Services will be in the capable hands of Cindy Smith. Cindy is passionate about managing her staff around the consistent delivery service and resolution of individual concerns for all residents.

All staff is committed to ensuring that this transition will be seamless for all residents. The path of delivery service remains unchanged: everything about customer service begins with a visit to or contact with Resident Services.

SW 90th Street Construction Entrance

The gate was opened at 6 a.m. for selected trades for the past four months. As of Aug. 8, the gate is now open at 6 a.m. for all trades. The purpose is to allow workers to get a jump on the day in the cooler morning hours. We have asked contractors to be respectful of our existing homeowners by refraining from loud car noise, radios, or equipment noise.

Summer is Winding Down

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

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

The newest neighborhoods in Candler Hills are Ashford and Balfour and Estate Series home sales have been strong. Site development continues, and will bring us a total of 341 homesites in these neighborhoods upon completion.

Sales continue at a brisk pace in Weybourne Landing with phases B and C nearly sold out. Site development of phase D is in the works, and the next parcel which begins phase 2 is in permitting and will commence in the fall. Despite supply disruptions, The Landing, Weybourne Landing's clubhouse amenity is making progress.

Home sales across all neighborhoods are moving along at a very good pace, despite questionable interest rates. Interestingly, over a third of our sales have been move-in ready homes. Demand remains strong, despite the many challenges we are facing in this catch-up economy. To better match demand with supply and production, homesites are released in blocks that align with delivery capability. This method has certainly constrained growth, but it is the best way to assure that home construction avoids supply bottlenecks to the greatest extent possible.

Recycling Update

It is worth reminding all residents that plastic bags do not recycle. If you bring aluminum and metal cans and newspapers to the recycling containers or in the curbside containers in plastic garbage bags, empty the contents into the recycling bins and dispose of the bags in the household garbage. Doing otherwise only contaminates the entire recycling stream and it will be directed to the landfill. A convenient container has been placed near recycling to place the plastic bags.

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By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

One after another, our events at On Top of the World continue to be top shelf. Quality, organized, interesting, fun, exciting and memorable are words that don't struggle to come to mind in describing our ongoing schedule of events. Sheesh, we just experienced the highly successful Red White & Boom celebration and now comes Oktoberfest! Time to schunkeln, yodel, dance and gemütlichkeit! We might even hear the Holzanes G' Lachter and the Singing Saw!

Oktoberfest began way back in ... nah, nobody wants to hear about

the history, just about the event – Saturday, Sept. 24, The Town Square at Circle Square Commons, from 4 to 9 p.m. Entertainment includes Alpine Express, Greg Warren Band as well as Bavarian DJ Ron and BMX Trickstars. Food trucks. German food. Non-stop singing, dancing, and amazement. Beer. Please keep reading.

Alpine Express is a traditional traveling German band that guarantees to make you schunkeln with its thumping polka and German music, showcasing the German festive tradition as it regularly does at Epcot's German pavilion. Alpine Express leader Bill Page said to be prepared for audience participation. You will be participating in yodeling, sing-alongs, the Pizza Hut song, the birdie dance as well as traditional line dancing.

Based out of Orlando, Greg Warren Band is a high-energy modern country group that promises to get you dancing, playing the air drums, guitar or whatever you let loose with. If you've seen this band, you will agree.

Bavarian DJ Ron will be there generating gemütlichkeit as the Oktoberfest master of ceremonies.

And then there is the BMX Trickstars, a traveling BMX (bicycle motocross) stunt show that will be performing between band performances. Founded by X Games medalist Rob Noll, the BMX Trickstars perform all kinds of twisty on the ground bike stuff, as well as high-flying twisty, flippy in the air bike stuff. Again, be ready to participate. Rob informed me that at one performance, his team jumped over a guy who stood six feet, eleven inches tall. Rob also mentioned that quite possibly, the world's youngest rider (age 11) who has been performing since the age of five years of age, will be appearing at our event.

So, let's tell our neighbors so that we can all remind each other about Oktoberfest (the memory, just say-in'). Can't miss this one. This is going to be one heckuva memory. Oh, by the way ...

Schunkeln = rhythmic movement to the beat of a song, with people linking arms swaying side to side.

Gemütlichkeit = cordiality, friendliness, brotherhood etc.

Holzanes G' Lachter = wooden laughter, aka Alpine xylophone.

Wir sehen uns dort!



Photo courtesy of Alpine Express

Come ready to yodel and sing along with Alpine Express at Oktoberfest Saturday, Sept. 24.

Quilts of Valor

By Elaine Morrison
World News Writer

We have all, at one time or another, sought the warmth and comfort of a cozy quilt. That these feelings might be appreciated and enjoyed by service members and living veterans served as the inspiration to construct and award comforting and healing quilts to those touched by war. In 2003, a woman named Catherine Roger, created the Quilts of Valor (QOV) Foundation as a way of saying thank you to our service member heroes.

Eligibility for nomination to receive a handmade quilt is relegated to living veterans and service members in the U.S. Armed Forces. Recipients can choose to share their experiences or not at a presentation ceremony. Many who have already received quilts are veterans who have engaged in direct com-

bat; served in harm's way to provide support and supply; cared for casualties; escorted the fallen and been there to listen and minister support to those suffering the demons of being in a war zone.

Nominees are always being sought by QOV. A nomination form can be submitted by a relative, friend, neighbor or by the person themselves. A committee of dedicated quilters, led by Joan Lane, who spends all her free time quilting, proudly awarded five quilts to deserving veterans at an awards ceremony Thursday, July 21, at the Arbor Conference Center. Eighty people were in attendance.

Several nominees included residents; three from the Kestrel neighborhood. They were Tom Duncan, who served in the 3rd Marine divi-

sion as a combat engineer and was at the core of Agent Orange. Also, Mike Underwood, who is the recipient of the Vietnam Service medal with two bronze stars, a national defense medal, a good conduct medal and a Republic of Vietnam campaign ribbon. The neighbor who nominated him, "wanted Mike to have something he could touch and feel that would remind him that he will always be appreciated and honored." John Simmons, Army with service in the Persian Gulf and Desert Storm; Don Poulin, Army, a helicopter air evacuation medic who served in Vietnam, and Rex Cook, Army, who served in the Berlin Brigade, Panama, Saudi and Kuwait.

When their names were called, the veterans were draped in their respective quilts which were all in red, white and blue colors with designs of American flags, stars, bells, eagles and even a motorcycle.

For more information about this non-profit organization or to obtain a nomination form, visit QOV.org.



Photo by Charles Calloun

Veterans presented with quilts.

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Is It Legal?

Colen & Wagoner, P.A.



My friend, Collette P. Small, a well-known and highly respected elder law and estate planning attorney, re-posted an article about three signs of Medicare fraud:

1. If Medicare is making unsolicited contact with you, keep your guard up. Medicare (or anyone truly employed by it) does not need to call you to verify your information.
2. Be wary of offers for free medical supplies and freebies that try to lure you to exchange personal information for your Medicare number.
3. Be wary of people who are not your doctor and are making health recommendations in exchange for personal information.

What do we already know about unsolicited phone calls, emails, and text messages? Don't answer/respond! It's a scam!

Per Collette Small's repost, here are three warning signs to watch for:

1. The contact with you is unsolicited.
2. The unsolicited contact offers you something for free or low cost, for your personal information.
3. The unsolicited call comes from some government agency (such as Medicare).

Q. I had a power of attorney that my attorney from (a western state) wrote for me several years ago. I named my youngest daughter. I never changed my power of attorney, and I now live in Florida and have for the last three years. My son says my power of attorney is not valid because it was made in another state. He says that because he is willing to become a Florida resident, I must name him (I really don't trust him and don't want to name him.) Is my power of attorney not valid because it isn't from Florida and do I need a new one?

A. Since I haven't seen the document, I will make no comments about its validity. However, there are a few things I can say. First, a durable power of attorney from another state is not necessarily invalid just because it's not "from" Florida. We have a Florida statute that is

very clear about that. Second, you do not have to name your son, or your daughter for that matter. The residence of the agent under a durable power of attorney doesn't necessarily matter. Third, you've already given me a terrific reason why you should not consider your son. In my opinion, we should not be naming someone we do not fully, completely, and absolutely trust, as the agent in a durable power of attorney. Since you say you are now a Florida resident, I think you should consider having an attorney licensed to practice law in Florida, perhaps one where you now reside.

Q. I was injured in an auto accident and am in rehab. Because of the extent of the injuries, I've been told to expect being here for at least six months or more. I have six children. My one daughter told me that I should protect my home by deeding it to her and her wife so they could have it for me when I get out. Do I have to do that to protect it?

A. Nope. Okay, I didn't mean to be snarky. Well, okay, maybe I did. Not to you. See, sometimes I kinda, sorta get to wondering if maybe a kid or kid-in-law feels the old bird has lived too long and is nowadays spending the kid's money. Sigh. I didn't detect a Medicaid question from you, so I will pass on any discussion about that. However, you might want to meet with an attorney about Medicaid and asset protection. Otherwise, and in my opinion, the best way to protect your homestead for you, is to keep it in your name, alone, and not convey it to someone else, especially not to a kid who perhaps can't wait to get his/her hands on it ... if you get my drift.

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR
By Stan Goldstein

A man's hair is either parted or departed.

Be Prepared for Hurricanes

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity recently sent the following memo:

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season began June 1, and all Floridians are encouraged to have a plan. If you do not have a plan and need help making one, please visit FloridaDisaster.Biz.

Following the impact of a hurricane, residents may lose access to basic services, such as power and water, and be subject to limited or a lack of access to essentials, like food, drinking water, and medicine. With these situations in mind, all individuals and families are encouraged to stock up on essentials and build a disaster supply kit to last for a minimum of seven days.

For information about how to create a plan, what to include in a disaster kit, where to find storm updates, and many other subjects, please visit the resources listed below:

- Ready.gov: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster preparedness website contains detailed planning guides for families, businesses, pets, and special populations, as well as detailed information

about disasters and emergencies.

- FloridaDisaster.org: The Florida Division of Emergency Management's website is the best resource for Florida specific evacuation maps, shelter information, and storm updates.
- PrepareFL.com: The Florida Department of Financial Services provides a printable emergency financial preparedness toolkit available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.
- AlertMarion.com: Sign up for emergency emails and text messages from Marion County emergency management officials.
- MyFloridaLicense.com/dbpr/documents/HurricaneGuide_web.pdf: Compiled by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the DBPR hurricane guide contains an emergency kit checklist, emergency planning guidelines, hurricane safety tips, and more.

For information about hurricane preparedness and how to stay informed, please visit FloridaDisaster.Biz.

Lifelong Learning

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It is hard to believe the month of September is already upon us. By now, most children are back in school, so please be mindful of school zones. The days are becoming shorter with less daylight hours, and here's hoping for a few moments of briskness in the air.

September is a month we celebrate Labor Day, a holiday that began when it was signed into law in 1894 by President Grover Cleveland. According to Peter McGuire, the person generally given credit for the holiday, the first Monday of the month in September was chosen for this holiday simply because it was halfway between July 4, and Thanksgiving.

Another American observance that takes place in September is Constitution Day. Although it is officially on Saturday, Sept. 17, recognition of Constitution Day will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Live Oak Hall. This course is being presented by Jerry Colen, who will speak to participants about the American constitution and its history. He will touch upon the commemoration of the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 and recognize the 39 delegates who signed it. Cost to attend is \$3

for members and \$8 for non-members.

Speaking of constitutions, Master the Possibilities September visiting speaker, Mary Adkins, will share the life and times of Chesterfield Smith, known as America's lawyer. Never heard of him? Attend this presentation and learn how he was one of the most influential lawyers of his time, helped create Florida's modern constitution, and was among the first to stand up to President Richard Nixon and his illegal actions in the Watergate scandal. Cost is \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members to attend from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Mary Adkins teaches at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. She has researched and presented many times on Florida legal history.

World Literacy Day is Sept. 8. Facilitator Joseph Bartosh will share the successes in some of the world's most impoverished countries and help celebrate the advances in literacy in countries around the world. He will share the importance of literacy world-wide and what needs to be done so that large segments of the world's population do not simply get left behind. This class takes place Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to noon and is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members. Seating is limited.

For a complete list of September courses and events, visit MasterThePossibilities.org. For assistance with registration, feel free to call us from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 352-861-9751.

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

Hurricane Season

The recent NOAA update on the 2022 hurricane season was concerning to say the least. 14 to 20 potential Atlantic storms must be taken seriously. It has the management company reevaluating their resources for storm preparedness and recovery to ensure they are ready for the challenge serial storms may pose. Generally, the management company is able to persevere in its grounds maintenance responsibilities, despite the month of July and August posing challenges with rain.

I will also add that the COVID-19 resurgence has impacted labor. Even those workers who were fully vaccinated are affected if their unvaccinated child is sent home from school positive for COVID. They must quarantine along with their child. Those who opted to not get vaccinated are subject to infections

or quarantine if a member of the household is infected. Simply put, it is a big, hot mess right now. The management company is offsetting these labor shortages by providing landscape services with contractors.

It seems that every time the mowing crews gets caught up, a long cycle of showers pushes them behind. I congratulate our crews for working so hard to keep up under the grueling temperatures, rainy days, and pandemic conditions. Granted we need the rain to replenish the groundwater, but it does come with a price.

As we move deeper into storm season, focus may be shifting to storm preparations. The manage-

ment company is positioned to move fast, on sometimes less than 24-hour notice, to secure buildings and equipment from possible wind and rain damage, as well as making sure everyone is clear on their post-storm responsibilities for recovery and clean-up.

Residents are encouraged to be alert and ready to clean up personal items outside the house that may become missiles in high winds. Movable property that cannot be stored in the garage or secured in a closed room must be secured in place from high winds. If you have not prepared your hurricane kit, we urge you to do so.

Please refer to page 3A "Be Prepared for Hurricanes" to assist you

with your kit.

Home Modifications

Residents of all neighborhoods require approval from the association, prior to adding any addition to the exterior of the home. One of the largest factors considered in the review and approval process is the wind rating on any proposed addition. Many aluminum products have an inadequate wind rating. Naturally, these types of products will not be approved by the association. Check with Resident Services for details.

Finally, don't forget to update your homeowner's insurance to ensure any additions to the original structure are included in your policy.

Community Life



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that On Top of the World offers, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Recreation Center at 9 a.m.

90th Street Post Office Remodel

As you are now aware, the white goods section has been removed from this area, however the dumpster for household trash has remained. The post office and bathrooms remodel has begun and will be put on hold in September until the enlargement of the retention area is compliant to county code. Once this work is complete, the remodel will continue with a projected completion date within six months. There will be no interruption of postal service.

Weybourne Landing Miniature Golf Course

The Weybourne Landing miniature golf course is open for play for Weybourne Landing and On Top of

the World (Central) residents only. There is still landscape and design work that must be done. We anticipate completion within a couple months, barring any delays.

Q & A of the Month

In this section I will address questions of interest to the community that come my way. This month's questions are predominately about The Landing pool.

Q: Are residents of On Top of the World (Central) allowed to use the amenities at Weybourne Landing?

A: Yes, the amenities of On Top of the World (Central) and Weybourne Landing are reciprocal. Residents of On Top of the World (Central) are allowed to utilize all amenities at Weybourne Landing, just as the residents of Weybourne Landing are allowed to utilize all On Top of the World (Central) amenities. This does include use of the pools.

Q: Why are inflatable floats not allowed in the community pools?

A: The community pools were designed for maximum use by its residents, and inflatable pool floats take up a large area. The use of pool noodles is allowed as they conform to your body and do not take space away from other residents.

Q: Can lap lanes be reserved?

A: All community pools are used on a first come, first served basis. Reservations for lap lanes can be made at the Arbor Fitness Center pool.

Something to Take With You

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." - C.S. Lewis

CONGRATULATIONS

Birthdays - Weddings - Anniversaries



Betty Green
88th Birthday

Please email birthday, wedding or anniversary announcements to otownews@otowfl.com by the 12th of the month.

Summer is waning as the official first day of fall begins Thursday, Sept. 22, hopefully taking the heat with it. We celebrate Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5. Be sure to visit the library Tuesday, Sept. 6, in recognition of Read a Book Day. Why not enjoy a delicious cup of coffee at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli for National Coffee Day Thursday, Sept. 29?

Speaking of coffee ... that reminds me to remind you who are new to our community, that our next "Get Acquainted Coffee" event, where new residents learn about the amenities, clubs, activities, hobbies, and special events



IRREGULAR WATER USAGE*

- **Toilets:** A failing flapper (valve seal) can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.
- **Leaky Faucets/Showerheads:** Dripping can range from several gallons to hundreds of gallons of water per day.
- **Water Hose:** When left on with leaks at the spigot or nozzle.
- **Irrigation System:** Automatic irrigation solenoid valves not closing properly or excessive run times including multiple program cycles.
- **Water Softeners:** Excessively backwashing or the backwash valve failing.

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It is hard to believe that we are already moving toward fall, especially when you consider the extreme heat that we have been experiencing. Remember to stay hydrated on these hot days. Drinking water is the best thing you can do, and drinking at shorter intervals is more effective than drinking large amounts infrequently. You can also wear light-colored and loose-fitting clothing to stay cool and take a break in the shade whenever you can. We hope you continue to enjoy the wonderful amenities to beat the heat as well, whether it's the pool, a fun event at one of the amenities, an enjoyable class at Master the Possibilities, and of course your favorite ice cream cone at Mr. B's Ice Cream Shop on The Town Square.

College football has started and opening day for the NFL is Thursday, Sept. 8. This month we celebrate Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5, Grandparents Day Sunday, Sept. 11 and Rosh Hashanah Monday, Sept. 26.

Gate Access

We want to make you aware that the company managing the gates has been experiencing staff shortages. Consequently, many of the gate attendants are working long hours and even seven days a week. This is the perfect time to show kindness, understanding and patience as they work through this difficult time. A little kindness can go a long way and they are working hard to ensure On Top of the World is a safe place for you and your family.

Guest Passes

Please remember to register all overnight guests at Resident Services prior to their arrival. When you make arrangements for a guest pass, you will be asked to provide your guests' name, license plate number, state of registration and the days that they will be visiting.

Dumpsters/Recycling

I am confident you have noticed the ongoing focus on garbage and recycling that we continually write about in this column. It is important to stress that proper dumping of garbage and recycling saves you money by avoiding additional costs for contamination or over dumping.

Listed below are items not to put in a compactor: electronics, flammable materials, chemicals, dead animals, yard waste, motor oil, pool chemicals, hazardous materials, gravel, dirt, rocks, appliances, auto parts, batteries, construction debris, concrete, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, medical waste, paint, oil, tires, metals, and anything too large for the chute. All other items are allowed.

The centralized compactor areas are for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members only. All other associations have curbside pickup for both garbage and recycling.

Please do not drop off bulk items (white goods, furniture and other large items) at the SW 90th Street post office and garbage area or any of the garbage areas, as this is prohibited.

Resident Services is working to identify all persons leaving inappropriate drop offs so that fees and penalties are properly addressed.

As a convenience for residents, if you need to toss out large items, you may want to first call a local charity who 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, usually at no additional charge to you. You will pay the vendor directly for removal. The phone number for centralized garbage users is Waste Management at 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 local charities include Interfaith Emergency Services Thrift Store 352-351-3541; Hospice of Marion County Thrift Store 352-237-7707; and Goodwill of Ocala 352-629-4202.

Hurricane Preparedness

We are officially halfway through the hurricane season and very thankful that what was anticipated to be a busier than average season has not produced any storms impacting our area. We still need to be prepared as September is typically the most active month of hurricane season. We recommend having plenty of water and canned or pre-packaged food on hand to supply several days, a portable radio with fresh batteries, candles, first-aid kit, prescriptions, a list of medications taken, noting how much and how often as well as any allergies, portable oxygen supplies and a full tank of gas in your car. It is important to know evacuation routes and shelters. West Port High School, 3733 SW 80th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34481, is the nearest emergency shelter, and if you have pets, you may need to make other arrangements for them as some shelters do not allow pets. Have a traditional phone on hand in case of power outages and keep emergency numbers and important documents handy. Hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

We have established a link to the Sumter Electric Co-op and Duke Energy Storm Preparedness websites at OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Hurricane Preparedness for the convenience of our residents as another resource to prepare, understand safety precautions, and what to do before and after a storm. It is very important for residents to remove any lawn furnishings or ornaments that can become missiles in a storm. Check out the link to your electric utility company to help prepare and take precautions before and after the storm.

Power Outages

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

Modification Request Process

In all associations, the rules state you may not alter anything on the outside of the home without prior approval from the Architectural Review Board (ARB). A quick visit to OTOWInfo.com to review the rules of your association will assist you in advance to understand if what you are wanting to change is possible or not. If the rules state the change is not allowed, a modification request will not be approved as the association must follow its rules.

Please visit Resident Services with your supporting documents, such as pictures of items to be installed or scaled drawings for landscape changes, to submit a Modification Request to the appropriate association for review. Please do not schedule any work to be done, nor sign a contract until you have received the proper approval to make the change. Reversing any unapproved change or being held to a contract that will be unfulfilled can become very costly.

We ask for your understanding and patience when submitting a modification request. There is a 30-day period for review by the ARB, so again, we ask for your patience with our Resident Services team.

Re-Roofing Schedule

Schedules are based on several factors - return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority. The following buildings are scheduled to be re-roofed within the next 90 days (September through November).

- Crescent Ridge: 02-15.
- Providence: 04E, 05B, 06C, 06E, 06G, 07C, 07G, 13A, 14A, 27E, 28D, 34G, 37A, 37D, 37H, 38C, 39A, 40H, 41F, 42B, 43C, 44E, 48C, 50F, 50G, 50H.
- Friendship Colony: 2150, 2154, 2158, 2160, 2161, 2166, 2169, 2177, 2187, 2188.

You will also receive a postcard in the mail notifying you that your replacement is scheduled with the roofing contractor. Due to unforeseen weather conditions, we cannot provide specific start dates.

Resident Services

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the following restrictions: Closed daily for a half hour between noon and 1 p.m. The time begins when the last resident assisted before closing vacates the building as soon after noon as possible.

Closed Monday, Sept. 5 for the Labor Day holiday. Normal business hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 6. Closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Sept. 21, this month.

Resident Services may be reached at 352-236-OTOW (6869) or 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 OTOW-Info.com > Maintenance Request 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, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc.

If it is after normal business hours and you experience some manner of non-medical emergency, such as a backed-up commode, we ask that you please call 352-236-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.

Rule of the Month

FLAGS: Now that it is football season and we all want to show what great fans we are by displaying our team's flag, it is a good time for a friendly reminder. As stated in the Community Standards, with ARB approval, one sports flag may be displayed on game day only in a tasteful manner. The flag must be displayed either on a flagpole that meets the requirements set forth in the Community Standards or is otherwise acceptable to the ARB, or on a mounting bracket and flag staff or mast affixed to the dwelling which have been approved by the ARB as to specifications and location.

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Active Newcomers Club

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The Active Newcomers Club continues to grow. We have a Facebook group of over 700 members and a dues-paying club of approximately 200 members. The club is open to anyone who has moved here since 2018, or is currently renting, and dues are just \$10 for the year. Members of the group get together for small group activities, such as buno and bourbon tasting, and club members participate in bi-monthly large group gatherings.

In July, we hosted an extremely lively Margaritaville party, music provided by DJ Scott Bolton, a Weybourne Landing resident. Hula hooping, photo ops with a life-sized Jimmy Buffett cutout, flamingo toss, and more games added to the merriment. The food was tropical themed, there were even chocolate flip flop treats. All attendees were greeted with leis, and costumes were very creative, with coconut bras, grass skirts, and amazing headgear. And who knew adults would have so much fun whacking the head off of a parrot piñata?

Our chartered bus trip to St. Augustine, Florida Thursday, Sept. 22, is sold out, but we are planning additional activities for September and October. We hope you'll join us and maybe make some new friends! For more information, join us on Facebook (OTOW Active Newcomers).



Photo by Robyn Wagner Elsea

Playing around in paradise searching for our lost shaker of salt.

Finding Zen

Christina Shearer
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Hello September! Can you believe that summer is nearly over? Labor Day marks the end of summer. However, the official fall season begins Thursday, Sept. 22. Shorter and cooler days are coming soon along with football season, fall festivals galore, pumpkins, spice, and everything nice because that's what fall is made of.

With that in mind, we thought we would share a brief preview of things to come this fall at Sholom Park. Mark your calendar and join

us for a full fall season of educational and entertaining events.

Our monthly educational L.E.A.F. Series (Learn, Explore, Appreciate, Focus) is an interactive adult learning experience. The series returns in October with a special guest speaker and a new topic to explore each month. Join us on the third Friday October through December for an outdoor learning experience on nature, plants, trees, or the park's mission for finding inner peace.

Fun at the Park is a bi-annual event chock-full of entertainment and activities. It includes live music, food trucks, and loads of interactive fun for all ages. Join us for HAPI Harvest Day Saturday, Oct. 29, and enjoy an afternoon of fall-tastic fun.

Did you know that Sholom Park hosts exclusive entertaining events after the park closes to the public? Cooler weather, clear starry nights, fewer insects, and a movie or live music makes for a great evening with friends or date night with your significant other.

Enjoy an outdoor movie experience under the stars at Sunset Cinema. Let the magic of movies come to life on our 25-foot movie screen with a professional audio sound system creating the ultimate outdoor movie experience. Come early and challenge your movie knowledge with movie night trivia and a chance to win prizes. Pack up your movie snacks or visit our participating truck McFoodland, serving simple classic food like burgers, wings, wraps, and more.

If you missed last month's column about Park After Dark here's a recap. Park After Dark is an exclusive cultural concert series featuring live music, virtual views, and food from around the world. We have an intriguing fall line-up of talented musical entertainment and participating food vendors representing the countries of Turkey, Jamaica, and Spain. Come on out and experience the world with Sholom Park.

Due to limited space available, all educational and after-hours events require advanced registration. For more information about upcoming events or to register visit sholompark.org/events. Stay up-to-date with event details by following us on our social media platforms, Facebook or Instagram.

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Veterans Club



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honor 12 veterans on Veterans Day this year. To nominate someone, please see Charlie or Fran Calhoun. We are also planning a softball tournament Friday, Nov. 11, and a golf tournament in early December. Mission BBQ is opening a new restaurant in Ocala and requested our club provide photos and military patches for display on their "wall of fame." Please bring your items to the next meeting and we will make certain they are included.

The Veterans Club was honored to host Quilts of Valor for five of our members in July. Four Army veterans and one Marine received their quilt and were honored in a ceremony. Quilts of Valor would like to



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Veteran Mike Underwood.

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Indigo East

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Autumn begins this month and temperatures should become cooler. September is a nice month to enjoy our swimming pools. The pool is a great place to relax, exercise and meet people.

The Indigo East Community Center pool gate now opens at 8 a.m.

The Indigo East Fitness Center office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Labor Day.

Trivia*

How much do you really know? Give it a go! Join us for trivia Monday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest.

Name That Tune*

Strike a chord! Join a team and guess the tunes for each theme in Name that Tune Monday, Sept. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest.

Karaoke

Sing a song, laugh along! You can't go wrong at karaoke night Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. Please come out

and support karaoke; otherwise it will be cancelled in 2023.

High Tea Party*

It's high tea time! Sip a cup of delicious tea with friends. Enjoy fun games with beautiful door prizes Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$18 per resident and \$20 per guest.

Taco Night*

It's taco time! Join us for the fun, food, and festive music by Reese Norris, as you dine Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$15 per resident and \$17 per guest.

Social Hour

Come and socialize at Social Hour Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Indigo East Community Center. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. Enjoy live music with Long White Cloud, and the light hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last). Bring your favorite drink and snacks.

Happy Hour

Don't waste a minute! Happy Hour is on. Enjoy live music, dancing and your favorite cocktail and snacks every Friday. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.

The upcoming entertainment is as follows:

- Sept. 2: Casey Young
- Sept. 9: Sal and the Gal
- Sept. 16: Mike Webb
- Sept. 23: JoJo

Sept. 30: Crystal Vision

New Year's Eve*

New Year's Eve tickets are available for purchase beginning Monday, Sept. 26. The New Year's Eve celebration will be at the Indigo East Community Center ballroom Saturday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The cost is \$45 per resident and \$55 per guest. Proper evening attire required. Cash bar will

be provided (no outside alcohol permitted). Seating is limited to eight per table. Entertainment will be provided by The BadKitty Band.

*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 a registered event. Resident IDs must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.

The Lodge at Candler Hills

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Summer is officially ending with the first day of autumn Thursday, Sept. 22. Here in Florida, we don't particularly get the different seasons; but the weather and humidity settle down and outdoor activities are much more enjoyable.

Please note Monday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day) our facility hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is every Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. in the Ballroom. A Candler Hills resident ID is required at the door. Residents without their Candler ID will be charged a \$5 guest fee to attend. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

Entertainment is as follows:

- Sept. 2: Rock Solid
- Sept. 9: Palomino Blonde
- Sept. 16: 3 For the Road+1
- Sept. 23: Take 2
- Sept. 30: Retro Express

Live Poolside Entertainment

Join us Thursday, Sept. 1, for live entertainment poolside by Fred Campbell from 3 to 6 p.m. at the pool. Bring your own beverage of choice (no glass, please). This is a free event for Candler Hills residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

Charcuterie Board Class*

Join your friends and neighbors as Fresh Plates Creative Catering shows you how to build your own charcuterie board Thursday, Sept. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. Every resident will get their own plate and supplies to create their own tasty board along with a glass of wine. You will receive a raffle ticket for a door prize that will be given away at the end of the event. The cost is \$25 per resident and \$27 per guest accom-

panied by a resident.

Social Night

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, enjoy easy listening music while socializing with friends and neighbors at Social Night in the Ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last). This is a free event for Candler Hills residents with \$5 per guest fee.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Singers and dancers join us Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. for karaoke night. Bring your own cocktail and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Candler Hills residents.

Lobby Lounge Music

On Monday, Sept. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. come mingle with friends and enjoy listening to Dave Shepard on the baby grand piano. Bring your own beverage of choice and snacks. This is a free event for residents; guest fees apply. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

New Year's Eve*

Ring in the New Year at The Lodge at Candler Hills Saturday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Proper evening dress is required. Cash bar will be provided (no outside alcohol permitted).

The evening will consist of light appetizer shareable platters for each table. Dessert will be parfait shooters, coffee, tea, champagne toast in a souvenir flute and entertainment by Groove 41. Seating is limited to eight per table. Tickets are \$45 per resident and \$55 per non-resident accompanied by a Candler Hills resident.

Ticket (max of eight per person) sales begin Monday, Sept. 26, at 8 a.m.

End of Summer Brunch*

As summer is winding down, join us Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Ballroom for Belgian waffles, buttermilk biscuits, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, roasted potatoes, scrambled eggs, mini parfaits, Danishes, fruit and one mimosa per person. Tickets are \$20 per resident or \$22 per guest accompanied by a resident.

I would like to introduce your new coordinator, Nilva Torres. Please stop by and welcome her. Thank you for all your support over the last two years. It was a pleasure working with you all.

Please also join me in congratulating George Hill on his retirement. We will miss him greatly!

*To register, call 352-854-8707 x7390 or 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. Resident IDs must be presented at all events and when purchasing tickets. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any events. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.

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Recreation Center

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

Holiday Hours

The Recreation Center office will be closed in observance of Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5. The Recreation Center Fitness Center, Arbor Fitness Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills office and the Indigo Fitness Center office will be open, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but all classes will be cancelled. The pools will remain open with no change in hours. Please plan accordingly.

Community Bus

The community bus will not run on Thursday, Sept. 1, nor Monday, Sept. 5. Please plan accordingly.

Community News

The annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3. The Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog stated there would be a \$20 fee per golf cart. Please note that this is incorrect. Golf cart participation in the parade is free for all residents.

Line Dance Classes*

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

The following classes will be taught in the Recreation Center Ballroom every Monday starting Sept. 12. The cost is \$10 per four-week class per month or \$30 per four-week class for three months. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays. Please note that Darlene will not be accepting any new line dance students for the season after November.

Choose your class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level if necessary. If you have any questions, please email Darlene Miller at darmiller222@gmail.com.

- Absolute Beginner (noon to 1 p.m.): This is an introduction to line dance class. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are used in dances.
- Improver Plus (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience is required. More intricate step combinations and rhythms are used in dances. Current popular dances are included. Improver is slightly easier than intermediate.
- Beginner Level II (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Dancers will build on their basic line dance knowledge through easier dances with different rhythms. New step combinations and dance patterns will be taught as needed. Some prior dance experience is required.
- Beginner Level I (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): A complete season in Absolute Beginner is required with familiarity of basic line dance steps. Dancers have acquired some experience. Easy dances with some different step patterns are introduced.

Ballroom Dance Lessons*

Butch Phillips is a devoted and qualified ballroom dance instructor. We encourage anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Singles are also welcome as we rotate partners among all will-

ing students. Butch welcomes suggestions from residents regarding what dances should be taught. The three-week class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The 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. On the last day of class each month, we encourage you to bring video recording equipment to record what was taught that month.

The classes are as follows: September - Rumba; October - Foxtrot; November - Cha-Cha; and December - Waltz.

Tropic Trivia*

Tropic Trivia takes place the first Thursday of every month in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This event has become very popular! To give everyone an opportunity to participate in future trivia nights, we will be selling only two months at a time. The cost is \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest.

The next sign-up dates are as follows:

- Monday, Sept. 19 (November/December)
- Monday, Nov. 21 (January/February 2023)

Don't miss out on your team's opportunity to participate. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that coolers, cups, or beverages of any kind are not permitted. A water station will be provided at no cost.

Cell phones are not permitted. Anyone found with a cell phone or using any type of electronic equipment including watches at their table during trivia will automatically disqualify the entire team (no exceptions).

July

1: Bold & Brassy; 2: Paw Patrol; Tie at 3: Tequila Mockingbirds & Factoids.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Sept. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Enjoy easy listening music by The Mudds. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last) will also be provided. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest. Resident ID is required for entry.

Pool Pavilion Happy Hour

Happy Hour at the Recreation Center pool pavilion is from 1 to 4 p.m. every Friday. Should inclement weather be predicted the outdoor entertainment will be cancelled.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Sept. 2: Tony Machicote.
- Sept. 9: Fred Campbell.
- Sept. 16: Tim Hargis.
- Sept. 23: Kurtis Mae.
- Sept. 30: Dave & Kenny.

There will be a special Labor Day Happy hour at the Recreation Center pool pavilion Monday, Sept. 5, with Sal & The Gal from 1 to 4 p.m.

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.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Sept. 2: The BadKitty Band.
- Sept. 9: "Sock Hop" with Rock Solid.
- Sept. 16: Cruise-in with Dave Shepard Band (Recreation Center front lawn).
- Sept. 23: George Durham and Company.
- Sept. 30: Indigo Band.

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.

Insider's VIP Horse Farm Tours*

Join us for a horse country tour Friday Sept. 2 or Friday, Sept. 23, to get an insider's view of the Horse Capital of the World! The tour includes close interaction with horses and the people who handle them. During the drive, learn about the history, fun facts about Ocala's horse industry, and points of interest.

After the farm tours, enjoy a self-guided afternoon at the World Equestrian Center. Everyone will be able to dine at one of the many restaurants of choice and tour the facility for two and a half hours. The cost is \$38 per person and includes transportation and tours. Please note that this trip requires a lot of walking. Farm stop locations are subject to change.

Club Fair

Join us at the bi-annual Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. If you are looking for new activities or want to meet new people, our resident clubs are a great choice. Come to this free event and learn about the many exciting and activity-based clubs available to join. The SPCA of Marion County will be selling doughnuts and coffee. All proceeds will go to the SPCA.

Rags to Riches Signup*

It is that time of year to clean out your closets and garages and sell the items that you no longer need. Table sign up begins Monday, Sept. 12, at the Recreation Center office. Tables are \$10 each with a maximum of two tables per person.

Rags to Riches will be Friday, Oct. 7, at the Arbor Conference Center, from 9 a.m. to noon.

St. Johns Luncheon Cruise*

Join us for a relaxing four-hour steamboat river luncheon cruise on the beautiful St. Johns River Thursday, Sept. 15. The Barbara Lee is an authentic sternwheel paddleboat. The boat has five decks, some open air and some closed, with large glass windows to take in the unspoiled view. The cost is \$96 per person and includes transportation, cruise, lunch, and gratuity.

Godfather Variety Comedy Show*

Join us for a night of comedy and laughter as Joe Beddia presents "Godfather Variety Show" Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. This truly unique comic, singer, musician and impersonator, Joe Beddia, has worked with many top musi-



cians and entertainers throughout New England. Tickets are \$15 per person.

New Year's Eve Tickets*

The New Year's Eve celebration will take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom Saturday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Proper evening attire is required. Cash bar will be provided (no outside alcohol permitted).

The evening will consist of light appetizer shareable platters for each table. Dessert will be parfait shooters, coffee, tea, champagne toast in a souvenir flute and entertainment by 007 Band. Seating is limited to eight per table. Tickets are \$45 per resident and \$55 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Ticket (max of eight per person) sales begin Monday, Sept. 26, at 8 a.m.

Sea World*

Join us for a visit to Sea World Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Orlando, Florida. Cost is \$110 per person and includes transportation and admission to Sea World. Lunch will be on your own. Discover the beauty and majesty of the world below the surface with Sea World's breathtaking shows, incredible exhibits, and exhilarating rides. There are plenty of restaurants and food vendors at the park to satisfy your taste buds. You will arrive around 10 a.m. and leave the park at approximately 3:30 p.m. You will tour the park at your own pace and set your own schedule. Please note there will be a lot of walking on this trip.

Fall Cocktail Party*

Join us for our Fall Cocktail Party while listening to the soft sounds of the holidays played by Reese Norris Thursday, Sept. 29. This event will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$14 per guest. You'll receive two drink tickets for your choice of two flavored martinis (apple pie, pumpkin spice, or fall sangria). This will be paired with fall desserts.

Think of yourself and others and abide by all safety protocols. Stay safe and hydrated!

*To register, call 352-854-8707 x7533 or x7498. 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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Monday - Thursday

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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.
	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	
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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
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ALDI/Lowe's	Walmart

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*All times are approximate

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

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Pets of OTOW

By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

Okay, who owns the rust-colored cat that keeps activating my door camera in the middle of the night? Come on, fess up. That is a good-looking cat, not to mention a proficient escape artist! Well, it's time to give it some notoriety. It just so happens that the opportunity exists with "Pets of OTOW."

With a background in marketing, media and web development, Kayla Moffatt not only manages the Pets of OTOW "pet page" that is featured on OTOWInfo.com, but she also

contributes to building and maintaining the entire website.

In our meeting, she explained that On Top of the World is a pet-friendly community whereas many other communities are not. Our dog parks are a shining example of why we are. Knowing that you, fellow residents, are proud of your pets, Pets of OTOW was created as a vehicle on which to show them off. Pet owners are invited to submit still shots at OTOWInfo.com > Activity Info > Pets of OTOW.

What are we looking for? Whatever you love about your pet! It doesn't matter if your dog doesn't watch "Jeopardy" with you. Highlight your dog's other characteristics, whatever they might be. So, your cat can't meow the "Meow Mix" commercial song. Doesn't matter. Your cat's own individuality speaks volumes. Does your parakeet bob and weave to "La Grange" by ZZ Top? Doesn't matter ... well, yeah, that one does. If your bird can do that, I volunteer to be its agent.

Dogs, cats, birds, fish, whatever your pet is, you have reasons why they are with you. Whether it be personal choice companionship, heartfelt rescue, or being cajoled by your grandchild to adopt that

hamster ("I promise I'll feed it, grandma"); we all have our own pet stories as orchestrated by them, as they are a part of our family. So, consider participating in Pets of OTOW and brag about them on our website. Take photos of them. Describe their personalities, share stories - whatever makes you feel about them the way you do. Make it sappy, interesting, usual, unusual, lovable, however you feel about ... family.

Presto! As a result of the posting of my door cam video on the internet, I just received an email from the owners of the rust-colored cat. It is back at home and, uh, primping for a photo shoot.

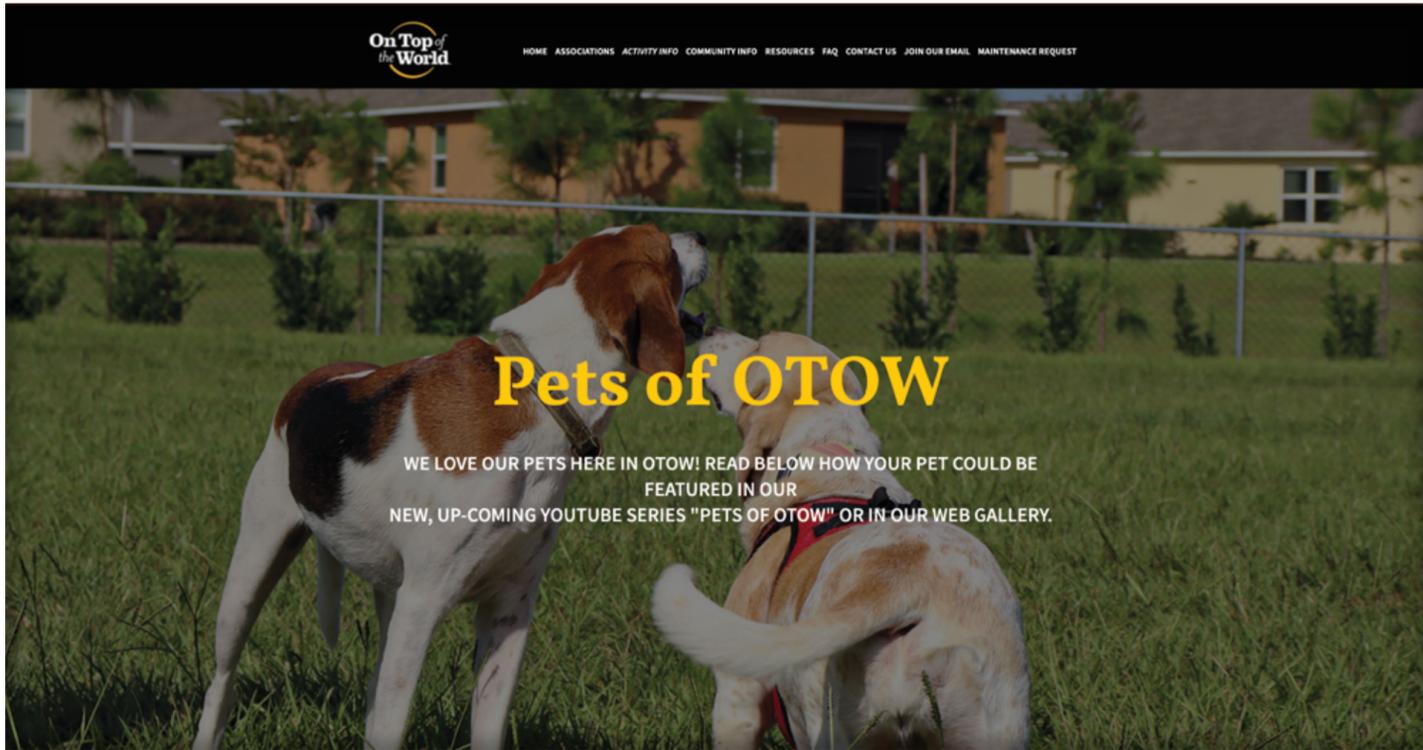


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Upload a photo of your pet at OTOWInfo.com.

Astronomical Experiences

By Jim Shumann

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, Aug. 11. President Larry Isenberg welcomed new members and remarked on the excitement of the recent articles in papers and magazines about the James Webb Space Telescope's discoveries. He rejoiced how new data from the telescope was revolutionizing our views of the early universe and its mysteries.

Isenberg also announced the next NASA webinar for club members Thursday, Aug. 18, in which NASA's Kenton Fisher will discuss what we are learning from more than four million photographs taken by astronauts since humans first launched into space.

Barb Cobb then covered the minutes from the last club meeting, and Claudia McEvers provided the club's current financial standing, including the club's earnings from its recent 50/50 drawing.

Doug George described a trip he took to Chile and Peru in 2019 to observe a solar eclipse in its totality. He described the excitement of the eclipse seen from La Serena, Chile, a rare opportunity to observe the "green flash" of the setting sun, the astronomical aspects of Machu Pichu, and a particularly clear night in Urabamba, Peru when he photographed the Southern Cross constellation and the Milky Way.

Then Ed Hayes discussed his most recent trip to visit the San

Diego Astronomy Association observatory near Tierra Del Sol in the high desert east of San Diego. As a member of the association, he is able to use their two magnificent telescopes - a 22-inch Lipp Ritchey-Chretien reflector as well as an eight-inch D&G refractor.

Following that, Vice President John Bridges presented his customary guide to the locations of the moon, planets, stars, and astronomical objects visible in the month of August.

Before the meeting ended, Kathy McDonald conducted another 50/50 drawing and auctioned off a space blanket to help the club raise money for guest speakers and outings.

Isenberg concluded the meeting by reminding club members to watch for more emails announcing other observation sessions and telescope operation clinics in the coming weeks and months. Observation sessions could be held on any evening that weather conditions allow for an open sky and club members

are willing to set up their telescopes to share observations. Members are welcome to arrive and stay as long as they wish throughout the evenings. All sessions are held at the flying field adjacent to the R/C car track.

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents can join the club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. Indigo East residents require a Gateway of Services pass to participate in the club. For information or club registration, please contact Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Larry Isenberg at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomy-club.org.



Photos by Doug George

The 2019 solar eclipse in Chile showing the Sun's Corona and the "diamond ring" phase (right).

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine



Today, I am going to write about a town that I would like to see, but likely won't get a chance. Located about 50 miles from Medellín, Colombia, Guatapé is noted for being the most colorful town in all of Colombia.

Before the Iberian conquistadors came in the 16th century, this territory was inhabited by an indigenous tribe. A man named Guatapé, was the head of the tribe, so, naturally, the village was named after him. However, the town of Guatapé was not officially recognized until 1811.

The local economy originally relied on livestock, agriculture, and mining. However, in 1970, the world shifted on its axis for residents. A power company built a huge hydroelectric complex near the town, which had drastic impacts on the social, economic, political, environmental, and cultural atmosphere of the region. Because of the ruggedness of the land, one largely unexpected impact was the creation of rather stunning scenic views. When the reservoir filled behind the dam, the natural arrangement of the many hills and valleys left a gorgeous vista of islands and deep bays.

The views are best seen by climbing La Piedra del Peñón, a single, huge rock outcropping that stands over 650 feet high. It offers incred-



Photo by TitiNicola

A colorful tuk-tuk in Guatapé, Colombia, the most colorful town in Colombia.

ible views, but you have to pay a price for these views by climbing 740 steps, almost straight up! If you can make it to the top, you will be rewarded with great views, a restaurant with outdoor tables, two Benedictine monasteries that are open to the public, and souvenir shops (big surprise there, eh?).

Alternatively, you can explore the lake up close and personal by renting kayaks or paddleboards. For the less adventurous group of us, there also are many ferries available that will take you on tours of the dam and around the many islands.

Other fun activities you can undertake include a boat tour past Pablo Escobar's house, an ATV tour in the lush jungle that surrounds Guatapé, swim at La Casuela waterfall, a dinner cruise on the lake, jet skiing, a scenic helicopter flight, and you often are able to listen to live music in the Plaza del Zocalo in the downtown area.

I mentioned earlier that Guatapé is considered the most colorful town in Colombia. This becomes obvious when you "walk among the Zocalos." In Mexico, zocalo often means a town's main square,

but in Guatapé, Colombia, zocalos mean the colorful exterior decorations on the lower part of the buildings. Since the 20th century, all the buildings in the town are painted in different bright colors. Some of the designs are only in colors whereas others may have animal or flower shapes on them. All in all, it makes for an impressive, cheerful view. You can enjoy people watching in a colorful environment while sitting at a table outside a small restaurant sipping some great Colombian coffee, or, for me, sipping a nice glass (or two) of Colombian red wine.

Scandinavian American Club

David Wesenberg



I was surprised to find out from Ancestry.com that I was one-eighth Norwegian. I originally became a member of the Scandinavian American Club because my wife is half Swedish and I was along for the ride. Who knew! But now that I know I am in small part a Scandinavian it hasn't affected the fun I have in the Scandinavian American Club one bit. Whether you are Scandinavian or not, you can have great fun in the club with some wonderful folks who like to have fun with a Scandinavian twist.

The club is doing something different the next few months. At our meeting Tuesday, May 24, we had a presentation from club members on Norway, its shared history, culture, lifestyle, and wonderful traditional food.

We will have a presentation of Sweden at our Tuesday, Sept. 27 meeting and Denmark at our Tuesday, Oct. 25 meeting, each at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV.

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.

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Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



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

This month we are discussing a wide variety of medical alert devices. We're seniors getting ready for plan B, that's what we do. Even though it is great to do your own research since this is a confusing topic with lots of choices, we recommend you start with your doctor. Everyone will have different needs, wants, medical scenarios, and you can also review the variety of price ranges to fit your situation.

Who needs a medical alert device? Usually those living alone, with or without medical needs. Styles include a necklace, button, or bracelet where you press the button and an online service professional will contact you in less than a minute, they have your supplied medi-

cal history, and they alert EMTs.

The confusing part is that companies vary with monitoring options and fees: 24/7 dispatch emergency services, who also call your emergency contacts; fall detection; monitoring fire/smoke or carbon monoxide; intruder alerts; battery life; front door lockbox; speak to and get help from a doctor; ranges vary from 400 to 1,500 feet, or unlimited mobile; landline or completely wireless mobile devices, and GPS location tracking.

Be sure to check the contract details, since some have no installation or cancellation fees, while others have an extended contract and cancellation fees locking in the rate for several years. Check whether you purchase an in-home system with a landline, or a mobile untethered connection so you can travel.

There are stylish watches with more features, automatic fall detection usually not included, but you can push the emergency button. With this format, you purchase the device and a monthly service contract with the alert company.

Then there are Apple and Samsung watches with additional health apps and features including fall detection, where it notifies both 9-1-1 and your emergency contacts.

For these, it's a one-time device purchase and around \$10 monthly for cell service. The Apple watch does have Family Setup where multiple watches of family members can pair with one iPhone. That would save seniors a big expense, while perhaps their daughter or son purchases the iPhone and they organize all the family watch devices.

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 otow-

pclub.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.

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Tech Tips

Shane Bobson
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To do so, our technicians have prepared several new instructional videos for customers to access in the event your internet is not performing as it should. Many times, it's a simple fix! Be sure to visit our support page at BridgenetCommunications.com to view our library.

These videos offer some simple step-by-step instructions to help you reboot your modem or fiber router, connect ethernet cables to your communications equipment or connect your router and other devices to ethernet ports in other rooms. By following these videos, you can quickly alleviate an equipment problem and become a tech expert in no time!

These new instructional videos will join our existing suite of tutorials already available on our Bridgenet Communications website. Right now, you can find help on how to read your monthly bill, research frequently asked questions about our services and systems, and find online forms for billing changes or other needs.

Of course, our 24-hour tech support (352-873-4817 option 3) is readily available to answer your technical questions or provide support for more troubling issues. At any time, you can email support@mybridgenet.com or billing@mybridgenet.com with any service related or billing questions.

The Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger



The Jewish Club is a cultural, educational, and social club that meets on the third Sunday

of the month at 12:30 p.m. Meetings are held at both the Arbor Conference Center and The Lodge at Candler Hills. Membership is open to all residents including Indigo East residents with a Gateway of Services pass. The club has over 150 members and has annual dues of \$18 per person payable every January. It is not necessary to be Jewish

to join.

After taking off the months of July and August, we are looking forward to our Sunday, Sept. 18, bagel and lox "welcome back" lunch meeting. It will be held at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This meeting is for paid up members only.

If you would like to join the club and participate in our September paid up meeting, dues will be \$9 and will cover membership through Dec. 31. Interested individuals please contact Suzie Kline at 910-393-9877 for an application and make payment prior to Saturday, Sept. 10.

As part of giving back to the Marion County community, we are asking our members attending the September meeting to provide non-perishable food items for Interfaith Emergency Services (IES). IES helps Marion County residents lacking basic needs such as food, shelter, hygiene, medication, advocacy, and counseling. This is a worthy county service, and we are hoping that our membership can make a small difference to those less fortunate. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Interfaith Emergency Services.

If you are a new resident or have general questions about the club, contact First Vice President Gail Levine at 954-881-4010 or gl4010@gmail.com.

Pennsylvania Club

Lacinda Hobbs



Come check us out at the Club Fair in the Recreation Center Ballroom Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The first meeting of the 2022/2023 club season will be Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. We will have a potluck dinner and trivia game along with the usual 50/50 and door prize drawings. We hope to see you there.

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Southern Club



Melanie Vittitow

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Whether you were born in the south, lived in the south, or relocated to the south, you are invited to join the Southern Club for our "Taste of the South" kickoff party on Tuesday, Sept. 6. We will be furnishing wine, cheese, southern-style appetizers and dessert. For those who don't drink wine; coffee, iced tea, and lemonade will be available.

We are a social club that meets on the first Tuesday of the month Sep-

tember through May. We welcome residents and Indigo East Gateway of Services pass holders. Our dues are \$10 per person per club year. We usually have a potluck dinner plus entertainment or a speaker, and occasionally the club furnishes the meal such as we are doing this month.

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III starting at 5:30 p.m.; so, come a little early to find your seating and to pay your dues. You don't have to bring anything except your resident ID card and your dues money.

We will need to know how many people are attending to have enough food for everyone, so an RSVP is required for this meeting. Please call 352-873-8690 and leave a message.

We hope you can join us for some food, fellowship, and fun - southern style. Y' all come now, y' hear?

Women of the World



Betty Thayer

We are back and ready for the Thursday, Sept. 15, membership meeting. Please note that we now meet on the third Thursday of the month at noon in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Other than that, we are still the same club, a service and charitable organization where every month we support a local charity and bring informative and interesting speakers to our members.

Our charity for September is a kickoff for our yearlong support of Operation Shoebox. Operation Shoebox supports our troops with needed items that give a bit of home to our deployed men and women. Items of interest are individually wrapped: protein bars, small cookie packs, peanuts, crackers, jerky,

etc. Mary Harper with Operation Shoebox will join us and share the importance of this charity.

Our featured speaker is Julie Sanderson with Patriot Service Dogs. Come hear about the amazing job they do in training and matching dogs to veterans.

Please join us. Dues are \$15 a year and you can pay at the September 15th meeting. Also, you can make sure that your contact information is up to date at the membership table and fill out a new form if necessary.

We are looking forward to a fun filled year and can't wait to welcome everyone.

Women of the World is open to all ladies living in On Top of the World, including Indigo East residents with a Gateway of Services pass.

Come join us for an opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

If there are any questions you would like answered, please call Betty Thayer at 352-361-1313.

Tall Tale Travelers



David Cranmer

The Tall Tale Travelers RV Club is open to all residents interested in the recreation vehicle 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 regular meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Club members are now making plans for our 2023 rallies, we are looking to hold four to five rallies a year. Past rallies included trips to RV campgrounds/resorts that are within a three-hour drive from Ocala. On these trips there are fun-filled activities at the resort as well as opportunities to enjoy the local attractions.

Our fall trips to Savannah, Georgia in September and Ft. Myers Beach, Florida in October are full. In addition, we will be enjoying informal camping trips to area campgrounds usually around special events like festivals and fairs.

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

What's Cookin'?



Elaine Morrison

For those of you who like Greek food this recipe is simple and just plain delicious.

Greek Chicken

- 6 chicken thighs (or other cut up chicken)
- 1-pound small Yukon gold potatoes
- Oregano, to taste
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 lemons

Cut one lemon into wedges. Cut potatoes into wedges. Place in a bowl with chicken, olive oil, oregano, salt, and pepper. Mix and bake in a 425-degree oven until potatoes are fork tender and browned and chicken is cooked thoroughly. Use the second lemon for serving.

The following might be a nice accompaniment.

Spicy Coleslaw

- 1 medium cabbage, shredded
- 2 carrots, grated
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons relish
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Whisk together all dressing ingredients and combine with the vegetables. Best if made ahead of time.

Texas Connection Social Club



Kathy Cornell

For our September meeting, we'll be swapping howdys and catching up after taking a little summer break. Hopefully we will also be welcoming some new folks for our special brand of Texas fun. Our activity will be a game called "Tales of Texans." This is kind of a "have you ever" type game where each table is a team and scores points based on the experiences of the players.

Our meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 11, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Feel free to start moseying in after 5:30 p.m.

This is a "bring a snack to share" type gathering, so please contribute an appetizer, snack, dessert, or other goody for the group and bring your preferred beverage for yourself.

We'll be collecting dues of \$10 per person for returning members and new folks who want to join. There will be a little membership form to complete. Bring your read-

ing glasses if you use them or you'll have to get someone to take dictation!

There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Money from dues and the 50/50 is used for expenses such as paper products, game supplies, prizes, compensation for outside entertainers and club provided food for special occasions.

October meeting will be a musical salute to Texas provided by our community's very own Dulcimer Group. The players are looking forward to entertaining us again. They say we are a great group. Of course, we feel the same about them.

If you have a connection to Texas by having spent time there even if it was just for vacation, military training, competitions, professional meetings, etc., please consider joining us. If you have family there, we welcome you too. Those of us who were born and raised there or were there for work, college or military service will be happy to share our Texas experiences, culture, and customs. We live up to our motto that Texas is the Friendship State.

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

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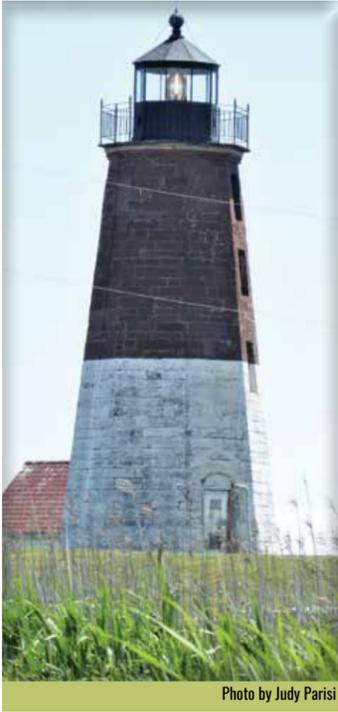
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Point Judith Lighthouse.

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Rhode Island Group

Judy Parisi



There is something about lighthouses that fascinate the imagination. We typically see them in very picturesque settings and are entranced by their beauty, but they also evoke a sense of security and stability.

Lighthouses date back many years, with one of the first known being the Pharos of Alexandria, built in 285 BC in Egypt. It was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and stood for 1,500 years until destroyed by an earthquake. Extensive construction of lighthouses began in the 17th century as travel on the high seas increased and major coastal lighthouses were constructed as a warning of dangerous rocks, reefs, and currents.

Boston Harbor was the site of one of the first lighthouses built in the American colonies in 1716. By 1900, there were nearly 1,000 lighthouses in the United States, both coastal and harbor types. By

the end of the 20th century, most of these were either automated with electric beacons or abandoned with the lighthouse keeper who kept the gas beacon lit, cleaned the reflecting mirrors, and removed soot from the tower windows being made obsolete. Modern satellite navigational technology has replaced many lighthouses as a primary navigational aide.

As you would expect Rhode Island has many beautiful lighthouses. One of these is Point Judith Lighthouse located on what is now the Point Judith Coast Guard Station in Narragansett, Rhode Island. The lighthouse remains as an active aide in navigation with a fourth order Fresnel lens and is maintained by the coastguardsmen who also serve in search and rescue operations. Point Judith Light is located on the west side entrance to Narragansett Bay in an area busy with water traffic. Heavy seas, dense fog and dangerous shoals made this area once known as the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" a name that also applies to the outer banks of North Carolina and areas of Cape Cod.

This lighthouse was first built with a wooden tower equipped with

a spider lamp that burned whale oil. The lighting apparatus rotated on a copper platform that was designed to block out the light briefly every two-and-a-half minutes. A hurricane in 1815 toppled the wooden tower and damaged several other lighthouses in the Northeast. The current structure was built in 1856 of granite in an octagonal shape. The fog signal originally installed in 1867 was later replaced with sirens powered by engines and compressors. The lighthouse was automated in 1954.

Point Judith is a must see if you are in Rhode Island and the lighthouse is nearby the location of the fishing fleet and many fine restaurants.

The Rhode Island Group will be meeting again for lunch this fall. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Rhode Islanders and reminisce. If you are not on our email list, please email judith.paris@gmail.com to be added to the list so you will receive information on our upcoming luncheon. We welcome all those who previously lived, worked, or served in Rhode Island.

Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger



Cool crisp mornings and evenings make Michigan the perfect respite from sultry summer heat felt elsewhere around our great nation. The shores of beckoning Lake Michigan waters are blanketed weekly by visitors from all points in the nation.

As for the locals, they wait until sunrise or sunset of the weekdays to find their quiet waterside moments, sharing the sand with the water birds as they march along the beach.

Cruise ships are becoming quite common on the inland seas around the mitten. It is very eye opening to view our home state from the water, experiencing its treasures, like Niagara Falls and Georgian Bay; and to see Fort Mackinac from a horse drawn carriage across Macki-

nac Island; or walk through the colorful flower gardens in Holland to the Dutch Windmill there. Our state holds memories just waiting to be made.

Sunday, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m. is our opening meeting of the fall season for the Michigan Club. Join us at Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. Our guest headliner is popular vocalist, Linda Sisco, a true Michiganiaan.

This month and forward, we are asking members and guests to bring your own place settings of silverware, dishes, and the beverage of your choice. This will help greatly with managing our meeting preparation.

The club is a meet, greet and eat group, so plan to bring a dish to serve eight. If your last name begins with A-H, bring a main dish; I-P, bring a vegetable or salad; and Q-Z, bring a dessert. Thank you for your cooperation. Please volunteer to clean up afterward.

If you have any questions about Michigan Club, please call Nancy Meininger 352-554-0757.



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Where in the world is she?

Native Plant Group

Ron Broman



Just to be different, we'll begin this month's entry with last month's beauty, *Crinum americanum*, string lily.

Indeed, she is a strikingly beautiful flower, which is still blooming in our Garden of Weedin' located at 8959-A SW 96th Lane, and you are most welcome to visit for a tour. Just give me a call at 352-861-4560.

Now for September's wildflower. No, she's not a tree, but is tall for a flower, reaching sometimes to a height of 10 feet.

Unlike the string lily, she easily hides at the edge of partially shaded areas; her blossoms a pink to reddish-purple.

She comes in two species: one with narrow to needle-like leaves, the other with larger, elliptic to lanceshaped ones.

She is quite at home in our sand-hill community, proudly providing prolific packets of pollen for pollinators.

Now dear reader, it is your turn. Where will you find her growing here in On Top of the World? One hint should be quite sufficient. She is showing off as we write this and as you read it (she should be) in the same habitat as our string lily.

Now you can join our little group of committed Native Plant Group members as we continue to maintain the Longleaf Pine Trail and the SW 94th Street circle. Just call the above number to acquire directions. We would love to have you working and learning with us as we invest in growing native.

Eco Gardeners

Phil Karcheski



It has been a hot and challenging summer and only the diehards are trying to keep a few plants alive. Those who planted chili peppers have the benefit of letting them ripen then dehydrate on the vine. Several gardens are covered with tarps and plastic to solarize the soil taking advantage of the heat and sun to heat the soil below to a temperature high enough to effectively kill off the persistent nematode problems. Soon it will be time to start growing from seed indoors if you will not be buying plants when planting time comes.

I spent two months in Wisconsin and had heirloom tomatoes and zucchini in my daughter's garden. We had the hot days and cool nights that tomatoes love to grow and ripen in. The problem was four were planted 36 inches apart and grew into each other and required pruning to allow light and air in to prevent early tomato blight.

The zucchinis were growing so fast that it was hard to keep up. Upon leaving for a two-day visit, the four-inch fruit grew to 16 inches (the size of a newborn). Fortunately, my wife and daughter had many creative recipes, but you can only eat so much zucchini. The surplus went into the freezer for winter.

If you are getting anxious to put seeds in the ground, to resist that

urge start going through the catalogs. You will find that if you are ordering for yourself, it is easy to spend a small fortune between seed purchases and shipping. As a cost containment strategy, I reach out to other gardeners with similar tastes to share the cost, trade, or give some away, and put the remainder in baggies with some desiccant to absorb the moisture and save in the refrigerator until next year. I have had success with seeds three years old when stored properly.

When the next season arrives, place seeds on a paper towel, cover with another sheet, moisten, then put in a plastic bag. Check in about three days and you will know what the germination rate is. In the case of beans, peas, and other large seeds those that sprout can be planted. If you raise heirlooms, saving seed from your best fruit is fun and increasingly grows better each year.

Another solution to save is online. I have found out from a fellow gardener there are many sources of seed for less than a dollar. There are a few that are Florida raised seeds which would be best suited for our climate.

By the time you read this, snowbirds will have returned - uncovering their plots, buying Black Kow manure, and setting up tomato cages.

Go out and get some dirt on your hands. It is better and cheaper than therapy, healthy exercise, plus you get to eat what you grow.

The Eco Gardeners meet at 1 p.m. on the third Monday of the month in the Hobby Building Event Room.

R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr



provided. We look forward to seeing the returning members and to introduce ourselves to any new potential members! It is a wonderful group of ladies who support their significant others with their wonderful hobby!

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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Travel Toppers

Janet Wiles



An overnight trip is planned for Nov. 4 and 5 to the National Navy SEAL Museum and the Manatee Observation and Education Center in Fort Pierce, Florida.

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Did you know that the National Navy SEAL Museum has a K-9 project? The museum in Fort Pierce is partnered with Baden K-9 in Ontario, Canada. They donate many working dogs to deserving veterans of the special operations community. Learn more about this project on our trip.

At the Manatee Observation and Education Center, you will learn about manatees and other wildlife, Florida's diverse habitats, and much more. Explore hands-on exhibits and informational displays. There is a covered observa-

tion walkway. Those who wish to climb to the second story observation tower may see bottlenose dolphin, mullet, brown pelicans, and terns. The gardens have a variety of colorful flowers as well as exotic plants and native plants.

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 reservations, contact Linda Hein at 352-861-9880. Please note that all tickets are non-refundable unless we have a wait list.

"White Christmas" presented on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, is sold out. Contact Diane Knox at 352-390-2386 to get on the wait list. The cost, \$88 per person, includes lunch, show, transportation, and all tips.

The "Best of Panama" Jan. 26 through Jan. 31, 2023, includes the tour, airfare, travel protection insurance, and the bus to and from

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Make Travel Toppers reservations Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Since the community is growing and many residents wish to participate in our tours, reservations may be made for only four people at a time. Note that all tickets for plays are non-refundable unless we have a wait list.

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Genealogical Society

Ron Niebo



Once again, friends helping friends ... at the Monday, Aug. 15 meeting Education Chair Sid Levine led members in discussing techniques to organize their genealogy research. (A topic closely related to the "brick wall" issues discussed last month.) Our members used their collective expertise to offer helpful suggestions involving methods for managing paper, securing historical records, digitizing documents, and utilizing the latest genealogy software. One overriding imperative we discussed was documenting your information so it could be verified and used by future genealogists.

One interesting suggestion was to consider professional genealogist Thomas MacEntee's "do over" approach by which you re-examine your research, assure document sources are properly cited, folder and files are consistently labeled, records are secured, and so much more.

"Habits of Highly-Organized Genealogists: Your Ultimate Guide" by Dana McCullough at familytreemagazine.com/organization/9-habits-of-highly-organized-genealogists-2/

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So, what is the special interest topic for our Monday, Sept. 19 educational meeting? Answer: genealogist, freelance writer, and historian Lynn Palermo will speak about turning your research into shareable stories, visit familyhistorywritingstudio.com/. All writers find they need to connect readers to their story. That is the writer needs to create an emotional bond between you and the subject character. Using genealogy research and social history, we will learn how to uncover an ancestor's character traits and bring that individual to life on the pages for the reader.

Mark your calendar and visit the Genealogical Society booth at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our representatives will be there to answer genealogy and membership questions.

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 these meetings, there are open discussions, special interest group sessions, and a designated timeslot reserved for a guest genealogist to review a specific area of interest.

All residents can join. New members are welcome - beginners as well as experienced genealogists. Yearly dues are \$20 for an individual and \$35 for a couple. For membership information, contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at wkelleymt@outlook.com.

Lastly, on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, please join in celebrating the contributions and achievements of American workers. As genealogists and historians know, working conditions for our ancestors were difficult and their achievements often went unnoticed or under-appreciated. Starting in 1892, with the first Labor Day Parade held in New York City, our ancestors rejoiced in the contributions made by workers. Labor Day parades and celebration displays were adopted by other cities and states; culminating in 1894, when the first Monday in September was declared a national holiday. Happy Labor Day!

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Sandi Dickerson

Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established for single women in 2006. Our motto is "SWANS are never alone." We actively support each other during times of need and enjoy life through our many social events.

We continue to meet on Saturdays in 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 play at 10 a.m. The new SWANS who have learned to play samba have joined us and are doing quite well! We will continue with this activity through 2023 as the room has already been reserved.

Our lunch out in August was at Ayuttaya Thai Cuisine and enjoyed by many. Thanks go to Bonnie Herrick and Sandy Welch for hosting! Dinner out was at The Salted Brick in the Ocala Preserve and was hosted by Lois Nix and Sally Herrick. We have been here many times and always enjoy the food and atmosphere. Thanks to Lois and Sally for hosting! We really appreciate all of you!

In August, the SWANS took on an entirely new charitable project. We collected funds from our members and donated books to the Ina A. Colen Academy. In a few short weeks, our members donated enough to purchase not one, but two sets of books needed for their book nooks. SWANS - your amazing generosity is never-ending! We also have had 10 members express an interest in volunteering at the school in different capacities. As usual, our SWANS have come through again!

Our appetizer and dinner in groups are continuing full steam ahead. We will be joining new groups at the Saturday, Sept. 10, meeting at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. At this meeting, Lois will explain all our activities and you will be given an opportunity to sign up to host and/or join, any number of these events. Please bring the completed SWANS information sheet when you come. If you are already a member, you will receive one via email. If you are not currently a member, we will have forms available for you at the meeting. Please remember to print clearly on this form and answer all questions. Doing these two things will make it much easier for us to include you in the activities you wish to participate in as we are getting to be a very large group.

Our club'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! If you are interested in joining us, give Lois a call. New members are always welcome. Remember, SWANS are never alone and never forgotten!

Christian Women's Club



Sandi Kemp

Please join us on the fourth Saturday of the month for a delicious potluck luncheon, easy listening music, and fellowship.

In August, even though it was 10 days before Labor Day, we celebrated patriotically. Fiona shared some questions that she had to answer when she became a U.S. citizen. It was surprisingly fun to see how difficult it was to answer some of those questions!

Our topic for the month was "faith" and a short reading was shared. We are blessed to have a piano in the room and Marion played "Great is Thy Faithfulness" as we sang along.

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. I hope that you will be able to join us Saturday, Sept. 24, at 11:30 a.m. No reservation is needed but please call Sandi Kemp at 352-237-9073 and leave a message with your first name so that I can have a name tag ready for you. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

Active Singles Club



Jane Parker

Active Singles Club was created for single residents. We are single, not alone! Moving into a new community can be a significant adjustment for those without spouses or significant others. Active Singles Club is the perfect place to meet new people who may become friends. Having someone to go to an Active Singles Club event, see a movie, or go out to dinner with makes the adjustment to a new community easier. Active Singles Club currently has over 200 members.

Active Singles Club schedules a variety of annual activities. The club provides opportunities for meeting new people and having fun. Listed below are the annual events and activities scheduled.

- Sunday, Sept. 18: Pool party at 12:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This event includes lunch with members providing dessert, side dishes, or an Interfaith Emergency Services donation. Members must RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 1: Anniversary picnic at the pavilion near the Recreation Center. Members will provide dessert, side dishes, or an Interfaith Emergency Services donation.

tion. More details to come.

- Wednesday, Dec. 14: Holiday party at the Indigo East Community Center. This party is more formal than other events with evening attire. A \$5 entrance fee will be collected to help pay for the music provided by Solid Gold. The board is researching different food options with more details to come.

Several activities are held on weekly, monthly, or on an intermittent basis. Listed below are the events and activities scheduled.

- Wallyball is weekly at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Center.
- Nine-hole golf scramble is currently suspended.
- Game night is monthly on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.
- Breakfast club is monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. (location varies).
- Dance instructions are monthly on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. (location to be announced) and the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center.
- Bocce ball is currently suspended.
- Lunch out is monthly with upcoming locations to be announced.
- Walks and hikes are on an intermittent basis.

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100 Grandparents



Melinda Sutherland

Those involved with the 100 Grandparents were hoping to return to Romeo Elementary in Dunnellon this year. However, with the school and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) safety guidelines, we are still on hold.

Janet Fragapane has kept in touch with the school to see if there is a way we can still be involved with the students and staff. Some donation suggestions are school supplies (any kind), hand sanitizer, clothing (new or gently used), underwear (must be new and in sealed bags), socks, shoes, and food snacks. Children attending Romeo are from kindergarten to sixth grade.

The goal of the 100 Grandparents is to read to the children once a month. The excitement from the staff, children, and grandparent readers on our assigned day, help to instill the love of reading. In the past, this program was enjoyed by everyone, and we look forward to resuming as soon as we receive the go ahead.

Questions concerning donations or should you want more information on the 100 Grandparents, please contact Janet Fragapane at 352-861-1575. You can leave donations on the front porch at 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge).

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Chicken Day

By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

Stephen Thesman said that Chicken Day was quite the event. Having played golf in many states, he exclaimed that this is the biggest recurring event he has ever seen. Of course, I had to see for myself, and Stephen kindly offered to be my guide at the most recent Chicken Day.

So, what is Chicken Day? When did it all begin? What came first, the chicken or the day? Ah, a call to investigate! (Insert "The Pink Panther" theme music here.)

Occurring on the first Wednesday of the month, Chicken Day is a golf scramble that takes place on The Links course. On average, 100 or so member golfers of the Men's Golf Association (MGA) gather to suffer through the mundane chore of playing 18 holes to partake in what's next on Chicken Day - by Jove, scarfing down a chicken feast in the Recreation Center Ballroom!

The camaraderie is good stuff. However, continual giving is a substantial benefit of the event. A portion of the entry fees is donated to Hospice of Marion County.

So, when did this all begin? As best as we've uncovered, here's the coop ... uh, scoop on Chicken Day.

Some of the guys who are not exactly ... um, spring chickens, who have participated in Chicken Day for a long time opined that the event goes back at least 35 years. I asked John Yenne, the MGA columnist if he knew, and he said that he has been working on finding the answer as well. Past president George Blankenship enthusiastically said that Chicken Day was the "biggest thing going" during his presidency, and event veteran John Bauer traced the event back to about 1986. John Sparks produced an MGA document showing the MGA itself dating back to 1984.

Charitable Gifts Officer Cindy

Moody from Hospice of Marion County (HMC) praised the Men's Golf Association for making steady contributions over the years from Chicken Day, as well as its continued support under the leadership of current MGA president, Charles Crenshaw. Cindy also said that so many On Top of the World clubs, through volunteering and events, support HMC in "phenomenal ways", including the Ocala Open and Women of the World Fashion Show. Such support, "helps HMC to give patients everything they need, a team effort by so many mission-minded people."

So how does all of this happen? The chicken meals are prepared and delivered each month by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken and served by the dedicated women associated with MGA. Robert Hollingsworth, a general manager for Lee's for the past 12 years, has been with the company overall for 17 years. Having heard stories from co-workers, he also estimates that Lee's involvement with Chicken Day goes back 30-plus years.

I asked Robert how many chick-

ens on average never ... uh ... cross the road each month. He quickly took a recent ... head count (sorry, couldn't resist) that totaled almost 40 chickens. During the interviews, a funny story surfaced. One year, the Christmas season Chicken Day entrée featured roast beef in lieu of chicken. How did that work out? Well, (insert "I Can't Go for That"

by Hall and Oates here) the overwhelming response from the group was - "Where's the chicken?"

Chicken Day is not only a fun, well-oiled event, but a grand tradition of the MGA; one that also focuses on supporting community services. Thanks, Steven Thesman, for bringing Chicken Day to our attention.



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

Volunteers for Chicken Day.



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

MGA members enjoying Chicken Day.



Photo by Jan Lindell

TOPS chapters get together.

Lose Weight with Friends

By Jan Lindell

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.

Chapter meetings are as follows:

- 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 9:15 a.m.; meeting from 10 to 11 a.m.

with Gail Hopper (gailhopper@yahoo.com).

In July, the Monday group had a gross loss of 19.9 pounds and the Tuesday group had a gross loss of 33.8 pounds. Keep up the hard work everyone.

Both groups have announced their new officers. For Monday, the chapter leader is Linda Sisco; co-leader is Debbie; weight recorders are Marilyn Tidwell and Kathy Gerdes; sunshine is Lleana Cobos; and new member mentor is Annette Freehauf.

For Tuesday, the chapter leader is Gail Hopper; co-leader is Debbie

Kezelian secretary is Kathy Broderick; treasurer is C.J. Harris; weight recorders are Sue Latham and Barbara Richardson; and web designer and sunshine is Jan Lindell.

The Tuesday group received an award for a no gain meeting in June.

The two chapters had a get together outing with some fun and fellowship sponsored by the Monday chapter.

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Top Pickleball Club

Bill Bender



To run a volunteer organization such as the Top Pickleball Club (TPC), with over 500 members, takes a good deal of effort. I asked some of our volunteers why they are willing to spend their precious time this way. The individuals quoted here are by no means an all-inclusive list, but rather a small sampling. I will have more quotes in next month's column. Here are a few of the responses:

Herb Katz: "I enjoy helping others with talents I may have and enjoy challenges. TPC supplied both for me. It gave me an opportunity to help write club by-laws and to teach beginners. It is a most satisfying feeling during the one-hour beginners' class to all of a sudden see the game click in the newbies' eyes. Also, staying active in different organizations has made me younger even if my chronological age keeps increasing."

Steve Schlesselman: "When I retired, I was not sure what that was going to entail. I quickly found out that you can volunteer for most anything. There seems to be less volunteers than what is required in most clubs that I belong to. I wanted to stay busy and not be bored. That just never happened. I am busier now than when I was work-

ing. I love when folks ask me, "Can you give me some pointers on what I am doing wrong on the courts?" I will always comply and do my best to help anyone. I love the computer aspect of certain things I do, namely, webmaster for one other club I belong to - keeps my mind occupied and sharp most days. As event director, I also get to play with the TPC website, which sometimes can be a challenge. The Top Pickleball Club has always been fun, and a chore at times, but it does keep me busy and not just sitting home doing nothing. There usually isn't much time for that these days. Move it or lose it, I say."

Jim Sipe: "I do it because I enjoy the game and the people who play it. There is always a need for volunteers to make any organization great and I just wanted to do my small part to help that happen. Plus, the pay is great!"

It's not too surprising that the responses were quite varied. But the common thread seems to be that the rewards these individuals gain from the contributions they make outpace the investments. Pickleball is well known as a most sociable sport. Speaking for myself, the social side is the main attraction, not saying that I don't also appreciate the exercise.

If you are at all interested, come out and see the play Monday through Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Then if you would like, there is a free orientation class (conducted by our volunteers) held on the courts every Monday, at 10:30 a.m.

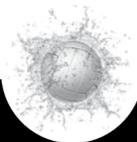


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Arbor Water Volleyball Club board members with new club t-shirts.

Arbor Water Volleyball Club

Arlene Carlton



After eating, the competitiveness of all was tested with two games. Nothing is more fun than a water balloon toss on a hot day with Connie and Diggy outlasting the 15 couples to win this event and staying dry in the process. Their prizes were a gift card and future year's membership to the club. Our second event was the world premiere of the "serve the volleyball through the bicycle tire" using the same balls we use in the pool. Larry Burke's accuracy spurred him to victory, and he was rewarded with a free club t-shirt.

Our final event was a 50/50 drawing with the prize money being shared by Don Noel and John Roba. The rest of the evening was just relaxing under the fans and eating desserts and schmoozing. It was a great time for all, and plans are already being made for other social events for club members.

Our club welcomes everyone who wishes to play recreational or advanced water volleyball; no previous experience needed. Please contact the president, Dan Connors, for more information.



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Pickleball special events volunteers: Thad Campbell, Mary Kay Ripp, Gary Schumacher, Margie Rantala, Cheri Zangmeister, Betsy Bluto, Bill Ballweg, Steve Schlesselman, and Rod Lewis.

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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



The membership meeting for the Candler Hills LGA-18 league was Wednesday, July 13. Our league is growing and currently has 91 members. The charity we are supporting is the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center for Women and Children. Anyone can donate on league day to this important organization. Several topics were discussed such as organized lunches, future events and navigating Golf Genius. You may review the notes on our website for further details.

We have three new members in our league: Patti Kelly, Bonnie Nystrom, and Bonnie Bunce. Please give them a warm welcome.

Another reciprocal event with the On Top of the World LGA-18 league occurred on Thursday, Aug. 11. The format was One Best Ball Gross/Net. A lovely lunch was served afterwards, and it was, without fail, a great time.

The story of how dimples became a part of the golf ball is very interesting. The first golf balls that were mass-manufactured were made from the sapodilla tree sap. The sap was heated and dried in a round mold. These balls were called gutties. When they lost their shape, they were simply reheated and remolded. Of course, there were nicks on these gutties. It was then realized that the imperfections

stabilized the ball's flight path and were the inspiration for our modern golf balls.

If you wish to join the Candler Hills LGA-18 league, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com. It is a good way to meet new ladies and have fun.

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

Out With the Bad (Individual) June 23

Flight 1: 48-Beverly Ovrebø. 50-Lori Pizzini. Flight 2: 45-Donna Isaac. 52-Chris McIntire. Flight 3: 35-Janette Sheil. 38-Susan Martin. Flight 4: 36-Sue Fierce. 38-Pam Brown.

Yang & Yang (Team) June 30

62-Sandy Snyder, Janette Sheil, Jane Hall. 64-Linda Taylor, Chris McIntire, Jan Christ. Tie at 65-Christine Giza, Peggy Ellenberger, Blind. Gail Lagrange, Judie Anderson, Beth Wolinsky. Beverly Ovrebø, Virginia Madura, Kathy Zunica.

Aces Wild (Individual) July 7

Flight 1: 52-Kathleen Goodwin. 55-Gail Lagrange. 61-Linda Taylor. Flight 2: 49-Virginia Combs. 56-Peggy Ellenberger. 58-Lynn Colomb. Flight 3: 49-MJ Strelec. 52-Angelita Jingco. Tie at 54-Judie Anderson, Mary Dawson. Flight 4: 48-Liz Lang. 50-Jane Hall. 57-Mary A. Cunningham. Flight 5: 43-Sandra Randles. 50-Pam Brown. 52-Carol Clark.

Summer Survivor (Team) July 14

64-LaGrange, Wilson. 66-Giza, Norris. Tie at 68-Anderson, Goodwin. Ovrebø, Dobosh. 69-Fournier, Boston. Tie at 70-Falconer, Pizzini. Jingco, Jones. Snyder, McIntire. Strelec, Nunn. Tie at 71-Combs, Foster. Hsu, Chin. Livingstons, Noltensmeyer. Prussia, Schriewer.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Marte Dobosh



August golf in Florida is steamy hot, and the 18-holers are up to the challenge! Armed with sunscreen, extra towels, lots of water and ice, the ladies battle it out on lush courses with extra thick rough.

Members are reminded to post scores each time you play, even during these summer months. Handicaps may take a hit during these tricky times, but the cooler fall days are just around the corner, and we'll soon be able to get some roll on the fairway!

League shirts have been ordered for new members and those golfers who may need another, and soon we will all be sporting our league colors.

Also on tap is possible participation in the Rags to Riches sale Friday, Oct. 7, as a league fundraiser. The board is gathering input from members to determine the interest level for this event.

If you have news of interest regarding our league (hole-in-ones, eagles, etc.), please feel free to submit to mgdobosh@yahoo.com. Word of mouth doesn't always travel far enough!

For up-to-date information, visit ladiesgolfotow.com.

Low Gross/Low Net (Individual) July 12/The Links Gross

Flight 1: 74-Sandy Snyder. 80-Gail Lagrange. 81-Linda Taylor. Flight 2: 83-Peggy Ellenberger. 86-Joyce Jones. 91-Virginia Combs. Flight 3: 89-Katie Schriewer. 91-Debby Wilson. 93-Lilly Gee. Flight 4: 95-Liz Lang. 100-Carolyn Cummings. 101-Vickie Foster.

Net

Flight 1: 69-Lynn Colomb. 72-Maria Fournier. 76-Mary Ann Livingston. Flight 2: 71-Chris McIntire. 75-Connie Norris. 79-Page Falconer. Flight 3: 74-Kathleen Mansfield. 75-Joann Dellapenna. 78-MJ Strelec. Flight 4: 75-Jan Christ. 75-Ronda Richley. 77-Gloria Cullins.

Out with the Bad Net (Individual) July 19/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 58-Lynn Colomb. 60-Linda Taylor. 61-Mary Jeannotte. 64-Vadonna Hall. 64-Gail Lagrange. Flight 2: 53-Joyce Jones. 57-Lori Pizzini. 61-

Mary Ann Livingston. 62-Peggy Ellenberger. 63-Page Falconer.

Flight 3: 59-Joann Dellapenna. 59-Nancy Zielinski. 59-Jill Strey. 59-Debby Wilson. 60-Chris McIntire.

Flight 4: 61-Kathleen Mansfield. 61-Susan Martin. 62-Marte Dobosh. 62-Pam Brown. 63-Debbie Zile.

Flight 5: 60-Susan Yenne. 62-Ronda Richley. 62-Donna Brunell. 63-Elena Sumpter. 70-Jeanne Newman. 70-Sandy Chase.

Random Ribbon-Two Best Ball Net (Team) July 26/The Links

138-Vickie Noltensmeyer, Mary Dawson, Ronda Richley, Gail Lagrange. 141-Bev Ovrebø, Jill Strey, Iro Lisinski, Jean Czachor. 143-Vadonna Hall, Lilly Gee, Linda Blewitt, Jan Christ. 143-Gail Lagrange, Mary Ruffner, Pam Brown, Susan Yenne. 147-Sandy Snyder, Debby Wilson, Liz Pruss, Gloria Cullins. 147-Virginia Combs, Gretchen Normandin, Debbie Zile, Carolyn Cummings. 147-Lisa Free, Peggy Ellenberger, Terry Wilks, Elena Sumpter. 147-Mary Jeannotte, MJ Strelec, Marte Dobosh, Jeanne Newman.

Three, Two, One Net (Team) Aug. 2/The Tortoise & The Hare

150-Chris Giza, Virginia Combs, Jean Hsu, Jeanne Newman. 152-Maria Fournier, Joyce Jones, Debbie Zile, Jean Czachor. 161-Lisa Free, Page Falconer, Pam Brown, Liz Lang. 162-Gail Lagrange, Bev Ovrebø, Marte Dobosh, Elena Sumpter. 164-Mary Jeannotte, Joann Dellapenna, Liz Pruss, Beverly Mierick.

Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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A handicap index can be calculated with as few as three 18-hole scores. When less than 20 scores are in your scoring record, a fewer number of scores are used to calculate your handicap index. It is important to post all acceptable scores for your handicap index to correctly reflect your game.

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Golf



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September and fall are finally here! This happens to be my favorite time of the year, because not only the temperatures begin to fall but football season swings into full effect. As most of you may already know, I'm a huge Pittsburgh Steelers and Ohio State Buckeyes football fan. I'm looking forward to good seasons from both of my teams. Stop by the Golf Shop for some friendly banter about our favorite teams.

On Top of the World will host the annual World Labor Day Golf event Monday, Sept. 5 on The Links and if necessary, Candler Hills. The format is a four-person team scramble. Each team will be flighted based on team handicap. Registration is \$25 per player, which includes a \$5 donation to Folds of Honor. Folds of Honor Foundation provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women who have lost their lives or have been disabled while serving our great nation.

The annual On Top of the World Golf Club and Candler Hills Golf Club Championships are for golf members only. On Top of the World will be played Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10. Good luck to our defending champions Tommy Lowe, Sandy Snyder, and Linda Mandala. Candler Hills will play

Ladies 9-Hole Golf



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

- Sept. 6: Team One Best Ball of Four Net (The Links) is where every player plays their normal round of golf with the team score being the best ball of the foursome.
- Sept. 13: Play with On Top of the World LGA-18 ladies in Cha Cha Cha - Team Net (The Links). Each player plays their own golf ball with the scoring done in a 1-2, 1-2-3 fashion and repeats throughout the entire round of 18 holes. So, after the first hole the lowest score of the foursome counts towards the team score. At the end of the second hole, the two lowest scores of the foursome count. At the end of the third hole, the lowest score counts. At the end of the fourth hole, the two lowest scores count. At the end of the fifth hole, the three lowest scores count. That process is repeated until all 18 holes are completed.
- Sept. 20: 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.
- Sept. 27: Team Scramble from the black tees (The Links) is where the 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. Each player will also get one mulligan (second chance) to use anywhere on the golf course. All nine holes are played from the black tees.

I often get asked, "When should I chip the golf ball, rather than pitch the golf ball and what is the main difference between the two?" An easy explanation, chipping is a golf stroke where the golf ball is just off the putting surface (green) and is used to get the ball on the green and rolling towards the hole. The chip shot is most used with a nine iron or pitching wedge and has a putting type stroke to it, meaning you are just rocking the shoulders. Pitching a golf ball is most generally used when you are trying to avoid hills, bunkers, or other obstacles in the way between you and the green. This shot is hit more up in the air and over such obstacles. A pitch shot is mostly taken from 25 to 50 yards from the putting surface, using anything from a pitching wedge to a lob wedge. This shot has the same motion as the chip shot, only you are wanting to rotate the hips through the golf ball with the finish towards the hole.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 and Friday, Sept. 23. Good luck to our defending champions Dave Falcone, Sandy Snyder, and Mary Cunningham.

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

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

notified before the member returns to any golf participation.

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

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

Upcoming Events

- Monday, Sept. 5: World Labor Day event at The Links/Candler Hills.
- Monday, Sept. 12 through Thursday, Sept. 15: The Tortoise & The Hare closed for aerification.
- Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10: On Top of the World Club Championship.
- Wednesday, Sept. 21 and Friday, Sept. 23: Candler Hills Club Championship.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Tony Misterly, hole-in-one #13. David Metzger, eagle #7. Jim Dewey, eagle #7.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Joe Wilks, shot 69 one stroke under his age. Matt Nickell, hole-in-one #15.

THE LINKS: Jon Hill, shot his age 74. Tony Morris, eagle #2.

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you are good players from tee to green and then you seem to three putt every other hole? Well, if this sounds like your game, then more than likely you need to work on your lag putting. Here are some tips to improve your long putts:

- Work on the speed of the putt. Don't try to make every 30-foot putt.
- Practice hitting putts to the edge of the putting green from 30 feet before your round. This will help your overall speed control.
- Spend at least 30 minutes a week practicing putts from 30, 40 and 50 feet. Practice makes perfect.
- Lastly make sure your putting stroke is a pendulum motion. Back and forth with good tempo and rhythm.

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Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



Cornhole Club activities continued at a relatively relaxed pace as the summer season reluctantly draws to a close. The weather conditions continued to have an adverse impact on our open play activities. Rain showers, threats of rain, or nearby lightening have scuttled more than a few of our sessions during the month, while attendance has been adversely affected by the extreme heat/humidity typical of the Florida summer.

We anticipate a return to normal activity levels with fall arriving, and the return of our snowbird and summer traveler members.

The Cornhole Club is once again offering a free, one-hour cornhole fundamentals class Friday, Sept. 16, at noon at the Veterans Park cornhole courts. We will cover scoring, how to hold and toss the bag, release point, follow through, and many more fundamentals of the sport.

To provide attendees with individual attention, the class size is limited, and registration is required. The class will be conducted by Bill Ballweg who will provide us with his own unique coverage of all the basics of this widely popular activity.

At least half of the class is conducted in the shade and ceiling fan equipped portico, so weather (except rain) is not a major issue. Register now and join us for this fun event and learn how to be a cornhole pro! To register for the class, email name and contact info to otowcornhole@yahoo.com.

OPEN PLAY: Open play sessions continue Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning at 6 p.m. As noted, weather and absence of many of our members has eased our attendance load a bit, so if you are not yet a club member, but have played before and are familiar with cornhole rules and protocols, feel free to join us at one of our open play sessions.

LEAGUE PLAY: Planning for league activities is well underway. League competition typically consists of weekly three-game matches, that run for eight to 10 weeks, dependent on the number of teams participating.

The ladies league is planning to begin weekly competition on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 4 p.m. All female club members are welcome regardless of experience level. The league format will remain team competition, with participants choosing their team partners. Ladies without partners can be paired by the ladies league coordinator.

A beginner ladies league or players with minimal experience, can be included if interest levels dictate. Members interested in ladies league play should contact Vickie Foster at poo2dog@verizon.com.

Our mixed league (female/male) is tentatively scheduled to begin weekly league competition on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. Club members interested in participating in the mixed league should contact Brenda Andrews at bandrews2461@yahoo.com.

A men's league and a singles (one on one) league will also be formed if sufficient interest can be generated. Cornhole Club members interested in participating in the men's or singles league should contact Vince Stevens at vkstevens@gmail.com for more information.



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Mike Hoenie (left) and umpire Doug Neely (right) having a spirited discussion at the plate.

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Softball

Ernie Sersen



"Would you rather be right or would you rather be happy?" - Lynn A. Robinson

Comedian Jeff Allen used this line as part of his "Happy Wife, Happy Life" tour and followed it up with this hilarious conclusion, "I'm a happy, happy, happy man who hasn't been right in over 20 years!" I can only speak for myself, but that has kept me happily married for over 37 years, and I believe it is a recipe for a more enjoyable and peaceful game of softball or any game for that matter.

Playing softball here is one of my happiest, most rewarding activities, and I am so grateful to be able to enjoy it as much as I do. The fun and laughter are off the charts, the competition and camaraderie are outstanding, the exercise and encouragement are refreshing, and the people I am meeting and getting to know are adding new layers of richness to my life. The scores and standings are secondary. Getting called out over a rule violation or a questionable play is a distant third, and, right or wrong, I let it go when it happens.

Why? Because I would rather be happy than right 100% of the time. It's far more peaceful and enjoyable. Besides, those things usually occur on both sides of the ball and rarely affect the game's outcome. Even if it does, so what? I play recreational softball purely for enjoyment, and I don't want anything to take away from that.

In softball news, registration for our inaugural Veterans Day Classic Softball Tournament is in full swing! If you are a healthy and active veteran member of our community who would like to play, visit the "Veterans Day Classic" link at otowsoftball.org for more information and register before Monday, Sept. 12.

If you want to play, we have several options, including batting practice, co-ed games, and membership in our club, including a new player orientation program. For more information or to learn how you can join our club, visit otowsoftball.org or check out our bulletin board at the softball field.

As our former columnist Tom Sheridan said, "Softball is the greatest sport. Step on to the field, and you're 11 years old again." That is one of the reasons we still play and why so many are attracted to this sport.

Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



Congratulations to the top finishers in our recent ladies choice mixed doubles eight-ball tournament. Debbie Radicchi and Pat Murphy dominated the event, without losing a single match, and they took home the first-place medals. They played very strongly, not only shooting great but also playing smart.

Virginia Bayless and Joe Furfaro had an uphill fight after losing their first-round match. This put them in the loser's bracket, which has almost twice as many matches to win to get to the finals, but that's exactly what they did. Virginia and Joe finished in second place for the event.

Connie Marsh and Gary Schroeder came within one ball of winning the semi-final match against Virginia and Joe. They played well all day and finished in third place. Susan Tancrelle and Dave Maurer also had an excellent run and fin-

ished in fourth place.

Along with the ladies' participation in the league this year, we will continue to try and involve our ladies in as many events and competitions as we can. This increased focus on participation for our ladies has generated a strong surge in ladies joining the club.

At the end of last year, ladies represented only about one of every six members. After the surge in ladies joining this year, I am pleased to report that our lady members now represent 25% of our club!

We continue to grow rapidly. At the end of last year, we had 108 members, and just a bit more than seven months later we are now very close to 200 members, making us one of the largest clubs in the community.

During August, the club hosted a contingent from the Spruce Creek community in Summerfield. Spruce Creek for many years has graciously allowed many of our players to participate in their weekly tournaments. Their room is being renovated, and for three Thursdays in August we returned the favor and hosted a tournament for them in our room.



Photo by Phil Panzera

Ladies choice mixed doubles winners.

In late August, we held our annual eightball event. At the end of next month, we will have a fun and exciting Halloween costume party at The Lodge at Candler Hills. We have some surprises in store, along with gift certificates to those who come up with the coolest, wackiest, scariest, funniest, or most creative costumes. Don't miss it; we're expecting to have a blast!

In December, we're also looking forward to the return of our annu-

al Christmas dinner, after a hiatus of several years. We saw the overwhelming attendance at our April picnic, and your officers and the social events team are working hard to bring you the best events we can.

And finally, some advice from my father when I was starting to play in bars for money. "If you get into a fight while gambling, put a pool ball in your sock."

Worst advice ever; I could hardly walk!

Sidekicks Western Dance

Judy Sullivan



I can't believe it's almost the start of fall. You know what this means? Many of you snowbirds will be getting ready to return and join the rest of us and Sidekicks will be starting back up with the new season of dancing.

We have been quite busy these past couple of months. There have been some structural changes within the group to allow new dance instructors, leaders, administrative persons, etc. to take charge. The group is all set up and ready to welcome back all the dancers and any new members who want to join.

We will start off the season with a welcome back night Tuesday, Sept. 20. We have quite the lineup of dances and new teachers for the upcoming year. Paula and Dave Shira and Roger and BJ Schwartz will continue to be the dance teachers. We also have additional teachers-Sheryl Bradley and Paul Caron and Nancy Cormack and Jim Entinger,

who will add some new dances as well. When time permits, Gene and Polly Cazeault will also jump in to teach a dance or two.

Another major difference this season is we will have four couples who are a part of the dance leaders who will stay inside the dance circle to do a walkthrough and show all the steps. They are Phil and Lucy Fay, Carol and Mike Hanson, Bill and Lois Hull, and Jim and Judy Sullivan.

Sidekicks will not be attending the Club Fair this September, but we will be there in January 2023 to represent the club. In the meantime, if you wish to join the club, please email SidekicksDanceClub@yahoo.com. We will not be holding beginner classes until January 2023, but there will be practice classes all throughout the season for those who are familiar with dancing but need to practice the steps. Practice classes on Mondays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., led by Judy; and Sundays, 5 to 6 p.m. led by Bill and Lois. Both practices will be at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV.

For those of you who wish to join but have never danced before, you need learn at least some of the ba-



Photo by Judy Sullivan

Some members of Sidekicks at the Partner Dance Night in August.

sic steps of partner dancing (same as or similar to line dancing). Judy will hold a basic step class from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the Arbor Confer-

ence Center Dance Studios III-IV. If you want to participate in this, please be prompt.

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Tennis



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The heat and humidity should begin to recede. But please continue to hydrate! Hydration is the key on the courts. Some players bring only water, but I find that sometimes we need to replace the electrolytes we are depleting, so some sports drinks may be helpful.

Hopefully we can restart some reciprocal activities with neighboring communities. Also, plan on going to watch some good tennis for free at the University of Florida facility in Gainesville, Florida.

POP tennis is doing well and gaining new members. Other nearby communities will be starting a POP tennis program and perhaps we could organize a reciprocal meet occasionally, just to make it more interesting. If you have not tried this sport, come on a Monday,

Wednesday, or Friday early in the morning and you will be impressed at how much fun it can be.

Hips and Lower Back

Don't be rotten to your core. Keep your back and hips healthy for a more consistent game. Lower back or hip pain can rob you of the motion you need to execute many of the best tennis shots. Learn how to prevent these ailments.

LOWER BACK STRAINS/SPRAINS:

Strains and sprains can occur when muscle fibers are abnormally stretched and become injured. The result is typically inflammation to the tissue which can cause pain. Strains and sprains often occur when the muscle and connective tissue is not warmed up properly. A good warmup protocol includes stretching dynamically, choose movements that mimic actions performed in the tennis game. This means moving through a large, pain free range of motion vs. holding a static position. Think of swinging an imaginary tennis racquet back and forth across the front of your

torso (with both your dominant and non-dominant hand). Performing alternating overhead reaches would be a good warm up for your serving. And lastly, step into a very wide stance and shift your weight from side to side to prepare for the "athletic ready" position on the tennis court. These will prepare you reaching, rotating and for the agility required to make quick starts, stops and changes in direction.

At the conclusion of your tennis play, perform some static stretches where you hold the muscle in a lengthened position for about 15 to 20 seconds for each muscle group. The time you spend on a good warm up, followed by stretching at the end of your tennis game is a good investment in injury prevention!

HIP FLEXOR STRAIN: Hip flexors are the group of muscles that move the hip forward while running and walking. A first-degree strain involves stretching or very minor tearing to the muscle, which you would feel on the hip or upper thigh. A second-degree strain is associated with partial tearing of the

muscle or tendon. A third-degree strain is a complete tear.

These are common problems that players run up against because we tend not to stretch hip flexors sufficiently. It is suggested to aim for better overall flexibility. Take a few extra minutes to stretch your hip and groin muscles before you step on the court.

FEMORACETABULAR IMPINGEMENT:

This condition results from too much friction in the hip joint. Aggressive twisting and turning can lead to labral injuries. A traumatic injury of this type often occurs in high-level athletes, and if it does, you need to see your surgeon.

HIP FLEXOR STRETCHES: Lie down on your back. Pull one knee up to your chest, keeping the other leg on the ground. Tuck the front of your pelvis up toward your head and lunge forward. You should feel a stretch at the front of the hip on the leg on which you are kneeling. And please, be mindful of your limitations, especially if you play only sporadically.

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, or advanced? All are welcome and will find cyclists of similar interests and abilities!

The club meets two or more times each week usually at the Power Park on SW 90th Street across from the dog park near the four-way stop.

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 favorite haunts of members. Schedules are published on our Facebook page (Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club).

As the weather cools off a bit in the fall, we'll be scheduling special meet-up rallies for easy riders, women on wheels, trikes, recumbents, etc. So be sure to get your bike or trike tuned up, grab your helmet and let's ride!

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

Fit Tips



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Strength Machines

We are very excited about the new Cybex equipment at the Recreation Center Fitness Center! Strength training machines are a safe and effective way to help you get stronger. The new Cybex machines are designed to appeal to and benefit residents of all fitness levels. Here are some fit tips for strength training on the new machines.

FIT TIP #1: Establish your reps and sets - the science behind strength

training is based on an overload principle. You get stronger for two reasons: The nerves communicate more efficiently with the muscles; therefore, you recruit more muscle fibers. When muscles are stressed, they respond by re-building the muscle fibers, and in turn makes them stronger. The key is to find the appropriate load. You should do one set of between 10 to 15 repetitions of an exercise using an amount of weight that leaves you feeling fatigued at the end of the set. Then execute a second set. A sound formula is two sets of 10 to 15 repetitions at a weight load that fatigues your muscles.

FIT TIP #2: Control your speed - use slow, controlled mechanics that move through a large (pain free) range of motion. The seats on the machines help to keep your trunk stable and some even provide support for your back. Although the seats provide support, be sure to use recruit core strength to maintain good posture and stability throughout the movement.

FIT TIP #3: Exercise smart and safe - we provide several ways for you to learn about the new machines and understand how they can support your personal wellness needs. Join our free fitness center orientation Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. (please call 352-854-8707 ext. 7434 to reserve your spot). Or use the instruction guide on each piece of equipment. The instruction guide indicates how to operate the machine, and what muscle groups are being trained. Or consider investing in personal training to have a program designed specific to your needs.

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Fitness Updates

The Recreation Center Fitness Center reopened Monday, July 18, with a brand new floor and complete line of Cybex strength training equipment! The new equipment has been met with outstanding reviews. Residents are very happy with the ease of adjusting the machines and smooth feel of the equipment.

As a reminder we hold a free orientation for the Recreation Center Fitness Center Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. Please call 352-854-8707 ext. 7534 to reserve a spot. We also hold orientations for the Arbor Fitness Center Thursdays, at 1 p.m. Please call 352-854-8707 ext. 7638 to reserve a spot.

Fitness class schedules are always included here in the monthly World News; additionally, you can find the schedules online at OTOW-Info.com. Once you are on the website simply click on "Activity Info" at the top of the page and then scroll down to "Recreation Center Fitness Class Schedule."

In addition to the fitness class schedules, you will also find the Arbor Fitness Center indoor pool schedule. Please note there are designated times for specific activities in the indoor pool. If you would like to lap swim or water walk without interruption, please be sure to come during those specific times. If you choose to come during open swim, you will need to share the pool and abide by the rules. During open swim there is a maximum of four lanes provided for lap swimming. This ensures that we honor the needs of the swimmers and walkers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming special events:

- Tai Chi in the Park will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, at Sholom Park. This complimentary program will be led by master trainer, Art Stalbow, and is open to the public. Energize your body and center your mind with Tai Chi. First time participants are encouraged to join!
- Lean & M.E.A.N. (Meaningful Exercise and Nutrition) is a six-week lifestyle management program that meets Mondays, Oct. 3 through Nov. 7. Personal trainers, Cammy

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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 CARRIE
9:00 am	S.O.S. DENISE P.	Dance Aerobics NICHOLE	S.O.S. GIB	Dance Aerobics DENISE P.	S.O.S. GIB
10:00 am	Balance Body LORI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body INGRID
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI	Brain Power CARRIE & 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>	Zumba® Gold JOSE		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics DENISE P.
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
2:00 pm				Tai Chi JAY	
3:00 pm	Blended Yoga JOE		Chair Yoga TISHA	Qi Gong JAY	
5:00 pm		Intro Hatha Yoga KATHY		Yoga SANDRA	

Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM
*Fitness Orientations and Balance Assessments are free. Space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534.

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 LORI	Yoga MAUREEN	STRONG JOHN
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TISHA		
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
6:00 - 8:15 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim

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She hails from New York and is now a new On Top of the World resident ... and loves doing hair!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

R/C Car Club

Becky Queen



Nothing piques interest as much as a new girl at the car track! After reading all the excellent club columns, especially about the R/C Car Club in the World News, I called club president, Fred Penichet, whose demeanor reminded me of Ol' Saint Nick. His friendly voice

and expert knowledge of the sport prompted my husband and me to drive out to the field and look.

I won't speak for my husband, but my inner spectator-only self transformed into a fledgling comely as I sat in certain comfort from behind the safety of the chain link fence. The young punk in me awoke by the sound of 1:10 scale electric cars speeding and sometimes crashing, around the asphalt track. I visualized myself holding an R/C transmitter and my raring-to-go pulsing vehicle at the starting

line. I wanted to be a kid in control of speed and excitement again!

It wasn't hard to envision myself as the new girl to R/C driving. The urge to be a wanna-be apprentice, an initiate, if you will, was natural. I realized that as a rookie, I would become a future expert at attending to the mechanics of charging batteries, tire rotations and shock oil changes. Asking Shirley Muldowney to move over would be a stretch. However, I dare say, "Move over Cha Cha." Modern day women racers are on the scene.

But I got ahead of myself. First, I'd find Ol' Saint Nick, fill out paperwork and pay my dues. Reality set in with the purchase of a ready-to-run vehicle. It was evident, I had joined a growing group of women in control of how their transponders recorded future heat times.

Gene A. Mangold has authored the R/C Car Club columns for the past three years and has decided to step aside for the "new girl at the track." He provided me with the information and encouragement to follow his well-worn wheels around

the oval track. This novice writer will miss his effortless writing style and polished prose on the printed page.

Today, I opted to set my R/C controller aside for a few hours and use my keyboard to produce my first monthly column. Composing this piece feels like I am on the driver's platform during the "qualifying" heat. There are butterflies in my tummy that will morph into dragonflies as the "points" heat, er ... writer's deadline ... speeds toward me.

At the R/C car track, races start at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays, while legend cars' wheels turn Thursdays, at 10 a.m. Slot car races are Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Music Rooms I-II. Monthly meetings are held in the Hobby Building Event Room the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. Call President Fred Penichet at 914-588-7293 for information.

Race results may be found on Facebook (OTOW RC Car Club).

Recently heard at the track, "Slower is faster."




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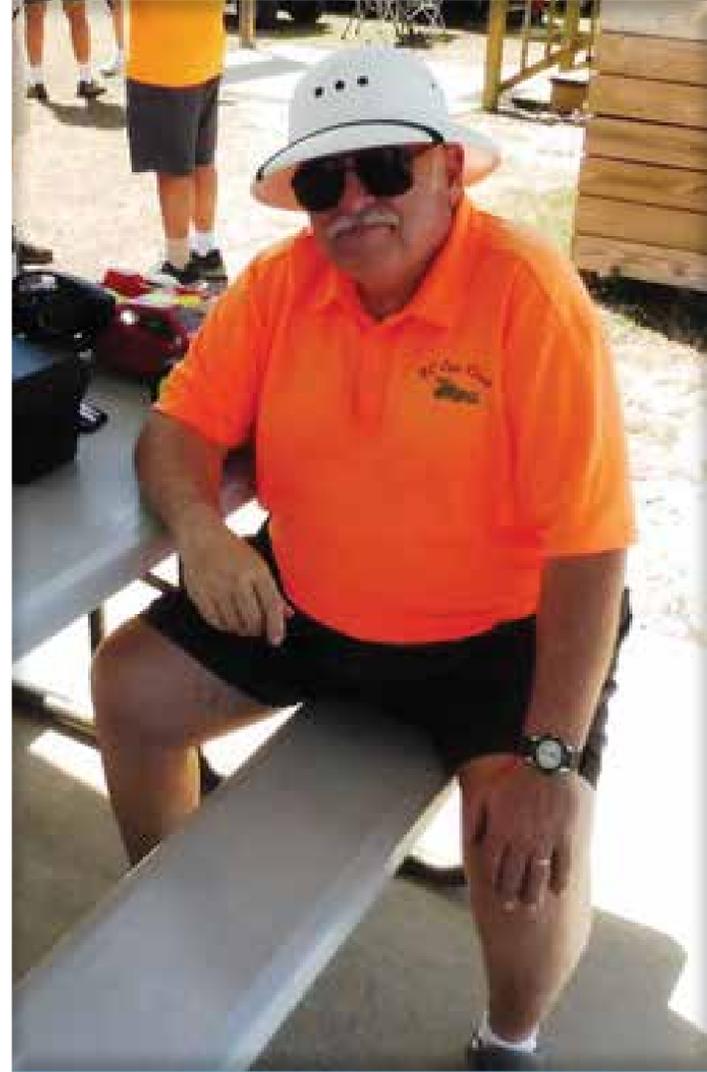


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R/C Car Club President Fred Penichet.

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Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



The hot days of summer are almost over. Clubs are getting ready to start their 2022-2023 season. The Ladies Shuffleboard Club is doing the same. We will be starting our sixth season Monday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the shuffleboard courts located in the Veterans Park. We will also shuffle Wednesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early.

Shuffling is open to all women residents and those with the Gateway of Services pass. Our season runs September through May with \$10 annual dues. You need not know how to play, instructions on how to play will be available.

Shuffleboard is a unique game of strategy, skill, and technique. We have many women who have shuffled every year and are happy to help.

Some basic rules for safety are no open-toed shoes, stand behind your opponent so you do not interfere with her play, and your cue stick should be in a vertical position. Come down and join us, have fun, and make new friends.

Happy shuffling and be safe.

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Jack Kezelian with his turbine jet.

R/C Flyers Club

Dan Gaffin



There is a big new dog in town using the runway at the flying field. The big dog is a turbine airplane which is faster and more powerful than all the other R/C aircraft. These turbine airplanes are causing a great buzz amongst the R/C pilots.

This turbine airplane engine can run off three different types of fuel: jet, diesel, or kerosene. A turbine engine can turn at 120,000 RPM and therefore mixing the fuel with oil is an absolute necessity to properly lubricate the engine. The ratio is one quart of oil per five gallons of fuel.

Cost of a turbine airplane is an important consideration. The average plane costs between \$5,000 to \$10,000 and when a twin engine is involved, then the cost is in the range of \$25,000.

The turbine plane requires special training to fly. A pilot undergoes many hours of speed flight training, takes a written exam and a specific and special type of flight exam. To fly this type of aircraft, a pilot is issued a waiver that must be maintained and onsite whenever flying. These certified pilots are the most highly trained and skilled pilots in the R/C world.

Jack Kezelian is one of the specialty trained pilots. He has over 40 years of experience in R/C flying with more than 20 of those years involving the turbine aircraft. Jack has a fleet of nine R/C aircraft, four turbine planes and five war birds.

Jack and his wife, Deborah, have been living here for two years and Jack admits that the flying field was a big contributing factor to make their move. Jack retired from Dynapower, an international electric power company, after 30 years. His career involved training, repair, service, and field work all over the world. Jack has jumped right in to be a great help to the R/C Flyers. He is currently the club treasurer and is the coordinator of the club's spring and fall Fun Fly-in events. The club is grateful and happy to have such an experienced and dedicated R/C pilot in their membership.

The R/C Flyers is hosting their next Fun Fly-in Saturday, Oct. 22, at the flying field and this is open to everyone. Along with watching the amazing flying and stunts in the air, there will be food and beverages available to purchase, a 50/50 raffle and admission is free. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 23.

The R/C Flyers Club currently has 186 members. If you are considering joining, there is information available at otowrcflyers.com.

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



The Shuffleboard Club begins its 36th season Monday, Sept. 5, at 9 a.m. at the Veterans Park. Additional weekly sessions are Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. and Thursdays, at 9 a.m. Ten-Pin will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, at 9 a.m.

We hope that you consider adding shuffleboard as a fun activity to your day. To help in this endeavor, we have an introductory class to shuffleboard the second Saturday of each month, beginning Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety, and the basis for shooting the disc. Open-toed shoes are not permitted. Paul Hodges is the instructor.

Shuffleboard is not a strenuous activity but is fun to play with nice folks as either teammates or opponents. Pick the session and time that is best for you.

For more information, call either Jane Boyer at 352-509-7142 or Walt Lamp at 352-854-9378. Hope you had a nice summer.

Women's Softball

Annette Bunck



Ladies, are you interested in having some fun, getting some exercise, and meeting some great ladies? Join us Fridays, at 8 a.m. beginning Sept. 9, at the softball field. We will resume play and hope to see all returning members of the Divas and some new faces as well. Bats and balls are provided, and we do have a few gloves you may use.

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Line Dancing



Tamara Stanford

The 2022-2023 line dance season starts on Monday, Sept. 12. Darlene Miller begins her second year as our instructor. We are fortunate to have a talented and experienced instructor who makes dancing fun.

Darlene Miller has been teaching line dancing for over 20 years. She has been an instructor for recreation classes, workshops, on cruises, for senior programs, and in other retirement communities. She teaches all levels of line dance up to and including advanced classes.

Throughout the year, Darlene attends workshops to improve her skills and enhance her classes. In addition to being the instructor for line dance classes at On Top of the World, Darlene also teaches at the Enrichment Academy in Sumter County. Darlene's philosophy, "It doesn't matter what level you dance at, just as long as you dance and have fun. Dancing makes your feet smile."

Classes are held Mondays in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The Absolute Beginners class starts at noon. Improver Plus class begins at 1:15 p.m. Beginner II starts at 2:30 p.m. and Beginner I starts at 3:45 p.m. Dancers must display the dance pass issued when the dance

ticket was purchased. An easy way to display the pass is in a lanyard.

Practice sessions are held on Wednesdays at The Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. The first practice session of the new year is Sept. 14. The dance pass must be displayed at practice and a resident identification card is necessary to enter the studio.

Improvers Plus practice begins at 9:45 a.m. Beginner II starts at 10:50 a.m. Beginner I starts at 11:55 a.m. Absolute Beginner starts at 1 p.m.

Line dancing continues Thursdays at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons from 7 to 10 p.m. Dance helpers are there until 8:30 p.m.

For detailed line dancing information, contact Darlene Miller at 352-259-3695. For information about Sheryl Bradley's classes, email sbradley@yahoo.com.

Ballet



Eugenie Martin

Summer is flying by, what with children returning to school and On Top of the World resuming regular activities. The Club Fair will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Ballet Club will be hosting a table.

During August, my co-teacher, Suzanne Scheraga, was travelling in Europe. In her absence, two students graciously took over her classes. One substitute teacher is Sandy Brazzel. She is a doctor who danced as a child and a young adult, and has thankfully substituted for me in the past. The other is Sara Yoel, an

Israeli-born woman who had ballet training in New York City. We thank both ladies very much!

As I have said before, newcomers are always welcome to our classes. To start, no ballet clothes are necessary; just stretchy exercise clothes, socks and a bottle of water are needed. Just give me a call so we will expect you and I can guide you to the best class for you. Our classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. Here is our class schedule:

- Beginner: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; and Fridays, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- More Advanced: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m.; and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Please stop by the Ballet Club table at the Club Fair on Thursday, Sept. 8, so we can get acquainted!

Call of the Wild Sports Club



Jeff Wiita

"Where's Waldo?" That is the question you keep in your mind when you are scalloping.

Florida makes me feel like a kid living in an amusement park. Every day is an adventure. On Wednesday, July 20, I found myself on a scallop extravaganza with three new friends from Call of the Wild. All

four of us had never scalloped before. I reserved a 23-foot Hurricane deck boat with a 150 Yamaha outboard. At 7:30 a.m., we left the Homosassa Springs dock for the "wild blue yonder."

All four of us were scallop rookies. The only experience we had was from YouTube.com university. What I want to share is that we did not find in any YouTube lectures. I do not claim to know more than the professors. I offer you only the rumble perspective of a self-taught rookie.

What depth should you scallop? That depends on where you are at in the scallop season. In the beginning, everyone wants to scallop in the four- to five-foot depth. That is the ideal depth for finding Waldo; however, the scallop warriors have that depth cleaned out within weeks of opening season.

Why is four- to five-foot depth ideal for scalloping? Let us start with the tide. There is a high tide and a low tide. High tide is when the ocean water advances to its furthest extent onto the shoreline. Low tide is when it recedes to its furthest extent. Tidal currents occur in conjunction with high and low tides.

Tidal currents bend the seagrass. Waldo hides under the bent seagrass. To find Waldo, float feet first

with the tidal current so that you can investigate the bent seagrass. Do not swim.

A four- to five-foot depth is the perfect depth to see into the seagrass. If you cannot find any scallops, go shallower or deeper. If you decide to go shallower, like two and a half foot depth at low tide, you will find out that it is very difficult to see into the bent seagrass because your face is too close to the seagrass. But during slack tide, the seagrass stands up and Waldo loses that advantage. Slack tide is a brief period when there is no movement either way in the tidal current. It occurs before the direction of the tidal current reverses. When there is no movement, you will have to swim gently while looking for Waldo.

If you decide to go deeper, like six- to eight-foot depth or more at high tide, you will need swim fins/flippers. The tidal current and slack tide play less of a role, and your snorkeling skillsets (i.e., breathing and swimming) play a bigger role.

If you would like further information or have any questions about our club, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club Wednesdays, Sept. 7, and Oct. 5, in the Hobby Building Event Room from 1 to 3 p.m. Also, feel free to contact Scott Bloch, our president, at 614-806-6738.

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Bocce Club

Paula Hammonds



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Sure, it's competitive, but at its core, bocce is a friendly and relaxing pastime. You will find yourself wanting to play more.

You will wake up saying is it bocce ball day.

The most popular game is open bocce on 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.

Once you have played on three occasions you are expected to join, pay dues, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form.

League play commences Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Thursday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m.

Dues for the 2022/2023 season have not been determined but will be decided upon later at the next board meeting.

Dues cover the cost of liability insurance and the annual banquet. All members are expected to pay dues and sign a release form, whether or not you play in the league, or play open bocce. If joining after the season begins, dues will be prorated.

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

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Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



Playing good golf isn't just about your swing or your touch around the greens. It's also about attitude and integrity. And playing good golf is the privilege of each member of the Men's Golf Association (MGA). The Rules of Golf and the MGA handbook keep players from doing whatever they want without consequences, and the same can be said for a tradition of golf etiquette that goes back generations.

Not only do you count your strokes faithfully, but you mind your manners generously! Make sure you leave the course in good condition, and that you show courtesy and consideration to everyone as you play. It's your responsibility to the great game of golf. Please welcome our newest members: Eddie Ortiz, Tom Winn, Patrick Moran, Michael McDonald, Ron Pratt, Eric Anderson, and Stan Dworkin.

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming Wednesdays:

- Sept. 7: Chicken Day at The Links.
- Sept. 14: 2 Best Balls (Team) at The Links.
- Sept. 21: Shamble, Three Drives Each at The Links.
- Sept. 28: Quota Points (Team) at The Tortoise & The Hare.

As a reminder, the cost of Chicken Day will go up to \$20 per person starting in October. Please watch your email for more information.

Three Best Ball (Team) July 27/ The Tortoise & The Hare

205-Brian Wilder, John Parnau, Roy Coombes, Doyce Mathis. 210-Larry Gibson, John Snyder, Donald Wheeler, Tary Bole. Tie at 212-Anthony Morris, Dennis McCourt, David Garland, Paul Randles; Robert Coughanour, Garfield Gray, Joseph Dunnack, Tom Neville; Greg McDowell, Norm Hayworth, Ronald Grob, Paul Silliman.

Chicken Day Scramble Aug. 3/The Links

53-Bryan McCleave, Bob Hilton, John Snyder, Lance Davsko. 54-David Clune, Garfield Gray, Raymond Hendrix, Paul East. Tie at 55-Charlie Taylor, Mike Key, Norm Hayworth, Joe Baumgartner; John Spielvogel, Robert Coughanour, Jim Kurlapski, Bob Lang. Tie at 56-Larry Manion, James Gourlay, John Owen, Edwin Ortiz; Greg McDowell, David Woitek, Carl Zeiler, William York; Joe Pruss, John Evans, David Wohlleber, David Garland. Tie at 57-Rusty Rhodes, Rusty Zarrell, Tary Bole; Roger Sparks, Steven Thesman, Bill McElroy, Charles Regini. Tie at 58-Irl Flanagan, Bob Flynn, Richard Deschenes, John Bauer; Anthony Morris, Ruben Alvarez, Steve Czachor, Mario Grosso; James McCormack, Dale Budd, James Thompson, Tom Nutt; Brian Wilder, John Yenne, Mike Clancy, Loren Magsam.

Scramble with Candler Hills Aug. 9

Tie at 55-David Steel, Ron Pratt, Jim Kurlapski, Paul Silliman; Greg Hofmann, Richard Deschenes, David Garland, Tom Nutt; Paul Rubly, Mark Beauchamp, Danny Newby, Joe Pruss. Tie at 56-Julian Hobby, Bruce Venslavsky, Bill Tillett; Joe Moenter, James McCormack, Joseph Mandala, Paul Randles; Rusty Zarrell, Garfield Gray, Tom Winn, Joseph Dunnack; Dave Falcone, Roger Sparks, Dwight Weirich, John Johnson; William Wignall, Norm Hayworth, Tom Nicholl, Tim Clarkin; Ray Christ, Matt Raies, Hal Levine, Thomas Kujawa; Kevin

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Phillip Shaw, Don Wheeler, Bob Janssen; Mike Kelly, David Emmons, Brad Weirick, Charles Regini.

Candler Hills Men's Golf

Mike Kelly



This summer has been drier than usual so far. We have been enjoying the beautiful Florida sunshine and some great golf. With the high temperatures, speed of play is more important than ever. Here are some helpful tips to ensure that everyone will have a great day on the course.

Keys to Ready Golf to improve our pace:

1. Study your line for your putt while others are preparing to putt. Be careful not to disrupt your playing partner's routine. When possible, try to play CPR (Continuous Putt Rule) where you putt continuously until the ball is holed unless you might step in the line of another player's ball.
2. Park your golf cart on the cart path at the back side of each hole so that you may exit the hole and quickly proceed to the next hole's tee.
3. Mark your scores on the scorecard at the next tee box.
4. Keep pace with the group in front of you. If you fall behind, try to catch back up.

There should be no open holes in front of you as you play.

5. Assist your playing partners with raking bunkers, filling divots, and repairing ball marks.

Kudos to Dave Metzger and Jim Dewey who both made eagle on #7. Great job gentlemen!

The orange/white tee combination tees have been instituted to allow our older members the opportunity to enjoy the game and to be able to get on the green in regulation. These tees are not intended for members who can play the white tees, to try and "get an advantage." Think about it!

We will have our annual meeting and board member elections in October. If you are interested in being on the board, please let one of the current board members know. There are three positions that will be open for this election.

Here is the upcoming Tuesday schedule:

- Sept. 6: Four Man, One Ball Gross/Net
- Sept. 13: Four Man Stableford, Two Best Balls of Four
- Sept. 20: Two Man, One Best Ball
- Sept. 27: Individual Beat the Pro

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Tire Rotation

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

\$ 9.99*

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Share the Road

By Elaine Morrison
World News Writer

It is highly unlikely that any of the nine participants in the Saturday, July 16, five-hour seminar about bicycle safety and leadership certification thought that in addition to learning a good deal of new information, they would also learn their old-fashioned ABCs.

Yet that is exactly what did transpire when Becky Afonso, executive director of the Florida Bicycle Association, made her presentation.

"This is no different than taking a driver's education class to prepare you to get a driver's license," she told the group of residents. Upon completion, and after taking a test, the participants would get certificates which would enable them to act as group leaders or marshals for their respective bicycle clubs.

All participants received a packet of informative pamphlets which they were asked to refer to when prompted by Ms. Afonso. They were then divided into three groups, and after initially introducing themselves and stating their own riding challenges they got down to the

business of the day.

To open the discussions, Ms. Afonso told the group a new way to think about the letters, C, P, and R. "These represent, in bicycle jargon, courtesy, patience and respect," she said, and "knowing and practicing them goes a long way."

Topics discussed in detail included night riding, dealing with motorists, responding to weather conditions and unusual situations, communication skills, proper attire and identification and setting and keeping a pace line.

The response to an unusual circumstance challenge was put to the test soon after the class started, when another group announced that it had booked the same room for their event. After a brief search for an empty venue, everyone in the class grabbed whatever equipment they could and shortly afterwards, the class reconvened in another room, without losing a beat.

The most fun was had during the helmet fitting session when everyone donned their helmets and were

told they most likely were not using them properly. Ms. Afonso first told them about the two-finger rule, to be used as the measurement standard regarding distance to the forehead and ears, and the need to tighten it to pain. They were also told that helmets should be stored in air conditioning, as heat can wreck a helmet, and that there are expiration dates stamped into each helmet. Also, the straps on discarded helmets should be cut so they can't be reused.

One participant who had borrowed her friend's helmet for the class, was not happy to have to tell her friend upon returning it that it was obsolete.

Further discussions included the differences between teaching and coaching and some new understanding of the familiar PCP letters to mean preparation, communication, and predictability. Under each

of these words a host of important issues.

Which brings us back to the ABCs, which correspond to a quick maintenance check guide. A, for air in tires; B for brakes; and C for chain and crank set.

The participants then took an open book test and what do you think? They had learned their ABCs very well. Each student passed and received their Florida Bicycle Association certificates. They will be sharing the road safely with us all.

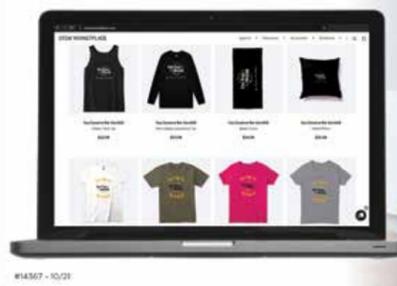
Headbands and socks were given to each student as they left the class. Bert Perkins, who is a new member of the Ocala branch of the Black Girls Do Bike Club said, "It was an excellent class. So much information. I would highly recommend it to everyone who is serious about riding in a safe and enjoyable environment."

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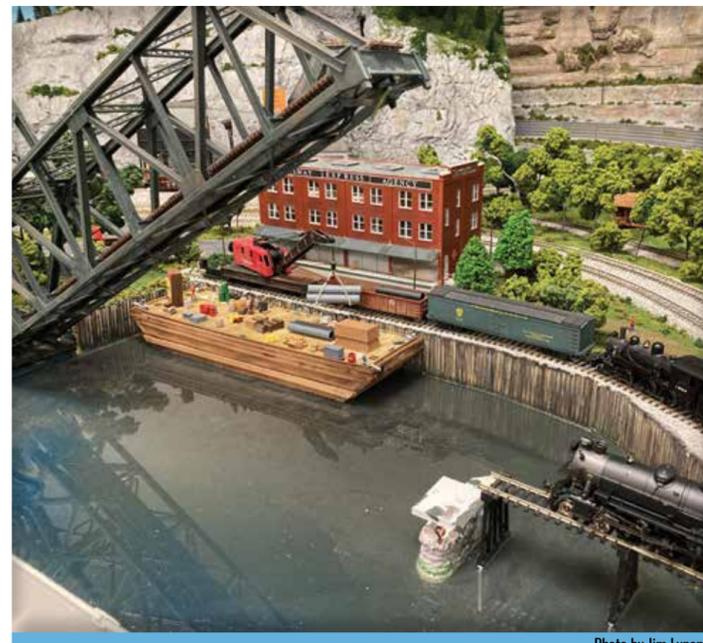


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Bascule bridge in the Train Room.

Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam



Have you ever wondered? Where do trains get their cargo? The most obvious answer is from businesses

that have a rail siding on their property. However, there were several other sources of freight, and businesses were created to handle the goods and products.

Before FedEx and UPS, the predominant agent of choice was the Railway Express Agency, most famously known as the REA. It was originally founded in 1918 as the American Railway Express Agency, and finally was named the American Express Agency and continuously operated until 1975. The REA arranged transport and delivery via existing railroad infrastructure.

In addition to land terminals the REA also had port facilities on major rivers and harbors. Barges provided the most economical mode of transportation for high density loads such as coal, ore, oil, and heavy freight. The barges would be pushed down-river to docks for unloading to rail or truck service. Barges even carried loaded rail cars that conveniently off-loaded to rail yards.

Railroad tracks and bridges had to be constructed to service the ports and terminals. One such bridge is the bascule bridge. The bascule bridge, also referred to as a drawbridge, or lifting bridge, is a moveable bridge with a counterweight that continuously balances a span, through its upward swing to provide clearance for boat or barge traffic. Bascule bridges are the most common type of moveable span because they open quickly and require very little energy to operate, while providing maximum vertical clearance for marine traffic.

The closest example of an operating bascule bridge in operation is in Jacksonville, Florida. The FEC Strauss Trunion Bascule Bridge is a double track railroad bridge that spans the St. Johns River. The bridge was completed by the Florida East Coast Railway in 1925.

However, the easiest place to see a bascule bridge in operation is in the Model Railroaders layout. (It's just a smaller version.) The bridge was built from a kit by one of our members, Joe Limanowski, and it required over 140 hours of construction time. And yes, the bridge does lift to near vertical and will return to horizontal. The layout is in the Hobby Building Train Room. You are invited to tour the room and observe the club members work and operate the layout on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. Our next club meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822. Happy Labor Day to all!

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Table Tennis Club members at play.

Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



Sweltering heat! Dog days of summer are here! But our Table Tennis room is cool and enjoyable. So come and join us for some fun!

July saw our growing club come together for a fun pizza party and meeting. Members contributed many good ideas for ways to help improve our game time together, along with updates given by treasurer, Jim Swift and secretary, Athena Drewes.

President Paul Stadterman reported on activities with the finalizing of inter-mural play with Oak Run table tennis members. We are now scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m. here at On Top of the World. It will be good to be able to reciprocate with Oak Run and introduce our club members to other styles of play.

Club members have also been eager to get some training tips, so look for the great simple and easy to follow videos being sent out by our president on the correct way to serve.

Come look for us at the upcoming Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 8. We look forward to meeting you, answering questions, and having you take advantage of our half-year membership of \$5 for September through December.

Table tennis history: While both table tennis and ping pong associations existed by 1910, a new table tennis association was established in 1921, and it was subsequently renamed the English Table Tennis Association in 1926. The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) then formed in 1926, and whose rules we currently follow. London hosted the first official world championships in 1926.

In 1933, the United States Table Tennis Association, now called USA Table Tennis, was formed. Table tennis was introduced as an Olympic sport in 1988 and continues to date.

In the 1930s, Edgar Snow commented, in Red Star Over China, that the Chinese exhibited a passion for the English game of table tennis. On the other hand, the popularity of the sport during the same time waned in the Soviet Union, partly because of the promotion of team and military sports, and partly because of a theory that the game had adverse health effects. Surpris-

Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sherry Winn



Life here is indeed a blessing, however Saturday mornings are even better when an increasing number of residents gather for co-ed recreational softball. I must confess that I now need reminders of all the new people's names. We're even getting spectators!

Living in or moving to a retirement community is akin to finding the freedom of independent young adulthood. Unfortunately, our bodies are no longer as limber as our mind and heart desire. Consequently, in our exuberance, we tend to forget that we need reconditioning before they can tolerate youthful movements.

Older adults neglect the importance of hydration. We habitually drink coffee, tea, or alcohol to satisfy our thirst. Especially in the Florida heat, we must drink water! Once we're thirsty, we're already dehydrated. Our muscles require hydration to function optimally, so when sweating, we also require electrolyte supplementation of approximately three to one.

The most common injuries experienced by adult sports enthusiasts are muscle pulls. Contrary to common belief, stretching an injured muscle or tendon is contraindicated.

Initially rest, ice, elevation, and anti-inflammatories (pending doctor approval) are your best friends. As the pain subsides, moist heat plus massage or rolling devices are best for healing. Do only activities that don't hurt for four weeks, as premature stress will only re-injure the muscle and prolong your healing.

Fortunately, senior softball rules allow for substitute runners. We will also assign you a player position and supportive atmosphere where restrictions are less challenged or noticeable.

We want all who wish to participate to do so safely so we can all benefit from the advantages of co-ed softball and senior living. Be the best you can be, as imperfect as you are!

Join us at the softball field Saturdays, at 9 a.m. or call Sherry Winn at 315-528-8499 for further information.

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ingly this is contrary to today's view that playing recreational table tennis increases concentration and alertness, stimulates brain function, helps with the development of tactical thinking skills, hand/eye coordination, provides aerobic exercise and social and recreational interaction.

Come play! Our schedule: Beginner doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; beginner singles, Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m.; ladies doubles, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; and ladies singles, Friday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All level doubles, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. and all level singles, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced level, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Contact president, Paul Stadterman, at ptstadterman@yahoo.com with any questions.

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Are You Prepared?

By B.J. Leckbee
World News Writer

Sometimes the unthinkable happens ... at home ... any time of day or night. Will you be prepared? If you needed to use your fire extinguisher, could you do it? Do you know the easy way to break the seal and pull the pin? Does everyone in your household know this?

On Top of the World has arranged for Armor Fire Protection Inc. to be onsite at the Arbor Conference Center parking lot from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15. They will certify or charge your fire extinguisher for a fee (see below), and any extinguisher requiring recharging will be returned to your home after charging.

Anyone needing a fire extinguisher (we have three in our house) will have the opportunity to purchase one onsite (see cost list below).

A safety class for \$10 is also available. The safety class will begin at 11:30 a.m. It will include advice on where to place the extinguishers,

where to stand in relation to the fire, and the easy way to break the seal and pull the pin. The class will also include putting out a real fire!

Registration is required for this very special event to ensure that enough supplies will be on hand.

Costs for certification, recharging, and purchase (tax not included) are:

- Certification per extinguisher \$5
- Recharge 2.5 or 5 lb. extinguisher \$15
- Recharge 10 lb. extinguisher \$25
- Purchase 2.5 lb. extinguisher \$30
- Purchase 5 lb. extinguisher \$58

Cash, check, or credit cards will be accepted.

For more information, and to register, contact the Recreation Center office at 352-854-8707.



Photo by B.J. Leckbee

Are you and your home prepared?

What Do You See?

By Anne Merrick

I am currently exploring abstract art in various mediums and styles. There is much more to this subject than you can imagine. What can your mind imagine? What can't it imagine is more to the point?

As I wrote in a previous column,

the choices of surface and mediums are almost endless. It makes it a little hard to get started so I just randomly choose. I have quite a lot of supplies that I have picked up at tag and estate sales and even more I have purchased. Now is the

time to experiment. People are always getting rid of photographic paper; both 4" x 6" and 8-1/2" x 11" and this is great to use with alcohol ink, acrylic water-based ink, watercolor and acrylic pouring paint. I have been painting greeting cards, which is fun.

I have been watching YouTube.com videos and there are some very talented people out there giving instruction on various techniques

they use. This gives ideas for your own creations and sometimes I just do my own thing. Most times really.

After playing with the alcohol ink for a while I moved on to a water-based ink brush which is quite different and then to acrylic ink which is bright. With all these mediums there can be a lot of movement of the paper, and it can get messy so lots of old newspapers are very handy for catching the spills. It is good if your design can give the viewer something interesting to find within the painting.

After playing with this for a while I decided to give acrylic pouring paint a whirl. This is a discipline that requires a lot of knowledge to do effectively. I fumbled a bit but managed a design on a canvas that is a little dark but basically okay. I have some iridescent acrylic that I have combined with regular pouring paint and have an interesting (to me anyway) final design. After these efforts, I decided to get serious about watching artists paint using different pouring techniques on YouTube.com and will be trying my hand at some of this when I have purchased a few supplies I don't have.

I write this to encourage folks, who are a bit bored with their old ways of painting, to try something new and exciting. Just do it.

Our August exhibit at Master the Possibilities was a success. We had the maximum number of paintings possible; kudos to the members of the group.

We still meet at the same times in the Hobby Building Art Room. Come and see us.



Photo by Anne Merrick

What do you see?

Craft Show Returns

By Chris Kilbride

The Artistic Crafts & Gifts group's weekly Tuesday craft show will resume Sept. 6, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon.

ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans. The group started back in the early 1990s, and the show has grown from seven crafters to now 50 on Tuesdays, with even more online. All resident crafters are welcome to sell on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month we feature Allison Cranmer who comes from a creative family, having tried all kinds of crafts like painting, quilting, jewelry making, ceramics, pottery, and stained glass. But her true love has always been paper. She'd lose interest in most crafts because of the many steps and time involved getting from idea to the finished project. Then card making hit a sweet spot, since you can usually make a card from start to finish in less than an hour. She feels the hardest part of getting started on her new idea is choosing which papers to use!

Many of her early working years were spent in graphic design, so she has an appreciation for white

space. Her favorite cards tend to be clean with simple designs. Not everyone has the same eye though, so she tries to vary her cards to include layered elements and interesting folds.

Allison does not print out her cards or make them on the computer, they are all made by hand. The use of stamps, dies, punches and various cutting tools to create the elements are then assembled into the finished cards. When she hits on a favorite design, she makes a handful, since it's just as easy to make four cards as it is to make one.

Prior to her move from Vermont, Allison worked as a product development project manager for an outdoor power equipment company and then Green Mountain Coffee Roasters developing new beverages. She now works from home as a project management consultant and has two part-time jobs here, working at the Arbor Fitness Center and as an ambassador sharing On Top of the World and the greater Ocala area with people staying here for a World Tour Adventure. She and her husband are involved with the Tall Tale Travelers RV Club, Citizens Patrol, Theatre Group ... and she makes cards!

For those who have never visited on a Tuesday, please take an hour and go by to see the wide variety of quality items for sale. All vendors are now part of our website, so you can see everyone's crafts even if you can't get to the weekly show.

Any vendor can make arrangements for you to purchase items throughout the week.

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



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Allison Cranmer creates a wide variety of greeting card designs for many occasions.



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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



The talent in our group continues to be amazing. This month, we are sharing a crocheted jacket made by Karen Lowe. Karen recently wore this lovely article of clothing at our August Happy Hookers luncheon at Cody's Original Roadhouse.

One of our other talented ladies, Joanne Scrugg, has completed a wonderful needlepoint picture. Joanne has stated that she really loves doing needlepoint, and her love of the craft is very evident in this project.

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, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering, and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch.

We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on. If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at 352-873-4328.

If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact either Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or Kathleen Frost at 925-960-5945 to arrange for pickup.



Karen Lowe modeling her crocheted jacket.

Photo by Jan Spielvogel



Photo by Gail Schultz

Kim DiJoseph with a quilt to honor her brother.

Sunshine Quilters

Arliss Day



Before moving here in July 2021, Kim lived in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Kim and her husband first visited On Top of the World in January 2021, at which point they signed on the dotted line to build their home in Longleaf Ridge.

During her high school years, she focused on business courses and was set up with an after-school job throughout the final three years of high school at an insurance company. She loved the work and began a full-time job for an insurance broker, and eventually got her Pennsylvania insurance agent's license. Later, she met her husband, whose family had a State Farm agency, and she fell seamlessly into position of wife and office manager until her husband's retirement in 2015.

Kim began sewing and quilting after she retired from the working world and has her sister to thank for sparking this joy of quilting. Her sister provided her initial sewing lessons. And boy she has come a long way! Her work is exquisite, and her long arm quilting is amazing. Her favorite thing is piecing, and she does wonderful work. Some of her biggest accomplishments are her charity quilts for the Quilts of Valor Foundation for veterans.

Kim's everyday sewing machine,

for piecing, is a Janome and she quilts on a Bernina long arm machine. She still can't decide if she prefers piecing over quilting and her answer changes every day. She does love the satisfaction of bringing a quilt to completion with its quilting stitches.

For Kim to agree to move here, the community had to have a quilting group, which was on her short list of requirements. During their World Tour Adventure, she came to our Tuesday morning group, and was welcomed like a new friend! Kim says the Sunshine Quilters are such an amazing, friendly, and welcoming group and they make this feel like home to her. Kim is so overjoyed with all the friendships she has made. She loves it when we all come together on sewing days and work on our charity projects. It's amazing what many hands can get accomplished.

Our upcoming Tuesday club activities include:

- Sept. 6: Meeting and sit and sew.
- Sept. 13: Pat Szabo will teach quilting techniques and ruler work.
- Sept. 20: Sit and sew.
- Sept. 27: Lyn Timm will teach a table runner block.

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

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Bingo

Nancy Grabowski



On Wednesday, July 6, the bingo crew paid homage to the United States with the flag game. Prior to the game, all veterans were asked to stand, and the audience erupted into clapping for the heroes who have kept us safe. Then, as a total surprise, the favorite "Lucky 7" game was played with a slight catch: only the veterans were eligible to win! The honored winners were U.S. Navy veterans Roy Skidmore, and Steve King. Congratulations to all and again, our thanks for your service.

Bingo is a Wednesday night staple at the Recreation Center. If you've never joined in the fun, you don't know what you're missing! Contrary to an old myth, there are no reserved seats, and each player can choose freely. Naturally, there are some seats that have a volunteer placard on them because the volunteers are working to ready the room.

Each session has a 70/30 raffle with a guaranteed \$20 winner for each lucky ticket pulled. The tickets can be purchased from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Prices are a nominal three for \$1 or 10 for \$3, not a bad investment for that return! The tickets are pulled about 5:45 p.m. and the games begin upon the conclusion of the raffle.

Playing cards are purchased at \$1 each from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. A valid resident ID must be provided. Guests are permitted when accompanied by a resident. The total number of cards purchased help determine the payout for each game. The 10th game is a cover-all minus one anywhere on the board with \$75 going to the winner. The 20th game is the cover-all jackpot which builds to a maximum of \$250.

Why not come and try your luck this Wednesday?

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Bridge



Monday Afternoon
By Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly

July 11
1: Ed Bodnar & Bob Dudst; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Barb & Jack Heller; 4: Judi & Dennis Wallace.

July 18
1: Linda & Bill Ryan; 2: Judy Mackowick & Rix Saffol; 3: Judi & Dennis Wallace; 4: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillette.

July 25
1: Linda Curtiss & Darlene Clark; 2: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillette; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Pat & Deb Quinn

Aug. 1
1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 3: Bruce Gillette & Mar Valchin; 4: Donna Peters & Rad D.

Tuesday 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 meets 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.

Tuesday Night Duplicate
By Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor

As summer ends and our friends return from their travels, avid bridge players should think about giving our duplicate bridge group a try. Our group of regulars find it challenging, interesting, and fun. We always welcome new players.

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. The boards are scored after the game, the results sent to all our group, and the prizes 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'll put you on our list. For more information, you can contact Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525 or Gayle Taylor at 352-387-9571.

July 19

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Connie Campbell & Billie Anderson; 3: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 4: Jeff Bell & Pam Bell.

July 26

1: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 2: Jeff Bell & Pam Bell; 3: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 4: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

Aug. 2

1: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; Tie at 2: Billie Anderson & Connie Campbell and Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 4: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

Aug. 9

1: Billie Anderson & Connie Campbell; 2: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

Wednesday Afternoon
By Dianne Robinson

July 13

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

July 20

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Joe O'Brien; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Betty Morris.

July 27

1: Billie Andersen; 2: Pat Quinn; Cons: Joe O'Brien.

Thursday Afternoon
By Marlene Floeckher

July 14

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Judy Mackowski & Bruce Gillett.

July 21

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Dean Samuel; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

July 28

1: Joseph McKeown; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

Thursday Night
By Brent Powell

Come and join us Thursdays, at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Lounge. No need to bring a partner; we will pair up by luck of the draw and rotate partners throughout the evening. We have added a little fun to the game - the second prize. It goes to the last person to take a trick using the two of trump. Weekly prizes vary and are of questionable value.

Bring \$0.50 and a smile. We are a relaxed, fun group and all skill levels are welcome.

July 28

1: Sara Anderson; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Brent Powell; 2 prize: Al Whitford.

Aug. 4

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Al Whitford; 2 prize: Sara Anderson.

Euchre



Friday Night
By Mary Bloch

July 15

Tie at 1: C.J. Dane & Joan Sigafoos; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Edith Kolb.

July 22

1: Joan Sigafoos; Tie at 2: Jerry Mills & Carol Condino; 3: Jean Gillette.

July 29

1: Edith Kolb; 2: Nancy Kowsky; 3: Jerry Mills.

Mah Jongg Junkies



Joan Castellucci

Come join us for a day of mah jongg Saturday, Oct. 1, in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. Doors open at 9 a.m. but you're welcome to come and go any time throughout the day. Doors close at 4 p.m.

Bring a lunch or dine out. If you bring a bagged lunch, be sure to clean up after yourself and take all leftovers home. Bring your set and your mah jongg card. We play according to National Mah Jongg League rules - regular and Siamese.

Please call Joan at 352-304-2149 with any questions. Hope to see you in October!

Pinochle



Tuesday Night
By Herb Katz

July 5

1: Edith Kolb; Tie at 2: Bernard DiGregorio & Phyllis Jarsky; 3: Judy Black.

July 12

1: Lee Freehaut; 2: Norma Miles; 3: Charlie Budd.

July 19

1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Cheryl Adams.

July 26

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Phyllis Jarsky; 3: Bob Hoerr.

Friday Morning
By Mary Hannon

July 15

1: Bill Anderson; 2: Debbie Martello; 3: Jim Recor.

July 22

Tie at 1: Phyllis Jarsky & Bill Anderson; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Larry Black.

July 29

1: Charlie Budd; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Larry Black.

Aug. 5

1: Charlie Budd; 2: Larry Black; 3: Phyllis Jarsky.

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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



As September approaches to push August out the door, the level of excitement is building within The New Pretenders. We have reached another plateau which will see us gathering for structured rehearsals rather than the more casual summer ones.

We are pumped! Ready to perfect the production that will be presented Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at 2 p.m. Each will take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Admission is by ticket only – \$10 reserved and \$8 general admission. Tickets may be pre-purchased from Jan. 4 through Feb. 1, 2023. The sales occur in the Recre-

ation Center Ballroom every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m.

And, when we do bound onto the stage, you'll see some familiar faces and some newcomers. One to look for is Michael Baron who will be amongst the trumpeters. Michael, a native of the Bronx and Queens, is a U.S. Navy veteran who repaired "black boxes" on aircraft. You can spot him in the Concert Chorus, too!

Carl Folkers, our props guy, hails from Long Island where his parents owned a deli which gave him his start in the food industry. He rose through the ranks reaching supervisory positions before retiring here with his wife, Kathy. Carl, who writes the Windsor newsletter, is a familiar figure at the gym, at Circle Square Cultural Center performances, and as the president of bingo.

Phyllis Pastore returns as a singer sharing her talents with us.

She has lived in several states and worked as a dancer on some major cruise lines. Phyllis is the embodiment of hard work! She infuses that ethic into each of her numbers, often taking on additional spots to be prepared for any eventuality.

Darlene Clark has been a troupe member for several years. She began in the band and gradually moved into some singing roles. When her penchant for comedy was discovered, a match was created that entertains our audiences in every performance. Darlene has lived in Illinois, West Virginia, and Florida. Darlene, who is active with the SWANS, loves to play cards, travel, and gamble just a bit!

Look for us at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 8. We are most willing to tell you about The New Pretenders and recruit you to our ranks! If you cannot attend the fair, contact any current member or the director, Nancy Grabowski, at 352-209-4699.

Poetry

Linda Toner



Poems at 3 a.m.

My thoughts keep spinning
Round and round.
It's 3 a.m.
In our town.

I know that I
Should be in bed.
But I'm up
Writing poems instead.

Some say it's talent
I say it's a curse.
Whichever it is
It's getting worse.

I'm up all night
Until the dawn.
The next day
I yawn and yawn.

One poem, two poems
Three poems, four.
From pen to paper
They pour and pour.

I don't know why
It's always at night.
During the day
I have no words to write.

To guide my poems
The way they do.
Then in the morn
They vanish like dew.

I see that the poetry
Is not going to abate.
I'll just have to accept it
As my fate.

So, I'll just say it
I won't be coy.
I hope my poems
You'll enjoy.



Cicily and Russ Kaye.

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Fun with Golf Carts

Susan Pulling Robinson



Our next parade will be Saturday, Sept. 3, in celebration of Labor Day. This will sure to be well-attended, as our members love to decorate their carts in celebration of a wide variety of job categories. Please come out and cheer us on!

After the parade, club members will enjoy a potluck picnic at the Veterans Park. The designated charities for this event include Interfaith Emergency Services and Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL).

Membership in the Fun with Golf Carts Facebook group is now well

over 400, 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 and 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.



Tracy Tucker and Susan Pulling Robinson.

Photo by Susan Pulling Robinson



Photo by ShutterBug Robert Wester

Zhujiyajiao, China.

ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip



Our photo contest submission date of Sept. 10 is fast approaching. Residents who'd like to join and enter up to four photos will find the information on our website below.

Any digital photo can be entered, including those taken with a cell phone. Here are some basics on how to edit those cell phone pictures:

LESSON #1: Be curious about how you can edit your photos! Open any app that lets you view your photos on your phone. Start by looking for the "pencil" or edit icon and touch it. From there, many phones have a "magic wand" icon that makes it a one-step process to correct your image.

LESSON #2: The most important change you can make is cropping your photo ... zoom in on the best part of your photo! Don't forget to

consider last month's tip and pay attention to the lines that appear while cropping your photo (The Rule of Thirds). For pleasing composition, your horizon should be at one of the lines. Place your object of interest at the intersection of two of these lines. Touch and hold a corner, then slide your finger inward to see how you can make changes. You can also straighten any crooked images by sliding diagonally.

LESSON #3: Use "Save a Copy" to save your photo. On some phones you'll need to touch the three vertical dots in the lower right to see this icon. Doing so will allow you to keep your original, plus create a file with your revised image.

This is just a basic overview of what's possible. You'll find many other tools to edit your cell phone images such as filters, light balance, object erasers and much, much more ... be curious!

I just found I could take my cell phone photo and create a video that looked like a 24-hour exposure ... it created a 12-second video like I'd taken it all day and night ... fun to post on Facebook!

At the end of your experimenting, either touch "Revert" or the three vertical dots to click on "Save a Copy."

In the Master the Possibilities' lobby this month, stop by to enjoy Robert Wester's photographic display of both day and night shots in Zhujiyajiao, China.

Zhujiyajiao is a typical "water-town" that was constructed along China's Grand Canal, which is the longest canal in the world. The village dates back more than 1,700 years and what remains is a mixture of Ming and Qing dynasty architecture, including 36 ancient stone bridges, grand residences, and unusual gardens.

The next ShutterBugs field trip will be Thursday, Sept. 8, to Bob Evans and then to the Grandview Clydesdale Farm Tours. We'll have a two-hour tour by the owner; the cost is \$48 per person. Photos are welcome!

Want to learn more about digital? You can find our photos, forms, and our club calendar at otowspc.com. For more information, contact Harry at 239-336-4804.

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Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



Rehearsals for the Theatre Group's presentation of "S Wonderful" are moving along at a rapid pace. We are fortunate to have the entire cast back from last April's entertaining "The Best of Times" musical revue.

"S Wonderful" is a celebration of the delightful Broadway music of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerry Herman. We hope you will join us Saturday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., or Sunday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. as we enthusiastically present the sophisticated, melodic, brilliant, and delightful musical numbers from "Anything Goes," "Kiss Me Kate," "Hello Dolly," "Company," "Into the Woods," "Sweeney Todd," "Gypsy" and many other musical theatre treasures.

Be sure to drop by our table at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 8, so we can tell you more about our show and our amazing and talented theatrical troupe.



Photo by Richard Rosen

'S Wonderful cast.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Cards presented by Marcie Miller.

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



On Thursday, Aug. 4, Marcie Miller presented the club with several cards. All the cards can be made as a top or side fold card, and they can be reconfigured for any occasion. We thank Marcie for her presentation, and for supplying the dies, inks and punches used for the 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 Room.

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

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Penny Douphinett at pennydough@gmail.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!

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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky



Jan. 1 is the official start of the new year but for many of us Sept. 1, signals a new start. Activities are starting up after a summer break. We look forward to our snowbirds returning and cooler temperatures. We can begin to think about tackling things that we have been putting off. It is a time for us to consider starting a hobby we have been thinking about doing.

I talk to people who say, "I really like to sing and want to come

to karaoke. Right now, I sing in the shower or when driving alone in my car. If I could practice, I might give it a try."

Practice is possible. You do not have to buy equipment or programs. If you have internet service, then you can access YouTube.com. Think of your favorite shower or driving song. Type the title in the search box at YouTube.com. After the title, type karaoke.

Let's use Patsy Cline's "Crazy" as an example. On YouTube.com, you will see a magnifier icon to do a search. Click on that and type "Crazy karaoke." Find Patsy Cline's version, click and sing. The words appear on the screen for you. To fine tune your search initially you could

type "Patsy Cline Crazy karaoke."

You can find most songs you would like to sing. However, there are some not available in karaoke or backing track. Some song owners do not grant publishing rights for karaoke.

Find a song and give it a try. You will find karaoke people very welcoming to new singers. We have all been there. We encourage one another.

We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. All residents are welcome and remember that we love clappers too.

We will not meet Sept. 5, which is Labor Day. We will be singing Monday, Sept. 19. Hope to see you then.



Photo Kathy Petrosky

Happy fall!

Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss



One of the most beautiful spots in Ocala is Sholom Park, built by Sidney Colen and expanded by Kenneth Colen. From time to time, the Community Patrol does patrol there. The same cautionary traffic rules apply there. Do not speed, watch out for children, and stay off the lawns.

It is also time to mention the word "patience." Most accidents are caused by impatience. Running stop signs, speeding, or making turns early by misjudging oncoming traffic. All of us can cite incidents, even in On Top of the World, when impatience is a likely factor. Cars and golf carts have designated lanes to use. Cars should not use the multi-modal lane to pass other cars.

The Community Patrol is a group of volunteers dedicated to aid in keeping you safe. Please consider joining our group. For further information, contact Paul Altman at 860-460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave



The job of our Community Emergency Response Team is to prepare for the arrival of the professional first responders when any emergency (weather or otherwise) raises concern for the safety of our residents. It's especially important when the challenge covers a whole community.

We are trained in a system that is being used all over the country. It provides a very coherent structure for responding to emergency situations by immediately setting up a chain of command and communication, prioritizing safety, identifying problems, setting up triage, and providing basic first aid of many kinds. By the time the first responders arrive, we've cleared the approach for them, and they already know what to expect.

Two things you could have on hand would help immensely in an emergency. They are distributed by

the Marion County Sheriff's Office for free, and you can pick them up at 692 NW 30th Avenue, Ocala, Florida, but call first so they know you are coming and to give you directions at 352-732-8180. If you know who your Community Emergency Response Team member is for your area, you could ask him or her to bring you the forms.

One is a good size sign which can be placed in the door or window. One side of the sign is green and says in big letters "OK" and the other side of the sign is red and says "HELP."

The other is a small folder that is magnetized to fit easily on your refrigerator, called "File of Life." You fill it out with current information about the people in that house, such as your health information, emergency contact info, and so on.

Our community is growing. Please consider joining our team and learning how to help your neighbors in the event of a disaster. You will receive free training from professionals of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Fire Rescue and Emergency Operation Center. We want to be able to

assist all our community members. We can always use your help!

We welcome your attendance at our community Emergency Response Team meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Debra Snyder at 412-443-2930.

Republican Club



Lizabeth Woodard

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, the Republican Club, along with five other 55+ area community Republican clubs, held a special event featuring Congresswoman Kat Cammack at Circle Square Cultural Center. At the conclusion of the recent redistricting process, Congresswoman Cammack became our new representative in the United States House of Representatives. To introduce her to our communities, we welcomed the opportunity for her to visit our area. Over 700-plus people participated in this event.

Sheriff Billy Woods agreed to introduce Congresswoman Cammack after sharing his experiences regarding his visit to the U.S./Mexican border with her in July 2021. In addition, County Commissioner Kathy Bryant sang the National Anthem and spoke briefly on the state of the county.

The organizers of this event stressed the critical importance of voting in the primary and upcoming general election.

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 - 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 political conversation with like-minded, positive, and friendly people.

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Theatre Arts Group

Nancy Carp



The Theatre Arts Group will officially kick off its season Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I. At our first meeting, we will meet and greet new members, meet the officers, explain the concept of the group, talk about our future performance, and give an update on our progress so far.

Our slate of officers for 2022-2024 is President Claudia Baker, Vice President Michael Baron, Secretary Tammy Cole, and Treasurer Judy White. Dues of \$10 are payable when you register for the group, which can be done at the first meeting that you attend. You can pay by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to "OTOW Theatre Arts Group."

The group meetings will be held every Wednesday, at 4 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I. As of Jan. 16, 2023, we will be adding an additional meeting every Monday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This will accommodate those residents who are still working or are active in clubs during the day.

This group will present a spring show Saturday, April 29, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, at 3 p.m. The show will be a musical comedy adventure, consisting of an original script (written by several members

of the group) and Broadway tunes. The script writers include Nancy Carp, Michael Baron, Marilyn Bettinger, Tammy Cole, Michael Paris, Chris Pukstas and Judy White. Auditions for actors, singers and dancers for the show will take place in October.

Many people love the thought of acting or singing but are hesitant to get involved because of fear. Don't let any fear hold you back from joining our group. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or professional, you will benefit and love the camaraderie of our new club. We teach performance skills, build your confidence, and will never judge or put you in a situation where you are uncomfortable. Fun with a production is our goal! We also need people interested in stage management, props, set design, tech, and costumes.

The Theatre Arts Group is a unique theater program. We not only will perform, but we teach the art of performance skills. In fact, the creators of the group, Nancy Carp and Claudia Baker, will be featured in Ocala's Good Life Magazine, September/October 2022 edition. Be sure to pick up a copy and read about us.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to be a part of this exciting club. Stop by our booth at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 8, and say hello.

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.

View from the Library

Linda Barilli



Our library has some wonderful books in many categories and by many popular authors. All the books have been donated by residents.

Hardcover fiction has "Rebecca's Promise" by Jerry S. Eicher. Eicher writes Amish romantic novels, and "Rebecca's Promise" is the first in a series. "The Centurion's Wife" is a historic novel by Davis Bunn and Jeannette Oak that takes place during the birth of Christianity. Leah is married off to a fate she considers worse than death. "A Painted House" by John Grisham is a story which closely relates to his childhood in Arkansas and cotton farming. If you are a John Grisham fan, you will love this book.

There is a treasured classic sec-

tion where you will find "The Great Gatsby" along with some of your other classic favorites.

Hardcover mystery has lots of great books, many by your favorite authors. "Fair Warning" is Michael Connelly's latest, featuring reporter Jack McEvoy. "Orphan X" is by the New York Times best-selling author Gregg Hurwitz. Evan Smock is Orphan X. He prefers to be anonymous. His mission is to protect the desperate.

Hardcover non-fiction has two books that have been highly recommended. "Sailing True North" by Admiral James Stavridis will have you yearning to set sail on the high seas (labeled 359 STA). "Undaunted Courage" is by Stephen E. Ambrose. This is the spellbinding story of the many journeys of Lewis and Clarke into the vast unknown (labeled 917 AMB).

So, whenever you're ready to escape to another world, be sure to stop by your library located in the Hobby Building.

Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



The excitement begins when the Concert Chorus meets at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, for our first rehearsal December holiday program. All members coming in the door will lineup to pay their winter season dues of \$10. Then they will sign in to receive their music in a brown envelope with a big number on the front; their number for music for the season.

As we take our music out of the envelope, we look it over and then place it in a performance notebook, ready for our first rehearsal. We will then sit down in sections for sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses.

Our director, Mike Nagy, will introduce himself and give us our

starting notes about how we will conduct our rehearsals and performance. He will introduce the pianist and officers.

Then it begins - our first song and the first notes we sing on the journey from beginning to performance. It feels so good to sing with everyone there hearing the beautiful music for the first time this year. If you love to sing, this is where the rubber meets the road.

Come join us and share the wonderful musical experience, the comradery and fun we will enjoy singing for our wonderful audiences with our friends.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents and Indigo East residents 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.

Weybourne Landing Neighbors

Laura Thomas



September finds us meeting and greeting our new neighbors who have moved in over the summer months. Our monthly socials, now called Sunday Funday, will be held the last Sunday of each month. Sunday, Sept. 25, is a fiesta-themed potluck. Wear your fun fiesta wear, bring a Mexican-inspired dish, and join in on the games. Prizes will go to the winners!

We ask that if your last name begins with A-H, please bring an appetizer; I-Q, dessert; and R-Z, main

dish. Please bring your own beverage. Donations will gladly be accepted!

Sunday, Oct. 30 is tailgate-themed. Wear your favorite collegiate or NFL shirt, bring a beverage, and cheer on your team! More on those details next month.

Karen Goldsmith is always looking for people with ideas and the willingness to help. Please email her at ksgoldsm@yahoo.com if you would like to help in any capacity.

Join us for water aerobics Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. Water aerobics is open to all residents, free of charge. If there is a cancellation, it will be posted on Facebook (OTOW Weybourne Water Aerobics). If we are experiencing inclement weather, class is automatically canceled.

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Longleaf Ridge Friends

Kathleen Taylor & Debra Vitale



Longleaf Ridge neighbors are enjoying an easy summer pace with beautiful sunrises to start our days, breathtaking sunsets as days wind down and an occasional spectacular heat lightning display. In between, each day offers new opportunities to play, explore and enjoy our beautiful community.

Sixty-five Longleaf Ridge neighbors gathered Thursday, July 21, for a potluck picnic featuring delicious fried chicken. Thanks to our hosts Judy and Doug Stansbury, Rose and Ash Gelibter, as well as Carol and Ken Noval for a delightful evening.

Neighbors also celebrated a Christmas in July party at the Arbor Activity Center Sunday, July 24. The gift exchange was lots of fun but the highlight of the evening was an ugly Christmas sweater contest. The winner of the contest was Paul MacMelville.

Around the corner of newly completed homes, new neighbors gather for frequent "driveway chatters."

If you are a Longleaf Ridge resident and are interested in participating in upcoming neighborhood activities, please visit our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends). We look forward to welcoming you to the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood. When joining our private Facebook page, please provide your phase and lot number/address. Please send questions to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com.



EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only and Gateway of Services passholders.



Longleaf Ridge neighbors celebrate Christmas in July.

Photo by Debra Vitale



Williamsburg neighbors enjoying a Hawaiian luau.

Photo by Linda Leigh Jones

Williamsburg Neighbors

Carmel Kessler



The Williamsburg luau was a great success! Over 100 people, sporting Hawaiian attire (several people really dressed the part) brought delicious food to share. The Ukulele Club entertained the crowd with a variety of musical selections during the party. There were plenty of games to play. Special thanks to Dan Weigand, the big kahuna, for hosting and providing beer and blue Hawaiians for all. Thanks to Linda Leigh Jones for planning, cooking, and executing the event. Thanks to Scott Cameron, State Farm Insurance agent for funding the chicken and other supplies, and to Dee and Gary Null for their help with decorations, signs and selling 50/50 chances. Everyone enjoyed this time together.

Hopefully the weather will turn a bit cooler, which will be a great time for an impromptu driveway gathering. As a host you need just to provide the date, time, and your driveway. Everyone planning to attend should bring their own lawn chair and cooler. No RSVP is necessary. Contact Nancy Meininger (nancy@nancymeininger.com) if you'd like to host. An email will be sent to all neighbors. Rain cancels the event.

Find your dancing shoes, and keep your calendar open for Sunday, Oct. 23 to join your neighbors for a sock hop. This fun event will be held at The Town Square. More details will follow.

The Silver Bells celebration is being planned for December. Your input is needed. Please help the committee honor the neighborhood with differing ideas and perspectives. Looking for voices and volunteers to create a memorable experience for all. To help, please email or call Gwen Fabian (gwen.fabian@gmail.com or 330-207-6954) or Vicki Enderby (venderby@aol.com or 312-351-3355).

Opportunities include guiding decisions on the program and buffet, helping with decorating, staging the entertainment program, planning, and managing the dessert tables, and supporting special needs of our neighbors. Please contact the committee today. Meetings will begin in September.

The Silver Bells celebration will be Saturday, Dec. 10. Look forward to an evening of friendship, games, live music, dancing, catered buffet, and a very special holiday guest! The event will be held at Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV, beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and is BYOB. Royal Oaks Catering is under contract. Linda Sisco, a favorite resident vocalist, is performing with a wonderful range of familiar melodies.

But wait, there's more! Please share special food memories and traditions. Dust off the recipe box. The committee is looking for your favorite cookie and dessert recipes to create a neighborhood collection. Feel free to include the story associated with your recipe. Copies will be available at the celebration.

If you are new to Williamsburg, welcome! Please contact Vicki Enderby (venderby@aol.com) with your name and email so that you will be included in the database. You don't want to miss out on the happenings in the neighborhood.

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Crescent Ridge Happenings

Joe Josephson



Due to scheduling conflicts our news this month will not have updates from our August gathering; but a look across our Crescent Ridge neighborhood might be interesting.

Everyone always seems to admire the tree-lined streets of Crescent Ridge. You can feel the difference in temperature when you drive under the trees on a hot summer day, and you really appreciate the shade when you get out for your daily walk.

For those of us who are from much cooler northern states we have an idea how long it takes for a tree to grow so nice and lush and think it will take forever for us to have shade in our neighborhoods. Such is not the case in mild Florida.

I once asked a fellow resident what year he moved into his house. He was the original buyer. He said 1998. So, I asked, "Jim, how big was

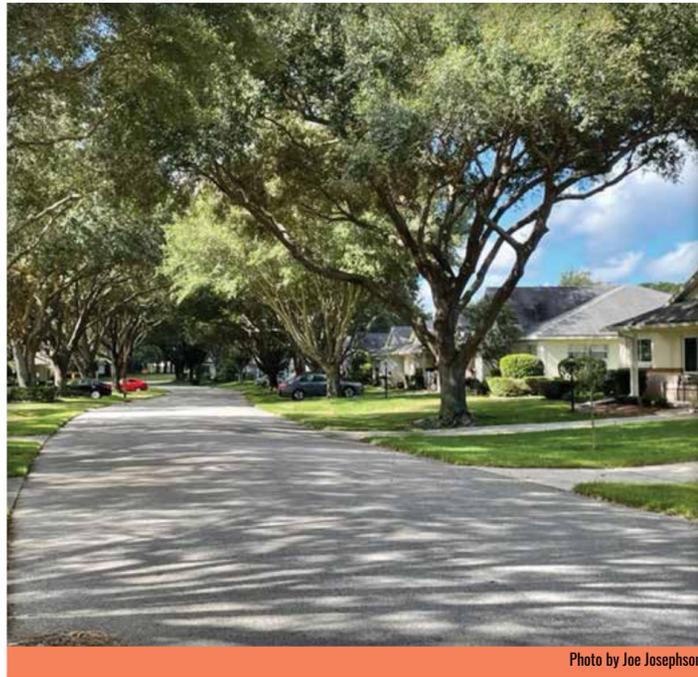
that tree in your front yard when you moved in?" He said, "Just a sapling about four inches in diameter." Today it is a massive tree providing a wide shady area over the street.

So, for the newcomers, have patience; your shade trees are coming. And maybe the thought of planting another tree is a good idea but not before submitting a modification request with Resident Services.

And here's a piece of trivia. Until 2006, Arbor Day was a national holiday in South Korea. The reason was that during the conflicts on the peninsula many of the forests were destroyed. The planting of trees was so successful that while stationed in South Korea your author had a chance to hear comments from visiting Korean War vets. Often the comment was "Where did all the trees come from?"

The next Crescent Ridge gathering will be Sunday, Sept. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. Mark your calendar now.

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



Shady lanes in Crescent Ridge.

Photo by Joe Josephson



Photo by John Snyder

Duke relaxing in the pool.

Newcastle Social Committee

Sherry Bright



The Newcastle neighbors are busy planning some fun upcoming events. In September, there's a cornhole tournament and chili cook-off. In October, a Halloween progressive walk and holiday party Sunday, Dec. 4.

This month, I was able to learn a bit more about our neighbor, Duke. Duke is a two-year-old miniature dachshund that lives with John and Patty Snyder. Duke's favorite thing to do is go swimming after a long day of chasing geckos. He also enjoys singing along with John to his favorite songs, "On Top of Old Smokey" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

Duke's superpower would have to be his vision - when Duke looks into the mirror, he sees himself as Great Dane Scooby Doo. Duke would be the head of security for Newcastle; no one gets into the

neighborhood without a thorough sniffing and investigation! Duke loves to visit his Aunts Bea and Pat and Uncles Warner and Roger while keeping a constant eye on devious Uncle Mike!

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 Friday, Sept. 2. Hope to see you there!

Contact our "sunshine lady" to acknowledge special occasions like birthdays or to send a cheery note or get-well card when needed. To reach the sunshine lady, 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 call 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).

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Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



The August Indigo East ice cream social was a huge success. As usual, all residents in attendance had a great time socializing with fellow neighbors.

The Labor Day cookout will take place Monday, Sept. 5, at the Indigo East Community Center from noon to 2 p.m. Ticket sales took place in August. The menu consists of hamburgers with all condiments, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, watermelon, cookies, lemonade, and water.

A fall craft show will be held at the Indigo East Community Center Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. Crafters from both Indigo East and On Top of the World (Central) will display their items.

The Indigo East Halloween party entitled "A Wicked Halloween Party" will be held Sunday, Oct. 30, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. This party is for residents only. Tickets will be sold on Tuesdays, Oct. 11 and 25 and Monday, Oct. 17. The menu will include hot dogs and chips. Music will be provided by our very own Indigo East resident - DJ Frank. A contest will be held for the scariest, funniest, and most original costumes. However, costumes are not required to attend the party.

On the first Monday of September, we celebrate Labor Day. Labor Day came about by an idea from Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader. He thought the

American worker should have a day of their own to be honored for their achievements. Mr. McGuire proposed his idea to the New York Central Labor Union in 1882 and they too thought it was a good idea. The first Labor Day was held on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. It was celebrated with a parade of 10,000 workers followed by a picnic, concert, and speeches.

Soon after the first Labor Day celebration, the holiday was moved to the first Monday in September. Congress passed legislation in 1894 making Labor Day a national holiday. All too often, we celebrate this holiday, but forget the actual workers, past and present, that have contributed to the strength, prosperity, and wellbeing of our country. Hopefully, this year, and in the future, we take time on Labor Day

to remember the true meaning of the holiday.

In many states, Labor Day was considered the unofficial end to summer, school began a couple of days after Labor Day, and it also meant the lifeguards completed their work schedule for the summer season and the beaches were closed to the public. Our light and white clothing were put away and darker, fall colored, clothing was pulled out and worn throughout the fall season. That was just a fact we accepted and not questioned. However, in our current times, white can be worn all year long.

This year, the first day of autumn begins Thursday, Sept. 22, and ends Wednesday, Dec. 21. Enjoy the upcoming season and as usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Democratic Club

Dan Lack



There are two write-in candidates for the Marion County Commission election in November, and both will appear and speak at the meeting of the Democratic Club Thursday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. Please note that this is not the last Thursday of the month.

Write-in candidates must register with the Supervisor of Elections. So, if you write "Mickey Mouse" on the ballot, it will not count (unless Mickey registered with the supervisor). These candidates do not appear on the ballot so they must publicize themselves to the voters who must "write in" their names rather than simply fill in the ovals. Joe Donnelly and Gina Capone will

introduce themselves to the club at our September meeting and explain their positions on issues.

The Democratic Club will participate in the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please visit our table and let us answer any questions that you may have about the club.

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, otowdemclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club, Ocala). You are not alone!

OneBlood Bloodmobile

Sara Sommer



The Big Red Bus® was here Monday, Aug. 1 and it was a truly fantastic drive. We had 30 whole blood units and five double red blood units. We saved up to 100 lives. As essential persons, donors have great powers.

The Big Red Bus® will be here again Monday, Oct. 3, in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to eat a good meal and drink lots of water before and after donating. Please bring a picture ID. Mark your calendar. Let's see if we can top the previous amount of donations.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but you can make an appointment. The schedule is online about two weeks before the drive. Visit OneBlood.org/donate and look for the On Top of the World drive. Pick your time and you are all set. Ap-

pointments are usually taken first to try to keep on schedule. You will be sent a confirmation by email as well as a reminder when the time comes.

There is no substitute for human blood. Only you can make a difference. Please give.

There is another date to remember. The semi-annual Club Fair is taking place on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. OneBlood will have a table there as usual. Please stop by to say hello. We will be there to answer any questions you might have. If we don't know the answer, we will direct you to a place to learn it.

See you on the bus and at the Club Fair.

Silver Rainbow Club

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



We are a welcoming and affirming group open to all. We are LG-BTQ+ allies providing a safe space to gather, socialize, and enjoy each other's company. Our group is just a few months old, and we are growing by leaps and bounds. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Hobby Building Event Room from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Our annual club fee is \$10 per person.

In August, we had a rousing round of trivia and talked about many upcoming events. Our next meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 14, will feature a bingo game. We have many activities on the horizon (golf cart poker run, rolling on the river trip with Captain John, Halloween party, and much more). We are also planning a holiday party Saturday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. Stay tuned to our website for more details and upcoming events.

To follow our events and find out more, visit SilverRainbowClub.com, or our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



One hundred eighty Candler Hills residents attended the August ice cream social. Thank you to all volunteers who made this event possible.

The next event is the Selfie Scavenger Hunt dinner and game event Saturday, Sept. 17. The hunt is from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Dinner and games from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Hills BBQ and will include a pig roast, chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Any mode of transportation is welcomed and line up will start at 2:45 p.m. with instructions. Games will

be available at your dinner table for your enjoyment. Tickets are being sold on Thursdays, Sept. 1 and 8, at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Candler Hills Community Center. Contact the Gemberlings at 440-487-6328 with any questions.

The annual picnic will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the picnic pavilion near the pickleball courts. The social committee will be grilling, and you will have the option of two of the three items (hamburger, hot dog, or boneless chicken breast) at time of purchase. Tickets can be purchased on the following dates from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and 11, at the Candler Hills Community Center and Thursdays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 13, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The menu includes potato

salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and dessert. \$10 per person is truly a bargain.

The next potluck dinner will be held Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Let's celebrate Oktoberfest together and, of course, the theme is German. Please bring a dish for 12 to 15 people and label your dishes for those with allergies. Last names beginning with A-I bring dessert; J-Q main dish; and R-Z side or salad. Please make a reservation by contacting Deb Keirn at 814-571-7908 (call/text) or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net. The cost at the door is \$1 per person. Come enjoy an evening of German food and dance with music by the Petroskys.

The holiday dinner dance will be Saturday, Dec. 10, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets will go on

sale in November. This is a catered, bring your own beverage (BYOB) dinner and Hal Dodd will provide the music for dancing. More information will follow next month.

New residents of Candler Hills can receive "The Happenings" by email at candlerconnection.org; log in and fill out the form. 1,572 residents receive this publication to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

Keep informed by joining the 1,475 residents who are members of the Candler Connection closed Facebook group. What a great source to find out about Candler Hills events.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood and at future events.

Avalon Social Group

Sharon Hall & Karen Volpe



Our August social event, "Do You Believe in Magic?" was held with almost 100 in attendance. The event was catered by Sonny's BBQ and they provided a delicious meal. Definitely a hit!

We were then entertained by magician, Greg Solomon, who provided some table-side tricks and then presented a 30-minute magic show, mixed with a bit of comedy. A very enjoyable evening with our Avalon neighbors.

Our next event is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10, at 5:30 pm at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. More information to follow via email, our Facebook group and in the next edition of the World News. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information on that event.

We had so many great volunteers for our last two events. Thank you! We are using 20 to 25 volunteers to help things run smoothly and appreciate those who are willing to give a little of their time at each event to help in various areas. If you are interested in helping at any event, please let us know when you submit your RSVP to the event. We appreciate all volunteers!

There are three ways to keep informed 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.

Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



Hard to believe summer is almost over! The Friendship Connection planning committee is busy planning for the rest of the year and the beginning of 2023. Our next event, with a Halloween theme, will be Saturday, Oct. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Tickets will again be \$20. Linda will be selling them in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center in front of the large urn Sept. 19 through 22 and Sept. 26 through 29, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Absolutely no tickets will be sold after Sept. 29. Remember to bring your resident ID. For questions about ticket sales please call Linda Hansen at 352-509-4967.

As of this writing, the menu has not been decided, but more information will be available on our Facebook page and website. Once

again, for those who wish to come in costume, there will be a costume contest with winners for individual costume, group costume, and scariest costume. New this year, for those who wish to bring desserts, will be a contest for best decorated desserts keeping with the Halloween theme.

Thursday, Sept. 8, is the Club Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Friendship Connection will have a table there so please stop by to say hello. We love to hear your suggestions and will do our best to answer any questions you may have. You will also be able to buy your ticket for our Oct. 8 event.

Please remember we listened to you and are changing by having our events quarterly instead of bi-monthly. Our final event for the year is the October event. We decided not to have one in December this year as there are so many other holiday events happening and families visiting that we do not want to compete or interfere with them.

The dates for 2023 events will be in upcoming columns.

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 bi-monthly, from 4 to 6 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, setup, cleanup, 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).

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Americana Village

Julie Sloat



Things are happening in Americana Village! Despite the Florida heat our Americana team has been busy! We have started a "sit and chat" every first Thursday of every month at our own beautiful gazebo! Our first "sit and chat" was Thursday, Aug. 4. We had a modest amount of people but are sure it will increase as the word spreads! It was a pleasant evening with a nice breeze. A Chinese auction was held, and everyone relaxed, visited, and got to know each other! Several new neighbors came, and we enjoyed getting to know them!

Plans for an Oktoberfest are in the making for our next big event. It will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the gazebo. Watch for more information.

Thank you to those of you who help keep us informed of newcomers and people with needs in our neighborhood. That is what truly keeps us going!

Upcoming sit and chat dates: Thursdays, Sept. 1; Oct. 6; and Nov. 3.

If you have any questions, please call Julie Sloat at 814-720-5377.



Photo by Julie Sloat

Sit and chat at the gazebo.

Sewing Bees

Linda Lohr



Whoa! It's hot! Thank goodness for air conditioning! The hive is a buzzin'!

Most of our snowbirds should be arriving soon to rejoin the group. We have been blessed with several new people who are most welcome.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the disadvantaged children of Marion County. We make quilts,

small stuffed pillow friends, and totes for storage.

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

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Photo by Linda Lohr

Detail of a quilt donated by the Sewing Bees.

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Automobile Accessory: Full size car cover, \$25. 308-672-8149 (call/text).

Furniture: Entertainment/curio center, 90" w x 79" h, four sections, holds 65" TV plus DVR and cable box plus curios. 770-891-0502.

Furniture: Sofa with queen bed, \$300. Fabric cutting table \$20. 352-304-9159.

Furniture: Tan blanket chest, \$150. 352-854-1819.

Golf Cart: 2021 E-Z-GO. 770-891-0502.

Golf Cart: 2022 Evolution Classic 2 Plus with top-of-the-line accessories. 352-816-1459.

Home Décor: Picture frames and shadow box, various sizes, from \$2 to \$10 each. 308-672-8149 (call/text).

Home Décor: Smokey soft lavender king size bed spread, king size pillows (2) and bed skirt, \$30. 352-237-2747.

Home Décor: Vintage heavy restaurant clear glasses (10), \$10/obo. 352-237-9073.

Misc. Item: 8-foot fiberglass industrial-rated step ladder, \$50/obo. 352-873-9009.

Misc. Item: Brother (PS1000) sewing machine, \$30. 352-304-9159.

Misc. Items: Antique White (manufacturer) treadle sewing machine (ca. 1902) with original accessories and instructions, \$200. 269-910-1204.

Misc. Items: Moving blankets (8), \$5 each. 308-672-8149 (call/text).

Misc. Items: Shop vac, \$40. Portable worktable, \$25. 352-854-1819.

Misc. Item: Yamaha (YG2600) generator with oil warning. Needs maintenance. \$100. 770-378-1115.

RV Accessories: Blue Ox Alpha tow bar (BX7365), 6500 lbs. tow capacity for two-inch hitch, includes cover. Blue Ox Patriot II braking system (BRK2016) includes break-away switch and dash controller. Curt magnetic base towing light kit with wiring. 816-835-6655 (call/text) or r1kf@sbcglobal.net.

Sports Equipment: Women's Schwinn 24" balloon tire bike with basket and stand-up hand air pump, \$59. 352-873-2778.

Yard Equipment: Leaf blower, \$25. 352-854-1819.

Yard Equipment: Toro self-propelled lawnmower, 22" with smart stow. 770-891-0502.

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Saturday, Sept. 10: 8773 SW 103rd Circle (Avalon), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Sept. 16 & Saturday, Sept. 17: 9330-B SW 84th Terrace (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23: 8979 SW 86th Loop (Candler Hills), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Wanted

Christmas Tree Light Repair: Help with repairing lights on artificial Christmas tree. 352-598-3964.

Donations: Dog or cat food [SPCA of Marion County 352-362-0985] · Electric golf carts in full working condition for use by volunteers for local park. [Barbara btsprigg@gmail.com] · Non-perishable food for food bank, empty ink/laser cartridges and cards for veterans [Anne 843-504-0032] · Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies & small appliances for homeless; pet food/supplies for animal shelters; used cell phones, computers & musical instruments for troops/veterans; theatrical costumes & props; socks, underwear & men's clothing [Donna 352-237-3062] · Yarn for VA hospitals, children, and newborns [352-843-6519].

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