

Community News

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Why You Need Homeowner's Insurance

As I'm writing this column, we have 75 more days of hurricane season ahead of us. I'm looking forward to winding down a nail-biting storm season and ease into the cooler months.

Now is a good time to take stock of financial matters and risk factors in general. The easiest way to mitigate a large area of risk is through insurance, in this instance I'm referring to adequate homeowner's insurance. For On Top of the World (Central) owners, adequate insurance includes personal property and on the portion of the home not insured by the association's master policy.

Generally, property coverage policies are written on the interior components of the home and on your personal property. Your association's coverage ends at the interior finish on your walls. In other words, everything from the paint in is yours. The tile, carpet, cabinetry, appliances, plumbing, air conditioning, solar panels and other components are also all the responsibility of the individual owner to insure. It is the owner's obligation to maintain or replace these components, and their liability when they don't. Proper insurance coverage will help save you many out-of-pocket dollars if or when the unexpected happens.

While On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association takes the lead in the recovery and reconstruction process, a failure of any owner to carry insurance on their contents will inevitably leave a significant gap in the final completion and ability to reoccupy the home. Besides the complete loss or destruction of personal items, like clothing, furniture, and personal affects, the owner would also be responsible for replacement of all flooring, cabinetry, appliances, air conditioning components, plumbing fixtures, and any owner added structural additions. Needless to say, this can become very expensive, very quickly.

In the case of negligence by an owner, the Association will also attempt to recover the insurance deductible cost. Being penny wise and pound foolish by "saving" the nominal cost of insurance is really no savings at all!

Within the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, the HO6 rider covers the insured owner for a portion of the deductible the association maintains on its policies. Currently, your association maintains a deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence for property damage from any peril such as fire, lightning, vandalism, etc., and other than wind and named storms. Wind and named storms have a separate and much higher deductible. Speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have coverage in place and that it is adequate.

For Weybourne Landing, Candler Hills and Indigo East, it is each individual owner's responsibility to purchase insurance for the structure, contents, and liability. These associations do not carry coverage on the individual homes. Mitigation of financial risk is each owner's obligation under each of the association's respective declarations.

Construction Activity

WEYBOURNE LANDING: The miniature golf course is now open for residents to enjoy. The Landing is moving along, despite material delays and the availability of heating and ventilation components needed, which puts our completion date into early 2023. The dog park is in design and should start early 2023.

Phase two of Weybourne Landing will also begin to pick up speed as The Landing winds down toward completion.

LONGLEAF RIDGE: Our next community amenity, located within

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The Craft Fair takes place Saturday, Oct. 22, at Circle Square Cultural Center and The Town Square.

Annual Craft Fair

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

There are events – and then there are events! The annual Craft Fair is one of those events and it will be coming to Circle Square Cultural Center and The Town Square, Saturday, Oct. 22. It is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Artisans from all over Ocala and points south and, of course, from On Top of the World, will be presenting some of their most beautiful and incredible works.

This year, there will be more than 130 craft persons presenting their artistic wares. For example, you

will be able to choose from flowers, jewelry, pottery, quilts, ceramics and, of course, the very popular display of designer gourds. It is the perfect time of year to browse for your holiday gifts, as well as, lights, wreaths, bangles and special decorations. There will be dozens of booths and tables, and thousands of items from which to choose.

As you wander from display to display, you may find yourself humming along to the music of Fred Campbell. And when your stomach starts telling you it's time for a

snack, Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream and Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli will be open to assuage those hunger pangs and revitalize your spirits.

Attending the Craft Fair will be a pleasant way to spend your Saturday! You can just wander about, marvel at the displays, chat with craftsman, and if something catches your eye, and you just can't live without it, well ...

As with any "event," it is best to get there early, rejuvenate yourself over lunch, and then spend the afternoon walking around to see what you missed ... enjoy the fair!

Backstage Tour

By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

So, there I was, milling about smartly in Circle Square Cultural Center on assignment when I drifted off behind the stage. Surely, I had that awed "Floyd the Barber" look on my face as I marveled at the photos of artists who appeared here over the years. Tony Orlando, Kevin Costner, Judy Collins, Don McLean, Willie Nelson, Three Dog Night, Kansas, and a whole lot more 930 theater seat fillers. Impressive!

Gary Pierre, events facilities manager, with Circle Square Cultural Center, grabbed "Floyd" and gave him a backstage tour that encapsulated the timeline of appearing artists at Circle Square Cultural Center, beginning in 2007 with a performance by Gary Lewis & the Playboys. He also related stories about his personal interactions with the artists throughout the years.

Seeking out, communicating with, and booking talent has been a part of Gary's 14-year career at On Top of the World, a role he didn't envision years ago when he was booking talent for church functions. Having a small music studio back then with his cousin, he learned digital sound, a talent that he highlighted on his resume to Jo Layman, general manager of Circle Square Commons. He was hired.

Okay, what about some of Gary's memories about his interactions with artists? On the day of her scheduled performance, British R&B and soul singer Maxine Nightingale experienced an unforeseen interruption to her schedule with a last-minute cancellation looming. Well, she wasn't about to be a no-show, diligently making it on time and "gave a phenomenal performance." Oh, and get this ... another memory shared by Gary was about the group that showed up with ...

ah, you will have to register for our Master the Possibilities course that features the backstage tour to get the whole coop ... uh, scoop (sorry, flashbacks from a prior story). The presentation and backstage tour package is about as long as three "Andy Griffith Show" episodes.

During the backstage tour, you will learn about the painstaking efforts that are required to coordinate a show and bring it to fruition. Oh yes, there is a "green room" where performers costume up and prep for their show.

Ever wonder how shows are selected? Why hasn't your favorite group appeared? How the ticketing

system works? You will understand how and why and learn about the icing on the cake – the lighting and sound as controlled by our technical professionals. Behind the scenes stuff that will give you an appreciation of the show that you saw or anticipate the one you will see from both front stage and backstage perspectives.

Curtain time! Schedule a backstage tour of Circle Square Cultural Center, a tour lead by General Manager Jo Layman, Technical Support Specialist Gary Manges and Event Facilities Manager Gary Pierre. For the backstage tour schedule, or to register 24/7, please visit masterthe-possibilities.org (Course #CMT114) or call 352-861-9751. The course is only \$3 for members of Master the Possibilities, and \$7 for non-members. Oh yes, take selfies of your own "Floyd the Barber" look.



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

Event Facilities Manager Gary Pierre at Circle Square Cultural Center.

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Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: One of the ways criminals steal from us is by selling “can’t miss investments.” They convince folks that they have the “can’t miss” investment that will bring in a lot more income than can be received from wise investments such as FDIC insured CDs or solid mutual funds, or honest brokerage firms.

Only thing is you gotta get it now, or it’ll be gone very quickly. An example my daughter, who is a special prosecutor with the Florida attorney general’s office, gave me is of a criminal (scammer) who convinced a victim to take out a mortgage on her home and then invest the money with what the criminal said was “can’t miss” opportunity. Result? No investment or a very poor one and all money was lost. However, the mortgage was still on the home and had to be paid.

Look folks! That “can’t miss” or “absolutely safe” investment that is too good to be true is too good to be true. Never put a mortgage on your home to use the funds for an investment. Never! Never spend any money on the spur of the moment, especially, if you are told you must act fast to get the best deal. It’s the best deal for the criminal (scammer), but it’s the worst deal for you.

Q. My 51-year-old daughter is a single mother of two children. She recently lost her job and I have been helping her financially. I’ve actually done that for years. My two other children don’t care but I am beginning to resent doing it. I am (late 70s) years old. I told her I was going to stop supporting her and she said I have a legal obligation to support her, and her two children and she can call the police on me or sue me for support. I am seriously scared and don’t know what I should do.

A. You are not legally obliged to support her. You can stop supporting her at any time, including right now. The thing is sometimes it takes courage to stop enabling our children. So, what I am saying is that the law isn’t the problem at all.

Q. I have three children. I’ve loaned money to all of them and two have faithfully paid me back or are in the process of doing so. One

of them has never paid me anything and when I told him that I wanted him to repay me or at least to start repaying me. He said, “Just deduct it from my inheritance.” Can I do that?

A. Yep. You can deduct the entire amount he owes you by a provision in your will or trust, if you have one, whereby you say that during your lifetime you loaned your children certain sums of money and two have paid you back whereas the other one won’t do it and said you should deduct what he owes from his inheritance. Then, state that you have calculated the amount owed (plus interest?) to be a minimum of (and put in the dollar amount). Then, you have a couple of ways to solve the problem.

1. You can leave the same amount your son owes you to each of your two other children. If you do it that way, you will be giving each of those two an amount equal to what your son refused to pay you. \$20,000 to him so \$20,000 each to the other two.
2. You can divide your estate equally among your three children and deduct that amount your son owes you and leave it equally to the other two. Example #1: I devise \$20,000 to child A and \$20,000 to child B. I devise the rest to my three children in equal shares. Example #2: I devise the sum of \$10,000, to each of my two children, A and B in equal shares. I devise the rest to my three children in equal shares. The difference is obvious. In Example #1, you are giving each of the other children and equal amount to what your son refused to repay. In Example #2, you are only deducting the amount he owes from his portion of your estate and dividing it equally among the other two children.

Note that you must discuss this with your attorney.

Q. My significant other and I have been seeing each other for three weeks and we have decided to take a one-month cruise together. We are both in our late 60s. His daughter says, and this is a quote: “I know what is going to go on and it is against the law, so you can’t do it.” Is she right?

A. Is she right about what?

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July	06/13/22	06/23/22	06/30/22
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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



The man who can't dance says the band is bad.

Lifelong Learning

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With more than 200 classroom opportunities scheduled this month alone, Master the Possibilities is a great place to learn something new this fall.

Don't miss out on the recently added Visiting Speaker presentation. Tammy Gantt, associate vice president of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association, and guest author Mary Perdue will be speaking about Landaluce and her exciting racing history.

Gantt and Perdue will speak about how this filly captured the hearts and imagination of millions of race fans across the country in the early 1980s and took the national stage for a short time. Sired by Seattle Slew, Landaluce's story is a captivating story to tell and one that still has people wondering about what could have been. This presentation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in Live Oak Hall. Cost to attend is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Dr. Mark Brenner, a limnologist/paleolimnologist and professor at the University of Florida, will speak remotely to an audience here Friday, Oct. 7, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. about the "Climate and Environmental Change in the Maya Region of Mesoamerica." He is an expert in this field and conducts long-term research interactions among climate, environment, and humans in tropical regions, and has been

a guest presenter on National Geographic on this subject.

His presentation will focus on the past interactions of the climate and Mayan civilization in the Yucatan Peninsula and include the exploration of evidence that suggest the Maya demise may have been associated with protracted droughts. Cost to attend this event in Live Oak Hall is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Offered at Circle Square Cultural Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, the "Veterans Services Available in Marion County" presentation, hosted by Kenneth Puckett, will include many guest speakers and local representatives from Marion County who will provide information on Federal, State, and County services available to veterans in our area. There is no cost to attend this informative presentation, however registration is required.

There are a few spots still available for the two Educational Destinations being offered this month. Enjoy a guided tour of over 50 quaint gardens at Cedar Lakes Woods & Gardens Tuesday, Oct. 4, or enjoy a four-hour event at the Ashton Biological Preserve Wednesday, Oct. 26, that is over 1,000 acres and specializes in tortoise care. For more information on either of these events, visit our website.

There is always something new and exciting happening at Master the Possibilities, where we make learning a focal point with the adult learner in mind. Check out our diverse menu of class offerings any time by visiting our website. Don't forget to review the biographies of our talented and passionate instructors. For additional information, or to register, call 352-861-9751 or visit MasterthePossibilities.org.

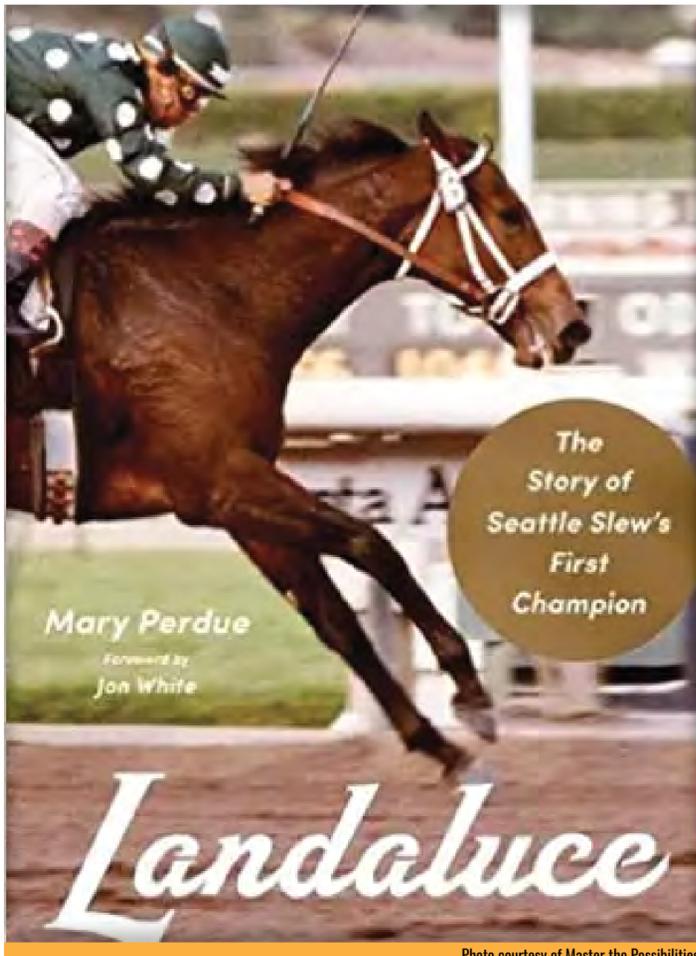
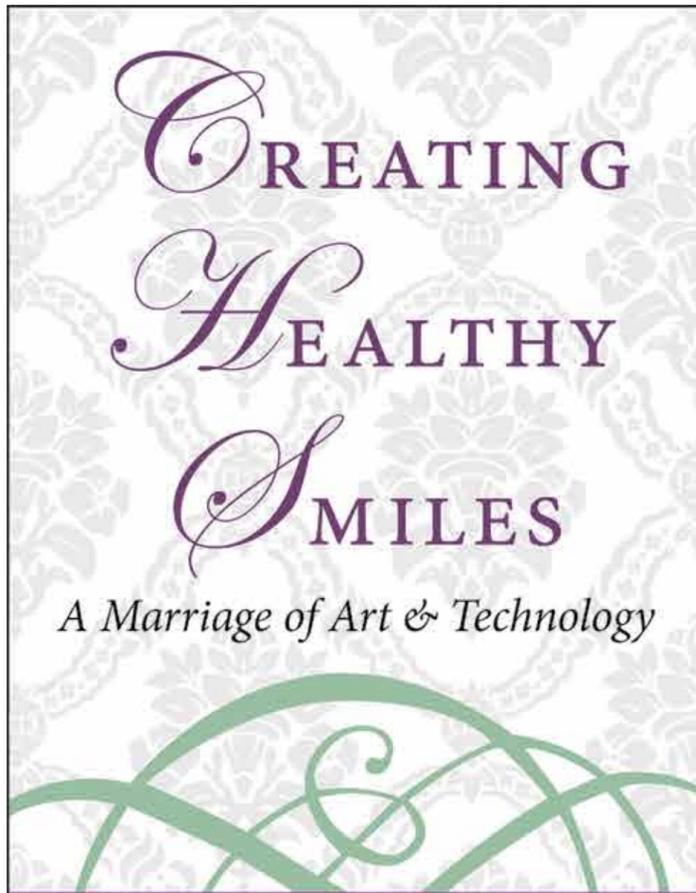


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Longleaf Ridge, is in the design development stage. Once an overall concept is finalized, the design will move to working drawings that include engineered plans that will allow us to begin construction. At this point in time, we are looking to begin construction mid-2023.

Longleaf Ridge continues its momentum as contractors are making steady progress to the west and south. The final two neighborhoods for this lovely community are currently on the drawing board.

CANDLER HILLS: Development activity in Ashford and Balfour has slowed while we wait for the local fauna to finish their springtime matchmaking. Having just exited the nesting season for many species, we anticipate resuming work within the month as the native wildlife begins busying themselves in the preparations for the coming winter.

On Top of the World has a long

history of developing projects in a way that compliments and works with nature. While delays of this sort complicate construction timelines, they are necessary and proper to ensure that the animals are healthy and happy enough to move back into the landscapes and open spaces of the completed neighborhoods.

SW 90TH STREET SITEWORK AND RESTROOM: This project is underway with sitework starting later this month. This will be a multi-phase project to help minimize the usage of this building. This project will be completed early 2023.

RECREATION CENTER: This fall we will be replacing the roof of the back of the building and the pool house. They will match the new roofs that have previously been installed. The score-box design for the softball field is near completion and will be ready for permitting. This is projected to start early next year.

Traffic Study

You should also know that Marion County will soon begin a very large traffic study in the southwest quadrant of the County, in and around On Top of the World Com-

munities. The study area is proposed to be from Highway 27 to the north all the way south to SR 200. The east and west limits of the study will cover from I-75 to SW 80th Avenue.

With the pace at which Southwest Ocala is growing, this information is vital to ensure that the County Commission is approving the appropriate types of projects for our portion of the County as well as performing their own infrastructure planning to properly deal with the level of growth recently.

They anticipate publishing the results of the study in nine to 12 months.

Buyer Beware

I recently received a notice in the mail entitled "Community Alert Marion County." You may have seen it as well. The notice tells of a "\$500 million dollar funding program." Curious as I am, I called the number on the notice. After a long wait, an operator picked up and I asked her if this was for a PACE program. She confirmed it was. The PACE program is a great concept, in theory. The practice is another story.

The PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program is a government sponsored program used to

finance energy efficiency and other qualified home improvements. It is not free money! An interested owner must qualify for a loan to participate. The loan is owed and added to your property tax assessment, increasing your property taxes each year until the loan is paid off.

The program has acquired a reputation for attracting unqualified contractors who do haphazard work, and leaving the owner in a worse off bind. It is supposed to be state administered; need I say more?

This particular solicitation really got my hackles up because it is in the form of a blind advertisement with no identification of a company or individual named sponsor, and no mention of licensure. Those two items alone should be setting off alarm bells. The offer is an introduction for "a representative to visit your home to discuss your need for impact windows and doors ..." Another red flag warning!

Remember any exterior or structural home improvement needs to be submitted for architectural review to your respective owners association for a plan review and approval or denial.

CONGRATULATIONS

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Tech Tips

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What's the Difference – 5G and 5GHz?

Right off, it's important to understand that the 5G for your cellular service and the 5GHz for home Wi-Fi are two different things. While they have the same name and share similar technology, they are not the same thing. To break it down simply, 5G cellular refers to the word "generation" and 5G Wifi, technically called 5GHz (gigahertz) is a

frequency band.

In terms of cellular, 5G relates to the "generation" on the network your cell phone is using. Today's cellular providers are transitioning from the fourth to the fifth generation of cellular networks reason being, 5G allows a wider spectrum of frequencies for carriers to utilize and was designed to offer faster speeds per user and handle more connections per tower. While 5G can hit the same spectrum as 5 GHz Wifi signals, the systems are not compatible in any way.

Now let's talk about Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi has two frequencies, 2.4GHz and 5GHz, and since 2.4GHz is still the default for most devices, let's talk about it first. The 2.4GHz band is a crowded place, because it's used by more than just Wi-Fi. Your cordless phones, garage door openers and other similar devices tend to use the 2.4GHz band. The longer waves used by the 2.4GHz band are better suited to longer ranges and transmission through walls and solid objects so it's arguably better if your home has solidly built construction or has a lot of walls or other objects in the areas where you need cover-

age.

However, because so many devices use the 2.4GHz band, the resulting congestion can cause dropped connections and slower-than-expected speeds. In terms of 5GHz, this frequency band is much less congested, which means you will likely get more stable connections. You'll also see higher speeds. On the other hand, the shorter waves used by the 5GHz band makes it less able to penetrate walls and solid objects. It's also got a shorter effective range than the 2.4GHz band. Of course, you may also be able to mitigate that shorter range using range extenders or mesh Wi-Fi systems, but that could mean a bigger investment on your end.

The good news is that most modern routers act as dual- or tri-band routers. A dual-band router is one that broadcasts both a 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz signal from the same unit, essentially providing you with two Wi-Fi networks and the best of both worlds. If you are curious about the router you have in your home or need have questions about your service, call Bridgenet Communications at 352-873-4817.

On Top of the World

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Welcome Back Seasonal Residents

Many of our seasonal residents have come back to Florida. Please note that if your contact information has changed or if we need to update your records, please contact Resident Services, located in Friendship Commons. Your emergency contact list is also very important. The form is available online at OTOWInfo.com (Community Info > Forms). Just print it, fill in the information and drop it by Resident Services, or scan it and email to otowservice@otowfl.com. You may also mail it to the address listed on the form.

Safety

“When safety is first, you last.” That was written by an unknown author who understood the importance of safety. Now that our daylight is starting a little later, please remember to wear reflective clothing when walking/running/biking before dawn and after dusk. There are many types of highly reflective fabrics available for purchase. The objective is for you to be visible to oncoming traffic and others.

Inspecting Your Gutters

Leaves are falling ... right into your gutters. If you don't clean them out regularly, the gutters could become weighted down with leaves, acorns, branches, etc. and clog the downspouts. Clogged gutters can also be a source of a serious roof leak, as the water backs up and penetrates behind shingles. Please take a few minutes periodically to visually inspect them. If you need assistance, please contact Resident Services for a list of vendors who have provided proof of insurance.

Resident Services

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed daily, from noon to approximately 12:30 p.m. The timer begins when the

last resident assisted before closing at noon vacates the building.

The Resident Services office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 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 nonmedical 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.

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Football Fans

Now that the season for football has arrived, we know how passion-

ate fans here can be, so here is a reminder on team flags: As stated in the Community Standards, with ARB (Architectural Review Board) 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 has been approved by the ARB as to specifications and location.

Solicitation

We are entering the time of year that draws solicitation. Vendors/contractors are especially eager to do business with you. If a contractor ends up at your door soliciting business, verify with Resident Services that they are an approved contractor. On Top of the World Communities has a recommended list of contractors who have furnished evidence of insurance, workers comp, and licensure, if required.

Renovation of SW 90th Street Post Office and Garbage Area

Renovation is ramping up and that means heavy construction truck activity. Please be cautious as you drive in that area. Signs and warning barricades will be strategically placed for awareness. The dumpsters will remain available but temporarily relocated within that area to accommodate construction needs. Please remember that for removal of bulk items such as white goods, furniture or other large items, please contact Waste Management at 866-684-3142. The contact for all curbside collection areas is Premier Waste Services at 352-454-9168. Marion County facilities are listed at environmental.marionfl.org/solid-waste/customer-service/recycling-centers-locations.

If you would like to donate items, some local charities include Interfaith Emergency Services Thrift Store at 352-351-3541; Hospice of Marion County Thrift Store at 352-237-7707; and Goodwill of Ocala at 352-629-4202.

Q & A of the Month

Hurricane season continues through Nov. 30. This year, we have seen many natural disasters in other states and countries. We depend on our weather centers, local news, emergency services and other agencies to keep us informed so that we can make important decisions about our safety. CERT (Communi-

nity Emergency Response Team) is our liaison between the agencies. This month's Q & A is about CERT.

Q. What is the history of CERT and is it recognized nationally?

A. The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs.

CERT became a national program in 1993. There are now CERT programs administered by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories. Each is unique to its community, and all are essential to building a culture of preparedness in the United States. There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide and more than 600,000 people have trained since CERT became a national program. We currently have 17 teams in Marion County.

Q. In what types of emergencies is CERT most helpful?

A. Recovery immediately after a hurricane or tornado; any mass casualty event such as a plane crash, bus mishap, or spreading fire; or everyday incidents such as someone falling and hitting their head.

Q. Does CERT replace the need for first responders?

A. No. CERT supplements first responders. When a disaster occurs, the first responders can become quickly overloaded. CERT members are residents trained in basic first aid, communications, and disaster coordination. We know the local neighborhoods. We can respond before the first responders, who may be assigned to other areas, arrive.

CERT meets the second Tuesday of every month, 9 a.m., in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room.

Community News

There is no reservation of lap lanes available at the Arbor Fitness Center pool; however, the lanes have scheduled days and times for lap swimming. The schedule is posted on OTOWInfo.com under Activity Info.

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Please WELCOME Karen to our family!
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!

World Traveler

Bill Shampine



Margitta and I enjoyed a small ship (44 passengers) tour of the Dalmatian Coast this summer; so, over the next couple of months, I will write about some of the interesting places we visited.

Of course, the first question people ask is where is the Dalmatian Coast? Since everyone knows where Italy is located, I will start there. From the middle of Italy, you go due east across the Adriatic Sea until you hit land again. This will be Croatia. The coast of Croatia also is known as the Dalmatian Coast, a name derived from an ancient tribe that used to live there.

The city of Dubrovnik has a population of about 43,000 and is located on the southern part of Croatia's coastline. It often is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic," because it is regarded as the most picturesque city on the coast. It truly is a lovely city. As a side note for the Game of Thrones fans among us, much of the filming for that television series was shot in Dubrovnik.

Founded in the 7th century, Dubrovnik became an important Mediterranean Sea power. Its merchants travelled and traded all over the world. One of their keys to success was their policy of not trying to conquer other lands. Although they founded a few settlements, their primary objective was trade, not subjugation. To express their peaceful intentions, they travelled flying a white flag with the Latin word "Libertas" (freedom) prominently displayed on it. They were so successful in their trading efforts that they rivaled the glory and culture of Venice, and, with much less intrigue and fewer political problems.

Dubrovnik is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is one of the finest existing examples of a late-medieval walled city. The buildings are amazing. There is a town hall dating from the 11th century, a Franciscan monastery completed in the 14th century, a bell tower built in 1444, the Sponza Palace (customs house) dating from the 16th century, and many other churches and historic buildings built over the centuries. Even though Dubrovnik suffered a devastating earthquake in 1667 that



Photo by Bill Shampine

An elevated view of the walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia.

destroyed much of the city, most of it was rebuilt.

Walking Dubrovnik's city walls around the old city is a major attraction for visitors. The wall is 1.24 miles long, and ranges from 13 to 20 feet thick. The walls also boast five forts and a series of towers and turrets. These massive walls successfully protected the city from

multiple invaders over the centuries. Even during the Balkan conflict, which included Croatia's 1991 War for Independence, the walls prevented the city from being captured by the Yugoslav People's Army in spite of enduring a massive seven-month siege and bombardment. For the historians among us, the Balkan conflict resulted in the

breakup of Yugoslavia into several independent countries.

Dubrovnik is built on a steep limestone slope rising sharply from the sea with houses and apartments hanging on tightly. The streets and alleyways are narrow, with lots of steps. I think the residents must have legs of iron after walking up and down these steps every day for years.

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- Skin should be shiny. Scales should be intact.
- The fish should not be stiff like a board.

It should be somewhat flexible when handled.

- A fish should be relaxed when it passes, which prevents it from stiffening upon death. Unfortunately, this doesn't always happen. If a fish fights to flee, and proper procedures aren't taken to relax the fish prior to its death, the fish may have a tougher texture.
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INGREDIENTS

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1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning

In a large skillet, melt butter with olive oil. Add garlic and sauté until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add wine or broth, salt, red pepper flakes and plenty of black pepper and bring to a simmer. Let wine reduce by half, about 2 minutes. Add shrimp and sauté until they just turn pink, 2 to 4 minutes depending upon their size. Stir in the parsley and lemon juice and serve over pasta or accompanied by crusty bread.

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Bread catfish

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1 pound scallops

Salt & pepper (to taste)

2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon olive oil

3 cloves garlic (minced)

Place the scallops in the pan (don't over-crowd them), and sear them on each side for about 2 minutes, then take the scallops out of the pan; Make the sauce by adding in the garlic, chicken broth or wine, and lemon juice. Let it bubble for a minute or so, then add the cream and simmer until it reduces/thickens to your liking. Add in the scallops and let them just heat through. Do not overcook scallops because they will end up rubbery.

WHOLE FRIED RED SNAPPER

- Buy a fresh, whole snapper
- Garlic. Lots of minced garlic adds flavor
- Herbs. A combination of thyme, parsley and basil makes fish taste insanely good!
- Lemon Juice. Lemon juice adds freshness to fish.
- Oil. Olive oil or canola oil will work.
- White Pepper. White Pepper adds a more intense depth of flavor that works well with fish. But use black pepper if that's what you have.
- Chicken Bouillon Powder. This brings out more flavor in the fish that salt alone doesn't bring out. But you can use salt only to season your fish.
- Salt
- Makes small slices on the fish and bake for 20 minutes in a 400 degree oven
- Place on grill or broil to get a crispy top

Sides: French fries are perfect!

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Sholom Park's HAPI Harvest Day takes place Saturday, Oct. 29.

Finding Zen

Christina Shearer
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Sholom Park is excited to announce HAPI Harvest Day Saturday, Oct. 29, from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of live music, food trucks, interactive and educational trick-or-treat stations. Come experience the festivities of fall at Sholom Park!

The Sholom Park stage will be packed full of fun and engaging entertainment. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. the Ina A. Colen Academy choir will be performing. The soulful sounds of Gypsy Sparrow will take the stage at 1 p.m. performing original rock music and a wide variety of cover songs from well-known artists like Dave Matthews, Johnny Cash, and Ed Sheeran. Join the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County at 2 and 3 p.m. in front of the stage for the Lil' Monster Mash Dance Party with fun step-by-step choreographed dance instructions to kid-friendly Halloween music.

Attention boys and ghouls, mummies and daddies: Halloween costumes aren't just for Halloween night. Wear your costume and visit one of the many interactive and educational trick-or-treat activity

stations hosted by local organizations and groups and learn as you go. From bats and bugs to painting and planting, learning is magically enchanting. Trunk or treat with Marion County Sheriff's Office and learn how to stay safe this Halloween.

Visit the lovely Dee Collier a.k.a Mrs. Goose under the Sholom Park pergebo for Fall-tastic Folktales. Her animated storytelling keeps little minds engaged and their imaginations intrigued. Search high and low for 18 Halloween, autumn, and nature-inspired painted pumpkins. Each pumpkin is hand painted by a volunteer from Ocala Rocks Official. Can you find them all?

Finally, eat, drink and be scary at a participating food truck.

Roaming judges will be awarding the best, cutest, funniest, and most unique costumes. One grand prize will be announced and awarded on stage at 3 p.m. to the best family/group costumes.

Join us Saturday, Oct. 29, and experience an afternoon of family-friendly fall festivities at Sholom Park! Enjoy live musical entertainment, educational trick-or-treat stations, and interactive fall-tastic and spooktacular Fun at the Park. There will be a \$5 event parking fee for onsite parking including golf carts. For more event details, visit www.sholompark.org, or the Sholom Park Facebook page.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



The selfie scavenger hunt, dinner and game event was certainly a lot of fun. Residents hunted by car, golf cart, bicycle or just walking, the food was great, and the evening of socialization was enjoyable. A special thank you to all the Candler Hills residents who made this event successful and to Karen and Russ Gemberling for heading up this event.

Fall is here and hopefully a little bit cooler weather for our eighth annual picnic on Sunday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the pavilion near the softball field. The social committee will be grilling, and you will have your choice of two of the three items (hamburger, hot dog or boneless chicken breast). Specify your choice whenever you purchase your \$10 ticket which can be purchased on the following dates: from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays, Oct. 4 and 11, at the Candler Hills Community Center, and Thursdays, Oct. 6 and 13, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and dessert are included. Come and enjoy an afternoon picnicking with friends and neighbors.

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 desserts; J-Q main dishes; and R-Z sides or salads. Please make a reservation by contacting Deb Keirn at 352-414-5737 or 814-571-7908 by text or email to arthurkipdeb@verizon.net. The cost at the door is \$1 per person which covers eating utensils, napkins, tablecloths, cups, and decaf coffee. Music will be provided by the Petrosky's for dancing or just listening.

Let's celebrate the holiday together at the holiday dinner dance Saturday, Dec. 10, at The Lodge at Candler Hills from 5 to 8 p.m. Our caterer will be Gourmet Affair and the dinner includes mixed green salad, dinner rolls, a roast beef carving station, chicken cordon blue, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans almandine, cheesecake with caramel and chocolate drizzle, and coffee - all for a price of \$35 per person. Hal Dodd will be providing the music for your dancing pleasure. Tickets can be purchased from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Nov. 8, 15, and 29 at the Candler Hills Community Center and Thursdays, Nov. 10, 17 and Dec. 1, at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

New residents of Candler Hills can receive "The Happenings" by email at candlerconnection.org; log in and fill out the form. 1,550 residents receive this publication to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

Keep informed by joining 1,405 Candler Hills residents who are members of the Candler Connection Facebook group.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 4, 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.

Williamsburg Neighbors

Carmel Kessler



Williamsburg residents - get ready for some nostalgic fun! Enjoy some oldies music Sunday, Oct. 23 with a sock hop at The Town Square from 2 to 5 p.m. Ladies, please feel free to dress in your favorite poodle skirt and bobby socks, and gents in your white T-shirts and jeans if the dancing spirits move you. Just know, any comfortable attire is perfectly fine for dancing and singing along.

The tables and chairs at The Town Square have been reserved for Williamsburg residents. Guests are welcome to attend. Please let your guests know to bring their own chairs. Everyone is welcome to bring a cooler. There will be a 50/50 raffle, contests, and prizes throughout the event for Williamsburg residents only. Special thanks to the sponsors of this event - Nancy Meininger Re/Max, Scott Cameron State Farm Insurance, and Handyman Ryan. No RSVP is needed; just come, meet your neighbors, dance, sing, and have a good time.

The Williamsburg Silver Bells celebration is Saturday, Dec. 10. An evening of friendship, games, live music, dancing, catered buffet, and a very special holiday guest is planned! The event will be held at Arbor Conference Center Dance

Studios I-IV at 6 p.m. Royal Oaks Catering is under contract. Linda Sisco, a favorite resident vocalist, is performing with a wonderful range of familiar melodies. The cost is \$25 per person. Bring your own beverages. Ticket sales begin in October.

The committee needs your contributions to create a memorable experience for all. Let us know if you are interested in helping with the party program, dinner selections for the buffet, decorating, the dessert tables, or acting as hosts to support special needs of our neighbors.

Dust off the recipe box for your favorite cookie and dessert recipes to create a neighborhood collection. Please include the stories of your special food memories and traditions. Copies will be available at the celebration. To volunteer, please contact Gwen Fabian at gwen.fabian@gmail.com or 330-207-6954 or Vicki Enderby at venderby@aol.com or 312-351-3355.

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. Check out our Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg-OTOW). This site will keep you current on Williamsburg activities.

If you have any ideas, questions or concerns about the Williamsburg neighborhood, please feel free to contact Nancy Meininger at nancy@nancymeininger.com.

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Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



Our August Hawaii dreaming luau was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended. Along with a delicious meal and Hawaiian music, we played four fun games.

Winning the prize for the best hula was Bert Cobos. He did a great job learning the hula; just ask those who voted for his performance. Cheryl Hanna won the hula hoop contest, Monica Granon won the prize for throwing the hoops over a chair, and Denise Sherman won the prize for freeze dance. Jason Green and James Moore each won a raffle prize. We had three prizes in 50/50.

First prize went to Larry West, second to Cathy Clinton, and third to Rosemary Marquart. We sure got quite a bit of fun in, including eating, in two hours!

Thank you to everyone who came to see us at the Club Fair. Not only did we meet several new residents and our residents who always come to our events; but we also met residents who had never heard of Friendship Connection. If you have friends or neighbors who don't know about us, please pass along the word about us!

Hopefully by now you have already purchased your Halloween spooktacular tickets for Saturday, Oct. 8. This will be our final event for the year. We will once again have a catered meal, great music provided by Kathy and Charlie Petrosky, a costume contest for those who choose to come in costume, and a dessert-decorating contest for those who choose to make, and decorate in a Halloween theme, a dessert. Last day to purchase a ticket is Thursday, Sept. 29, 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center. Remember \$20 allows you to enjoy the party.

Starting in 2023, our events will be quarterly instead of bi-monthly. Our first event will be Feb. 11, 2023; so stay tuned for further information.

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, info@otowfriendshipconnection.com, or visit otowfriendshipconnection.com or our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

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Weybourne Landing Neighbors

Laura Thomas



Prepare your best football tailgate food and games for a throw-down of your favorite teams - collegiate or NFL at Sunday Funday. Or go back to high school and proudly wear your team shirts! Join us Sunday, Oct. 30, for a fun-filled evening.

We ask that if your last name begins with R-Z, please bring an appetizer; A-H, dessert; and I-Q, main dish. Please bring your own beverage. Donations will gladly be accepted!

Karen Goldsmith is always look-

ing for people with ideas and the willingness to help. Please email her at ksgoldsm@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Join us for water aerobics Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 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.

Our miniature golf course is now open! There is a white container that holds golf clubs and balls. Shade canopies must be ordered and will take a couple of months to arrive and be installed. As always - patience is essential while things are completed.

Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



A Labor Day cookout took place Monday, Sept. 5. This was a ticketed event and all who attended had a grand time socializing with other neighbors and feasting on the delicious food.

The fall Craft Show will be held at the Indigo East Community Center Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show will feature 20 tables of crafts from both Indigo East and On Top of the World crafters. All are invited to stop by and support the

hard work of each crafter.

"A Wicked Halloween Party" will be held Sunday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. This party is for residents only. Tickets will be sold on Oct. 11, 17 and 25. 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.

The following upcoming events are in the planning stages. Potluck in November; and in December a Christmas party, breakfast with Santa, and golf cart parade.

Until next time, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Avalon Social Group

Sharon Hall & Karen Volpe



Our next event will be a fall harvest potluck Monday, Oct. 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. We are not assigning dishes, just asking that you bring your favorite salad, appetizer, side dish, main dish, or dessert with enough to share. We'll also be sharing recipes, so bring a copy to display. After dinner, we'll have an entertaining time playing "Name That Tune."

RSVP with what you are planning to bring to Sharon Hall via text to 270-855-1354 no later than Monday, Oct. 3. Admission will be \$2 per person at the door to cover paper goods, etc. Please bring exact change. An opportunity for 50/50 split will also be available.

Again, thank you to all our volunteers for helping at our events. If you are interested in helping at any event, please let us know when you submit your RSVP. We appreciate all volunteers!

There are three ways to keep informed of upcoming events: email, Facebook, 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.

Americana Village

Julie Sloat



Americana Village residents are ready for some fun! We will be having an Oktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 22, at 4 p.m. It will be at our gazebo in the center of the townhouses.

Come for Music, delicious food, activities, 50/50, time to get to know your neighbors, and fun! Provided will be table service, meat, sauerkraut, water, pretzels, and Jello shots! Bring a dish to share (German, if you wish), a chair, drink of your choice, and wear German attire (optional). The cost will be \$10 per person. You can pay one of the

team members ahead or on that day. Talk to your neighbors and encourage them to come.

"Sit and chats" are the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. (notice time change) at the gazebo. This is a relaxed time to just visit! Trivia, snacks, and Chinese auction may be part of the evening plan!

Our neighborhood continues to present welcome baskets to newcomers.

Thanks to all who have helped in so many ways. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Julie Sloat at 814-720-5377; Gloria Stoecklin at 618-977-3295; Linda Meister at 716-699-8209; Betty Shively at 310-902-3585; Barb Scales at 315-440-0142; or Donna Gilmore at 843-614-2177.

Democratic Club

Dan Lack



Our club meeting will take place Thursday, Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV.

The speaker at our upcoming meeting will be Rod Broker whose presentation is called, "The Curious History of the Pledge of Allegiance." Rod Broker is a retired academic who will be driving from Leesburg, Florida to talk to us. We will also review the November ballot, including the three amendments.

In lieu of our usual fall luncheon, which was cancelled due to our recent 10th birthday dinner, there will be an ice cream social at Mr. B's Big Scoop in Circle Square Commons Monday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. Other Democrats from around Marion County will be invited to join us. You may even get to meet some candidates.

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 wash cloths, toiletries, laundry pods, paper goods and canned and dry food. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

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

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October is a great month with fall festivities, returning friends, and hopefully some cooler weather!

Trivia*

Do you have a good memory for fun facts? Find out by joining us Monday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Each table is limited to eight people. Make your team with neighbors and friends.

Music Trivia*

Play as a team, you can't go wrong! Let's have fun remembering some of your favorite songs and bands Monday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest.

Harvest Chef Demo*

Do you like to cook and want to be inspired by learning a fall culinary delight? Join us to get the recipe and enjoy a tasting as well Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center.

Oktoberfest Pool Party*

Enjoy great music with Mike Webb, bring your own beer and we will provide German food to make a great Oktoberfest! Let's party at the Indigo East Fitness Center, Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The cost is \$14 per resident and \$16 per guest.

Sassy Ladies Night Out

Ladies! It's just us. Get on your dancing shoes and bring your own drinks and snacks. This event is free for residents and \$5 for guests. Enjoy the live music by Take 2.

Karaoke

You don't have to shine to crank out a tune. Learn the words, sing your heart out, cheer everyone. This is what we do at karaoke Thursday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest.

Happy Hour

Join us on Fridays, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live music, friends, and neighbors. Bring your own beverage and snacks. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest. The upcoming entertainment is as follows:

- Oct. 7: Johnny Lobo
- Oct. 14: Palomino Blonde
- Oct. 21: Sal and the Gal
- Oct. 28: Spook Night with Tim Hargis

Happy Hour on Friday, Oct. 28, will be our Spook Night with a costume contest. Costume is not required. Play with your imagination and bring the best costume ever.

**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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Welcome autumn! I am sure we are all looking forward to cooler weather. Check out what we have in store for Candler Hills residents this month:

Chili Bar*

Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. enjoy delicious chili catered by Fresh Plates Creative Catering. It will include a large bowl of chili, a visit to the toppings bar, and a cold beer. October is National Chili Month, so come out and enjoy! The cost is \$15 per resident and \$17 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Oktoberfest*

Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 3 to 6 p.m. come join us as we celebrate Oktoberfest with good food, spirits, and live entertainment by Ray Inlenburg. The cost will be \$18 per resident and \$20 per guest accompanied by a resident. Outside beverages will not be permitted inside the facility for this event.

Girls Night Out*

Ladies, get ready to have fun! It's that time again for another Girls Night Out Thursday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. The entertainer will be Tony Machicote. Bring your own

beverage and enjoy a light appetizer (while supplies last). Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Happy Hour*

Happy Hour takes place every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Oct. 7: Tim Hargis
- Oct. 14: Automatic
- Oct. 21: The BadKitty Band
- Oct. 28: Halloween Bash with One Flite Up

Get ready for a fright! Get your costumes if you dare! Bring your own brews! We are having a costume contest at Happy Hour on Friday, Oct. 28. We're dying to see you!

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

Kocktails & Karaoke

Join us Thursday, Oct. 27, for Kocktails & Karaoke with Charlie and Kathy in the Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Come sing and dance with other Candler Hills residents. Bring your own beverages. \$5 per guest and must be accompanied by a resident. This event will take place the fourth Thursday of every month.

**To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; or Friday and Saturday, 9 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.*

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave



When was the last time you tested your smoke alarms? The National Fire Protection Association advises we replace our smoke alarms when they are 10 years old. Newer smoke alarms are technically improved and may include carbon dioxide alert or strobe lights for the hearing impaired.

Smoke alarms are ideally in all bedrooms and not too close to the kitchen - at least 10 feet from the stove. And they can easily be tested regularly to be sure they are still functioning.

If you'd like a referral, Resident Services will email you a list of approved handymen who are qualified and insured.

So go test your alarms right now! To inquire about joining the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), please contact Debra Snyder at 412-443-2930. You are always welcome to attend one of our monthly meetings, usually held on second Tuesdays.

Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss & Gary Rodoff



The Community Patrol has over 50 active members and we are looking for more. We help residents by answering questions or referring them to the appropriate source. We will assist where we can if someone flags us down to find their destination or notify us of a problem.

While all these are important to our job, our most important job is to act as the eyes and ears for the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and be a visible deterrent to any potential wrongdoers. We patrol all On Top of the World, Sholom Park, and commercial areas nearby, and are in communication with MCSO.

When you see us, please wave to say hello. As of mid-August, the Community Patrol patrolled 5,500 miles and volunteered over 1,500 hours.

MCSO in concert with On Top of the World is sponsoring a Halloween event for neighboring children Monday, Oct. 31 at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. Candy donations are being accepted at the MCSO SR200 substation.

For further information, contact Paul Altman at 860-460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.

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Autumn has officially started and many of us are looking for those cooler temperatures to arrive. Cooler temperatures mean we will begin to see a lot of familiar faces returning. Just in time, as we are off to a busy month.

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. The cost is \$10 per four-week class per month or \$30 for a three-month pass. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays. December line dance class tickets go on sale Monday, Nov. 21.

If you have any questions, please email Darlene Miller at darmillr222@gmail.com.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER (NOON TO 1 P.M.): This is an introduction to line dance class and progresses into Beginner Level I. 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 Plus 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.

NEWCOMERS (5 TO 6 P.M.): This is an introduction to line dance class and progresses into Absolute Beginner. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are used in dances.

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 willing 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: October - Foxtrot; November - Cha-Cha; and December - Waltz.

Tap Dance Classes*

Have some fun with tap instruc-

tor Penny Berton. No experience necessary. She will start with the basics, and you will find yourself progressing quickly. Join the class, bring tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes), and awaken your love for tap. There are currently two classes available on Tuesdays in the Recreation Center Ballroom: Intermediate (2:15 p.m.) and Advanced (1 p.m.). Classes are \$20 per person for a four-week class (monthly).

Beginner Broadway Dance Classes*

Do you love musicals? "Chicago," "A Chorus Line," and "Grease" are just a few of the fun and exhilarating musical routines you will learn. All choreography will be inspired and styled after those foot-stomping favorites. This is a seven-week session (November and December) with no experience needed. The cost is \$42 per person. Classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV every Friday, at 1:30 p.m.

Community Pavilions

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

Rags to Riches

Come one, come all to the annual Rags to Riches sale Friday, Oct. 7, at the Arbor Conference Center from 9 a.m. to noon. You never know what treasures you may find. Residents have emptied their garages/closets and are ready to sell items.

Insider's VIP Horse Farm Tours*

Join us for a morning horse country tour Fridays, Oct. 7 or 21, 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.

Get Acquainted Coffee

Have you met your neighbors yet, or would you like to be better acquainted with them? Would you like to receive more information on fitness and recreational activities within our community but aren't sure where to go? Join us Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 to 11 a.m. for Get Acquainted Coffee. We will provide light refreshments and have several representatives speaking from different departments providing information along with an informative presentation/question and answer session. After the presentation, you will have the chance to go on a short walking tour to familiarize you with some of the amenities.

Document Destruction*

Shred Express LLC will return Friday, Oct. 14, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 9 to 11 a.m. This company will be onsite to shred all your important documents. The cost is \$5 per one-cubic foot (normal storage size box or computer paper box).

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Oct. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music by Long White Cloud. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest.

Annual Craft Fair

The annual Craft Fair takes place Saturday, Oct. 22 at Circle Square Cultural Center and The Town Square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will have over 125 crafters offering pottery, unique gifts, woodwork, jewelry, holiday and more! Live entertainment by Fred Campbell and great treats to cool down with at Mr. B's Scoop Ice Cream Shop. This event is free and open to the public.

Partner Dance Night

Grab your partner and enjoy a night of ballroom and pattern dancing Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Recreation Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest.

Please note dancing etiquette is required for this night and line dancing or single dancing will not be permitted.

Tropic Trivia*

Tropic Trivia has exploded in popularity and takes place the first Thursday of every month in the Recreation Center Ballroom. To give everyone an opportunity to participate in future Tropic 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 date is Monday, Nov. 21 for January/February 2023 trivia.

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 and any type of electronic equipment including watches are not permitted. Anyone found with these devices at their table during trivia will disqualify the entire team (no exceptions).

September

1: Paw Patrol; 2: Nana's & Papa's; 3: Bold & Brassy.

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 (max of eight per person) are \$45 per resident and \$55 per guest accompanied by a resident.

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 can-



celled.

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Oct. 7: Robert France
- Oct. 14: Double Trouble
- Oct. 21: Alan Ross
- Oct. 28: Jo Jo

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:

- Oct. 7: Kathleen Kane
- Oct. 14: Pure Magic
- Oct. 21: Outdoor Cruise-in with Crossfire (Recreation Center front lawn)
- Oct. 28: "Spook Night" with Shift N Gears

Get ready all you ghouls and goblins for "Spook Night" Friday, Oct. 28. Have no fear as this night will be filled with fun, entertainment, and contests. Come dressed for the occasion if you dare!

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.

Stay in the Know

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

Happy fall, y' all!

*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. Resident IDs must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

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

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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

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Come Grow with Us

By Phil Karcheski

Last month, the snowbirds began returning. Those who are members of the Eco Gardeners were uncovering their gardens, pulling any weeds that managed to sprout and tilling in amendments to the soil to feed their future crop.

The goal of the club is to educate members regarding sustainability, in concert with nature, creating an environment that attracts and feeds birds and butterflies. We are also identifying beneficial/destructive insects to crop losses by using non-selective pesticides.

Sustainability also benefits humans, wildlife, and the earth by preventing them from leaching into the soil and aquifer, our source of drinking water. Some members plant sacrificial plants that attract insects away from their vegetables. Other special plants repel pests.

The club board has been working on several projects to improve the garden. We have distributed wild-flower seeds, set up a bird bath for birds/bees; and established a flower garden dedicated to attracting pollinators. We are also scheduling the replacement wood in our plot frames.

Now that the summer heat is departing, we are anxious to enter the garden, get our tools out and plant our seeds to watch them sprout. Members will be in the sun and rain feeding, nurturing, and protecting our plants until the harvest. We wish all gardeners a healthy and bountiful harvest.

The Eco Gardeners welcomed six new members during the summer months. Anyone desiring a garden plot should attend one of our meetings. We would enjoy having you join us and learn more about gardening in Florida.

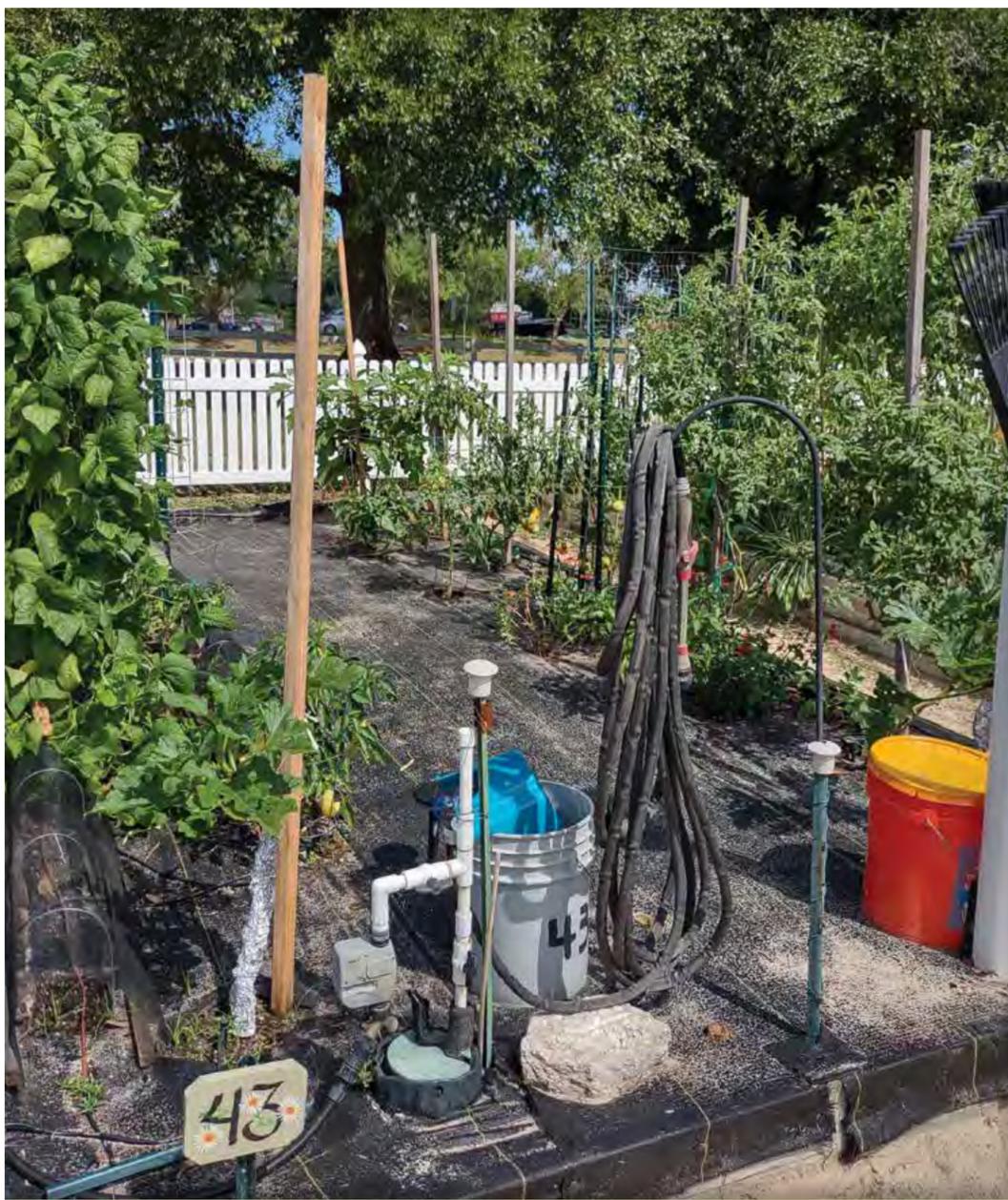


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Best designed garden.

For Birds Sake

By Debbie Sherer

Members of The Birding Group will travel to the Inglis Dam Recreation area Thursday, Oct. 27. Inglis Dam is located off West Riverwood Drive approximately two miles east of U.S. 19, about a 45-minute drive from On Top of the World.

The trip will begin with a stop at

the Inglis Dam where there are usually lots of water birds. We may see rough-winged swallow in this area. We will continue through a locked gate and drive along the shore of Lake Rousseau. The trail turns to the left, runs through a large, heavily treed forest, and opens into a

grassy plateau with views of the lake and possibly a few varieties of warblers.

After we pass Inglis Dam the road runs parallel to the Florida Barge Canal. There is usually an active eagle's nest on the power lines that tower over the canal. If time permits, we can either continue along the canal or take a shorter trail back to the dam. Bathroom facilities are available in the Inglis Dam Recreation area.

If you are interested in joining us

on this trip, please contact Margitta Claterbos at mclaterbos@gmail.com. Directions to Inglis Dam and the restaurant selected for lunch will be distributed before leaving the parking area on Oct. 27. We plan to leave at 7:30 a.m. from the parking lot of Friendship Center just outside the SW 99th Street gate for On Top of the World. Please park your vehicle near Bank OZK but not in front of the bank. The best place to park is by the hedges on the side of the bank.



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Norway presentation at the Scandinavian American Club.

Christian Women's Group

Sandi Kemp



In August, we had a great time as we celebrated Labor Day patriotically with lots of red, white, and blue. Our September theme was

a country picnic, and it was a fun time with jeans and casual dress!

Our next potluck will be Saturday, Oct. 22, with a fall theme. Please join us! We meet on the fourth Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. No reservations are needed. Just come, join the fun, and make new friends! If you need more information, call 352-237-9073.



Photo by Marilyn Wilson

Christian Women's Group's Labor Day celebration.

Scandinavian American Club

David Wesenberg



Calling all Scandinavians! What a treat! On Tuesday, Oct. 25 our Danish members will be presenting the customs, history, and reminiscences of Denmark with much enthusiasm.

The Scandinavian American Club is a great place to enjoy fun, fellowship and unusually good Scandinavian food. Join us. We love to share the fun.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 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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Women of the World

Betty Thayer



The Women of the World club is a social and charitable organization. Our mission is to entertain, inform, educate, and inspire our members through our monthly meetings and contribute to the local community by providing much needed goods to those in need in Marion County.

For the 2022-2023 club year, we will be sponsoring the following charities at our monthly meetings/events: Operation Shoebox, Dunnellon Elementary School, Believe in Santa "Clause for a Cause", Hope Village, All About Your Angels, Hospice of Marion County, Florida Kids Helping Kids, and Open Arms Village.

Several of our members represented the club at the Club Fair in September where we had a display highlighting our activities and sponsored charities for the upcoming year. Despite the rain, there was very good attendance at the Club Fair, and we did meet with over 100 women who were interested in joining the club.

Our kick-off September meeting was hugely successful due to the outreach at the Club Fair and our members encouraging their friends to become members. Mary Harper from Operation Shoebox shared

with us the importance of their mission. Operation Shoebox is a non-profit organization based in Belleview, Florida that sends care packages with needed items that give a bit of home to our deployed U.S. troops around the world.

Ellie Richards, Operation Shoebox club chairwoman read a heartfelt thank you from several soldiers. The outpouring of donations from our members was very generous! We had several tables overflowing with donations. Thank you for your generosity!

Our featured speaker was Julie Sanderson from Patriot Service Dogs; a local non-profit organization which pairs well-trained service dogs with veterans free-of-charge. They do an amazing job in training and matching dogs to veterans.

The club will be participating in the Rags to Riches Friday, Oct. 7. This will be one of our major fundraisers to help support our various charities throughout the year. Lois Nix is coordinating our activities. We are requesting donations for gently used items. A flyer was distributed at the September meeting. Please drop off your donations as per the drop off dates and times. Volunteers are needed for working the garage and the day of the sale. Leftover items after the event will go to Helping Hands.

In October, the featured charity will be Dunnellon Elementary School. They need reward items for

their reading program.

Our featured speaker will be DJ Ryan from Hospice of Marion County on the topic of "Senior Moment or Something More Serious?"

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month in the Recreation Center

Ballroom starting at noon. The club is open to all women living in On Top of the World, including Indigo East with a Gateway of Services pass. If you are interested in joining us, please give Betty Thayer, club president a call at 352-361-1313.

The Jewish Club

Gail Levine



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

of the month at 12:30 p.m. with some exceptions. 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 160 members and has annual dues of \$18 per person payable every January. It is not necessary to be Jewish to join.

We hope that the weather will be cooling down by mid-October as our meeting will take place at Veterans Park. Members will be asked to bring their own sandwiches and drinks and our hospitality committee will provide sides and desserts. We look forward to using the beautiful basketball and shuffleboard courts, as well as the cornhole and horseshoe games at the Veterans Park. We are hoping that some of our members know how to play

some of these games and would be willing to teach others. Outdoor games not your thing? No problem, bring your lawn chairs and schmooze with new and old members of the club.

The Jewish Club has several open board positions – president, second vice president, corresponding secretary and member-at-large. If you are interested in running for a position on the board or want to learn more about these open positions, please contact Gail Levine at gl4010@gmail.com or Carl Schneider at carljoshneider@gmail.com. No experience required ... just a desire to help!

If you didn't make it to the September meeting or forgot to bring some non-perishable food items for Interfaith Emergency Services (IES), we will gladly accept them at our October meeting.

IES is a worthy county service and we are hoping that our membership can continue to make a small difference to those less fortunate.

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.

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Genealogical Society

Ron Niebo



Everyone appreciates an engaging story. At our Monday, Sept. 19, educational meeting genealogist, freelance writer, and historian Lynn Palermo revealed how to turn your genealogy research into shareable stories. Please visit familyhistorywritingstudio.com.

Stories bring to life your ancestors' vital and family records, migration and immigration journeys, cherished mementos, and historical events occurring during their lifetime. Telling a story makes the storyteller (you) consider:

1. What goals your ancestors

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- Stories connect the characters with the reader. They also excite the reader to conduct further genealogy research.

Members may contact the education chair to obtain a syllabus for this presentation.

October is an important month for our Genealogical Society ... It is the start of administrative year 2022-2023. On Monday, Oct. 10, we will vote and install new officers. Also, we will vote on by-law changes discussed over the last few meetings. Members may attend this important meeting either in-person or via Zoom.

Additionally, this month at our Monday, Oct. 17 educational meeting our special interest topic is timelines.

Our ancestors were more than just names and dates. They were real people who experienced life in the contexts of their families and communities. To see them in these contexts, you can create personal, family, and historical timelines. Via Zoom, guest genealogist Annette Lyttle, proprietor Heritage Detective, LLC, will discuss how to create and use timelines to place your ancestor's life and historical events into a meaningful resource. To learn more about this speaker, visit heritagedetective.com/about-annette-burke-lyttle/.

Also, congratulations to Annette Lyttle for her appointment as editor-in-chief for The Florida Genealogist Journal at the Florida State Genealogical Society.

Interested? The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on assisting genealogical investigations. Meetings are both in-person and via Zoom on the second and third Monday every month in the Hobby Building Event Room from 10 a.m. to noon. During 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 wkellymt@outlook.com.

Last thoughts ... as we prepare our costumes for Halloween (and our golf carts), think about how your ancestors prepared for and celebrated that day. Over the centuries, cultures celebrated Halloween under various names and with several unique customs. Typically, it was an opportunity to rejoice about the summer's harvest, remember past spirits, share stories, play harmless pranks, and participate in community activities. Yes, Halloween might have included wearing costumes and altering appearances. But most importantly, Halloween provided an opportunity to share fellowship and good fortunes with all. Happy Halloween!

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Southern Club



Melanie Vittitow

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Southern Club welcomed back and greeted new members with a wine and appetizer party. We had 41 people there to enjoy the delicious offerings. Since we wanted to stick to the theme of "Southern" dishes, we had sausage balls, shrimp and grits, chicken and waffles, pimento cheese, banana pudding and Moon Pies, among other things.

Then we played a game of Southern food trivia. There were questions about burgoo, gumbo, frog legs, sweet potato pie, squirrel brains, and a lot more. Let me tell you, unless you were from the Low Country of South Carolina or a very good guesser, you were not going to know many of the answers. Fortunately for me, I was at a table with some very "Southern" people and good guessers. We (they) got all 15 right, and our prize is to get to eat first next month. Yippee!

Speaking of October, the theme for our next meeting is Halloween. The Dancing Jewels will entertain us with their new routine, which includes a dance to "Thriller." These ladies put a lot of time and effort into their performances. We really enjoyed them last time and are looking forward to seeing what they have come up with.

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, so that will be Oct. 4, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. All residents, including Gateway of Services passholders, are welcome. We are southerners so all our functions naturally include food! The members bring a potluck dish, and the club furnishes coffee, tea and lemonade. Bring your own plates and utensils.

If you were not there in September, remember to bring your yearly dues of \$10 per person, and your resident ID card. If you are new and want drop by and see what we are about, you may come as a guest for the first meeting. No dues required, but still bring your food! Did I mention that we love to eat?

I hope to see you there. If you have any questions, call me at 352-873-8690.

Texas Connection Social Club



Kathy Cornell

"Tales of Texans (aka Have You Ever?)" was our September meeting game. No surprise that the winners were the "I'll Try Anything Once" team. Sharing our experiences, we now know two guys who have raced cars competitively and two who can talk their way out of a ticket from the highway patrol, and no, they aren't the same two men.

Some have been in a magic or hypnosis act and the one hypnosis subject clucked like a chicken while she was under. Most had ridden a horse but two had also competed. Many had water skied. One not only slalomed skied but dodged a dead cow while doing it. Some had bravely ridden a mechanical buck-

ing bull and three stayed on for the full eight seconds. Only one of us had participated in a hot sauce eating contest. Some had been in a music or dance video posted online.

It was fun finding out what we had in common and who the folks are who like to take their experiences up a notch.

Our October meeting will be a musical salute to Texas provided by our community's very own Dulcimer Group. We're looking forward to them entertaining us again. The meeting is on Sunday, Oct. 9, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. but you can start moseying in after 5:30 p.m.

This is a "bring a snack to share" gathering. Please contribute an appetizer, dessert or other goody for our group and bring a beverage for yourself.

We'll be collecting dues of \$10

per person for returning members and new folks who want to join. 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.

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.

Pennsylvania Club



Lacinda Hobbs

Mention Oktoberfest and what is the first thing you think of? Beer! And when you think of Pennsylvania beers, Yuengling comes to mind. Five generations strong.

America's Oldest Brewery began in 1829 when David G. Yuengling arrived from Wuerttemberg, Germany and established the Eagle Brewery in the coal-mining town of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Lord Chesterfield ale and dark porter were the first beers produced and are still made today. Kegs were kept cold to age in underground tunnels dug by miners. The original building was destroyed by fire in 1831 and was rebuilt where it stands today.

The name was changed to D.G. Yuengling & Son after his son Fred-

erick joined the business as a partner in the 1870s. Frederick expanded the business by adding a bottling line. The brewery eventually continued under his son, Frank.

The storage tunnels were bricked up by the government during Prohibition making it impossible to age the beer. To survive during Prohibition and continue to employ many of his workers, Yuengling produced near beer products and built a creamery across from the brewery making Yuengling ice cream.

Richard and Dohrman took over in 1963. During this time, Ray Norton, brewmaster, developed the popular traditional lager.

In 1985, the fifth generation began when Richard Jr. (Dick) bought the company from his father. He made improvements in production and distribution. He reintroduced the traditional lager in a green bottle to set it apart. Labeling and packaging changes resulted in a higher standard product.

In 1998, to keep up with demand, construction started on a second plant in Pottsville that was completed in 2001. In 1999, on a trip to Phillies training camp, he was presented with the opportunity to buy the former Stroh's plant in Tampa, Florida and increase capacity almost immediately. In 2009, Yuengling introduced seasonal beers to their brand with bock, summer wheat and Oktoberfest.

The brewery in Tampa is expanding with a draft Haus and kitchen due in early 2023. Yuengling fans will be able to enjoy food along with their favorite beer, limited-release brews, and entertainment.

Pennsylvania has other great beers, but Yuengling is the oldest.

The Pennsylvania Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. We enjoyed meeting a lot of new people at the Club Fair and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, as well as our returning members.

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Native Plant Group

Ron Broman



So last month's native plant was a weed? Yes! Her common name is iron weed. Now what's with this weed name?

As far as I can tell, the word weed in this instance is synonymous with plant when it's used as part of a common name for a plant, such as iron weed there is no reason to feel negative about it.

It's easier and more helpful to call her by her botanical name, Vernonia angustifolia for the narrow-bladed species, and Vernonia gigantes for the wide-leaved one.

The one featured this month happens to be v. angustifolia and it is still blooming in our Garden of Weedin'. Come see it. Call the number listed here first.

Now for this month's species. She is a tree. The photo was taken a couple of years ago, so she looks a little different now. However, the leaves are still the same color and shape.

Her native range is Virginia to central Florida and west to Texas. She has a "cousin" that lives up north and provides sweetness to many. Our beauty provides a bit of shade and some beautiful fall color.

In the wild she prefers a moist habitat - stream banks, swamp edges and piedmont areas.

Where our "baby" is growing she is accompanied by several other species planted by the Native Plant Group.

Enough said. Where is she? What are her names? When you know or think you know give us a call at 352-861-4560. If you are correct, you will receive a native of your own, if you so wish.

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Judy Parisi



Do you remember the gothic TV soap opera Dark Shadows which aired from 1966 to 1971? It featured a mansion called Collinwood, said to be located on Widow's Hill in Collinsport, Maine. In the series, they stated that the house was built in 1775 by Joshua Collins and inhabited by members of the Collins family from then on. The family included a vampire, ghosts, and an assortment of other interesting characters. At the beginning of each episode, they would show the exterior of the mansion with a dark foreboding sky and waves crashing against the rocks.

The exterior scenes of the mansion were filmed in Newport, Rhode Island, using a building known as Seaview Terrace, and later known as Carey Mansion. The Carey Mansion was the last of what were known as the "summer cottages" constructed in Newport and was the fifth largest after The Breakers, Ochre Court, Belcourt Castle, and Rough Point.

The mansion dates to 1907 when whiskey millionaire Edson Bradley built the French Renaissance-style building on the south side of Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C. Later, in 1923, Bradley began disassembling his Washington mansion, relocating it to a Newport property at the corner of Ruggles and Wetmore Avenues. "Seaview", an 1885 Elizabethan Revival mansion, was already on the site, and Bradley had his mansion incorporated into the design.

The Bradleys' daughter, Julie Bradley Shipman, took over the estate living there until 1941. She later vacated the house after a dispute with the city over non-payment of back taxes. It had a variety of uses before being sold in 1974 to Millicent and Marten Cary of New York. The Carys leased part of the property to Salve Regina University who used it for dormitories. Salve terminated the lease in 2009. The Carys' daughter presently lives there.

Seaview Terrace is privately owned and is surrounded by a chain link fence and very tall hedges. However, one can find some small gaps through the bushes to look at the mansion, and as I did, to capture a photograph.

If you're interested in seeing some of the interior, the property was listed in 2021 on pricepads.com with an asking price of \$29.9 million. The property has a 40,000 square foot building set on eight acres. It is set back somewhat from Sheeps Point Cove along Cliff Walk. Google it and see some beautiful interior photos of this magnificent building.

Beware though – the building is considered one of the most haunted places in Rhode Island and has been featured on Ghost Hunters due to reported paranormal activity!

Our Rhode Island Group will be meeting this fall for lunch. This is a great opportunity to meet and reminisce with former Rhode Islanders. If you are not on the email list, please email Judith.parisi@gmail.com to be added. We welcome anyone who has lived, worked, or served in Rhode Island and their family.



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Carey Mansion also known as Seaview Terrace.

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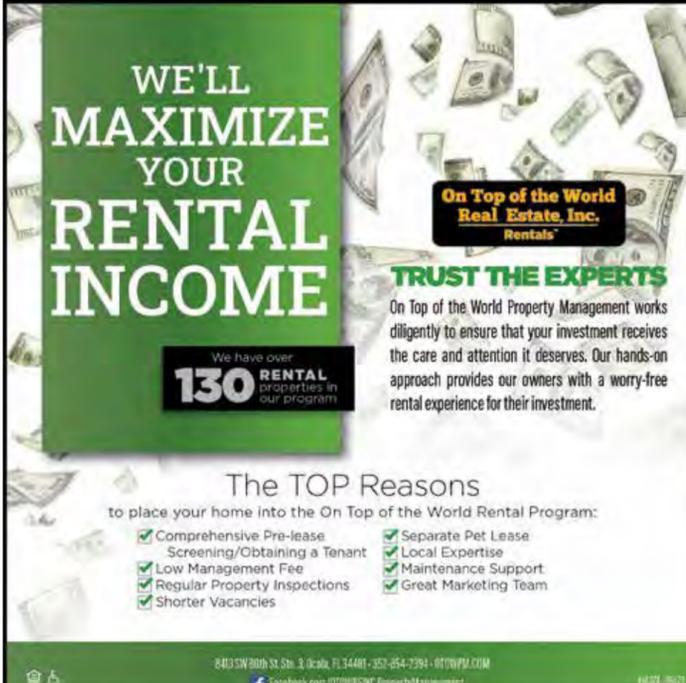
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SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



The Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established for single women residents in 2006. Our motto has always been "SWANS are never alone." We actively support each other during times of need and enjoy life through our many social events. We continue to meet on Saturdays at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room to play samba. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. and bring six decks of shuffled cards. We start

playing at 10 a.m. 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 been reserved already. Please let Lois know if you would like to learn.

We continue with our monthly outings. In September, we had Sally Herrick, Carol Berta, Carol Seidman, and Carol Trexler to thank for being hostesses. All outings were well attended and enjoyed by all. Without women signing up to be hostesses, these outings would not be possible. If you have never signed up to host, you should give it a try. There are several new restaurants in Ocala that we should be trying! If you would like to volunteer to

host, just give Lois a call!

Our appetizer and dinner-in groups are continuing full steam ahead. We signed up for new dinner-, appetizer-, and lunch-in groups at our September meeting. This meeting was very well attended by over 120 single women, and we were able to form four new dinner-in groups, five lunch-in groups, and eight appetizer-in groups.

Lunch-in is a new activity for us that we have decided to try out for the next six months. These groups are where many of us have met and made lifelong friends. We all tend to find women with similar interests in the groups which carry over to outside the activities themselves. This networking is the foundation

for the SWANS. Active networking in these groups continues to bring women together and keep us looking out for each other.

Our mystery trip in September had to be canceled due to inclement weather predictions. This was a special trip organized through a travel agent and, as the name implies, we had no idea where we were spending the day! This trip will be rescheduled and another one will be added in November.

Our group's sole purpose is to make sure the single women are never alone in this journey. Lois continues to lead us. If you are interested in joining us, give Lois Nix a call. New members are always welcome! Remember, SWANS are never alone nor forgotten!

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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. 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 schedules a variety of annual activities. They provide opportunities for meeting new people and having fun. Active Single Club's signup for events is at otowactivesinglesclub.com

Our anniversary picnic will take place Sunday, Oct. 30, at Recreation Center pavilion at 1 p.m. Please bring your own beverage and chair. This picnic will have members providing dessert, side dishes, or an Interfaith Emergency Services donation. Volunteers will be needed for setup, grilling, and cleanup. Extra coolers will be appreciated to keep meat and food cool.

Our holiday party is Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Indigo East Community Center with a time to be announced later. This party is more formal than other events and the dress suggestion is dress for success. Members must purchase a ticket in advance. Tickets will be sold to members at the October

and November meetings. Additional ticket sales will take place Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Indigo East Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets will also be sold at the Recreation Center upstairs lobby Friday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets will be \$15 with a \$10 refund provided when the ticket is presented on the night of the event. The \$5 is to help pay for the music provided by Solid Gold. More details will be provided closer to the event.

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 dates and times will be announced.
- Game night is the second Tuesday of the month, at 6 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.
- Breakfast club is the second Tuesday of the month, at 8:30 a.m. at a location to be announced.
- Bocce ball is Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m.
- -Bowling is Sunday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. at AMF Galaxy West. More details on website.
- Lunching out is monthly with upcoming locations to be announced.
- Walks and hikes are on an intermittent basis.

The next Active Singles Club meeting is with the happy hour following the meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV.

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Lions Club

Gail Morris

Calling all new stuffed bears and blankets! Our Lions Club with the direction of Barbara Scales is collecting new stuffed bears and blankets through the month of October for the National Faith and Blue Weekend. This national event which began in 2020 is an effort to bring us together as one people in support of our law enforcement officers. Our men and women in blue are often the first on the scene to incidents involving underprivileged children in need of comfort and warmth.

There are two drop off locations: The Club at Candler Hills and Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli. We appreciate your support in this service to our community.

Our club will present your donations honoring our men and women in blue to Lt. Robbins, who is accepting the donations on behalf of the Marion County Sheriff's Office the weekend of Oct. 7.

The Club Fair was deemed a success by the Lions in attendance. We were glad to see so many new and established residents participating to see what clubs and organizations they may be interested in joining. We are looking forward to seeing those interested in Lions at our meetings.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. If you would like further information, you can contact Estelle Michelson, membership chair, at 352-861-7358.

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Travel Toppers

Janet Wiles



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This club has a status as a not-for-profit corporation. It is not a commercial enterprise. Parking for

all trips is in a secure area. "White Christmas" Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, has three tickets left as of this writing. Contact Diane Knox at 352-390-2386 quickly before names will be placed on the wait list. The cost, \$88 per person, includes lunch, show, transportation, and all tips.

The best of Panama trip, Jan. 26 through Jan. 31, 2023, includes the tour, airfare, travel protection insurance, and the bus to and from Tampa airport. A deposit of \$250 per person is required to book the trip. The final payment is due by Nov. 22. Visit our website for details. Contact Linda Hein for more information at 352-861-9880.

On Feb. 4, 2023, we will go to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater to see "The Buddy Holly Story." This musical depicts the story of the life, rise to fame, and career of one of the greatest rock and roll musicians, Buddy Holly. The price of \$88 per person includes the show, meal with dessert, transportation, and tips for the driver. Beginning Nov. 4, you can make reservations by calling Sharon Stetson at 207-838-3776.

For Mother's Day, May 14, 2023, we will again go to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater to see "Escape to Margaritaville." This upbeat, energetic musical brings to the stage some of the greatest of Jimmy Buffett's songs. Reser-

vations begin Jan. 9, 2023. Contact Linda Welty Cohen at 714-293-4514. The price of \$88 per person includes the show, meal with dessert, transportation, and tips for the driver.

Two dates for trips to the Tampa Downs Racetrack are in the planning stage for this coming spring. Details will be provided in a future column.

Trips are open only to residents. Any non-resident who participates in trips must be a guest of a resident club Member. Note that Indigo East residents must have a Gateway of Services pass.

Visit traveltopperstours.com for up-to-date information about current or new trips.

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, Oct. 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Club members have returned from their summer travels, and we are now working on 2023 club rallies. We are looking at two rallies in the spring 2023 and two in the fall 2023. On these trips there are fun-filled activities at the resort as well as opportunities to enjoy local attractions. We have travelled to RV resorts from Ft. Myers Beach, Florida to Savannah, Georgia.

In addition, members enjoy informal camping trips to area campgrounds, usually around special events like festivals and fairs. Past trips included Cape Canaveral to see a rocket launch and to St. Augustine for their holiday light display.

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

R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr



The monthly meetings for the R/C LadyBirds resumed in September. It was great to meet up with our friends and catch up on all the latest goings on.

Our next meeting is Friday, Oct. 14, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Keep an eye out for emails regarding luncheons and other functions as we gather.

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. 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 season!

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 continue to grow and welcome new members each month! 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.

September was a busy month. We hosted a table at the Club Fair and met many folks. Thank you for all who stopped by and welcomed us - we appreciate your support! We had fun with bingo at our monthly meeting and hosted a bowling and boating outing. Join us Wednesday, Oct. 12, for miniature golf at our monthly meeting. We will also host a golf cart poker run and a Halloween party later in the month. We are also planning a holiday party Wednesday, 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, please visit SilverRainbowClub.com, and our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

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Cruise ship dwarfs sailboats on Grand Traverse Bay.

Photo by Nancy Meininger

Michigan Club



Nancy Meininger

On a trip to the beach for a quick refreshing dip, it was a bit startling to see a cruise ship parked among the sailboats there on Grand Traverse West Bay. Viking lines have decided to make two seasonal stops at this waterfront mecca, but must tow a water taxi to take passengers to the mainland. The ship is parked in the middle of the bay, as close in as its depth will allow.

The calendar tells us the season is changing. How do we know when autumn arrives? It is written on the wind, whispering through the tall pines, with chilly dew leaving spider web tracings of color on the tips of the hardwood leaves. The Canadian geese know as they line up in squadrons to ride the trade winds out to warmer clime. As the wind swirls fallen leaves around the forest floor, squirrels scurry to hide their winter fodder there.

Fall marches across Michigan's Great Lakes, leading a pilgrimage of tourists with maps of the "color trails" who come to see the explosion of color annually as it blankets the mitten state.

Campfires light the nights like lightning bugs on a massive grassy plain. Families gather to roast marshmallows and sip cider newly pressed from Michigan's abundance of apple orchards. Pumpkins recently harvested line roadside stands. Cornfields turned into mazes are the weekend favorite for children everywhere.

Joining together to celebrate the memories we have made in Michigan, the club is gathering for its first monthly potluck, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III at 5 pm, Sunday, Oct 2. The lovely Linda Sisco, a Michigan-born vocalist, will entertain us for the evening.

This year, we ask that all attendees bring a place setting for themselves - a plate, silverware, napkin and beverage of your choice (alcohol is permitted). Also, bring a plate to share of your favorite Michigan food 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.

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Moonstruck Astronomy Club

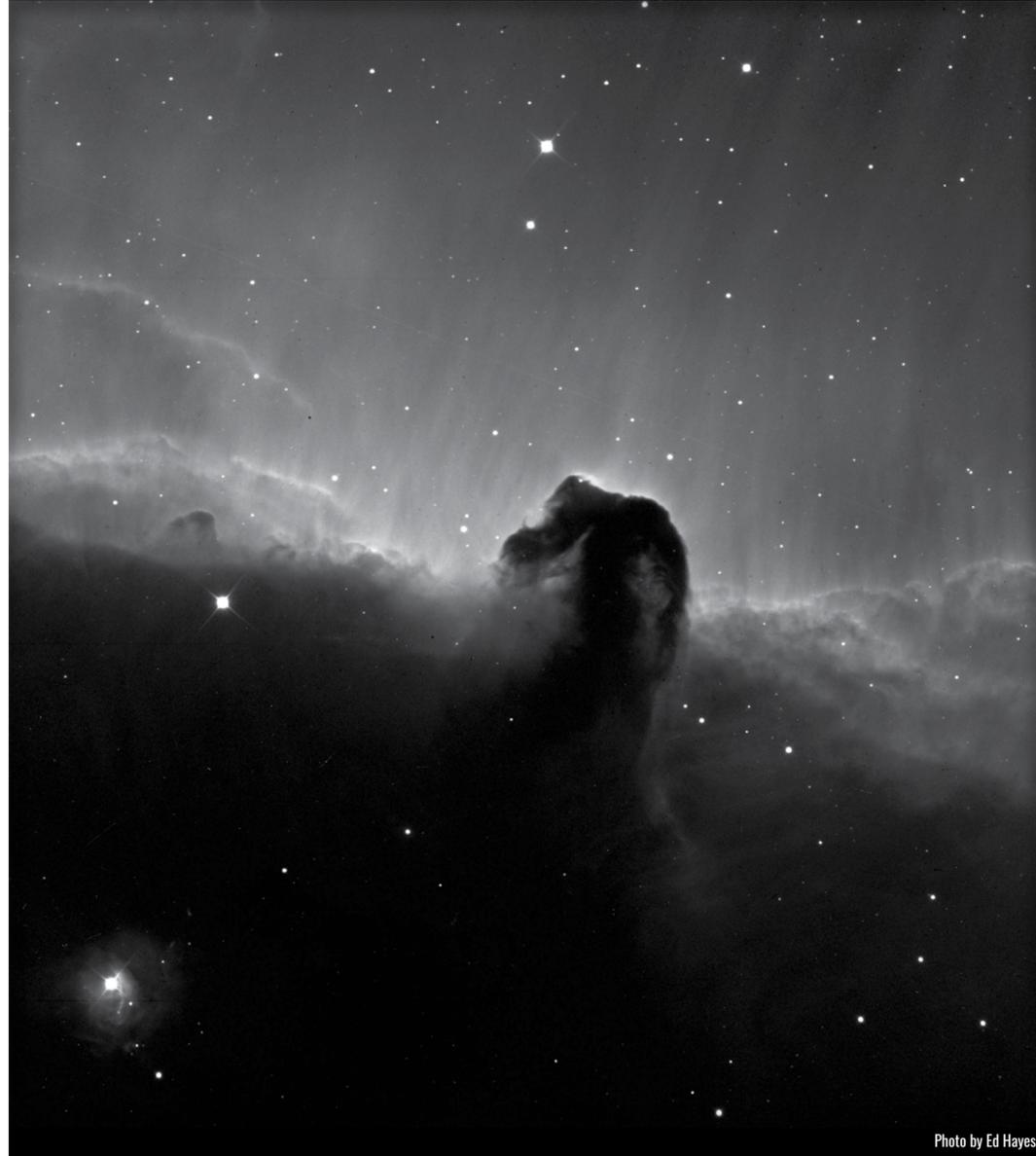
Jim Shuman



The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Hobby Building Event Room. Club Vice President John Bridges welcomed new members and announced the next NASA webinar for club members on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Dr. Bill Blackwell, project director of NASA's TROPICS Mission, planned to describe how the system has improved weather-forecasting of hurricanes dramatically. TROPICS uses tiny satellites that provide unprecedented performance capturing storm dynamics. Barb Cobb 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.

Ed Hayes was featured in the September meeting to discuss 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, Hayes was able to use the association's two magnificent telescopes – a 22-inch Lipp Ritchey-Chretien reflector as well as an eight-inch D&G refractor. The club was impressed by the photos Hayes shared about the observatory and the deep-sky objects seen and photographed through its telescopes. Following that presentation, Bridges gave his customary PowerPoint guide to the locations of the moon, planets, stars, and astronomical objects visible in the September night skies.

Before the meeting ended, Kathy McDonald conducted another 50/50 drawing to help the club raise more money for guest speakers and outings. Bridges also discussed the club's "telescope lending library," in which members may borrow one of the telescopes the club owns to use for several weeks at a time on their own. He announced that the club recently received an additional loaner scope – a five-inch Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain model with excellent optics and an electric equatorial mount capable of following a star system or nebula for hours on end as needed for celestial photography. The new telescope was a gift from Dr. John Axe, a long-time



The Horsehead Nebula in Orion.

Photo by Ed Hayes

member of the Alachua Astronomy Club in Gainesville.

Bridges concluded the meeting by reminding club members to watch for emails announcing 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 evening. All sessions are held in the R/C flying field.

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. For information or club registration, please contact Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Larry Isenberg at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is always at moonstruckastronomyclub.org.

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'POP' on Over

By Lisa Augustine

Did you know that we have a POP tennis group? Well, we do! POP tennis is played on courts smaller than a tennis court and larger than a pickleball court. The racquet is solid with no strings and the balls are lower compression than tennis balls. The game is played with the same rules as tennis except the player gets one underhand serve.

The POP Tennis Group is growing weekly. Terri and Dave Cavagnaro are two of our newer members. Terri and Dave have lived in Avalon for 18 months moving from Vineland, New Jersey. Dave owned a flower shop and Terri was a nurse. They retired about seven years ago and became campground hosts. They traversed the country three times in their camper visiting many state and national parks.

Prior to moving here, neither one had any previous experience with racquet sports. They heard about POP tennis and thought they'd "give it a try." They've enjoyed it so much that they are playing at least four times a week. Their improving, competitive skill is a testament to their dedication to the sport. Terri explained, "We love the game and the community of players. Everyone was so welcoming to us." So come out and meet Terri and Dave!

We play on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. until the last person standing has had enough! We play on the lower tennis courts at The Arbors. We have a lot of fun while getting some exercise. For more information, contact Lisa Augustine at 610-304-1273. See you on the courts!



Photo by Lisa Augustine

POP tennis players, Terri and Dave Cavagnaro.

Annual Fall Fly-In

By Dan Gaffin

R/C Flyers love all kinds of flying. Flying sea planes off the water is another way of enjoying this great hobby. We have a great flying field here in On Top of the World, however, the challenge of flying a sea plane off a body of water is another great experience.

The sea plane flyers enjoy meeting out at Lake Hernando Park in Hernando, Florida. This is a busy park, so the flyers typically wait until school is back in session and choose a Wednesday morning to

meet and fly.

Our club is lucky to have two experienced sea plane pilots, Wayne Nelson, and Vincent Giuffre, who act as the coordinators for the lake fly and are always willing to help those less experienced pilots. This event is a great bonding time for the pilots, and it always includes either meeting for breakfast or lunch. The park is approximately 16 miles west of the club flying field.

Sea planes are adapted with either pontoon landing gear or the

fuselage is shaped like a boat for direct landing. It is quite fun to see the planes taking off and landing on the lake and to see the wakes in the water that they produce. This is another form of R/C flying that takes practice and brings the pilot a lot of enjoyment.

We want to remind everyone about the 20th annual Fall Fly-In that the R/C Flyers Club is hosting Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the Fly-In will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23. This event usually attracts a good crowd and is a lot of fun for everyone. Entry and parking are free. Refreshments are available for purchase and a 50/50

raffle will be available. Bring your own chair if you like though there is some seating available under the field pavilion.

If you are a R/C pilot and have an active AMA card, you are welcome to bring your aircraft and join us in flying at no cost to you. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in becoming a pilot to come out to this event and see pilots in action, meet club members and ask questions about the R/C Flyers Club.

For more information about the R/C Flyers Club and the upcoming Fall Fly-In, please visit otowrcflyers.com. Current membership of the R/C Flyers Club is 186.



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Sea plane flyers.

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



This past month we held our annual eight-ball tournament. We tried a new format and ran three separate tournaments at the same time. The ladies had their own separate event, and the men were divided into two events according to playing strength.

Congratulations to Lynne Dickson and Marieclaire Roberson, who finished in first and second place. This was the first time I believe there has been a distinct event for the ladies, and I got a lot of good feedback that everyone enjoyed it.

In the men's B division, two new players emerged onto the tournament scene. Phil Franklin played well all afternoon and topped the field in first place. Mark Gatchell also cinched some close matches and claimed second place.

In the men's A division, Phil Panzera took first place. Gary Schroeder shot well, and – just as importantly – thought well, to dispatch some tough opponents, and come in second place.

At the end of October, we'll have a very special event, a Halloween costume party! Costumes are optional, but we hope you'll dig up some of your old outfits from the last century (and, for Ray and Joe, maybe you can find your old zoot suit?). It should be a fun and visual event, and we'll have restaurant gift cards for the best costume, best couples costume and the scariest costume.

It will be a potluck dinner at The Lodge at Candler Hills, and we're currently arranging some other activities, and possibly even some live entertainment. It should be one of the coolest events in our club's history. Tickets are available starting today in the room. Friends may also be invited.

At the party, we'll have a draw for a gorgeous \$1,000 cue. We're still selling tickets at the room. This is a premium custom cue from McDermott, with turquoise inlays, cocobolo points and nifty rings. It has a lizard-embossed leather wrap, which is great for feel and the climate we have here.

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jumps straight up and busts out the table light, glass flying everywhere. Meanwhile, the nine-ball flies into the corner pocket. My opponent quickly says, without hesitation, "Dang, you are playing lights out tonight."



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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



It certainly has been a summer to remember with the consensus that it has been hotter than our usual Florida summers. We are looking forward to cooler weather and clothing that does not stick to the skin.

Some enjoyable golf is coming up this fall. The President's Cup is a two-day event that will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. The membership meeting for the election of officers for 2023 will take place Thursday, Nov. 10. Member/member match play is happening Thursday, Dec. 15. Details pertaining to these events will be forthcoming.

The number of books that have been written to help people improve their golf game is staggering. The first instruction book for golf was written by H.B. Farnie in 1857. With newer technology, instruction books have been supplemented by DVDs and gadgets. These books, however, will never be replaced.

The league is a great way to meet new ladies and enjoy this game we love and hate at the same time. Many new members have joined which adds to the fun. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

Finally, believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

Tee to Green (Individual) July 28

Flight 1: 31-Lori Pizzini. 34-Beverly Ovrebø. 36-Gail Lagrange.
Flight 2: Tie at 40-Angelita Jingco, Virginia Combs. 43-Joann Dellapenna.
Flight 3: 35-Vickie Foster. 41-Beth Wolinsky. 43-Jane Hall. 46-Bonnie Nystrom.
Flight 4: Tie at 44-Sandra Randles, Carol Clark. Tie at 46-Jan Christ, Gloria Cullins.

Summer Survivor (Team) Aug. 4

Flight 1: 72-Christine Giza, Sandy Snyder. 84-Joy Benson, Lisa Free. 87-Linda Taylor, Jane Hall.
Flight 2: 86-Vickie Foster, Virginia Combs. 92-Iro Lisinski, Beverly Ovrebø. Tie at 100-Kathy Zunica, Karen Curtis. Beth Wolinsky, Peggy Shanfelt.

One Best Ball Gross/Net (Team) Aug. 11

Flight 1: 148-Linda Taylor, Peggy Wiechmann, Joann Dellapenna, Pam Brown. 151-Page Falconer, Patti Kelly, Janette Sheil, Mary A. Cunningham. Tie at 155-Beverly Ovrebø, Susan Rhodes, Linda Blewitt, Carolyn Cummings. Sandy Snyder, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Rosann Ross, Jean Czachor.

Flight 2: 147-Christine Giza, Jana McElroy, Donna Brunnell, Kathy Zunica. 155-Virginia Combs, Debby Wilson, Nancy Zielinski, Lynn Barber. Tie at 157-Lisa Free, Joyce Jones, Mary Dawson, Ronda Richley, Gail Lagrange, Angelita Jingco, May Chin, Linda Ryan.

Tee to Green (Individual)

Aug. 25

Flight 1: 41-Lisa Free. 42-Linda Taylor.
Flight 2: 37-Eileen Gustavus. Tie at 40-Page Falconer, Angelita Jingco. 46-Virginia Combs.
Flight 3: 40-Jean Hsu. Tie at 43-Kate Beaty, Bonnie Bunce. Tie at 45-Mary Dawson, Janette Sheil.
Flight 4: 45-Vickie Foster. 48-Jane Hall.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Marte Dobosh



A gushing reporter once told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular; your name is synonymous with golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?" Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered."

Sometimes it feels as if we are like Mickelson: we drive, chip and putt expertly. And other times we need a map to get to the next hole. So goes the game of golf!

The 18-holers are looking forward to cooler golf weather, and we welcome the return of many league members who spent the summer months in cooler climes! We also welcome one new member, Karen Schroeckenthaler, who joined us in August.

Members look forward to some big events in the fall. The Member/Member tournament takes place in late September, followed by the League Championship in mid-October. Our general membership meeting/luncheon and Veterans Day Tournament will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, and just around the corner is our Christmas event and awards luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 7.

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

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

Mini Golf Tournament (Individual) Aug. 6/Mini Golf Course (two rounds)

Flight 1: 97-Gail Lagrange. 98-Shelly Karsnitz. 99-Lori Pizzini. 101-Linda Taylor.
Flight 2: 92-Page Falconer. 94-Diane Boston. 94-Maria Fournier. 99-Mary Ruffner. 99-Gretchen Normandin.
Flight 3: 93-Molly Lucieer. 97-Liz Pruss. 98-Peggy Weichmann. 98-Nancy Zielinski.
Flight 4: 92-Pam Brown. 96-Elena Sumpter.

Flight 5: 44-Jan Christ. 46-Cynthia Gersten. **1-2-3 (Team) Sept. 1**

131-Page Falconer, Mary Dawson, Vickie Foster. 136-Jonell Washburn, Beverly Ovrebø, Jean Czachor. Tie at 139-Maria Fournier, Jane Hall, Kathy Zunica. Sandy Snyder, Virginia Madura, Sue Fierce.

Two Best Ball with Candler Hills (Team) Aug. 16/The Links

133-Linda Taylor, MJ Strelac, May Chin, Jeanne Newman. 136-Bev Ovrebø, Linda Blewitt, Mary Dawson, Donna Brunell. 138-Joyce Jones, Peggy Wiechmann, Terry Wilks, Molly Lucieer. 139-Maria Fournier, Sandy Chase, Liz Lang, Janette Sheil. 140-Chris Giza, Debby Wilson, Karen Schroeckenthaler. 141-Jean Hsu, Virginia Combs, Elena Sumpter, Bonnie Nystrom.

Low Gross/Net (Individual) Aug. 23/ The Tortoise & The Hare Gross

Flight 1: 79-Sandy Snyder. 83-Chris Giza.
Flight 2: 85-Mary Ann Livingston. 91-Bev Ovrebø.
Flight 3: 95-Jean Hsu. 99-Debby Wilson.
Flight 4: 99-Liz Pruss. 103-Karen Schroeckenthaler.
Flight 5: 112-Jan Christ. 117-Cynthia Gersten.

Net

Flight 1: 77-Lisa Free. 80-Kathleen Goodwin.
Flight 2: 76-Mary Ruffner. 78-Virginia Combs.

Flight 3: 78-Linda Blewitt. 82-Mary Dawson.
Flight 4: 76-Vickie Foster. 82-Kathleen Mansfield.

Flight 5: 85-Lynn Barber. 89-Linda Ryan.

Ace's Wild (Individual) Aug. 30/The Links

Flight 1: 64-Maria Fournier. 67-Mary Ann Livingston. 72-Vadonna Hall. 73-Sandy Snyder.
Flight 2: 64-Donna Isaac. 67-Katie Schriewer. Tie at 69-Page Falconer, Debby Wilson, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Mary Ruffner.

Flight 3: 60-Nancy Zielinski. 64-Jill Strey. 67-Jean Hsu. Tie at 73-Linda Blewitt, Virginia Madura.

Flight 4: 68-Jane Hall. 70-Mary Dawson. Tie at 71-Liz Pruss, Karen Schroeckenthaler.
Flight 5: 73-Sandra Randles. Tie at 76-Jan Christ, Jean Czachor. 78-Peggy Benedict.

Candler Hills Men's Golf

Mike Kelly



Cooler days are ahead! The golf course is in amazing shape, and we have a great slate of events heading into the last quarter of the year. In fact, the Candler Hills MGA Club Championship is this month (36-hole event and flighted) as well as our annual meeting and election of officers.

Here is what we have on tap for the month:

- Oct. 4: Orange, White & Blue Scramble
- Oct. 11: Stableford Two Best Balls of Four
- Oct. 18 & 19: Candler Hills MGA Club Championship
- Oct. 25: Four Man Scramble, annual meeting and elections

Our annual meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 25, immediately following our Four Man Scramble. Lunch is being catered by the Southern Pig & Cattle Restaurant with cold drinks and ice-cold beer as well! As usual please sign up on Golf Genius for the scramble. You will also need to call or stop by the Candler Hills Golf Shop to sign up for the lunch and meeting. This is the only way we can get an accurate count for the meal. If you are unable to play golf and would just like to join us for the meeting and lunch, just

stop by or call the Golf Shop and let the staff know.

We are looking for volunteers to step up and join our board of directors. We have increased the board to nine members, three either rotate off each year or they elect to serve another three-year term. This year we have an additional member who will not be able to serve out his term, so we are looking for at least four good candidates. Who among you would like to serve?

The board meets once per month on the first Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. and the meeting lasts approximately one hour or less. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let one of our current board members know, or let Denise or Nick know.

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With fall officially upon us we would like to welcome back all the snowbirds. This is the time of year when the community is booming with excitement. Golf has an exciting event schedule for the remainder of the year so please be on the lookout for our upcoming events.

The annual On Top of the World Member Appreciation event will be held Monday, Oct. 24, at 9 a.m. with lunch served on the course. Please register in the On Top of the World Golf Shop.

The annual Candler Hills Member Appreciation will be Friday, Oct. 28, and will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun. In the event we have over 144 players, we will run a morning and afternoon shotgun with lunch

being served on the course. Please register in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

A big thank you goes out to all those who donated to the Folds of Honor Foundation over Labor Day weekend and a special thank you to the Candler Hills Men's Golf Association for donating \$500. The Folds of Honor Foundation provides educational scholarships and other assistance to the spouses and children of soldiers. We were able to raise \$1,835 for this great organization.

I would like all golfers to familiarize yourselves with the World Handicap System. It is important to understand all the proper policies and procedures of maintaining a proper handicap through the system. On Top of the World currently has a handicap committee, which consists of 15 community golfers. The purpose of the handicap committee is:

1. Establish a handicap committee.

2. Ensure the club meets the definition of a golf club.
3. Know the rules of handicapping.
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7. Facilitate the timely submission of scores.
8. Maintain accurate player scoring records.
9. Apply applicable penalty scores and adjust the Handicap Index of any member whose Handicap Index does not reflect their demonstrated ability.
10. Perform annual handicap reviews.

Please ensure you are posting all scores and from the correct course and tee you played. This is extremely

important to keep your handicap as accurate as possible. If not, you could be the next golfer audited by the handicap committee.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Oct. 20: Michelle-O-Gram at Candler Hills & The Links Golf Courses.
- Monday, Oct. 24: Member Appreciation at On Top of the World Golf Club.
- Friday, Oct. 28: Member Appreciation at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Monday, Oct. 31: Trick or Treat Open at On Top of the World Golf Club.

World Accolades

THE LINKS: John Keen, Hole-in-One #6. Tony Morris, Hole-in-One #6.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Leigh Fricke, eagle #5. Joe Wilks shot his age 69. Roger Tuttle, hole-in-one, #8.

Congratulations to all!

Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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

- Oct. 4: Individual Blind Mice (The Links) is where each player will play their own golf ball the entire round, but once play begins, the Golf Shop will determine the number of blind (dropped) holes. The blind holes that are eliminated will no longer be used for scoring purposes. The number of holes may vary and are determined by the Golf Shop and won't be known until after the round has been completed.
- Oct. 11: Team Shamble - Two Best Ball (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where every player tees off, then the team picks the best drive. Each player then plays their own golf ball from there for the rest of the hole, with only two of the ladies' balls counting as the team score (two best ball).
- Oct. 18: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where every lady plays their

normal round of golf with all ladies flighted according to their current handicap index.

Oct. 25: Team Scramble (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where every player tees off, then the team of four picks the best drive and each player hits their second shot from that location. The process is then repeated until the ball is holed out. Each player will also get one mulligan (second chance) to use anywhere

on the golf course.

It's crazy how thick and lush the Bermuda rough can be around The Links and The Tortoise & The Hare Golf Courses. During the summer months, Bermuda grass thrives off the heat and moisture and makes golf a lot more challenging, even if it is being mowed weekly. The good thing is that it's really only during the summer months that it plays this difficult because during the winter months, Bermuda grass goes dormant and is much easier to play.

The best tip I can give prospective golfers is always take an extra club (club up at least one club, i.e., seven to six iron) and make sure you play the ball at least middle of stance, if not slightly back in the stance and use a little more weight on the front side of your body to help with creating ball first contact. Always remember though, if we can make it through the summer months with the Bermuda grass, the winter months are usually more favorable for the busy season.

Bocce Club

Paula Hammonds



Bocce ball is rolling along! People of all ages coming together to play bocce. People pull cards, teams get set and balls start rolling.

Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town and is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play, however as a new player, once you have played on three occasions you will be expected to join the league or open play, pay dues, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form. Dues are \$12 and entitle you to play as many times as you want through league

or open play.

The new season for league play begins Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m. League play will remain on Tuesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m., and Thursdays, at 10 a.m. The schedule for the league has been posted on the bulletin board.

There will be no bocce the weeks of Nov. 20 and Dec. 26 for the holidays. League play will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023.

The league best of bocce will be played at 9 a.m. April 25, 2023, and the open best of bocce will be played April 26, 2023, at 9 a.m.

The bocce banquet will be May 6, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center ballroom.

Dues for the 2022/2023 season will be \$12. Please have an exact amount when turning in your dues to your league captain. Dues are ex-

pected to be paid the second week of league play. Dues cover the cost of liability insurance and part of the annual banquet. All members are expected to pay dues and sign a release form, whether 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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2022 summer league manager, Richard Gudvangen, of the American League champion Wailers on the left and Larry Burke of the National League champion Gators on the right.

Softball

Ernie Sersen



“Management is the opportunity to help people become better people.” – Clayton M Christensen

I find no greater joy than helping someone grow, overcome, and succeed. It’s not easy to step out onto the softball field for the first time or jump back into a game you haven’t played in years, wondering if you are good enough to play and contribute. Here is where a good manager is worth their weight in gold.

In this column, our two summer league championship managers share their insights on managing winning teams.

Richard Gudvangen, manager of the American League championship team, the Wailers shared this: “Last season was my first at managing. I was a little anxious at first, but once the games started, that soon disappeared. My basic philosophy was to have fun and play hard but don’t get hurt. We accomplished those things aside from a few minor strains. We had a very fun dugout with a lot of laughing and encouragement for others throughout the season. I sometimes had to switch field positions or change the batting order, but no one ever complained to me, which made everything easy. What a great bunch of guys! Toward the end of the season, several guys expressed they would like to play on my team the following season. That felt very rewarding and helped make my de-

cision to manage again very easy.”

Larry Burke, manager of the National League championship team, the Gators shared this: “I set the lineup by relying on my players for their input. That is not just for the batting order but also for their field position. I encourage my players to be good base runners and to offer only positive reinforcement to their teammates. Communication is key. I don’t ask them to do things they might be reluctant to do, so if someone says they need to play somewhere else, I try hard to accommodate that. A relaxed atmosphere in the dugout is conducive to camaraderie and performance. Criticism is never permitted, but compliments are always warranted. In my long softball career, which began in 1955, this was one of the best teams I have ever played on and managed.”

Managers are the heart and soul of our club. Like Richard and Larry, those who emphasize fun and camaraderie succeed the most and sometimes get to walk off with the brass ring.

If you want to play or manage, check out our website at otowsoftball.org or our bulletin board at the softball field. If you are not ready for club-level softball, check out the less-formal co-ed league that plays on Saturdays, at 9 a.m., or join us for batting practice on Sundays, at 9 a.m.

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.



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Tennis

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This is a very good month to do things outside, so let's get together and have another cookout, and visit the USTA National Training Center in Lake Nona, Florida. Let's also consider having a friendly mixed doubles tournament.

On the POP tennis side, we are trying to get this group a bit more organized but keeping it fun!

Improving Your Serve

There are usually three mistakes which make your serve slower.

1. Not having a target.
2. Too much grip pressure.
3. Not practicing.

I will discuss the first one – not having a target.

All ball sports require having a target, somewhere to throw, and

hit, or kick the ball to. "In the court" is not a good target for intermediate or advanced players. The mind needs more definition to recruit the correct muscles to direct your serve to a selected target. The five tactical priorities of serving are:

1. Get the ball in play.
2. Control the direction.
3. Determine the depth.
4. Choose the spin.
5. Select the speed.

All five apply to all levels of servers – they just get more specific as the player's skills increase.

Tips for Beginners (2.5 and up)

1. Get the ball over the net.
2. Direct the ball into the appropriate service box.
3. Depth is not a key component at this level.
4. Spin is best achieved by striking the side of the ball to have a side spin which will help the ball come down into the court.
5. Speed is not as important at this level but will be at the next two levels.

Tips for Intermediates (3.0 to 4.0)

1. Get the ball over the net at various heights.
2. Divide the service courts in half lengthwise and direct your serve to the left or right of the deuce or ad court to your opponent's forehand or backhand.
3. Depth becomes more important at this level. Preference is deeper into the service box so opponents cannot move forward and attack your serve.
4. Spin comes into play big at this level. The spin helps to keep the faster serves in the service court. The spin means the opponent must know how to handle the spin to avoid an error.
5. Speed is a key factor here, but too many players try to serve too fast for their ability to control the serve. Vary the speed to keep the opponent off guard. Vary the speed and

spin to be successful.

Tips for Advanced (4.5 to 5.5)

1. The percentage of first serves put in play becomes critical at this level. Don't give your opponent too many looks at your serve – especially the second serve. Hitting a second serve at this level puts huge pressure on the server and allows the returner to be more aggressive.
2. Direction is huge here and becomes very specific. Short and wide to the deuce court, fast and into the body or up the center to the "T" are important decisions.
3. Depth is important combined with direction. Anything short will put the server on the defensive.
4. Spin is essential to make the serve "heavy."
5. Speed is usually quite high (90 to 130 mph), but speed doesn't matter if it is not in play.

See you on the courts!

Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



Multiple positions on the Men's Golf Association board will be up for election this fall. The board is responsible for setting policy

and direction, managing tournament play, communicating with the membership and pro shop, and keeping the organization financially stable.

Complaining is easy, but leading is hard. If you're interested in stepping up and helping lead the association, please let any board members know your interest. Elections will be held on Chicken Day in Decem-

ber.

The membership currently stands at 285. Please welcome our newest members: Stan Dworkin, Jerry Schroeckenthaler, Arthur Olerud, and Joe Aldridge.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Wednesday events:

- Oct. 5: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- Oct. 12: Black Tees, Three Best Balls (The Links)
- Oct. 19: Individual Stableford (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Oct. 26: Team Three Best Balls (The Tortoise & The Hare)

Low Net (Individual)

- Aug. 24/The Tortoise & The Hare**
- Flight 1: 67-Joe Wilks. 73-Joe Moenter. Tie at 76 - Art Lagrange: Anthony Morris.
- Flight 2: 71-Jerry Englar. 74-Tim Clarkin. Tie at 75-Brian Wilder: Charlie Taylor.
- Flight 3: 75-Larry Manion. Tie at 77-Ruben Alvarez: James Gourlay; Paul Stoecklin.
- Flight 4: Tie at 76-James McCormack: Garfield Gray. Tie at 77-Dwight Weirich: Roger Sparks.
- Flight 5: 75-Roy Coombes. 77-Norm Hayworth. 79-Bob Marks. Tie at 81-Jerry Chase: Donald Wheeler; Robert Kuhl.
- Flight 6: 75-Alan Theusch. 77-Thomas Kujawa. 78-Joseph Dunnack. 79-Carl Zeiler.
- Flight 7: 73-Tary Bole. 79-Mike Lane. 80-Paul Silliman. 81-Tom Nicholl.

Stableford 3 Best Balls (Team)
Aug. 31/The Links

120-Dan Goggin, Garfield Gray, David Wohlleber, Tom Nicholl. 119-Don Edmond, John Owen, Philip Petrozella, Charles Regini. 116-Bob Hilton, Ricki Plesea, Norm Hayworth, Thomas Norris. Tie at 112-Charles Crenshaw, Jim Lefaver, Joe Aldridge, Tom Neville; Bryan McCleave, Mike Key, Joseph Dunnack, John Bauer. Tie at 111-Richard Deschenes, Ken Zweiback, Ruben Alvarez, John Sutherland; Dwight Weirich, Kevin McGuinness, Jim Kurlapski, Tary Bole. Tie at 110-Brian Wilder, John Yenne, Robert Kuhl, Mario Grosso; James McCormack, Art Olerud, Donald Wheeler, David Garland.

Chicken Day Scramble
Sept. 7/The Links

Tie at 55-Dale Budd, Dan Goggin, Tom Nutt, Carl Zeiler; Ken Zweiback, Mark Beauchamp, Mike Kurlakowsky, Jerry Chase; David Clune, Bob Hilton, Tom Winn, Lance Davsko. Tie at 56-Larry Manion, James Gourlay, Dennis Dobosh, Barry Barringer; Rusty Zarrell, David Woitek, Roy Coombes, William York; Joe Wilks, John Snyder, Jim Kurlapski, Thomas Kujawa; Irl Flanagan, Don Edmond, Bill McElroy, Steve Skonecke; Steven Thesman, Mike Key, Robert Kuhl, Tary Bole. 57-Norm Hayworth, David Emmons, Mike Altomare, Paul Randles. Tie at 58-Art Olerud, Joe Aldridge, Thomas Norris, Garfield Gray; Matt Raies, Ron Pratt, David Wohlleber, Joseph Dunnack; Roger Sparks, Anthony Morris, Mike Clancy, Alan Theusch.

Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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Calling all lady golfers! Looking for a recreational activity this fall? Looking to meet new people? Come play golf!

The Candler Hills ladies nine-hole golf league is always looking for new participants to join in on the fun. League play is generally every Thursday, with tee times start-

ing at 9 a.m. at Candler Hills Golf Course. The event format changes every week, allowing you to pick and choose the events you want to participate in.

There are no annual league dues, or weekly commitment required. If you would like more league information, or want to join, please contact the Candler Hills Golf Shop at 352-861-9712 with any inquiries. Let's play golf!

Upcoming Thursday events are as follows:

- Oct. 6: T.O.E.S
- Oct. 13: Stableford
- Oct. 20: Michelle-O-Gram

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Lori Miracle.

Fitness Happenings

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Meet Lori Miracle!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to On Top of the World's new Fitness Supervisor Lori Miracle. Lori comes to us with over 20 years of experience in managing and teaching group fitness programs. She thrives in an environment that gets people moving and grooving! Lori will be overseeing all the group fitness schedules and classes at On Top of the World and The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa. Lori's passion and energy was evident the minute I met her; we are so fortunate to have her on our team of fitness pros!

What are the things that motivate you to teach and manage group fitness programs?

Lori: "I love teaching group fitness classes because it is such a great way to help others reach their fitness goals while having fun. The smiles on their faces are what motivates me the most. I started working in the management end of group fitness a few hours a week and wound up taking over full time because of my passion to develop new and exciting fitness programs."

You teach so many different types of fitness classes, do you have a favorite?

Lori: "My absolute favorite class is line dancing. I am certified through Country Fusion which is a unique class that blends traditional line dancing and group fitness. This line dancing format packs it all into a 45-minute class that encourages a workout pace. I have developed my own choreography and incorporate a wide variety of music styles to keep the energy high; it really makes fitness fun. I'm very excited to bring this special class to On Top of the World ... keep a look out for it!"

On Top of the World **OCTOBER 2022 FITNESS**

RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Dance Aerobics DENISE B.	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Warrior MAUREEN	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Dance Aerobics CARRIE
9:00 am	S.O.S. JOHN	Dance Aerobics NICHOLE	S.O.S. KITTI	Dance Aerobics DENISE B.	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 SUE	Move to Improve Parkinson's SUE	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI
11:00 am Recreation Ballroom	Zumba® Gold JOHN		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics LORI
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
2:00 pm				Tai Chi JAY	
3:00 pm	Blended Yoga JOE		Chair Yoga TRISH	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 GIB	Yoga MAUREEN	STRONG JOHN
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TRISH		
1:00 pm				Fitness Orientation*	

Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM
*Fitness Orientations are free. Space is limited. To schedule an appointment, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7638

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER INDOOR POOL

	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 Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	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	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
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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What is the one big thing you would advise your active aging students to do in support of optimal aging?

Lori: "The one big thing is to continue to move and stay active even if life throws you a curve ball. Fitness activities can always be done with modifications until you regain strength and mobility. We have a great team of fitness professionals here at On Top of the World to help you get started or stay on track. No matter what life throws your way, keep moving. I look forward to meeting you all!"

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Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



We are looking forward to cooler temperatures so that more players can enjoy the game!

BEGINNERS CLASS: Would you like to learn how to play cornhole? Our club continues to offer a free one-hour beginners training class for those of you new to cornhole or in need of a refresher to get you on the road to participating in this fast-growing sport. Throwing a one-pound bag 27 feet looks easy but is a challenging game that requires skill and persistence.

Our next class will be held Monday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Park cornhole courts. To manage the number of participants, and provide individual attention, we ask that you register in advance for this session. Simply email otowcornhole@yahoo.com to secure your spot.

OPEN PLAY: Open play sessions continue to be plagued by adverse weather. Attendance at our open play sessions remain relatively

light. Open play can provide an excellent opportunity for those new to the game, or otherwise reluctant to "jump in the pool" with more experienced players, to get involved in this fast-growing sport in a less intimidating, and totally non-judgmental environment. If you are familiar with the basics of the sport, and would like to see what our club has to offer, feel free to join us at any of our open play sessions, currently on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, at 6 p.m.

LEAGUE PLAY: Leagues are taking shape and are scheduled to begin competition in early October. Are you interested but lacking a partner? Our team coordinators can find a teammate. We expect to have six to 10 teams competing in each league for eight to 10 weeks, with weekly three-game matches scheduled.

The ladies league will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, with a general meeting and orientation, followed by competitive matches. All female club members, regardless of abilities or experience, are urged to join in this exciting activity. Ladies league matches always include whoops and hollers, lots of laughter, and tons of fun. Lacking a partner? Our ladies league

coordinator may be able to provide a match. Those interested please stop by the cornhole courts at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, or email Vickie Foster at poo2dog@verizon.net.

Formation of the mixed league is well underway with competition scheduled to begin on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. Mixed league matches tend to be slightly more competitive in nature but retain the emphasis on fun and friendships. Interested but lacking a

teammate? Our coordinator can provide a match. Contact Brenda Andrews at bandrews2461@yahoo.com to participate, or for further information.

Interest in forming a men's or a one-on-one league has been less than overwhelming, but those options remain under consideration. Cornhole Club members interested in forming and coordinating either league can email Vince Stevens at vkstevens@gmail.com for more information.

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



We started our 36th season on Monday, Sept. 5. This first session was captained by Joe Bartosh. The regulars were back with a few newcomers.

The other sessions continue Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. and are captained by President Jane Boyer. Then, we have Jim Vail, the new captain for Thursdays, at 9 a.m. Ten Pin will include two sessions at 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. And don't forget Saturdays, at 9 a.m.

We encourage new memberships and hoping you will give it a try. We have equipment in a box on the rear side of our equipment room. It has all the necessary sticks and discs to practice at your leisure.

To help you get more acquainted with the sport, we have an introductory class to shuffleboard on the second Saturday of the month. The next one is Saturday, Oct. 8. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety, and the basics for shooting the puck. Open-toed shoes are not permitted. Paul Hodges is the instructor.

All practices and games are played at the courts in the Veterans Park. If you have any questions, call me at 352-854-9378.

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



Our new season started out in September with a bolt of lightning and thunder that we all jumped. You never saw a group of gals move so fast. We cleaned up the equipment in five minutes. We left just as a slight rain shower started. We were able to resume with Wednesday shuffling.

So, we are now officially starting our 2022-2023 season with 43 ladies playing. We are open to all women residents and Gateway of

Services pass holder. We do check your resident ID. Dues are \$10. A Release and Hold Harmless Agreement must be signed. We provide safety rule information, as well as helpful hints sheets. Open toed shoes are not permitted.

Our shufflers are very helpful to new shufflers, so you need not know how to play. If you are not sure about joining us and may want to try playing as a guest, we will help you with that also. You have a choice of playing, Mondays, at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, at 9 or 11 a.m. The courts are in the Veterans Park.

We hope to see new faces. We are a fun group of ladies who love to shuffle. See you on the courts. Happy shuffling.

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Fit Tips



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Tips for Better Balance

Balance stems from the coordination of three systems in the human body: the visual system, the vestibular system, and the somatosensory system. All these systems collect information and send it to the brain to help the body navigate through space. Unfortunately, these systems typically decline with age; however, the good news is that we can train these to help support better balance! Keeping these systems sharp, maintaining strength, and practicing good posture and gait will all help to improve balance and reduce fall risk.

FIT TIP #1: To train the visual system march in place with good posture and turn your head to look over the right shoulder for 10 seconds, then switch sides and look over the left shoulder for 10 seconds. Execute three rounds.

FIT TIP #2: To train the vestibular system, stand on a thick exercise mat, cushion, or old pillow. Then look up to the ceiling and down to the floor. If you can maintain your balance while looking up and down try doing it on one leg, be sure you have something nearby (like a chair) to hold onto, if needed.

FIT TIP #3: To train the somatosensory system, sit down and close your eyes. Once your eyes are closed, try to touch the tips of your index fingers together over the top of your head.

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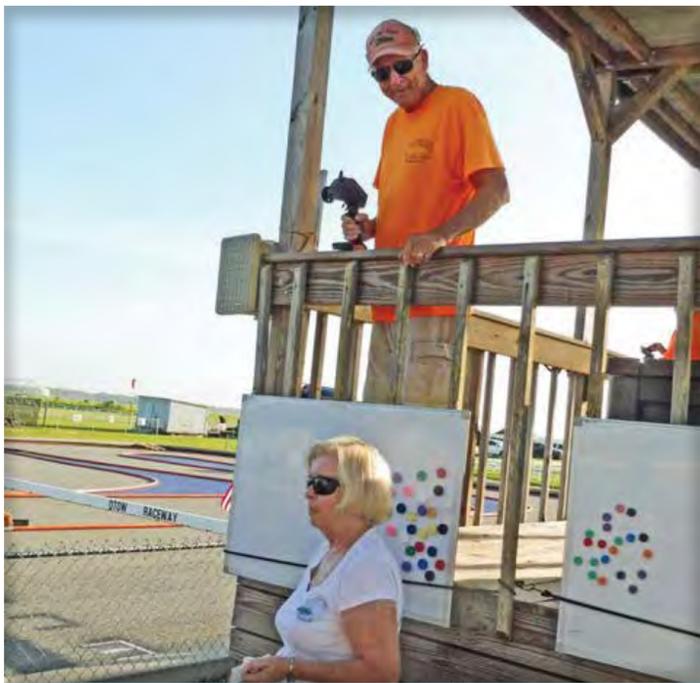
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Carolyn and Chuck Frederick at the racetrack.

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Carolyn Frederick posing under the checkered banner at the racetrack.

Photo by Becky Queen

R/C Car Club



Becky Queen

What happens at the track, stays at the track. Sometimes, what happens at the track leaves in pairs. Currently, 10 couples are actively racing and/or volunteering. Carolyn and Chuck Frederick are a notable pair.

Recently, I asked Chuck if he would support his wife if she wanted to race her own vehicle. He answered affirmatively. Then added that Carolyn is not interested in physically racing a car. Her reply might be, if she did race, she would have to maintain the car herself, and she has plenty of other things to do. He recounted how she began volunteering at the racetrack and became our "girl Friday" managing certain components of race day. Including, keeping drivers punctual and abreast of all things track-side.

Chuck fondly recalled the days of a dirt track. Back in the old days, someone sat at a card table with a computer to tabulate races. A bullhorn sufficed for announcements. A wristwatch recorded times. Fence posts served as barriers along the dusty and bumpy racetrack.

Currently, orange piping defines the track and is hammered into place with long nails whose heads seem to be oversized, especially when meeting with the undercarriage of a speeding vehicle. Amenities include an electronic starting gate, computer control shed, and picnic tables flanked by built-in shelves housed under pavilions that serve as workstations. Much need-

ed, shade-producing, removable umbrellas were recently installed to enhance the safety of our track marshals.

Carolyn supported her husband then by only accompanying him track-side as she loved watching the sport. As races became more organized, Ken Berry, who was a member of the race day committee, asked her to post race results. The rest is history. She arrives early with her briefcase of work tools: a jar of pens, note pads, magnets to post race sheets on a bulletin board, three clipboards, a clock, a ruler, and cleanser and cloths to sanitize all the tables. Then, her bright smile greets racers and spectators as Chuck supports her well-polished management skills. As current vice president of the club, Chuck helps the race day committee stage cars, and other times he races his beautiful buggy car.

In this case, we are delighted that what happens at the track, leaves as a pair. Recently, I overheard Carolyn tell Chuck, "You have fun racing. I'll keep things moving along. And after that, we can go home." Carolyn has earned the wave of a checkered flag!

No racing Saturday, Oct. 1. Going forward from Oct. 2, racing on Sundays and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Call President Fred Penichet at 914-588-7293 for slot car, legends, and monthly meeting information.

Race results can be found on our Facebook page (OTOW RC Car Club) by Bob Melzer.

August

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Sidekicks Western Dance

Judy Sullivan



The dance night we held in August was a big success. Although many of our dancers were away for the summer or were on vacation, we had a surprisingly a large turnout. We danced to nine different songs. Six of those songs were done in a double circle with two different dances – more advanced dancers did one dance in one circle and the newer dancers did a different dance

in a separate circle – to allow everyone to be able to dance at their own level. Three remaining songs were danced in one large circle to remind us all that we are still one group.

The dance season began Tuesday, Sept. 20. Roger and BJ Schwartz did their first teach on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Pat Canino and her group of helpers from the entertainment committee will put together a fun night of dancing with a Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

There will be practice classes all throughout this season for those who need to practice or just want to dance more.

Friday practices, led by Judy and

Jim Sullivan, are from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom. This practice is open to all residents. If you decide to become a club member, you can also dance on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Sunday practices, led by Bill and Lois Hull, are in Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV from 5 to 6 p.m. This is open to all club members.

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

Indigo East Community Center Ballroom on Fridays, and from 2:30 to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center Ballroom on Sundays.

If you wish to join Sidekicks Partner Dancing Club, please email SidekicksDanceClub@yahoo.com.

Any of the current members who are having a difficult time using GroupWorks and need additional assistance, please text Judy at 973-903-8719 (do not call) or email her at spirit927@live.com to schedule a time to meet or talk.

See you soon. In the meantime, keep on dancing!

Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



The first month of 2022-2023 line dancing season is complete. Each class learned new dances, taught by instructor Darlene Miller. There are several resources for reviewing new and classic dances.

In the Monday classes, dances already taught are reviewed, in addition to new dance instruction. The agenda is posted at the stage in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Practice sessions are Wednes-

days at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. Improver 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 Beginners practice starts at 1 p.m. The practice leaders email an agenda for the Wednesday sessions.

There may also be workshops scheduled for additional dance review. The practice leaders arrange the workshops and determine the agenda.

Line dancers must bring their dance passes to Monday instruction, Wednesday practice, and any indoor line dancing event. A resident ID is needed to enter the Arbor Conference Center.

A useful line dance resource is our line dance website at webuse.com/otowdance/. It contains information about line dances, classes, and Thursday line dancing at The Town Square. The website is the source for information about the date and time of dance sessions, classic dances that remain in rotation, and general information. It provides the list of dances and music for The Town Square on Thursdays and instructions for printing the list. Weather cancellations of Thursday dancing will be posted as well.

Lastly, there is another web resource for line dancing information – copperknob.co.uk. Copperknob

is used by the line dancing community worldwide. The underlined dances listed on the On Top of the World line dancing website are linked to Copperknob. The link will take the viewer to the step sheet for the dance.

For detailed information regarding line dancing in our community, contact Darlene Miller at 352-259-3605. For information about Sheryl Bradley's classes, email her at sbradley@yahoo.com. The schedule for Sheryl's Thursday classes at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios is Improver/Intermediate at 10:30 a.m., Beginner/Beginner Plus at 11:30 a.m., and Absolute Beginner at 12:30 p.m. There are also monthly dances.

Country Line Dancing

Judy Sullivan



We are continuing to grow as a group and it's wonderful to see new faces. One to two new dances are being added every month as well as dancing to the oldies but goodies. Even when other dance classes have stopped during the summer, our class kept going. There is a core group of diehard dancers who will

come whenever and wherever and that's what makes teaching dancing all worthwhile, and I want to give big thanks to them! I truly love and appreciate all the people who continue to come and share the joy of dancing to country music.

I have added an additional practice class for those who need the practice or just want to dance more.

Friday practices are from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom for those of you who have danced before and can follow directions. For those of you who wish to join but have never

danced before, I have a basic step class from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom on Fridays. Both Friday classes are open to all residents.

Sunday classes are held in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 3 to 4 p.m. for those of you who have danced before and can follow directions. For those of you who wish to join but have never danced before, I also have basic step classes from 2:30 to 3 p.m. at the Rec Center Ballroom on Sundays. Both Sunday classes are open to all residents and those with a Gateway of Services pass.

If any of the current members are having a difficult time using GroupWorks and need additional assistance, please text Judy at 973-903-8719 (do not call) or email her at spirit927@live.com to schedule a time to meet or talk.

See you soon. In the meantime, keep on dancing!

Ballet

Eugenie Martin



The Ballet Club had a very successful experience at this year's Club Fair. Kudos to Theresa Fields and her staff for arranging everything so well. We had many inquiries about our classes, and quite a few women signed up to become members. The Ballet Club table had displays of ballet information and our dancers, especially those who have performed each January at the Health & Wellness Expo.

At past Club Fairs, we have often helped ourselves to candy and snacks offered at other tables. Since our group aims to make our members more fit, we decided to offer ballet charms on soft leather bracelets. They were very popular.

Our classes continue in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room, just to the left of the public restrooms. All newcomers are welcome, and do not need ballet clothes to start. Stretchy exercise clothes, socks for the feet, and a bottle of water for the body are all that are needed when you first start ballet with us.

Our class schedule is as follows:

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

If you are not sure which class is best for you to start, please call me and I will advise you.

We welcome all newcomers and look forward to a fabulous fall. Happy dancing!

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Call of the Wild Sports Club

Jeff Wiita



It is October and time to start thinking about fishing specks. Up North, specks are called crappies. There are two species of crappies (i.e., white and black). The crappies in Florida are black crappies. Crappies and bream are the best tasting freshwater fish in Florida, hands down. They are members of the pan fish family, not the perch family, but are often called speckled perch by Floridians.

But this column is about artificial fish attractors, not crappies, which are among the most common residents of fish attractors. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has spent a lot of money on artificial fish attractors. Freshly cut oak and citrus trees provide excellent attractor materials. They sink with minimum weighting material. Rock piles, concrete culverts, plastic pipe, and wood boxes can also provide shelter areas for fish. There are also many man-made attractors on the market, which eliminates the need for refurbishing natural materials.

The FWC website says, "Do not anchor near fish attractors. This is to prevent direct damage to the attractor by the anchor." Digging deeper into the statement, I could not find any statutory or administrative laws preventing the use of anchors near fish attractors. I contacted a local game warden to confirm this, and he said there is no

law. It is a recommendation. So, if there is no law, then it falls upon the fisherman's ethics, and that can be a very subjective area. Not everyone has the same ethics, and this topic can damage a friendship. Ethics may depend on one's time and resources. And, if the damage is below the water where no one can see it, is it okay?

If one does not use an anchor, then the only alternative is an electric troll motor with a spot-lock, and not everyone has the same resources to purchase an electric troll motor with a spot-lock. I have one on order, and I hope it will come before you read this column. I have already been waiting for three months. If it does not, should I use my anchor until it comes?

For a list of fish attractors in Florida, Google: Fish Attractors - FWC and then click on Fish Attractors - FWC. That will bring you to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Fish Attractor web page. Scroll to the bottom of the web page and then click on Fish Attractor List.

The Fish Attractor List has latitude and longitude in Decimal Degrees (DD). Your fish locator may be in Degrees Decimal Minutes (DDM) or Degrees Minutes Seconds (DMS). If that is the case, go to the internet and find a converter. I use the PGC Coordinate Converter from the University of Minnesota.

If you would like further information or have any questions about our club, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club Wednesdays, Oct. 5, and Nov. 9, 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.

Top Pickleball Club

Bill Bender



Continuing with comments from our volunteers from last month's column, here are submissions from four more who make the Top Pickleball Club function for its 550 members.

Dave Phelps: "Why do I volunteer for the club? I enjoy the game very much, having been a long-time tennis player whose knees gave out on tennis, but I found pickleball!"

Week-in/out, playing competitively keeps me active doing something way more interesting than running or exercising - that's just me.

So, the volunteering comes about to encourage others to try the sport and grow in their skill level as they desire. I've played long enough to help people learn the game and then see them far exceed my skills. Humbling, but fun to watch and encourage them on their pickleball journey. Being part of the rating committee has introduced me to many players in our club who I might not meet otherwise. I have benefited also because it has caused me to work on my own game.

I have found anytime you volunteer for club activities you get the opportunity to meet and work with wonderful people. This is especially true at the Top Pickleball Club! We have a unique time in this stage of our lives to be active in a sport we can enjoy for many years."

Shizuka Campagna: "One of my

duties as the club treasurer is to collect membership dues. It gives me the opportunity to welcome prospective new members into our club. Top Pickleball Club, Inc, is a social, non-profit organization formed to provide fun, friendly, and healthy recreational activities through the sport of pickleball. Together with the board of directors and volunteers, we are constantly striving to make our club better. See you at the courts!"

Joyce Mosley: "My reasons for volunteering are ... I love the game. I enjoy the people I have met and who are now my friends and since I am now retired, I have the time."

Cindy Kozlowski: "When I first started playing pickleball I had help from many other players. I truly appreciated all the time they took to help me. I hope I am now doing that for others. I still appreciate it when I get tips from better players."

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 of their time. The valued connection with people is also a high reward. Pickleball is well known as a 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.

Cycling Club

Dennis Baker



You know the expression, "It's like riding a bike; once you learn, you never forget!" Well, cycling is kind of like that. You never forget, and you never tire of the enjoyment. But just as when you were first learning, you may need to gain confidence.

Here's what to do: start slow and easy, keep it fun, and keep at it. Pick a low gear and ride around the block for five or 10 minutes, no longer! Next time out, ride a little lon-

ger, but still right near home. When you're at about 12 to 15 minutes of riding, hold there for a couple of weeks. Then go to 18 to 20 minutes. At 20 minutes, you'll be able to get some pretty good cardiovascular exercise while still having fun.

A word about gear/speed selection: in the beginning, start out in a very low gear. Maintain very light pressure on the pedals. Pedal at a comfortable rate (cadence). You will soon feel the desire to go faster. When the cadence begins to feel too fast, or the pressure on the pedals too light, shift to the next higher gear. If the higher gear feels too hard, no problem, shift back. Don't worry about picking the right gear; your body will tell you when the ca-

dence is too fast, or the pedal pressure is too hard. Just keep it simple, easy, and fun!

Soon enough, you will want to ride with friends. When you do, check out the Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club. We usually meet two or three times per week for rides in the community and the neighboring vicinity.

For more information, visit us on Facebook (Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club) or contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-562-0088.

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Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



Neither rain, nor lightning, nor power failures keep our intrepid members from playing, even in the sweltering heat. Our players love the sport so much they manage to play in any condition inside or out. Kudos to Phil Franklyn, Michael Lowe, ViJay Jain, Janos Sikos, and Tony Sanguinetti for not letting a recent power failure interfere with their play!

Members often ask me interesting and challenging questions about table tennis rules, history and practice. This week I was asked, "Why doesn't table tennis have a ball boy

or girl which is part of regular tennis tournaments?" How great that would be to help retrieve balls, instead of bending down all the time, during regular play.

Here is what I found: In 2018, ball boys have started becoming visible. In 2018, the Indian table tennis leagues like UTT, the China Open and the World Cup in Disneyland Paris all had ball boys (and girls). Now referred to as ball kids, they help make sure that the transitional process between points goes as smoothly as possible. The children are stationed on the corners (often behind a barrier) and retrieve any loose balls only when the ball reaches the corner. They collect the balls in baskets before handing them over to the umpire during breaks and time-outs. The umpire will then take out a new ball out of

the ones which are generally tested before the match and provide the servers with a ball at the appropriate time. All balls are collected at the end of the set.

Being a ball kid has its perks in getting to meet the tournament stars, seeing them in action or obtaining their autographs. Now we must figure out how to have some in our club room to help lessen our needing to fetch stray balls or keep bending down.

Why do some players stomp their foot before serving? Answer: Some do it as part of their transition of weight from the back to front foot. Some do it as a form of distraction. The sound made by the ball being struck can tell lots about the kind of bat used and type of serve hit. Preventing your opponent from hearing that clearly can be advan-

tageous. Finally, that stomping the foot hides the sound of the serve at the moment of contact, making it harder for the receiver to calculate the speed and amount of spin of the oncoming ball.

Our schedule: Beginners level: doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; singles, Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.; Ladies play: doubles, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; singles, Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. All level doubles: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. and all level singles: Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced level: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact president, Paul Stadterman, at ptstadterman@yahoo.com for more information.

Come play and meet members who enjoy and love the sport of table tennis!



Phil Franklyn, Michael Lowe, ViJay Jain, Janos Sikos and Tony Sanguinetti.

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A Queen for Every Heart

By Elaine Morrison
World News Writer

In honor of Britain's beloved Queen Elizabeth II, English born resident Caroline Hill hosted a gathering of others in the area with English roots at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli on Friday, Sept. 9. They took this time to pay tribute to the Queen's long 70-plus year reign and share any personal stories or thoughts

they might have.

When she was a teenager, Caroline remembers coming out of a record shop near her home in the New Forest area with an Elvis Presley record and running straight into the Royal Parade in Romsey Abbey in Hampshire, England. She saw the Queen who "looked like a Chi-

na doll to me," Caroline recalls and she carries that exciting memory with her to this day.

Two women, Fiona Bowling and Sonya Nunn, discovered that not only were they from the same village in England, Cheltenham, they also both had lived in Wisconsin before moving to Florida. Sitting around a table bedecked with English mugs, biscuits, marmalade and a framed picture of the Queen, the other participants, Karen Sundmaker, Lorraine Newton-Crane and Bernadette Hoskins, from Australia, joined in conversation on topics ranging from Princess Diana, to their impressions of whether the

new King Charles will be up to the task of the role, to their collective love for Prince William, and the haunting symbolism of the double rainbow which appeared in the London sky on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Fiona Bowling read a poem she received from a friend in England which was a moving tribute to the loving relationship shared by the Queen and her husband Philip. In closing, Caroline read some comments she received from her cousin, "The Queen was sustained by faith, driven by duty and was an amazing lady."



Photo by Caroline Hill

Common bond girls of the British Commonwealth.

Learn How to Take More Creative Photos

By Connie Filip

Are you intimidated by all those settings on your digital camera? ShutterBugs has a presentation just for you!

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m. visit us in the Hobby Building Event Room for our regular Tuesday meeting.

I will present some simple ways to take more creative photos, like freezing movement - think waterfall or a speeding car. Or how to

make the subject of your photo in focus, but everything else "fuzzy." Also, the best way to get a great shot of someone on a brightly lit stage.

I will also show you the basic principles of how we can control the amount of light in our shot by setting our lens aperture, shutter speed and film speed (the level of sensitivity of your camera sensor to incoming light).

All of this will give you some new

ideas of how to take more creative photos and just enough knowledge to make you dangerous! Or at least that you're willing to try another camera setting besides "auto."

"How I See the World" is the theme of the photo display in the Master the Possibilities lobby this month. It is a joint effort by ShutterBugs Jan Jordan and Kim Rothwell.

Jan says, "Photography is in the eye behind the camera. Everyone sees things differently and photographers also see endless possibilities through their lenses."

Kim adds, "I have been doing macro photography of flowers for a few years, as I've been fascinated by the differences in the flower parts and the colors. Each one is

unique and deserves a photograph to capture the differences."

We hope that you'll stop by the Master the Possibilities lobby to see Jan and Kim's creative photography!

Want to learn more about digital? ShutterBug president, Harry Boyajian continues to facilitate our sharing of photography tips to improve our skills in camera use and editing.

We generally meet for field trips the first Tuesday of each month, and then educational meetings the third and fourth Tuesday, at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. You can find our photo galleries and our club calendar at otowspc.com.

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Horse with a view.



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Chris Kilbride



The Artistic Crafts & Gifts Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon and will continue weekly through May.

Our website 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 around 50 on Tuesday, with more online at our virtual show. All resident crafters are welcome to sell on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month we feature Cyndi Corey from Detroit, Michigan, who became a snowbird in 2017 after retiring from the legal field. Crafting started at an early age as her mother taught her how to sew and crochet, including enrolling her in local ceramic classes, which brought out her creative side. Cyndi would assist her with pattern placement, measurements and cutting fabric pieces out, and soon she was sewing outfits for her dolls, friends, and herself. It snowballed years later into making curtains, draperies, duvet covers, pillows, baby blankets, and quilts.

Several years ago, Cyndi began dabbling in machine embroidery and purchased a six needle Baby Lock embroidery machine. Having taken many embroidery classes as well as for her Brother ScanNCut which uses vinyl transfers, she enjoys making cards, invitations, and even cutting out fabric and marine

vinyl pieces to use as appliques on embroidery projects.

She is addicted to “in the hoop” projects which are embroidered and sewn together in the embroidery hoop and include such items as her wristlets, dog poo bag holders, key fobs, and hand sanitizer holders. One day soon she wants to learn end-to-end quilting and jewelry making using her embroidery machine.

Embroidering uses a lot of notions and tools, and it’s a real learning curve to know which stabilizers to use that will support not only the fabric, but the design you are stitching onto the fabric to give it a clean crisp look. Some of her tools include cutting mats, rotary cutters, specialty “duckbill” scissors, tweezers, machine embroidery threads, stabilizers, water soluble toppers, spray adhesives, magnetic hoops, placement guides, and computer software programs to digitize custom designs.

Cyndi welcomes the delightful challenge to do special orders with only a general theme or idea from the customer. Her husband Michael now has his own embroidery machine and is enjoying the fun and creativity, as they show at varied local craft shows.

For those who have never visited on 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 virtual website also, 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.

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



One great thing about stamping projects – they are done in air conditioning! It’s been a very hot summer.

Our presenter in September was Linda Lohr. Four cards were offered: a shirt card for our guy friends; a cute chicken card to check up on all our friends near and far; a purse card that was fun to make; and an embossed magnolia card that can be used for any occasion.

We thank Linda for providing all the stamps, embossing folders, and inks as well as different sentiments for the cards.

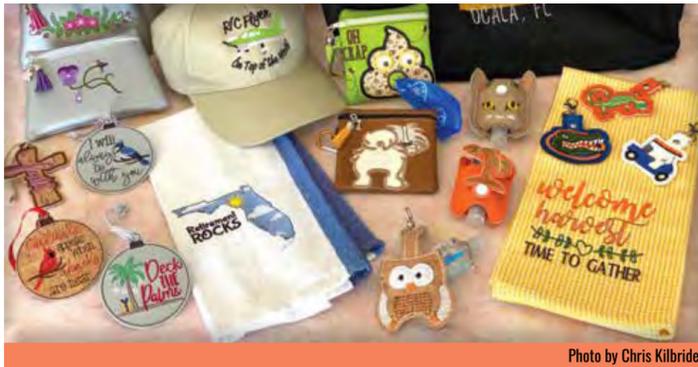
Our group is open to all crafters – beginners or those more experi-

enced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

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

For information on any class or for general information, contact Penny at the email below. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, 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’!



Cyndi Corey delves into a wide variety of embroidered projects.

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Backgammon



Karyn Dubie

October marks the one-year anniversary of the Backgammon Club. Throughout the past year, more than 40 residents have attended one or more sessions, with a core of about 15 players.

Backgammon is enjoying a worldwide resurgence of late, due in large part to the internet. There are a multitude of online options to play the game from simple formats against bots, to very robust applications where you play live opponents. Tournaments sponsored by the World Backgammon Internet Federation (WBIF), U.S. Backgammon Federation (USBGF), Women of Backgammon (WOB), and other groups are ongoing, and for those very serious players, many sites provide extensive play-by-play analysis and assign performance ratings based on your game play.

In-person tournaments are being played all over the world and there are many big tournaments in the U.S. from coast to coast. The 2022 Sunny Florida Championship is coming up in Ft. Lauderdale over Columbus Day weekend. Most tournaments are livestreamed on YouTube.com and easy to find. If this has piqued your interest in live backgammon, we have the club for you.

The membership of the Backgammon Club includes all level of players. If you are brand new to the game, haven't played in ages, or are a frequent player, come check out our weekly sessions. New players will be taught the game and have ample opportunity to learn and practice at a slow nonthreatening pace. As we continue to grow and develop as a club, we hope to have mini-tournaments, and an accumulative point system for game play and attendance throughout the year.

We meet in the Hobby Building Event Room Wednesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. There is plenty of room for more players, convenient parking, instruction for new players, and a great opportunity to meet neighbors in a welcoming environment. There is no cost for weekly play, and it is open to all residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Check out our Facebook page (OTOW Backgammon) for more info, or contact Karyn Dubie at kadubie@earthlink.net.

Bingo



Nancy Grabowski

October is here ... and it seems to have arrived in record time! For bingo junkies, it heralds the long-awaited announcement of super bingo on Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. It is also the final bingo for 2022. We will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023.

Prior to the games, there is 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 to \$1 or 10 for \$3, not a bad investment for that return! The tick-

ets are pulled about 5:45 p.m. and the games begin upon the conclusion of the raffle.

Super bingo has the usual 20 games; however, the payout is \$75 for 16 games and \$250 for each of the remaining four. Lucky winners get a little boost for holiday shopping! While cards are sold at the standard times, they must be purchased in multiples of three. Each threesome is \$5. All players must present a valid, resident ID and no guests are allowed.

Ron Motchkavitz will call super bingo, his farewell to 20 years in service to our bingo community. Ron has spearheaded our organization and led us through many changes and updates; all of which were accomplished by his drive and leadership. Ron and his wife, Joan who also volunteered, plan to continue to cruise and spend time with the family.

With each of our bingo sessions, each player is permitted to save one other seat and there are no assigned seats. You will, however, notice volunteer seat designations. Please don't move these while our workers are helping get things ready. Chairs should not be tipped forward as it creates a tripping hazard.

We ask that at the end of each evening, cards be returned to the front and placed facedown so volunteers can put them away. Fly swatters and other indicators should be brought up as well. When exiting the building, be cognizant of carts and cars. Use the sidewalks rather than the roadways. Stay safe!

More volunteers are welcomed to join our group. Volunteers are on teams which work every third month. If you are interested, talk with any of the volunteers. We've got a spot for you!

Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly

Aug. 8

1: Donna Peters & Rad D.; 2: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson; 3: Phyllis Silverman & Rik Saffol; 4: Judi & Dennis Wallace; 5: Bruce Gillett & Jack Heller.

Aug. 15

1: Linda & Bill Ryan; 2: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 3: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac; 4: Rik Saffol & Al Kremer.

Aug. 22

1: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac; 2: Darlene Clark; 3: Jack Heller & Bruce Gillett; 4: Mary Bloch & Diane Robinson.

Aug. 29

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Pat & Deb Quinn; 3: Mike Meirick & Al Kremer; 4: Bruce Gillett & Jack Heller.

Sept. 5

1: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillett; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 3: Diane Robinson & Carol Johnson; 4: Judy Mackowick & Rik Saffol; 5: Dennis & Judi Wallace.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor

With Labor Day behind us and summer officially over, we're welcoming back friends whom we haven't seen for several months. We have some new regulars who

now play, and we have room for more. If you haven't played duplicate in a while, or if you're new, come see what our game is like.

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 our group, and the prizes distributed the following week to the top teams.

You can also play occasionally as a substitute. 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.

Aug. 30

North/South

1: Wayne Caldwell & C. J. Daane; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 4: Sophie Redman and Jean Krueger.

East/West

1: Dean Samuel & Carolyn Higgins; 2: Connie Campbell & Billie Anderson; 3: Cathie Appgar & Bob Durst; 4: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

Sept. 6

1: Cathie Appgar & Bob Durst; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel; 4: Barbara Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 5: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Debbie Quinn

Aug. 3

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Pat Quinn; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Aug. 10

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Joe O'Brien; 3: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Rik Saffol.

Aug. 17

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Joe O'Brien; 3: Bruce Gillett; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Steve Sekac.

Aug. 24

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Joe O'Brien; Cons: Betty Morris.

Aug. 31

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Joe O'Brien.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

Aug. 4

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Mike Meirick.

Aug. 11

1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Betty Morris; Cons: Mike Meirick.

Aug. 18

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Mike Meirick; 4: Billie Anderson; Cons: Betty Morris.

Aug. 25

1: Phyllis Silverman; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Steve Sekac; 4: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Bunco Babes Social Group

Michelle Malsch



Bunco meets in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Oct. 25. Registration is at 6:30 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m.

You do not have to call to register. You need only show up. You may bring a guest. The room is set up for 32 players. Please make sure you ar-

rive on time to reserve your spot. It will be first come, first served. Always check the World News for the latest updates for our group.

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

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. There are also two drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash prizes. Please bring your own beverage and snack if you wish. There is a short intermission after the first three sets have been played.

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at 352-615-2790. Stay safe and be healthy until we meet again!

Euchre



Friday Night

By Mary Bloch

Aug. 5

1: Joan Sigafoos; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Lawrence Remer.

Aug. 12

1: Lawrence Remer; 2: Carol Condino; 3: Edith Kolb.

Aug. 19

1: Carol Condino; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Edith Kolb.

Aug. 26

1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Edith Kolb; 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 Oct. 1!

Pinochle



Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

Aug. 2

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Audrey Stark; 3: Lee Freehauf.

Aug. 9

1: Ed Casper; 2: Jackie Nuccio; 3: Ilene Casper.

Aug. 16

1: Charlie Budd; 2: Judy Black; 3: Andy Nuccio.

Aug. 23

1: Judy Wagnitz; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Judy Black.

Aug. 30

1: Lee Freehauf; 2: Lucy Eberly; 3: Jim Magoon.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

Aug. 12

1: Charlie Budd; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Larry Black.

Aug. 19

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Edna Frye.

Aug. 26

1: Jim Recor; 2: Judy Fries; 3: Bruce Gillett.

Sept. 2

1: Debbie Martello; 2: Judy Black; 3: Ilene Casper.

Sept. 9

1: Jae Kalai; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Jim Magoon.

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Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam



Is the model railroad layout finished? That is the most frequently asked question by our visitors to the Hobby Building Train Room. After two years of construction, the number and location of the tracks is complete. A siding or spur may be added as necessary to accommodate a new business that requires rail transportation, either for raw materials coming in, or for finished products to be shipped. A recent example occurred when a company decided to ship pallets of finished lumber via rail. A loading dock with an operating front-loader was constructed near the sawmill. As a result, the cut lumber may now be stacked on pallets and loaded onto a flatcar for shipment. The railroad will benefit greatly from the added revenue.

The buildings and houses are also mostly finished, except when a more suitable house or building would replace an existing one on the layout. Recently, a house was converted to make it appear that it is on fire! The make-believe fire burned a huge hole in the roof and the flickering fire can be seen inside the house. The volunteer fire department responded with two ladder trucks and a pumper. The firemen can be viewed fighting the fire as realistic water shoots from the hose to the burning roof.

However, the landscaping will

never ever be finished. Each week more trees, bushes, shrubs, and flowers are added to the layout to complement and add the realistic details to the various scenes. Most recently the timbering area received a reforestation and enhanced plantings to better blend in with the surroundings. Wet water seepage was added to the mountain to simulate the natural occurrence in bare rock.

But most of all, the electronics and animation will continue to be upgraded and enhanced with the latest technology. The micro-computers that are now available enable the use of sensors that can activate and animate various devices on the layout. Sensors have been installed near the passenger station that will detect a train and automatically turn on the station lights and activate the station's announcement of the arriving train and track number. Likewise, another sensor responds to the departing train and activates another announcement of the train's departure and future destinations. Other sensors are also in place that will detect the speed of the model train and convert it into scale miles-per-hour.

The layout is in the Hobby Building Train Room. You are invited to tour the room and observe the work and operate the layout on Fridays, 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. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

Poetry

Linda Toner



World Traveler

I love to travel
Around the world,
And watch each country's
Flag unfurl.

I immerse myself
In their culture,
All their differences,
I mature.

I speak to new people
Everyday,
And marvel at what
They do and say.

I sample each
Country's cuisine,
Strange foods
I've never seen.

And when my travels
Are all done,
I realize that
There is none.

Than my country
That I love the best,
My wanderings
are laid to rest.

Other places
I have roamed,
But there's nothing like
Coming home.

View from the Library

Linda Barilli



Upon entering your library in the Hobby Building, you will be pleased to find how well it is organized, thanks to Rita and her volunteers.

One of the sections that will catch your eye contains the following (from top to bottom):

Hardcover westerns, including many by Louis L' Amour.

A Florida section devoted to authors such as Carl Hansen, Randy Wayne White and Edna Buchanan, who write Florida mysteries.

Next in the Florida section are novels and nonfiction books describing earlier times in Florida. One of many novels is "Miami: A Saga" by Evelyn Wilde Mayerson. It covers post-Civil War life, homesteading, the Ku Klux Klan, Jewish refugees, and the Cuban revolution. The stories are told not as recorded history, but through the everyday lives of the people who lived in those times.

The Florida section plays an important role since many of us here are from other areas of the country and the world. These books offer an opportunity to appreciate the history of your newly adapted surroundings.

The next shelves are devoted to Civil War books. The bottom shelf contains gardening and arts and crafts books.

On the beat with some of your favorite law enforcers, you'll find "Paw Enforcement" by Diane Kelly, featuring officer Megan Luz. Luz is a rookie on the fast track to detective. Her partner is a veteran K-9 named Brigit. Kelly's writing is quite humorous. Her book can be found in softcover fiction.

John Sanford, who once again captures your attention in "Rough Country." Featuring Virgil Flowers, who uses every waking hour tracking down a serial killer in the mountains of Minnesota. Found in softcover mysteries.

Joseph Wambaugh, who spent 14 years in the Los Angeles police department. "Hollywood Station" follows the officers of that station as they become better cops, working around restrictive laws following the Rodney King incident and race riots, which started in 1992. Found in hardcover mysteries.

"Death of an Outsider" by M.C. Beaton featuring Constable Hamish Macbeth. Hamish and his dog,

Towser, have been exiled to Cnothan, a sleepy town in the highlands of Scotland. You will dearly miss Hamish when this book is over, but thankfully, M.C. Beaton has a number of books featuring this endearing law enforcer. They can be found in softcover fiction.

Another much appreciated section is exclusively for large print novels and mysteries. Alongside the large print section, you will find the sci-fi collection, with popular authors such as Isaac Asimov, John Flanagan and John C. Wright.

There are two closets in the library. One of them is filled with puzzles, organized according to the number of pieces. The other closet contains audio books and music CDs.

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Ken Backofen and Leslie Lansing.

Fun with Golf Carts

Susan Pulling Robinson



The Labor Day parade was a big hit, with many spectators lining the starting route. Club members continue to display creativity and ingenuity when decorating their golf cart “mini floats.”

Our Halloween/Mardi Gras parade will be Saturday, Oct. 29. Please come out and cheer on the spooky revelers! The route will include stops at Bridgewater and Brookdale assisted living facilities, where dance troupes from On Top of the World will also perform. 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 Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) 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.

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.

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Art Group

Anne Merrick



What to do when you have painted and displayed your artwork on every available wall space and shelf in your home? It can and does pile up in closets or the garage if you have the space and then it is temporarily forgotten until you are looking for something. Rooting through the piles you suddenly come upon a work you totally forgot about because it somehow wasn’t good enough but with new eyes now it seems pretty good.

All those tag sales and thrift stores where you saw a frame, canvas, paper or paints you couldn’t pass up have created a shortage of room and all the finished products are fighting for space of their own too. Just writing about this creates a bit of a knot in stomach because I know I am guilty of this in a major way.

One solution is to get organized, and I am but, and it’s a big but, I have all the other things I have saved as well, buttons, zips, fabric for sewing, crochet supplies, ribbons, paper, and cards. I am not a hoarder because you never know when you might need something for a repair or a new project.

I decided today to only paint or draw stuff that will fit in a plastic sleeve in a binder. My mother-in-law was determined I should learn to quilt so I made a couple of pillow covers and covered a couple of binders. I really like the fun material and they have survived 30 years in great condition. If I can stick to this decision, I will use them to keep my projects and can peruse them at will. This way I don’t have to change the art on the walls and will have room in my art closet. However, I don’t hold out much hope for sticking to this as I already have thoughts about something else, I’d like to do.

Thus, the creative mind keeps turning. Come and join us for interesting times with the Art Group on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The location and time are on the monthly club schedule.

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Original Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



The Original Theatre Group held an open house in August. The Recreation Center Ballroom was packed as we shared refreshments with our audience and presented excerpts from our Jan. 14 and 15, 2023, production of "S Wonderful." As a result, several new and promising members joined our talented ensemble.

As we finalize our casting and musical number selection, we will publish a complete cast list and the

songs that will entertain you for this exciting and dynamic theatrical revue. "S Wonderful" features theatrical music from George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerry Herman. Some of our selections include "Anything Goes," "I've Got Rhythm," "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Someone to Watch Over Me," and the title song "S Wonderful."

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the second-floor lobby of the Recreation Center. These sales will continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning through opening night. \$10 for general admission and \$25 for the best reserved seating including patron acknowledgment published in the playbill.



Photo by Lori Szeplak

Richard Rosen, Gwen Templeton, Ken Russell at Club Fair in September.



Photo by Arliss Day

Donna and one of her spectacular quilts.

Sunshine Quilters

Arliss Day



Our quilter of the month is Donna Vitullo. Donna is our go to lady for all our club trips. We have had some awesome adventures and found some fabulous fabrics and fun places to explore. And there are several more trips planned in the coming months!

Donna was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania but spent most of her adult life in Pitman, New Jersey. Donna and her husband have lived in several states the last one was Arizona, before moving here in 2020. One of the main reasons she chose On Top of the World was because of the quilting group that she visited while they were here looking for a home.

Donna worked in an electronics plant in Pitman for 30 years and when that closed, she went to another electronics company for an additional 15 years. She then retired and looked for hobbies. Donna's sister sparked her interest in quilting and the church she belonged to had a quilting group that she joined. Her favorite machine is a Janome for home sewing and a Brother for traveling and bringing

to meetings.

Donna's favorite type of quilting is appliqué. Her quilts are extraordinary and beautiful. She loves Missouri Star for tips and tricks and fabric, of course.

Donna loves our group of ladies and says we all learn new things together and help each other any way we can. Of course, her favorite thing is our road trips and doing all the research and coordinating the travel and the places we will see. Some of the places she is currently working on include a trip to Mount Dora, Miss D's in Palatka, 39th Fantastic Quilt Show in Leesburg, and maybe a trip to the Jacksonville Quilt Show. She is a very busy lady as you can see.

Our club activities for the month include:

- Oct. 4: Monthly members meeting and sit and sew.
- Oct. 11: Donna B. will teach an easy way to do flying geese.
- Oct. 18: Sit and sew.
- Oct. 25: Halloween party and sit and sew.

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. Please call Gail Schultz for more information at 352-304-9159.

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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



As October begins, we want to extend a "thank you" to our community. At the recent Club Fair, so many folks dropped by to be assured we will perform soon. Many conveyed their long-standing commitment to our performances and the desire to be "first in line" for the next production. These are the ideas and support that keep us going and helped to carry us through the health travails. We were buoyed by the sheer number of new residents who expressed how eager they are to see all that we do!

Traditionally, The New Pretenders set aside the first weekend in February to perform for our community. Our plan for 2023 holds true to tradition. We will be on the stage in the Recreation Center Ballroom Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. Then again on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Reserved tickets are \$10 each and general admission tickets are \$8 each. No tickets are sold at the door. Sales will continue until Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, with times

and place consistent with the first day.

In September, we held our annual "kick-off party" at The Lodge at Candler Hills. It was a fun-filled evening of appetizers and desserts plus the enjoyment of each other's company! While they will be referenced as our "freshman class" until March, they certainly have gelled within the troupe. As our audience, you will be amazed at their talents and wowed by the widespread smiles and grins. Why, it might even encourage you to consider becoming a part of our organization.

Should you have that desire to join, we will be more than happy to put your name on our interview list. The interviews will be held after our last shows but it's never too soon to head the list! The membership committee refers to this list, also, if the need arises during the current season for additional personnel.

Our practice sessions are now in progress. Frequently we are asked if people can attend them. Unfortunately, the answer is no since we keep many of our ideas secret until show time! We do love the surprise elements we bring to the stage and hope that you do as well!

If you want to be a part of the troupe or need more information, contact any current member or the director, Nancy Grabowski, at 352-209-4699.



Randy Schmid.

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Theatre Arts Group

Nancy Carp



The Theatre Arts Group is getting more exciting all the time. We met many fabulous people at the Club Fair, who will add to this group. Whether you act, sing, dance or work behind the scenes, this group is for you.

It's been fantastic to see all the smiling faces at our meetings. This cordial group is learning from each

other, with the goal to perform for the community in April 2023. Besides our residents being part of this experience, we are fortunate to have a seasoned actor as our mentor. Stanley Livingston, known as Chip Douglas from the show "My Three Sons" fame, has gladly agreed to be the club's mentor. He is an old friend of our President Claudia Baker and has expressed his interest in adding to our club. He will give professional advice, as well as answer questions from our members. We are lucky to have such a talented actor/producer/writer/director as our mentor.

Our show performance will feature an original comedic play written by some of our members, as well as entertainment of Broadway show tunes.

Singing auditions will take place Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I. Please come prepared with your music, either on your phone or on a CD, ready to amaze us. If you bring a CD, also bring a CD player. If you need help finding music for the song that you wish to audition with, contact Nancy Carp in advance, who will provide your music.

Acting auditions will be take place Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 4 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I. You will read from a script provided to you. If you are trying out for a specific role, you will receive, in advance, a section of the play to prepare for that role. Acting roles are available not only in the play, but during the vignettes associated with the songs. Everyone in the group will be a part of the show in some capacity.

Any resident may join the group. We meet every Wednesday, at 4 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio I. If you are curious about us, you may attend one meeting to check us out; however in order to continue to attend and be a participant in the group you will have to register and pay the \$10 dues.

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.

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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky



Some of the newer karaoke singers wondered how some of the long-time singers got their start. Since we highlighted them a while ago, we will ask them to update their singing story.

I would like to highlight Bob and Norma Batton. Norma wanted to share, "We moved here in 2006 from the Cleveland Ohio area. Bob and I met shortly after he was discharged from the Navy. I was just out of high school. According to Bob when he first saw me, he was immediately smitten and said to his friend standing next to him, "I am gonna marry that girl." We dated for one year before getting married. I think the beautiful love songs Bob sings to me have helped keep the spark alive. I joined karaoke soon after moving here and Bob would just come and listen.

One day we purchased a small karaoke machine and Bob surprised everyone at karaoke by "coming out of the closet." He was soon

brave enough to enter the World Has Talent Contest here at Circle Square Cultural Center and took first place in 2013. He loves to sing Neil Diamond and Michael Buble songs as well as almost anything I pick out for him.

Members of the Singin' Swingin' Seniors song and dance group approached me. I decided to join them. Bob and I have done quite a few shows with the Original Theatre Group also. We enjoyed playing bocce and these days we keep busy playing hand and foot and samba with our friends. Singing karaoke is really what we both love to do. We enjoy singing at The Club at Candler Hills outdoor patio on some Tuesdays. We also sing at The Lodge at Candler Hills and the West Marion Moose Lodge. Of course, we are always at Karaoke Friends.

So, you see Bob was a clapper first. As we say, "We love our clappers."

This month we meet Mondays, Oct. 3 and 17. Come join us on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Singing starts and 5:30 p.m. and goes until 8:30 p.m. Come any time in between. Who knows, you may be a clapper who becomes a singer.



Photo by Mary Ann Majni

Concert Chorus table at the Club Fair.

Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



The day has arrived. The Concert Chorus started with rehearsals in September. The musical packets were passed out. Members were welcomed and paid their dues. Then the work began.

Our director, Mike Nagy, started with a reading of several musical scores showing us the scope and challenges we would meet for our concerts Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4. Mike was a high school band leader and chorus director. He is also a bass singer for the spring concert, which will be led again by Randy Schmid and Peggy Lane, who are singers for the holiday concert. We have been blessed with talented directors and contributors.

We have a great group of singers - soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. Many new people. Some from past

choruses. And of course, some faces sorely missed.

There will be some old favorites in our holiday concert, but there is a lot of new and interesting holiday music that our wonderful generous audiences have made possible with their donations at our concerts. Their generosity has made new songs and arrangements possible for our performances and their enjoyment.

For those who love to sing, it is not too late to join us for the beginning of our spring concert rehearsals in January 2023. Our dues are currently \$15 per concert season, which provides us with music, props and technical audio support at our concerts.

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.



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Bob and Norma Batton.

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Longleaf Ridge Friends

Kathleen Taylor & Debra Vitale



Although the summer months were quiet, the ladies luncheon group still enjoyed the beautiful scenery and excellent food at the Salted Brick in Ocala Preserve.

Musical driveway chatters continued as Rich and Donna Leonte welcomed neighbors to their driveway.

The fall schedule includes the first annual Oktoberfest, a newly formed dining out group, and a Halloween progressive dinner.

If you are a Longleaf Ridge resident and are interested in participating in neighborhood activities, please check our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends). When joining the Facebook group, you will be asked to provide your phase and lot number/address.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood. Please send questions to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com.



Photo by Salted Brick server

Longleaf Ridge ladies luncheon.

Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



Happy Hookers enjoyed a successful Club Fair. Lots of people expressed interest in coming to our meetings whether it was individuals resuming projects they had started but not finished, to those that were asking if they might be able to work with someone in our group to learn to knit or crochet. Even if you were not at the Club Fair, please feel free to join us on Mondays.

To continue to showcase the talent in our group, sharing from the column last month that Joanne Scrogg 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.



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Needlepoint cat.

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Crescent Ridge Happenings

Joe Josephson



Time to play catch up. As I said last time, due to scheduling conflicts, our news for the September paper did not have updates from our Aug. 14 gathering. So, looking back, the attendance at each of our gatherings seems to get a little larger each meeting. The pavilion at the Veterans Park is a great facility but as we get a larger group, might be a good idea to bring a folding chair with you.

As usual the attendees brought a great variety of tasty main dishes and desserts. And the spread is always something to look forward to.

We had door prize winners in two categories: longest resident of Crescent Ridge, and resident who had most recently moved into a home. Congrats to both. In September, the categories were longest distance from your last permanent home to Crescent Ridge and resident with oldest car they are still driving.

Maybe it may be my imagination but seems like this last month we have had a nice run of afternoon showers. The result has been a great result in many resident's yard plantings. Lots of flowers showing and flowering bushes. And the nice

thing about rain, is its free water. Helps to keep the irrigation water bill down.

And lastly thanks to a neighbor who took it upon themselves to watch out for a neighbor's home. She noticed a large water leak in a yard on their walk on a weekend day. She knew this neighbor was not home and took on the task of alerting the appropriate folks to come make repairs. Someone else could have just ignored the scene and there would have been a large loss of fresh water and who knows what other damage may have occurred. This is very typical of Crescent Ridge neighbors, watching out for each other.

The next Crescent Ridge gathering will be the second Sunday of the month, Oct. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. Mark your calendar now. Follow us on Facebook (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors).

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

P.S. - September was lovebug season. And to quell the urban myth? Did the University of Florida (UF) create lovebugs? The answer is no. UF did not create lovebugs by manipulating DNA to control the mosquito population, contrary to a persistent urban myth. They're just here. Everywhere.



Photo by Joe Josephson

Crescent Ridge door prize winners.



Photo by Ann Gallo

Some of the 152 quilts donated by the Sewing Bees in August.

Sewing Bees

Ann Gallo



It is hard to believe that summer is over, but the heat did not slow us down. During the month of August, we distributed 152 quilts, 116 Beanie Babies, 55 doll blankets, 116 30" conflict resolution blankets, 20 pillow friends, 36 totes, 16 stuffed animals and seven baby blankets.

We've added a new agency to our list - Howard Academy (Head Start program).

We look forward to the return of our snowbirds, as there is always lots to be done.

A special thank you to Linda Lohr who has been doing a wonderful job writing our columns for the past 15 years. Ann Gallo has taken over this position and is also the administrator of our Facebook page.

Stop by and see us in action. We meet every Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. Can't sew? No problem. If you can tie a knot, we need you. Don't have a sewing machine, but love to sew? We have all the equipment you need. Everything we make is donated to disadvantaged children of Marion County throughout the year.

We are very excited about our new Facebook page (OTOW Sewing Bees). Come visit our page and see what we are currently working on and what our current needs are.

We are always in need of cotton quilting fabric - especially child friendly prints. We rely on donations to fulfill our mission and have received many generous donations.

Questions? Contact Kathy Nardone at 352-300-3063 or Marsha Schneur at 813-920-3487.

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Newcastle Social Committee

Sherry Bright



The Halloween progressive walk will be Saturday, Oct. 29 starting at 6 p.m. Remember to come dressed in costume, as we will have a costume contest judging scariest, funniest, most original, and best couples' costumes.

The holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4, and a murder mystery event mid-January 2023.

In September, I got to learn a bit more about two of our neighbors' feline friends. Freddy is a 15-year-old cat that was adopted by Peggy and Mike Lane when he was just two years old. Freddy's brother Teddy was also a member of the family but is no longer with us. In real life, Freddy's job would be that of a hunter - he loves hunting bugs, geckos, and birds from the lanai. Freddy's superpower is the ability to tell time. He knows when it's time for meals and bed. He lets Mike and Peggy know if the time has been missed, "Meow, meow, meow!" Freddy's favorite pastime is sleeping in your lap (followed closely by treat time!). Luckily, Freddy only weighs six pounds, so he is the perfect lap kitty!

Pumpkin lives with Anne and Mike McCauley. Pumpkin is an 18-year-old orange tabby. Her real-life job was wildlife manager; however, since her retirement and relocation to our community, she no longer has access to roam outdoors, so has become a gamer and chases mice on her iPad. Her favorite activity is playing - on the iPad, chasing balls, or playing hide and seek with her mommy! Pumpkin would like to think her superpower is invisibility. She likes to sit behind a screen, where she believes no one can see her, and jump out at you when you walk by. Pumpkin is enjoying her retirement!

Don't forget to attend the Newcastle Social Committee meetings to find out what's happening in the neighborhood and to share your ideas. Our next meeting will be Friday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills pavilion. Starting in November, the meetings will change to the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. 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).



Freddy.

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Pumpkin.

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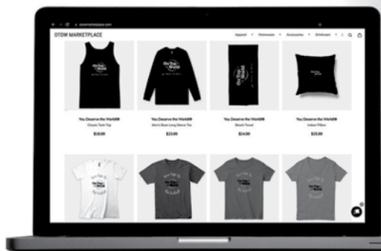
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Furniture: Oak Express bookcase, oak color, 5 adjustable shelves with crown, 72" h x 34-1/2" w x 12-1/4" d, \$250. 352-873-2966 or 936-520-6934.

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Misc. Item: FIRMAN 7500W dual fuel portable generator (#H07553). Includes operator's manual, quick start guide, original purchase receipt, power cord, cover and notes 757-589-8610 or nate@drsab.com.

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Tag Sales

Friday, Oct. 7 & Saturday, Oct. 8: 9638-A, 9639-C, 9668-C, 9669-B SW 94th Avenue (Crescent Ridge), 9 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, Oct. 8: 9256-D SW 82nd Terrace (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Oct. 14: 9102 SW 102nd Circle (Avalon), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14 & Saturday, Oct. 15: 9395 SW 94th Loop (Windsor), 8 a.m. to noon · 9117, 9121 SW 91st Circle (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15: 9464-C SW 97th Lane (Crescent Ridge), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20: 9629-A SW 95th Terrace (Crescent Ridge), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28 & Saturday, Oct. 29: 8750-C SW 90th Lane (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to noon · 8808, 8812, 8828, 8851, 8882, 8891, 8911, 8912, 8923, 8931, 8943, 8946, 8951, 8954, 8957 SW 104th Circle (Avalon), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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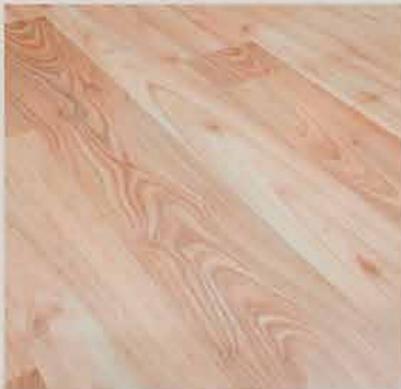
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