

**Community News**

**Kenneth D. Colen**

**Fiscal Year 2023-24**

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association fiscal 2023-24 operating budget begins in March. All other associations have a Jan. 1 start date for their budgets.

The Wednesday, Feb. 15, board of directors annual budget meeting will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center at 10 a.m. Residents may join by registering with Webcast as well. Information on how to join by Webcast will be included in the meeting materials that will be mailed. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-24 will be mailed out in early February.

Each new fiscal year presents its own considerable challenges. The proposed budget is heavily influenced by the present economy. Key expenses, labor and petroleum products for example, are increasing. The increase in community service fee is anticipated to reflect those realities.

Besides budget matters, the board will be considering roof replacement special assessments on specifically designated dwellings for fiscal year 2023-24. A postcard will be mailed to all affected owners advising of the board meeting.

**Errata**

Last month there was an error in the write-up regarding driveway repairs. According to the Driveway Repair Procedures, contained in the On Top of the World (Central) Community Standards, only the first 24" of driveway will be repaired by the association. My apologies for any confusion the typo may have caused.

**Community Updates**

Bay Laurel Community Center Development District (BLCCDD) will continue conducting overnight concrete pours at the north water reclamation facility on the following Mondays, at midnight: Feb. 6, 13 and 20. Traffic will be noticed on the roadway to the facility adjacent to Weybourne Landing, Larkhill, Ashford, Stone Creek Weston, and Stone Creek Arlington.

Work is well underway and nearing completion in Balfour. Estate Series homes will be nestled among beautiful walking trails in Balfour, located on the west side of SW 92nd Court Road. Stay tuned to the World News for ongoing updates on the community design.

New sections of Longleaf Ridge have opened for home sales. The Longleaf Ridge amenity center concept plan was revealed at the annual meeting on Dec. 14, 2022. Plans are in development, and we hope to begin construction in late 2023.

Weybourne Landing phase 1D will be completed soon. The Landing opened on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

**Trending Real Estate Values**

Despite the increase in mortgage rates, the local home resale market continues to hold property values amid a reasonably short supply of listings.

According to the Ocala Marion Board of Realtors statistics for the first 11 months of 2022, in Marion County new sales volumes decreased -6.19% over the same 12-month period in 2021. The average home sale price increased 21.13% for that same period. Interestingly, cash sales were down 34.85% over the same period.

From where On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion County sits it continues leading the market in resales for the first 11 months of 2022 at 26.35% of the resale market in On Top of the World.

The number of resale transactions in all the On Top of the World neighborhoods decreased -21.25% over 2021, following the general trend of the slowing market. The change in average home resale price in On Top of the World rose 28.56% compared to 2021.

**Winter Weather & Shrubbery**

Following the five-day deep freeze the nation experienced during the week of Dec. 26, 2022, Florida was not an exception. Strangely, we had very little frost, but a good deal of wind-freeze on the

**OTOWInfo.com Redesigned**

**By Dave DeAngelis**  
World News Writer

As an all-inclusive hub of information for residents of On Top of the World, OTOWInfo.com continues to evolve into the "go to" landing spot for what you need to know about living in our community. Now with about 15,000 visits per month, the site boasts a new look within a new marketing campaign aimed to please us who reside "Where the Cool

Kids Retire®."

Marketing Systems Coordinator Kayla Moffatt explained that OTOWInfo.com has been updated to include new clubs and activities, phone directory, general information about "how to" in our neighborhoods, and all the "what to" fun stuff we can cram into our schedules. Resident alerts. Virtual bulletin

board. Event calendar. Dining. Entertainment. Golf. Fitness. Bus schedule. Education and maintenance requests ... it's all here on the website.

What's going on at Circle Square Commons? What's going on at the Recreation Center? The Arbors? At Master the Possibilities? Or anywhere inside On Top of the World? Chances are you'll find it on the Virtual Bulletin Board. It's a great resource to find out about upcoming events, club meetings, new classes, restaurant specials, and more! You'll see why On Top of the World is "Where the Cool Kids Retire®."

Check out the new website. "Where? (Insert voiceover guy here.) At OTOWInfo.com. That's OTOWInfo.com." You'll be glad you did.



**Short Month with Lots of Learning Opportunities**

**By Michelle Shideler**

February may be the shortest month of the year, but that does not mean there is any less learning opportunity at Master the Possibilities. As a matter of fact, this month is one of the busiest months of the year for course offerings at our Education Center.

Our curriculum includes four dynamic visiting speaker presentations, two special events, and multiple classes for Black History Month. Not to mention at least 50 class opportunities per week that encompass everything from art to science and technology.

Our first speaker presentation of the month is being offered by student favorite and New York Times Best Selling author Michael Tougias. "The Strange Case of the Laconia: A WWII Story of Disaster, Survival, and Cover-up" will keep participants on their toes all the way

through the end on Thursday, Feb. 9, in Live Oak Hall at 10 a.m. This story will include details of the rescuing of almost 3,000 passengers by the very U-boat that sank it. Cost to attend this presentation is \$11 per member and \$16 for the general public.

For Black History Month, Dr. Joe Ponds will share stories and experiences of black helicopter pilots in combat duty during Vietnam during "The Measure of a Man", speaking engagement on Friday, Feb. 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Live Oak Hall. He will talk about fortitude, perseverance, triumph, and sacrifice. This is a must-hear presentation, and cost to attend is \$8 per member and \$13 for the general public.

Scheduled to delight participants also this month is Bob Patterson with "All Things Florida: The Real Florida

Through Song and Tales." On Tuesday, Feb. 21, Patterson will take those in attendance on a journey with voice and guitar about Florida folklore and humor, which will even include a historical way of life in this grand state. Cost to attend this event, that will start at 2:30 p.m. in Live Oak Hall, is \$11 per member and \$16 for the general public.

Assistant Professor Jennifer Moore-Ambrosia from the College of Central Florida is offering a course on "Black History: Harlem Renaissance - A Cultural Awakening" from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24. Join in on the discussion about legendary sounds of music from those of the Cotton Club to that of Duke Ellington, and literary speech like that of Langston Hughes. Cost for this class is \$10 per member and \$15 for the general public.

There is so much more happening at the Master the Possibilities Education Center this month. For a complete list of upcoming and newly added classes and events, visit [www.masterthepossibilities.org](http://www.masterthepossibilities.org), or call our office for more information from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 352-861-9751.



Photos courtesy of Master the Possibilities

Dr. Joe Ponds (left) presents "The Measure of a Man" and Michael Tougias (right) presents "The Strange Case of Laconia" in February.

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am always adding information depending on additional or newer research that I conduct.

**SCAM ALERT:** I recently got an email from one of my credit cards warning me of suspicious activity on my account. I looked at the message (but did not click the attachment) and saw that it came from some "portal.com.br." That "br" told me the message came from Brazil. Even so, I called the card company, using the phone number on the back of the card (and not from any other source) and spoke with someone who assured me the message was a scam. Please remember never to open attachments to messages without verifying by an independent source, what the message is about and where it came from.

**Q.** What is wrong with having a certified copy of my deed so that I can protect my home from scammers? Also, if I lose or misplace my original deed, won't I have to have a certified copy of it for legal purposes?

**A.** Well, one thing that's wrong with having a certified copy of the deed is that no one ever needs a certified copy. Why? Because your deed will be recorded in the public records of the county where the property is located. So, having a certified copy is a waste of money. You can download a copy of your recorded deed for free, from the clerk of courts. Or you can contact the title company who handled your closing, and they will probably give you one for free. As for needing it for legal purposes, I cannot think of what legal purpose that might be. The "official-looking" letters folks get about needing certified copies, or any kind of copies, where you must pay for them are, in my humble opinion, a scam.

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On Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, I was honored to speak on the United States Constitution, before a group of residents in Clearwater. This was a repeat of the same lecture I gave at Master the Possibilities in Ocala in September 2022. My discussion included a brief mention of the Articles of Confederation, which was the first constitution for the nation.

The actual purpose of the Articles of Confederation was to create something akin to a League of Friendship among the original 13 colonies, with its purpose being to enable the nascent nation to fight the British to establish that the United States is, and of right ought to be, a free and independent nation. Once the Treaty of Paris ended the Revolutionary War, the Articles of Confederation were no longer sufficient to enable the country to govern itself, pay its debts and in general function as a free and independent nation. Thus, the men we call our Founders, met in Philadelphia to argue, debate, and agree upon what is now the Constitution of the oldest Federal Democratic Republic in existence.

I then discussed each one of the Articles of our Constitution, plus the first 10 amendments which we call the Bill of Rights, plus one other amendment, the Fourteenth Amendment. I also spoke on what I consider to be present-day issues: Electoral College, abortion, privacy, and religion. I expected these to be controversial matters, but I believe that everyone in the audience was well-aware, that we can't turn on the news, follow any social media, or read the newspapers (except the World News) without being burdened with these issues.

I finished with a discussion of my favorite Founder, and the man considered to be the father of our Constitution, James Madison. As with my audience in Ocala, the Clearwater audience was interested and from the questions asked, it was clear they were engaged and quite serious about our Constitution.

This was a wonderful experience for me, and I am hopeful that I will be able to give a similar discussion on the Constitution in the future. As I do with all my lectures, both on legal matters and most certainly on historical matters, I

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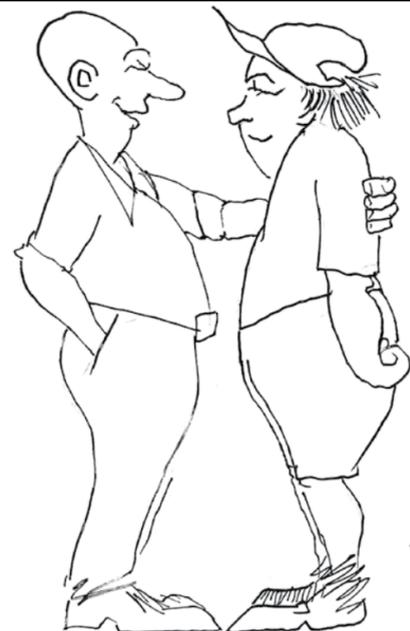
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By Stan Goldstein



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# Annual Food and Toy Drive

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Vanessa Andujar and her On Top of the World new home sales team of volunteers were at it again.

This was the fifth year that Vanessa organized the food drive for Interfaith Emergency Services of Marion County and toy drive for Toys for Tots. Donation boxes were placed at key locations around the community so people could donate non-perishable food and unwrapped toys.

“We were happy to see,” said Vanessa, “that donors were exceptionally generous with toy donations. Every day we received calls to come and empty the boxes. It was amazing and wonderful.”

To alert our community of the food and toy drive, Vanessa’s team of eight volunteers distributed flyers and spread the word that the request for donations would be kicking off on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022. And on that morning cars and golf carts lined up at an early hour outside the Recreation Center. Grateful volunteers anxiously accepted bags and boxes filled with everything from cereal, pasta sauce, spaghetti, tuna fish, mustard, mayonnaise, tooth paste and brushes, and, of course, the ubiquitous peanut butter. On that same day generous folks

were also dropping toys into large boxes.

After that Monday’s initial drive-by and drop-off, residents were able to continue to drop off their food donations at one of 14 designated locations. Volunteers picked up those donations daily and delivered it all to the storage facility.

The final drive-by and drop-off was on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, outside of the Recreation Center – it was, again, a very successful day.

By Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, the last day of the food and toy drive, Vanessa and her team were able to donate more than 7,300 pounds of food to Interfaith Emergency Services.

“The donated toys were everything you could ever imagine a kid wanting. I wish I could have been there to see some of their joyful faces,” said Vanessa. She also expressed a giant thank you to all the generous people who took the time to come out and donate as much as they did. “I’m sure it all made a difference in making it a merry Christmas for many.”

Vanessa Andujar went on to recognize and thank everyone on her team and residents, who worked so hard and tirelessly to make the 2022 food and toy drive such a success – “Thank you all.”



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A sampling of the donations stored at the storage unit.



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Vanessa Andujar and her volunteers.

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landscaping. We love our landscaping, but now is the time to be patient. It is ill advised to trim off seemingly dead foliage, at least until mid-April when the chance of a hard-cold snap is past. Hand water a little bit if you wish; majority of planting will return from the shock once the temperatures come up to 75 degrees. Once the weather decides whether it wants to be winter or summer, the Management Company will decide when to start mowing again or service equipment for the coming growing season. It has been a typical winter so far, fluctuating between short cold snaps and warm periods.

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

So, if I get what I have asked for (to be determined) ... what to do with shocked and droopy plants in your landscape

beds? The original plantings installed in your neighborhood at the time of construction were selected for their cold and drought hardiness. Sudden and severe cold weather may cause some plants to brown and leaves to curl.

Do not uproot plants affected by the cold. They will surprise you with their recovery. Sometimes we are too quick to prune frost damage from plant material shortly after cold temperatures have gone but we need to be careful. Pruning plant material too soon can cause plants to want to flush back out creating more problems when the next frost or hard freeze hits. Wait one to two weeks after the cold damage has occurred then look to prune back your plants. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter, so be forewarned.

### Safety Tips

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

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

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

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

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

Above all, have a functioning fire extinguisher in your kitchen! Read the instructions and be ready to use it, especially on a grease fire.

### Common Sense Courtesy

All the On Top of the World family of communities are distinguished for their friendliness for dogs.

Maybe you've noticed as I have, that people who regularly walk their pets are in generally good physical condition. The question is: who is helping who here? The pets love the walk, and the owners improve their cardiac and overall health. It's a great arrangement.

As a point of common courtesy, please curb your dog(s) or walk them in the common areas, avoiding private spaces such as lawns. And yes, carry several bags to clean up behind your pet immediately.

### Drone Use

Please make note that drones may not be operated over private property of residential areas of any of the communities at On Top of the World. All residents have an expectation of privacy. Drones may violate the privacy of residents.

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Around the World



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Welcome to February! We have experienced some interesting weather. We've been through freezing, thawing, lovely temperatures between 65 and 75 degrees, all in about 10 days! According to forecasts (I know ...), February will also be our mellow weather month with cool evenings and warm days. Enjoy!

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

Just a reminder that the board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center. The budget, roof replacements and rule changes will be reviewed for the upcoming year.

Resident Services

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

The Resident Services office is closed the third Wednesday of every month

from noon to 1 p.m. 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 OTOWInfo.com > Maintenance Request and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting and click submit.

ID cards and up to two gate access controls may be issued per household. Photo ID cards are updated every five years. Additional annual fees will apply for more than two occupants.

Ocala Open

The Candler Hills Golf Course will host the Ocala Open once again this year. The charity Pro-Am will be held on Tuesday, March 21, and the pro tournament will be held from Wednesday, March 22, through Friday, March 24. The event will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight some of the world's best men's professional golfers while benefiting local charities, Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. Last year's tournament raised \$80,000. Total amount raised beginning 2008 is \$893,064. This is an event you won't want to miss. Come out and be a spectator and enjoy

watching exciting golf.

Zoysia Maintenance Tips

For owner-maintained lawns, give your Zoysia a buzz-cut for the first mow of the spring. Keep it mowed between one to two inches for the remainder of spring.

Fertilize your lawn using a slow-release fertilizer applying no more than one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet and a half pound of potassium.

Don't overwater. In the spring growing season, Zoysia needs about half an inch of water per week from natural rainfall or irrigation.

In the active growing season, Zoysia needs about one inch of water per week from natural rainfall or irrigation.

Apply a broad-spectrum insecticide to prevent spring insects from appearing or to control any current spring insects like chinch bugs or white grubs.

Apply a systemic fungicide at a preventive rate to keep disease from taking hold of your lawn. If you see circular patches of brown or dead grass, do not apply fertilizer until you've applied a systemic fungicide at a curative rate and

your grass has recovered.

For the health and safety of your lawn, please consult with a landscape professional before applying chemicals.

Winter Landscape

The cold snap experienced over the holidays has caused significant damage to the landscape within the community. You may notice plants that look dead or dying. Many of these can be cut back to the ground and will begin to show new growth in the spring once warmer weather returns, usually after April 15, when soil temperatures warm up enough to consistently support root growth. Pruning back too soon may stimulate leaf growth during a warm spell, only to be damaged in another cold snap. When planting new plants, follow the Association Standards found within the Rule and Regulations. Plants on that list were selected for growth attributes, cold and drought tolerance consistent with plants that can survive within zone 9a.

Something to Take with You

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West

Community Emergency Response Team



Andrea La Fave

To all ham radio operators or would-be operators - in the case of a community wide emergency, such as might be triggered by weather, community ham radio operators can assist the Community Emergency Response Team from home by tuning in to Simplex frequency 146.565.

You could be very helpful reporting on building damage, blocked roads, medical emergencies, and other vital information.

The ham radio operators command center for establishing contact with Marion County Emergency Management has been designated for On Top of the World in the Hobby Building Art Room.

The local Community Emergency Response Team is always happy to include more local ham operators, and training is also available through the Marion County Sheriff's Office for those willing to learn to use ham radio. For information, please contact brucetwiss@yahoo.com.

You are always welcome to visit the monthly meeting of our Community Emergency Response Team, held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Please call Debra at 412-443 2930 to confirm date and location.

OneBlood Bloodmobile



Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® was here for its first Friday blood drive of the year on Jan. 6. Our goal was 15 whole blood units. We got the 15 units as well as two units of double red blood. Way to go, heroes. The Friday drive will be back in May.

The Big Red Bus® will be here Monday, Feb. 6 with two buses for their usual first Monday of every even month schedule. The time is 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Recreation Center parking lot. Each donor will receive a mini physical that includes blood pressure, temperature, and cholesterol screening. Each donor will also receive an \$20 e-card to be redeemed at local business and online. Please bring your photo ID and eat a good meal before and after donating. Drink plenty of liquids, too.

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**Eco Gardeners**



**Phil Karcheski**

ing the precious seeds in anticipation of their next bountiful harvest of vegetables.

I will have started seedlings from seeds saved from my best fruit from last year. I have also propagated tomatoes from last year's plants and kept them alive to plant this year.

As part of a rotational garden, I will be alternating my plantings between rows of clover, rye, and a seed mixture to act as a green nutrient. This adds nitrogen to the soil, and with compost naturally tilled into the soil, vegetables can be replanted the next season.

It's time to prepare the soil if you are planning a garden this year. A test from the University of Florida (UF) testing labs can give you information regarding your soil's pH, any deficiencies or excess essential minerals, fertility levels of the principle essential nutrients as well as furnish information identifying how much of each is required for optimum plant growth.

The \$10 investment in a soil test can save you money by reducing fertilizer applications; it can also pinpoint the wrong fertilizer types and/or amounts. The test results are returned to you via email. The UF staff are knowledgeable and willing to help you on the phone to answer any questions about your results then.

For more information on submitting samples, email [soilslab.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:soilslab.ifas.ufl.edu).

Additional information regarding gardening can be obtained by contacting the Marion County Master Gardeners at 352-671-8400. They can answer questions and will accept texted pictures (352-456-8013) to help identify diseases and insects that may help or hurt your gardens.

If you are interested in joining the EcoGardeners Club, send an email to [gardenc58@gmail.com](mailto:gardenc58@gmail.com). Please include your name, address, and phone number.

Last summer and fall were very difficult seasons for us gardeners. The unusual weather of hot and humid days as well as too much rain brought on fungus, mold, and infectious bacteria. Unfortunately, the spores from these disorders are carried in the wind, spreading through the gardens, consequently affecting many vine plants and tomatoes. Organic control becomes difficult under these circumstances.

At the end of December, when the tomatoes and other vegetables were beginning to ripen, a three-day frost killed off many plants. Even those that are normally winter hardy were not spared. Only my cauliflower and salad greens which were covered survived the frost. Cabbage and broccoli were also survivors. Green tomatoes that I harvested were placed in a brown paper bag and ripened with an apple. The apple gives off ethylene gas, promoting ripening without making the tomato soft or attracting fruit flies compared to placing them on the windowsill.

The frost killing the grass in the aisles did have benefits for gardeners. It also brought in flocks of finches and other small migrating birds picking out weed seeds among the dormant blades decreasing the probability of increase of weeds next year. All of this is an integral part of the natural cycle of life.

Currently many gardeners are perusing a plethora of seed catalogs, planning their seed purchases for the coming planting season. Our gardeners are anxiously waiting for the right conditions to begin poking holes in the soil, plant-



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The Dancing Jewels prepare to dance during the holidays in December 2022 (top) and at the Health & Wellness Expo in January (bottom).

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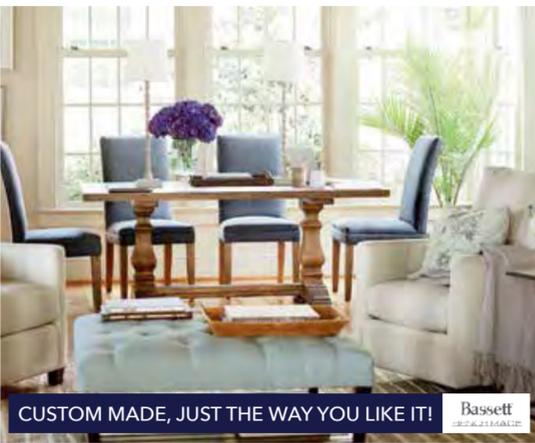
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**Finding Zen**

Christina Shearer  
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chants and fantastical fares. Come experience the whimsical world of fairies, gnomes, and other mythical creatures at Sholom Park!

Enjoy live mystical music with the O'Possums, featuring Irish songs, tunes, and stories from 1 to 4 p.m. on the stage. Dance along with the Irish Echoes as they perform the high kicks and loud clicks of traditional Irish-Celtic step dancing.

The magical marketplace will be filled with merchants selling mystical merchandise, whimsical services, and fantastical fares. Shop for handmade trinkets, jewelry, art, food, and more with local merchants. Our amazing sponsors and participating partners will host a variety of free fairy-friendly activities and magical arts and crafts.

Experience the magic of make-believe and imagination as you search high and low in the Enchanted Forest for hidden fairy doors and mischievous gnomes. Make your way down Fairytale Lane to the pergebo where you will find our very own Fairy Godmother sharing the enchanting tales of fairies, gnomes, and other mythical creatures. Meet unicorns Lily and Lancelot, and Skippy the

dragon, a 20-foot-long smoke-breathing dragon in the whimsical world of fantasy. It will be an afternoon of fantastical fun for everyone at Sholom Park.

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. and experience the magic of make-believe at Sholom Park! Enjoy live musical entertainment and explore a whimsical world of fantasy and 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](http://www.sholompark.org) or the Sholom Park Facebook page.

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**Indigo East Tag Sale\***

It's time to clean out our closets, garages, and storage units and make a little extra cash! We will host an Indigo East Tag Sale Friday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Indigo East Community Center. Purchase a table (\$8 each) and bring your items to sell. Your trash could be someone's treasure.

**Happy Hour**

Get your dancing shoes on and come feel the beat. Bring drinks and snacks because you are in for a great night at our Friday Happy Hour with live music. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.

The upcoming entertainment is as follows:

- Feb. 3: Joe Jarrell
- Feb. 10: The BadKitty Band
- Feb. 17: Rock Solid
- Feb. 24: Kurtis Mae

**Community News**

Please refrain from throwing biodegradable plastic in the compost bin at the garden plot.

*\*To register, visit the Indigo East office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to 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**

**Nilva Torres**  
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Welcome to the shortest month of the year! The month of love and friendship. We have several fun activities for you to enjoy with friends and neighbors at The Lodge of Candler Hills.

**Lobby Lounge Music**

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. You will enjoy easy listening piano music by Prestine Allen. Bring your own favorite beverages and glasses to share with friends.

**Girls Night Out**

Ladies, it's time to have fun again with our first Girls Night Out for 2023. Join us Thursday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. and let's party with live entertainment by Robert France. Bring your own beverage and favorite snack to share with your friends.

This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

**Happy Hour**

Happy Hour takes place the third Saturday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. On Saturday, Feb. 18, Crossfire Band will be here for your entertainment.

Bring your own beverages and snacks and enjoy dancing with friends and neighbors. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

**Kocktails & Karaoke**

Charlie and Kathy are back on Thursday, Feb. 23, for Kocktails & Karaoke from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Ballroom. Come sing and dance with other Candler Hills residents. Bring your own beverage(s). This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest 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 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Payment is required at the 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 registered event.*

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**Democratic Club**

**Dan Lack**



The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provides representatives to speak at meetings around the state. Lenora Spence will drive up from Orlando and speak to our club Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. "Scams Targeting Senior Citizens" is the topic. You may think that you are immune from being cheated by an unscrupulous individual, but it can and does happen to people like us every day. Come and learn how you can protect yourself from these devious scoundrels.

The election for our next board of directors will take place at our March meeting. You may run for any position: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or director. Use the contact information at the end of this column to express your avid interest.

Our club supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, a former Ritz hotel that was converted into a facility for formerly homeless veterans. Ocala Ritz Veterans Village 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. They need 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 meetings.

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

**Community Patrol**



**Erwin Fluss**

There are several purposes for the Community Patrol but primarily we aim to keep you safe.

We constantly remind about speeding and failure to stop at stop signs. Sometimes there are deputies giving warnings or tickets. We also would like to remind walkers after dark to carry a flashlight, wear reflective clothing, and walk facing traffic. Please also remember to close your garage doors especially after dark.

Another purpose of this column is to entice you to volunteer for the Community Patrol. There is much ground to cover, and we appreciate all the help we can get. Contact Paul Altman at 860-460-7632 or [shelvesc@oal.com](mailto:shelvesc@oal.com) for further information.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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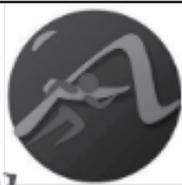
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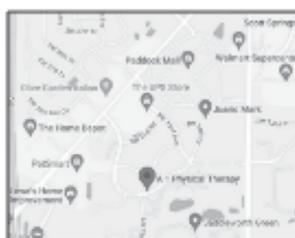
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**Recreation Center**



**Theresa Fields**  
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We are moving into the new year quite vigorously! We are excited to announce the opening of The Landing in Weybourne Landing that took place on Jan. 18. Weybourne Landing residents are excited to have their own facility and we are working hard to plan new and exciting events for that community.

**Tropic Trivia Night\***

Tropic trivia is very popular with everyone ready for mind-boggling challenges. Don't miss out on your team's opportunity to participate. Our next trivia is Thursday, Feb. 2. Please note that beverages, water bottles, or cups are not permitted.

Sign-ups are currently being accepted for March through July. You must provide a list of your team players names at time of sign-up. Trivia is held the first Thursday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom, and the cost is \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest attending with resident.

**January**

1: Card Sharks; Tie at 2: Flying Moles & Gym Rats.

**Ocala's Horse Country Tour\***

Join us on Fridays, Feb. 3, and Feb. 24, as we tour Ocala's horse country and get an insider's view of all that is included in Marion County. The tour includes close interaction with the horses and the people who handle them. During the drive between stops, learn the history and fun facts about Ocala's horses, and points of interest. There are about 20 to 30 minutes of walking at each farm. Please wear closed-toe shoes for this trip. After the farm, we will stop at the World Equestrian Center for lunch (on your own). You will have two and a half hours to explore freely. The cost is \$38 per person.

**Karaoke**

Can you carry a tune? Do you like singing? Join us Thursday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom as Kathy and Charlie Petrosky, DJ for this event. You are sure to have a great time! This is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

**Florida State Fair\***

Join us for a day at the Florida State Fair Thursday, Feb. 16, in Tampa, Florida. The cost is \$37 per person. Step back in time to 19th century Florida at Tampa's only living history museum. If you are a kid at heart, you can enjoy the many fair rides throughout the property, along with live entertainment, crafts, and plenty of food. Please note there is a lot of walking on this trip.

**Social Hour**

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

**Victory Casino\***

Join us for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The cost is \$54 per person which includes roundtrip transportation, food voucher, port boarding fee and \$20 in qualifying slot play. You will enjoy 600 of the latest slot machines, bingo, and a sportsbook; 27 live table games including blackjack, craps, roulette, three card poker, ultimate Texas Hold'em; Let it Ride and EZ Bad; a la carte menu and live entertainment. No smoking allowed. Government issued photo ID will be required.

**Partner Dance Night**

Ballroom and pattern dancers come enjoy a night of dancing among those who know the dancing etiquette for these beautiful dance moves Thursday, Feb. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom with Automatic. This is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Proper dancing etiquette is required for this night. Line dancing, or single dancing will not be permitted.

**Tap Dance Classes\***

Have some fun with tap instructor Penny Berton. She is patient, caring, creative, and a great choreographer. No experience necessary. She will start with the basics, and you'll find yourself progressing quickly. Join the class, bring those tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes) and awaken your love for tap.

- Intermediate: Tuesdays, at 2:15 p.m.
- Advanced: Tuesdays, at 1 p.m.

Classes are \$20 per person for a four-week class (monthly) which take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

**Intermediate Broadway Dance Class\***

Do you love musicals? All choreography will be inspired and styled after

those foot-stomping favorites. This is a seven-week session with no experience needed. The cost for the two-month class is \$42 per person. Any comfortable shoes can be worn (no sandals, please). Classes are Fridays (March/April, and May/June) at 1:15 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Dance Studios I-IV.

**Ballroom Dance Lessons\***

Butch Phillips teaches social ballroom. Singles and couples are welcome. The three-week class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 per resident, per three-week class.

Classes will 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. The classes are as follows: February- Salsa and Hustle; March-Rumba; April- Foxtrot; May-Cha-Cha; and June-Waltz.

**Pool Pavilion Happy Hour**

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

The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Feb. 3: Fred Campbell
- Feb. 10: Robert France
- Feb. 17: Take 2
- Feb. 24: Palomino Blonde

We will also be providing an additional Happy Hour at the Recreation Center pool pavilion on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. with Double Trouble.

Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be permitted at the Recreation Center veranda, pool, or pool pavilion.

**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:

- Feb. 3: No Happy Hour
- Feb. 10: Rear View Mirror
- Feb. 17: Groove 41
- Feb. 24: Bootleggers

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.

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

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge at Candler Hills	SW 87th Cir	8:35 a.m.
Providence	91st Cir East - 91st Cir West - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Cl. 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 Cl. 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 Cl. 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
<b>Exit Community</b>		<b>9:38 a.m.</b>

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

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

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

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

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	
Friendship Center	Braveo
Publix	Big Lots
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For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533

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

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## SWANS Pay it Forward

By Sandi Dickerson

The Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established for single women at On Top of the World in 2006. Our motto is "SWANS are never alone and never forgotten." Networking is an important part of being a SWAN. It gives you the opportunity to get out and meet other women in similar circumstances.

We continue to meet Saturdays in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room to play samba. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. and bring six decks of shuffled cards. We start playing at 10 a.m.

Let Lois know if you are interested in learning hand and foot. We will be starting those classes soon!

We are planning another mystery trip in the spring. We will also be going to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park and The Yearling Restaurant again in the spring.

We had 16 SWANS go on the bus trip to Branson, Missouri in December 2022. We saw seven shows and each one was better than the last one. It was a packed trip, and we were really worn out by the time we got back to Ocala. A wonderful time was had by all!

Eight SWANS spent Christmas 2022 in Biloxi, Mississippi. It was cold but lots of fun! Every month we go to several different restaurants and enjoy fellowship with other SWANS. In January, we had break-

fast at Momma B's, lunch at Latinos Y Mas, and dinner at Amrit Palace. Thanks to Sallie Pisano, Renee Turner, Theresa Daughtery, and Lois Nix for hosting! If you would like to host either a breakfast, lunch, or dinner out, please contact Lois as she has some openings for the upcoming months.

The Christmas party was great. SWANS did a wonderful job cooking. Thanks to all who cooked, helped set up and cleaned up. Once again, a special thank you to Barbara Martin who coordinated the raffle. Barbara got all the items that were raffled off and we made lots of money for the Ocala Women's Crisis Center just from the raffle!

We cannot do without those of you who volunteer; it is because of you that we live the true mission of the SWANS: friendship, support, volunteering, socialization, and love. We did miss those of you who could not attend. We met our goal of a \$500 donation for the women's shelter. We converted the cash into 20 \$25 gift cards for Walmart, then went to the center not only with the cards, but trays of food, candy, cake, toiletries, etc.

Our group's sole purpose is to make sure the single women in On Top of the World are never alone in this journey. If you are interested in joining us, give Lois a call. Remember, SWANS are never alone and never forgotten!

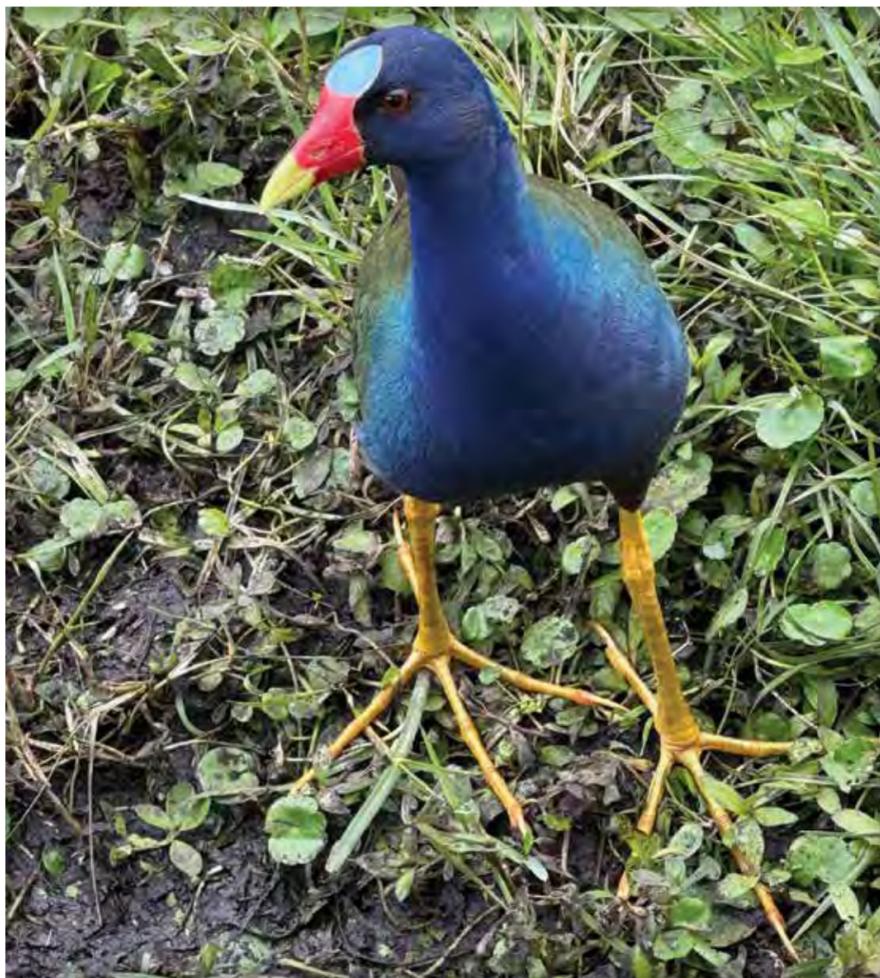


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Purple gallinule.

## Birding is a Hoot

By Linda Monaco

On Thursday, Feb. 23, we will visit the Sunnyhill Restoration Area in southeast Marion County. This area consists of a series of levees in the Ocklawaha River floodplain which have been constructed to improve water quality, limit flooding, and restore animal habitat. The area is very large encompassing thousands of acres with multiple trailheads and at least eight parking areas. Activities permitted within the area include picnicking, primitive camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, birding, fishing, and boating.

The restored freshwater marshlands are now home to black bears, river otters and bobcats that have gradually returned to the area. Best of all, Sunnyhill is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail. Thousands of sandhill cranes winter in the Ocklawaha River Basin. Birds of prey including owls, osprey, bald eagles, red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks are found here. Visitors can view many wading birds such as herons, ibis, and

egrets. Numerous other species such as purple gallinules, northern shovelers, buffleheads, and overwintering ducks such as blue-winged and green-winged teals are often seen in the area.

If you would like to join the group for this trip to the Sunnyhill Restoration Area on Thursday, Feb. 23, please contact Margitta Claterbos at mclaterbos@gmail.com. We will meet in the parking lot of Friendship Center just outside the SW 99th Street gate for On Top of the World. We will carpool and park remaining vehicles near Bank OZK but not in front of the bank. Before we leave the parking area at 7:30 a.m., printed driving directions will be distributed for both the birding trail and the restaurant where we will enjoy lunch together. Sunnyhill Restoration Area is about 45 to 50 minutes from On Top of the World. The trail is grassy, broad, and elevated with an observation tower and very little shade. Plan to bring your hat and apply the sunscreen.



Photo by Laura Lasky

SWANS Christmas party.

## Pet Food Drive a Success

By Melanie Vittitow

First order of business in this month's column is to thank all those residents who donated pet food at the "giving tree" we had set up at the Arbor Fitness Center in December 2022. We also owe a thank you to our vice president, Pam Rozmenoski, for organizing the tree and collecting all the goodies.

You may want to know what all the food was for. We assist Marion Senior Services by providing pet food for their Meals on Wheels program. We bag food for approximately 105 pets twice a month. Each packing requires approximately 70 pounds of dry cat food and 55, three-ounce cans of wet cat food. We use approximately 40 pounds of dry food for small dogs and 80 pounds of dry food for the larger dogs. We also add treats to each of the dog bags. If we don't get enough food in donations, we must buy the food. Thanks to all those generous people, we were able to feed our Meals on Wheels for pets for the whole month. The project was a great success, so we want to thank all who helped us help those in need.

If you didn't get a chance to donate in December, we happily accept donations all year round. For safety's sake, we only use brands made in America. You can drop off your donation on the porch of Evelyn Holiday at 8880-C SW 94th Street (Friendship Colony), or at our table at the Thursday Circle Square Commons

Farmers Market.

The next topic is a subject dear to our hearts - lost pets! We commonly help with the search and return of lost pets to their owners. This would not be a problem if all pets wore collars with a tag. Everyone says, "but my dog never goes out." All it takes is once for a tragedy to happen. Ideally pets would also be micro-chipped with their owner's name and current address, but pets inevitably get out after hours and the finder has to keep the animal, or find someone who will, until the next day. A tag with your phone number gets the pet home within minutes of being found. For those who are new to On Top of the World, the procedure is to call Residents Services and the SPCA when a pet is either lost or found. The chat rooms on Facebook only help if the owner uses Facebook and in this community many people don't.

If you would like to know more about what we do, you are welcome to attend our monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street (just past Pine Run)

You can also check out our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA) or SPCAofMarionCounty.Weebly.com or call us at 352-362-0985. And remember: "Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."

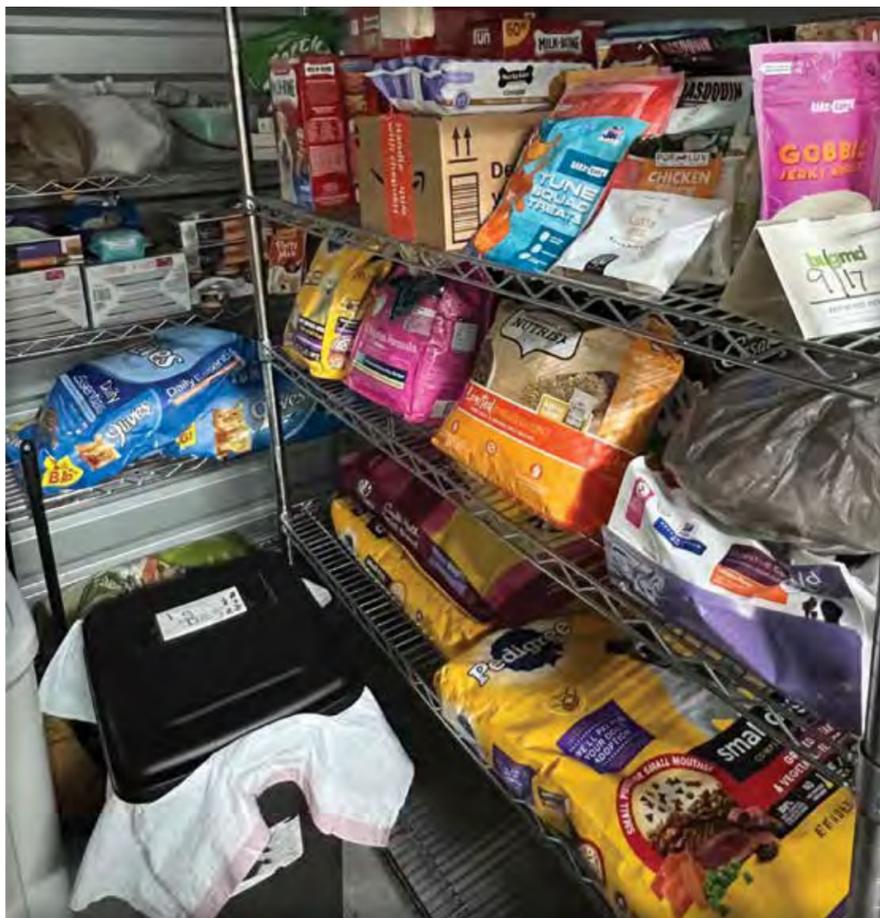


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**Computer Club**



**Chris Kilbride**

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

If you receive an email that seems to look legit from your bank or company asking to update your credit card PIN number, hopefully you don't click any links in the email. Just raise your eyebrow and hit delete immediately.

As seniors we should be slowing

down, but when checking emails, it seems we tend to speed up. It is best to not randomly click links and perhaps have a little more cautious and suspicious mind. Otherwise, the bad guys who send out these phishing emails will win the prize, which is you!

Malicious links are embedded in these fake emails and unsuspectingly lead you to what seems to be a trusted source, where you type in your credit card number, PIN, password, phone number, email or any other important data. Bingo! They can now make big purchases on your credit card in seconds, way before you realize something bad happened. Now you are dealing with credit card fraud on your account.

The concept of phishing revolves around baiting the unsuspected person (you) into thinking this is a real email (the bait) when actually, they hook you

when you click their fake link and type in your pertinent data. You are now the caught fish.

Granted, fake websites look authentic with all the graphics, same fonts and company themed colors. So instead of clicking the fake link, always start your own email to the company or better yet, give them a call.

Companies and banks never ask you for clarification of your critical information in an email. Independently log in to the company website, see if anything is wrong, perhaps look for any alerts.

Don't think phishing is just for emails, since attacks are also found in SMS text messages, social and chat applications. If they have your cell phone number or email, you can get a message — you need to be very leery here too. When deleting, mark them as spam.

So slow down. If you get any email

or message with some sort of alert or urgent reply, from either known or unknown companies or banks, just hit delete. You can't get caught if you don't take the bait!

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

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

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

**Tech Tips**



**Shane Bobson**

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you'll see a rotating arrow, spinning circle, or loading message on your TV screen. Once the video stream catches up, it plays again.

There are two main causes of buffering, it's either a problem with your local network or it's your service provider. If it's your local network, the likely causes are either that you have conflicting signals from other devices, the distance of your router to your streaming device or if you have too many devices plugged into your router. Also, your Wi-Fi network and its signal may be impacted by barriers, such as the walls in your home.

Slow speed from your internet service provider (ISP) is either due to a service-

related issue, not having a big enough bandwidth package (minimum 25 Mbps is recommended), or you have too many devices in your home using your available bandwidth. Also, the source you're streaming from, like Netflix or YouTube, may be experiencing issues such as the streaming providers' server being overloaded with too much traffic and/or the streaming provider is having internet issues themselves or is running on back-up service.

There are a couple of things you can do to minimize buffering. First and foremost, make sure you have adequate bandwidth. Most services like Netflix require a minimum of seven to 10 Mbps to effectively stream a single device at the standard 1080p quality. Now if you are watching a 4K, 7.1 surround-sound movie you're going to need at least 25 Mbps

to support it without buffering. And that 25Mbps doesn't account for other devices, including your cell phone, that share the same bandwidth across your home. Another solution is to use an ethernet hardline wherever possible. A shielded ethernet cable is secure from outside interference and can handle data at a faster rate than Wi-Fi. Get in the habit of occasionally, and properly, power-cycling your networking equipment. You can also pause the stream for a minute or two to give the stream a chance to buffer or catch up. While most of the streams you click on will work with no problems at all, these tips should help you understand and improve your in-home streaming experience. Questions on the best ways to stream, or with your internet service? Contact Bridgenet Communications at 352-873-4817.

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**Southern Club**



**Melanie Vittitow**

The Southern Club had a great meeting in January. Dee Collier, in the role of Lizzie Jane – a pioneer of the middle 1800s – told us a little of the history of Marion County. Here are a few tidbits that you may not know.

In 1845 when Florida became a state,

there were 1,475 residents of Marion County. The most common avenue of trade was by river until the railroad built a spur from Jacksonville. Cattle and farming were the main sources of income and they even traded as far as Cuba, except during the Civil War when all the ports were blockaded. In case you haven't already heard; the term "cracker" came from the sound of the whips that the cowhands used to control and roundup the cattle. And finally, Ocala got the name "Brick City" when they rebuilt the city after the great fire of 1883 burned down most of the wooden structures in downtown.

If you have a chance to see Ms. Collier perform, you will be amazed by how she stays in character the whole time and gives you a first-person account of life at the time she is portraying.

Since February is the month for Valentines, we will be entertained with songs of love by Kathy and Charlie Petrosky of Karaoke Friends. I have a feeling that we will be coerced, I mean asked, to join in. It should be fun (and funny!)

We meet the first Tuesday of the month; our date this month is Feb. 7. We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. We start with a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m., so come about 5 p.m. to have time to figure out where you will be sitting, get your drinks, and socialize. Besides a dish to share, we ask you to bring your plates and utensils. We furnish coffee, tea (sweet and unsweet), and lemonade.

All residents and Gateway of Services pass holders are welcome. We'd love for y'all to join us next Tuesday, so mark your calendar. You can come as a guest the first time but if you plan to join, I have a bargain for you. Since our club season is half over, the dues have been reduced so you only need to bring \$5 plus your resident ID. If you have any questions, call me at 352-615-8997.

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**Women of the World**

Colleen Rocafort



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 anyone new in the community, attending a Women of the World meeting is a perfect way to meet your neighbors while becoming involved in a

great community organization.

At our January meeting, we had an exciting program on "Self Defense for Seniors" instructed by Lt. Paul Bloom from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. This was a highly informative program which taught us basic self-defense techniques.

Our featured charity was Project Hope of Marion County, Inc., a nonprofit, faith based, transitional and supportive housing program - serving homeless mothers with children in Marion County. April McDonald, director of Project Hope thanked the members for their most generous donations of household items and necessities.

For our upcoming Thursday, Feb. 16 meeting, Mary Hect and Karen Holliday from the American Heart Associa-

tion will speak about stroke awareness, which includes signs and symptoms of stroke and the need for quick care. The support part is about living and caring for a stroke victim.

Our featured February charity is All About You Angels. This organization supports women being treated for breast cancer who can't afford basic needs while they are going through radiation and chemotherapy treatment. Their needs are for gift cards for food and/or gas. Money donated goes to help purchase wigs, special bras, etc.

Several of our members represented the club at the Club Fair in January, where we had a tabletop display highlighting our activities and sponsored charities. We had a lot of interactions

and sold tickets to the upcoming annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

Please hold Wednesday, March 22, for the annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at Circle Square Cultural Center. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are still available. Cost is \$35 per person. Tables seat 10. You can purchase either a whole table or individual seats.

Our monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month at the Recreation Center Ballroom starting at noon. The club is open to all women residents, including Gateway of Services passholders. If you are interested in joining us, please give Betty Thayer, club president a call at 352-361-1313.

**Genealogical Society**

Ron Niebo



Congratulations ... members report they are making progress in resolving their 2023 new year's resolution "brick wall" issues. So nice to learn members are assisting each other. Hooray ... what a great start for 2023!

On Monday, Jan. 16, the club began its 2023 educational meetings with a special two-hour presentation by staff from the Ocala Family History Center. They reviewed how the portal at the center provides access to worldwide premium genealogy databases and sources. Most importantly, portal access is free, while at the center. Also, the center offers on-site assistance from experienced staff and has a library with 500-plus genealogy books and references. The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints sponsors

the center, and it is open to the public. Dates and times vary; call ahead at 352-351-4163.

Paul Belter, our president, will be the presenter on Monday, Feb. 20 and will focus on using church records. Churches started recording life-event information long before any civil/state efforts began. These records can provide detailed information regarding event dates, locations, maiden and married names, parents and sponsors, home addresses, etc. His second topic is an overview of the website European History Online (<http://ieg-ego.eu/en/ego>). It contains historical information and will support searches based on dates, region, city, and specific topics.

Genealogy factoid: A little about the most used genealogy numbering (tracking) system, known as ahnentafel. Using it allows genealogists to assign different ancestors with identical names a unique identifying number. In this system, the root person (say, the genealogist) is number one. From there, the system doubles

a person's number to get the number for the root person's father and adds one to that number to get the mother's number. So, the root person's father is two and mother is three. The paternal grandfather and grandmother are four and five; the maternal grandfather and grandmother are six and seven. The system can track many generations. Except for the root person, who is always number one, males are always even numbers while females are odd numbers.

The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on assisting genealogical investigations. Meetings

are both in-person and via Zoom on the 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. Individual yearly dues are \$20 per resident or \$35 per resident couple. For membership information, contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at [wkellymt@outlook.com](mailto:wkellymt@outlook.com).

**Lions Club**

Gail Morris



The Lions Club participated in the Health & Wellness Expo in January, assisting those in attendance with diabetes screening. Our members have taken the appropriate training for this valuable screening. Diabetes is often undetected, so this screening can assist folks by alerting them to the change in their blood sugar level and then follow-up with a visit to their doctor.

Our fundraising committee has been busy researching some new possibilities for our community to come out and have a good time in support of the Lions. It's always a challenge to do something different and entertaining. Good luck, committee.

Lion President Ken Vaudo has been keeping our club members informed by emails with information from Lions International and managing our club activities. Ken keeps the club on track and moving forward.

We are pleased to say our membership is growing, and our new members are stepping right in and becoming active members. Estelle Michelson is our membership chair, and she has been reaching out to those that are interested. If you think the Lions Club is a consideration, please contact Estelle at 352-861-7358.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m.

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**Rhode Island Group**

Judy Parisi



Jay said to his wife, "Let's see if it's for sale."

They turned the car around and as they drove by, the entrance gate opened as one of the staff came out. Jay and Mavis drove through the gate up to the house and rang the bell. The caretaker answered and Jay asked if the house was for sale. The caretaker said it was, but it had not been listed.

They were able to have a tour, and Jay asked the caretaker to get the owner on the phone. He asked, "Will you sell the house as-is, with everything, all the furniture, the ketchup in the refrigerator, the saltshakers and just walk away?" The owner said yes, and they agreed on

a price and closed in 30 days.

This is not a typical house. The name of the property is Seafair, and it sold for \$13.5 million. Seafair is a 15,861 square foot Louis XIV inspired chateau designed and built in 1936 by British architect William Mackenzie Jr. for Verner Zevola Reed Jr., a banker and heir to a mining fortune. It sits on nine acres and has an expansive view of the Atlantic. The compound has a tennis court, infinity pool, and carriage cottage, a six-car garage, and private beaches. With 12 bedrooms, 13 bathrooms, a paneled library, formal dining room and chef's kitchen, it is truly spectacular.

Leno has said for the price of a con-

do on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles he got a castle in Rhode Island on the ocean. The property was originally called Terra Mae, but the second owner named it Seafair. It is one of the last of the Gilded Age cottages.

Jay is known to frequent restaurants and events, especially those featuring vintage cars, in the Newport area.

The Rhode Island Group meets periodically for lunch to reminisce about our times in Rhode Island. If you are not on our email list but would like to join us please send your contact information to [judith.paris@gmail.com](mailto:judith.paris@gmail.com). We welcome those who have lived, worked, studied, or served in Rhode Island and their families.



Photo by Judy Parisi

Seafair.

**R/C LadyBirds**



Linda Lohr

The first meeting of the new year took place on Friday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. It was great to catch up with friends. Dues were collected, snacks were eaten, and there was planning for future events

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

Our next meeting is Friday, Feb. 10. Hope to see you there!

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

**Silver Rainbow Club**



Jeanne Bennett-Bailey

We are a welcoming and affirming group open to all. We are LGBTQ+ allies providing a safe space to gather, socialize, and enjoy each other's company. We meet the third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. From January to June, we will be meeting at the Candler Hills Community Center. From July to December, we will be meeting at the Arbor Conference Center.

We are off to a great start to 2023! At our first meeting, we planned for many activities for this year, including a Valentine's Day celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center.

To get the latest information about all our events, visit [SilverRainbowClub.com](http://SilverRainbowClub.com), and our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club). We hope to see you soon!

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Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell



on it. At the end a drawing was held to determine and honor a grand prize winner. Mark Moelling discovered that it was a dubious honor when he unveiled his prize of a toilet darts game. But hey - it's a game and goes with our theme!

For our Sunday, Feb. 12 gathering we will be back at our usual location in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I and II beginning at 6 p.m. Yes, this is Super Bowl Sunday, but some folks still want to get together. At press time we're pondering what to do about food and an Activity Center. Members and prospects will be notified by email when plans are firmed up.

Mark your calendar for horse racing time! Sunday, March 12 we will once again hold our Irish sweepstakes races. This was one of our most popular events of last year. You won't want to miss it.

Texas Connection is a club for residents who have a connection to the Lone Star State by being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason such as vacation, professional, competitions, etc.; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven't been to Texas are considered honorary Texans by association. We would love to tell you more about our group and get you on the email list for club news and notifications. Contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

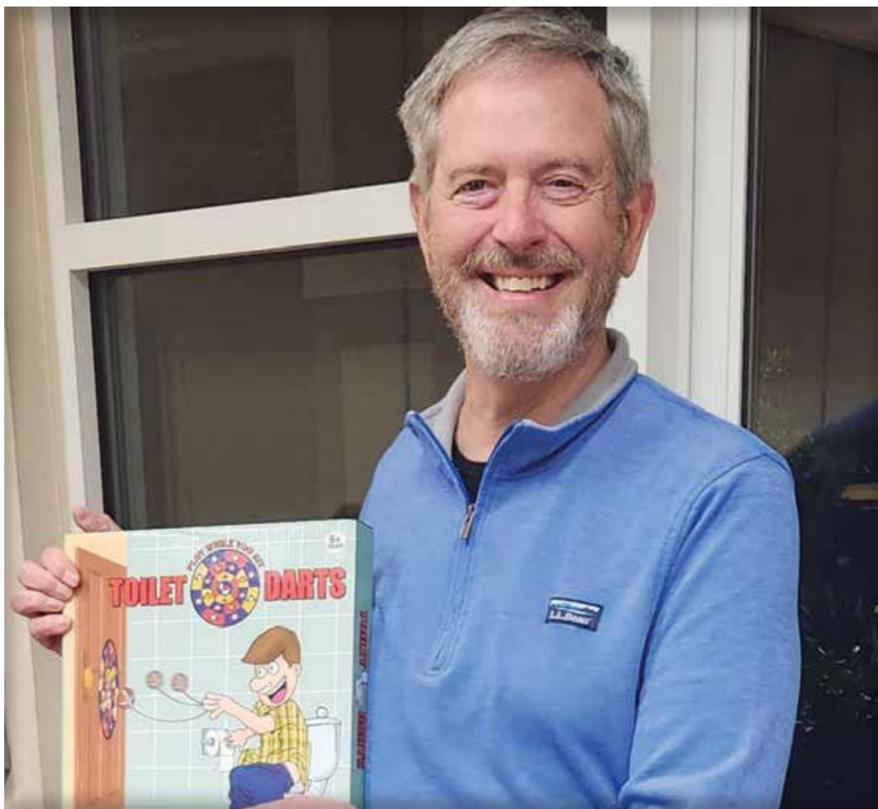


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Texas Connection game night "grand" prize winner Mark Moelling.

For January we "strapped on the feed bag" and filled up on pizza and dessert before holding our game night. One that was played, chicken foot dominoes, was invented in Texas. Other groups tried the left center right dice game, and some tried the wild version as well. In both, a chip goes to the pot or to a neighboring player depending on your roll of special game playing dice. With the wild version you can take a chip from anyone at the table.

Our loudest competitors that night were the groups playing "friend or foe", a card swapping game where you lose if you have the lowest denomination card. Some of you know this game by its "street name" which isn't printable here. Last year we had renamed it "stick it to your neighbor" but thanks to Bettie Moelling we have a new, better fitting name.

All these games can be played with money but since some had never played, we had a different rewards system of sorts. Each table had a "brag bag" in which the winner of the round put in a slip of paper with their name and game



Photo by Marilyn Capanec

Connie Lee picking her white elephant gift.

Christian Women's Group

Sandi Kemp



Our meeting in December 2022, was on Christmas Eve with a delicious potluck and homemade Christmas cookies and desserts! The husbands were invited and enjoyed the great food and fun as we played a white elephant gift exchange game and bingo. Marion Savage played several Christmas carols on the piano and we all sang along.

By the time you read this we will already have kicked off our first meeting

of 2023 with an English tea party. More about that in next month's column.

We have a special event lined up for February with guest speaker, Jo Ayres. She will be sharing why she is "The Happiest Girl in the USA." Jo has been a Christian women's speaker from Stonecroft Ministry since 1986, traveling through the south speaking at over 60 different groups.

So, join us for our next potluck on Saturday, Feb. 25. Please try to arrive by 11:15 a.m. so that we can start promptly at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are not required.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 25, we will go to the Just for Laughs Dinner Theater to see "Meteor Showers" based on Steve Martin's Broadway play. The price of \$78 per person includes transportation, a buffet meal, show and gratuities for the driver and meal. Make your reservations with Marilyn Wilson at 828-699-7587 for this very popular venue.

We will go to the Tampa Downs Race-track on two Saturdays, March 18 and March 25. Tampa Bay Downs is the only thoroughbred racetrack on the West Coast of Florida and is a popular trip for residents. The price of \$61 per person includes the bus, tip for the driver, and a buffet lunch. Make your reservation

with Gail Ambrose at 954-614-0898 and at that time specify either the March 18 or March 25 trip.

On Saturday, April 29, we will have the Mount Dora shopping and boat tour. Mount Dora has a variety of unique shops and lunch venues. Enjoy a two-hour narrated eco-tour of Lake Dora and the Dora Canal. The \$63 per person cost covers bus transportation, the boat tour and tips for the driver and boat guides. Beginning Feb. 27, contact Linda Hein at 352-861-9880 for reservations. All tickets are non-refundable unless we have a wait list. Lunch and shopping are on your own.

For Mother's Day, May 14, we will go to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater to see "Escape to Margaritaville." Reservations begin Feb. 6. Contact Lisa Adams at 407-325-9863. The price of \$88 per person includes the show, meal with dessert, transportation, and tips for the driver and meal.

For Father's Day, June 18, a trip is scheduled aboard the Barbara Lee on the St. Johns River. The cost of \$90 per person includes lunch, transportation, and tips for the driver and meal. Allan Rickards will begin taking reservations on March 6. Additional details will appear in a future column.

A Valentine's Day cruise on Royal Ca-

ribbean's new Icon of the Seas has been scheduled for Feb 10 to 17, 2024. Rates start at \$2,345 per person based on double occupancy. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your cabin. Call Linda Hein at 352-861-9880 for further details.

Watch for details for the October 2024 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

**Around the World Vacation Club**

Ina Kline



Join our Facebook page (Around the World Vacation Club). You can also join by attending our meetings. We had many new attendees at our last meeting in January. Our club is created with the idea of going on vacations, speaker presentations, travel trivia, travel tips and more! There is no cost to join our club.

At our last meeting we had a wonderful speaker. Captain Kenneth Puckett is a retired Panama Canal pilot and resident. He is an experienced speaker and does presentations at Master of the Possibilities. We were fortunate to have him share his knowledge of the Panama Canal. Our club is taking a cruise to Panama this month, so the timing was perfect. See below for more information about this cruise.

Our group shared different trips that we will be going on.

If you are interested in joining us on any of the following trips, please text or call Ina Kline at 301-728-9541.

On Monday, Feb. 20, many of us are going on an 11-night Norwegian cruise to Panama, Costa Rica, Grand Cayman, Cartagena, Columbia, Cozumel, Mexico, and Harvest Caye, Belize.

Cross off five bucket list items on one trip to five epic National Parks in early June. We will spend nine days in old western splendor from the peaks of Grand Tetons, bubbling mud pots on a Yellowstone National Park tour, and spires of Bryce and Zion Canyons. Cap it

Trips are open only to residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Any non-residents who participate in trips must be a guest of a resident club Member.

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off with a relaxing float down the Snake River and a train ride into the heart of the Grand Canyon.

In November, we are excited to be going on a 12-night Norwegian cruise to Turkey, Greece, Israel, Egypt, and Italy. There are limited rooms available at a group price.

Our members are going on our British Isles cruise on Norwegian. You will be traveling in England, Scotland, Ireland, Netherlands, and Belgium. This trip sails from Sunday, Sept. 3 to Thursday, Sept. 14.

We have a few other trips we are working on for Around the World Vacation Club members. If you would like to share information about a trip you are going on, please come to our next meeting. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 9. We meet every second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV.

Trips, meetings, and membership are open to residents and Gateway of Service passholders. Travel agents are not permitted to be members.

**What's Cookin'?**

Nancy Grabowski



**Orange Cranberry Cookies**

This is one of the easiest, as well as adaptable recipes one might ever run across.

Begin with your best sugar cookie recipe; in a pinch, you can consider using a package of sugar cookie mix from the grocery store.

Zest an orange; divide zest into two portions. Juice the orange.

Substitute 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice for the vanilla; add half of the orange zest. When combined, stir in 3/4 cup sliced almonds and one cup chopped, dried cranberries. Mix thoroughly.

Drop by tablespoon onto parchment paper-lined or greased baking sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes in a 375-degree oven. Cool completely; glaze each cookie.

To make the glaze, combine powdered sugar, orange juice and remaining orange zest until a spreading consistency is achieved. Frost cookies. Let dry and then store in a covered container.

**Dried Beef Dip**

At a recent recipe exchange, this recipe was brought out of the archives. Its revival is a guaranteed hit at any party!

Open a 4.5-ounce jar of dried beef. Rinse beef in cold water to remove salt, pat dry and finely chop.

Mix two cups sour cream, two cups mayonnaise, two tablespoons of minced onion, and two tablespoons minced dill weed. Stir in chopped beef. Chill overnight.

Dip can be served in a hollowed-out bread, if desired. Serve with bread cubes, crackers, or pita chips.



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

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**The Jewish Club**



**Bruce Kanner**

Annie Oakley enthralled the Jewish Club at its December 2022 meeting with tales of her life, love, and adventures traveling with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show as a female sharpshooter in the second half of the 19th century. It was performer Dee Collier who led about 75 club members through a one-woman soliloquy on the real-life Oakley. Dressed head to toe in full period costume, Collier took the audience from Oakley's early days to her later years.

December 2022 also marked club elections. Congratulations to Carl Schneider, president; Bruce Kanner, corresponding secretary; and Mark Frankel and Michael Baron, members at large.

The Jewish Club, by approval of the membership at the meeting, made a donation through the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties to help families affected by Hurricane Ian last year.

The December 2022 meeting also featured a moment in time by Bruce Kanner who explained Chanukah's place in the Jewish calendar as a minor festival rather than a major holiday. Each attendee was given a bag of Chanukah "gelt", chocolate coins; and each table was adorned with dreidels. At the conclusion of the meeting, members enjoyed deco-

rated Chanukah mini-cupcakes and special jelly donuts, a Chanukah treat.

The purpose of the Jewish Club is to provide social and educational activities that promote understanding and respect for Jewish people and their history, customs and culture. Members do not have to be Jewish to belong to the club. Annual dues are \$18 per person.

The Jewish Club meets monthly September through May on Sundays, at 12:30 p.m., usually the third Sunday of the month. We are a reciprocal club, meaning we meet in either the Arbor Conference Center or The Lodge at Candler Hills.

The next club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Our speaker will be Sgt. Paul Bloom of the Marion County Sheriff's Office on "Personal Safety for Seniors."

We resumed the popular lunch bunch program last year with a lunch at Mimi's Bistro and Bakery. Lunch bunch is a monthly informal outing with a group of Jewish Club members. Restaurants change each month. Members sign up, meet at the indicated restaurant, and order from the menu; and everyone is responsible for their own meal and gratuity. No agenda. Just eating and talking with friends.

For more information about the Jewish Club or for membership inquiries please contact First Vice President Gail Levine at 954-881-4010 or gl4010@gmail.com.

**Scandinavian American Club**



**David Wesenberg**

The Scandinavian American Club had a great time at our Christmas meeting in December 2022. Everyone enjoyed great food, conversations, and stories.

Last year we planned to have presentations from Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Finns and Icelanders on their customs and history, each getting a turn at successive monthly meetings. In January, it was the Finns turn to tell us all about Finland in another exciting and

interesting presentation. Their presentation was at our regular meeting. It was a great opportunity to learn about different Scandinavian countries and to enjoy good fellowship.

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. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. We normally meet the fourth Tuesday of every month. 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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**Michigan Club**



**Nancy Meininger**

It's Super Bowl trivia time at the Michigan Club Sunday, Feb 5. Brush up on your football memorabilia both on the field and in the commercials! There will be a round of 40 questions. Winning table will win a full round of free tickets to our annual Coney Island picnic Sunday, April 2.

The next meeting will take place at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. Wear your Michigan Club shirts or your favorite team colors.

For the potluck, please bring a plate of Super Bowl heavy appetizers - when you play hearty, you need to eat hearty! Names beginning with A-H, please bring a vegetable and cheese dish; I-R bring a meat and cheese dish; and S-Z bring a finger food dessert. Also remember to bring a beverage (alcohol is permitted), and a place service for yourself.

At our January meeting, Dee Collier brought to life the tales of sharpshooter, Annie Oakley. She told us how this petite little cowgirl from Ohio shot her way to stardom from Texas to New York and down the coast to central Florida. Dee's charming presentation brought a big round of applause.

Michigan Club is open to anyone who has lived or vacationed in Michigan.

We meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III at 5 p.m. It is a potluck meet and greet. For further information on the club, please call Nancy Meininger at 352-342-9757.



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Dee Collier portrayed Annie Oakley at the Jewish Club in December 2022 and the Michigan Club in January.

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# LGA-18 to Celebrate 40 Years

By Susan Yenne  
World News Writer

Elly Rapacz remembers her first taste of Gatorade. She was walking the golf course during league play on a hot summer day in the early 1980s. Another player in a cart insisted she jump in and gave her a drink.

"Oh, was that good," Rapacz said. "I guess I was dehydrated and didn't even realize it."

That's the way it was when the 18-hole On Top of the World Ladies Golf Association (LGA-18) started 40 years ago - some people walked, others drove gas-powered carts, fueled at the shed/Golf Shop near the fifth hole on The Links.

"And everyone was as nice as could be," said Harriet Brower. "We were there to make friends and have fun."

Both women are among several to be honored as founders of the LGA-18 at a luncheon Thursday, Sept. 7. The league, started by Mary Lou Barth, is celebrating its 40th anniversary. All women who were ever in the league are invited. Past members can reserve a spot by contacting Beverly Ovrebo at ovrebo Beverly@gmail.com.

Forty years may have passed, but the league is still the same, said Linda Taylor, in her third year as president. "Like Harriet said, we are here to make friends, have fun and enjoy the game of golf."

Rapacz said that in the beginning, the dozen or so players would check in at the shed/Golf Shop, and someone would make up the foursomes. Handicaps didn't matter at that point - because "we were only playing for a quarter or so," Brower said. At some point in the mid-2000s, the Golf Shop took over pairings and credit was earned for spending in the Golf Shop.

The women remember how everyone would go to The Pub after league play - except for once a month when they would have a special luncheon.

"One month, I'd arrange it. Then the next month, someone else would step up," Brower said. "There were always enough volunteers for anything we decided to do."

Brower served many years as the unofficial chaplain, saying a prayer before lunch. That job is now performed by Nancy Zielinski.

Rapacz and Brower played until about six years ago, when it became more competitive.

Once, Rapacz recalled, she and her golf partner finished their round and went into the luncheon just as everyone had finished eating and were leaving. "They gave us an award for persistence," she said.

Jan Juhlin, a past president and a three-time league champion, didn't join until she had taken two years of lessons from an 87-year-old man who had taught many of the tour players back in the day. "Nine to noon every Saturday," she said. "The good thing was I had no swing, so I had no bad habits to break."

She was known on the course for her yellow Rolls Royce golf cart. "Everyone waved. They may not have known me, but they sure knew my cart," she said.

Juhlin remembers when the league had 140 or 150 members, but not all of them played. Today's league has about 110 members, with about 50 to 65 playing each Tuesday.

"We welcome all female residents with an established handicap to join our great group of ladies," Taylor said. "Our thanks to our founding ladies. We may not have been here if it wasn't for you."

### Presidents

1984-1985-Tess Altenus; 1985-1986-M.A. Langenfeld; 1986-1987-Mary Lou Barth; 1987-1988-Doris Decker; 1988-1989-Geri Cassens; 1989-1990-Jan Juhlin; 1990-1991-Lee Milde; 1991-1992-Phyllis Huntington; 1991-1993-Gerie Reed; 1993-1994-Ann Hubbard; 1994-1995-Jayne Kaske; 1995-1996-Marian Chubb; 1996-1997-Fran Griswold; 1999-1998-Helen Foskett; 1998-1999-Deb Phillipson; 1999-2000-Mary Lyon; 2000-2001-Marilyn Rose; 2001-2003-Dot Muller; 2003-2004-Marilyn Rose; 2004-2006-Jean Culp; 2006-2007-Beverly Ovrebo; 2007-2008-Connie Shirley; 2008-2010-Iro Lisinski; 2010-2012-Pat MacMurray; 2012-2014-Carol Johnson; 2014-2017-Nancy Zielinski; 2017-2020-Deborah Martin; 2020-present-Linda Taylor.

### League Champions

1985-Ida Simpson; 1986-1988-Joyce Martin; 1989-Ida Simpson; 1990-1993-Joyce Martin; 1994-Margie Wade; 1995-1997-Jan Juhlin; 1998-1999-Karen Hendricks; 2000-Pris Savage; 2001-Betty Gustafson; 2002-Rose McGary; 2003-Betty Gustafson; 2004-Karen Hendricks; 2005-2007-Gretchen Normandin; 2008-Iro Lisinski; 2009-2010-Beverly Ovrebo; 2011-Iro Lisinski; 2012-Beverly Ovrebo; 2013-2019-Deborah Martin; 2021-2022-Sandy Snyder.



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Golf buddies Harriet Brower, left, and Elly Rapacz.

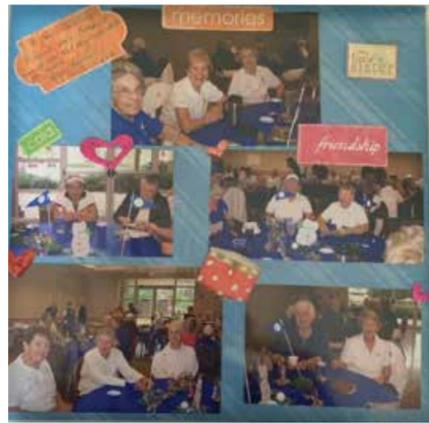


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Pages from scrapbooks over the years.

# Makin' a Splash

By Arlene Carlton

The Arbor Water Volleyball Club is proud to have had an extremely successful first full year as one of the newest organized clubs in the community. The membership grew as our reputation as a fun club increased.

One of the documents written by the board states, "Our purpose is to provide an activity that is fun, social, and keeps people active. Everyone is welcome re-

gardless of skill level." We have been successful on trying to live up to these goals.

The fun can be seen (and heard) every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Arbor Fitness Center indoor pool from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. After everyone helps set up the equipment, the group breaks up into teams and the fun and competition begin. Laughter can be

heard throughout the pool area as everyone gets into the spirit. Positive feedback is encouraged and those in need of advice can find it from the regulars.

The social aspect of the club is evident by the number of people who arrive early on the outside pool deck to sign in and spend time kibitzing with the fellow members or talking to new prospective players who have come to see what it is all about. During the first year, the club held several social activities away from the pool including its first picnic as well as an ice cream social- both of which were well attended. More events are be-

ing planned in 2023.

Most important is the fact that the members are staying active; water volleyball requires some skills as well as getting used to moving in water. The club has members with a total range of skill levels - those who have barely played the game and keep coming back each week to work on their skills to those who are veterans of sand and/or court volleyball. Everyone is welcome!

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# A Numbers Game

By Dave DeAngelis  
World News Writer

## Part I

Bryan Tully asked me where I could possibly be highly successful after consistently failing to complete my job in seven out of 10 attempts? Yep, only three times out of ten did I do my job, and I'm considered to be an elite career performer? My answer was I dunno, I'd be fired from any job I ever had. "In America's pastime" was Bryan's answer. "Baseball, that's where ... getting base hits." Dave Falcone explained that what makes a baseball player an elite hitter ... remember ... getting a hit or better in only three out of 10 tries ... "is the six or seven inches between the hitter's ears."

Baseball is a game, yes one that can blossom into an extremely lucrative career, but undoubtedly it can be a head game for anyone who has ever played it, let alone devoted their life to it. The great pitcher Tug McGraw said, "I have no trouble with the 12 inches between my elbow and my palm. It's the seven inches between my ears that's bent." The head game isn't specific to one's individual performance, but it also is at the mercy of the unknowns, the odds, being at the right place at the right time, numbers, luck. Nepotism. Fair or unfair. To play in the pros is a dream starting as a kid in little league, a wandering mind during history class, a burning desire, a mission for virtually all kids playing ball - to make "the show" - the Ma-

ior League. To emulate whomever that child's hero is. To mimic his habits. To grow up to be a hero to generations, a fixture in Cooperstown.

Residents, Bryan Tully, and Dave Falcone both were those history class kids. Both guys made it ever so far to "the show" - oh so close to it. Their career batting averages teetered on that three out of 10 hit elite level. They had great numbers, ones alone that would not roadblock them from playing 162 games a year in "the show." In 2021, the Major League Standard team batting average was .244. Under 20 players out of 800 or so in the entire league hit over .300. Bryan and Dave were well on their way - the odds were with them; their overall performance (hitting at .280 plus, hitting

monster home runs, throwing guys out, catching a ball with a mind of its own) were proven qualifiers. It was the damn unknowns, things out of their control that got in the way. But they had quite the way in their careers. They could throw, catch, and hit at a level with their peers who, with numbers similar to theirs, did the 162-game stint. Odds.

Hit a fastball that is traveling at a speed that would whiz by your car when you are driving at 80 mph? No problem. A way of life for these guys. At the levels where Bryan and Dave played, a usual fastball thrown by a pitcher is 90-plus mph. Yawn. In every game, pitchers can throw heat well above 90 mph, and I mean well.

Available statistics show that 68% of batters miss a 96-mph fastball, 45% miss an 85-mph fastball. Get this. The pitcher's mound is 60 feet, six inches away from home plate where the batter is anticipating the pitch. By the time

the ball leaves the pitcher's extended arm and hand, that distance decreases to around 50 something feet from home plate. So how long does it take for a 95-mph fastball to travel to home plate? Do the math. How much time does the batter have to figure out whether to swing? Like the time it takes for Lloyd at the Recreation Center to return your "hello" greeting.

The batter's body is gearing up for motion before the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Then reading the rotation on the ball that identifies the pitch. Curveball? Slider? High and inside? Low and away? Or right down the pipe? Decision time in milliseconds. Swing or not? Career could depend on it. That's nuts. In a duel with someone who also is faced with numbers, odds, and fate - the pitcher, who gambles on his own decisions, the duel, but that's another story for another day. Here, we're gonna look at the batters who stare down baseballs that sometimes look as small as your blood pressure pills, sometimes look as large as a volleyball, sometimes seem invisible and if they don't hit you in the head, they can jump around like UFO sightings.

For Bryan Tully and Dave Falcone, this was their way of life in their prime. The movie "Bull Durham" without the extracurricular activities. The pure and simple baseball life. The fraternity. The tradition.

Be sure to read next month's World News to get the inside story on what Bryan and Dave experienced along their career paths including the baseball version of golf's - "the yips."

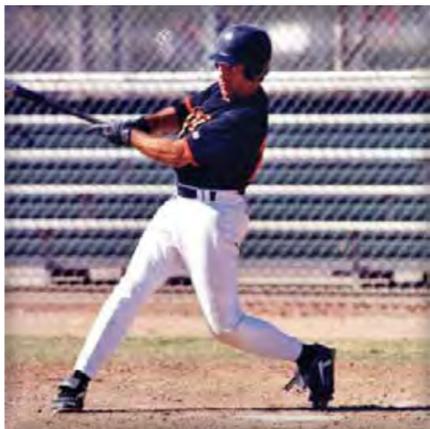


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Bryan Tully hitting one out of the park.

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Dave Falcone watching his home run ball.

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**Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole**

Beth Wolinsky



Golf has a storied history globally but what about its history in America? In 1743, there was an actual record of golf clubs and golf balls being shipped from Leith, Scotland to South Carolina. Around the same time, there are tales of another golf society being organized in Georgia. It would take, however, over 140 years to build the first permanent course in Yonkers, New York, albeit only three holes.

Our league is open to any women in On Top of the World. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

Please remember to hydrate on the course. You may not feel that you are perspiring but golf can take its toll in every season. Please remember to drink that water.

Finally, be careful out there and believe, achieve, and enjoy golf.

**Secret Santa (Team)  
Dec. 22, 2022**

Flight 1: 149–Shelly Karsnitz, Beth Wolinsky. 154–Mary Ann Livingston, Janette Sheil. 159–Christine Giza, Kate Beaty. 161–Beverly Ovrebo, Nancy Zielinski.

Flight 2: 146–Joyce Jones, Gloria Cullins. 152–Page Falconer, Carol Clark. 162–Karen Schoeckenthaler, Peggy Shanfelt. Tie at 165–Lynn Colomb, Joann Dellmar. Paula Lilly, Cynthia Gersten.

**Threes and Fives (Individual)  
Dec. 29, 2022**

Flight 1: 32–Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 36–Christine Giza, Lori Pizzini, Shelly Karsnitz. Flight 2: 32–MJ Strelec. 35–Page Falconer. Tie at 36–Joyce Jones, Angelita Jingco. Flight 3: Tie at 33–Jane Hall, Karen Schoeckenthaler. 35–Teri Stecker. Tie at 36–Nancy Zielinski, Iro Lisinski. Flight 4: Tie at 34–Kate Beaty, Carol Clark, Vickie Foster, Janette Sheil.

**Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association**

Marte Dobosh



18-holers are welcoming the new year with a vengeance! Lots of activities, and plenty of good golf are planned. It's a banner year for the league, as we celebrate our 40th anniversary! A special celebration will take place in the Fall to honor our founding mothers, past presidents, and past champions.

But first, the Player's Championship kicked off Monday, Jan. 16, with a pairings party, with matches starting Wednesday, Jan. 18. Winners will be announced in next month's column.

The Member/Member Tournament follows closely behind, starting Tuesday, Feb. 7, and the always popular Member/Guest is Tuesday, March 7.

A hearty congratulations to Shelly Karsnitz, who started her new year off with a hole-in-one on #15 of The Tortoise & The Hare Golf Course from the yellow tees! Spectacular!

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

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

**Hi-Low Plus One Net (Team)  
Dec. 13, 2022/The Tortoise & The Hare**

139–Linda Taylor, Page Falconer, Liz Pruss. Tie at 148–Diane Boston, Mary Dawson, Linda Blewitt, and Susan Yenne. Bev Ovrebo, Ellen Brin, Molly Lucieer and Sandy Chase. Lori Pizzini, Joann Dellapenna, Karen Schroeckenthaler and Carla Kimball. Tie at

Flight 5: 30–Gloria Cullins. Tie at 32–Cynthia Gersten. Kathy Zunica.

**2 Best Balls of 4 (Team)  
Jan. 5**

133–Christine Giza, Jane Hall, Mary A. Cunningham, Blind. Tie at 134–Lisa Free, Mary Dawson, Janelle Gluckman, DeAnne Green. Michele Otto, Karen Schoeckenthaler, Peggy Shanfelt, Anne Dahlen. 136–Janette Sheil, Angelita Jingco, Gayla Aldridge, Jan Christ. 137–Sandy Snyder, MJ Strelec, Toni Stevenson, Cynthia Gersten. 138–Peggy Ellenberger, Faun Doctor, Beth Wolinsky, Pam Brown. 142–Gail Lagrange, Connie Norris, Iro Lisinski, Lynn Barber. 143–Lynn Colomb, Joann Dellapenna, Maria Bennett, Blind.

149–Lynn Colomb, Peggy Ellenberger, and Eileen Gustavus. Vadonna Hall, Marlena Laclair, Debby Wilson and Lynn Barber.

**Three Tee Scramble Net (Team)  
Jan. 3/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Tie at 51–Vadonna Hall, Page Falconer, Iro Lisinski and Peggy Benedict. Tie at 53–Lisa Free, Joann Dellapenna, Connie Norris and Sandy Chase. Kathleen Goodwin, Gretchen Normandin, Molly Lucieer and Pam Brown. Tie at 54–Gail Lagrange, Darlene DeBerry, and Eileen Gustavus. Lynn Colomb, Joyce Jones, Marte Dobosh and Liz Pruss.

**Lucky 4s Net (Individual)  
Jan. 10/The Links**

Flight 1: 45–Sandy Snyder. 49–Mary Ann Livingston. 50–Vadonna Hall. 51–Mary Jeannotte. Flight 2: 44–Peggy Ellenberger. 48–Page Falconer. Tie at 50–Darlene DeBerry and Lori Pizzini. Flight 3: 48–Connie Sohl. 51–Gretchen Normandin. Tie at 52–Katie Schriewer, Mary Dawson and Vickie Noltensmeyer. Flight 4: 47–Molly Lucieer. 48–Virginia Madura. 49–MJ Strelec. Tie at 50–Peggy Weichmann and Karen Schroeckenthaler.

**Ladies 9-Hole Golf**

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

- Feb. 7: Lucky 4s – Two Best Ball Net (Tortoise & The Hare) is where every golfer will play their normal round of nine-hole golf, but only the par-4s will count towards the score of each team. The score for the team will be two best balls of the four.
- Feb. 14: Individual Low Net (The Links) is where every golfer plays their normal round of golf with all ladies flighted according to their current handicap index.
- Feb. 21: Three, Two, One – Team Net (Tortoise & The Hare) is where every golfer plays their own ball for the entire round, but it is still considered a team game based on how many "best balls" count as your team score. So, on the par-5s, you are playing three best ball net; on the par-4s, you are playing two best ball net; and on the par-3s, you are playing one best ball net.
- Feb. 28: Team Scramble (The Links) is where every player tees off, then the team of four picks the best drive and each player hits their second shot from that location. The process is then repeated until the ball is holed out. Each player will also get one mulligan (second chance) to use anywhere on the golf course.

It's crazy to think that down here in Florida it can freeze. Ocala is located in North/Central Florida, so it actually freezes a handful of times per year from December up until March or so. With that in mind, our staff at On Top of the World asks everyone to be cognizant that it is a possibility the golf courses themselves could be delayed for tee times. Just because the Golf Shop opens at 7 a.m., doesn't always mean people can start playing golf at that time. When it is going to, or does freeze, we will do our best to notify people on the tee sheet. If it freezes when we don't expect it to, we appreciate everyone being patient and realizing that to keep the golf courses running full throttle all year, there will be delays in tee times. We have had a couple freezes already this year and I want to thank everyone involved for being very professional and courteous to our staff and maintenance crew.

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Last reminder! All shop credit expires Tuesday, Feb. 28. Any credit won in February will not be posted to your account until March 1. It's time to shop!

**Upcoming Events**

- Friday, Feb. 3: Snowflake Open at Candler Hills Golf Club, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Monday, Feb. 13: World Sadie Hawkins at Candler Hills and The Links, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Saturday, Feb. 25: String Event at

- The Links, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Tuesday, March 21: Ocala Open Pro Am at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 22 through Friday, March 24: Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Club.

**World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Mike Kelly, eagle #10. Bruce Combs, eagle #7. Jon Nash, eagle #7. Brian Smith, eagle #2. Ken Reeves, hole-in-one #8. Ira Burns, eagle #7.

Congratulations to all!

**Golf Tip of the Month**

You're on the way to breaking 80 for the first time and you drive the ball in the fairway bunker on the 18th hole. I know how everyone hates the dreaded fairway

bunker shot. Here are some tips to ensure you shoot your best round ever.

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

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

**Fit Tips**



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**Build a Savings Account for Your Brain**

Cognitive reserve is a part of your overall brain health. It is just like a "savings account" for your brain. Think of cognitive reserve as your brain's ability to utilize a reservoir of thinking capacity to find alternate ways of getting a job done. Cognitive reserve is developed by a lifetime of education and curiosity to help your brain better cope with any failures or declines it faces.

Tips to build your cognitive reserve:

**FIT TIP #1:** Engage in new experiences.

When you are doing or learning something new, it requires you to pay attention. For example, if you are taking a class at Master the Possibilities, your brain cells are switched on and connecting!

**FIT TIP #2:** Get your body moving. What is good for the body is good for the brain. When you exercise, the brain gets more fuel (oxygen and glucose) and it helps to keep the structure of the brain healthy.

**FIT TIP #3:** Meet up with friends. Socializing and laughing with friends increases the "feel good" chemicals in your brain. Socially stimulating activities also help to reduce stress, which is very good for your brain.

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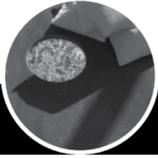
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**Cornhole Club**



**Vincent Stevens**

Holidays and frequent inclement weather moderated the Cornhole Club's activities at year's end, although our open play sessions continue to draw full house crowds during afternoon sessions. League activity has commenced again, with new teams starting competitive matches during the month. The "eight in a row" record achieved last month has been equaled with yet another club member reaching that impressive level. Congratulations to Bob Helf who joins Bill Andrews in our cornhole "hall of fame."

**INTRODUCTION TO CORNHOLE:** Our "Introduction to Cornhole" session in January was conducted by our resident cornologist emeritus, Bill Ballweg, who entertained an attractive group of newcomers with his witty repartee and broad insights into this popular sport. As usual, all participants noted that "it's not as easy as it looks" but all are now well equipped to join in the fun.

**OPEN PLAY:** Our open play sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 4 p.m. continue to be very well attended, often exceeding venue capacity, while our Friday sessions at 10 a.m. have been less popular. Our open play sessions are generally non-competitive, and matches are played just for fun (could be competitive if you make it so) and are not judgmental regardless of abilities.

These open play sessions are excellent opportunities to learn from more experienced players and hone your skills, learn new techniques, meet new people, get some low-impact exercise, and generally have a good time.

Our heartiest congratulations to Bob Helf (Sleeveless Bob) on his impressive accomplishment of matching the "eight in a row" record recently set by Bill Andrews.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** In the battle for the mixed league championship, the Killer Bees (Bruce Combs and Bob Helf) narrowly edged out the Old Pokes (Bill and Brenda Andrews) to win the epic battle by one win, followed by the Gator Duo (Ron and Barb Daughtry) who finished the season only five games behind the champs.

A new season in mixed league play began in January, with nine teams participating.

Questions regarding mixed league cornhole competition may be directed to Brenda Andrews at bandrews2461@yahoo.com.

Competition in the ladies league began in January as well, with non-competitive "ladies only" matches at 3 p.m. For further information on the ladies league, contact Vickie Foster at poo2dog@verizon.net.



Photo by Vince Stevens

Bob Helf matches Cornhole Club record.



Photo by Jim Swift

Advanced play Table Tennis group.

**Table Tennis**



**Athena Drewes**

We hope that the new year is off to a good start for you and that it will continue to be happy and healthy! As usual, this is the time of year that many of us make new year's resolutions to become more physically fit, exercise and reduce our weight! Now is a good time to come and join the Table Tennis Club to help meet those goals.

Did you know that aside from being fun, playing table tennis also offers surprisingly great health benefits? The average person can lose 275 to 400 calories an hour while playing. Like most sports, table tennis offers great mind-body stimulation, and it is a low impact aerobic exercise. It builds gross motor, eye-hand coordination, improves concentration, reflexes, helps your cardiovascular system, increases social interaction, and improves your overall fitness level! Wow! All that while having lots of fun and making friends!

Speaking of friends, 55 of our members, over half of the membership, joined together in January for a membership meeting and pizza party. Salad and lots of good desserts were also supplied by several members. It was good to renew friendships and catch up on personal events. Paul Stadterman, Jim Swift and Athena Drewes were unanimously re-elected for another year to hold the respective offices of president, treasurer

and secretary. Members were able to renew their annual dues of \$10 and we even had three new members sign up on the spot and join us. Our membership is growing and so too are the number of people coming out to play. Mondays and Tuesdays are quite popular with often a full house, as well as the ladies' times on Wednesdays and Fridays. The advanced group is also seeing more members attend and are filling up the tables. But we have lots of other times available to enjoy playing. See the schedule listed below.

Karen Lowe will be organizing a ladies clinic to learn how to serve the ball better on a Wednesday, at 11 a.m. soon. Future clinics can be set up if members help organize the date and time for Paul or Jim to assist in honing skills in a particular area. For further information, contact Athena Drewes, secretary, at drathendrewes@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining, come to one of our play times at the Arbor Conference Center. We have applications in the room, and you can pay the \$10 dues, and start playing right away. Come join us, make some new friends and play while getting physically fit!

Have questions? Contact president, Paul Stadterman, ptstadterman@yahoo.com.

Our current schedule is beginner doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; singles, Friday 3 to 5 p.m. Ladies doubles, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; and singles/doubles, 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. All level singles Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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Super softball fans – Nancy and Randy Miller.

Softball



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The winter season of the Softball Club began play Monday, Jan. 2, and will continue through Thursday, April 20. Comprised of 13 teams, seven in the American League and six in the National League, a total of 131 players will battle it out for the championship of their respective divisions. American League games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays, while National League games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games begin at 9 a.m. Players come from Maine to California and almost every other state in the land. One might even find one or two players from Canada.

The teams are as follows:

- 1. American: GoodOlBoyz; T2; Yellowstone; Base Invaders; Old News; Wolfhounds; and Slamers.
- 2. National: BadBoyz; Raptors; Gas-house Gang; Butt Kickers; Crushers; and Underdogs.

Many of the players have recent playing experience, while others may not have played in years. As a community softball league, there's a spot for everyone in either the American or National League.

For those who choose not to play,

there is ample seating for fans and spectators. Two of the club's most loyal and ardent fans are Randy and Nancy Miller. Hailing from Allentown, Pennsylvania, Randy, and Nancy enjoy witnessing the competition and camaraderie prevalent in both leagues. Oftentimes, they attend games on all four playing days. Although neither have played the game, that does not detract from the enjoyment they get from watching senior softball here in On Top of the World.

When not attending games, the Millers enjoy traveling with a favorite destination being Bryce Canyon National Park in Southwestern Utah. In addition, they are active in their church and play cards and cornhole with their friends in Indigo East. If you come out to a game, please say hello to Randy and Nancy.

If you are looking for a great group of guys to hang out with and a way to start enjoying one of the greatest games in the country, then check us out at otowsoftball.org. We have a new player orientation program that meets at the field at 1 p.m. on Mondays. 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 writer Tom Sheridan said, "Softball is the greatest sport. Step onto 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.

Top Pickleball Club

Barry Barnhart



My vision for the club is simple: continue the positive momentum from our previous board of directors.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and so it is in On Top of the World. Our club added close to 200 new members in 2022 with a total membership of almost 600. We are proud of the high-quality introductory classes, skills clinics, and player rating system that we offer our residents.

In addition, our social committee has plans for lots of fun activities during the year. I am honored to lead the board and look forward to working with all the club members. A challenge to all members: we welcome feedback, especially when accompanied by suggestions.

If you have not witnessed the game being played, you might enjoy just watching it. As residents, you are always welcome to come to the courts, take a seat, relax, and watch your neighbors acting like kids on a playground. We are always there (weather permitting) during "club hours" Monday through Saturday, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. If you like what you see, come join us at one of our free introductory classes. These sessions are specifically for our residents who want to learn about the fastest growing sport in America. Just show up on any Monday or on the first Saturday of the month, at 10:30 a.m. Bring plenty of liquids (to avoid dehydration), wear your tennis or court shoes, and we will provide the rest (equipment and fun!). We recommend that you not purchase paddles before taking the lesson as our instructors will guide you in choosing the proper equipment. In one hour, it will be abundantly clear if this sport is for you.

Stay out of the kitchen! Play pickleball!



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Top Pickleball Club board for 2023: President Barry Barnhart, Director Cindy Smit, Treasurer Terri Kuzo, Vice President Tom Roach, Director Steve Schlesselman, Secretary Joyce Mosley, and absent was Director Jim Sipe.

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**Men's Golf Association**

John Yenne



service; Joe Polizzotti—membership; and Phil Shaw—at-large.

Mark these upcoming Wednesdays in your calendar:

- Feb. 8: One, Two, Three Team Best Ball (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Feb. 15: Team Stableford (The Links)
- Feb. 22: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- March 1: Team Three Best Ball (The Tortoise & The Hare)

**Chicken Day Scramble  
Jan. 4/The Links**

52—Norm Hayworth, David Emmons, Howard Gluckman, Thomas Kujawa. 53—John Spielvogel, Jeff Holmes, Joe Aldridge, Doyce Mathis. 54—David Garland, Brian Bennett, Ralph Norton, Thomas Norris. Tie at 55—Larry Manion, Marvin DeBerry, Bob Lang; Paul Snyder, Don McCrimmon, Eric Anderson, William York. Tie at 56—Irl Flanagan, John Yenne, Carl Zeiler, Leonard Ruble: David Clune, Sam Feola, David Wohlleber, Lance Davsko; Greg McDowell, Bob Hilton, Bob Lieberman, Paul Silliman; Robert Coughanour, Steven Thesman, Tom Fragapane, Marvin Jendro; Joe Wilks, Dan Goggin, Philip Petrozella. Tie at 57—Tom Neville, Tom Fuchs, Dennis Kissen, David Hannasch; Brian Wilder, David Schaefer, John Owen, Joseph Mandala; James Gourlay, Charlie Taylor, Loren Magsam, Bob Janssen; Roger Sparks, Tom Winn, Mike Stanford.

**Quota Points (Team)  
Jan. 11/The Tortoise & The Hare**

Tie at (-6)—Thomas Laclair, Ron Pratt, Joseph Dunack, Mike Lane; Roger Sparks, Mark Beauchamp, Thomas Norris. (-8)—Ken Zweiback, Robert Coughanour, Joe Jingco, Marvin Jendro. Tie at (-10)—John Yenne, Larry Newbold, Mike Clancy, Bob Janssen; Richard Deschenes, David Clune, Dick Emmons, Tom Nicholl. Tie at (-11)—Larry Manion, Doug Buckler,

Philip Petrozella, Leonard Ruble; Robert Kuhl, Greg McDowell, Jim Kurlapski, David Green. Tie at (-13)—Joe Polizzotti, Gary Bugielski, Gary Hassett, Joe Wong; Ruben Alvarez, Richard Roark, Howard Gluckman, Jerry Nagel; Charlie Taylor, Larry Gibson, Tom Fragapane, Bill Peterson; Philip Shaw, Jeff Holmes, John Parnau, Barry Barringer.

**Candler Hills Men's Golf**

Rick Pettit



As we move into February, let's hope old man winter is behind us and stays in our rear-view mirror for quite some time. Even the 50-degree weather keeps a few of us at home waiting for the rise into the 60s.

I love the upcoming PGA Tour schedule swinging into Florida during February and March. We are close enough to enjoy watching the professionals in person at the Honda Classic, Arnold Palmer Invitational, The Players Championship, and then finish with Valspar Championship.

Our membership is growing thanks to all of you who remind your golf buddies about the great time we have every Tuesday, at 9 a.m. We are closing in on 150 members heading into February. Remember that our golf and lunch day is coming up Tuesday, Feb. 7.

As noted last month, the more events you now play in the more points you earn towards free membership for next season's dues, as well as points you receive for your finish in each weekly tournament.

Just last week I had a conversation with a newer friend about how he is playing and his overall game. His handicap is around 18, plays five to six days a week and is constantly reading and watching videos about how to swing the golf club in the proper manner and improve his score. He absolutely loves the game of golf as most of us do.

This game is way too hard to self-diagnose, so I asked him, if he has ever had a lesson. His answer was, not yet. My next question was, "Do you want to improve and have more fun playing?" He replied, "Of course." My point to him was if he is devoting all that time on the course why not take advantage of our golf professionals, the group clinics that we offer, or even a playing lesson? He was frustrated that he hits a long tee ball but then can't hit greens from inside 100 yards. I then asked how much time he spends working on the range with that shot. Do you know that around 60% of your shots are from inside 100 yards according to most publications? That is a large part of what most of us need to work on, and a lesson may help. Please take advantage of all the resources and clinics we have here.

Congratulations to all winners and participants. Please visit our website at [chmga.org](http://chmga.org) for more about us.

In closing, remember golf balls are like eggs, mostly white, sold by the dozen and a week later you have to buy more.

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**Co-Ed Recreational Softball**

Bill Byczek



The Co-Ed Recreational Softball League is a fun activity open to all levels of players. Experienced players enjoy the practice. New players learn the game in a relaxed, non-competitive environment. All players learn and use the physical skills required to play the game. Players also learn the rules and understand the game's terminology.

New players may already know the most common softball terms as most are also used in baseball. However, there are some phrases that you might hear in our games that you might not find in the standard rule book or hear in a baseball game. Here is a list of some of the most common words and phrases.

**DEAD BALL:** A batted ball that does not count usually because it hit the pitcher's protective screen.

**HOLD THE BALL:** Instructing a fielder to not throw the ball, usually because a baserunner is or will be safe or that an error may occur.

**HOLD UP:** Instructing the runner to stay at the base he or she is at and to not yet run to the next base.

**JUST KNOCK IT DOWN:** Instructing a fielder to just stop a hard-hit ground ball or line drive and not try to make a clean catch.

**KEEP IT IN FRONT OF YOU:** Instructing an outfielder to not let a ball get past him even if it means not trying to catch the ball on the fly.

**KEEP YOUR EYE ON IT:** Instructing a batter who just swung and missed to watch the pitched ball more carefully.

**ROVER:** The fielder who usually plays right around second base but who can move to another area of the field.

**RUNNER OR RABBIT IN THE HOLE:** A substitute runner, starting at home plate, will be used by the batter.

**TAG 'EM ALL OR GO HOME:** Instructing the batter or baserunners to run all the way around the bases.

**TAG UP:** Instructing a base runner to wait on his base and then run to the next base only after the ball has been fielded for an out.

**THE PLAY IS AT FIRST/SECOND/THIRD/HOME:** Instructing the fielders which is the best base to throw to get the best or easiest put out.

If you would like to play in the Co-Ed Recreational Softball League or find out more, please come to the softball field on Saturdays. The game begins at 10 a.m. but arrive a little earlier to meet the other players and warm up before hitting the field.

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**Build Your Cognitive Reserve**

Brain health is a hot topic for older adults. As we age, it is likely that concern will arise regarding our cognitive function. We hear a lot about the rising rates of dementia, and I am sure many have experience with family or acquaintances dealing with this diagnosis. How do we sharpen our thinking skills as we age? One of the ways to do this is by building your cognitive reserve.

Cognitive reserve is an important part of brain health. It is a demonstration of your brain's resilience, based on factors such as brain size, brain cell count, natural intelligence, education, life experience and occupation. A robust cognitive reserve will help to stave off degenerative brain changes that occur in the aging process. It is a reserve of thinking abilities, similar to a savings account put aside for a "rainy day." The greater the reserve, the more latitude the brain has to perform a thinking task. Cognitive reserve helps to compensate for the decline in the aging process. Now that we have established the importance of cognitive reserve, let's look at how to build it.

Cognitive reserve is linked to specific attributes in the brain, especially, strong brain cell connections and the generation of new ones. To build cognitive reserve we have to build brain cell connections. This happens primarily through physical exercise, social connections, and intellectual stimulation. There are many great studies demonstrating a risk reduction in mild cognitive impairment for those who are physically active and engage in social and intellectual pursuits.

A study by the Mayo Clinic "found that ordinary yet intellectually stimulating activities such as using a computer, playing games, reading books and engaging in crafts, including knitting, woodworking and other types of handwork were associated with a 30 to 50% decrease in the chances of developing mild cognitive impairment."

Physical activity is good for both the body and the brain, however, some exercises seem to provide more of a cognitive boost than others. Cardiovascular workouts that increase your breathing rate and heart rate send more oxygen and glucose to the brain. This helps to feed your brain cells. Additionally, increased circulation stimulates the formation of new blood vessels, which also delivers more oxygen and glucose to the brain.

Evolving scientific evidence demonstrates that by adding a thinking task to

# FEBRUARY 2023 FITNESS

## RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Dance Aerobics <small>DENISE A.</small>	S.O.S. <small>DENISE B.</small>	Warrior <small>MAUREEN</small>	S.O.S. <small>DENISE B.</small>	Dance Aerobics <small>DENISE B.</small>
9:00 am	S.O.S. <small>DENISE P.</small>	Dance Aerobics <small>NICHOLE</small>	S.O.S. <small>KITTI</small>	Dance Aerobics <small>CAROLY</small>	S.O.S. <small>TRISH</small>
10:00 am	Balanced Body <small>LARRY</small>	Chair Yoga <small>KATHY</small>	Balanced Body <small>KITTI</small>	Chair Yoga <small>KATHY</small>	Balanced Body <small>ROBERT</small>
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit <small>KITTI</small>	Brain Power <small>CAROLY &amp; SUE</small>	Get Fit While You Sit <small>JOE</small>	Move to Improve Parkinson's <small>SUE</small>	Get Fit While You Sit <small>KITTI</small>
11:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>	Zumba® Gold <small>JOE</small>		Zumba® Gold <small>KITTI</small>		Dance Aerobics <small>LOE</small>
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
2:00 pm				Tai Chi <small>ART</small>	
3:00 pm	Chair Yoga <small>JOE</small>		Chair Yoga <small>TRISH</small>	Qi Gong <small>ART</small>	
5:00 pm		Hatha Yoga <small>KATHY</small>		Yoga <small>SANDRA</small>	

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## ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am		STRONG <small>BUDDY</small>		STRONG <small>BUDDY</small>	
9:00 am	Yoga <small>SANDRA</small>	Pilates Fusion <small>GIRI</small>	Yoga <small>JOE</small>	Pilates Fusion <small>MAUREEN</small>	Yoga <small>HELANE</small>
10:00 am	STRONG <small>MAUREEN</small>	Yoga <small>SANDRA</small>	STRONG <small>GIRI</small>	Yoga <small>MAUREEN</small>	STRONG <small>JOE</small>
11:00 am	Yoga <small>MAUREEN</small>		Yoga <small>TRISH</small>		Stretch, Flex & Balance <small>DENISE B.</small>
1:00 pm			Punch Out PD <small>SUE/MAUREEN</small>	Fitness Orientation*	

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## 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**				
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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physical exercise, referred to as "dual-tasking," brain cell connections are enhanced. Exercises that have a dynamic environment such as pickle ball and Tai Chi require participants to think and move in order to be successful. When playing pickleball you need to anticipate if the ball will bounce high or low, stop

short or go wide. In Tai Chi, you will need to use your memory to recall the names of the forms and the order of execution. These are examples of dynamic activities, requiring the brain and the body to coordinate efforts.

The best way to build cognitive reserve is to engage in regular physical ex-

ercise, layer on some thinking and seek out additional wellness opportunities such as socializing and learning experiences. Keep your muscles moving, keep your brain thinking and keep your heart and spirit full.

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Monday a.m.: 33-Annette Hodges. 32-Walt Lamp. 31-Robert Sapiro. 30-Linda Myers.  
Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher/Barb Naughty. 30-Lou Fisher.

Thursday a.m.: Phil Weiner/Annette Hodges.

Don't forget our introductory class on the second Saturday of the month. This month, the class will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety, and the basics for shooting the disc. Open-toed shoes are not permitted. Paul Hodges is the instructor. We will play at the Veterans Park on the courts.

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Pre-race pose - Tom Murphy, Tom Seitz, Sheree Johnson, and John Schoenherr.

**R/C Car Club**

Becky Queen



What's new at the R/C Car Club? We have newly installed officers for 2023, with John Schoenherr at the helm as president. Like the last officers, they will perform their duties associated with treasury, record keeping, maintenance, safety, membership, and general management. They will do whatever it takes to keep the club running and then find time to race. However, I've discovered that the club doesn't operate solely on the backs of its elected officers. Many quiet helpers secretly do minor tasks to keep the gears oiled and the club humming along. This column will focus on the silent helpers that have formed the foundation and are the building blocks of the club.

Add 10765 SW 94th Street Road to your GPS to join us on Thursdays or Sundays, at 1 p.m. Witness races that seem to happen without a hitch. That is, unless you count the clashes with the track barriers or two vehicles trying to simultaneously occupy the same space.

Recently, I had been instructed to place LiPo batteries in a fireproof am-

munition box for recycling. Later I found the box empty. Curiosity led me to the mystery person quietly doing his unassigned duty. However, I discovered so much more he was doing. He emptied trash bins, designed, and built a maintenance equipment ramp to aid track clean-up, donated chairs, and volunteered to sell club shirts, hats, and hoodies.

Spoiler alert! Rean Morse is the undercover worker. He and his wife, Sharon both do many tasks of their own choosing and prefer anonymity. But, in Rean's defense, he was willing to disclose his covert operations after I explained my goal to highlight the value of quiet workers.

Other club members, arrive early to clean tables, spray wasps and prepare the facility for race day. Later, they hang out under the canopy to swap-out tires, adjust their vehicles, help repair other people's cars, and share parts and/or tools. Someone always takes time to greet visitors and answer questions. Still others accurately manage race results and concisely report results.

These unnamed dedicated folks are kind, generous and unselfish. Collectively, their quiet work keeps the club wheels turning. In a word, they are family.

Find legend cars trackside Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. Slot cars meet Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Monthly meetings are held in the Hobby Building Event Room the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Find us on Facebook (OTOW RC Car Club). Call President John Schoenherr at 608-477-3420 for information.

Recently overheard at the track: "Drive. Don't race."

**December 2022**

Pan-car-Larry Fryer. Two-wheel-drive truck-Larry Ericksmoen. Touring-Hank Henne. Two-wheel-drive buggy- Paul Beyer. Two-wheel-drive truggy-Ken Berry. Four-wheel-drive truck-Ken Berry. Traxxas-Bob Herbst. Four-wheel-drive buggy-Ken Berry.

**Cycling Club**

Dennis Baker



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

The club meets two or more times each week, usually at the Power Park on SW 90th Street. Special rides or excursions are occasionally scheduled by group members. The Santos Trail here in Ocala, and the Withlacoochee Trail in Dunnellon, Hernando, and Inverness are favorite haunts of members. Schedules are published on our Facebook page (Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club).

Now that the weather has cooled off, the cycling is great! Grab your helmet and let's ride! For information, contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-562-0088, or join the club Facebook group.

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Happy pilots.

R/C Flyers Club

Ray Ihlenburg



This column was started during the recent “weeklong winter” when warm batteries never felt so good, and now as press time approaches, the weather has turned back warmer and more favorable for flying. While it was cold, memories returned of building a new model during winter weather in Virginia and Kentucky. There always seemed like plenty of time to get several models finished or repaired. A recent Facebook post explained this wonderful dilemma like this. “Always have two more projects going at once. That way, you can procrastinate on project A by messing around on project B, and when you get tired of project B, you can waste time on A. That way you will be two times as productive while doing twice as little, doing nothing but procrastinating.” Even though we’re in Florida, many of our shops are like this year around. What a great and interesting hobby.

Our public and club readers will be interested to learn that during the January business meeting, a recap of 2022 club operations mentioned no major accidents. Let’s keep it that way. Maybe we should define major accidents as that requiring medical attention because a crash is probably a major accident in the pilot’s mind. Patience with our fellow flyers will help ensure this trend.

Here’s a recent scenario where pilot patience would have been a better idea. Pilot 1 has taxied out and called “taking off.” Pilot 2 (not quite patient enough) taxis out right behind Pilot 1 and, assuming Pilot 1 will clear the runway, begins his take-off roll. Maybe okay so far, but then Pilot 1 ground loops and must abort his/her take off as Pilot 2 starts his roll. Now two pilots are in a panic. Be patient as two moving models on the active runway is a disaster waiting to happen. Remember, just because it can’t happen, doesn’t mean it won’t.

Have you ever watched Mike Betz fly his helicopter? It probably never really had that one maiden flight. It takes many maiden flights to get a helicopter properly tuned to hover and fly a figure-eight, much less loop. So, this month’s maiden of the month, while not the first flight, is Gary Springer’s Align 650X Dominator with 650 mm main blades and 105 mm tail rotor blades. Gary said the copter had about 10 take offs and landings with each requiring a different tweak. The kit comes in either a 6S or 12S power configuration. The kit included the motor, ESC, and MicroBeast Flybarless controller. However, Gary decided to use an alternate IKON2 controller because it has Bluetooth capability to allow making trim changes using a smartphone. This also allows a graphic display for set up. All seems to be a level above fixed wing model. Mike has been helping Gary set up this bird and put on quite a show on Monday, Jan. 2. They were both happy that day.



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we can. Right? Well, only when we don't know how to handle it.

Stress is a vehicle for growth. The more you want to grow, the more you need to expose yourself to stress. I'm sure you are familiar with the phrase, "no pain, no gain." It is the connection between stress and growth. Expose your muscles to the point of pain and you are also causing growth.

If you want to grow physically, faster, and more explosive, with more endurance, then you have to stress yourself in those specific areas. You then develop a new relationship with stress - learning to embracing it. If you avoid it, which is instinctive, you will be shutting down your dreams of getting where you wish.

Stress is basically energy expenditure, a biochemical event. As you expend energy, working the muscle, it pro-

duces chemicals that result in growth. Apparently, mental, and physical stress are more similar than we once thought. Stress comes from different sources and affects us in different ways. As you understand the types of stress that plague you, you will be able to develop an effective stress management strategy.

Physical stress is the most obvious type of stress. Your heart beats faster, your breath gets shorter, your hands and feet may seem heavy. These conditions occur during a normal tennis match. Especially if your opponent is running you a lot or if you're in less-than-ideal shape.

Mental stress comes from a little voice called intercranial communicator which clearly evaluates, criticizes, and judges your performance. When this rascal is active, it seems that you are facing two opponents, the other player,

and your brain. If you don't control this feedback, it can really wreck your game.

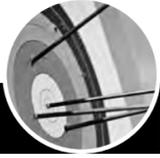
Situational stress comes from challenging realities of, say, a tough opponent, a strong wind, or poor court conditions. These are all valid stress inducers. When this outside stress combines with our mental stress, we can defeat ourselves before we start with negative self-talk.

Self-inflicted situational stress, on the other hand, is a matter of poor preparation: if you go on court without warm up, or without the right equipment.

Life stress includes concerns you bring onto the court from your off-court life. Some of us are weakened by these type of conditions, but others find a way to leave this stress in the locker room, focusing fully on the match at hand.

See you on the courts!

**Archery Club**



**Barbara Scales**

class was instructed by Jerry Hoppe. The class targeted beginner to intermediate level compound bow archers. This tutorial is held twice a year, at six-month intervals. Jerry reviewed the compound bow, discussing the parts and mechanics involved in shooting. Attendees were shown how to fine tune the bow for maximum accuracy and precision with attention focused on set up, sights and scopes, arrow rests, stabilizers, and other accessories with respective adjustments. The Archery Club appreciates Jerry Hoppe sharing his expansive knowledge in making our members better competitors.

Congratulations to Karen McShane, who got a Robin Hood in the 10-ring position on Dec. 30, 2022, giving her a double, and a feather in her chapeau a' bec!

The December 2022 Archery Club banquet was a resounding success. The Marion County Sheriff's Office received the food donation post-event and distrib-

uted it to the needy, making the season of giving a real part of the club and its members. The social committee appreciates all those who volunteered the day of the event with set up and clean up. The social committee is already planning to make 2023's event even better. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13; please mark it on your calendar. The social committee is planning a "cookie shoot" for Monday, Feb. 13. Bring your sweetheart to watch. Stay, chat, and get to know our members. Stay tuned for more fun to come. Later in the year the committee is planning a poker run, and a summer picnic.

The Archery Club is confident that everyone who joins will find a place to develop their skills in a way that best suits them. If you are interested in watching upcoming events or learning more about the Archery Club, please visit [otowarchery.com](http://otowarchery.com) or contact us at [archeryclubotow@gmail.com](mailto:archeryclubotow@gmail.com).

**Ladies Shuffleboard**



**Lois Nix**

Between the holidays and weather, we did not shuffle often in December. The members voted at the last board meeting that if the temperature is below 40 degrees, we would not shuffle. We also do not shuffle if the courts are wet or if it is raining. Better days are on the way!

We are still accepting new members for all three scheduled times - Mondays, at 5:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. Residents and those with a Gateway of Services pass are welcome to play. No open toed shoes are permitted.

There is equipment available for free play for non-club members. Please make sure the court fans, lights, scoreboard, and equipment are in order when you leave. We noticed that some of the discs are chipped; this happens if the discs are hit extremely hard. Shuffleboard is a game of skill and strategy; it is not necessary to use extreme force to play.

If interested in learning the game, lessons are given on the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. by Paul Hodges. Check the Shuffleboard Club schedules. We have the mixed league and the ladies only league. Come join us, meet new friends, and have some fun.

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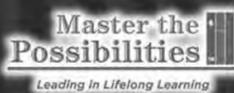
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**Call of the Wild Sports Club**

**Jeff Wiita**



In December 2022, I left you with a cliffhanger. I introduced you to Peggy from Homer, Alaska, and our discussion about the decline in the Alaskan salmon fishery. I explained how a natural and cyclical Pacific Decadal Oscillation decreases the salmon population when it is in the "negative" phase. This month, I would like to share our discussion about the decline in the Pacific halibut fishery.

In Alaska, the busiest season for UPS and FedEx is not Christmas. The Christmas season does not even come close to the summer fishing season. Alaska allows all non-residents a two halibut daily limit, and the fishing tourists are taking advantage of this privilege. It is very common for a non-resident to go on a chartered halibut trip and catch their daily limit, then ship the halibut to the lower 48 the next day, then jump back onto another chartered halibut trip and catch another daily limit, only to repeat the process.

Twenty years ago, when I last fished Alaska for halibut, a typical chartered halibut boat was two to three anglers with a captain and a chief mate. Today, the chartered halibut boats are 20 or more anglers, and almost everyone is catching their daily limit of two fish. The success for catching your limit does not appear to have decreased; however, the size of the halibut has dramatically decreased. Twenty years ago, it was common to catch halibut over 150 pounds. Today, the average size is less than 60 pounds. Halibut size is not age-specific but tends to follow a cycle related to halibut abundance. The more halibut, the less food to go around and therefore, smaller fish size. If management is focused on entertaining the multimillion-dollar tourists' market for quantity, and not quality fish size, then they are doing an excellent job.

Remember, I earlier stated that I was agnostic about the tension between commercial fishing and tourism. Let me add a note to this column. To increase the abundance of halibut, the commercial harvest of halibut has been steadily decreasing in Alaska via regulations. Tourism appears to have a stronger lobby.

Interesting fact: The survival rate of caught and released halibut is 95% due to the lack of having a swim/air bladder and therefore, not suffering from barotrauma. Barotrauma (also called decompression sickness or the bends) is a syndrome associated with a rapid and extensive reduction in environmental barometric pressure. Barotrauma is very common in fish like the red snapper. I will discuss this more later in the series. To be continued ...

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

**Line Dancing**

**Tamara Stanford**



Line dancing is a popular activity at On Top of the World, but not everyone is familiar with line dancing. The dances are choreographed for a group of individual dancers standing in rows, facing in the same direction. The dancers follow the same dance pattern.

Most dances are created for 32 counts of music as this composition is often used in popular songs. Every 32 counts of music, the dance pattern repeats. During the song, dancers generally turn to face a different wall. Line dances are choreographed for two or four walls, though there are a few one wall dances. For many dances, the step pattern is repeated six to eight times during the song.

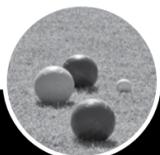
Line dancing is a fun social activity. Remembering the dance steps helps to keep memory sharp and dancing benefits physical health.

On Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. there is line dancing at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons. Dance leaders are in attendance from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For detailed information regarding line dancing, contact Darlene Miller at 352-259-3695.

**Bocce Club**

**Paula Hammond**



Bocce ball is on a roll! Come watch us eyeing the distance between a bocce ball and a pallino, then get the tape measure and measure.

Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town. With all the snowbirds back, all six courts are being utilized and are at full capacity. Open bocce is played Mondays and Wednesdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can

be taken and numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Teams are decided by the luck of the draw.

Anyone who shows up can play, however as a new player, once you have played on three occasions you are expected to join the league or open play, pay dues of \$12, and sign a "Release and Hold Harmless" consent form.

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.

The annual banquet will be held Saturday, May 6, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

For further information, please contact Terry Connolly at 352-895-3866. Come roll with us; all are welcome.

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**Ballet**

**Eugenie Martin**



In January, some of our members performed several dances at the Health & Wellness Expo at Circle Square Cultural Center. We have done this almost every year since 2008, and now, we are thinking about other ways we can show our dancing to the community. We will let readers know when we get something planned.

Our members have very diverse past experiences in ballet. Some are beginners; others danced professionally. Some studied ballet as children; others studied it as adults. I was one who started ballet as an adult. I lived on Roosevelt Island, located on New York City's East River. A lovely ballet teacher trained in

Russia came to teach on the island, in a beautiful studio designed and built by her husband. The person who encouraged me to dance was called, "Gina the ballerina." She was a force for ballet on Roosevelt Island, and in Sarasota, Florida when she moved south.

So, whether you are a beginner, or more advanced dancer, you are welcome to join our classes. To start, you do not need ballet clothes. Just wear stretchy exercise clothes and socks on your feet. Remember to bring a bottle of water, of course. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Beginner: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Fridays, noon to 1:15 p.m.
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**Sidekicks Western Dance**



Judy Sullivan

Wonderful and funny story from one Sidekicks couple - Paula and David.

"We moved to On Top of the World in 2006 and back then almost 100% of the activities were only during the day. We both worked full time as telecommuters, and we were tied to our desks during normal work hours.

One day at The Town Square, we saw several couples out there dancing. What we later learned was the dance called Texas waltz. We were fascinated watching all the couples do the same moves at the same time. We mentioned it to a friend who had also moved to the community about the same time.

Several weeks later that friend called

**Billiards Club**



Phil Panzera

Officer elections for 2023 were held last month. Congratulations to Debbie Radicchi, who was elected as second vice president, and Bernie Santucci, who was elected as secretary. We sincerely thank Jerry Gill, who served admirably as second vice president last year, and helped increase the stature of ladies in our club.

Phil Panzera, Ralph Szelenyi and Gene Christopher were also re-elected to continue their positions as president, first vice president and treasurer, respectively.

Thanks also to several senior members of our club - Ray Stover, Joe Amigliore and Gene Hueber - who served on the board's nominating committee to recommend candidate officers to the membership.

Our United HealthCare program, managed by Element3 Health, continues to grow, and bring in money for the club. We are up to 41 members now, who each bring in up to \$120 per year for the club, merely by coming in to play pool. It might possibly be the sweetest deal I've ever encountered! In just these first three months, we've brought in over \$2,600 for the club.

The winter mixed league is underway, with over 70 participants. It's too late to join a team, but you can still play as a substitute. If you're new, it's a great way to stick your toe in, learn about our leagues and how we play, and meet new people and make friends.

This primary club league is open to men and women of every skill level ... and I do mean "every." Don't worry at all if you're a starting player, as there are quite a few others getting their feet wet as well.

Anecdote of the Month: While attending a billiard tourney on the evening of April 24, 1906, Mark Twain was called on to speak. He told this story.

The game of billiards has destroyed my naturally sweet disposition. Once, when I was an underpaid reporter in Virginia City, whenever I wished to play billiards, I went out to look for an easy mark. One day a stranger came to town and opened a billiard parlor. I looked him over casually. When he proposed a game, I answered, "All right."

"Just knock the balls around a little so that I can get your gait." When I had done so, he remarked, "I will be perfectly fair with you. I'll play you left-handed." I felt hurt, for he was cross-eyed, freckled, and had red hair, and I determined to teach him a lesson. He won first shot, ran out, took my half-dollar, and all I got was the opportunity to chalk my cue.

"If you can play like that with your left hand," I said, "I'd like to see you play with your right."

"I can't," he said. "I'm left-handed."

all excited and said they had found an activity that we could do in the evening, and it was the dancing group that we saw at The Town Square. The challenge now was how to get both our husbands to agree to join a dance class when neither one of them danced. The deal we made was that we would each tell our husbands that the friend's husband wanted to try the dance class but would only do it if he had another male friend there with him.

We all showed up to dance in September 2009. We are pretty sure the teachers hoped we would never come back after the first week. Left and right seem so easy until you throw in music and patterns. We stuck with it, mostly because no one wanted to quit on the other couple and because neither of the men wanted to admit defeat!

We danced at the Recreation Center and there were many Tuesdays when David would go out by the pool grumbling, he would never get it and I just kept dancing by myself until he came back.

On around fourth or fifth week, the

instructor showed up to class with cardboard cutouts of "L" and "R" and taped them to David's left and right shoe and periodically reminded him to look down. As she taught the steps of a dance, she eventually stopped asking the class if they had gotten it but rather would specifically ask David if he had gotten it (Ha! Ha! Ha!). Still, we stuck with it.

We learned it was easier if we got behind someone in the circle who seemed to know the dance and we discovered no one cared if we messed up. They only cared that we keep trying.

Fast forward to September 2019. Our original instructors stepped down from teaching and guess who became the main teachers for Sidekicks Western Partner Dance Club? That's right, David and Paula Shira. We led the club through the next three years, including adding a Zoom class!"

This story shows you that partner dancing can be for anyone willing to give it a try and stick with it - an activity for the two of you - together. If interested in joining Sidekicks, please email sidekicksdanceclub@yahoo.com.



Photo by Paula Shira

David and Paula Shira.

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## Everything's Coming Up Rose(n)

By Elaine Morrison  
World News Writer

The final curtain has descended on the two sold out performances of this year's Original Theatre Group's production, "S Wonderful."

The show paid tribute to legendary composer/lyricists, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerry Herman, singing some of their hits from Broadway shows of yesteryear. More than 30 songs from 21 shows were performed.

Show stopping numbers from "Hello Dolly," "Gypsy," "Porgy and Bess," "Sweeney Todd," and "Kiss Me Kate" delighted the audiences who rhythmically swayed along to the familiar melodies and lyrics.

This season's cast comprised of three real life married couples, many retired teachers and nurses, a food consultant, a physicist, a hospice chaplain, a stand-up comic and many more.

One performer, who came to the group's open house to volunteer as an usher, ended up in the ensemble and was given some speaking lines.

The ambitious program was guided by the group's artistic director, Richard Rosen, whose background includes serving as the drama director at the prestigious Palmer Trinity School in Miami for 26 years.

A self-professed theater buff, Richard caught the bug while in high school when a friend suggested they might be able to meet girls if they attended a drama class at a local community center.

He has since been busy producing, acting, and directing more than 100 musicals and plays. He has taught theater and received a best director award while with the Gulfport Community Players in Gulfport, Florida.

"I love sharing space with the actors," Richard says. And he certainly

did just that in the recent production, performing as Fanny Brice in a segment about a striptease.

Twice a year Richard makes the pilgrimage to the mecca of shows, New York City's Broadway, where he feasts on at least 15 to 20 shows. He enjoys this immersion and shares his critiques when he returns.

Richard delights in being able to attract many bright and talented people to the ensemble. "We enjoy presenting entertainment that is both sophisticated and thought provoking. We love that our large audiences appreciate our efforts," he said.

Assisting in some of the herculean tasks of mounting a show of these proportions is the club's president, Wayne Dilts, who is fresh off performing on the stage of the Ocala Civic Theatre's production of "Coming Back Like a Song," where he played the character of composer Harold Arlen to great acclaim. For this year's production, Wayne directed both numbers from the Stephen Sondheim show "Company."

Music director, Philanthy Nichols, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Music, has many professional credits, including performances with big bands in supper clubs.

Rounding out the production's creative staff are Cheryl Richardson, musical arranger and piano accompanist; Claudia Baker, dancer and choreographer; and Joanne Houston, assistant to the director. All three women have long standing careers in music, dance, and theater.

The upcoming spring show, "Comedy Tonight," will feature scenes from famous plays utilizing seniors. They include "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Harvey," "Sunshine Boys," and "Over the

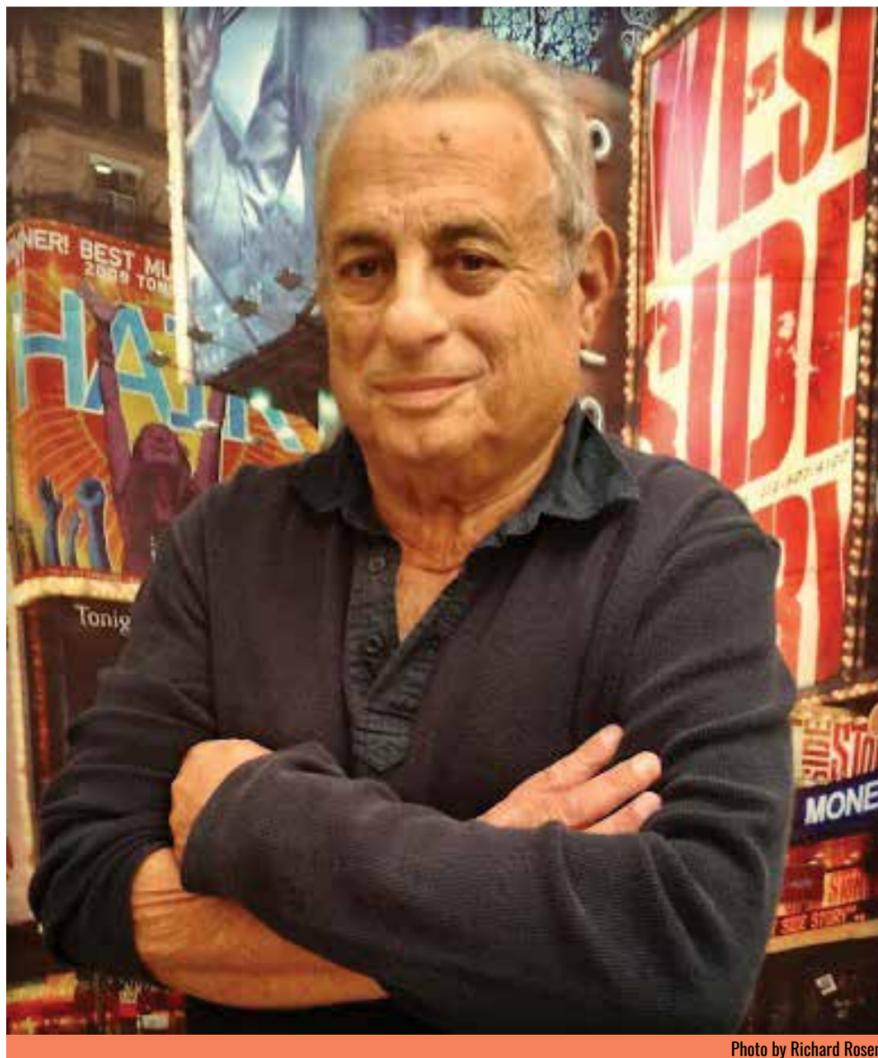


Photo by Richard Rosen

Artistic Director Richard Rosen of the Original Theatre Group.

River and Through the Woods." It will be performed in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room in May. Open auditions will be held on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

The final lyrics of the show's closing number, the rousing "I've Got Rhythm,"

performed by the entire company utilizing noise makers, kazoos, small instruments, dancing, and general frolicking, became truly representative of the cast's feelings as they sang "Who Could Ask for Anything More?" Indeed.

## 'Celebrate' Hits the Stage

By Nancy Grabowski

Finally, the time has come or at least it's very near! The New Pretenders excitedly retake the stage for "Celebrate!" - a high energy program guaranteed to entertain our audiences. As a quick reminder all shows are presented in the Recreation Center Ballroom at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4; and Sunday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. Previously pur-

chased tickets are necessary and none are sold at the door.

We have been hard at work for months, perfecting this show for you. Music from across the genres and years will be spotlighted in some unique ways. A handsomely decorated stage and sparkly costumes will add to the festivities. We can guarantee there is something for

everybody.

After we conclude the community presentations, The New Pretenders venture out into nearby venues. Our first one is at Queen of Peace on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets can be secured at the church plus we have 50 tickets available here. Contact Nancy Grabowski at 352-209-4699 or Joe Furfaro at 352-237-6900.

We will also perform at Marion Landing at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, and a final show at Cherrywood on Monday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. Tickets for these shows are available by contacting the activities director at each complex or at the door, just prior to showtime.

We continue to stress our thanks to our audiences for the support you provide. This, in turn, enables us to donate to our favorite local Marion County charities. Some of the past recipients include the Sewing Bees, Hospice of Marion County, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, Ocala Domestic Abuse/Violence Center, and Food-4-Kids Backpack Program. Our members put forth the names of the charities each year and vote on those presented.

New members are currently being interviewed to see how each best fits into our organization. If you are interested in joining The New Pretenders, contact Nancy Grabowski at 352-209-4699 for more information.



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Some of The New Pretenders.

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Photo by Chris Kilbride

Becky Tobin creates colorful and unique pottery.

Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride



The weekly Artistic Crafts & Gifts Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon and continues 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 50 on Tuesday, with even more online for their virtual presence. All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month we feature Becky Tobin who, five years ago, began planning for retirement and what she would do in her non-working life. Still living in Tampa at the time, she found a pottery class run by the parks and recreation department and decided to begin lessons on Saturdays. This was a great decision for her for a couple reasons, as she learned to throw on the wheel and the basic rules of hand building. As a bonus, she gained many friends who were also still working and looking for a hobby.

Being an art show junkie, Becky made some vacation trips to areas where she could see different types of ceramics like in Taos, New Mexico and Portland, Maine. Her love for colorful and quirky items seems to guide her in what she creates.

Having lived in Lutz, Florida, her

40 years of working life were primarily spent in the medical software sales world. Anything clinical from department solutions to finally artificial intelligence software for assisting physicians to make better decisions when creating clinical documentation. She loved her job which was fulfilled by the solutions she sold and how they helped in health-care.

After moving here in 2020, and retiring in 2022, she started her own company. In her two-car garage, she houses her pottery studio consisting of a wheel, a slab roller, and kiln. With hundreds of commercial glazes in stock, she applies the glaze to enable the pottery to be food safe.

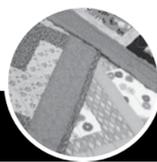
Becky's love for pottery gives her a chance to meet new people and sell throughout the year at venues like the Lutz Arts and Crafts, Altamonte Springs Wine and Art Show, Temple Terrace Art Show and others. Be sure to stop by Becky's table any Tuesday morning, she'd love to show you her unique pieces, and maybe one will fit nicely in your home.

For those who have never visited on Tuesday, please take an hour, and go 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.

Sunshine Quilters

Lyn Timm



Sparrow (Kathy) Karcheski comes to us from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where she met her husband who was in the US Navy. When he decided to make a career of the Navy, they decided to get married! They spent the next 16 years traveling the country including Illinois, California, Tennessee, Alaska, and Brunswick, Maine.

During that time, she worked with the US federal civil service in Illinois, Alaska, and California. Upon retiring from the service, they moved to western New York and built their dream home. (They really built it.)

Sparrow decided to finish her career

with civil service and the couple moved back to Palmer, Alaska. It was here she learned to quilt in earnest. When she accepted a promotion, it included moving to London, Kentucky and stayed there until her retirement in 2007 as a loan officer with the US Department of Agriculture.

Moving back to Wisconsin to be closer to family, they realized that the winters were too brutal and off to Orange Park, Florida they went. Splitting there time here and traveling throughout the state they decided our community would be their final stop in 2016.

Sparrow joined Sunshine Quilters to learn more quilting techniques. She finds her fellow members to be encouraging and helpful in trying new and different projects, finding lap quilts for veterans and wheelchair bound seniors very rewarding.

Missouri Quilts and Pinterest are her go to sites for inspiration.



Photo by Lyn Timm

Sparrow (Kathy) Karcheski with her quilt.

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CARDS & GAMES



Bingo

Nancy Grabowski



January rolled in and we welcomed the bingo crowd back. The Recreation Center Ballroom is a multi-use facility that is transformed from one activity to another. It will continue to be set up for our use after 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday. For safety's sake, we cannot enter until the staff has completed their work.

One of the weekly features at bingo is the raffle. The sellers will begin about 4 p.m. with strips of tickets ready to entice some lucky winners. The strips nominal cost is three for \$1 or 10 for \$3 with a guaranteed \$20 to each holder of the pulled tickets. Those tickets are pulled about 5:45 p.m. before the actual games begin.

The playing cards are sold, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Each card is \$1 and is played for all 20 games. A valid resident ID must be presented when purchasing cards. The winning payout is determined by the total number of cards sold at each session. Cards are equipped with sliders, so no markers are needed; large print cards are available to those who need them.

Our callers display each game on the big board which also tracks how many numbers have been called, primarily important for the last jackpot game. Each number called flashes on the big board until the next number is called; all called numbers remain lighted during the game.

Reminders are necessary so the evening proceeds smoothly. One seat, other than your own, can be saved for another player. Chairs should not be tipped forward when saving seats to avoid tripping hazards. Bingo is an alcohol-free zone governed by state gaming rules. Any alcoholic drinks purchased must be consumed in The Pub or on veranda. At the end of the session, cards are returned to the front tables and placed face down. Watch for cars and golf carts as you return to your own vehicle. Using the sidewalks is safer, of course!

Volunteers are welcome to join our teams who work every third month. The work isn't difficult and provides a fun opportunity to meet many residents. If you're thinking about it, talk to any volunteer or see Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski at bingo. For more information, call Nancy at 352-209-4699.

Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly

Dec. 12, 2022

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Billie Anderson & Mary Bloch; 4: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick; 5: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac.

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Dec. 19, 2022

1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Phyllis Silverman & Bruce Gillett; 3: Mike Meirick & Craig Ford; 4: Rik Saffol; 5: Carol Johnson.

Dec. 26, 2022

1: Donna Peters & Rad D.; 2: Mary Walker & Dean Samuels; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 4: Betty Morris & Steve Sekac.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor

With the holidays behind us, our group is back in force. We're really pleased that the folks who came for the first time during the last year to try out our game have become regulars.

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

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

Dec. 13, 2022

North/South

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Wayne Caldwell & CJ Daane; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller.

East/West

1: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus; 2: Dean Samuel & Carolyn Higgins; 3: Brian Lomasky & Mar Valchin.

Dec. 20, 2022

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 4: Wayne Caldwell & CJ Daane; 5: Judi Wallace & Dennis Wallace.

Dec. 27, 2022

1: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor.

Jan. 3

North/South

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Wayne Caldwell & CJ Daane.

East/West

1: Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel; Tie at 2: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus and Judi Wallace & Dennis Wallace.

Jan. 10

North/South

1: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Wayne Caldwell & CJ Daane.

East/West

Tie at 1: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp and Carolyn Higgins & Dean Samuel; 3: Gayle Taylor & Bob Kraus.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Dianne Robinson

Dec. 7, 2022

1: Joe McKeown; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Bruce Gillett; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Rosann Ross.

Dec. 14, 2022

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Steve Sekac; 3: Shirley Stolly; 4: Joan Keinath; Cons: Betty Morris.

Dec. 21, 2022

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Steve Sekac; 3: Craig Ford and Betty Morris; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Dec. 28, 2022

1: Steve Sekac; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Joan Keinath; Cons: Betty Morris.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

Dec. 1, 2022

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Mike Meirick; 3: Craig Ford; Cons: Linda Yuen.

Dec. 8, 2022

1: Carolyn Higgins; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Rik Saffol; 4: Betty Morris; Cons: Judy Mackowski, Billie Anderson.

Dec. 15, 2022

1: Dean Samuel; 2: Mike Meirick; 3: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Joan Keinath.

Dec. 22, 2022

1: Steve Sekac; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Betty Morris; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Dec. 29, 2022

1: Judy Mackowski; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Pat Quinn; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Bunco for Babies

Michelle Malsch



The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 1, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

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

Tickets are \$30 and include lunch, cash prizes for the bunco game categories, and door prize drawings. A 50/50 raffle will be held as well.

Tickets will be sold Mondays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center veranda until all are sold.

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

Bunco Babes Social Group

Michelle Malsch



The group meets in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Feb. 28. Registration is at 6:45 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 40 players. Please make sure you arrive on time to reserve your spot. It will be first come, first served. Always check the World News for the latest updates for our group.

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

The cost is \$3 per person (please try to have exact change) 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.

Bunco for Babies, the fundraiser for the March of Dimes, will be held Saturday, April 1. Tickets will be sold Mondays, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the Recreation Center veranda until all tickets are gone. Next ticket sale date is Monday, Feb. 6. Only 144 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$30 and include lunch, beverage, dessert, door prizes, and playing bunco for cash prizes. A 50/50 raffle and basket auction will be held.

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

Euchre



Friday Night

By Mary Bloch

Dec. 2, 2022

1: Terry Champion; 2: Lawrence Remer; 3: Mary Bloch.

Dec. 9, 2022

1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Pete Jacob; 3: Robert Moravec.

Dec. 16, 2022

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Phyllis Wall; 3: Jean Gillette.

Dec. 23, 2022

1: Jean Gillette; 2: Pete Jacob; 3: Jim Kelly.

Dec. 30, 2022

1: Karen Jacob; 2: Lawrence Remer; Tie at 3: Pete Jacob & Robert Moravec.

Mah Jongg Junkies



Joan Castellucci

Come join us for a day of Mah Jongg Saturday, March 4, at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. Doors open at 9 a.m. but you're welcome to come any time during the day. Doors close at 4 p.m., but you may leave at any time.

You're welcome to bring your lunch or dine out if you prefer. 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 if you have questions. Hope to see you then.

Pinochle



Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

Dec. 6, 2022

1: James Tomaszek; 2: Jim Recor; 3: Jae Kallai.

Dec. 13, 2022

1: Judy Wagnitz; 2: Lee Freehauf; 3: Robert Moravec.

Dec. 20, 2022

1: John Bunyak; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Debbie Martello.

Dec. 27, 2022

1: Marilyn Whitford; 2: Herb Latz; 3: Norma Miles.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

Dec. 16, 2022

1: Herb Katz; 2: Ilene Casper; 3: Larry Black.

Dec. 23, 2022

1: Ray Kallai; 2: Ed Casper; 3: Charlie Budd.

Dec. 30, 2022

1: Debbie Martello; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Mike Schmidt.

Jan. 6

1: Bob Moravec; 2: Herb Katz; 3: Jim Recor.

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**Karaoke Friends**



**Kathy & Charlie Petrosky**

ence sings with you. Karaoke should be all about having fun.

February can be a fun karaoke month. Love songs and patriotic songs can be heard. It is good when a month has a theme in it.

This month we would like to highlight Steve Evans. He is one of our newer members. He came in one week. As soon as he sang, he had our attention. He is a regular now. He was asked to share some thoughts about his music experience. This is what he shared.

"I grew up sitting next to a great bass singer in church ... my dad. That's where I got my love of singing. I remember going to all-night singing in Atlanta in the 50s. Got a guitar for Christmas in the 60s when folk music and hootenan-

nies were the thing. I've sung at lots of funerals. My sister and I started when we were asked to sing at weddings in the 70s. First time I sang karaoke was on a cruise ship in 1993. I've been hooked ever since. Ships, clubs, bars wherever they have karaoke nights you can find me there."

Remember you do not have to be a singer to come to karaoke. We love having an audience. If you are not sure whether to sing or not, you could start singing a duet or with a group. We all started somewhere.

We meet on the first and third Mondays in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is open to all residents. Come and see. You may find a new hobby.



Photo by Steve Warren  
Steve Evans.

**Paradise Players**



**Nancy Carp**

has added a great deal for our performance. This community is full of talent with actors, singers, and dancers. At every meeting we laugh, enjoy each other's company and are a cohesive happy group. Even though the group was created just last spring, we are a success under the leadership of Nancy Carp and Lee Smith.

Our show will take place on Saturday, April 15, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 16, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Ballroom. More information about the show including the show content and ticket sales, will be announced in the March edition of

the World News. Ticket sales will begin the first week of March and continue up to the week of the show or when tickets are sold out. No tickets will be sold at the door. You must present your resident ID to purchase tickets.

Since Paradise Players is a brand-new group, we are looking for a way to raise funds. People here in the community can help us with fundraising so we can pay our bills. We are currently selling ad space in our program for show sponsors. You can be a sponsor if you have a business that you wish to advertise, want to show off your grandchild or adorable

pet with a photo, or would just like to see your name in our program as a sponsor. Contact Lee Smith at 913-530-5520 for more information including cost, size and dates to purchase ad.

If you are interested in helping with the show with costumes, set design, backstage help, tech, or ushers for the show, please contact Nancy Carp.

Follow us on Facebook (OTOW Chatteroom) and this column. Our contact information is otowtheatrearts@gmail.com and Nancy Carp at 410-935-2625.

**Happy Hookers**



**Jan Spielvogel**

gan with a rounded top and pointy bottom - may have been the inspiration of medieval artists to create what we now know as the heart shape. The medieval tradition of courtly love may have reinforced the shape's association with romance.

Hearts can be found on playing cards, tapestries, and paintings. Hearts also grew in usage when the exchange of Valentine's gained popularity in 17th century England. The Victorians employed the heart shape in tandem with ribbons and bows. Regardless of the origin of the heart shape it continues to stand as a symbol of love and caring.

All the donation items created by the Happy Hookers are done "from the heart" as we respond to needs that are made known. Our first gathering as a group on Monday, Jan. 9, had a total of 36 women (our largest group ever) gathered in the Hobby Building Art Room. We were quite happy to add seven new members at that gathering.

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 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 pat-

tern 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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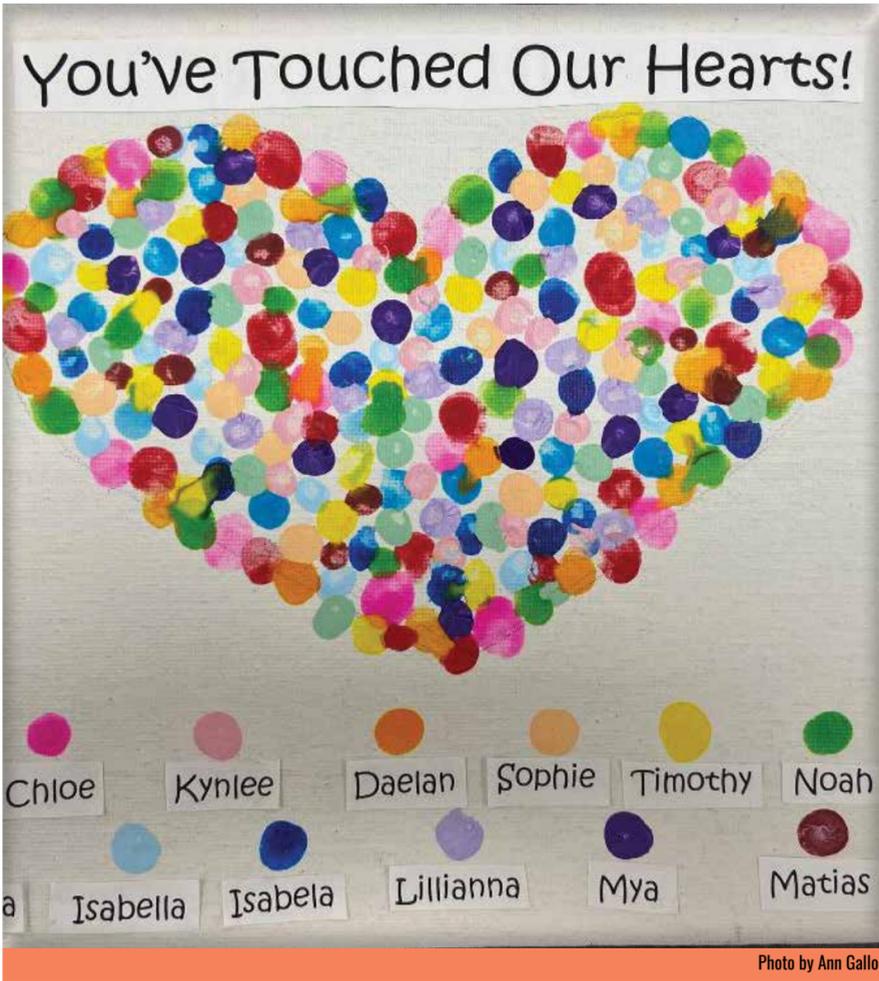


Photo by Ann Gallo

The pre-kindergarten class in Reddick, Florida sent a thank you for the gifts they received at Christmas.

**Sewing Bees**

Ann Gallo



The Sewing Bees have returned from their holiday break and are gearing up for another great year. We are adding members and agencies in need of our services.

Late last year we started collecting grocery receipts which are scanned into the Box Tops for Education app, which provides money to a local school where students are at risk. We earned \$78. With your support, we are looking to significantly increase that amount. We are collecting receipts on Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m. and Thursdays, 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room.

We were so thrilled to receive such beautiful thank you certificates and

cards from the pre-kindergarten class in Reddick, Florida. The children received a quilt, plush toy and a filled stocking at Christmas.

We are always in need of cotton quilting fabric with children's prints.

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 rely on donations to fulfill our mission.

Are you on Facebook? Join our page (OTOW Sewing Bees) and keep up to date on what we are working on and what our current needs are.

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



Photo by Linda Lohr

Cards presented by Pat Mayberry.



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**Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr



Our presenter for Thursday, Jan. 5, was Pat Mayberry. She demonstrated the drapery fold technique which can be used for any type of card. She also provided templates for an adorable small "purse." It is small enough to fit in an envelope (when folded up) and is large enough to hold a gift card. Very cute item!

We thank Pat for providing all the instructions, stamps, sentiments, and templates to create these clever cards.

Our group is open to all crafters - beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

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

For information, contact Connie Press 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 Connie Press at [Connie.RubberStampClub@gmail.com](mailto:Connie.RubberStampClub@gmail.com). We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft.

Until then, keep on stampin'!

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**ShutterBugs Photography**

Connie Filip



Colyer and I will present a beginner class to members "Editing Your Cell Photos with an Android or iPhone" on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Here's a first, basic step that will start you on your cell phone editing adventure:

Open your phone's app so that you see a photo that you took with your cell phone. Look for the icon that looks like a pencil or the display of the word "edit." If you don't see any icons or words, lightly tap the photo and they should appear.

Now that you're on the editing screen, you'll see lots of options to choose. Be adventurous and try one! You can teach yourself what they mean or come to our class at the end of the month and learn lots of editing skills!

If you missed seeing our photo display in the Recreation Center, you can still see all our entries by clicking on Photo Contest/2022 Photo Contest at otowspc.com.

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, show-n-tell the third and an educational class the 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.

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

ShutterBugs are proud to present two of the blue-ribbon winning photos in the nature category of last year's photo contest.

Both photographs shown here were captured by Jan Jordan.

While out and about in On Top of the World, Jan discovered "Land of a Thousand Drops." While looking for some interesting flowers to photograph, she discovered early morning dew on nearby ornamental grass blades. They caught her attention because waterdrops and their reflections make for an interesting and challenging subject. She used Skylum Luminar AI software to bring out the more vivid colors that the eye sees but that the camera does not always capture.

In her second photo, "Pretty Boy", Jan says, "Parrots are a subject I'm drawn to. Their colors are so bold and beautiful. No two are alike. They seem to be natural posers, just waiting for someone to take their picture." Paparazzi can find this boy at the Brevard Zoo. Again, Jan used Skylum Luminar AI software, but this time it helped to darken the background and allow the viewer to focus on the parrot rather than background distractions.

Speaking of photo editing, Martha

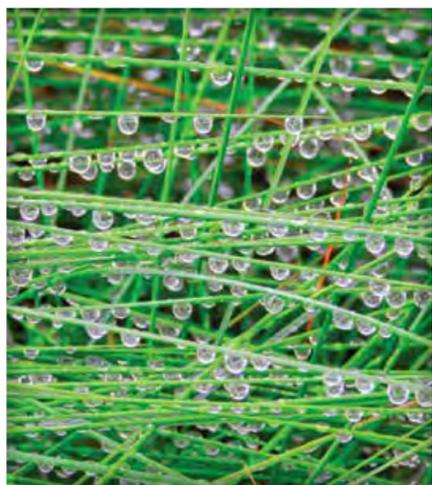


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Land of a thousand drops.



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Pretty boy.



Photo by Mathew and Dawn Corey

Claudia Baker and Gwen Templeton sparkle in their "Sunday Clothes!"

**Original Theatre Group**

Richard Rosen



"S Wonderful," our musical theater revue, delighted our large and appreciative audiences in January. Kudos to our cast and crew for all their diligent work and professional approach in preparing this delightful theatrical project.

We are going to take a month off before we tackle our next production - "Comedy Tonight" - an intimate showcase of some great comedic drama. This production will feature scenes from "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Harvey," "The Sunshine Boys," and other classic plays.

In addition, we will present the Ocala

premiere of the touching, and gently humorous one act play, "One Sunday Morning." We also have time for a couple of musical numbers that will fit in with the theme of our show.

Open auditions will be held in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room Sunday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Roles are limited for this show. If you wish to show us a musical number, please come prepared with your material and accompaniment. There is also a piano available.

Performances for "Comedy Tonight" will take place in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 29, and will be limited to audiences of 60 people. Tickets will go on sale in April. For further information, contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com.

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Julie Sloat

The new year started with food! A potluck dinner was held at our January "sit and chat." We also played bingo and enjoyed our time getting to know each other better.

Our "sit and chats" are held the first Thursday of each month. We reserved the Hobby Building Event Room the first Thursday of the month for the year. We will use the gazebo when appropriate, but it will be nice to have a room (the same room) available to us!

The next "sit and chat" is Thursday, Feb. 2, with pizza at 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. The cost is \$5 per person. We will have trivia, 50/50 and spend some time chatting!

Looking ahead, please see the posted sign at our postal center regarding our upcoming fundraiser event. In April, we will have an Easter festival at the gazebo.

Remember to refer to your Americana Village business card if you need anything or if you have any questions. Thanks for making Americana Village the most friendly and fun neighborhood!

**Avalon Social Group**



Karen Volpe & Sharon Hall

Our January, welcoming the new year event had our largest participation yet with 125 tickets sold and about 120 in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Pasta Faire and were entertained by Charlie and Kathy Petroski who led us in a little karaoke, a get-to-know-you game of two truths and a lie and plenty of dance music.

Our next event will be held Monday, March 13, with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Stay tuned for more information on that event.

Are you new to Avalon or our social events? There are three ways to keep informed of upcoming events: email, our Facebook group, or posting at the postal center. If you would like to be added to our email list or to verify that you are on the list so that you can be notified of future events, please email your request to avalonsocialclub@gmail.com.

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

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Petra Schmidt  
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**Williamsburg Neighbors**



Carmel Kessler

A new year is a wonderful time to get out, try new things, meet new neighbors, and enjoy our time together.

The annual Williamsburg meeting was held Monday, Jan. 9. Nancy Meininger, president, introduced the current board members, Carmel Kessler, secretary, and Gwen Fabian and Linda McDonald, treasurers. The vice president position is open as are two at large members. No one was nominated nor volunteered for these positions. Nancy presented a copy of by-laws for everyone to view, which is necessary as we have a treasurer.

According to Treasurer Linda McDonald the balance in our account is \$411.81.

Nancy led a discussion of possible activities for Williamsburg in 2023. With the input of neighbors' ideas and suggestions several dates and happenings were decided upon.

A golf cart poker run will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. with subs to follow. Frank and Gwen Fabian are chairing this fun activity. The run will start at the Williamsburg "park" on SW 91st Circle East at the intersection of SW 92nd Place Road. Golf carts travel together throughout our community, stopping at various sites. At each stop participants receive a playing card. When the parade of carts returns to Williamsburg the cart with the best poker hand wins a cash prize. The cost is \$10 per cart, or \$20 if there are four people riding. Please contact Gwen Fabian at 330-207-6954 or [gwen.fabian@gmail.com](mailto:gwen.fabian@gmail.com) by Thursday, Feb. 16, to register.

Mark your calendar for the second Hawaiian luau on Saturday, May 20. Linda Jones will be hosting this wonderful event. You don't want to miss this one!

The December holiday party is in the initial stages of planning. Look for an email coming your way seeking your input.

Other plans include a sports day in April and trivia and tacos at Halloween. Other suggestions included starting a Williamsburg bocce league, a scavenger hunt, and a golf outing.

Needed are other ideas, volunteers, and co-chairs to enhance and strengthen these and other events in the neighborhood. Any time you can give to help is so appreciated. Please contact Nancy Meininger at [nancy@nancymeininger.com](mailto:nancy@nancymeininger.com) to volunteer, make suggestions or ask questions.

Welcome new neighbors! We look forward to meeting you at our neighborhood gatherings. To be added to our email list please send your information to Nancy at [nancy@nancymeininger.com](mailto:nancy@nancymeininger.com). Check out our neighborhood Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg-OTOW).

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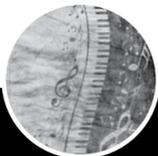
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If you plan to join us, contact Mary Ann Majni at flmam68@aol.com for further information.



Photo by MaryAnn Majni

Spring 2021 concert.

Poetry

Linda Toner



Toppers Banjo

David Wesenberg



Let me introduce you to Toppers Banjo, a group that has been playing together for more than three years. The group is led by Barry Ripple and Eddie Martin with singer David Wesenberg and appearances by banjo players, guitarists, and pianists from time-to-time. The band plays a wide selection of music including blues, torch classics, ballads, old favorites, show tunes, and popular songs from down south.

We had several visitors last month including a guitar player who jammed with us. What a great opportunity to experience music together.

We have been experimenting with some audio support and recording equipment to offer our audience better sound quality and balance.

Come down and hear us every Thursday, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room where you will be treated to some great music with a little humor here and there.

If you want more information about the group as either a player or listener, contact David Wesenberg at dwesenberg3@cfl.rr.com.

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Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



We are now through the first month of 2023 and, hopefully, the end of our cold weather. Holiday visitors have left, decorations are down and packed away, and it's time to get back to life as we know it.

I hope you bought your ticket for our Mardi Gras event Saturday, Feb. 11, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. Ticket sales are over, so if you missed it, please keep an eye open for our next big event in June. Until that time, you may find us doing different fundraisers. Remember, it's a new year and time to try new things!

Having door and game prizes at our events is something we hope the attendees enjoy. However, providing those prizes also involves paying for them. Ticket prices for our events do not cover this, so various members of the committee have been covering the cost.

But, as we know, all good things must come to an end. Therefore, we would like to try something new in 2023. We are brainstorming ideas for fundraising to continue to provide the prizes like what we have had in the past. All proceeds would go to paying for prizes. If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact us.

January also brought the Club Fair. This was an event for residents to get out and discover what clubs and organizations are available to join. Friendship Connection had a table again for residents to stop by, say hello, and find out how to get involved or what our events will be. Did you see us?

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village only. Our events are scheduled quarterly, on the second Saturday of the month, 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 or Cathy Clinton at 860-302-6723, email us at OTOWFriendshipConnection@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

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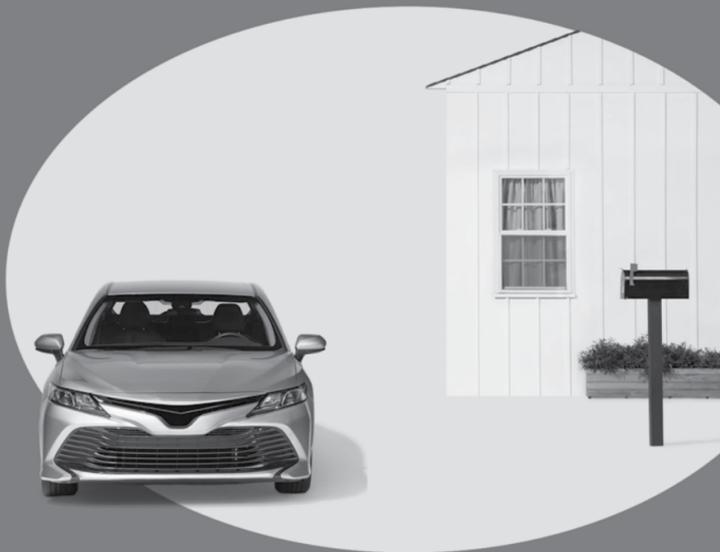
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Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam



tour of the room. The visitors were given the opportunity to operate the many animated accessories located on the layout. Some of the favorites were the "burning house," the pumping oil wells, the bascule bridge that lifted, the culvert pipe unloader, and the wood pallet loader. But the two favorites were the logging operation with the falling tree, and the sawmill that sawed the log into pieces of lumber. However, the biggest hit of all was the appreciation of the sky boards that were hand painted by artist Bill El-eazer.

All the children were mesmerized

by all the trains that were in operation. Those who were old enough were provided the opportunity to control the trains with the transformers. And the children left with a Hershey's Kiss for the holiday.

The club encourages you to visit the Hobby Building Model Train Room any

Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come on in and run some trains with us!

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!



Photo by Rosie Lynam

Jim Lynam welcomed all of the guests during the Model Railroaders open house.

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Art Group



Joanie Ford

How is your new year going? A new canvas is in front of you; how will you paint it? I invite all of you (creative or not), to think about this.

What new projects are you thinking about? Maybe a project can be looking at how you react to others and noticing that. Or maybe a project could be playing a better game of golf, samba, shuffleboard, pool - the list is endless.

What do you want to improve or change? For me (besides improving my painting skills) I would like to improve my focus on life. Maybe slow down a bit, even more than I did last year.

Are you starting to think about your life? Sometimes when we think of things we want to change, we think about our habits. In "The Little Book of Talent," Daniel Coyle says, "Don't waste time trying to break bad habits - instead build new ones." He continues to tell us that when it comes to dealing with bad habits many of us try to attack the problem head on, by trying to break the bad habits. But this tactic does not work. You've heard this truth many times, that bad habits are hard to break.

Daniel states, "The blame lies with our brain. While they are good at building circuits, they are awful at unbuilding them."

In a way, that's good news. Since the bad habit circuit is wired into the brain, I don't have to think about fixing the bad habit. The solution Daniel explains is to ignore the bad habit and put your energy toward building new habits that will override the old one.

In his book he gives an example of a technique at a shyness clinic. The clinic helps chronically shy people improve their social skills. At this clinic they don't delve into the personal history of the shy person; they don't try to fix anything. Instead, they focus on building new skills through what they call a social fitness model. This is a series of small, intense, gradually escalating workouts that develop new social muscles. For example, the shy person would walk up to a stranger and ask, "Do you know what time it is?" Then the workout would grow more strenuous, and the shy person would be asking five strangers for the time, making phone calls to friends, or chatting with a stranger in the elevator.

Daniel writes, "To build new habits, start slowly. Expect to feel stupid and clumsy and frustrated at first - after all, the new wires haven't been built yet."

Build a new habit by gradually increasing the difficulty. It takes time, but it's the only way a new habit will grow.

Whatever you decide to do with your new year. Please remember two things: Make this the best day ever and love yourself.

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Newcastle celebration of lights.

**Crescent Ridge Happenings**

George Ostrom



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Remember the speed limit is 30 for roads with no driveways and 25 for roads with driveways. Most everyone is retired and shouldn't be in a hurry. If walking early morning or evening, please wear a reflective vest and/or carry a flashlight.

See everyone soon!

Our last gathering was a very sunny January day with temperatures in the mid 70s. Once again, thanks to all who took part in decorating the entrances to Crescent Ridge. It showed a sense of pride and brought a joyful atmosphere.

All holiday decorations have been put away until next year. Which brings up the next question, will you be decorating for Valentine's Day or Mardi Gras? February will bring an end to the football season as catchers and pitchers will be reporting to the training camps to get ready for the baseball season.

We are still looking for volunteers for the activities committee, welcome committee, and set up/cleanup at our gatherings (which doesn't take much). Remember the club can only be as good and fun as we make it. We are looking for that right person to take over the writing of the Crescent Ridge column and to help fill in while myself and Valerie are away (Rick and Carol Lewis can't fill in as they may be out of town at the same time).

We ask as you come to our social events that you sit with people who you don't know. Yes, at times it can be awkward, but it gives everyone a chance to get to know other folks. So, let's mingle and get to know all; you never know if you may have things in common with others. When we come together, it's a chance to gain some knowledge and information about our community.

Our next gathering will be Sunday, Feb. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. Please bring a side dish to share for six to eight people. Paper goods and plasticware will be provided. Bring your choice of drink and a chair in case we run out of table space.



Photo by George Ostrom

Crescent Ridge neighbors get to know one another.

**Newcastle Social Committee**

Sherry Bright



Newcastle is looking forward to quite a few events already being planned this year. By the time this column is printed, we would have solved a murder mystery in Margaritaland!

Our Valentine's Day wine and dessert party will be Monday, Feb. 13, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This is a free event. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and a bottle of wine (or your preferred beverage) to share. More information to come via email.

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day in March with a "green" get together and in April look forward to an Easter potluck. There is always something fun to

do in Newcastle!

All our upcoming events and more will be shared at our monthly social committee meetings. Join us to find out what's happening in the neighborhood and to share your ideas. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at The Lodge at Candler Hills at 6 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 2. Hope to see you there!

Contact our "sunshine lady" to acknowledge special occasions like birthdays or to send a cheery note or get-well card when needed. Text/call Sandy Randles at 734-748-0735 or email pdr718@att.net. 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. For up-to-date Newcastle news and upcoming events, we encourage you to join our Facebook group (OTOW Newcastle Neighbors).

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Debra Keirn



bring a dish for 12 to 15 people and label your dishes for those with allergies. Last names beginning with A-I bring a dessert; J-Q a main dish; and R-Z a side dish or salad. 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. Please note that the potluck dinners are on the last Tuesday of each month, except December.

The spring dinner dance will be Friday, April 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. La Casella Catering will provide the food. We will announce full details in the February edition of The Happenings and the March edition of The World News.

New residents of Candler Hills sign up to receive "The Happenings" by email by visiting candlerconnection.org. 1,550 residents receive this e-publication to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

Keep informed by joining 1,450 Candler Hills residents who are members

of the Candler Connection Facebook group.

Want to be an ambassador for your street or neighborhood? If so, please contact Pat Diaz-Verson at pdv@bell-south.net. Pat is looking for several volunteers.

Upcoming events include Thursday, Feb. 16 - charity casino night; Friday, April 14 - spring dinner dance; Saturday,

May 6 - equestrian party; Sunday, June 18 - ice cream social; Tuesday, July 4 - "Celebrate Our Nation Together;" Sunday, Sept. 17 - scavenger hunt; Sunday, Oct. 22 - ninth annual barbecue; Saturday, Dec. 9 - holiday dinner dance.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills; and the election of officers will take place at this meeting. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome.

Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



The 2023 Indigo East Social Committee board is as follows: Beth Griner, chairwoman; Reba Presley, co-chairwoman; Barbara Jones, secretary; Phil Mercurio, treasurer; Sandy Mercurio, supply coordinator; and Stacey Wilkinson, assistant to the committee.

Plans are underway for the Lady and the Tramp-themed Valentine's Day party Saturday, Feb. 11. Please note no dogs allowed. The party will be hosted by Phil and Sandy Mercurio. The meal will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, and salad. Ticket sales will take place Feb. 2, 4 to 7 p.m.; Feb. 3, 5 to 7 p.m.; Feb. 6 and 8, 10 a.m. to noon. All ticket sales will be in the Indigo East Community Center. Resident ID is required to purchase tickets.

The Indigo East Social Committee needs hosts for each event planned. Event hosts do not incur any out-of-pocket expenses as all are reimbursed by the committee. Hosting an event is an opportunity to put your own spin on an Indigo East Social Committee sponsored function. As always, the committee is right there to assist as needed as well as the large group of residents who love to

volunteer and help.

The Indigo East Social Committee is also still in need of a librarian for the Indigo East Community Center library. Volunteers spend a minimal amount of time each week replacing the returned books in order as they are filed back on the carts. Since this is a volunteer position, one makes their own hours as they see fit. Interested volunteers may contact Beth Griner at jnbgriner@yahoo.com.

Indigo East is back in full swing for 2023. The new year opened with bingo in January. Bingo will be the first Tuesday of each month through November. Bunco is back and is played the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. In addition, there are many games, including various card games, both American and Chinese mahjong, euchre, cribbage, cornhole, Mexican train and so much more in Indigo East.

Indigo East is a self-contained active neighborhood. There are two pools, a community center as well as a fitness center, fun committee sponsored events and more. Best of all, Indigo East is a neighborhood filled with so many wonderful people who come from all walks of life yet enjoy participating with fellow residents in many activities. There are various modes of communication provided to residents, they are email, Facebook and indigonewsflash.com. Please look to either Facebook or the website for flyers with all dates and times of each function

One can join the email by forwarding your email address to me, Janice Liberton, at jlibindigoeast@gmail.com. Also one can ask to join the neighborhood Facebook or look up indigonewsflash.com. Every mode of communication is designed to keep each resident well informed. The email and Facebook require your home address when signing up for those communication mode.

Have a great February. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

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Photo by Terry George

Longleaf Ridge reindeer toss with Marty Levine, Eileen Levine, PB Packard, and Jeff Le Blanc.

**Longleaf Ridge Friends**

Michelle Migdal, Kathleen Taylor, & Debra Vitale



The holidays kept the residents of Longleaf Ridge busy with a cul-de-sac party, holiday karaoke, dinners, and dancing. Although the weather was chilly, The cul-de-sac party provided warm food with games and prizes. Many thanks to the Chagoyas, D' Angelos and Johnstons for organizing the event.

The men's club welcomed Construc-

tion Service Manager Butch Guest from Colen Built Construction, LLC, who discussed warranty issues and answered many questions from the group.

All the decorations and fun parties kept everyone in a festive mood throughout the season. The residents of Longleaf Ridge enjoyed the end of 2022 and welcomed the beginning of 2023!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood. Please remember to join our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends) and provide your phase and lot number /address. Please send questions to otowlongleafridge@gmail.com.

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Photo by Susan Pulling Robinson

The Robinson cart is always ready for a parade.

**Fun with Golf Carts**

Susan Pulling Robinson



The weather drizzled on our parade Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, but a few intrepid club members were cheered by a few spectators for a fun time on New Year's Eve. Carts were left decorated for the next few days, entertaining residents wherever they were seen.

The Valentine's Day/Mardi Gras parade will take place Saturday, Feb. 18. Designated charities include Interfaith Emergency Services and Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL).

Membership in our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) is now over 450, 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 club 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.

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**Saturday, Feb. 4:** 9731 SW 97th Lane (Crescent Ridge), 8 to 11:30 a.m. · 8931-C SW 98th Street Road (Americana Village), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. · 8241, 8249 SW 86th Court Road (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 9 & Friday, Feb. 10:** 8851-C SW 97th Street (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 11:** 9697-C SW 94th Court (Crescent Ridge), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 9697 SW 90th Street (Providence), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 8530-C SW 92nd Street (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 12:** 8530-C SW 92nd Street (Friendship Colony), noon to 4 p.m.

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**Thursday, Feb. 23 & Friday, Feb. 24:** 8966-B SW 94th Lane (Friendship Park), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 24 & Saturday, Feb. 25:** 9500 SW 93rd Loop (Providence), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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