

Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

Why You Need Homeowner's Insurance

As I'm writing this column, we have 75 more days of hurricane season ahead of us and Hurricane Lee is a Category 5 storm out in the Atlantic Ocean. Thankfully it does not appear to be a storm that we need to worry about. Then again, all giant storms are a worry because of their unpredictability. With that said, other storms seem to be rolling off the coast of Africa. So, don't let your guard down just yet, as October ranks as the third-most-active month (behind September and August) for tropical activity in the Atlantic Basin, typically producing about two named storms each year, one of which becomes a hurricane.

I'm looking forward to the end of the 2023 storm season and ease into the cooler months. Now is a good time to take stock of financial matters and risk factors in general. The easiest way to mitigate a large area of risk is through insurance, in this instance I'm referring to adequate homeowner's insurance.

For On Top of the World (Central) Owners, adequate insurance includes personal property and on the portion of the home not insured by the Association's master policy. Generally, in On Top of the World (Central) Owners, property coverage policies are written on the interior components of the home and on your personal property. Your Association's coverage ends at the interior finish on your walls. In other words, everything from the paint in is yours. The tile, carpet, cabinetry, appliances, plumbing above the finished floor, air conditioning, solar panels and other components are also all the responsibility of the individual owner to insure. It is the owner's obligation to maintain or replace these components, and their liability when they don't. Proper insurance coverage will help save you many out-of-pocket dollars if or when the unexpected happens.

While On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association takes the lead in the recovery and reconstruction process, a failure of any owner to carry insurance on their contents will inevitably leave a significant gap in the final completion and ability to reoccupy the home. Besides the complete loss or destruction of personal items, like clothing, furniture, and personal affects, the owner would also be responsible for replacement of all flooring, cabinetry, appliances, air conditioning components, plumbing fixtures, and any owner added structural additions. Needless to say, this can become very expensive, very quickly. In the case of negligence by an owner, the Association will also attempt to recover the insurance deductible cost. Being penny wise and pound foolish by "saving" the nominal cost of insurance, is really no savings at all!

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

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

Construction Activity

WEYBOURNE LANDING: The dog park is in the final stages of completion. Pending sod installation and establishment, we anticipate the dog park will be opening at the end of this month.

LONGLEAF RIDGE: The new clubhouse final building plans were approved and

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HAPI Harvest Day

By Christina Shearer

The leaves are falling, the air is crisp, and Sholom Park is turning up the autumn fun dial with HAPI Harvest Day on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. Brace yourselves for an afternoon bursting with live music, mouthwatering food trucks, and an adventure-filled trick-or-treat extravaganza. It's the kind of fall celebration that dreams are made of, right here at Sholom Park!

Enjoy live music with singer-songwriter Patrick Gibson and his five-piece country band. Making music is like breathing for Florida native Patrick Gibson. He's been strumming and singing since the tender age of 12, and he's found his calling in spreading messages through melodies. He's shared the stage with a galaxy of award-winning stars, including Rhett Akins, Rodney Atkins, Lee Brice, John Michael Montgomery, John Anderson, and a whole constellation more. His music, recognized far and wide, even led to a partnership with Nine North Records Nashville. Patrick's

message of hope, unity, and support for those who serve our country has resonated across 27 states. Joined by his band of musical musicians, they've rocked stages together for over a decade. When they take the spotlight, the chemistry is electrifying, and you won't want to miss their sensational show!

It's officially spooky-season here at Sholom Park, and that means Halloween costumes aren't just for Halloween night! So break out your best costume and come out to HAPI Harvest Day. Get ready for an array of thrilling activities at our trick or treat stations hosted by local organizations. Ocala Rocks Official invites you to paint festive rocks, while Fun 4 Ocala Kids promises creative arts and crafts. UF/IFAS - Bug Club will introduce you to the mesmerizing world of insects, and The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa will get you dancing at their monster mash dance party. Discover bat mythology with the Florida Bat Conservancy, enjoy trunk or treat with the

Marion County Sheriff's Office, go on an adventure hunting for festively painted pumpkins throughout Sholom Park, and let Mrs. Goose enchant you with fall-tastic folktales under the Sholom Park pergebo.

Don't forget the delicious treats from our food partners! Eat, drink, and be scary at one of our participating food trucks.

Gear up for a costume contest like no other, sponsored by Calesa Township. We have a lineup of exciting categories and fabulous prizes waiting for you. From the best overall costume to group, family, makeup, prop, funniest, and cutest costume, there are numerous chances to win. Prizes include Visa gift cards, restaurant vouchers, and more. It's time to unleash your creativity and showcase your best Halloween attire!

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



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HAPI Harvest Day costume contest winners in 2022.

Veterans Services Open House and Much More

By Michelle Shideler

It always amazes me when I visit with Master the Possibilities students. Many times, when walking through our living room and lobby, I am stopped by a student either on the way to class or enjoying a treat from Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli. Often, this brief pause in my day is filled with feedback from a person who is excited and passionate by being in the building - our Education Center.

The topic of this visit was about our stained-glass classes, and this student asked me to follow her to Studio 1 so she could show what she was able to create in class. The pure joy and excitement on her face was priceless when she spoke about all her hard work on this

one piece, and everything she has been learning to hone her technical skills. She knew exactly where this piece of art would be proudly displayed when completed, and she was already excitedly speaking about the next project challenge on her task list.

I was briefly stopped yesterday about course content for our January through June 2024 curriculum. This student who regularly visits our classrooms gave me a run-down of his class transcript for the remainder of this year and wanted me to be aware that he is waiting with anticipation for the new curriculum to be released next month. As he smiled and walked down the hall for a class that

was about to start, I stood there a moment and looked around the room at all the visitors in our building. Some were heading down the hall with notepad and pen in hand, and a few were sitting in the lobby area by Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli enjoying a coffee and conversation. I remember thinking to myself at that moment how amazing of a place this is to work.

For those who would like to get caught up in the excitement at our Education Center, check out our website for a complete list of educational options. This month alone, there are more than 215 classes to choose from, with our special event this month being the "Veterans Services Available in Marion County" open house and presentation by Kenneth Puckett on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center. There is no cost to attend this presentation, but registration is required. More information is available on page 49.

Our visiting speaker this month is Cathy Salustri, who will be offering two lectures on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Live Oak Hall. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., the topic is "Two Thanksgivings and No Pilgrims." In this presentation, she will enlighten the audience about the very first two Thanksgivings in the "New World," and give insight about them being held right here in Florida. Her 1 to 2 p.m. presentation, "Florida: Then and Now," will include a virtual trip around our great state of Florida for a discussion about how much it has changed over the past century. Cost to attend each event is \$8 for members and \$13 for the general public.

There is so much to do and experience at Master the Possibilities. Visit our website 24/7 at www.masterthepossibilities.org and get involved in the excitement of learning.

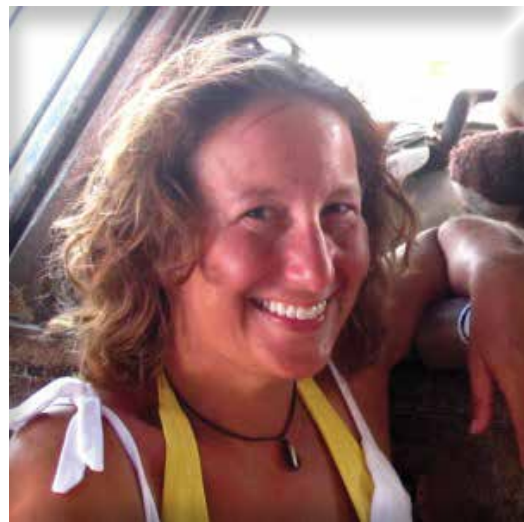


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Visiting speaker, Cathy Salustri.



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Kenneth Puckett.

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Is It Legal?

Colen & Wagoner, P.A.



SCAM ALERT #1: I just got a phone call, which I know I should not have answered but I did. I said, “Hello?” The caller said, “Hello.” I said hello, back. The caller said, “Can you hear me?” I started laughing. Then, I just hung up. I guess these folks find that that one still works. Please remember that the scammer wants you to say yes. But, of course, the only answer you should provide is to hang up.

SCAM ALERT #2: A retired friend of mine got a text and also an email from some company that promises to make paying his utility bills (water/sewer) easier. They wanted him to sign up and said there would be no cost to him. They would take his payment amount by auto-debit and pay it for him to the utility company. At no cost. Uh huh. No cost. You already have a no cost option. Pay directly to the utility company. Avoid this scam, please.

SCAM ALERT #3: The old scams are still around. Here’s one. You buy a home and close on it and then you get a very official looking letter that says your deed was signed and recorded on such and such day, etc. Now, though, to protect yourself, you need a certified copy of it. Sometimes, the letter might just mention that you need a copy. Of course, they have a fee for it. No one ever needs a certified copy of their deed. You don’t even need a copy of it because you will have one from the title company or attorney who handled the closing. You can always go on the clerk of courts website and in about, oh, say, four minutes searching (or less time if you aren’t technologically challenged as I am) you can find your deed and print it for free. The “you gotta have a certified copy of your deed or else” is a scam. Avoid it.

Q. How often should I review my will?
A. Excellent question. Typically, I recommend that folks look over their wills (and trusts, if you have them) at least once a year. But here’s what I mean by that. You do not need to meet with an attorney. What I mean is that you pull it out and look at it and if it says just what you thought it should say, and it’s what you want, then just put it away and don’t concern yourself about it. Obviously, if

either it doesn’t say what you thought or if you feel you want to make changes, then you should contact your attorney.

And while we’re discussing reviewing documents, you should also look at your durable power of attorney and your advance directive. Now, if your durable power of attorney is very old then, maybe you should ask your attorney if it needs to be updated. Well, suppose your will, durable power of attorney and advance directive were signed by you when you were not Florida residents, and/or when you resided in some other state. Then, you need to think about having an appointment with a Florida attorney to see what he or she has to say.

Q. Do you believe that the main difference between a will and a trust is that a will means there has to be probate, while a trust means there would not be any probate?

A. This is a very complex question, and I can only touch on it, briefly, in a column like this. Certainly, probate avoidance is a feature of trusts and many so called experts exploit that feature when trying to get folks to buy a trust instead of a less-expensive estate planning vehicle such as a will. However, in fact, there are many differences and that is why estate planning is not a “one-size-fits-all” approach. Trusts, when properly drawn, are far more complex and cover many issues or features that cannot be well-handled in a will. They are more flexible when it comes to wanting to protect beneficiaries from themselves, and a whole lot of other issues that can and should be discussed with your attorney. On the other hand, if you set up your accounts in pay on death mode, then a will might be the right estate planning vehicle for you.

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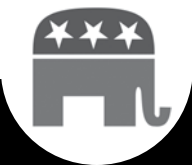
GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein

Most ideas won't work until you do.

Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard



The Republican Club held its monthly meeting on Friday, Aug. 11. Louanne Leonard offered the opening prayer. Everyone was invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem led by Laura DeAngelo. The club’s military veterans were recognized and 14 new members were acknowledged and presented with a pocket Constitution of the United States. Invited guests were introduced: County Commissioner Michelle Stone, Sheriff Billy Woods, Samantha Woods, Florida State Representative Ryan Chamberlin, Jenny Chamberlin, and State Committeewoman Kearsten Angel.

The usual monthly agenda was tabled in order to give our featured speaker ample time to address the membership. The always popular Sheriff Woods expressed his pleasure and honor to introduce Kat Cammack, U.S. representative for Florida’s 3rd congressional district. She was warmly greeted by a full room of enthusiastic club members. Congresswoman Cammack gave an informal conversational presentation in which she shared her insights and frustrations regarding her work in Washington D.C., as well

as her determination to make positive changes for the citizens of Florida.

At the end of her comments, club members Steve Petty, Charles Dodge, and Charlie Calhoun presented the congresswoman with a handmade wooden flag with an engraved inscription noting that the flag was a gift from the On Top of the World Republican Club. She was visibly overcome with emotion upon the presentation and stated that she would proudly display it along with other “We the People” memorabilia in her Washington, D.C. office.

Following the featured speaker, Florida State Representative Ryan Chamberlin gave brief remarks. This was his first opportunity to address the members since his successful election to the Florida State House of Representatives, District 24. He advised that his focus is primarily on education, healthcare, affordable housing, senior protections, and veterans’ rights.

The Republican Club meets the second Friday of each month at 4:30 p.m. (doors open at 4 p.m.) in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV (Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and no meeting in December).

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



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Steve Petty, Charles Dodge and Charlie Calhoun presenting a handmade wooden flag to Congresswoman Kat Cammack.

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this project was submitted to Marion County for permitting on Sept. 12. I always write that I cannot anticipate what the county will do, or how long they will take to do it in. Past experience leads me to believe this project will be in permitting for at least 90 days. The Water Man-

agement District moves at about the same pace, if not slower. It just depends what they all have ahead of us.

RECREATION CENTER: The pool is scheduled for resurfacing beginning in the first quarter of 2024. While we are at it, the water quality filtration system will be replaced as well. The project, once fully mobilized, is anticipated to take 120 days to complete and return to service. In the interim period when the pool is out of service, residents are directed to use the Arbor Fitness Center pools.

SOFTBALL FIELD: At this writing, the

score box at the softball field is now complete and operational.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT: The intersection of 99th Street Road and SW 94th Street has undergone a redesign. The intersection will receive both golf cart and pedestrian improvements and the intersection will become a four-way stop. Recognizing that this area has been of concern, we have advanced some of the improvements to help bring additional attention and focus to the intersection. You have likely already noticed the addition of LED stop signs, which will help to increase visibility and are a vital part in

making these improvements. The next step in the process is to select a contractor and begin the construction for the cart and pedestrian improvements. Following that, a slight realignment and new striping will accompany the improvements.

These intersection improvements will begin to take shape over the next 30 days. Message boards will be posted to alert residents of the changing traffic pattern but do take caution in this area as we bring this much needed improvement to completion.

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave



The Community Emergency Response Team will be “called up” in our next monthly meeting as a drill to evaluate our efficiency in responding to any area-wide emergency which could overwhelm first responders.

We’ll show up at our headquarters with our equipment, check in, and be sent to do a damage report in our respective neighborhoods. (We don’t do this until the storm has passed. Safety first.)

Some of us will be ham radio operators, others will use various forms of radio communication and cell phones, to report damaging or compromising situations. In fact, texting is particularly handy when phone lines are tied up. So, we’ll test our communication/coordination skills in case some equipment, or some people, don’t work as well as expected. And this will give us a realistic expectation of how long it will take for us to cover our neighborhoods.

So, if you see someone in a green and yellow “CERT” t-shirt and hard hat busily taking notes, say “hello.” And think about joining us!

The (volunteer) Community Emergency Response Team is about helping you help yourself, your family, and your closest neighborhood. Come to a meeting to look us over. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Give a call to Debra at 412-443-2930 to confirm the next date. Apply to receive the free training by the Marion County Sheriff’s Office at marionso.com/emergency-management-volunteering. They will contact you before the next training session.

Community ham radio operators can assist us from home by tuning in to Simplex frequency 146.565. When deployed during a disaster event, we need neighborhood reports on building damage, blocked roads, medical emergencies, and other vital information. Our designated command center is the Hobby Building Art Room, where ham radio operators establish contact with Marion County Emergency Management. For more information, contact brucetwiss@yahoo.com.

Freethinkers Club

Ellen Callahan



Freethinkers work to build a more humane, just, compassionate, and democratic society using pragmatic ethics, based on human reason, experience, and reliable knowledge; an ethics that judges the consequences of human actions by the well-being of all life on Earth. Freethinkers follow a philosophy that considers the welfare of humankind – rather than the welfare of a supposed God or Gods.

The Freethinkers Club meets biweekly on Sundays, from 1 to 3 p.m. (next meeting Sunday, Oct. 15) in the Hobby Building Event Room for social time and programs.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, member Steve Dantzig presented an interesting and enlightening talk “Pre-Christian Anti-Semitism” and on Sunday, Sept. 3, member J. Ashi Olshan offered “The Greater Realm of Possibilities.” Both presentations received positive feedback and resulted in interesting small group conversations.

In addition to welcoming educational opportunities, we gather to enjoy social time including casual potluck dinners in members’ homes and local restaurants. We invite you to join us after the meeting Sunday, Oct. 15, as we gather at the Hiatus Brewing Company for an Oktoberfest Freethinkers dinner meet-up (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.). Please RSVP as space is limited.

For more information, email freethinkersotow@gmail.com.

In the News

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Around the World

Mary Anne Lynum
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Oh my gosh, it’s October! This year is really fleeting. Halloween is the biggie event of this month. However, there are World Egg Day, Oct. 14, and United Nations Day, Oct. 24. Most of all, it is the official start of fall-sweater weather. Americans call it fall, Britons call it autumn but long before that, it was called harvest because of the “harvest moon.”

Welcome Back Seasonal Residents

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

Solicitation

We are entering the time of year that draws solicitation. Vendors/contractors are especially eager to do business with you. There are some bad actors out there so verify with Resident Services that they are an approved contractor. On Top of the World Communities has a recommended list of contractors who have furnished evidence of insurance, workers comp, and licensure, if required.

Andy’s Landscape Tips

Director of Community Maintenance Operations Andy Jorgensen advises, if you hire an outside vendor to chemically treat your lawn, please obtain a “no spraying sign” from Resident Services and place it on your lawn to avoid potential damage to your yard by treatment from both your vendor and Parkway or their sub-contractors.

Golf Cart Safety

Be mindful of your speed within the community – whether driving a golf cart or vehicle. Golf carts must adhere to the rules of the road – full stop at a stop sign, using turn signals, etc. Following the rules of the road could save your life!

Wildlife Reminder

Please do not feed wild animals. That sets the expectation of continued food sources and could negatively alter their behavior.

Resident Services

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, they are closed daily 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.

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.

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

After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members, please notify Resident Services first before contacting an outside contractor for repairs such as roots in water lines, sewer backups, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc. If it is after normal business hours and you experience some manner of a non-medical emergency, we ask that you please call (352) 236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

Golf Cart Registration

From Oct. 2 through 27, we will hold the registration in the parking lot near SW 80th Street, behind Cypress and Live Oak Halls. The calendar delineating how and when you will be served is posted on page 11 and OTOWInfo.com.

Something to Take with You

“Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” – Thomas A. Edison

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Dancing jewels practicing for upcoming events.



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World
Traveler

Bill Shampine



On a Rhone River cruise through the southern part of France this summer, Margitta and I enjoyed a few hours exploring the small village of Les Baux-de-Provence. The village is located about nine miles northeast of Arles, in the foothills of the Alpilles mountain range. More specifically, the “upper village” sits atop a rocky plateau that is about 800 feet high. Only 22 people live in the painstakingly restored “upper village,” with about 400 others living in the “lower village” at the foot of the plateau. The village is considered one of the most beautiful villages in France, and hosts over 1.5 million visitors per year.

Because of the ability to see approaching strangers who are miles away and the strong defensibility of the plateau, it has been inhabited continuously since 6000 BC. The village got its name from the Baux family, who first established a fortified town on top of the plateau in the 10th century. The ruins of the Chateau des Baux, still stand today. The last princess of Baux passed on without an heir in 1426, so the family line died out. The property then ended up in the hands of the Crown. Following a siege, the town fell in 1632. The town subsequently lost its military role and went into a slow decline. From 3,000 inhabitants in the 13th century, the population dropped to only 400 by the end of the 19th century.



Photo by Bill Shampine

The Carrières des Lumières with Vincent van Gogh's "Starry Night" displayed.

The location of Les Baux was advantageous for trading, and as early as the 5th century, the area became a major source

for limestone building blocks. The local limestone is noted for its bright white color, which was highly prized by builders of the day. Limestone mining therefore became the dominant portion of the local economy. Eventually, however, building materials shifted from natural stone to steel and other materials, so the limestone mining industry faded away.

But all was not lost. In 1821, a French geologist found a bunch of red rock in the area. That red rock turned out to be a rich deposit of aluminum ore. The ore was named Bauxite (what a surprise) and was mined until its exhaustion at the end of the 20th century.

In addition to the beautiful village, there is an equally famous attraction that is a must see. It is called the Carrières des Lumières, which means “quarry of light.” A group purchased a former limestone mine and converted it into a dynamic art gallery. The company installed 100 video projectors and a top-of-the-line sound system inside the mine. Then they project images of the artwork from world-famous artists, such as van Gogh, Cézanne, Chagall, Vermeer, Renoir, and Rembrandt, onto the walls, floor, and ceiling of the mine. With more than 75,000 square feet of “screen” the 30-to-40-minute presentation is breathtaking! You are completely immersed into the display as you also become part of the screen. It truly is a sight to behold!

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Active Newcomers enjoying "doing donuts" at the Veterans Park pavilion.

Active Newcomers Club

Lori Lund



Happy fall y' all. Our August and September recap includes a "doing donuts" meet and greet with a great turnout of potential new members for the Active Newcomers Club. We had around 100 people show up to the Veterans Park pavilion in August for donuts and morning beverages of choice. We passed out 50 new membership applications and received back over two thirds of them filled out right away.

Our chili cook-off was held in September with 16 contestants entering their chili into one of three categories: spiciest, vegan, and general. Club provided toppings included cheese, onions, corn chips, and oyster crackers. Music was provided by the R&R Trio. First place ribbons were presented to the winners of each category along with best overall.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, the Active Newcomers Club was represented at the Club Fair in the Recreation Center Ballroom. A slide show presentation was available documenting our events over the past year. More membership applications were made available to people who were interested in joining.

October now brings us to our members only Halloween Hootenanny which will be Sunday, Oct. 22, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will have a catered Halloweenie

hot dog bar with a variety of toppings and side items. Beverages can be purchased from The Pub until 8 p.m. There will be some happy hour specials available too. We will also have a DJ playing monster mash dance music. The evening will be topped off with a costume contest. Judged costume categories will include: best couple, funniest, scariest, unique, and best overall. This member only evening can be enjoyed for only a \$10 per person admission fee. Reservations need to be made in advance by mailing or dropping off your check to CJ Bedgood, 8912 SW 101st Circle (Avalon), Ocala, FL 34481.

Our small groups are also continuing to grow and those involved are very enthusiastic. Our dinner groups now have 90 members. Our wine tasting group is up to 52 members and our game group is up to 44. Our book group is at 19 and our bunco group is also going strong. Our newest formed small group is the lunch group which is already at 51 members. Each small group is always ready to welcome new members.

Our upcoming activities include our Angel Tree service project which provides Christmas gifts to elementary students in need and our annual holiday party at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios on Saturday, Dec. 2. More details for both end of year activities will be forthcoming soon, so keep an eye on our Active Newcomers Club Facebook page. If you want to join the Active Newcomers Club so you can enjoy these upcoming events, please email us at activenewcomersclub@outlook.com for membership information.

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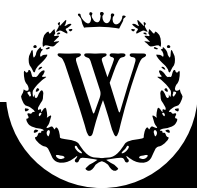
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Valerie Muriel



Happy October! Welcome all new residents – join us at our upcoming events.

Please enjoy the pool, music, and games. Come on out to the happenings and meet some new people while having fun.

Trivia

Trivia takes place the first Wednesday of every month. This event is currently at capacity, please call the The Landing for availability.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies, come join us for a night out with your girlfriends! Enjoy live entertainment with Cherokee on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. This is your night to cut loose and be fancy-free. Bring your favorite drinks, snacks and of course, your dancing shoes. This event is free to residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Happy Hour

Come join us for a night of dancing and socializing with your friends and neighbors. Happy Hour takes place every second Saturday of the month, from 5 to 8 p.m. in The Landing ballroom. On Saturday, Oct. 14, Tim Hargis will provide the entertainment. His music will have you moving and dancing. Bring your own beverages and snacks to enjoy. This event is free to residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

New Year's Eve Celebration*

Celebrate new beginnings with friends Sunday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in The Landing ballroom. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Rock Solid will provide the entertainment. Tickets go on sale Monday, Oct. 16, at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per resident and \$30 per guest. Seating is limited to eight per table.

Social Hour

It's time to unwind, sit back and relax with the sounds of Sal & the Gal on

Sunday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the ballroom. You may bring your own beverages and snacks. It should be a great event and perfect for meeting new people. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guests attending with resident.

Pool Party Bash*

Can you think of a better way to enjoy the lovely Florida weather than with friends and neighbors at the last summer pool party bash? The party will take place Saturday, Oct. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. We will have live entertainment with Fred Campbell. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will serve cheeseburgers, hot dogs with relish, baked beans, potato salad, and strawberry lemonade. Bring your beverage of choice in an approved container (no glass) and join in the fun! The cost per ticket is \$16 for residents and \$18 per guest accompanied by resident.

Tag Sale*

This year's tag sale will be on Saturday, Nov. 18, in The Landing ballroom. Table registration begins Monday, Oct. 30, at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per table (one per household). Table space is limited.

**To register, visit The Landing office. Payment of cash, check or credit card is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident ID must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests attending must be accompanied by a Weybourne Landing resident.*

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Brenda Vazquez-Alvarez, program supervisor, speaking to the Democratic Club in August.

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Democratic Club

Mark Miller



The Democratic Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Dance Studios II-IV at 6 p.m.

Our Thursday, Sept. 28 meeting featured speaker was Joyce Blake, Democratic state committeewoman. Her presentation was a great overview of the Florida Democratic Party and how the individual groups and clubs work together. It was a very informative meeting!

Our Thursday, Oct. 26 meeting will feature Jimmy H. Cowan, Jr. He will speak to us about the Marion County Property Appraiser's office. We are looking forward to a robust discussion with Jimmy and a better understanding of the property appraisal process.

Our presenters for the August meeting were a team of staff and previous residents of the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. It was a fantastic meeting for us all!

As always, we will be supporting the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with much needed donations. Following are the most-needed items: pillowcases, twin size sheets, twin comforters, 1.7 cubic ft. refrigerators, small microwaves, men's razors, men's deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, men's shaving cream, and toilet paper. Food items needed include canned meats, canned chili, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, microwaveable rice, boxed milk, cereal, canned fruit, crackers, individual snacks, and coffee. They do not need clothing except for shoes. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

If you can't come to the meeting, let us know and we'll do our best to get your donations to Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, or you can drop them off before the meeting starts!

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Welcome October! This is a great month to get into the swing of all things fall like festivities, catching up with returning friends and hopefully enjoying some cooler weather. Please join us in our planned events this fall season.

Trivia

Put on your “thinking caps,” take the challenge and join us for trivia Monday, Oct. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. One smartphone is needed for each eightplayer team. A trophy will be presented to the winning teams and then returned the following month and awarded to the next winning teams. This month, we will celebrate with a pizza party at 4 p.m. prior to the start of trivia at 5 p.m.

The Lodge at
Candler Hills

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What a wonderful welcoming! As the new coordinator, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you. Stop by the office if you have not already done so to say, “hello.” Your ideas, suggestions, and participation are important to the success of the events and activities.

Pool Rules

Our pools are open from 8 a.m. to dusk at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. A resident ID is required to enter and exit pool gates. Please be sure the gates close behind you. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. No glass is permitted at any time in the pool areas. Candler Hills Community Center pool does not allow the possession, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages not purchased through the facility licensee On Top of the World per Florida state laws.

Oktoberfest*

Did you know that Oktoberfest is an annual festival held in Munich, Germany? The festival originated with a party held in honor of a royal marriage on Oct. 12, 1810. The Lodge at Candler Hills is

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

August

1: Brainiacs; 2: Ready Eddie; 3: 84th Loopsters.

Oktoberfest Pool Party*

What is October without an Oktoberfest, poolside? We will start the festivities Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Indigo Fitness Center pool. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will serve up some German favorites like bratwurst on a split bun, German potato salad, traditional cucumber and dill salad, apple or cherry strudels and a special non-alcoholic drink. Bring your own favorite beer if you like. Ticket cost is \$18 for residents and \$20 per guest accompanied by a resident.

New Year’s Eve Party*

The new year is around the corner. This is a good opportunity to celebrate the end of the year and the beginning of 2024 with family, friends, and neighbors. Ticket sale starts Monday, Oct. 16, at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 for resident

hosting its own Oktoberfest on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Die Ocala Musiker. The cost is \$19 per resident and \$21 per guest attending with a resident.

Girls Night Out

Girls just want to have fun and you will on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. Robert France will provide the entertainment. Bring your own beverages, snacks, and enjoy dancing with friends and neighbors. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Happy Hour

Don’t worry be happy every third Saturday of the month, from 5 to 8 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 21, The BadKitty Band will be here for your entertainment. Guest fees apply.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Sing your heart out every fourth Thursday of the month. Join us Thursday, Oct. 26, with Charlie and Kathy from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own beverages, snacks and enjoy singing, dancing and clapping with other Candler Hills residents. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Friendsgiving*

Enjoy an evening feast with friends on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets on sale now.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but you can make an appointment. The schedule is online about two weeks before the drive. Simply log on to OneBlood.org/ donate and look for the On Top of the World drive. Pick your time and you are all set. Appointments are usually taken first to try to keep on schedule. You will be sent a confirmation by email as well as a reminder when the time comes.

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and \$30 for non-residents. Dance the night away with Tim Hargis. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks to this all-night affair starting at 8 p.m. and ending 12:30 a.m. Tickets are limited so gets yours while they last.

Karaoke

Karaoke is the place to be. Come sing with us on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Bring your singing voice, favorite snacks, and drinks. Karaoke is becoming very popular and every time we have more and more singers who show more and more talent. This is a free event for all residents and \$5 for a guest accompanied by a resident.

Sassy Ladies Night

Ladies, get ready to dance the night away with friends and neighbors on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Our live entertainment is Tony Machicote. His music will get you on the dance floor. Bring your snacks to share and your favorite cocktail. This is a free event for

residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Happy Hour

Join us for live music and dancing Fridays, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center or the Indigo East Fitness Center pool area (weather permitting). It is a great time to make new friends and have fun. Bring your own snacks and drinks. This is a free event and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident. Our live entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Oct. 6: Dynamic Duo
- Oct. 13: Dan Flock
- Oct. 20: Kurtis Mae
- Oct. 27: Halloween theme with Tim Hargis

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sounds of Rear View Mirror. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks to this all-night affair starting at 8 p.m. and ending 12:30 a.m. Tickets are limited so get yours while they last.

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The Big Red Bus® was here Friday, Sept. 1. We had 12 whole blood units and two double red blood units. That is decent for our Friday drive. As essential persons, donors have great powers.

The next blood drive will be Monday, Oct. 2. The Big Red Bus® will be parked at the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to eat a good meal and drink lots of water before and after donating. Please bring a picture ID. Mark your calendar. Let’s see if we can top the previous amount of donations.

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Shannon Prince
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It's October and with that maybe a reprieve from the hot weather as we transition into fall. Join us Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Craft Fair at Circle Square Cultural Center. The event will host 100 craft vendors who will be selling handmade items inside and outside. Music will be provided by Fred Campbell on The Town Square and Luna Ice will be in the parking lot for a cool treat. Stop by and shop for unique items made by some very talented crafters.

New Year's Eve Celebration*

Starting Monday, Oct. 16, at 8:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Celebration tickets are on sale! Dance to the music of Cross-roads from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Enjoy a pasta dinner with your choice of meat and sauce, Caesar salad, breadsticks, tea, coffee, lemonade, and cheesecake with strawberry topping for dessert. Starting in 2024 with a complimentary glass of champagne and the glass is yours to keep! Tickets are \$50 for residents and \$55 for guests. Space is limited, so sign up as soon as you can!

Line Dance Classes*

This is your last chance to register for Monday line dance! Line dance is a fun way to enjoy music, mental and physical activity all in one. It will make your feet mile. Registration is available now. No new registrations for the classes will be accepted after mid-October for the line dance season (September through June). A description of each class is below.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER (NOON TO 1 P.M.): This is an introduction to line dance. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are used at this level.

BEGINNER LEVEL II/IMPROVER (1:15 TO 1:45 P.M.): Dance experience is required. Knowledge of basic line dance steps and combinations is necessary. Includes low impact movement to different rhythms, tempo, and step combinations. New step patterns are taught as needed. Current popular dances taught at this level.

BEGINNER LEVEL I (2:30 TO 3:30 P.M.): a complete season in Absolute Begin-

ner is required with familiarity of basic line dance steps. Dancers have acquired some experience. Easy dances with some different step patterns are introduced at this level.

Absolute Beginner Newcomer (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.) is available from September through December. This class will be combined with the Absolute Beginner class starting in January 2024.

The cost is \$20 for two months of Monday classes. (Refunds will no longer be available for line dance passes.) Line dance passes include practice session on Wednesdays. For more information, please contact Darlene Miller at darmiller222@gmail.com.

Ballroom Dance Classes*

Classes are available to the absolute beginner. The class will include step descriptions for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance with an emphasis on lead and follow skills and lots of practice to music. This 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. Dances featured are October-Foxtrot; November-Cha-Cha; and December-Waltz.

Tropic Trivia*

Our next Tropic Trivia night is Thursday, Oct. 5. Get a team together if you haven't already and don't miss out on a great night with lots of mind-boggling questions. 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. Please note that beverages, water bottles, and/or cups are not permitted.

Karaoke

Kathy and Charlie Petrosky will DJ karaoke on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Come join the fun! You are sure to have a great time singing and listening to others share their voice. This is free for residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Social Hour

Relax, dance and visit with friends and neighbors on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Listen to the music played by Paul DeRitter. A cash bar and hors

d'oeuvres will be provided (while supplies last). This is a free event for residents. Guest fees of \$5 apply to all guests attending with a resident.

Pool Pavilion Happy Hour

The Pool Pavilion Happy Hour at the Recreation Center 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:

- Oct. 6: Mike and Cathy Gallenberger
- Oct. 13: Tim Hargis
- Oct. 20: Dave & Kenny
- Oct. 27: Palomino Blonde

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. A cash bar is always standing by for your beverage needs. Enjoy the music, dancing, and The Pub. Resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour and anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest. Guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted into Happy Hour. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed. The entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Oct. 6: Kathleen Kane
- Oct. 13: TDK Band
- Oct. 20: One Flite Up
- Oct. 27: Groove 41

Stay in the Know

Additional event/trip details are avail-





able at OTOWInfo.com > Activity Info > Virtual Bulletin Board (or scan the QR code above) or pick up a printed flyer at the Recreation Center. Please also refer to the monthly event calendar (home delivered with every issue of the World News).

**To register, visit the Recreation Center office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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 a resident.*

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BUS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE

PICK-UP LOCATIONS

TIME

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

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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.
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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.ostownet.com, www.odo.gov, and www.floridahealth.gov websites for the most current and accurate updates on socializing and transportation.

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Join us for a Conversation about Conservation as conservation photographer Carlton Ward Jr. shares the story about photographing the first female Florida panther documented north of the Caloosahatchee River since 1973. Carlton’s quest to photograph the elusive and endangered Florida Panther was documented in the “Path of the Panther,” an award-winning documentary film produced by Leonardo DiCaprio.

“I want everyone who sees the film to have tremendous pride in the state of Florida and know about the Florida Wildlife Corridor and the importance of it for the state’s future,” said Carlton “That’s why our team spent so many years focusing on the Florida panther. It’s a symbol of the need for protecting the corridor.”

The Florida Wildlife Corridor is an existing, nearly contiguous network of land that stretches from the Panhandle to the Florida Keys over about 18 million acres. Nearly 10 million acres has been conserved as public lands and as private lands that are protected with a conservation easement, but about half of the corridor is at risk of being developed.

About 40% of Marion County is included as part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. The Ocala National Forest at over 430,000 acres in Marion County, is one of the largest pieces of the Florida Wildlife Corridor puzzle. The goal is to connect additional conservation lands such as the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway and Silver Springs State Park by protecting private land with conservation easements. A portion of the Farmland Preservation Area in northwest Marion County is also part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Two of the key partner organizations working to protect the Florida Wildlife Corridor will also be speaking at the 2023 Conservation Summit. Mallory Lykes Dimmitt is the CEO of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, which champions a collaborative campaign to connect, protect, and restore the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Traci Deen is the President and CEO of Conservation Florida, a statewide land conservancy focused on protecting natural and agricultural landscapes with a primary focus on saving land within the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

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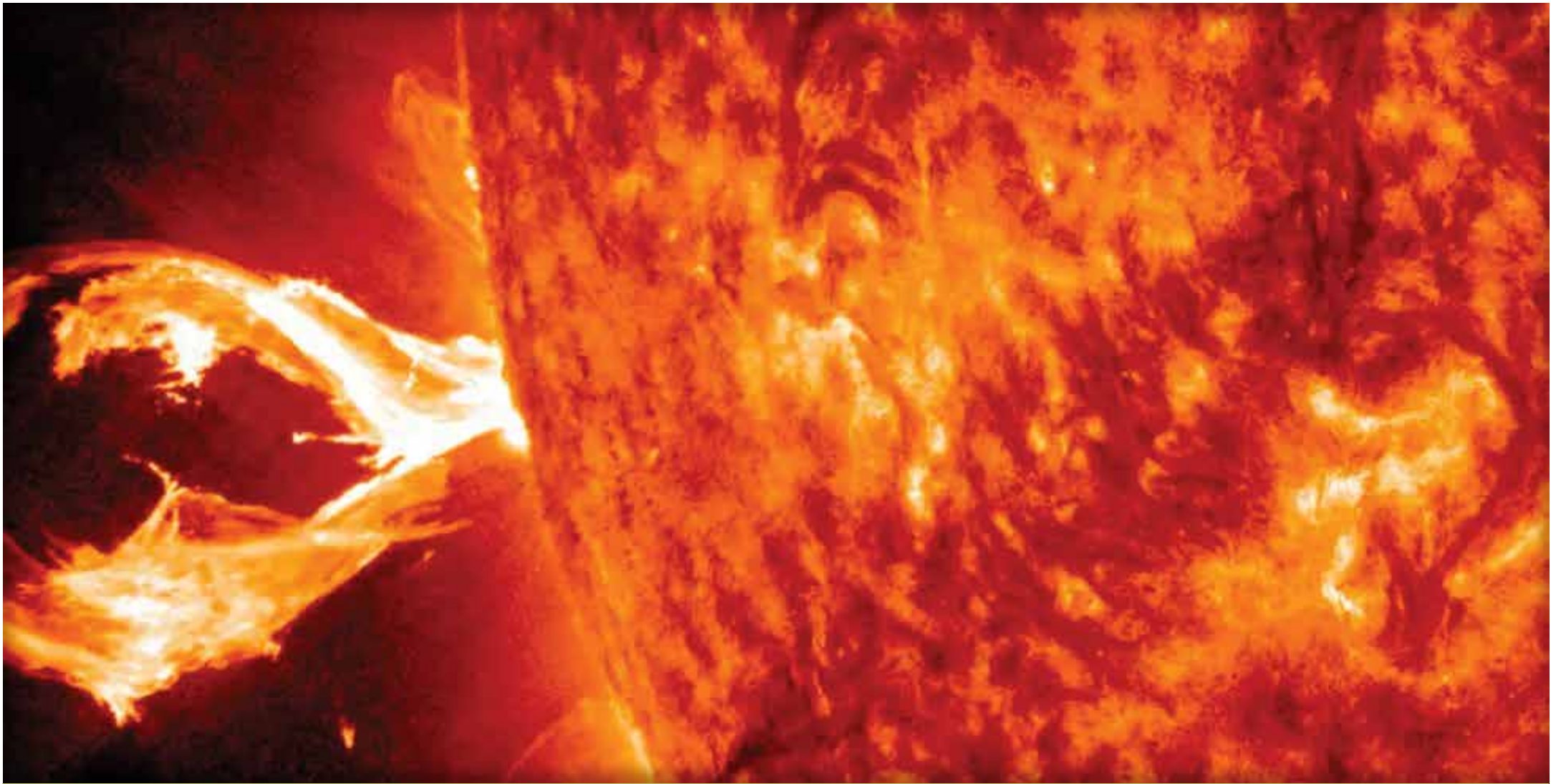


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Solar flare.

Star Struck

By Jim Di Paolo

Carol Himes opened the meeting by reviewing the Moonstruck Astronomy Club’s financial report.

Jim Di Paolo, club president, told another one of his time travel jokes and played a video clip from a comedy show that guest starred American astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson. Members were informed that the club’s current roster is at 83, two more than the previous month.

Jim reminded members about the next upcoming NASA online webinar featuring Dr. Michael Kirk. Part of his talk will include information on the two upcoming solar eclipses that will take place in the U.S. Some areas in the country will be treated to an annular eclipse

on Oct. 14, and a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, offered up a presentation titled “Everyone Loves Pluto,” informing members that Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto in the year 1930. He also explained why Pluto was no longer regarded as a planet, but instead it is now a dwarf planet that lies in the Kuiper Belt, an area full of icy bodies and other dwarf planets out past the planet Neptune.

Jim’s first presentation was about our local star, the Sun, explaining that it is a huge ball of hydrogen and helium, held together by its own gravity. He also informed the club that the Sun will be approaching a maximum in sunspot activ-

ity in the year 2025. This year on March 24, a large coronal mass ejection hit the Earth without warning and triggered the most powerful geomagnetic storm in more than six years, causing outstanding auroras.

Jim presented the latest news on India’s first Moon landing on the rough terrain at its south pole. He explained that the region’s ice could supply fuel, oxygen and drinking water for future missions. The last topic covered by Jim was an update on the amazing discoveries and images made by the James Webb Space Telescope, which orbits the Sun around one million miles away from Earth.

Club members are reminded to watch for emails announcing more evening observation sessions in the coming weeks and months. Sessions will be announced on any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky and club

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

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents and Gateway of Services pass holders can join the club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$20 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine.

For information or club registration, please contact club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomyclub.org.

For the Love of Birds

By Linda Monaco



Photo by Tom Murray

Red-headed woodpecker.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, the birders will take a short trip to visit two birding sites in Ocala, the Ocala Wetland Recharge Park and Tusawilla Park. The recharge

park is a 60-acre wetland ecosystem near Lillian Bryant Park that was developed by the City of Ocala to improve water quality and boost the region’s underground water supplies. The park consists of ponds, boardwalks, paved walking trails, exhibits and overlooks for wildlife viewing. The recharge park is located at 2105 NW 21st Street and is open from sunrise to sunset. There is no fee for park entry.

Our second destination is Tusawilla Park which is a free city park located at 829 NE Sanchez Avenue near the downtown square. The park features a small water feature with a paved walking trail around it. Both of our birding sites on this trip usually present visitors with an array of water birds including herons, egrets, anhinga, cormorant, coots, gallinules, ducks and occasionally wood storks, and pelicans. Bald eagles, ibis, owls, and several varieties of woodpeckers can also be seen at both locations.

If you would like to join the group for this trip to the Ocala Wetland Recharge Park and Tusawilla Park on Thursday, Oct. 26th, 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 at 7:15 a.m. We will carpool and park the remaining vehicles near Bank OZK but not in front of the bank. Before we leave the parking area printed driving directions will be distributed for both destinations. Our lunch restaurant will be The Depot on Magnolia located at 533 NE First Avenue close to Tusawilla Park. Both birding sites and the restaurant are about 30 minutes from On Top of the World. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your binoculars, sunscreen, water, camera, and bug spray. We hope you can join us on this birding adventure.

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Past District Governor and President Ken Vaudo, Past District Governor Estelle Michelson, Lion Joy McPheeters, and Past District Governor Charlie Largent.

Lions Club

Gail Morris



This is the time of year we begin to welcome back our part time residents. We are so glad to have them return. We miss our club members while they are away visiting with friends and family. Welcome back!

Our Lions Club was honored in August at our Lion District 35-L cabinet meeting, where we were presented with a new award, a traveling annual trophy for the largest increase in membership. We are the first club to be honored with this award and will proudly display our trophy every meeting until next July when the counting of new members for the Lions’ year 2023-24 will honor another club. Maybe we will be able to keep it from traveling. Our Past District Governor and Membership Chair Estelle Michelson made this award possible.

Also, at the district meeting our membership chair, Estelle, received the president’s certificate of appreciation honoring her for the individual sponsoring the most new members in this past Lions’ year. This award is the fourth highest award in international Lionism. Now, that is not all. Estelle made it a three-some award when her name was drawn at the end of the meeting from among those Lions who had sponsored a new member this past Lions year for a cash prize. Way to go Estelle, spreading Lionism within our community.

Hurricane Idalia at the end of August kept us all on alert and then busy as our club, just as so many in our district, gathered supplies for those communities hit by Idalia. Communities in the Big Bend area of Florida including Cedar Key, Steinhatchee and Perry, just to name a few, needed our assistance. We gathered supplies as they requested, and we were able to send funds to the Lions Club in Cedar Key for some immediate relief.

Our fundraising committee is already meeting and making plans for this years’ fundraiser. Last year’s casino night was a success and so many who attended asked if we would do it again, so we took their advice. Keep an eye out for the announcement of our casino night. Plans are underway and once the dates are reserved, we will get the tickets printed.

Our members are active participants, which helps our club continue its success. We are always looking for new members and our membership chair, Lion Estelle Michelson at 352-861-7358 will be happy to answer any questions.

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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This is a reminder for those interested in learning more about what we do. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street, Ocala, Florida 34481. For a specific question, you can call us at 352-362-0985. We collect donations at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market or at 8880-C SW 94th Street (Friendship).

Our pet of the month is Bentley. He’s a great little two-year-old, 25-pound pup that was surrendered to us. He is very friendly with both dogs and people (don’t know about cats). Since he’s still a young dog, he’s very playful. He’s non-aggressive and doesn’t bark. Since he has been at our foster’s house, he has learned to walk on a leash and is housebroken. He’s crate-trained but loves the couch. He has a skin allergy but is improving. He is up to date on shots and neutered, so he is just waiting for the right person to find him. Call 352-362-0985 if you want to meet him.

I know that I usually talk about dogs, but I realize that we have a lot of cat owners here in On Top of the World and we know that they are devoted to their pets. Part of the reason cats are so loved is their quirkiness. So, if you have a cat or are considering getting one, here are four common quirks that you can expect to see.

Kneading: Some people see this action as a hold-over from nursing. This is a normal behavior and means that the cat is comfortable in its surroundings. Along the same line as kneading is rubbing their side on something. They are claiming that as their property with

their scent. You should be honored if you are the chosen object.

Walking in Circles: Usually cats walk around their owner’s legs when they are happy to see them. But it can also be a sign of ear infections or vestibular disease so if it doesn’t appear to be out of excitement, it might be time to consult a veterinarian.

Hunting: We know how cats love to play with toy mice and such, but their hunting mode might kick in when they see a small movement. That’s why balls are so popular and why many owners buy those “birds” on a pole to give their kitty some quality hunting time.

Staring at blank walls: Cats have a wider peripheral vision than humans so they may be staring at something that we don’t notice, or they may remember seeing something there before and are looking for that. Hopefully they are not hearing something in the wall!

These and other quirks are part of what makes cats such enjoyable pets.

Until next month remember, “Pets are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole.”



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Bentley.

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Travel Toppers

Mary Lamp



Reservations for Travel Toppers trips/events can be made Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the coordinators listed for each event. Reservations can be made for only two people at a time and guests will go on a wait list. As this club is a resident club, the board wants to give the opportunity to attend first to our own residents and if there is availability, guests from the wait list will be asked if they are still interested in attending the trip.

To update our trips to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Sharon Stetson (207-838-3776) is taking names for a wait list only for the Saturday, Dec. 16 performance of “White Christmas.” Beginning Oct. 9, Diane Knox (352-390-2386) will take reservations (two tickets maximum) for “Beautiful Carol King” for a Jan. 20, 2024 performance. The price is \$94 per person, check only, and includes dinner, show, transportation, and driver tip.

Other productions, the date we have booked, the date a Travel Toppers coordinator can begin taking reservations, and their telephone number follow: “Cats” – April 6, 2024 (Jan. 8, 2024, Marilyn Wilson, 828-699-7587); and “South Pacific” – May 12, 2024 (Feb. 5, 2024, Lisa Adams, (407-325-9863).

The Broadway show of Moulin Rouge at the Straz Theater in Tampa will be

seen at a 2 p.m. performance on Feb. 8, 2024. Linda Hein (352-861-9880) can begin taking reservations Oct. 16, 2023. The cost is \$114 per person.

Cirque Du Soleil’s production of “Bazaar” will be seen at a 1 p.m. show on March 3, 2024, under the Big Top in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$108 per person and reservations can be made with Lisa Adams (407-325-9863) beginning Monday, Nov. 13.

Gail Ambrose (954-614-0898) will begin taking reservations Jan. 8, 2024, to go to the Tampa Downs on March 16, 2024. The price has yet to be determined.

A Mount Dora boat cruise on Lake Dora and the Dora Canal will take place April 27, 2024. The price is \$68 per person. Diane Knox (352-390-2386) will begin taking reservations Feb. 5, 2024.

Our Father’s Day St. Johns River cruise will happen June 16, 2024. The cost will be \$98 per person. Call Allan Rickards (352-216-0528) beginning March 4, 2024 for reservations.

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Rhode Island Group

Judy Parisi



Any “Swifties” out there? That is, any fans of Taylor Swift?

In her album Folklore she sings about the “last great American dynasty.” It is a song about Swift’s home High Watch that had once been called Holiday House, located in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. It is one of the most expensive private homes in Rhode Island with a purchase price of \$17.75 million in 2013.

The house had been owned by Rebekah Harkness, an oil heiress, who owned the property for over 30 years until 1982. Rebekah was known for glamorous parties that included notables such as Salvador Dali. The reference to the “last great American dynasty” refers to Harkness. Her husband, Bill, was an heir to the Standard Oil fortune. Harkness was born in 1915 the daughter of a wealthy St. Louis stockbroker Allen Tarwater West and his wife Rebekah. West co-founded G.H. Walker & Co. with George Herbert Walker, grandfather, and great-grandfather of the Bush presidents.

The Harkness family summered at Watch Hill.

In 1947, Rebekah married Standard Oil heir William Hale Harkness, a second marriage for both. The Harkness family was known for its philanthropy, donating Harkness Tower at Yale, Harkness Commons at Harvard, and Harkness Pavilion at New York Hospital.

In 1957, Harkness passed away at Holiday House while sitting for a sculpture Rebekah was working on. Rebekah spent much of the monies she was left trying to buy her way into the dance world, including starting her own ballet company. She also invested in real estate. She expanded Holiday House to include eight kitchens, 42 rooms and 21 baths.

She had a tragic relationship with her children and many personal struggles. It is the tragedies with which Harkness dealt that formed the basis for Taylor Swift’s song, “the last great American dynasty.” You can Google the lyrics of the song as well as watch the music video. It is an interesting insight into one of Rhode Island’s unique and eccentric socialites.

Taylor Swift and the State of Rhode Island had some issues, one due to her wanting to rebuild the seawall on her property. Some complained it impeded public access and that it would impact a popular surfing spot. She prevailed in this endeavor. Then, the former Governor Gina Raimondo proposed a tax on second homes worth over a million dollars that became known as the “Taylor Swift tax.” This proposal by the former governor was withdrawn as it was viewed as taking away from future tourism and investment in the state.

The Rhode Island Group meets for lunch periodically to reminisce and share stories of our time in Rhode Island. If you lived, worked, studied, or served in Rhode Island or are family to someone who did, you are welcome to join us. If you are not on our email list, send your contact information to judith.parisi@gmail.com.



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Texas Connection
Social Club

Kathy Cornell



“Tales of Texans” was our September meeting activity. This is kind of a “have you ever” type game where each table is a team and scores points based on the experiences of the players. The winning group this year was the “Hold My Beer and Watch This” team of Steve and Paula Wadsworth, Joe and Judy Marquis and Mike and Linda Vokoun.

It wasn’t a surprise to find all teams scoring a point for dancing at a club and getting a bonus point for it being in a honky-tonk. With so many dancers, all scored for being in a music or dance

video posted online though none got the bonus for a million views. All scored for eating at the Big Texan Steak Ranch, but none got bonus points for taking the 72-ounce steak eating challenge.

Two teams got points for being in a magic or hypnosis act though they couldn’t get the bonus for the magician sawing them in half or the hypnotist making them do animal noises. The only question that didn’t score for a single team was “Have you ever participated in a hot sauce eating contest?” So of course, they couldn’t get the bonus point for having done that and not needing medical attention. Maybe the bonus question reveals the reason!

September and October are the months Germany celebrates Oktoberfest. Germans started settling in Texas in 1830 and by 1990 those Texans who

claimed pure or partial German ancestry accounted for 17.5% of the Texas population. Oktoberfest is celebrated by Texan Germans and others in more than two dozen cities in Texas.

We’ll have our own version this month on Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II starting at 6 p.m. The club will provide the meal for our members. Guests are asked to pay \$5 per person. We must have a headcount and the deadline is Sunday, Oct. 1. Bring your own beverage of choice. German beer or wine would make the perfect complement for your meal!

There will be oompah-pah music to set the mood and we have some very cute photo booth cardboard cut-outs for our “Kodak moments.” We’ll probably have a little Oktoberfest and Texan-Ger-

man trivia and of course, we’ll have our usual 50/50 drawing. Please bring small bills if participating in the drawing.

If you have a connection to Texas by having spent time there even if it was just for vacation, military training, competitions, professional meetings, etc., please consider joining us. If you have family there, we welcome you too. Those of us who were born and raised there or were there for work, college or military service will happily share our Texas experiences, culture, and customs. We strive to have a Texas element or theme to our activities but in a way that anyone can feel comfortable participating.

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

Eco Gardeners

Phil Karcheski



September was a very difficult month for the Eco Gardeners; when it was not too hot it was downpouring. Those gardeners who did start cleaning out their gardens or preparing them for planting as soon as temperatures get cooler did so early morning or later in the evening.

The Eco Gardeners are raising African basil. They are a magnet to our friends – the bees – that, in turn, pollinate our plants and increase production.

Transplanting suggestions for October are arugula, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, endive, lettuce, strawberries, and Swiss chard.

From seeds try carrots, onions (bulbing, bunching), radishes and turnips.

The Eco Gardeners Club had a September meeting with a guest speaker from the UF/IFAS Extension. The extension has 11 agents who do educational programming based on the research from the University of Florida. There are also volunteers trained in many types of gardening and a wealth of information regarding insects and diseases of vegetables and flower gardens. They have both online and in person training, furnish soil sample packets that are sent to the university in Gainesville for analysis that can determine pH, type soil, available nutrients, and recommendations as to what needs to be added for a most productive crop.

The number for the UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardeners is 352-456-8013. If I cannot identify an insect or other problem, they can often help on the phone and/or give you a phone number to send a picture to for more help. Their office is located at 2232 NE Jacksonville Road next to the Livestock Pavilion. If you sign up online, they will send you seasonal planting tips information on events seminars and more.

To sign up, visit edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

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Southern Club

Beth Green



The Southern Club started our new season on September 5th. There weren’t a lot of people there, but we were able to have a much needed business meeting. We are basically a social club and usually have very little business to discuss, but we had postponed our elections until now and we certainly needed to know who our fearless leaders would be. The current board members graciously volunteered to serve again. This will be their last year as regulated by our By-laws. Speaking of By-laws, that was our other piece of important business to address. They had not been updated for at least 10 years and were sorely out of date with our current practices. So they were amended to include our current

day and time of meeting and to explain who could join our club, which includes any resident of On Top Of the World. You don’t have to be a Southerner, just someone who wants to enjoy our southern delights of food, fun and fellowship!

For those who don’t know, we meet on the first Tuesday of the month from September through May. As I stated, all residents of OTOW and gateway pass holders are welcome. Our dues are \$10/ member per year. If you haven’t been before, you will need to show your resident ID card. We start with our dinner at 5:30, so we ask everyone to get there a few minutes early to check in and get their drinks before we start calling tables to come get some of our great food. We don’t assign types of food to bring but we always end up with a great assortment of salads, veggies, meat, casseroles and of course, dessert!. After dinner, we usually have some entertainment but occasionally enjoy a game or challenge. We close with our short business meet-

ing and a 50/50 drawing for those who feel lucky.

For our October meeting (on October 3) the Dancing Jewels will entertain us with more of their new routines. We try to schedule them once a year as we always enjoy their lively performance. They tailor their dances, and costumes, to the season and often perform at the Town Square for patriotic events and Halloween.

I hope you checked out our table at the Club Fair and decide to join us as a guest or to join our fun group. If you have any question, you can call me at 352-615-8997. Hope to see y’ all there.

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The Jewish Club had more than 100 members for bagels and lox at its September meeting.

Silver Rainbow Club

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



We are a welcoming and affirming group open to all. We are LGBTQ+ allies providing a 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 July through De-

cember, we will be meeting at the Arbor Conference Center. Our annual club fee is \$10 per person.

We have a monthly bowling outing on the third Friday of each month. We also have a monthly lunch outing at local restaurants. Please see our website for all the details.

To get the latest information about all our events, please visit SilverRainbowClub.com, and our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

We hope to see you soon!

The Jewish Club

Bruce Kanner



The Jewish Club welcomed 18 new members at its September bagels and lox brunch. That is significant as 18 translates to "chai" in Hebrew which in English means "to life." The irony is the club grew by the equivalent of "to life." The growth and the popularity of the club's recent events bring to mind a movie phrase from Chief Brody in the movie "Jaws," "You're gonna need a bigger boat."

Club members brunched on bagels, lox and the familiar accoutrements at the Sunday, Sept. 10, meeting held at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The annual brunch featured bagels from Brooklyn Water Bagel in The Villages, along with cream cheese, lox, tomato, lettuce, onion, and luscious desserts including brownies, which were a chocolate lover's delight.

After a short business meeting, the monthly moment in time highlighted the Jewish High Holidays and each of the 103 members in attendance was able to dip apple slices in honey, a holiday tradition.

Members donated 312 pounds of non-

perishable food and \$200 in cash for Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) of Marion County. Jewish Club members had donated more than 200 pounds of food and cash to IES in 2021 and 2022 respectively and continued that tradition again in 2023. Donations will be accepted again at the Sunday, Oct. 15 meeting.

The annual brunch came on the heels of two recent max capacity events held by the club. The first was the club's pizza and pool party in July, and then the August lunch bunch, the largest lunch bunch of the year, at Golden Spoon Diner.

The next club meeting is Sunday, Oct. 15, at 12:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The club's own Shelley Kline will give advice on home maintenance projects we can and should do on our own. Prospective members are welcome.

Club members do not have to be Jewish to belong to the Jewish Club. The club promotes understanding and respect for Jewish people and their history, customs, and culture through social and educational activities. Annual dues are \$18 per person. The Jewish Club is a reciprocal club meaning it holds meetings in both The Lodge at Candler Hills and the Arbor Conference Center.

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

Scandinavian American Club

David Wesenberg



The Scandinavian American Club begins another season of fellowship, conversation and learning about our Scandinavian American brothers and sisters.

My wife is reading a series of books about Swedes who immigrated to Minnesota. The stories of these immigrants are fascinating as they left their farms and towns for a better life in the United States.

In our meetings, those kinds of people are everywhere, talking about their experiences, their hopes, their successes, and their failures with each other. Are you at least in part Scandinavian? Or

are you just interested in the Scandinavian contributions to American society? What a great opportunity to hear and see from those who have experienced that immigration experience.

At our next meeting Thommy Ilmud and Lauri Blanc will be presenting a program about their visit to Sweden this summer. These are the kinds of presentations that really make our club fun. Come have fun with us.

The Scandinavian American Club meets in the Arbor Conference Dance Studios III-IV every fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. Our next meeting is Oct. 26.

Every meeting involves a meal, presentation, and a chance to share stories and observations with your fellow Scandinavian Americans. Our club is a great place to enjoy fun, fellowship, and unusually good Scandinavian food. Join us. We love to share the fun.

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Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger



Autumn in Michigan is showtime! Although we know it is the staging for the crisp white snowy wonderland that follows, it is hard not to savor the spectacular works of nature’s art. Whether you are standing atop a dune, overlooking Lake Michigan as cloud formations express the dark angry storm rolling in or awakening to sunlight filtering through the forest’s coat of leaves of many colors, the scenes are incredible. It’s no wonder visitors, like pilgrims, trek each year along the color trails to see nature’s amazing show which never fails to impress.

Besides color, Michigan’s fall means flavor, from the crisp ripe apples inviting us to hop on wagons rolling through the orchards to pick or sip a cup of hot or cold pressed cider with a warm cinnamon donut in hand. Those are memories that stick.

Autumn also brings football Saturdays, when we bundle up with scarves

and down jackets so we can sit in the stands and watch our favorite teams perform. Blue and gold or green and white, the action on the field is why we go. Close your eyes and you can hear the fight songs and visualize the marching bands and cheerleaders, too! It’s all there, imbedded in our Michigan heritage.

This year, Michigan Club kicks off a great new season with an Oktoberfest, Sunday, Oct. 1. We will eat fried chicken and sides and listen to the sounds of Andy Cheyne and his M22 band, our On Top of the World favorite! What a treat!

Sunday, Nov. 5 we meet again at 5 p.m. Remember it is daylight saving time Sunday. Fall back! See you at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III for pie day – your favorite recipe welcomed. Feel free to bring any pie you enjoy, from pizza pie, pot pie, cracker pie, crawfish pie, rhubarb pie, apple, pumpkin, berry, brandy alexander or key lime! If your name begins with A-L bring a main dish pie, from M-R a vegetable pie, and from S to Z a dessert pie. Also remember to bring your own place settings and what you want to drink, alcoholic or not is okay.

This is also joke day. Bring a favorite



Photo by Nancy Meininger

Michigan's coat of many colors.

joke to share with the group. We will choose two to three from each table.

Nancy Meininger is asking for six volunteers to assist this year on a new hospitality committee to keep Michigan Club moving forward. Responsibilities will include helping her arrange meetings and entertainment based on member interests. Michigan Club members have always been there to help. This is one more way we can improve our club.

Please sign up when you come into the meeting.

Our December meeting is very special this year. It is a blended Christmas party Dec. 22 with the New York/New Jersey Club. There will be great food and music, too. More information will follow. Stay tuned!

For more on Michigan Club, contact Nancy Meininger, at 352-554-0757 by phone or text.

R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr



Our first meeting of the 2023-2024 season was held Friday, Sept. 8. It was great to meet up with all our club members and catch up with all our friends!

Dues were taken and plans were made to have adventures, lunches, and guest speakers.

Our next meeting will be Friday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. We look forward to greeting new members!

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. We will meet, for the 2023-2024 season, the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center 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!

Pennsylvania Club

Lacinda Hobbs



The Pennsylvania Club welcomed its members back for their first meeting of the season in September. It was good to see familiar faces and catch up on our summer activities.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. After dinner, guest speaker Lt. Ryan Robbins, watch commander, Southwest District commander, Marion County Sheriff’s Office will be speaking about crime data, crime trends, crime safety and prevention.

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Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



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My hard drive crashed (or computer stolen), all my files and photos are gone! Did you have a backup? Your computer files are only as safe and secure as your time and effort put into backing them up. Whether for a Windows or Apple Mac based computer, each has their own similar but different process to follow to save your precious files. Start by purchasing an external hard drive. Why not buy two, a backup for the backup!

Apple has its own backup program built in called Time Machine. Look on the apple.com website for directions.

When connecting to an external hard drive, the Time Machine program will save incremental backups of changes to your files or even your entire system. Purchasing regular spinning drives used for versioned backups like Time Machine, should be at least twice the size of the internal drive, even bigger is better.

The other method for both Windows and Apple Mac is to choose to clone your hard drive. A high-quality solid-state drive (SSD) for clone use can be the same size as the internal drive. This backup will take many hours initially, but it will produce an exact copy of your entire system and all its files, which can be used for migration to another computer, backup, or recovery of a crashed or stolen computer. Search for “best hard disk cloning software” for directions on the process and specify either Windows or Mac.

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drive after cloning and store it securely somewhere else. Keeping the external drive in a different location instead of permanently connected to the computer, eliminates the chance of a lightning strike or ransom attempt from wiping out your computer and its backup at the same time. If you had set up any password to this external drive, be sure to include the password in your important papers for your family or executor to have access to your data when closing your estate.

Residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on otowcomputerclub.org 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 Windows or Apple computer, smartphone, or tablet issues. On our website, members may list 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.

SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



Single Women’s Active Networking System (SWANS) was established about 18 years ago for active single women to socialize, establish friendships, and be supportive to other single women in their time of need. We support many non-profit agencies. We are a diverse group of women of different ages, different backgrounds, different likes, and dislikes, from different parts of the world, but we do have the same future journey of being single. Our social gatherings are appetizers, lunch-in and dinner-in which take place in our homes. We also have breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner out. We only have two membership meetings a year and do not collect dues. Our meetings are necessary to establish groups for our in-home events, to have volunteers to sign up as hosts for our breakfast, lunch, and dinner outings, to meet old friends, make new friends, to plan our mini-vacations and cruises, other trips, etc. Membership forms must be turned in at these meetings, so we have a true count of members. If we do not receive these forms, names are deleted from the master list. We welcome new members at any time of the year.

Our most recent meeting was on Saturday, Sept. 9. We had many old members who attended to hear about all our new activities. There were approximately 25 women who attended looking to become new members! We welcome them all and hope that they take advantage of our networking system!

The September mini vacation to Daytona Beach was a great success! The women who went thoroughly enjoyed the laid-back lifestyle of Daytona! They went to most of the popular restaurants and attractions! They go again in November so if you are interested, call Lois Nix!

Many of us are going to the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October. We can’t wait for this exciting trip! We are really looking forward to our stops along the way to and from Albuquerque.

During the month of September, we had dinner at Elevation 89, lunch at Ayuttaya, and breakfast at Mama B’s. We also enjoyed brunch at Stone Creek Grille. These events were thoroughly enjoyable. The company and the food were equally very good! We are still limiting these outings because most of the restaurants do not have the servers to handle our larger groups. So, we have two groups of 15 each month to the same place. A big “thank you” to our hosts during September: Sally Pisano, C.J. Daane, Sally Herrick, Lois Nix, and Jean Duda. We cannot do these outings without our volunteer hostesses!

Please remember that you may join the SWANS at any time! We always welcome new members and ideas! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.



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Active
Singles Club

Catherine White



The Active Singles Club continues to stay busy. Members hiked the Land Bridge Trailhead in August. The return trail had us passing stunning live oak trees. Lunch at Sonny’s BBQ completed another enjoyable morning.

The first Saturday at the Appleton Museum of Art was well attended in September. After viewing a film screening entitled “The Thief Collector” which was intriguing, we traveled to Culver’s to toast Jimmy Buffet with a cheeseburg-

er lunch.

Members who attended lunch at Cody’s voted to continue this as a weekly practice through September and made plans for an exciting new option for October. Look for all the details on our website.

The weather held out for a wonderful hike in the woods at Ross Prairie State Park followed by a hearty lunch at Red’s.

October brings several exciting events for our members. Our anniversary picnic is coming up very soon, and will be filled with food, fun and games. We also have a day trip to Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando, our extended glass bottom boat ride at Silver Springs State Park with the option of heading to Mojo’s for lunch, and Lakeridge Winery,

for a fun and relaxing afternoon with friends, food, and music. Don’t forget your chair!

Also starting in October, we will offer both hikes and walks every month, along with the regularly scheduled activities like Mexican train, trivia, lunches, dinners, bowling, bocce, and darts.

November is a great month in Florida for a trip to the retirement home for horses at Mill Creek Farms, followed by lunch at Conestoga in Alachua. Then get ready for a blast from the past with the ‘50s/’60s rock ‘n’ roll dance party. Check out your closets for those optional rockabilly and hippie outfits and get ready to dance the night away!

December is always festive. The holidays begin with our Golf Cart Parade.

We’ll decorate our carts again in the hopes of winning another trophy! Then we get fancy and “dress to impress” for our festive holiday party with good food, great music, and friends. At the end of the month, we’ll say goodbye to 2023 with our New Year’s Eve party complete with noise makers, a great menu and wonderful music.

Please visit www.otowactivesinglesclub.com to become a member and sign up for events. Interested but not sure this club is for you? Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. (new members can begin to sign up at 5:30 p.m.) followed by a bring your own beverage happy hour and opportunity to talk to members and make new friends. This month’s meeting will be held at the Indigo East Community Center.

Genealogical
Society

Ron Niebo



October is an important month for us ... on Monday, Oct. 16, in the Hobby Building Event Room at 10 a.m. we will elect and install officers for 2023-2024. All members may attend and vote, either in-person or via Zoom. As announced, the current officers are campaigning to be re-elected. The office of vice president is vacant. Any member wishing to serve as vice president, or any elected office, may self-nominate at the meeting.

Many thanks to the officers who guided us over the past year. Join me in a round of applause for: President Paul Belter, Secretary Mary Pat Luvison, and Treasurer Beth Vaudo. Also, a round of applause for the contributions of the appointed committee chairs who worked so tirelessly: Membership Wilma Kelley, Education Sid Levine, and Publicity Deb Baker.

Immediately following the election, we will conduct an educational meeting. Last month, members were asked to contribute issues stymieing their genealogy efforts. The submitted issues were shared amongst all members and resolution suggestions were made at this meeting. Once again member expertise, experience with a wide range of genealogy software and databases, and a supportive atmosphere proved to be help-

ful.

A vexing issue all genealogists share is translating unfamiliar languages. My first solution is usually Google Translate. It is okay, but it has limited suitability when reviewing historical or multiple-definition words and idioms. To solve this, other translation options I also consider are:

- DeepL.com: offers greater translation accuracy as well as alternative translation solutions.
- Linguee.com: offers detailed translations or words, phrases and idioms as developed by experienced volunteers associated with that language. Detailed definitions and context examples are also provided. Note: DeepL and Linguee are coordinated programs and offer translations covering more than 31 languages.
- Woerterbuchnetz.de: provides both definition and origin information for historical and current German language words. Note: Results are available in English.

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 year-


ly dues are \$20 or \$35 for a couple. For membership information contact Membership Chair Wilma Kelley at wkellymt@outlook.com.

Just to let you know, our membership list was recently updated. Since this past January, 20 new members have joined. As of Aug. 31, there are 75 members. Hooray!


Remember to place a hold on your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 11. On that date, the Genealogical Society and five others will sponsor the free Seek > Find

> Connect > Genealogy Conference at the Ocala Family History Center. Online registration is open and is being managed by the Marion County Genealogical Society of Ocala, see <https://mcgso-ocala.org/>. The center is located at 1831 SE 18th Avenue, Ocala, 34471.

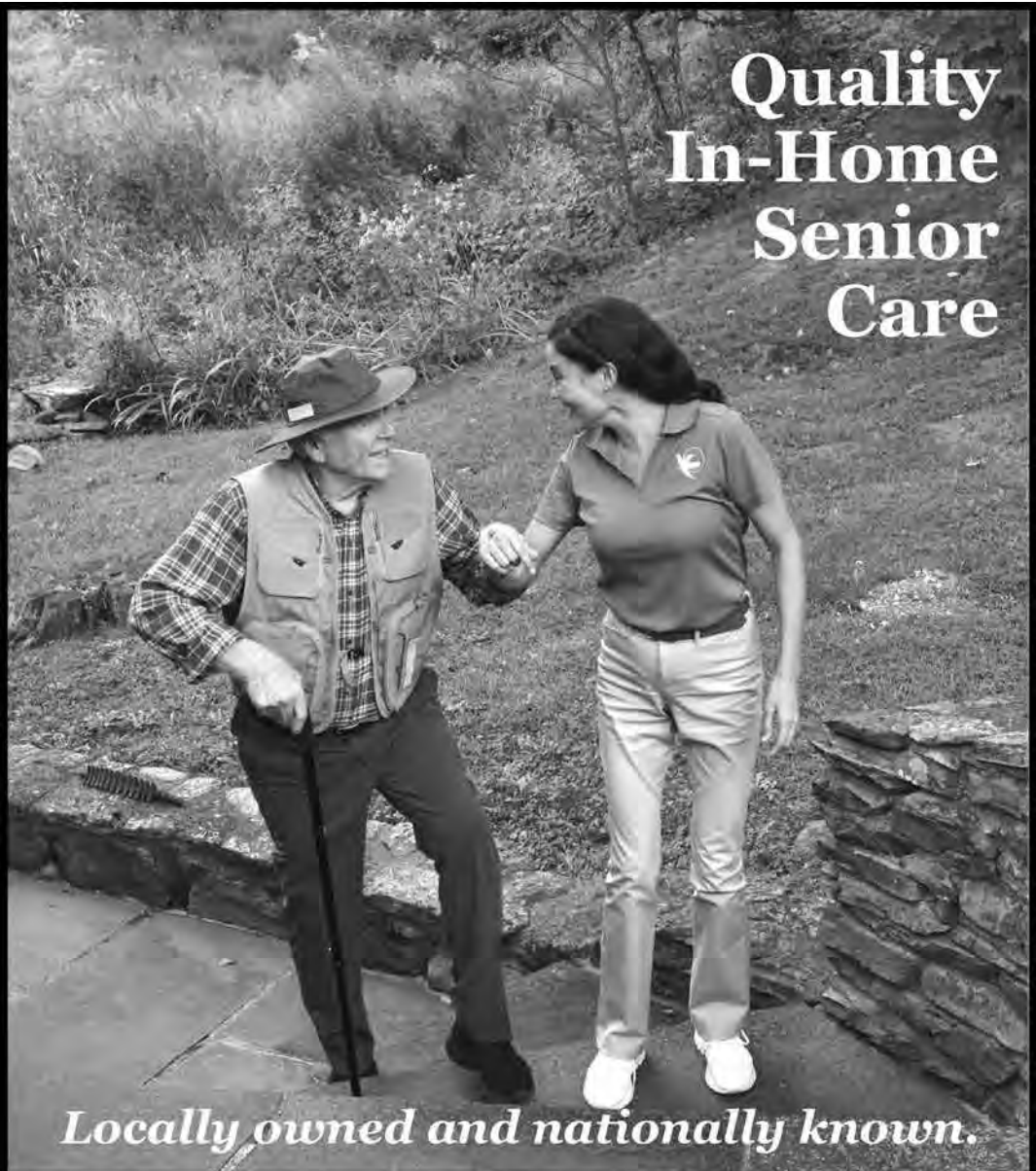
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The Women of the World is a social and charitable organization. Our mission is to entertain, inform, educate, and inspire our members through our monthly meetings and contribute to the local community by providing much needed goods to those in need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

For the 2023-2024 club year, we will be sponsoring the following charities at our monthly meetings/events: Operation Shoebox, ROCK Foundation for underprivileged youth, Hugs Foundation for cancer patients, Pace Center for Girls, Amazing Foundation providing community meals, Transition Living Centers for men seeking recovery from addiction, Hospice of Marion County for the Nancy Renyhart Center for dementia education, VOCAL for pet adoption, and Share the Love Foundation providing summer camps for local youth in Foster Care.

We also plan to have a bunco for charity fundraiser on Jan. 6, 2024, and our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on March 13, 2024, for Hospice of Marion County.

Several of our members represented the club at the Club Fair in September where we had a display highlighting our activities and sponsored charities for the upcoming year. We also accepted membership dues at the event. There was incredibly good attendance at the Club Fair, and we did meet with over 100 women who were interested in joining the club.

Our kick-off September meeting was hugely successful due to the outreach at the Club Fair. Our featured speaker was actor and dramatist, Dee Collier, who has dedicated her life to educating others about strong women in history. Dee portrayed Irene Mabee, Al Capone's business manager. It was an entertaining and educational presentation bringing the past to life through her engaging portrayal and thoughtful narrative.

Our featured charity was Operation Shoebox, a non-profit organization based in Bellevue that sends care packages with needed items that give a bit of home to our deployed U.S. Troops around the world. Ellie Richards, Operation Shoebox club chairwomen shared

with us the importance of their mission, the needs of the troops, and how we might help. The outpouring of donations from our members was very generous! We had several tables overflowing with donations. Thank you all for your generosity!

In October, our featured speaker will be the Appleton Museum of Art director who will present a general overview of the museum and its programs. Our featured charity is the ROCK Foundation which provides essential needs for underprivileged youth in our community. Their current needs are children's underwear from size small to extra-large and boy's shoes sizes 6 through 13.

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 with a resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. Our annual membership dues are \$15. Guests of a member will be charged \$5 to attend a monthly meeting. If you are interested in joining us, please attend our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19, or give Betty Thayer, club president a call at 352-361-1313.



Dee Collier, actor and dramatist portrayed Irene Mabee, Al Capone's business manager at September's meeting.

Please join us for our next potluck on Saturday, Oct. 28. We meet every month on the fourth Saturday in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II.

We enjoy beautiful piano music thanks to two of our very talented members, Arlene Chilcott and Marijane Darnell. Also, many of the ladies share an inspirational message about what God has done in their life. Recently, Gayle McTeigue gave an encouraging talk on staying close to the Lord in the changing times that we are living in. Also, Deb Thompson told us about a new support group – Joy in the Mourning – that she started for widows. They meet in the Hobby Building Event Room on Tuesdays, at 1 p.m.

Every month we have new people join us and I hope that you will come too! We start at 11:30 a.m., but please try to arrive by 11:15 a.m. so that we can start on time. This is a true potluck, so bring anything you like! Drinks are provided. No reservations; just show up and enjoy a day of fun, fellowship, and the best potluck! I hope to see you on the 28th!

Ladies, are you merely surviving the complex challenges of widowhood? Do you wonder if it is possible to grow through grief and even thrive? Are hope and healing attainable?

Only you can answer the first question. A resounding "yes" answers the last two questions.

The purpose of this group is to help provide ways to combat grief rather than letting grief control you. Encouragement and compassion are available to any courageous woman desiring to overcome loss.

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Veterans Classic Softball Tournament

By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

November 2022 marked the inaugural Veterans Classic Softball Tournament, an honorable gathering of veterans and patriots, not just ball players, but also family, friends, supporters and of course a bunch of spirited competitors! It was a highly successful event, one that laid the foundation for this year’s tournament scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10. Details to follow in the story.

After graduating from college, Rick Munsell enlisted in the United States Navy and with a musical background, had his sights set on becoming a member of the highly regarded Navy Band. The Navy, well, re-set his sights, and 27 years later, Rick retired from naval aviation as a command at sea and command ashore officer with three commands on aircraft carriers and on base. It was time to set his sights on the future, and many years later, the Veterans Classic Softball Tournament here in On Top of the World became one of his visions.

Moving to On Top of the World in 2020 with his wife Glenda, a.k.a. “Blondie, a.k.a. “Gym Bunny” (she is a fitness devotee and former member of the Orlando Magic’s Senior Dance Team), Rick

quickly became involved with pickleball and softball. This, along with his veterinary practice in Marion County would keep him quite busy, one would think.

I imagine that he’s been called the consummate vet’s vet way more times than in this story. Hmmm ... wonder if he drives a Vette? Rick’s vision was to bring together a group of veterans to share and celebrate their past and present histories through sport. Given its popularity here, softball made for the perfect home in which to share athleticism, teamwork, camaraderie, honor, and stories. That was the “big picture.” The implementation was next.

To pull off the big picture, Rick did what was militarily logical – organize a chain of command. Ten hut to veterans!

Navy Petty Officer First Class Charlie Calhoun was called to coordinate all efforts of the organizational team and “made it all happen.” Because of their organizational and computer skills, Ret. Air Force Captain Pete Feliciano and Ret. Air Force Sergeant Ernie Serson were enlisted to manage projects such as spread sheets, programs, and advertising. Rick “couldn’t have pulled it off without all

of those guys.” The entire On Top of the World staff was exceptional, with local businesses, and the men’s Softball Club being foundational pillars, and the ever-supportive Mr. B’s Big Scoop Ice Cream being there in donating 300 ice cream desserts. The 2023 tournament chain of command has been fortified with the addition of Ret. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Stu Martin and Ret. Navy Petty Officer Third Class Everett Adrian. Let the games begin!

The second annual Veterans Classic Softball Tournament will take place Friday, Nov. 10, with a rain date on Sunday, Nov. 12. Make note that the tournament will take place the day before Veterans Day, to not interfere with other events that day. Resident veterans of On Top of the World and veteran members of the softball clubs will spiritedly be representing their branches of service – United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, and Space Force (notice the alphabetical order to avoid getting razzed for showing favoritism).

Every member player gets the opportunity to play, and this year’s event will include an appearance by both the oldest player who is a pitcher, and the second oldest who is a catcher. Nope, I don’t know their ages but certainly do admire them. Yes indeedly, there will be a home run derby that is open to anyone. Here’s what to look forward to:

- 8:30 a.m.: Opening ceremony to include intro remarks, opening prayer, parading of the colors by the Marion Coun-



Photo courtesy of Rick Munsell

Ret. U.S. Navy Captain Rick Munsell.

ty Memorial Honor Guard. Presentation of colors and National Anthem (players lined up along the base paths), posting of colors, opening ceremonial first pitch by the oldest veteran with second oldest as catcher followed by the first playoff game. Presentation of Quilts of Valor followed by second playoff game.

- Noon: Home run derby (open to all), food by So Yummy BBQ & Grill food truck with ice cream treats by Mr. B’s Big Scoop.
- 1:15 p.m.: Championship game.
- 2:30 p.m.: Championship awards presentation by Mr. Kenneth Colen.

Don’t miss the second annual Veterans Softball Classic Tournament here at the On Top of the World softball field behind the Recreation Center. Spend a few moments at nearby Veterans Park. Inquire about obtaining a commemorative brick. Come out to enjoy the tournament and to salute our veterans for their service and sportsmanship. Take a crack at the home run derby. Enjoy the food, patriotism, camaraderie, and sport on Friday, Nov. 10, starting at 8:30 a.m. with a rain date of Sunday, Nov. 12. Go Navy! Hey, my best friend is a retired admiral. Just sayin’.



Photo by Jerry Weage

2022 Veterans Classic Softball Tournament players on the base lines.

Pickleball and Community

By Steven Carr

On Wednesday, July 26, 15 excited Special Olympic athletes and 40 volunteers from the Top Pickleball Club started their journey to compete in the 2023 Florida Special Olympics. The Top Pickleball Club will be the first club to train pickleball athletes who represent Marion County.

Over the past four months, volunteers have been planning, organizing, and completing required online and instructional training through Special

Olympics Florida. Many of the athletes have been involved in the Special Olympics program for years and train every Wednesday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the back courts. Everyone is invited to stop by and feel the excitement.

The club’s participation in programs like the Special Olympics demonstrates their commitment to the community. It shows that they are champions of inclusion, understand the power of sports and commit themselves to building a

better world for people with intellectual disabilities.

We asked several of the many volunteers, “Why are you committed to dedicating your time to the Special Olympics training team?”

Rick DeRoven responded, “I love pickleball. Having been offered the opportunity to help train a special and unique group of athletes to learn, participate and compete in and enjoy this great sport, I jumped at the chance without having to think twice. I fully expect this experience to be among the most valuable and rewarding experiences of my time at On Top of the World to date, and for many years to come.”

Usha Vargas had this to say, “I was looking for a fulfilling opportunity to give back to the community and along

came Special Olympics! I am thrilled to do my part to bring pickleball to Special Olympics for Marion County.” Carol Dauria added, “The reason why I committed myself to volunteering for the Special Olympics is that they are a great organization. Top Pickleball Club members are talented, kind, caring and compassionate. We will empower and inspire the athletes as they’ll do the same for us.”

The instructors are heroes to the athletes and athletes become heroes to the instructors. They form magical and meaningful connections that extend beyond the courts and last a lifetime. It is wonderful to know that a very unique team of residents are making a difference in the lives of incredibly determined individuals with a remarkable human spirit.



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Top Pickleball Club training Marion County Special Olympic athletes for the Florida games.

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R/C Flyers Club

Ray Ihlenburg



Last month our 21st annual R/C Flyers Fall Fly-In on Saturday, Oct. 7, was announced. This month the half-time show can be unveiled depending on the time available. A real fast jet demonstration and/or a helicopter demonstration are planned.

It seems this month has been a jet month. Steve Schlesselman brought his recently finished Elan to the business meeting and announced the maiden flight would happen, weather permitting, the next morning. More on this later.

We see many ducted fan jets flying at the field that are relatively small, made of foam, and quiet. Pretty impressive to watch but just not as impressive as a real turbine engine powered, kerosene guzzling, eight-foot-long composite model capable of scary fast passes. Qualifying to fly turbine powered jets is a process few pilots pursue. The club has two members with a jet (turbine) qualification and a third working on his qualifying requirements. The following rundown of a couple of jets might be interesting to all readers just before our Fall Fly-In.

Jack Kezelian has been jet qualified for quite a few years. He has several jets and recently he brought his composite Rebel sport jet to the field. This jet is a complex model with retracts, flaps, wheel brakes, plus the normal elevator, rudder, ailerons, and throttle functions. Jack says the jet weighs 24 pounds with a full tank of fuel. It is powered with a Kingtech turbine producing 31 pounds of thrust. The turbine engine burns diesel, kerosene, or jet fuel, but kerosene is easiest to obtain. Onboard fuel capacity limits flights to seven minutes, which Jack says is plenty long for his adrenaline to peak. The jet now has about 55 flights in the logbook. Top speed is not really known due to our limited flight boundaries.

The maiden of the month is Steve Schlesselman's new Boomerang Elan Aerobatic sport jet done in a terrific "fly Navy" color scheme. Steve is working to qualify to fly his jet under the tutelage of Jack. As such, the maiden flight took place on Monday, Sept. 5, piloted by

Jack Kezelian. The first flight was very impressive, to say the least. The color scheme and the twin booms made a distinctive sight in the sky. Steve reports his jet weighs about 21 pounds so with the turbine engine producing 22 pounds of thrust, the thrust ration is essentially one-to-one, or able to go out of sight; straight up. The jet has a composite fuselage and tail booms with sheeted outer wing panels. It just fits in Steve's car. The design allows very docile low speeds, in the 20-mph range, for slow maneuvers or landing. Again, the top speed is limited by our flight boundaries and because those high G-turns take their toll. The control setup utilizes three receivers and nine servos.

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Jets just look fast even on the ground.

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Marte Dobosh



“On being asked before the final round what he needed to shoot to win the tournament, “the rest of the field.”” – Roger Maltbie.

Keep your guns at home and your sense of humor in your bag! Some good laughs will serve you as well as a solid chip.

The LGA-18 persevered through several water hazards on the courses brought on by Hurricane Idalia. Always the adventurers, our golfers chose different clubs to skirt the new ponds and wore waterproof shoes.

In spectacular fashion, the league

hosted its 40th anniversary celebration (also the Member/Member Tournament) on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The very special day featured golf, followed by a luncheon to reminisce about four decades of friendship and camaraderie shared by members of the LGA-18. Special honors were given to founding mothers (Elly Rapacz, Harriet Brower, and Jan Juhlin), league presidents, and league and match play champions.

Thank you to tournament organizers Bev Ovrebo, Susan Yenne, Jan Christ, and Linda Taylor for planning such a wonderful event filled with new memories. Photos will follow next month.

Two Best Ball Net–Stableford Aug. 15/The Links

Tie at 82–Mary Ann Livingston, Katie Schriewer, Brenda Hoffmann and Linda Taylor, Angie Jingco, Donna Brunell. Tie at 80–Kathy Goodwin, Gail Lagrange, Paula Lilly, Roxiann Dwyer and Virginia

Combs, Susan Martin, Cynthia Gersten. Tie at 78–Vadonna Hall, Joyce Jones, Liz Pruss, Kathy Zunica and Maria Fournier, Jill Strey, Jean Czachor. 77–Peggy Ellenberger, Lisa Free, Robyn Atwood, Nancy Zielinski.

Tee to Green Net (Individual) Aug. 22/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 42–Lisa Free. Tie at 43–Gail Lagrange and Sandy Snyder. 46–Lynn Colomb.

Flight 2: 35–Karen Schroeckenthaler. Tie at 44–Mary Ann Livingston and Peggy Ellenberger. 48–Mary Ruffner.

Flight 3: 38–Katie Schriewer. Tie at 40–Joyce Jones, Peggy Weichmann, Janette Sheil, and Ellen Brin.

Flight 4: 41–Nancy Zielinski. Tie at 45–Robyn Atwood and Cynthia Gersten. Tie at 46–Susan Martin and Sandy Chase.

Scramble (Team) Aug. 29/The Links

55–Sandra Mansfield, Jill Strey, Linda Blewitt. 56–

Mary Jeannotte, Mary Ruffner, Marte Dobosh, Donna Brunell. Tie at 58–Gail Lagrange, Yuhlan Cho, Virginia Madura, Jean Czachor and Mary Ann Livingston, Peggy Ellenberger, Peggy Wiechmann and Rosann Ross. Tie at 59–Shelly Karsnitz, Susan Rhodes, Liz Pruss, Sandy Chase and Diane Boston, Vickie Noltenmeyer, Ellen Brin and Carolyn Cummings.

Blind Nine (Individual) Sept. 5/The Links

Flight 1: 34–Lisa Free. 35–Maria Fournier. 36–Gail Lagrange. Tie at 37–Shelly Karsnitz, Linda Taylor and Mary Jeannotte.

Flight 2: 34–Katie Schriewer. Tie at 35–Yuhlan Cho and Mary Ruffner. 36–Joyce Jones. 37–Donna Herberger.

Flight 3: Tie at 34–Mary Dawson and Liz Pruss. Tie at 35–Joann Dellapenna and Jill Strey. 36–Vickie Noltenmeyer.

Flight 4: Tie at 36–Nancy Zielinski, Susan Martin and Robyn Atwood. 37–Rosann Ross. Tie at 38–Roxiann Dwyer and Virginia Madura.

Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



Do you ever wonder why golf is so popular? Perhaps it’s the challenges of the game or spending time outdoors. Could it be the camaraderie or the competition? Whatever the reason, it’s not just a game but an experience to be shared and enjoyed. No matter what your physical condition or age is, everyone feels the challenge of this great game. It is truly a sport where everyone starts at the same

point and don’t we love that!

The first World Member/Guest event, “Fit Fore Life”, was held at Candler Hills in September. 58 women and their guests participated in this two-day event. From the trunk show on Friday to the lovely lunch on Saturday, a grand time was had by all. We hope that this will become an annual event and a big thank you goes out to all the committee members who made this such a success.

October has arrived with the hope that cooler weather will follow. Two dates should be noted as we head into fall. Thursday, Nov. 16, is our membership meeting and election of officers, after golf. Tuesday, Dec. 12 is the holiday

party and award celebration. Details to follow.

Our last Summer Survivor event was held on Thursday, Sept. 21. It’s always fun and a big thanks goes to all the participants as the heat was a survival in itself.

The Candler Hills LGA-18 is open to any woman in On Top of the World. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com. It’s a great way to meet some new ladies, play golf and have fun.

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

1 BB Gross & Net (Team) On Top of the World Non-Reciprocal Invite Aug. 10

Flight 1: 155–Gayla Aldridge, Virginia Combs, Kate Beaty. 157–Lynn Colomb, Jane Hall, Beth Wolinsky. 159–Patti Kelly, Virginia Madura, Brenda Hoffman.

Flight 2: 160–Sara Nunn, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Kathy Zunica. 161–Maria Fournier, Paula Lilly, Sue Fierce. 162–Donna Herberger.

Red/White/Blue Scramble (Team)

Aug. 24

44–Peggy Ellenberger, Liz Pruss, Cynthia Gersten. 45–Gail Lagrange, Judie Anderson, Jean Czachor. Tie at 47–Beverly Ovrebo, Jane Hall, Gloria Cullins. Mary Ann Livingston, Virginia Combs, Liz Lang. Shelly Karsnitz, Ellen Brin, Kate Beaty. Tie at 48–Christine Giza, Eileen Gustavus, Janette Sheil. Michele Otto, Joyce Jones, Katie Schriewer. Sandy Snyder, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Brenda Hoffman.

Low Net (Individual) Sept. 7

Flight 1: Tie at 72–Lynn Colomb, Patti Kelly. 74–Shelly Karsnitz. Tie at 75–Michele Otto, Gayla Aldridge.

Flight 2: 69–Virginia Combs. 71–Peggy Ellenberger. 72–Sandra Mansfield. Tie at 75–Beverly Ovrebo, Kathleen Goodwin, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Page Falconer.

Flight 3: 69–Susan Martin. 74–Paula Lilly. 76–Janette Sheil. Tie at 77–Judie Anderson, Angelita Jingco, Joyce Jones.

Flight 4: 77– Virginia Madura. Tie at 79–Vickie Foster, Roxiann Dwyer. Tie at 80–Brenda Hoffman.

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Golf

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With fall officially upon us we would like to welcome back all the snowbirds. This is the time of year when the community is booming with excitement. Golf has an exciting event schedule for the remainder of the year so please be on the lookout for our upcoming events. The annual Candler Hills Member Appreciation event will be held on Monday, Oct. 23, and will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun. In the event we have over 144 players, we will run a morning and afternoon shotgun with lunch being served

Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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As we get into October the schedule for the games played and notable Thursdays, are as follows:

- Oct. 5: True or False on the back nine. Only holes that start with a T or F will be counted.
- Oct. 12: No event for Michelle-O-Gram World event.
- Oct. 19: Tee It Up Scramble on the back nine. Scramble format where the ball can be hit off a tee anywhere outside the putting green.
- Oct. 26: Cha Cha Cha on the front nine. Will be played in teams of three or four where the number of scores counted for the group on the hole is a pattern of 1-2-1-2-3 for the first five holes and then starts to repeat for the last four holes.

Now that we are starting to see the

Men’s Golf Association

John Yenne



You can feel a change in the air as summer turns to fall in Central Florida, even as we still face the prospect of hurricanes through the end of next month. Fall brings a welcome respite from summer’s intense heat and humidity, and it’s arguably the best time of year to be on the golf course. For the Men’s Golf Association (MGA), the cooler, drier conditions provide challenges and opportunities. Grass starts to go dormant as temperatures drop, leading to firmer, faster conditions. This may require adjustments in wedge play and bump-and-run chip shots that can race past the hole. But it will also help your drives go further, as drier turf leads to more roll in the fairways, If we can avoid tropical storms, play should be more enjoyable. The MGA currently has 244 members. Please welcome Tom Mansfield, Ed Buton, Gregg Keidel and Bill Cope. If you would like to help make the MGA better, board elections for 2024 are just around the corner. Contact a board member to get your name on the list. Mark your calendar for these upcoming Wednesday events:

- Oct. 4: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- Oct. 11: 2-Man Scramble (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Oct. 18: Team Low Net (The Links)
- Oct. 25: Beat the Pro Individual Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)

Chicken Day Scramble
Sept. 6/The Links

53–Art Olerud, Garfield Gray, Louis Heger, Lance Davsko. Tie at 54–David Clune, Robert Kuhl, Paul Randles; Ken Zweiback, John Johnson, Mike Lane; Kevin McGuinness, Rusty Zarrell, Mike Clancy, Thomas Norris. Tie at 56–Ron Lombardo, Paul Stoecklin, Joseph Dunnack, David Bauer; Tom Neville, Steven Rowell, Danny Newby, Anthony Morris. Tie at 57–Larry Manion, Matt Raies, Frank Giordano, Gerald Schneider; Ron Pratt, Ralph Norton, Raymond Hendrix, Carl Zeiler; Brian Wilder, Howard Gluckman, Joe Pruss, Tary Bole; Tim Carlisle, Dale Budd, Paul Snyder, Bill Searight; Michael Almon, Bruce Green, Jim Nicholson; Dick Emmons, John Snyder, Ronald Grob, Bob Lieberman; Rusty Rhodes, Joe Aldridge, John Atwood, Joe Baumgartner.

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on the course like last year. Please register in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. The annual On Top of the World Member Appreciation event will be held Monday, Nov. 6, at 9 a.m. with lunch being served on the course. Please register in the On Top of the World Golf Shop. A big thank you goes out to all those who donated to the Folds of Honor Foundation over Labor Day weekend. The Folds of Honor Foundation provides educational scholarships and other assistance to the spouses and children of soldiers. We were able to raise \$1,361 for this great organization. I would like all golfers to familiarize yourselves with the World Handicap System. It is important to understand all the proper policies and procedures of maintaining a proper handicap through the World Handicap System. On Top of the World currently has a handicap com-

temperatures drop a little bit and we are almost out of the summer heat I want to talk about some different course conditions we might see in the coming months. One thing that a lot of golfers get excited about is the condition of the putting green as they can be smoother and start to speed up in the winter. While it is certainly a welcome change there are some things to keep in mind to help you make more putts. When the greens get faster, we know the ball will roll for a longer distance before it starts to lose speed. The reason I am pointing this out is because of this the break in the green has more time to affect the line of the ball. In the summer, we can be a lot more aggressive with our putts because you can take a lot of break out of the putt. As they get faster, we must pay closer attention to the relationship between the speed and amount of break so that when the ball does not go in, it will at least be close to the hole. One thing I suggest is taking some time on the practice green, find a spot with a lot of break, roll putts from multiple angles and lengths to see, and start to get a feel for the relationship between speed and break. For those looking for more tips and drills to work on their putting or for anyone with other questions related to the putting surface you can attend our clinic on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 9 a.m. where we will be going over that and more. Sign-ups for this clinic and all others can be found in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

mittee, which consists of 15 community golfers. The purpose of the handicap committee is to:

1. Establish a handicap committee.
2. Ensure the club meets the definition of a golf club.
3. Know the rules of handicapping.
4. Educate and communicate the rules of handicapping to members.
5. Ensure course details are accurate (Type 1 club).
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7. Facilitate the timely submission of scores.
8. Maintain accurate player scoring records.
9. Apply applicable penalty scores and adjust the Handicap Index of any member whose Handicap Index does not reflect their demonstrated ability.
10. Perform annual handicap reviews.

Please ensure you are posting all scores and from the correct course and

tee you played. This is extremely important to keep your handicap as accurate as possible. If not, you could be the next golfer audited by the On Top of the World handicap committee.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Oct. 12: World Michelle-O-Gram on Candler Hills and The Links Golf Courses.
- Monday, Oct. 23: Member Appreciation Event at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Tuesday, Oct. 31: Trick or Treat Open at On Top of the World Golf Club.
- Monday, Nov. 6: Member Appreciation Event at On Top of the World Golf Club.

World Accolades

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Jim Napier-ski, eagle #1.

CANDLER HILLS: Marty Trexler, hole-in-one #17. Brad Best, eagle #18. Bruce Green, eagle #7. Tim Kennedy, hole-in-one #5. Lonnie Page, hole-in-one #17. Congratulations to all for these fine accomplishments.

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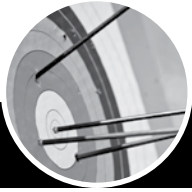
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Archery Club

Leslie McCormick



We’re having an open house! Do you think you might be interested in archery? Join us at the club’s “preview day” on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon. You will get an in-depth look at our facilities, see the equipment available to our members and learn more about the club activities. The event is at the range (at the end of the golf cart path at the Veterans Park, past the playground area). Please bring your On Top of the World resident ID.

This month we are highlighting the medal winners at the 22nd annual Gainesville Senior Games, held Saturday, Sept. 9, at Gator Bowmen. Over 30 archers traveled from various clubs including On Top of the World, The Villages and as far away as Panama City, Florida. This was a 900 round 40-50-60-yard shoot with archers participating in one of nine shooting styles and six age groups (the oldest group being 85-89). Congratulations to the medal winners

and participants.

Compound Fingers
1: Patty Hoppe (ages 70-74); 2: Bill Millican (ages 75-79).

Compound Release
1: Jerry Hoppe (ages 65-69); 1: Tom Weiss (ages 70-74); 2: Sam Scarbrough (ages 70-74); 3: Dan Powell (ages 60-64); 3: Charlie Dove (ages 70-74); 5: Rick Kammes (ages 70-74).

Don Southard helped manage the shoot. Patty and Jerry Hoppe travel for their passion for archery. They both competed in the National Senior Games in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in July and the National Target Nationals in Yankton, South Dakota in August. Patty placed first in her category at both shoots!

Back at our range, we typically schedule two shoots a month. Now that the weather will be getting cooler, we expect to see many of our members enjoy these fun shoots regardless of their level of experience. Results of the recent “animal target shoots” and 600 round shoot will be posted in our monthly newsletter that is distributed to club members. We will also share the outcome of the September poker run event that included an option to shoot arrows for a better poker hand!

If you are interested in becoming a

member and can’t make the open house, visit otowarchery.com > New Members and download an application form with the required waivers. For additional information or to schedule your initial

safety/training session, please contact Mark D’Addario at markdad06@gmail.com or 352-360-3436 or Bob Papirner at rpapirner@aol.com or 352-877-3144.

Sidekicks Western Dance

Judy Sullivan



The summer has officially ended, and I think we are all looking forward to cooler weather. Many of the snowbirds are returning. Welcome back!

SideKicks Western Partner Dancing Club started off the season with a welcome back night on Tuesday, Sept. 19; organized by our entertainment committee, Jean, and Jack Hester.

Membership dues are being collected through Tuesday, Oct. 10, unless you let us know that you will be joining us after that date. Please see Paula and Dave Shira as you enter the Ballroom to make your payment.



Photo by Judy Sullivan

Jim and Judy Sullivan.

Landing as well if we can find another Sidekicks dancer who is willing to teach there. If you know of anyone who resides in Weybourne Landing and wants to participate, please let me know.

For any questions, contact Judy Sullivan at spirit927@live.com or text 973-903-8719 or email Paula at Sidekickspartnerdance@gmail.com.

On a side note, if any of the current members who are having a difficult time using GroupWorks and need additional assistance, please text or email Judy at the above numbers to schedule a time to meet or talk.

- Tuesdays: Beginners class with Peggy and Al starts at 4 p.m. on Oct. 3 (start date subject to change). Weekly dance as a whole group at the Recreation Center Ballroom starts at 5 p.m.
- Fridays: Practice class with Judy and Jim at 11 a.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom starts Oct. 6. Absolute Beginners class with Judy and Jim is at noon in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom starting Oct. 6.
- Sundays: Practice with Bill and Lois starts at 5 p.m. on Oct. 1 (start date subject to change).



Photo by Don Southard

Bill Millican, Dan Powell, Rick Kammes, Charlie Dove, Tom Weiss, Patty Hoppe, Sam Scarbrough, and Jerry Hoppe.

We are scheduled for a Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Dress in your scariest, funniest, sexiest, or cutest costumes and get ready to dance.

Please welcome our 2023-2024 coordinators: Jean and Jack Hester, entertainment; Paula and Dave Shira, treasurer and communication; Bill and Lois Hull, 5 p.m. Sunday dance practice leaders; Peggy and Al Eizans, 4 p.m. Tuesday dance instructors; Jim and Judy Sullivan. Hopefully you know who we are.

For those of you who wish to join but have never danced before, you need to learn at least some of the basic steps of partner dancing (same or similar to line dancing). Judy and Jim will hold the basic step classes from noon to 1 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom. Many ladies want to dance but don’t have a partner, or a partner who is willing to dance, I encourage you to grab a female friend and join in on the fun of partner dancing.

Indigo East residents do not have to have a Gateway of Services pass to participate in these classes since this is a reciprocating club. We hope to be able to include residents from Weybourne

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I wish to remind you that we can go as a group to the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida to watch the Gators play tennis against other big schools. It is free with good tennis! Also, I will organize a group to visit and play on clay courts at the USTA National Training Center in Lake Nona, Florida. We will also try to reinstate the inter-club tennis socials with Stone Creek.

Speaking of clay courts, I will dedicate the tennis tip to some of the things that can affect and help your game on a clay court.

Clay Gear Recommendations

For some players, competing on clay can feel like an entirely different sport. Between the sliding, tricky bounces, and heavier conditions, it tests you in ways not found on a harder surface. But it is not just added patience and defter footwork that are required; fine-tuning your equipment can help maximize your performance as well. Here are some options:

1. Racquets: The grit of a clay court slows down shots and promotes higher bounce. An effective way to take advantage of this characteristic is to hit with more top spin. While stroke mechanics will hold the greatest influence over this trait, there are racquets designed to enhance it. The most notable feature they possess is a wider string pattern, fewer strings with larger spacing means they have more room to move freely at contact. When the ball leaves

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the strings, they snap back into position which can accentuate the brushing motion of a top spin swing. The sweet spot for the category is a 16 by 19 configuration in a 100 square inch head. Many of these frames also have thicker, stiffer beams with variable widths to add juice to shots – a handy quality when trying to power the ball through a clay court.

2. Strings: Polyester strings are popular regardless of surface, but they are particularly advantageous on clay. For one thing, they are highly durable and better suited than a multifilament to withstand the additional wear of longer rallies, and the roughness and moisture presented by a clay-covered ball. From a performance standpoint, the stiffness of polys promotes added control for more consistency during long exchanges. And the enhanced string snapback at contact means extra spin to exploit higher bounces. Polyester strings come in different varieties – thin gauges, shaped, textured, that dig into the ball at contact to create even more bite on shots. Paired with a spin-friendly frame, it’s a dynamic duo on clay.
3. Shoes: The uneven, slippery nature of clay requires footwear that provides enough traction for balance, while still allowing the ability to slide into shots for efficient movement. This is why there are clay-court specific shoes with special outsoles delivering the best combination of grip and give. These typically have a tight, herringbone tread that isn’t as thick or heavy as an outsole designed to weather the abrasion of a hard court. So, they are often lighter, which is appreciated during lengthier and demanding points. The uppers on a clay-court shoe may also have additional material or barriers to prevent clay granules from getting inside the shoe, staining socks, and potentially irritating the foot.

See you on the courts!

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Poms Cheer & Dance

Mary Romano



The members of the Poms Dance and Cheer Squad have been working on our first dance routine. Pati Bean, our choreographer, has put in a lot of fun moves. Everything from shaking poms to a kick line has us fire away with Pat Benatar’s “Hit Me with Your Best Shot.”

Our practices also include cheers. Many of us were cheerleaders in high school or college and we find that this part reinvigorates the memories of cheering. Some members are new to

Ballet

Eugenie Martin



Many of us prefer to exercise alone. Working on exercise equipment, jogging, or swimming laps are three forms of exercise that can be done alone. Others, and that includes me, prefer to exercise with groups of people. Aerobics, yoga, and dancing are usually done in groups. In our case, dancing includes ballet.

The aim of individual versus group exercise may be similar – improving posture and balance, keeping weight in control, stretching, and strengthening muscles, and, in general, maintaining overall fitness. Group exercising also adds other dimensions. It usually provides instruction of various moves done to music, and there is often some socialization among students before and after class.

In our ballet classes, we sometimes overdo the socializing at the start of class, but many friendships are made that way. We start stretching without music. We created these exercises because our dancers are not children or young adults and need extra exercising before doing a traditional ballet class. Then, to music specially arranged for ballet classes, we do the barre (French for bar) exercises, followed by dancing in the centre (French for center) and balancing ourselves without relying on the

cheerleading so cheering gives those members the thrill of raising voices and spirits together. We call ourselves “pommies” and pommie spirit is fun!

The month of August saw us having a fundraiser selling T-shirts and other cheer related items. September had a bake sale. Each month we also celebrate our members birthdays on the last practice of the month.

If you are interested in joining but did not have the opportunity to attend the Club Fair, do not worry, we will open membership again in January 2024. We also anticipate changing our practice date and time at the beginning of the new year.

For more information, please email pomsdanceandcheer@yahoo.com.

barres.

Our classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room, just to the left of the restrooms. Here is our schedule:

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

Newcomers are always welcome, and ballet clothes are not necessary to start. Just wear stretchy exercise clothes and socks on your feet. Remember to bring a bottle of water. Please call me at 352-854-8589 to find out which class best suits you. Happy dancing!

Weight Loss Group

Laura Gavey



Summer is over and fall is just beginning! We just figured out how to make good choices at barbecues and now we will have to start to navigate soups, stews and pumpkin everything!

Want to find out the best way to pivot to new foods and different gatherings? Join one of our Weight Loss Groups. Over 35 of your friends and neighbors are already attending one of the groups and making better choices with their food, exercise and reaching their goals! We get together once a week to share ideas on weight loss, healthy cooking, recipes, exercise, and tips to meet our own personal goals. Follow the food plan that works best for you.

There are two opportunities to meet each week. On Mondays we meet in the Hobby Building Art Room. Weigh in starts at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5 p.m. Linda Sisco is the leader. On Tuesdays we meet in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Weigh in begins at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Gail Hopper is the leader.

Visitors are always welcome. Come and join us for a meeting and see if our group will work for you!

For questions and additional details, please email Linda at lsisco@comcast.net or Gail at gbhopper@yahoo.com.

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Get Fit to Fight Fear!

As we age, there are inevitable changes that occur in our bodies affecting our sense of safety and the quality of our lives. What we once took for granted in terms of physical strength and cognitive capabilities may change. Older adults may find themselves experiencing a fear due to these age-related changes. The fear of falling, of losing independence, and the fear of cognitive decline are serious concerns for some aging adults. The good news is that you can ward off these fears and live a healthy, vibrant life!

FALL RISK REDUCTION: When an older adult is fearful of falling, they are at a greater risk for a fall. This is due to the restriction of physical activity as a means of preventing a fall. The resulting outcome of sedentary behavior perpetuates a decline in muscle, strength, and function. Staying active will enable to you to remain strong both physically and emotionally. Empowering your body and mind will help you to conquer your fears and improve the quality of your life. On Top of the World provides free balance assessments every Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center Fitness Center. Please call 352-854-8707 ext. 7534 to reserve your spot. We also have a fall risk reduction class called Balanced Body at the Recreation Center Fitness Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 11 a.m. Our instructors will lead you in safe and effective exercises to help you conquer your fear of falling.

PRESERVE INDEPENDENCE: The ability to perform activities of daily living (ADLs) is vital for maintaining independence. Strength is the cornerstone for functioning well and retaining the ability to live independently. It is vital to support muscle and bone health. Regular exercise will do the trick! We have several classes dedicated to strength training; S.O.S. (Serious on Strength) and STRONG are offered at the Recreation Center Fitness Center and the Arbor Fitness Center on varying days and times. Check the group fitness schedule for specific details.

KEEP YOUR BRAIN SHARP: Brain health is impacted by several age-related factors, however there are inspiring studies that demonstrate we can take measures to safeguard our cognitive capabilities. Research indicates that a combination of good nutrition, physical activity, intellectual stimulation, and social engagement are very important factors for boosting brain health. We offer a Brain Power class at the Recreation Center Fitness Center every Tuesday, at 11 a.m. This unique class fuses movement with thinking challenges to get those brain cells firing.

Candler Hills Men's Golf

Rick Pettit



It is here! Beautiful weather for golf has arrived at Candler Hills Golf Course. Time to grab your neighbor and get them signed up.

We are 172 strong and adding each month. Thank you for all you do. The board would also like to thank our professional staff at Candler Hills for all they do – Denise and Trey. They have everything ready for Tuesday morning even after last minute cancelations. Thank you.

The board would also like to thank Dave Falcone and Danny Ball for their past service and hard work. They are leaving the board and will be tough to replace. What that means is we will have a couple openings for anyone who wants to run for an open position. Please see a board member if interested.

Congratulations to Charlie Taylor on his eagle on hole number 15 during play Tuesday, Aug. 29. Remember if you make eagle or shoot your age, please report this to the golf shop so we can record this.

Candler Cup Standings

228-Joe Jingco. 225-Dave Falcone. 212-Bill Scholp. 211-Ken Zweiback.

Low Net (Individual) Aug. 29

Flight 1: 66-Wes Wendt
Flight 2: 74-Jeffrey Holmes & Bill Gurbisz.
Flight 3: 74-Paul Rubly
Flight 4: 70-Jim Weaver
Flight 5: 70-Rusty Zarrell
Flight 6: 71-Joe Dunnack

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Zumba® Gold-Toning	STRONG	Remix Bootcamp	STRONG	Dance Aerobics
9:00 am	S.O.S.	BEAT	S.O.S.	Dance Aerobics	S.O.S.
10:00 am	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit	Brain Power	Get Fit While You Sit	Move to Improve Parkinson's	Get Fit While You Sit
11:00 am	Zumba® Gold		Zumba® Gold		Dance Aerobics
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*	Punch Out PD	Balance Assessment*	
3:00 pm	VYP Chair Yoga		Chair Yoga		
5:00 pm		Hatha Yoga		Yoga	

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

ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 am	Beginner/Intermediate Tai Chi	Warrior	Intermediate/Advanced Tai Chi	Warrior	
9:00 am	Yoga	Pilates Fusion	Yoga	Pilates Fusion	Yoga
10:00 am	STRONG	Yoga	STRONG	Yoga	STRONG
11:00 am	Yoga		Yoga		Stretch, Flex & Balance
1:00 pm				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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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



This month we held the club’s annual Eight-Ball Tournament, with 37 entrants. The handicapped event was open to all club members.

One of our new members, Mike Romano, stepped into the circle of our better players, winning first place with style, clever play, and good shooting. Carl Spotts and Bob Laslett had a very close match for second and third places, but Carl edged out Bob by a single ball in a dramatic sudden death shootout.

Debbie Radicchi was the top ladies finisher and took fourth place. Both Carl and Debbie are regular room players, demonstrating that the handicap system can work well to give anyone a chance a win.

Bob Kuebler and Gary Schroeder finished tied for fifth, and Pat Murphy and Joe Amigliore finished tied for seventh place.

We had a lovely social event last month at The Lodge at Candler Hills, an Italian festa, with food catered from Olive Garden (the chocolate cheesecake was to die for). The 142 attendees were treated to a captivating performance by Miranda Madison, a vintage songstress who transported us to a bygone era with some soulful tunes.

We had several door prizes and give-

aways, and Richie Carrano was the happy winner of a new J. Flowers cue with a carbon fiber shaft, turquoise inlays, a white lizard wrap, and a carbon fiber extension. We’ll have another cue raffle next year.

It’s not easy to display moxie at a dinner-dance, but Carl Spotts and Edi Piasecki gamely succeeded by stepping up for a breadstick speed eating competition. A very gutsy but much smaller Edi gave Carl a run for his money, but as usual, the bigger guy (and mouth) won.

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 when he proposed a game, I answered, “All right.”

“Just knock the balls around a little so that I can get your gait,” he said; and 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.”



Photo by Phil Panzera

Annual eight-ball champions: Mike Romano, Carl Spotts, Bob Laslett and Debbie Radicchi.

Cycling Club

Dennis Baker



The Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club meets on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (weather permitting) for meet and match rallies, where rides are set up on the spot according to the abilities and desires of those who show up. Most rallies originate from the Power Park. 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 club members.

The club welcomes and accommodates all residents and guests interested in cycling regardless of cycling ability. Beginner, intermediate, or advanced? All are welcome!

For information, contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-562-0088. Join our Facebook group (Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club).

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Elite Men's Softball

Bryan Tully



As we head into fall, things are heating up for the inaugural team in the Elite Men’s Softball Club. Starting Monday, Oct. 23, the team will participate in the Plantation 2023 one pitch tournament in Leesburg, Florida. There will be eight teams in a round robin format with all players in all games batting with a three to two count.

As the initial On Top of the World representative in the Sun & Fun Tri County Senior Softball League, the club is getting ready for the bi-weekly season scheduled to begin in early November.

The team will be competing in Division 1, which consists of over 800 players in seven divisions. The goal of the club, in the near future, is to have an additional team competing in Division 2 or 3, drawing from the pool of existing players here in the community who would like the idea of adding a little playoff atmosphere to their weekly softball time.

With the home/away format of the bi-weekly schedule, it will be an excellent opportunity to “wave the On Top of the World flag” in the various locales the teams will compete in. Conversely, when home games are scheduled, the goal will be to exhibit the kind of community spirit that will make the games memorable and leave opposing teams looking forward to playing again on our turf.

For any inquiries or to sign up for the club, please call 352-509-6212 or email EliteMensSoftballClub@gmail.com.

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



For those folks who already attended our first teaching class this month, we certainly hope you had fun and learned something about shuffleboard. The next class is Saturday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. Paul Hodges will teach the class with spotlights on learning the rules, scoring safety, and the basics for shooting the disc. Open-toed shoes are not permitted. It will be held at the Veterans Park at the shuffleboard courts.

We just started our newest season on Tuesday, Sept. 5. But we have no new standings or won/lost totals yet. We are also planning new items for this upcoming season but have not finalized them.

Remember, our weekly schedule is Monday, at 9 a.m.; Tuesday, at 1 p.m.; and Thursday, at 9 a.m. The ten-pin game schedule is Tuesday and Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, at 9:00 a.m.

If you need information or have questions, please call Jane Boyer at 352-509-7142 or Walt Lamp at 352-304-8711.

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



Welcome fall! It will be a delight shuffling!

Our season began with over 50 women signing up. Our club season is from September through May. We play Mondays, at 5:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays, at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. The ladies do have a choice when they want to shuffle. Once they choose the time and day, their weekly score will only count on the day of choice.

Shuffling can be a challenge. There is skill and technique to it. Many of the ladies have learned to shuffle well. You can hear us whooping and hollering when a good shot has been accomplished.

Our two established clubs (the mixed club is over 35 years and the ladies’ is over eight years) have the responsibility to maintain the courts and equipment. On Top of the World only supplies certain equipment if it is in the budget and is needed. There is equipment for non-club members to use along the side of the storage building. Please follow the rules set by On Top of the World – no open-toed shoes, no food or drink, all guests must be accompanied by a resident. Residents must have their resident ID or Gateway of Services pass.

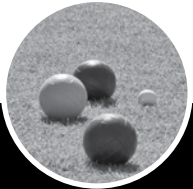
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Bocce Club

Paula Hammonds



Bocce ball is fun, exciting, and you never know who you will be playing with or against, due to the luck of the draw. So come and meet some new friends for some exciting fun and good times. Please come early and sign in so that we can know how many players we have. We only have a limited number of spaces. We play two games, and everyone picks a card to determine teams and courts. The courts are located between the Arbor Activity Center and the pool.

Open bocce is played Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The new season for league play begins Tuesday, Oct 3, at 9 a.m. League play will remain on Tuesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m., and Thursdays at 10 a.m. The schedule for the league has been posted on the bulletin board.

There will be no bocce the weeks of Nov. 26 and Dec. 25 for the holidays. League play will resume Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024. If you are interested in playing or would like to be a sub, please contact Terry Connolly at 352-362-7284.

The league best of bocce will be played at 9 a.m. April 22, 2024, and the open best of bocce will be played April 23, 2024, at 9 a.m. The bocce banquet will be March 3, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Dues for the 2023/2024 season will be \$12. Please have exact amount when turning in your dues to your league captain. Dues are expected to be paid the second week of league play. Dues cover the cost of liability insurance and part of the annual banquet.

All members are expected to pay dues and sign a release form, whether you play in the league, or play open bocce. If joining after the season begins, dues will be prorated. A directory is in the storage unit which contains an alphabetical list of all members.

Please make sure you have entered your name and contact information.

Further information is available by stopping by to check the game out or by calling at Terry Connolly at 352-362-7284. Come roll with us ...

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Horseshoes Club

Vern Kessler



The horseshoe pits at the Veterans Park are there for everyone’s use. They can be used any day of the week, night, or day, as the pits have lights for those inclined to try horseshoes after dark. There are shoes for everyone’s use, hanging on hooks located at the end of the pits. The Horseshoe Club is encouraging anyone who has the least little bit of interest, to come out to the pits and give pitching horseshoes a try.

Pitching by the club members continues every Tuesday, at 9 a.m. We have started to record our scores and ringer totals for each or the games pitched. The members who pitched on Tuesday, Sept. 5 have an established handicap for

future competition. We try not to let our Tuesday pitching interfere with anyone coming out just to see what the club is about and to give pitching shoes a try.

The Horseshoe Club is anticipating joining the tri-county traveling league. Play will possibly start early December and run through March 2024. The club will be working hard to repeat some of the previous year’s accomplishments. Hopefully, we will be able to repeat the years of 2013, 2019 when the club won first place championships.

We have members of the club who practice most Thursdays, at 10 a.m. This is a great time to come out and try pitching shoes. Any club member present will be more than happy to help anyone to understand horseshoes.

Vern Kessler will answer any questions that you might have concerning pitching horseshoes or about the Horseshoe Club. Just text or give me a call at 321-268-3179.

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Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sandra Byczek



With fall arriving, we are changing the starting time to 8:45 a.m. for light stretching and 9 a.m. for game time effective Saturday, Oct. 7. If you are on our Co-Ed Softball email distribution, we will send out an email to remind you.

As a Co-Ed Recreational Softball Club, we have access to the softball field from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Our games usually go four innings and take approximately two and a half hours to finish.

For new players, we have extra equipment like gloves and bats for all player levels. If you don't like running the bases, we can assign a substitute runner for you. Everyone gets to bat each inning and the winner is the team with the most runs. For the new participants who haven't played in years, we are a little more forgiving if they need additional pitches to hit the ball while batting. The most important thing is to have fun with friends and neighbors.

We have so many loyal dedicated team players. This month we are spotlighting Karen and Kevin Jensen. They started coming to Co-Ed Softball because Karen enjoyed playing in high school and wanted to start playing again. Kevin

plays on the men's softball league but comes with Karen on Saturdays because they both enjoy the friendly people and playing in a stress-free environment. Karen and Kevin are involved in numerous activities. They play cards, billiards, cornhole, golf, and many outdoor activities. Our community's active lifestyle was one of the reasons they moved here.

Karen continues to work with United Health Group from home and has for over 22 years. Kevin retired with 40 years of teaching math and coaching various sports. They met at a wrestling match where their boys were on the same team.

One of their favorite pastimes is traveling. They have traveled all over the world. Karen's most interesting adventures were her travels on an African safari, the Galapagos Islands and Machu Pichu. Kevin's most interesting adventures have been the four Olympics he's attended. Although they stay very active, they do enjoy some off campus activities. Karen enjoys kayaking at Silver Springs State Park and Kevin enjoys strawberry malts from Mr. B's Big Scoop Ice Cream.

If you are interested in participating in the Co-Ed Recreational Softball or finding out more about it, please come to the softball field on Saturday, at 9 a.m. If you have any questions, please send an email to otowcoedsoftball@gmail.com.

"If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can't get you off." – Bill Veeck

Softball

Pete Feliciano



Such was the summer of '23 as the victorious members of our Softball Club's Moneyball team led by Joe Matriccino overcame the hot arid winds of the softball field to win the coveted AmeriNats Championship trophy. Congratulations to Joe, Dave Emmons, Phil Franklin, Tito Rivera, Dave "Spyder" Rearick, John Michaels, Barry Cuoco, Scott "Yogi" Ganz, Victor Gonzalez, Dale Cason, and Luis Zambrano for an all-time best win/loss record of 18/2.

Led by Brad Youngberg, on Labor Day the board of directors, Jed Blair, Stephen Tate, Dave "Cork" Clune, Tom Laccone, and Wayne Dodson brought us the beginning of the 2023 Fall Season organizing 116 players into two divisions (National and American) with 10 teams playing three days per week. Starting with the highly competitive National Division consisting of 47 players organized in four teams like the Corked Bats, Triple Play, We R Family and Drama Free. Then comes the spirited recreational American Division fielding 74 players in six teams including Cookie Monsters, Chucky's Gang, Boomers, Volcanos, Clutch Hitters and Swing Kings - of all these you are bound to find a favorite...

The game schedule brings the community a spectator extravaganza with the opportunity to watch 150 games over a 15-week period. Mondays permit four games to be played from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., while Wednesdays and Thursdays allow three games per day from 9 a.m. to noon. So come on out, bring some refreshments, a picnic meal, and enjoy a game or two as the autumn season brings us cooler temperatures.

Club members Rick Munsell, Stu Martin, Everett Adrian, and I are planning the second annual Veterans Classic Softball Tournament to honor our military veterans. Veterans are cordially invited to register as players or join us as spectators rooting for your favorite team (Army, Navy, Marines/Coast Guard, or Air Force). Activities will start at 8:30 a.m. including three softball games, lunch from So Yummy BBQ & Grill food truck, home run derby and presentation of the championship trophy. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, Nov. 10.

Visit sites.google.com/view/otowvcst for more information.

Thanks to our club members busily helping Marion County's participants in the Special Olympic Games hosted by Disney's at Wide World of Sports for early November. We salute Brad Youngberg, Rex Heitz, Tom Laccone, Brian Tully, and Ralph "Rafi" Mazzio.

If you are interested in joining our club, the process starts with signing up to our new player orientation (NPO) program. NPO's new schedule (change from last month) invites folks to meet at the softball field on Mondays, from 2 to 3 p.m. Visit otowsoftball.org/new-players for more information.

Special thanks to management as construction of our new elevated press box has been completed. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Pete at petefeliciano352@gmail.com.



Photo by Joe Matriccino

Dave Emmons, Phil Franklin, Tito Rivera, Dave Rearick, John Michaels, Barry Cuoco, Joe Matriccino, Scott Ganz, and Victor Gonzalez (not pictured Dale Cason and Luis Zambrano).



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Halloween Open House

By Jim Lynam

You are invited! The Model Railroaders Club is hosting a Halloween open house on Saturday, Oct. 28, Monday, Oct. 30, and Tuesday, Oct. 31, which is Halloween. The Hobby Building Model Train Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day for visitation and tours.

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on Oct. 31. The tradition originated over 2,000 years ago with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Their new year started on Nov. 1. This day marked the end of summer, the harvest, and the beginning of the dark, cold winter. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. It was believed that on the night of Oct. 31, the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. The people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off the ghosts.

By 43 AD, the Roman Empire had conquered the Celtic territory. They incorporated two festivals of Roman origin with the celebration of Samhain. The first was Feralia when the Romans commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. This might explain the tradition of bobbing for apples on Halloween.

In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated Nov. 1, as All Saints Day as a time to honor all saints and martyrs. In 1000 AD, the church made Nov. 2, All Soul's Day to honor the dead. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before

was known as All Hallows Eve, and later became Halloween.

During colonial times in America, the celebration of Halloween was extremely limited because of the rigid Protestant beliefs. As other European ethnic groups meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge.

Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats. Today, Americans spend an estimated \$ 6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday after Christmas.

The Model Railroaders invite you to our Halloween open house to view our celebration of Halloween. A diorama of a haunted house with lights and sounds, complete with flying monkeys, ghosts and goblins will cast a spell on your imagination. The haunting sounds of the passing steam engine's whistle will add to the spooky sounds of Halloween.

The club encourages you to visit the Hobby Building Model Train Room any Friday, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. Our next club meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.

Enjoy Oktoberfest and happy Halloween to all!



Photo by Jim Lynam

A diorama of a haunted house will be displayed at the Halloween open house.

Handcrafting of All Kinds

By Jan Spielvogel

The talents of our group continue to be amazing. Sharing this month, the talents of three of our members. Ruth Ann Greenfield made herself an awesome crocheted top. One of our newer members, Kim Wind, completed a beautiful blanket for her daughter. Karen Lowe created a pink hoodie and a cute yellow dress for a little girl.

Every time we meet on Mondays – blankets, scarves and/or hats are provided for the various charities that we support. It is inspiring to see and great fun to admire the completed items that are “shown” to the group whether they are a donation, or something made for a friend or family.

Happy Hookers is open to all resi-

dents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda, or penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back.

What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering, and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcom-

ers 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.



Photo by Ann Gallo

Crocheted top.



Photo by Jan Spielvogel

Blanket by Kim Wind.



Pink hoodie and yellow dress by Karen Lowe.



Photos by Jan Spielvogel

Parading for Charities

By Susan Pulling-Robinson

Our Labor Day “working person” parade was Saturday, Sept. 2. A few intrepid club members decorated their carts and enjoyed the appreciation of many spectators despite the iffy weather. Our supported charities included Interfaith Emergency Services, Bears and Blankets, Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL) and Dunnellon Elementary School. Thank you to the many folks who donated so generously that day.

Our Halloween parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Our club motto is “parade for a cause.” The parade starting point serves as a location for donating to the local charities that we support. Residents congregate to make donations of cash

and supplies, and then they watch our parade head out. We all have a lot of fun parading around in our “mini floats.”

Our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) is now at 500! If you have a golf cart, please consider decorating it (or not) and joining us. 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 Chat Room). If the parade is not coming by your house, please come see the action as we leave the Recreation Center.



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Parker Robinson, Susan Pulling Robinson, and Oliver.

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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 Beth Layman who just arrived here this year with her husband, John. They built their first new home and selected the model to support Beth’s retirement business, jewelry making. Their consulting business, Layman & Layman, has taken them to all parts of the world, and it was on one of those trips that Beth’s passion for jewelry making got started.

Their work helping medical device manufacturers improve their processes, people, and tools requires a lot of left brain thinking and analytical detail. However, on one trip, Beth found herself in a bead store over the weekend because she had nothing to accent a suit for an important client meeting the following Monday. Thanks to help from a good beading friend, Pinterest, and YouTube, she was able to make a necklace

and earrings, and then she was hooked! Unleashed that weekend was a whole new surge of right brain creativity – the colors, shapes, textures, and the tactile feel of the materials captivated her. Eight years later, she is the proud owner of Dragon Point Jewelry with her passion to create unique pieces that people can wear to help them look their best and make their own unique personal statement. She loves designing custom projects for clients.

Her travels have allowed her to source unique materials like gemstones, sea glass, and hand-made beads and buttons from all over the world. She has collected pounamu (jade) in New Zealand, sea glass on the shores of Ireland and Puerto Rico, and has purchased hand-made lamp work beads in Mauritius from the artist’s tiny shop. Beth is inspired by nature and other forms of art, especially paintings. She is currently experimenting with using polymer clay to imitate stained glass, but also loves metal work, bead weaving, and stone carving. Each piece is uniquely designed and handmade by Beth who wants each wearer to know they are special! For those who have never visited on Tuesday, please take an hour and go by to see the wide variety of quality items for sale. All vendors are now part of our virtual website also, so you can see everyone’s crafts even if you can’t get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements for you to purchase items throughout the week. If you have your own artistic endeavor or you wish to sell, please contact us through our website ArtisticCrafts.org where our coordinator Marion can answer all your questions.



Photo by Beth Layman

Beth Layman finds unique gemstones to design one-of-a-kind jewelry.

Art Group

Freda Klump



The definition of art is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated.

In August, the Art Group had its bi-annual art display in the Master the Possibilities living room. As usual there was amazing talent and a variety of subjects, styles and mediums displayed.

One medium used by our group is the ancient medium of watercolor. When we were young

and school was starting we would gather our new supplies of pencils, crayons, lined paper, and our little metal “Prang” paint box.

We don’t think of watercolor being around since the beginning of time, but it was used by primitives inside caves and some of these images still exist. Colors were derived from herbs, minerals, and berries.

The ancient Egyptians decorated tombs and public spaces with watercolors. During the Middle Ages, European monks used water-based paints to decorate the books they elaborately made.

In the 1800s, artists promoted watercolor and brought it to America. Louis Prang in 1850, felt the need to make watercolor available to all school children. He approached the American Crayon Company with his ideas and so the “Prang” paint became a reality and is still available today.

We have several artists in the Art



Photo by Freda Klump

Art by Freda Klump.

Group who are quite creative with watercolor. I finally decided to try watercolor after painting for 50 years in oil, acrylic and pastels, I found it to be an extremely interesting medium. You discover how free you can be, which is unusual for me since I am a very realistic and detailed painter.

Please feel free to join us to work in your medium alongside other resident artists. You don’t need experience, just enthusiasm. Just walk in on any Wednesday, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, or Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information contact Freda Klump, director, at 615-336-6863 or fredaklump@gmail.com.

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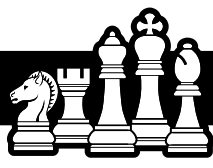
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Nancy Grabowski



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The raffle tickets go on sale about 3:45 p.m. and continue until 5:30 p.m. Strips of three tickets are \$1 while strips of 10 tickets are \$3. Then, about 5:40 p.m., tickets are drawn, and each lucky winner has \$20 to take home. Anyone lucky enough to win three times in an evening is likely to hear, “Throw ‘em in the pool!” But it’s all in good fun ... no one has ever met that fate!

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Bingo is an alcohol-free zone mandated by State of Florida law. No one under the age of 18 is allowed in the Recreation Center Ballroom during bingo. We stress safety first so please don’t tip chairs forward to save one. Each person can save only one seat besides his/her own.

Mark your calendar for super bingo on Wednesday, Nov. 15. The prize money for this includes 16 games at \$75 each and four games at \$250! Resident ID cards are a must, no one can purchase cards without it this evening. It’s guaranteed to be crowded, too: regulars, our returning snowbirds, and our twice-a-year bingo players! It’s best to come early.

Bingo volunteers are among the best folks around! Think about becoming one. Speak with Carl Folkers or Nancy Grabowski to sign up, it’s that easy!

Bridge



Monday Afternoon
By Carol Johnson

Aug. 7
1: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown; 2: Donna Peters & Rad D.; 3: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson; 4: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly.

Aug. 14
1: Billie Anderson & Mary Bloch; 2: Judy Mackowick; 3: C.J. Daane & Dean Samuels; 4: Steve Sekac & Jack Heller.

Aug. 21
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 2: Mary Bloch & Billie Anderson; 3: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 4: Rad D. & Donna Peters.

Aug. 28
1: Carolyn Higgins & C.J. Daane; 2: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Darlene Clark & Linda Curtiss; 4: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick.

Sept. 4
1: Mike Meirick & Craig Ford; 2: Rik Saffol & Judy Mackowiak; 3: Phyllis Silverman & Diane Robinson; 4: Billie Anderson & Mary Bloch.

Tuesday Night Duplicate
By Bob Kraus

Our group begins play at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive by about 5:50 p.m. to sign in and allow us to set up the game appropriate for the size of the group. Bring your partner and \$0.50 per person.

The boards are scored after the game and the results emailed to our group. The prizes are 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.

Aug. 15
North/South

1: Linda Ryan and Bill Ryan; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Dan Lack & Paul Agarwal.

East/West
1: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp; 2: John Baru & Mar Valchin; 3: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace.

Aug. 22
North/South
1: John Baru & Mar Valchin; 2: Caryl Rosenberger and Barbara Heller; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

East/West
1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 2: Bill Ryan & Linda Ryan; 3: Virginia Collins & Gary Moses.

Sept. 5
North/South
1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; Tie for 2: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses; and Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace.

East/West
1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 2: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp; 3: Brent Powell & Bob Durst.

Wednesday Afternoon
By Elizabeth Robinson

Aug. 2
1: Carolyn Higgins; 2: Vern Sieber; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

Aug. 9
1: Phyllis Silverman; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Bruce Gillett; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Joe McKeown.

Aug. 16
1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Vern Sieber; 4: Bruce Gillett; 5: Mary Bloch; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Aug. 23
1: Pat Quinn; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Al Kremer; 4: Shirley Stolly; 5: Mary Bloch; Cons: Linda Curtiss.

Thursday Afternoon
By Marlene Floeckher

Aug. 3
1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Billie Anderson; 3: Joe McKeown; Cons: Pat Quinn.

Aug. 10
1: Joe McKeown; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Judy Mackowiak; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Aug. 17
1: Linda Curtis; 2: Carolyn Higgins; 3: Rik Saffol; 4: Joe McKeown; Cons: Pat Quinn.

Aug. 24
1: Mary Bloch; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Phyllis Silverman; 4: Rik Saffol; Cons: Beverly Meirick.

Aug. 31
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Carolyn Higgins; 3: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Thursday Night
By Jeff & Pam Bell

Come join us at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the Recreation Center Lounge. No need to bring a partner; we will pair up by luck of the draw and rotate partners through the evening.

We have added a little fun to the game – the second prize. Throughout the evening, anyone who takes a trick using the two of the trump suit takes possession of the week’s “prize.” The prize can subsequently be taken away by any other player who takes a trick with the two of trump. Whoever has possession at the end of the evening must take the prize home. The weekly prizes vary, and each prize is of questionable value.

All levels are welcome.

Aug. 31
1: Paul Agarwal; 2: Jean Krueger; 3: Jeff Bell; 2 Prize: Gina Andrejak.

Sept. 7
1: Mike Brody; 2: Pam Bell; 3: Bob Durst; 2 Prize: Betsy Brody.

Euchre



Friday Night
By Mary Bloch

If you are looking for a fun way to kick off the weekend, come join us for a spirited evening of euchre. We meet every Friday at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room for eight rounds of eight games. The entry is free, and it only costs a dime when you are euchred. The game is not difficult to learn, and we can arrange for a short teaching session if you need some coaching. For information, please contact Mary Bloch at 614-806-6737 or mary.bloch@yahoo.com.

Aug. 4
1: Pete Jacob; 2: Diane Rickard; 3: Jean Gillette.

Aug. 11
1: Diane Rickard; 2: Gerry Mills; 3: Lawrence Remer.

Aug. 18
1: Lawrence Remer; 2: Pete Jacob; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

Aug. 25
1: Karen Jacob; 2: Pete Jacob; 3: Judy Lynch.

Mah Jongg



American
By Angela Brady

This weekly game of American Mah Jongg is open to all eligible residents. All skill levels are welcome. While the game will not be taught during this time, players are willing to help beginners. The games begin at 1 p.m. every Thursday, in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. Please arrive a few minutes early as we will draw chips for table assignments. After three or four games, we will switch tables so we can make new friends and change up the game play. Come join us for a couple hours of fun.

For more information, please contact Angela Brady at 407-403-0861 or agbrady@peoplepc.com. Jokers to ya!

Mah Jongg Junkies
By Joan Castellucci

Come join us for a day of Mah Jongg Saturday, Oct. 7, 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. You’re welcome to make your own group of four. No perfumes or scents, please.

Please call Joan at 352-304-2149 if you have questions. Hope to see you then.

Pinochle



Tuesday Night
By Herb Katz

Aug. 1
1: Bob Hoerr; 2: Jai Kallai; 3: Jackie Nuccio.

Aug. 8
1: Mike Romano; 2: Richard Carroll; 3: Kathy Pinto.

Aug. 15
1: Edith Kolb; 2: Bernard DiGregorio; 3: Robert Moravec.

Aug. 22
1: Audrey Stark; 2: Richard Carroll; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

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Toppers Banjo

David Wesenberg



Toppers Banjo meets every Thursday, at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room. We play and sing a wide range of music from the Civil War to today. Residents stop by to listen for which we are very grateful.

As a result of visitors, the club has been growing and has added two more banjo members. If you play banjo or are hoping to learn, come and join us if you want to accompany us, play the banjo, acoustic guitar or bass.

It is a joy not just to listen to music, but to talk and share music with our listeners. Come and join the fun. You won't regret it.

Residents with an ID or Gateway of Services pass may join the club.

Call ahead so we know you will be there. Members of the band have to step away occasionally. If you want more information about the group as either a player or listener, contact David Wesenberg at dwesenberg3@cfl.rr.com.

Poetry

Karen DuBois (Demaree)



A Lesson From a Sparrow

I watched a little sparrow,
Outside my windowsill
And couldn't help but wonder,
Just how this bird did feel.
I whispered to this sparrow
In a passive kind of way,
"Do you not ever worry
How you will eat today?"
The sparrow seemed to answer
In a meek yet cheerful way,
"In the past my Lord did feed me,
He'll do the same today."
I bent down to my knees
As to look him in the eyes
And I asked this little sparrow,
"Who holds you when you cry?"
The sparrow then looked back at me
And cheerfully did say,
"In the past, my Lord did comfort me,
He'll do the same today."
I got a little closer
And I asked the sparrow then,
"But are you ever lonely,
And have you any friend?"
Then I asked the sparrow,
"What guarantee have you?
Do you know with all your heart,
That all these things hold true?"
This sparrow then did sing and shout
And answered me once more,
"There's no need for me to doubt
The things that I know true.
It's God who created me,
The same as he did you."
He'll cast us not aside, my friend,
Nor leave us all alone.
You are His chosen, don't you know,
He's been there all along.

Poetry

Linda Toner



Helping Hands

I put all my food obsessions
in a bag.
Put your hand in it
and take a grab.

If it was up to me
I'd eat them all.
They talk to me,
I don't want to fail.

Every Saturday
I'll ask you to pick.
Just one of them
and do it quick.

So, help me keep
my obsessions in check.
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I still need help yet.

With your support
I can't go wrong.
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View from
the Library

Michelle Migdal



Celeste Ng's emotional family story keeps the reader turning the pages of this debut novel, "Everything I Never Told You." This family drama was written in 2014 before the author penned the more famous "Little Fires Everywhere." Here she once again demonstrates the tension between parents and their teenage children. The characters bring home to the reader how little parents know about their children. However, this novel has much more depth. It shows a family attempting to be assimilated into American society while experiencing pain at every step. The drama and sadness are palpable throughout as the reader wonders how and if the family members can survive.

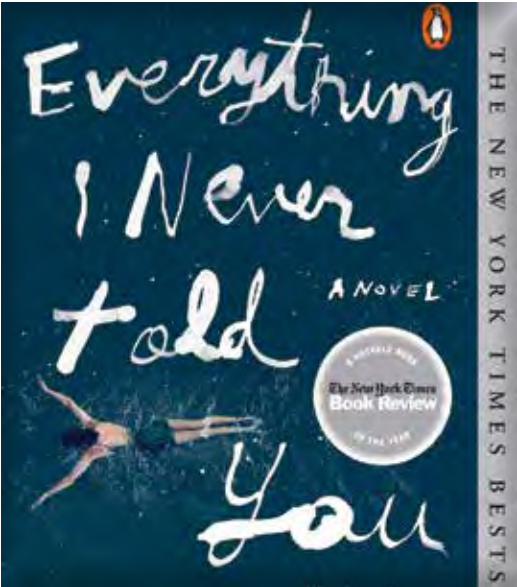
The novel begins with the mysterious circumstances of 16-year-old Lydia Lee's passing. Although it begins as a murder

mystery, the story unfolds into much more. The tale of her parents and their parents' immigration to America frames the back story of their beginnings. Lydia's mother's constant pushing Lydia towards a medical career forced Lydia to hide her failing physics grades. Lydia's father's constant pushing her to socialize and form friendships forced Lydia to hear how unpopular she was at school. Lydia's isolation from friends her age at school highlighted her loneliness and isolation. Lydia's relationship with her brother Nath and younger sister Hannah adds color and a bit of necessary joy to her story. The love and frustration of all the family members for each other is felt throughout the novel.

Lydia's relationship with her brother's friend Jack remains mysterious through the first part of the book. The reference to the relationship without much detail hints at Jack's possible culpability in Lydia's possible murder. As the tale progresses to the end, the mystery is solved. An understanding of the nature of Jack and Lydia's relationship is revealed along with Lydia's many hidden secrets. This emotional book leaves

the reader with a view of a dysfunctional family, their consistent love for each other, and their shared loss of a beloved family member.

This book is in paperback, lightweight, and easy to hold. It can be found in the Hobby Building Library in the fiction section under the author's name.



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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky



Highlighting singers gives us a chance to get to know them better. This month we will learn more about Tom Hoskins. He keeps telling me he is “not just a rocker.” Here is what he would like to share.

“I remember music in my house as far back as four years old. Dad had been sent to Air Force duty in Thailand and mom loved to play records. My daily soundtrack mixed traditional German music, Nat King Cole, Elvis, and ABBA. ABBA fast became a favorite with upbeat and catchy tunes. On dad’s return, that play list expanded with Bad Company, Neil Diamond, John Denver, and Glen Campbell.

In elementary and junior high school,

I enjoyed chorus as an alto. Many songs I share with Karaoke Friends come from my music heyday of the ‘80s with its rock/metal/hair band scene. The thundering drums, guitar wizards, bass maestros, and in your face front men (who could sing) hooked me. I made quick friends with many “rocker” types, and we consumed a never-ending stream of concerts by titans like Def Leppard, Ratt, Motley Crue, Van Halen, AC/DC, Metallica, Poison, Dokken, Whitesnake, and Queen. Being half deaf for a day or so after being up front and personal with my heroes was normal.

As I head banged and threw up the devil horns on my hands – I also began to appreciate new wave – talented musicians and singers with their synthesizers, skinny ties, ambiguous androgyny, and crazy MTV videos. Acts like Duran Duran, Human League, New Order, Thompson Twins, Howard Jones, and Eurythmics were also on my listening rotation.

Later as an Air Force captain, I completed my musical rounding out after being assigned to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. Never really a “country” guy but being single and living in the buckle of the Bible belt with lots of cute cowgirls demanded adjustments. Soon I was hanging in the country dance halls where my future wife, Bernadette, and her friends would teach me the Two Step and have me singing about friends in low places.

I take pride in the fact that Kathy and Charlie have often never heard the songs that I choose to sing. Having been shy and fearful of public speaking in my formative years, karaoke helped me gain confidence being in front of people and enabled me to share the music I grew up with. Our community has an incredible group of talented singers that continues to grow, and I am thankful to spend such fun times with them. If you have not taken up that mic yet, just do it! You will be glad you did.”



Photo by Bernadette Hoskins

Tom Hoskins.

Come and join us on the first and third Mondays of the month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. This month we meet Oct. 2 and 16.

Sewing Bees

Ann Gallo



So glad the “ber” months have arrived. Looking forward to the cooler weather, return of the snowbirds, and holiday season.

Thank you to all who have donated to us. It is certainly appreciated.

It has been a very busy summer. With schools opening, we have received several requests for quilts. In addition to several other deliveries of quilts this

summer, we recently had an agency pick up 55 quilts, 42 doll blankets, 55 pillow friends, 70 items of children’s clothing and 100 early reader books.

We had several new members join us this summer and some are new to the community. We know there is a lot of talent here and we welcome new members.

Join our Facebook group (Sewing Bees Club Inc.) to see what magic takes place at the hive, stay up to date on what we are working on and what our current needs are.

Questions? Call or text Marsha Schmeer at 813-920-3487 or Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178.

Americana Village

Julie Sloat



Greetings Americana Village neighbors! With summer on its way out, it is time to look ahead to some social fun! We are planning to make all our events on a Thursday evening just to simplify. Hope this works for most. We will begin with our Oktoberfest on Thursday Nov. 2. Yes, I realize that’s No-

vember but it’s what works! It will be at the gazebo at 4 p.m. or at the Arbor Conference Center, if the weather is bad. You will receive a flyer from our Paul Revere runners soon. Watch for news and details at the mail area. It will be lots of fun and will be good to reconnect with all of you. Please mark your calendar.

Upcoming in December will be our holiday event! It will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. at the gazebo (weather permitting).

Positivity and negativity both have the same number of letters so let’s choose to be positive! See you all soon!



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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



I know I sound like a broken record, but where does the time go? It seems to speed up as we approach the end of the year, doesn't it? The New Pretenders are in full agreement, sensing that our newest performances are within sight!

On Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, we will debut "Another Opening, Another Show" at 7 p.m. We will repeat our offering on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. and once more on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. Each of these will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom for those ticket holders.

Tickets are pre-sold throughout January. We begin the process on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Then, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we'll be there to do it over again. Prices remain unaltered so reserved seating is \$10 and general tickets are \$8.

Through your generous support, the dollars that are generated are used as charitable donations to local Marion County charities. We have been able to assist many in the past; some of those are our own Sewing Bees as well as Hospice of Marion County, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, Brother's Keeper, Ocala Domestic Violence Shelter, Food-4-Kids,

and Interfaith Emergency Services. Come along with us on an entertainment journey! As you enter the room, you'll notice that is has been transformed into the talent emporium multiplex venue. This has taken much hard work and a ton of creativity. It has also inspired our troupe to raise the level of its performance, too! The multiplex has stages, practice halls, dressing rooms, even a restaurant. It's a beehive of activity with practices and dress rehearsals, people coming and going.

There is a sense of wonder as our members come on stage, some for the first time! It never ceases to amaze us when we look out at a very receptive audience, especially when they participate in our offerings. We love to see the smiles, hear the voices, notice the toes tapping! Of course, your applause inspires us to even greater heights!

Something special to note is a bit of a "pre-show" session like what you might experience in Las Vegas or a comedy club! Our own booking agent, Joe Furfaro, is scheduled to be a part of this newest twist. Joe, who retired as a full-time performer, now arranges for The New Pretenders to appear in nearby locations including Queen of Peace, Marion Landing, and Cherrywood.

Now, "on with the show" ... sit back, relax, and enjoy! Then, perhaps think about taking part in future shows. It's so easy; just speak with any member or contact Nancy Grabowski at 352-209-4699.

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



Our presenter for Thursday, Sept. 7, was Dawn Winblad. She offered three different cards, all of them adaptable for any occasion. We thank Dawn for providing all the materials and instructions to complete these great 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 on any class or for general 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. You can also find the information for each class on our Facebook page. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft.

Until then, keep on stampin'!



Photo by Linda Lohr

Cards presented by Dawn Winblad.

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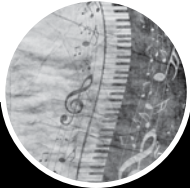
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Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



The day has arrived. The Concert Chorus started with their first rehearsal in September. Musical packets were passed out. Members were welcomed and paid their dues. The work began.

The Concert Chorus begins with a deep field of directors this fall. Randi Schmid and Peggy Bumatay directed our

spring program. Cheryl Richardson and Joanne Houston are new and come from a background working together over a long career with high school bands and choruses. We have been richly blessed with talent. And you dear reader have also been blessed with talented directors who will present a sterling program of holiday favorites on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We have a great group of singers, many of them new people. Some of our numbers are from past choruses. And of course, some faces will be sorely

missed. But we have a wonderful collection of voices be they soprano, alto, tenor, or bass.

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

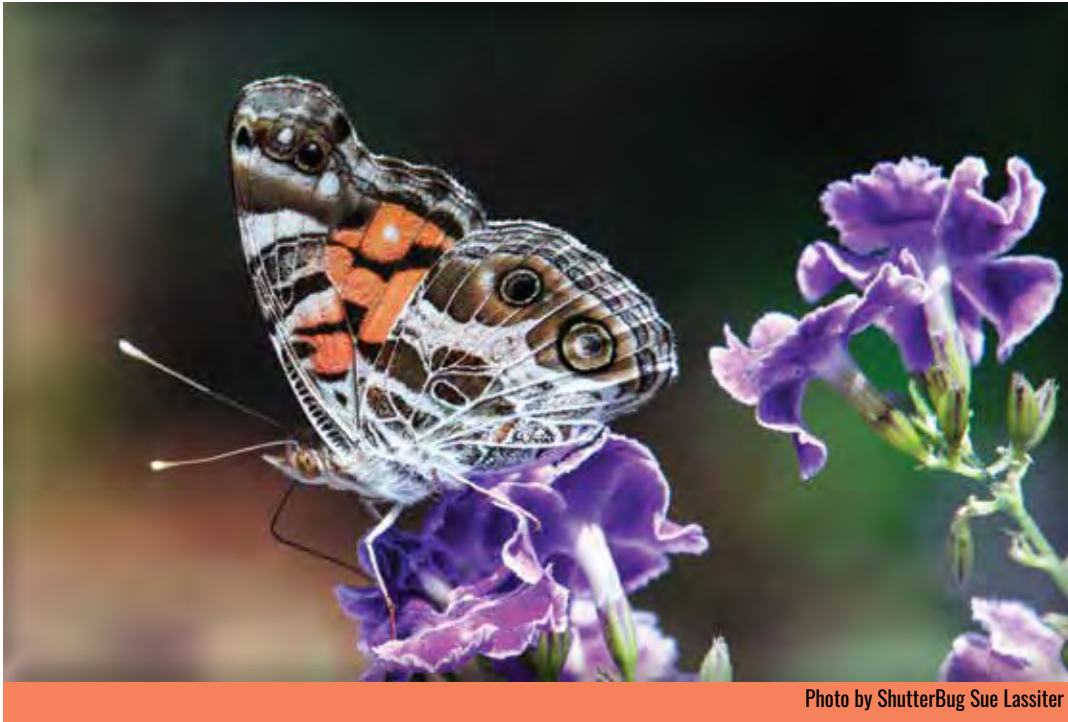
For you who love to sing, it is not too late to join us if you hurry but with 13 rigorous rehearsals before us the oppor-

tunity is closing. Otherwise, you can join us for the beginning of our spring concert rehearsals in January.

Our dues are currently \$15 per concert season which provides us with music, props, and technical audio support at our concerts.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents. Please be sure to bring your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass to every rehearsal thereafter.

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



Gulf fritillary butterfly.

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ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip



This is the last of my three columns discussing the pros and cons of taking photos with a smartphone or a camera.

While smartphone image quality has improved, in part due to its artificial intelligence software, better photo resolution still comes from cameras.

If your photos are of a special occasion, vacation or if they might be enlarged into prints, a DSLR camera will provide better image quality. I recently compared the smartphone and DSLR photos I'd taken at a polo match. The action shot taken with my DSLR was sharper and enlarged well, so it was entered in our upcoming photo contest.

Also, a DSLR gives more creative control. You have absolute control over your shutter speed, aperture, and ISO settings. You can create blurred waterfalls, bokeh backgrounds and the perfect exposure. While smartphones can simulate a lot of these scenarios, they're only as good as their software.

So, while your smartphone has technical limitations, it has lots of fans for its spontaneity. It's with you when you need a camera, and your DSLR can be taken when its versatility is needed.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m. There will be a reception in the Recreation Center to speak to our photographers as we reveal our annual photo contest winners.

In October, ShutterBug Sue Lassiter's display "My Favorite Things" will be on exhibit in Master the Possibilities lobby. The photo shown here of purple flow-

ers in contrast to the colors of the Gulf fritillary butterfly was taken by Sue in her front yard. She says, "It brings a smile as it seems this butterfly is standing proud with his nose up in the air, enjoying the sweet nectar."

She loves being able to use her DSLR camera and zoom lens to view amazing details in nature. It helps visualize the true beauty of the subject and see features impossible to capture with the naked eye. The zoom detail on the butterfly is mesmerizing; notice the "feathers" on the wings, and the antennae and proboscis.

Sue's display will include sunrises and Florida wading birds (including recent hatchlings – and look for the blue unhatched egg). Butterflies, flowers, horses, and the lighthouse at Cape Lookout National Seashore round out her display. Sue says, "Hope you enjoy viewing them as much as I enjoyed capturing them."

I asked Sue what her biggest challenge was shooting with a DSLR. She said it was the speed of her fast-moving subjects. There's no time to adjust settings and focus when her subject is in flight. She relies on patience and multiple shots ... and wishes she had more time to explore and shoot.

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 week 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.

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Williamsburg Neighbors

Carmel Kessler



October! What a wonderful month to celebrate Oktoberfest all month long, and of course, Halloween! It would be amazing to celebrate some cooler weather. We'll keep our fingers crossed. Williamsburg neighborhood is having a Halloween gathering, Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Veterans Park from 4 to 6 p.m. Hopefully everyone will be able to come and enjoy some great music, fun trivia, conversation, and food. Williamsburg's own DJ, Brian McDonald will be providing the musical entertainment. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. It can be your

favorite dish, or perhaps something new you'd like to try. If the mood moves you, please come dressed in any Halloween costume that strikes your fancy! It will be nice to see our snowbirds back among us. If you are new to our wonderful neighborhood, please join us to meet some new neighbors. With just under 200 homes in our area, there are always more people to meet. We look forward to a fun Halloween time with a few surprises! Put a big star on your calendar marking Sunday, Dec. 3. The Williamsburg holiday fest will begin at 5:30 p.m. This great evening takes place at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. We will enjoy music by the North Loop 4Tet. Dinner will be provided by Royal Oaks Catering. The meal will include salad, two choices of meats, vegetables, dessert, coffee, and water. You

are welcome to bring your own drinks, which includes alcohol and set ups. The cost of the holiday fest is \$30 per person. Tickets go on sale at the Halloween gathering. Volunteers are needed to help with the success of the holiday fest. Please bring yourself, ideas, and suggestions to a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. at Arbor Activity Center Card Room I. Many hands make the load light and gives everyone a chance to share in the Williamsburg holiday spirit. We hope you can join us. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Gwen Fabian at 330-207-6954 or Carmel Kessler at 336-253-1250 for further information. We look forward to a fulfilled holiday time. If you are new to Williamsburg, welcome! Please send our president, Nancy Meininger (nancy@nancymeininger.com) an email with your name(s), address, phone number and email so we might add you to our master list. Emails are periodically sent to let people know of upcoming happenings and neighborhood events. Speaking of events, bocce is played every Wednesday, at 4 p.m. Come and have fun for an hour or so. Dinner out, otherwise known as "table of eight" occurs monthly at various restaurants in our area. What a wonderful opportunity to engage in some interesting conversations with neighbors and enjoy a variety of delicious food! For further information check out the Williamsburg Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg-OTOW) or contact host Linda McDonald at cp12065@gmail.com. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you'd like to see happening in our neighborhood, do not hesitate to share them. Contact Nancy Meininger at nancy@nancymeininger.com.

Crescent Ridge Happenings

Patti Doty



October equals football! All Crescent Ridge and Crescent Green residents are invited to a tailgate at our regularly

scheduled monthly event on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. Please wear your favorite team's jersey. Please bring a side dish to share for six to eight people, a beverage, and a folding chair in case all the bench seats are full. There are grills available to anyone who would like to fire one up! October includes lots of fun holidays - International Coffee Day, National Taco Day, National Dessert Day, National

al Pasta Day, National Nut Day, National Chocolate Day, National Corn Candy Day, and, of course, Halloween! We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) at our November and December meetings. Please consider stocking up and donating to this very worthy cause. To learn more about IES, please visit https://iesmarion.org/about. We also collect aluminum can pop top pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House project and accept them at any gathering. If you are new to Crescent Ridge or have a new neighbor, please encourage them to join our email database to

receive neighborhood notices, information, etc., by emailing Carol Lewis at crescentridgenhn@yahoo.com. You can also join our Facebook group (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors). We all enjoy communicating with our neighbors and seeing their posts! All Crescent Ridge and Crescent Green residents are invited to join us at our regular monthly gatherings. These gatherings are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m., at the beautiful Veterans Park pavilion. Please mark your calendar. We look forward to meeting new and visiting with current residents at our next gathering!



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September gathering.

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Indigo East
Social Committee

Janice Liberton



The Indigo East Social Committee sponsored ice cream social in August was a great success. The social was attended by 75 residents and was by far the largest group of attendees for an ice cream social. There was plenty of ice cream, prizes, and a lot of fun. The Indigo East Social Committee sponsored a free craft show in September that was open to the public. A Halloween party will be held Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Indigo East Commu-

nity Center from 6 to 9 p.m. The party menu will include all beef hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, and dessert. Costumes are not required to attend, however, for those who will wear a costume, there will be a costume contest with prizes. Dance music will be provided by DJ Frank. Ticket sales will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 3, before bingo, 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Friday, Oct. 6, 5 to 7 p.m. during Happy Hour, Thursday, Oct. 12, 5 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, 5 to 6 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 24, 4 to 6 p.m. before Bunco. All ticket sales will be in the Indigo East Community Center and resident ID is required for ticket purchase. We will host a potluck dinner on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the

Indigo East Community Center. This event is free for all residents. Participants are asked to bring a dish that will serve between eight to 10 people. If your last name begins with A-E, please bring a side dish; F-M, dessert; N-S, main dish; and T-Z, appetizer or salad. Please contact Beth Griner at jnbgriner@yahoo.com and let her know what you are bringing. The committee will provide the iced tea, water, and some main dishes. You can bring your beverage of choice to the dinner. Details will be announced in my next column regarding the December Holiday theme party and the Holiday Golf Cart Parade. The ladies luncheon committee held a chicken buffet with the Marion County

Sheriff's Office (MCSO) in attendance, on Thursday, Sept. 21. The featured program included a K-9 demonstration, courtesy of MCSO, and an officer addressed scams and personal safety awareness. The luncheon was a lot of fun. The ladies luncheon committee will hold a holiday breakfast, catered by Breakfast Station, at 10 a.m. in the Indigo East Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 7. This year there will be an ornament exchange in lieu of a gift exchange. Participants should take an unwrapped ornament with a value of \$5 to \$8 and hang it on the tree. Ticket sales begin on Monday, Nov. 13. Enjoy the month of October and, as usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Friendship
Connection

Carron Janssen



October is about to arrive and with it, hopefully, cooler weather. It certainly has been a hot summer for us this year, some days were even too hot to go to the outdoor pools! And with October comes our annual Halloween Spooktacular on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Tickets went on sale in September, although some lucky residents were able to purchase them at the Club Fair. If you still need to get your tickets you will be able to still get them for two more days, Sept. 28 and 29, in the upstairs lobby of the Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 cash, which will cover the cost of paper products and prizes. Please remember that this is a potluck, and we are asking everyone to bring a main dish, enough for 10 people or couples to

bring enough to serve 15 people. There will be our annual costume contest, as well as dancing, raffles, and 50/50. Our August event was different than others for a couple of reasons. We had a costume contest with a prize for each decade followed by dancing. The committee learned how much people loved the dancing, so that will be included in all future events. Our costume winners for best of 1940s were Joann Fenton and William Daddio, best costume for 1950s was Sharon Dinges, best of 1960s were Jerry and Teresa Delaney, Robie Gudvangen won the prize for best 1970s costume, and Mary Sullivan won the best of 1980s costume. Valerie Sanders won the door prize. The three winners for 50/50 were Rosemary Marquart (first), Valerie Sanders (second) and Janet Osborn (third). Are you interested in finding out how we plan our events? Do you have fresh ideas for us to explore? The Friendship Connection planning committee is always looking for more people to share ideas. Please consider joining us at our

meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the lounge off the Recreation Center Ballroom for one hour. We also have several people retiring from the committee after October, therefore, we need others to step up and join to keep having events. Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village only.

Avalon
Social Group

Karen Volpe & Sharon Hall



Our September event was well attended with around 100 participants. With a deviation from our usual meal, we enjoyed ice cream treats and topped off the evening with a fun night of music bingo provided by Imagine Entertainment. Besides the fun and fellowship of friends and neighbors, six lucky winners went home with a little extra cash in their pockets. Our last event of the year will be Monday, Nov. 13; stay tuned for more information.

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).

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 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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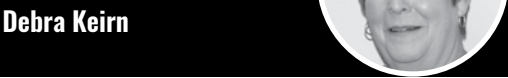
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Candler Connection



The hot summer is behind us, and we are all relieved to welcome the cooler fall weather. We have two more main events coming up as well as the October potluck dinner.

A special thank you for all the volunteers who made the fun hunt and chili cook-off successful.

Sunday, Oct. 22 will be the annual picnic (bring your own beverages) at the pavilion near the softball field behind the Recreation Center from 3 to 5 p.m. You can choose two of the following items: hamburger, hot dog, or chicken. We will

have a team grilling that afternoon and will complement the meat items with baked beans, salads, and desserts and condiments for the hamburgers and hot dogs. Food will be served from 3 to 4:45 p.m. only. The \$10 tickets can be purchased on Oct. 3 and 5, from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of picnic food and socializing.

The next potluck will be on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m. with a theme of German for Oktoberfest and Halloween. Come in costume or not (your preference). Please prepare your dish for 12 to 15 people as follows: A-H - side dish or salad; I-P - dessert; and Q-Z - main dish. \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. RSVP to Deb Keirn by phone at 352-414-5737, text at 814-571-7908 or email arthurkip-deb@verizon.net. Please label your dish

with its ingredients.

The holiday party will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. This bring your own beverage event will be catered by Gourmet Affair Catering with music by Tim Hargis. Tickets will go on sale Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Thursdays, Nov. 9 and 16, at a cost of \$35 per person. The menu will be mixed green salad, dinner rolls, a roast beef carving station, chicken topped with sun dried tomatoes and prosciutto in a white wine cream sauce, rosemary roasted red potatoes, ginger glazed carrots, warm cobbler with cream, and coffee. We hope to see you there!

Our planned events for 2024 are as follows:

- Feb. 16: Sweeties party with all attendees bringing a dessert.
- April 5: Spring sock hop with pizza and ice cream sundae buffet. Tim

Hargis will DJ.

- May 5: Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican buffet and juke box bingo.
- June 16 & Aug. 11: Ice cream social with various flavors of ice cream and toppings and ice cream sodas.
- July 4: Independence Day party.
- Sept. 14: Island party.
- Oct. 24: Fall picnic.
- Dec. 13: Holiday party.

Sign up at candlerconnection.org to receive The Happenings and/or join our Candler Hills closed Facebook group to learn about our activities.

All events and tickets sales take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills (unless otherwise noted).

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood!

Longleaf Ridge Friends



It happens once in a blue moon ... Have you heard that saying? Or the famous song by Marcells, "Blue Moon" heard on street corners in the 50s? We have all heard about a Blue Moon in the past. But we have not heard much about the Super Blue Moon, because it is very rare and super special. We had a Super Blue Moon over On Top of the World on Wednesday, Aug. 30. The Super Blue Moon is a rare celestial event. The moon appears closest to the earth and usually bigger than its real size. Various particles sometimes refract the light making it look blue. Only about three percent of all blue moons are Super Blue Moons; so we all experienced a very rare occurrence. We can expect our next Super Blue Moon in 2037!

Ray Meyers organized the Longleaf Ridge golf group over two years ago. There's so much talent in this group, it may be time to form a hole-in-one club. A hole-in-one is a rare feat. The odds are one in 12,500 for the average golfer and one in 3,000 for a professional golfer. This year, two of our Longleaf Ridge golfers' dreams came true. Howard Goldman had a hole-in-one at Hole #8 at The Tortoise & The Hare and Dick Emmons had a hole-in-one at Hole #17

at Candler Hills. By the way, the proper etiquette for this achievement involves "the 19th hole." The golfer who makes the hole-in-one buys the drinks afterwards.

In other news, Director of Community Maintenance Operations Andrew J. Jorgensen, CGCS, was the guest speaker at the Longleaf Ridge men's luncheon group. Andy gave an overview of the changes implemented to improve our yards and common areas and answered several questions from those in attendance.

Neighbors braved the heat for another driveway chat hosted by Gavin and Sheila Karelitz on Thursday, Aug. 10. Many new neighbors who moved in between July and August were welcomed. The ladies lunch group is growing. Nineteen ladies met for lunch at Azul Tequila in August.

As our community continues to grow, we look forward to welcoming all the many new neighbors to Longleaf Ridge. 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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Friday, Oct. 13: 9638-C SW 94th Avenue (Crescent Ridge), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Friday Oct. 13 & Saturday, Oct. 14: 9638-A, 9639-C, 9668-C, 9669-B SW 94th Avenue (Crescent Ridge), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14: 9697 SW 90th Street (Providence), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20 & Saturday, Oct. 21: 8738-A SW 90th Street (Friendship Colony), 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. · 8608 SW 86th Circle (Candler Hills), 9 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, Oct. 21: 9491-B SW 85th Terrace (Friendship Village), 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. · 8712-C SW 92nd Place, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27 & Saturday, Oct. 28: 10025 SW 91st Place (Avalon), 8 a.m. to noon · 8966-B SW 94th Lane (Friendship Park), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

· 8449-A SW 90th Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 8676-A SW 95th Lane (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to noon.

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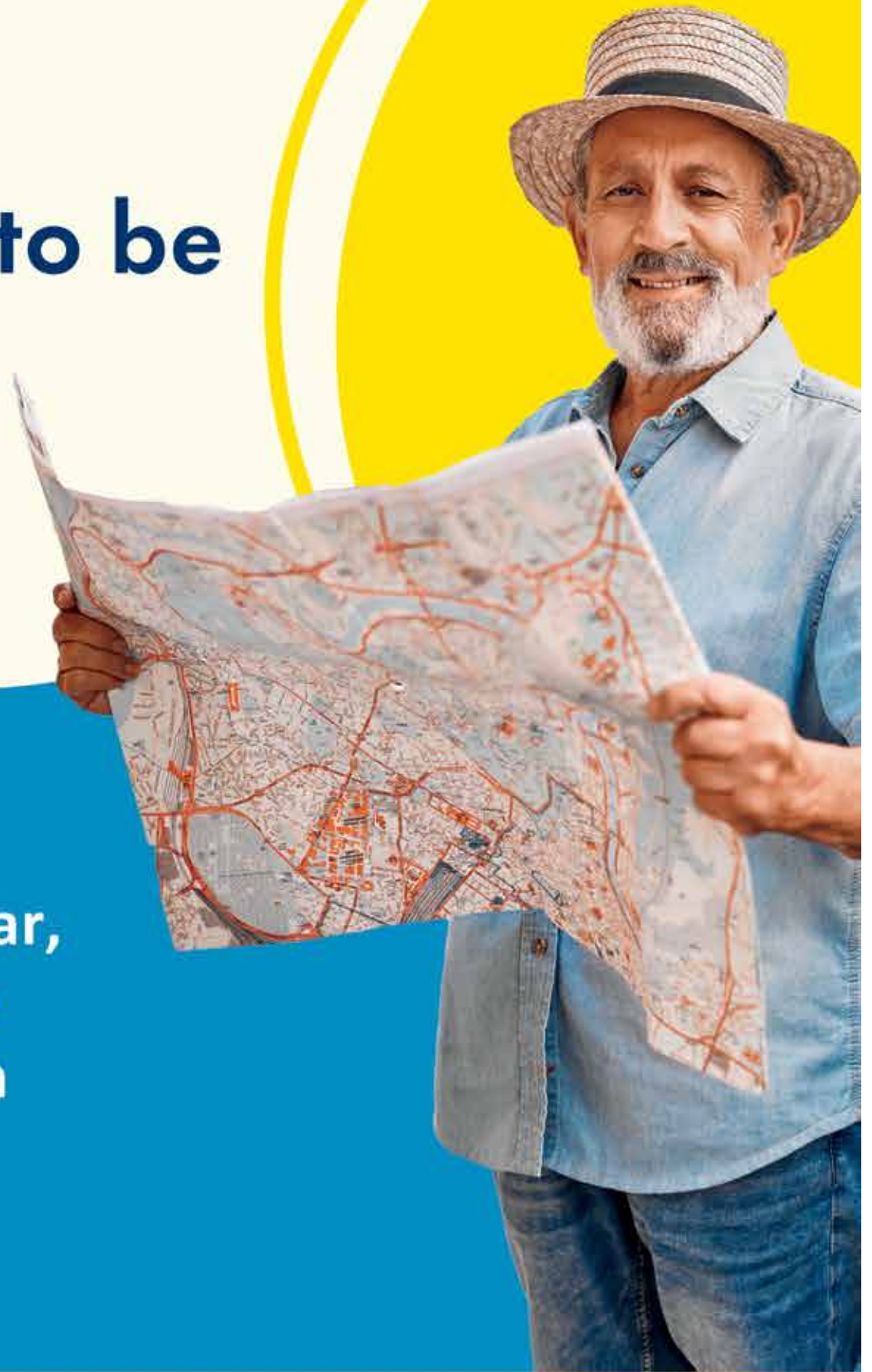
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