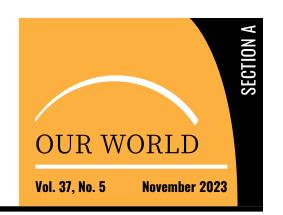


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Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

Association Meetings

December begins a cycle of annual meetings for the various neighborhood owner associations. The schedule and location for the respective meetings are as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 4: Master Association Annual Meeting & Budget Adoption in Live Oak Hall at 10
- Tuesday, Dec. 5: Weybourne Landing Annual Meeting & Budget Adoption in Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12: Indigo East Annual Meeting & Budget Adoption in Circle Square Cultural Center at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12: Candler Hills Annual Meeting & Budget Adoption in Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m.

Matters of general interest to your community, an update on recreation and meeting facilities, how the board of directors functions through the setting of policies and through the review of the projected budget for the coming year, and any legislative changes affecting your community will be among the topics discussed at each annual meeting. There will be a question-and-answer period following the main body of each

Please note, the next meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association will be held on Feb. 13, 2024 in Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m.

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 sometime in November.

LONGLEAF RIDGE: The new clubhouse building plans were finalized and this project was submitted to Marion County for permitting around the timing of this update. 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 Management District moves at about the same pace, if not slower. It just depends what they all have in their pipeline ahead of us

CANDLER HILLS: Design development for the future amenity in Balfour is well underway; we anticipate to finalize the design by the end of 2023.

THE TOWN SQUARE AT CIRCLE SQUARE **COMMONS:** A renovation is planned to remove and replace the concrete in the center of the square starting early January 2024. This section of the square will be fenced off while under construction. You have all danced the life out of the concrete! This will be a four to six week project. Our weekly Farmers Market will relocate to the rear parking lot of Circle Square Commons until the project is completed.

RECREATION CENTER: The pool is scheduled for resurfacing beginning on Jan. 8, 2024. While we are at it, the water quality filtration system will be replaced and updated as well. The renovation project, once fully mobilized, is anticipated to take approximately 120 days to complete. In the interim period when the pool and pool deck are closed, residents are directed to use the Arbor Fitness Center pools. The Pub will remain open to residents.

The intersection of SW 99th Street Road and SW 94th Street has undergone redesign. The intersection will receive both golf cart and pedestrian improvements and the intersection will become a four-way stop. As mentioned last month, the next step in the process is to select a contractor and begin the construction for the cart and pedestrian improvements. The contractor has been selected and is expected to begin intersection improvements in November. Message boards will continue to be posted to alert residents of the changing traffic patterns but do take caution in

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Welcome to the Zen Garden

By Ray Cech **World News Writer**

It was almost 20 years ago that Sidney Colen cut the ribbon that opened Sholom Park and validated his dream of giving a special place to our community. It was his vision to provide a "sanctuary" where visitors could also dream, quietly contemplate, and feel at one with na-

Over the years the park has been expanded with symbolic natural additions - the circle of 12 cypress trees, the promenade lined with 36 olive trees and the wounded-heart tree. All stand and bow to visitors who are seeking to enrich the mind and soul.

It was Wednesday, Sept. 20, when Sholom Park opened its arms and invited guests to experience a very special addition within its 44 acres.

Sholom Park's Director Robert Colen, and Colen Built Development President Kenneth Colen cut a welcoming ribbon that introduced the Zen Garden.

Prior to the formal ribbon cutting and welcoming ceremony, guests were treated to a bit of Japanese culture. Mochi, and delicate, Japanese appetizers were served. A traditional long bow demonstration mesmerized visitors, and several beautiful Bonsai were on display.

Additionally, On Top of the World resident, Shizuka Campagna, shared many of her personal Japanese keepsakes, including her very own wedding kimonogown. She was exquisite in Japanese dress, as she shared with guests her knowledge of the meaning and practice of Zen.

When it was time for the formal opening of the Zen Garden the 90-plus guests gathered around as Robert and Kenneth Colen both expressed their gratitude to all those who made the garden possible. Then, Director Robert Colen spoke of the meaning of the new garden and how it continues the legacy of Sidney Colen's

Robert went on to say that the creation of the Zen Garden was a momentous but satisfying undertaking. He thanked benefactors, volunteers, and all those who helped bring the garden to fruition. He said, "Sholom Park was born from a vision of being an oasis of

peace in a world often beset by turmoil. Ît is a place where every individual can seek peace and serenity and take that inspiration with them to help make the world a better place. It is our hope that the addition of the Zen Garden will serve our community with grace and purpose

and provide solace to those seeking inner peace.'

Robert Colen then pointed out several of the garden's symbolisms – the bridge that moves the spirit from the material world to the sacred, the meditation raking garden, and many other Zen symbols, such as the Torii Gate, dry stream beds, bamboo fencing and the soothing sounds of running fountains. He then stepped aside and motioned to guests that the Zen Garden welcomes them.

To visit the Sholom Park Zen Garden, after parking, walk toward the pavilion, from there, signs will guide you to the garden of peace and tranquility.



Sholom Park's Zen Garden welcomes to you.

Annual Food & Toys for **Tots Drive**

By Vanessa Andujar

This holiday season, On Top of the World Communities is not only partnering with the local not-for-profit organi-

Community Food/Hygiene Drop Off Locations

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zation, Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) but also the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

On Top of the World is IES's designated "Bring the Harvest All Year Long" food drive champion for the month of December. Residents and employees have always been very generous in donating large amounts of non-perishable food items and various sundries during the annual food drive. A donation of 7,346 pounds of food was given in 2022. With this in mind, we are asking again this year for any help you can lend. This year we have set up a goal to collect 7,500 pounds of food.

As you can see by the following message, the need has never been greater:

"As everyone feels the impact of the increased cost of groceries, IES sees it on the faces of our clients. We are experiencing an increase in the number of new households seeking assistance, and sadly, much of this growth is senior citizens. Those living on fixed income are being impacted the most. Thank goodness for IES! We are here to help people make ends meet by providing a week's worth of groceries including meat, produce, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce and other non-perishables. We do this through the support of this loving community. If you can spare a couple of cans of vegetables or a box of oatmeal, every donation helps. Thank you to On Top of the World Communities for many years of partnership to help us care for those in need. Thank you for being a blessing to the people we help."

Karla Grimsley Executive Director Interfaith Emergency Services

The following staple food and hygiene items are needed:

Food Items

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Jelly Boxed dry pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned fruit Canned soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
- Pet food

Hygiene Items

- Soap Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors Feminine products
- Diapers
- Cloth bags Used plastic bags

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the local

The 2023 food and Toys for Tots drive will take place from Monday, Nov. 27 through Monday, Dec. 11. Your donation of any of the above-listed items would be of great help. Please place your item(s) in one of the collection boxes listed be-

Let us all join in making this effort a success and reflecting the caring community On Top of the World is especially for those in need!

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Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: After a storm event, be prepared for scammers! You may receive phone calls, text messages, emails and even door-to-door scammers offering you free roof inspections, government hurricane disaster money, or some kind of "free money", as well as the usual threats for failing to miss some court appearance.

And, of course, now that it's Medicare open enrollment time, you will get calls from "Medicare." Four letter words from Jerry Colen spilling out here.

Look folks. Just be prepared. Don't provide any information over the phone, email, text or even from a door-to-door person. And please pass the word to friends and neighbors.

Q. What do you do for your own estate planning? As a lawyer, do you have a will or a trust? I was told to ask you that question.

A. Before I answer that, I need to be clear that what is good estate planning for me may not be good estate planning for anyone else. Thus, unless I have the very same circumstances as someone else, the question is pointless. However, I happen to have a living trust. (Note: my home is not in that trust because except in special circumstance, I do not believe it is wise to put one's home into a trust.) Does that mean that anyone reading this should do the same as I? No, no, no! I believe that each person ought to ascertain his/her/their estate planning needs based on an individualistic analysis of their specific needs and goals. Generic estate planning is for the birds. You can get information at seminars - some might be valuable in a generalized sense, so long as the speakers are not trying to sell living trusts or annuities or anything else. Although I think it's best to go to lectures rather than attend a "free tions will be extremely important for the State of Florida and, of course, our nation. Therefore, if you seriously research the candidates, I wonder if you will give us some idea of what you think of the candidates, once you know who they will be.

lunch" seminar. (Disclosure: I would say

that it's better to go to lectures since I

speak at lectures in Ocala and Clearwater.) In brief: The estate planning that I do or that anyone does, should be totally

irrelevant to the estate planning that you

Q. It seems to me that the next elec-

should do.

A. No, I don't think so. I shall not do any "electioneering" in this column. I want everyone to read and enjoy this column without any concerns that I have some political or philosophical narrative I am trying to promote. What I am trying to do in my column is to provide good information to you in an interesting and informative format. I earnestly suggest you seek to educate yourselves on the various candidates.

Q. How old are you?

A. <Giggle> I'm old enough to remember inkwells and to have dunked some pigtails into them. I'm old enough to remember Kate Smith singing "God Bless America," Milton Berle's TV show, "The Shadow," John Cameron Swayze, Jack Benny, Arthur Godfrey, Eddie Cantor, Jimmy Durante, and the Korean War. I'm old enough to remember the Packard, the Kaiser, the Frasier, the Hudson, and the Studebaker. I remember Joe Louis losing to Ezzard Charles, Adlai Stevenson losing to Dwight Eisenhower. But, I am young enough to love life and the people I've met and hope to keep right on meeting along my way.

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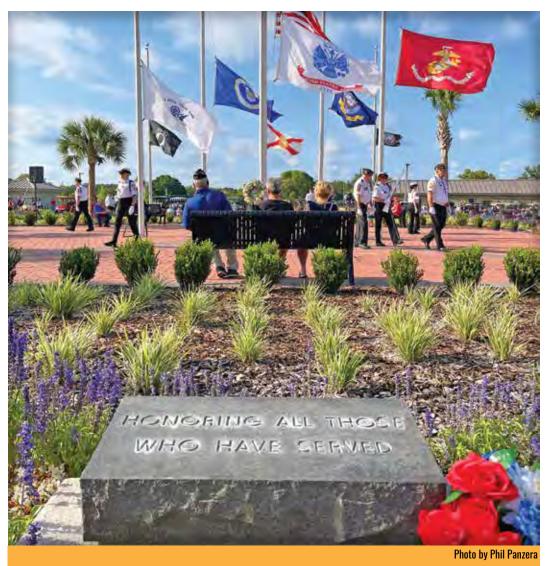


GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Pessimists and optimists are both right.

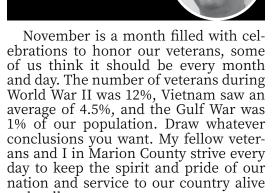


Flag lowering at the Veterans Park in 2021.

Veterans Club



their families.



and well.

Please join us in November and help to honor the service of our veterans and

On Friday, Nov. 10, at 8:30 a.m. the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard will present the colors at the softball field to kick off the second annual Veterans Softball Tournament.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, at 8 a.m. we will raise the flags at the Veterans Park. At 11 a.m., we will have a program in the Recreation Center Ballroom to honor our local veterans and community heroes.

We will include a special program to honor the USS Cole, to include a resident speaker, Master Chief Petty Officer Dexter Vance retired U.S. Navy, that was part of the rescue and recovery crew on that day.

The Veterans Club meets the third Thursday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV, at 3 p.m.

For questions or opportunities to volunteer to advocate for veterans, please contact Charlie Calhoun at 352-556-6004.



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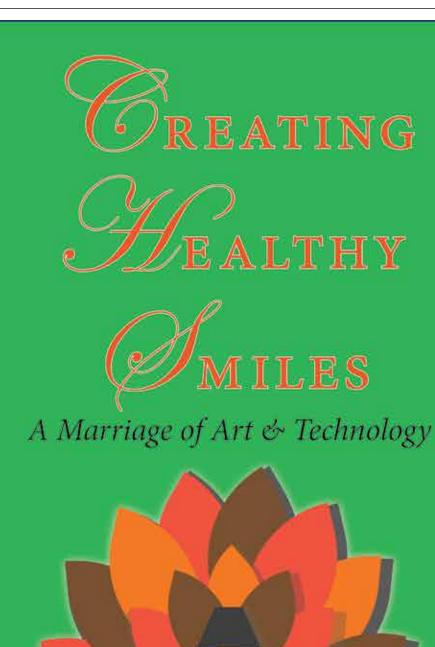


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this area as we bring this much needed improvement to completion.

Food Drive

Once again, the On Top of the World family of communities are ramping up their legendary generosity as the annual food drive to help stock the pantry at Interfaith Emergency Services is kicking off on Monday, Nov. 27, and runs through Monday, Dec. 11. For many years, residents and employees have donated enough non-perishable food items to the pantry to fill a 34-foot box truck completely full, and then some! During this time, donations for the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots will take place as well. I'm hoping we can beat the giving of prior years.

Many projects that benefit the Marion County community have been initiated and supported by residents of the On Top of the World family of communities. There are also closer to home examples of kindness: The residents who prepare meals for a sick neighbor, or help the recently widowed, are examples of the everyday caring mindset of so many residents. Your generosity doesn't stop

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention some of the community resident organizations that so generously engage in making the Marion County community

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Lions Club: Arnette House, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, AdventHealth emergency room, Florida Center for the Blind, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Lions Club International, North Florida Lions Hearing Aid Bank, North Florida Lions Eye Bank, and Interfaith Emergency Services.

Republican Club: Operation Shoebox and Vets Helping Vets.

Sewing Bees: Alpha Center for Women, Arnette House Inc., Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center, Head Start Program, Marion County Public Schools Homeless & Needy Children Program, Kids Central, Kimberly's Center for Child Protection, Marion County Children's Alliance, and Reddick-Collier Elementary School.

Sunshine Quilters: Alpha Center for Women and Marion County Senior Services.

The New Pretenders: Domestic Violence/Abuse Center, Hospice of Marion County, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, and Food-4-Kids Backpack Program.

SWANS: Donated new books as well as their time volunteering at Ina A. Colen Academy.

Veterans Club: Interfaith Emergency Services, Operation Shoebox, Vets Helping Vets, Stuff the

Bus, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Project HOPE, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, VFW Veterans Village, VFW 4781 Honor Guard, American Legion Post 354, Marion County Humane Society, SPCA of Marion County, Ocala Blue Star Mothers and Dunnellon Elementary School.

Women of the World: Operation Shoebox, Arnette House, Domestic Violence/Abuse Center, Helping Hands, Public Education Foundation, SPCA of Marion County, Stuff the Bus and Hospice of Marion County.

Keeping the Holidays Safe

Entertaining friends and family around the holidays may be one of the high points of the season. We at Colen Built Development and On Top of the World Communities wish everyone a wonderful season and want you to enjoy a safe time. It is worth remembering certain basic tips for both fire prevention and how to deal with a sudden fire:

Never throw water on a grease fire. Smother it with baking soda, salt, or a tight-fitting lid. If you don't have a lid, you can quickly wet a hand towel, wring it out and carefully lay it over the grease fire.

Stay in your kitchen while cooking, otherwise turn the stove off if you must leave, even for a "min-

Keep any material that can catch on fire away from your stovetop.

Do have a residential fire extinguisher rated for grease/oil within reach in your kitchen. This type of fire suppression device is always the preferred method for fire control. Having more than one fire extinguisher is recommended. Have a backup in case the first fire extinguisher fails. We recommend you purchase extinguishers at Lowe's, Walmart, or Home De-

Be safe and have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family.



Andrea La Fave

During last month's meeting we reviewed procedures appropriate for staffing a community event.

We discussed the kind of incidents we might encounter. We reviewed indications that we should be alerted to such as medical alert bracelets, confusion, heat, and dehydration. Anything serious would be handled by the nurses and EMTs present. We remembered to think of ourselves as health educators, so that after we placed a bandage on a washed scrape or cut, we educated the injured about how to care for and prevent further injury.

The conversation was enriched with stories of real events that needed our basic skills. A good story is an excellent

The 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. If you decide to join us, you can then 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.

Holiday Fest

By Linda Meyer

Get your holidays off to a great start! The annual Holiday Fest will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Dec. 13. We start at 6 p.m. with homemade cookies provided by our generous residents. The cookies go well with hot chocolate and coffee, which is provided. This is a free event. It's going to be a fun filled event! So, come and enjoy an evening with your friends while munching homemade cookies, drinking hot chocolate and coffee and enjoy some wonderful entertainment.

Our entertainment will include, the Dulcimer Group, a Hanukkah story, and the Dancing Jewels just to mention a few. There will also be the annual favorite sing-along of the 12 Days of Christmas – Southern style!

If you would like to contribute cookies, please deliver them to the Recreation Center Ballroom from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

For more information about the Holiday Fest, contact Linda Meyer at 973-809-3338 or linda_a_meyer@yahoo.com.

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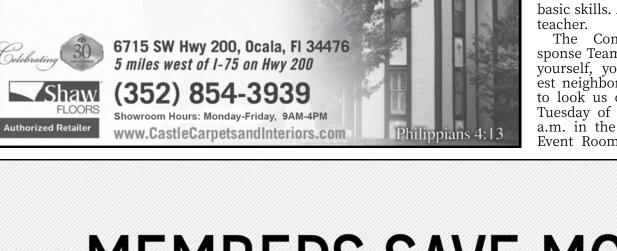
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Around the World

Mary Anne Lynum 352-236-0TOW (6869)



My goodness, it's November already. This year does not plan to hang around long! November is the last full month of autumn in the northern hemisphere and although we may not see it, snow begins to fall this month and the days grow shorter. Interesting facts: In Canada, November is known as "National No Shave Month" to raise cancer aware-ness. Nov. 2 is All Saints Day, honoring all saints known and unknown. Veterans Day is honored on Saturday, Nov. 11. The Parker brothers introduced the world to the Monopoly game on Nov. 5, 1935. And, the day we all wait for--Thanksgiving – on Nov. 23. The day we come together with family and friends, being thankful for their company and great food. My wish is for a very special Thanksgiving for us all.

Veterans Day

The Veterans Club will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony Friday, Nov. 10, starting with the flag lowering at 8 a.m. in the Veterans Park, followed by the program at 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom, culminating with a Veterans Day Classic Softball Tournament with the winner receiving a trophy presented by President Kenneth D. Colen.

Golf Cart Courtesy Caught

Our safety spies have caught Alan Miller and Larry Yurewick making all the right moves while operating their golf carts in October. In September, we could not include Tim Beaty's photo, so here's Tim with such an infectious smile! All have our thanks and gift cards for Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli. I hope that their actions are an inspiration to all who travel by golf cart. I can't wait to see who is caught next month!

Reminders

Don't forget to set your clocks – Sunday, Nov. 5 – back one hour at 2 a.m. local time, which becomes 1 a.m. local time. Many people also use this as a reminder to check and replace the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. You should consider replacing both smoke and CO detectors after 10 years of use. If you have any natural gas appliances in the home, you should have a CO detector in the common areas

of your home. Please think twice about getting on a ladder! If you do choose to get on a ladder, never do it without someone else present! If you have difficulty or need assistance with changing the batteries in your smoke detectors, you may set an appointment with Marion County Fire Rescue personnel to replace the batteries by calling 352-291-8000. You must furnish the replacement batteries or replacement detector. They will also install new smoke detectors. However, you must furnish the smoke/CO detector. If the smoke detectors are hard-wired, and are 10 years and older, they require an adapter kit which you must supply. Battery operated smoke detectors may not be installed over a hardwired detector. It must be placed in a different area. Our thanks to Marion County Fire Rescue for offering such a valuable service.

Watering restrictions change with daylight saving time effective Sunday, Nov. 5. Per the Southwest Florida Water Management District, you are only permitted to irrigate your landscaping once per week. The reason for this is your landscaping becomes dormant during the fall and winter months requiring less water, which in turn, can help save you water and money. You will find the community watering schedule at OTOWInfo.com > Resources > Watering Restrictions.

Holiday decorations and lighting are what makes the holiday season special.

Holiday lighting and decorations are permitted if the lights and decorations do not constitute a nuisance. Colored bulbs in low voltage light fixtures and building-mounted fixtures are not allowed. Rope and tube lighting are only allowed during the holiday season. Lights and decorations may be added no earlier than the second weekend in November and must be removed by Jan. 15, 2024.

Online auctions are not allowed.

Bicycle and Walking Safety

Please keep in mind, at this time of year, it is darker much earlier in the evening. Be sure to wear reflective clothing when out bicycling, walking, or jogging. Also, ensure your bicycle has a light and reflectors attached for your safety. And most importantly, please stay on the multi-modal paths intended for this use.

Resident Services

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the following restrictions but 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 holiday hours are:
Wednesday, Nov. 22: 8 a.m. to

noon. Thursday, Nov. 23 & Friday, Nov.

24: closed.
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.

When you closed on your home, you became eligible to obtain up to two resident ID card(s). These ID cards expire every five years after date of issuance for records update. Non-owner resident ID cards expire every three years. Every third or fourth resident residing in a household is required to pay an annual guest fee. The first decal is free to owners. The second decal is \$15. Any additional gate decals issued per household are \$75 each. Tenants may obtain a free monthly gate pass or purchase a \$75 vehicle decal.

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 arter-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours per-

Club Reciprocity

What does it mean? It means that two identical clubs in different neighborhoods, can hold meetings in each of their locations. For example: The Shoelace Dance club in Weybourne Landing can hold meetings in Indigo East with Shoelace Dance members there and vice versa. It is recommended that the clubs divide the meetings at their respective locations equally.

Something to Take With You

"If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you have to do is wake up." – J.M. Power

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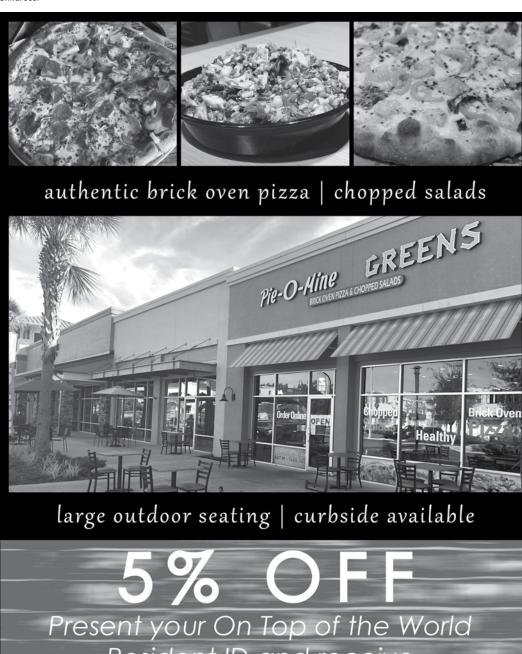
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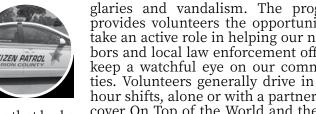
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Community Patrol

Rocky Pizzarello



Have you seen the white car that looks like a Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) car driving around On Top of the World with yellow flashing lights? You know the car, the one that says "Community Patrol" not "Marion County Sheriff" on the doors. If so, you've seen the Community Patrol in action!

The Community Patrol program is part of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and is intended to serve as additional eyes and ears for the sheriff and deputies. It does not replace routine patrol activities of the deputies, but provides the county with additional observation capabilities to reduce crime.

The Community Patrol program was implemented to keep our neighborhoods safe and focus on reducing bur-

glaries and vandalism. The program provides volunteers the opportunity to take an active role in helping our neighbors and local law enforcement officers keep a watchful eye on our communities. Volunteers generally drive in twohour shifts, alone or with a partner, and cover On Top of the World and the surrounding shopping centers.

The Community Patrol program started 20 years ago. It is one of 57 groups and 1,350 volunteers currently supporting the MCSO and Emergency Operations in Marion County. Our Community Patrol is 50 volunteers strong and falls under the joint responsibilities of MCSO Lieutenant Ryan Robbins, who is in charge of the Southwest District office (on SR 200, about a mile south of On Top of the World), and Volunteer Services Coordinator Robert Ethridge.

In the next few issues, we'll introduce you to the unique history of the Community Patrol and some of the people who make up the heart of the program.

Would you like to become part of the Community Patrol? Visit the MCSO web-



Allison Cranmer beginning her shift.

site at marionso.com. There you can read about volunteer opportunities and download a volunteer application. If

you're interested in becoming a member, please contact Allison Cranmer at otowcommunitypatrol@gmail.com.

View from the Library

Walt Lamp

I'll be doing my book review on an American patriot, not that well known, even in history textbooks - Dr. Benjamin

true desire at an early age. He attended the College of New Jersey (later known as Princeton) at age 15 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree. From 1761 to 1766, he became an apprentice to Dr. John Redman. He was a reader of many medical books. From 1766 to 1768, he graduated from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) medical school with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

In 1769, he began practicing medicine at the College of Philadelphia, including chemistry and many other fields. He treated the poor and indigent, which kept him poor.

He opposed the newly passed Tea Tax (1773) and became a member to the First Continental Congress in 1774. Then on July 4,1776, he along with 55 other patriots risked their lives, their fortunes and honor by signing the Declaration of Independence.

Resuming his medical treatment of the poor and indigent, he felt that most illnesses were caused by poor hygiene. He spent many hours treating people on the streets and then opened a practice.

On April 19,1775, war broke out and

soon he became a wartime doctor. He helped form the Army Medical Corps. At the battle of Brandywine, he was almost captured by the British, as he stayed be-

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hind to help the wounded. He resigned from the Army in 1778.

Now that the politics was over, it was back to family and medicine in the office, on the streets, or by mail.

Dr. Rush did have other interests, which included the formation of a Sunday school, treatment of the mentally ill, and reforms in prisons. He was also instrumental in opening two colleges in his home state. He also participated in an antislavery movement and supported women's and black rights.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania delegation ratifying the new Constitution in 1787.

The yellow fever epidemic of 1793 was centered in Philadelphia. It was a verv busy time for Dr. Rush. He saw hundreds of patients. He also contracted the disease, but was treated and saved by Dr. Philip Sing Physick. Dr. Rush received acclaim and thanks from a grateful nation.

By 1812, he was responsible for reuniting John Adams and Thomas Jeffer-

son as friends again. He married Julia Stockman in 1776 and had 13 children. They spent many years apart due to medicine and politics. By April 19, 1813, his accomplishments stood out as a doctor who saved many a life. He was a true patriot!

In 1765, his political beliefs were be-Rush by Harlow Guiles Unger. ing formed with his opposition to the Dr. Rush was born Jan. 4, 1746, near newly passed Stamp Act. Philadelphia. Medicine became his Beautify Your Landscape 20+ Years Experience in On Top of the World - Licensed & Insured - Free Estimates Irrigation Repair & Sod Repair & Installation Maintenance Mulch & Stone Installation Landscape Design, And Much More! Installation & Maintenance FL Irrigation #SCC131151648 / FLDACS #LC105192 / FLDEP #GV606-1 Ocala Lawn Tandscape Inc. (352) 291-2024



Active Newcomers Club

Lori Lund

Successes, updates, and changes. The Active Newcomers Club continues to deliver fantastic activities and serve our membership to the best of our abilities. Our chili cook-off was a great success, with more contestants entering the cook-off than originally thought.

We had 19 chili entrants in three categories: spicy, vegan, and general. A blind taste test was completed by our six judges, and they awarded a winner in each category as well as the overall winner from the category winners. Debbie Haddad prepared the spicy chili winner. Maria Gatz prepared the vegan chili winner. Becky Green prepared the general chili and was the overall winner of the evening. The 90 attendees had a great time enjoying a wide variety of chili,

toppings, and music by R&R Trio. This event has proven it can be an annual event.

The next large group event for members was our Halloween Hootenanny held on Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. There was a Halloweenie hot dog bar with all the fixings, along with monster mash music for dancing, and of course, a costume contest. The Ballroom was transformed into a Halloween party atmosphere with the seasonal decorations.

The Active Newcomers Club small groups are continuing to grow in number of participants and excitement. Our wine group started with 12 members, and now boasts 62! Our game group has 50 and book club has 20-plus. Our newest group, lunch bunch is already at 50 and they just had their first gathering in October. The group that started our small groups, dinner group has grown to 112 and had their eighth gathering in October. The success of our small group activities is all due to our mem-

bers' interest in getting to know one another and taking the lead in stepping up to assist with the organization of these groups. We will continue to entertain other small group suggestions our members may have.

The last two events of the year are our Angel Tree service project and our holiday party. The Angel Tree project enlists the help of our membership in providing Christmas gifts to school children from a local elementary school. These children come from families who are in great need. Look for details via social media later this month. The culmination of this program occurs at our holi-

day party which has been moved to The Lodge at Candler Hills on Friday, Dec. 8, at 5 p.m. This catered event will include games, dancing, and great food. Hope to see all our members there.

As always, if you are a resident who has been living in On Top of the World for less than four years and are interested in becoming a member of the Active Newcomers Club for only \$10 per member per year, email us at activenewcomersclub@outlook.com for information. We also have a new webpage that is under development. Check us out at activenewcomers.org.



Chili cook-off winners – Maria Gatz, Becky Green, and Debbie Haddad.

Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

A big happy Thanksgiving wish to all from the Happy Hookers. Hope you can celebrate with family and friends.

celebrate with family and friends.

As I have stated before, we are and continue to be grateful to all the wonderful donations that are given to us. All donations find a home – whether they are utilized by our group or passed on to thrift shops or organizations that can use them. In addition to our efforts for the Bears and Blankets program we are also pleased to announce that we have a new charitable group to do work for. Hospice of Marion County needs blankets and shawls for their over 400 patients.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays,

from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda, 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 newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at 352-873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact either Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or Kathleen Frost at 925-960-5945 to arrange for pickup.

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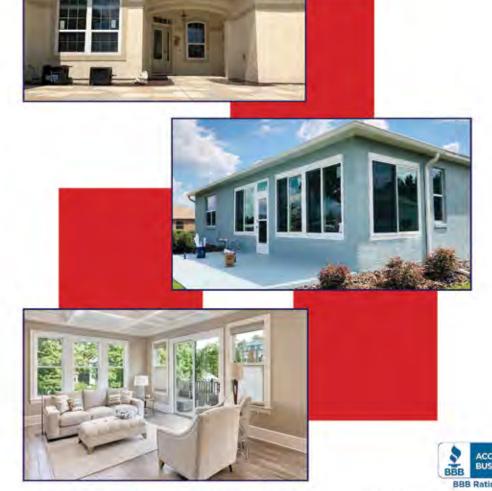
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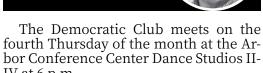
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"Lady Liberty" poses with Jean Krueger-Travis at the Democratic Club table at the Club Fair in September.

Democratic Club

Mark Miller



IV at 6 p.m. Jimmy H. Cowan, Jr. from the Marion County Property Appraiser's Office

spoke to us in October. The Club Fair was a great success! We had a lot of responses, and many signed up to become members.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 16, as the following Thursday, which would be the standard day for our meeting, is Thanksgiving Day. Please

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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 foot 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, macaroni and 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 the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, or you can drop them off before the

meeting starts.

If you need a ride to the meeting, please call/email the club three days prior to the meeting to arrange pickup.

For more information, contact Mark Miller at 443-848-8549 or demclubotow@ gmail.com.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

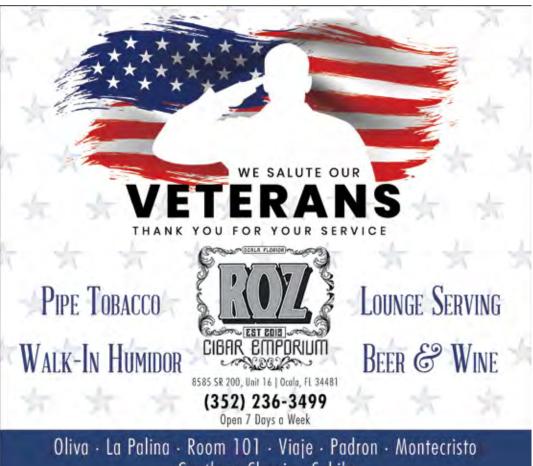


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Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard



The Republican Club held its monthly meeting in October. 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 new members were acknowledged and presented with a pocket Constitution of the United States.

President Woodard shared the results of another well attended successful Club Fair in September. Forty-one new members completed new member forms to join the club. They will be warmly wel-

comed at the next meeting.

The first speaker was Fundraising/ Event Planning Chair Barbara Schmidt of the Marion County Republican Executive Committee. She shared exciting details of the upcoming gala fundraiser – Victory's Call – on Friday, Nov. 10, at the World Equestrian Center. This event will offer dinner, a live artist performance by Dale Henry "Paintman," the thrilling Cirque Show by Ascendance and distinguished speakers Senator Rick Scott, Congresswoman Kat Cammack, Congressman Mike Waltz, and radio talk

show host Bob Rose of 97.3 FM The Sky.
Project Shoebox Coordinator Ellie Richards read a note of thanks from another military member for a recent shipment of ditty bags. It is heartwarming to know how appreciative our deployed military members are to receive news and goodies from home. Due to the current economy, it has been difficult to obtain items from corporations that have made donations in the past. Club members provide donations and volunteer each week to pack and send these bags.

The featured speaker of the afternoon was Senator Keith Perry of the Florida State Senate District 8. He gave an overview of the most recent senate session and assured the members that the senate in Tallahassee was very busy filing bills (1,873 filed, 3,229 votes taken, 356 passed by both chambers and seven bills vetoed by governor). As chair of the Appropriations Committee on Education, he shared his passion for the education of Florida students and urged members to educate themselves on local school board candidates. He stated that school board elections are the most critical local elections. He indicated that due to term limits, he will not be seeking reelection in 2024.

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. November and December meetings are

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.



Birthdays - Weddings - Anniversaries



Vern Ziegler 70th Birthday



Joe Furfaro 94th Birthday

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

Lifelong Learning

Michelle Shideler 352-387-7571 michelle_shideler@masterthepossibilities.org

Are you ready to learn beyond class-room walls? Well, Master the Possibilities is nearly ready to release the catalog for the January through June 2024 curriculum that focuses on multiple learning and engaging moments that may not be happening only at our Education Center, rather enlightening and exciting destinations in Central Florida.

Our Lifelong Learning participants may go on an educational journey with Master the Possibilities next year to destinations like The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Museum, the Holocaust Memorial and Education Center, Circus Sarasota, and even experience a "Beyond the Dark" multisensory experience at the Southeastern Guide Dog campus. All in all, there are more than 20 educational destinations in the curriculum to help provide educational opportunities throughout Central Florida.

What does this mean? Mark your calendar now for Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. to receive a copy of the new catalog, meet with more than 50 of our talented and passionate instructors, and be one of the first to register at our semiannual curriculum kick-off at the Master the Possibilities Education Center. Registration is not required, and this highly popular event is open to the public. Preregistration will only be available with Master the Possibilities staff and volunteers during the event. Registration will open online, by phone, and in person on Thursday, Nov. 16. This is an event you don't want to miss.

This does not mean that Master the Possibilities will have no other classes or events for the remainder of this year. The month of November alone has more than 150 scheduled courses that are being offered. One of our visiting speakers, Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox, is speaking about "Election Readiness for 2024" on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in Live Oak Hall. This free event does require registration for attendance. Wilcox will be speaking to the crowd about Florida voting laws, what voting options Marion County residents have for the upcoming elections and speak about the new election legislation. He will also talk about voter registration and what a person may need to do to update registration information.

A columnist for the Daytona Beach News-Journal, Mark Lane, is our second visiting speaker this month who will be talking on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. about "What Kind of Pie Are We: The Political Hunt for State Symbols." His presentation will include historical events, some light-hearted and funny, that have been proposed and approved, and possibly appointed in the state of Florida that has helped define this state. How was the state's official fruit selected? What about the tree, song, or bird? Attend this presentation to learn about all of these, and sometimes obscure, facts about our great state of Florida. Cost for this presentation is \$8 for members and \$13 for the general public.

Because of the many offerings happening at our Education Center this month, I do not have enough column space to mention them all. Please visit masterthepossibilities.org for the latest and greatest happenings at Master the Possibilities, where we strive to "Always"

Be a Student."

Finding Zen

Christina Shearer info@sholompark.org



The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is just around the corner. Let Sholom Park help you escape the stress of holiday traffic, long shopping lines, and the never-ending to-do list.

Find Zen in the Sholom Park Zen Garden. Enter this sacred space in search of peace and tranquility. Allow the calming ripples and waves of the Zen ocean to still your mind and soothe your soul. Use the interactive raking garden to help calm your overactive mind or meditation areas to help you find your Zen through quiet meditation.

Take a physical, spiritual, or meditative walk along the winding pathway of the Sholom Park labyrinth. Stop alongside the twenty-three points of reflection to help clear your mind by absorbing the sights and sounds of nature around you. As you exit, leave your anxiety, or worry behind and re-enter your day, week, or month with a new perspective.

There are more than 75 park benches placed throughout the park. You'll find a few tucked away off the main walkways providing a secluded and quiet space. Find your peaceful space to re-

flect, pray, or read without distractions, and let the peace and solace of nature surround you.

We invite you to enjoy not only the natural and peaceful surroundings of Sholom Park but also experience the educational, cultural, and entertaining events hosted this November. Enjoy an evening of live music at our Park After Dark All-American Music Tour featuring the sounds of Louisville, Kentucky with Remedy Tree, a modern bluegrass band with lyric-driven songs, foot-stomping energy, and heartwarming melodies on Thursday, Nov. 16.

You may also discover a deeper, more conscious relationship with nature through the practice of sound bathing with Ida Covi, an ecopsychologist, and the CEO of iRewild Institute at our monthly L.E.A.F. Series on Friday, Nov. 18. For more information or to register,

REPLACEMENT CAR DECALS

Bring your car, resident ID, auto registration and \$10.

Resident Services 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday No decals issued during inclement weather.

Resident Services is closed daily from noon to 1 p.m.

visit sholompark.org.

Sholom Park continues its quest to bring unique musical and cultural experiences to the Park After Dark concert series with live entertainment and food representing the heritage of some of the best-known musical cities throughout the United States. Stay tuned to our website and social media for information on the next three stops of the All-American Music Tour featuring Chicago, Illinois, Memphis, Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana. The new winter 2024 entertainment details will all be released, and registration will open on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

GOLF CART REGISTRATION

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

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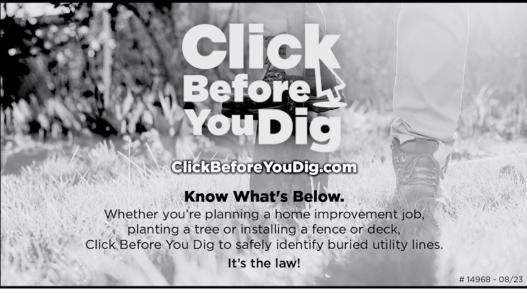


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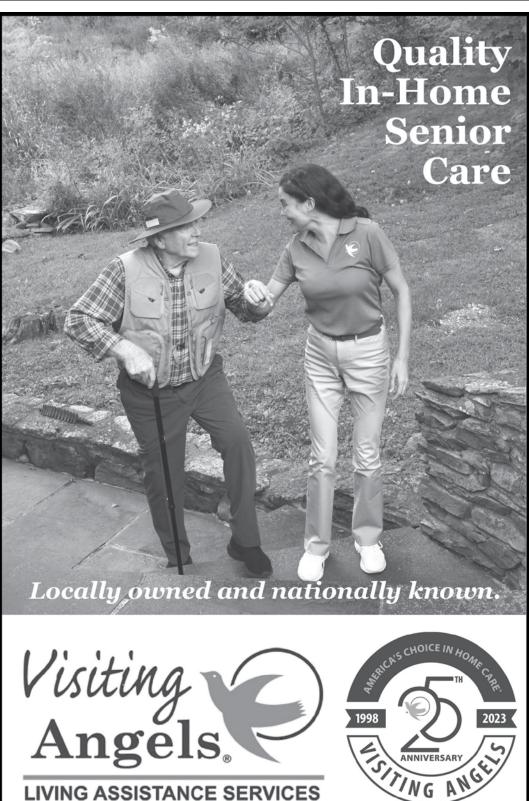
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Recreation



Upcoming events and news will now be featured in one column and listed by each individual community center.

Holiday Hours

All recreation buildings will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 22, until 2 p.m., and closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a happy holiday!

Stay in the Know

Additional event/trip details are available 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).

Community News

Pools are open from 8 a.m. to dusk. A resident ID is required to enter and exit pool gates. Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times. Please be sure the gates are closed 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 and the Recreation Center pool do not allow the possession or the consumption of alcoholic beverages not purchased through the facility licensee at On Top of the World per Florida state laws

Recreation Center

Mecum Auction*

Tuesday, Nov. 14, tickets (\$47 per person) for a trip to Mecum Auction go on sale. Mecum Auction is the world leader in collector and classic cars, vintage and antique motorcycles and road art sales. Mecum is host to the world's largest collector car auction held in Kissimmee, Florida. If you like auctions and collector/classic cars, this is an event you won't want to miss. There will be a lot of territory to cover as you walk around and browse the different auction vehicles. When you are ready to relax, you'll be able to sit down and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of high-intensity bidding and see what some of those dream vehicles will sell for on the auction block. This trip takes place Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024. Tickets include transportation and admission only.

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:

- Nov. 3: Rear View Mirror
- Nov. 10: 3 For the Road+1
 Nov. 17: Roaring '20s wi
- · Nov. 17: Roaring '20s with Kathleen Kane

Pavilion Happy Hour

Pavilion Happy Hour takes place every Friday, and again on Sunday, Nov 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. with live entertainment. The lineup is as follows:

- Friday, Nov. 3: Tony MachicoteFriday, Nov. 10: Robert France
- Sunday, Nov. 10: Robert France
 Sunday, Nov. 12: Dynamic Duo
- Sunday, Nov. 12: Dynamic DuoFriday, Nov. 17: Double Trouble

Tropic Trivia*

Tropic Trivia is a blast every first Thursday of the month in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m.

October

1: Bold & Brassy; 2: Bon Jovi; 3: Just for Fun.

Karaoke

Singing is always fun! Karaoke is held every second Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m.

New Year's Eve Party*

Purchase your tickets now before they are gone – \$50 per resident and \$55 per guest attending with a resident.

The party of the year takes place Sunday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Ring in the New Year to music by Crossfire and a pasta dinner.

*To register, visit the Recreation Center office between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-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 when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by a resident.

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The Lodge at Candler Hills

Social Night

Social Night is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. Come join us in this bring-your-own-beverage event. Light appetizers (while supplies last) and tunes by Long White Cloud will be provided. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident.

Friendsgiving*

Join us Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. for a feast with your friends and entertainment by Prestine Allen. We are providing the meat. Attendees are asked to bring a covered side dish to share. Friendsgiving tickets are on sale through Friday, Nov 3. Tickets are \$14 per resident and \$17 per guest attending with a resident.

Lobby Music

There will be music in the lobby Saturday, Nov. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of relaxation. Bring your own drinks, snacks and sit back and enjoy the sounds by Ben Simmons.

Winter Cocktail Party*

Sip, sip hurray on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Gilly and The Girl. Enjoy mudslides, Irish coffees, light appetizers and more. Tickets on sale now and are \$17 per resident and \$19 per guest.

Girls Night Out

Bring your beverages and appetizer to Girls Night Out and have fun dancing with Tim Hargis on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 5 to 8 pm.

Holiday Party Sing Along

The Holiday Party Sing Along is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring an unwrapped child's gift as your admission to this event. Come enjoy some holiday treats, eggnog, and hot chocolate. Sing along to your favorite holiday songs with Dan Flok.

Kocktails & Karaoke

Sing your heart out every fourth Thursday of the month. Bring your own beverages and snacks. Enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with Charlie and Kathy in the Ballroom on Thursday, Dec. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free for residents and \$5 for guests, who must be accompanied by a resident.

New Year's Eve Party*

Tickets are \$25 per resident and \$30 per guest and are on sale now! 2024 is right around the corner. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024 with friends and neighbors on Sunday, Dec. 31. Dance all night to the sounds of Rear View Mirror. Bring your favorite beverages and snacks to this all-night affair from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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

The Landing

Happy Hour

Join your friends and neighbors Saturday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. Sal and the Gal will be your entertainment. Bring your own drinks and snacks to enjoy. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest.

Tag Sale

Our annual tag sale will take place Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

in The Landing Ballroom.

Poolside Entertainment

Relax in the sun and enjoy live entertainment with Cherokee on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. This event is free for residents and \$5 per guest.

Social Hour

Don't miss live entertainment by Linda Sisco on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is free for residents and \$5 per guest.

Trivia*

Trivia will begin in January 2024. Signups will begin Tuesday, Nov. 14. Seating is limited. We look forward to making it happen again next year.

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

Indigo East Community Center

Trivia*

Trivia will take place Monday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Trivia is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with a resident.

Friendsgiving*

Friendsgiving is Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$13 per resident and \$16 per guest. Bring your favorite dish and Fresh Plates Creative Catering will provide turkey, ham, and gravy. Enjoy live music by Ben Simmons and bring your own beverages.

Karaoke

Karaoke is Thursday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.





Social Hour

Social Hour will take place Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. Linda Sisco will be our entertainer. Bring your beverage of choice and enjoy light horsd' oeuvres (while supplies last). This is a free event for residents and \$5 per guest.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is every Friday (unless otherwise noted and weather permitting) at the Indigo East Fitness Center pool pavilion. Entertainment lineup is as follows:

- Nov. 3: Kathleen Kane
- Nov 10: Sal and the GalNov. 17: Debbie Owen and Tony T

*To register, visit the Indigo East office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident IDs must be presented at all times and when purchasing tickets. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.



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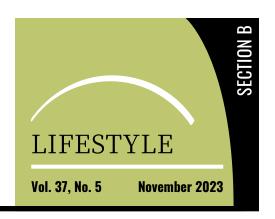
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'Tis the Giving Season

By Gail Morris

Randie Duretz from Twilight Wish Foundation joined our October meeting, sharing with our members the foundation's mission to honor and enrich the lives of seniors through intergenerational Twilight Wish celebrations. The foundation's goal is the granting of wishes to economically disadvantaged seniors over age 65 who cannot make their own dreams come true or are permanent members of an eldercare facility. Wishes would vary from simple needs as a lift chair to "living life to the fullest" like riding a motorcycle or having a book published.

This national not-for-profit organization was founded in 2003 and invites seniors to apply to get their wish granted. Randie shared several granted wishes from arranging to have a "sock hop" with a known D.J. for residents at a care facility to bringing in a penguin to a facility for a resident to pet. It's their goal to fulfill a seniors wish no matter how great or small and of course Randie did mention that donating your time, talent or funds to Twilight Wish Foundation is a great way to get involved.

Oct. 6 through 8 was 2023's National Faith and Blue Weekend, a nationwide movement to honor our men and women who serve and protect us, during which the Lions Club paid tribute to our local Marion County Sheriff's Office on SR200 with meal gift cards that can be enjoyed at their convenience. Officer Cynthia Strickland is seen here receiving the gift from Lions John "Moses" Morris and Barbara Scales.

The Thanksgiving meal volunteers, headed by Charlie Hassett, are getting prepared to gather, assemble and package 60 bags with the contents of an entire Thanksgiving meal from turkey to dessert. The volunteers are asking for donations of the specific foods needed to create the meal from many of our supporters, including Publix, Osteen's produce, and Rising Harvest. The deliveries will be made the week of Nov. 13 so there is no time to waste.

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again. The Lion's Club is partnering with Toys for Tots collecting gifts for those children less likely to receive a gift this holiday season. The tree is in the lobby of the Recreation Center with all the tags ready for the taking. The tree is set up the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. Take a tag, return an unwrapped gift for the girl or boy you selected and leave it under the tree. Our Lion elves will gather the toys on a regular basis and deliver them to Toys for Tots.

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



Photo by Gail Morris

Donation to Marion County Sheriff's Office presented by Lion Moses, Officer Cynthia Strickland and Lion Barbara.

2023-2024 board members of the Genealogical Society are Becky, Beth, Deb. Mary-Pat. Sid. Wilma, and Paul.

Roots Run Deep

By Ron Niebo

Congratulations to the newly elected 2023-2024 officers of the Genealogical Society. The unanimously elected officers are Paul Belter, president; Mary-Pat Luvison, secretary; and Beth Vaudo,

Following the election of the officers on Monday, Oct. 16, the members also unanimously ratified the president's appointment of committee chairs. The chairs are Sid Levine, education; Wilma Kelley, membership; Becky Queen, nominating; and Deb Baker, publicity. These officers and chairs will now form the board and guide the Genealogical Society over the next year.

Please note the office of vice president is vacant. Any member wishing to serve in this role may self-nominate at a meeting.

On Monday, Oct. 16, following the election, we held an educational meeting where members discussed research issues stymieing their genealogy efforts. Solutions offered included techniques for contacting and/or accessing foreign genealogy archives, religious organizations, social societies, unions, and businesses organizations. The suggestions also highlighted how key information can be found by expanding the researched individuals to include FAN members (family/friends, associates, and neighbors). Researching individuals clustered around your ancestors can often result in finding useful genealogy information.

The next educational meeting is Monday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room (and via Zoom). Member Joy McPheeters will lead us in discussing family history books and re-searching "common" names. The book she will use as her example is "Geneal-

ogy of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown." Joy's name is listed ... is yours? Come and find out.

Photo by Ronald Niebo

In September's educational meeting, guest speaker Karen Fortin, genealogist and historian, reviewed information contained in death certificates. Example certificates she used were from Attleboro, Massachusetts for 1918 to1920. During that period, the dominant causes listed were Lobar pneumonia and Spanish flu. Interestingly, one of my New Jersey ancestors passed in 1918 and that certificate only listed Lobar pneumonia. An unconfirmed family rumor was the cause should have included Spanish flu. I questioned Karen on this dual reference, and she responded that her research showed coroners typically assigned Lobar pneumonia when referring to Spanish flu. However, coroners sparingly used the term Spanish flu as many considered it a common nonmedical reference that was simply too vague or even derogatory. Hurray, case closed. My family rumor is confirmed!

The Genealogical Society holds friendly meetings focused on assisting genealogical investigations. Meetings are both in-person and via Zoom on the third Monday every month in the Hobby Building Event Room from 10 a.m. to noon. During these meetings, there are open discussions, special interest group sessions, and a designated timeslot reserved for a guest genealogist to review a specific area of interest.

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

Triker Shatters Her Goal

By Ray Cech **World News Writer**

We all love a success story, and here's one for the record books. In the September issue of the World News, we were introduced to Barbara Pukstas. Barbara was entering the Great Cycle Challenge, a fundraising event that takes place every September to raise money for research hospitals working to find a cure for children's cancer.

In 2022, Barbara rode her tricycle 47 miles and raised \$408. "This year," she said, "I think I can do a lot better — I' m

setting a target of \$500."
"Can do better?" You bet she did better. On the last day of September, Barbara Pukstas rode in the rain and finished the Great Cycle Challenge with more than 500 miles on her trike - and she raised \$2,832.

Barbara was 40th in the state in money raised and 82nd in miles ridden.

Besides the rewarding feeling of success, Barbara said that her every day rides were great fun, "especially when so many people would come out to wave and cheer me on. They would stop me and hand me checks or cash, and enthusiastically say, "Keep it up." Often, they would call out, "How much are you up to?" I would tell them, and they would clap and cheer. On those mornings when I wasn't feeling particularly fit, it was their spirit that motivated me. I would then straighten up and dance on those pedals with new-found energy. I thank them all for their wonderful support."

Great job, Barbara! Keep on trikin'!



Barbara Pukstas finished the Great Cycle Challenge with more than 500 miles on her trike.

Birders' Beat

Linda Monaco



On Wednesday, Nov. 29, the birders will be traveling to Gainesville, Florida, to visit Sweetwater Wetlands Park. The city recharge park is a 125-acre habitat consisting of wetlands and ponds that was created to improve the water quality in the Floridan Aquifer and Paynes Prairie. In the park there are 3.5 miles of crushed gravel trails, wooden boardwalks and wildlife viewing platforms. There is very little shade in this park. The wetland park is located at 325 SW Williston Road, Gainesville, Florida and is open from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 per car self-pay entry fee.

This park is a thriving ecosystem with a wide variety of plant, animal, and insect species. It's a great place to view birds such as red-winged blackbirds, kites, hawks, limpkins, herons, ducks, grackles, coots, and gallinules. During our last visit in April, we were delighted

to find the rushes filled with bobolinks. When walking through the park, visitors usually see plenty of alligators and are sometimes treated to an up-close view of the wild Florida cracker horses which sometimes munch on the grass while blocking the trail. It is important to stay a safe distance from these animals.

If you would like to join the group for this trip to Sweetwater Wetlands Park on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 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. Our lunch restaurant will be the 43rd Street Deli.

Before we leave the parking area at Friendship Center, printed driving directions will be distributed for both destinations. The park and restaurant are approximately a 45-minute drive from On Top of the World. Plan to wear comfortable shoes and bring your hat, binoculars, sunscreen, water, camera, and bug spray. We hope you can join us on this adventure to a favorite area birding hotspot.



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We recently had Tina Reid from Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) come and tell us about the many services that they provide for people in need. We have decided to donate every month to IES. In addition to food, personal products are needed including diapers, ra-

Center Dance Studios I-II. We meet on

zors, deodorant, even dog and cat food and cat litter. Another thing that is needed are packs of instant dry milk as some people have cereal but no access to refrigerated milk.

Some months one of the members of our group shares their story of how the Lord has worked in their life. This is always a special part of the program that gives us hope and encouragement.

So, I hope you will join us for our next potluck. We start at 11:30 a.m. but we ask that you arrive by 11:15 a.m. so that we can start on time. Iced tea, lemonade, and water are provided. No reservations are needed! Hope to see you **SPCA** of **Marion County**

Melanie Vittitow



Thank you to all who inquired about Bentley, our dog featured in last month's column. He has found a new home with a family who already has a Boston terrier for him to play with. Happy days for

I wish we had another great dog to post this month, but we don't have a shelter, and without volunteers to foster a pup until we can find their new forever home, we are limited in the number of pets we can accept. If you would like to share your home with a pet (or another pet) for a short while with no financial responsibility, fostering may be just the thing for you. Call us if you are considering this and want to know more (352-362-0985) or come to our next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. at the Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street, Ocala, Florida 34481.

My topic for this month's column is coyotes. I see posts about spotting them in our community and want to dispel some myths and fears. We see an influx whenever their habitat is taken over by buildings. It happened when the Publix was built. Then again with Bridgewater Park and the new hotel. They are just trying to find new places to live. It won't help to round them up, new populations will just move in. They are very adaptable and can and do eat most anything.

But we cannot and must not feed them. This includes leaving pet food outside, putting garbage bags on the ground by the dumpsters, letting fruit remain on the ground from fruit trees (this is one reason they are no longer allowed to be planted), and keeping seeds in bird feeders. If they can't find food around your house, they'll move on. Small dogs and cats could be vulnerable if left alone but will be safe if by your side.

Nights, dawn, and dusk are when they are most active so just be alert, but don't be afraid. Coyotes have an innate fear of humans and are timid, so they will usually move away from people and any pets that are close to their person. If you feel threatened, make noises, wave your arms, or carry a horn to scare them away. Never try to interact with a coyote. You want them to stay wild and leery of humans. Treat them with the respect and caution you would show to any wild animal and there should be no problem. I'm not telling you to be blasé about encountering a coyote, just be cautious and not frightened.

Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem by helping to keep the rodent and rabbit populations in control. So, let's be cautious, but calm, and live and let live. (I got this information from a pamphlet from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.)

Until next month remember, "Pets re not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole.

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Christian Women's Group





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Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell



The German legacy in Texas started in 1830. By 1990 Texans who claimed pure or partial German ancestry accounted for 17.5% of the Texas population. The fall festival known as Oktoberfest is celebrated by Texas-Germans and others in more than two dozen cities in Texas.

We had our own "Oktoberfest EZ" last month. With German folk music playing in the background, we dined on sauerkraut and kielbasa, pretzel dogs, beets, German potato salad, pretzels and beer cheese dip, roast chicken, noodle pudding, apple strudel, fruit, German chocolate cake, and both ginger and spice flavored cookies.

A big thanks go to our food providers: Darlene Stevens, Kathie Lamoureux, Donna Abel, Lesley Casey, Peggy Taylor, Kathy Cornell, Sue Zanazzi, Beverly Moreau, Cerese Buckler, Judy Marquis, and Theresa Dougherty. After such a grand feast the only activity we could manage was some group participation Oktoberfest and Texas-German trivia. My brain is still in a bit of a food coma, and I can't even remember our answers, but I do remember that we had a good time.

For our next meeting we're all looking forward to a presentation by Dee Collier. She is a former teacher who uses her experience, creativity, and acting skills to bring female historical figures to life. We'll be treated to her presentation of Annie Oakley. Annie was a sharpshooter, international performer and the first American female superstar. Annie has a Texas connection, having been inducted into the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

Our meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II starting at 6 p.m. You can mosey in after 5:30 p.m.

This is a "bring a snack to share" type gathering. Please contribute an easy appetizer, munchy, or dessert for the group and bring your preferred beverage for yourself. Alcohol is now allowed in the facility. A 50/50 drawing helps fund our activities. If participating in that, small bills are appreciated.

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.

New York/New Jersey Club Eileen Stewart

Well, sports fans, it was a tough week one for some of the New York teams. The Giants lost to the Cowboys and the Bills lost to the Jets. Jets fans are happy, but some fans hope for better days ahead.

In September, we christened our new location and time with a "welcome aboard" pizza party. A big thank you to the Ukulele Club for providing entertainment. We met new friends and caught up with others.

We would like to remind everyone that the club meets on the third Tuesday

of the month at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios at 6 p.m. This venue allows for more social participation and a broader range of activities. Also, alcohol is permitted (bring your own).

All new members will be required to pay \$5 for the remainder of the year. All members will pay their \$10 dues in Janu-

The New York/New Jersey Club is a great opportunity to meet new friends, get reacquainted, and have a fun evening out. Activities for the year will include parties, chili cookoff, square dancing, karaoke, holiday celebrations, golf cart poker run, and tailgating.

Feel free to contact Brian McDonald our club president at 518-253-2046

or cp12065@gmail.com.



Pennsylvania Club

Lacinda Hobbs



At the Pennsylvania Club meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11, the club members enjoyed an Oktoberfest-themed potluck provided by the members. A guest speaker from the Marion County Sheriff's Office updated members on crime trends, data, safety, and prevention.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio Studios III-IV. The food theme is Thanksgiving. Guest speaker Loretta Shaffer from the Marion County Board of County Commissioners will be sharing information regarding Ocala and Marion County. There will also be a drawing for 50/50 and door prizes.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR Pick up after your pet.

The Jewish Club

Bruce Kanner



With the Jewish High Holy Day behind us, the Jewish Club is ready for its next meeting Sunday, Nov. 19, at 12:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. Robert Colen will present a look at one of the hidden gems of Ocala and On Top of the World – Sholom Park. Guests are welcome to check us out.

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



Get ready for the Scandinavian American Club's holiday celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Arbor Activity Center Event Room from 1 to 3 p.m. This meeting will be for both November and December.

We plan to have a real Scandinavian smorgasbord where every member brings a dish to pass for a terrific Christmas and Thanksgiving celebration. This will be a time for sharing our Scandinavian Christmas customs and culture with mementos and stories from Scandinavia

What a great opportunity for comradery and fellowship, trading stories and pictures of the past, and dreaming of the future as Scandinavian Americans.

Whether you have a Scandinavian background or not, if you feel Scandinavian, join us for the fun. For more information contact Arlene Chilcott at chilcottarlene21@gmail.com.

Joy in the Mourning

Deb Thompson



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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, a guest from the wait list will be asked if they are still in-

terested in attending the trip.

To update our trips to the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater - tickets for "White Christmas" have sold out. Sharon Stetson is taking names for a wait list for the Saturday, Dec. 16 performance. Her number is 207-838-377. Diane Knox (352-390-2386) is taking 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).

Other trips that Travel Toppers has organized are as follows:

Linda Hein is taking reservations for

the Broadway Show of "Moulin Rouge" at the Straz Theater in Tampa. We are attending a 2 p.m. performance on Feb. 8, 2024. The cost is \$114 per person. Linda can be reached at 352-861-9880.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 13, Lisa Adams will be taking reservations for Cirque Du Soleil's production "Bazaar." We will go to a 1 p.m. show on March 3, 2024, under the Big Top in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$108 per person. Lisa can be reached at 407-325-9863.

The Tampa Bay Downs trip had to be rescheduled to March 2, 2024. Gail Ambrose will begin taking reservations Jan. 8, 2024. Her number is 954-614-0898. The price has yet to be deter-

A Mount Dora boat cruise on Lake Dora and 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.

All these trips include the event, transportation, and tip for the driver. Only two tickets may be reserved and paid for by check only. Any guests you may want to invite will be placed on a wait list. All tickets are nonrefundable unless there is a wait list.

Trips sponsored by Travel Toppers Tours are open only to residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Any non-resident who participates must be a guest of a resident club member. Please visit traveltopperstours.com for upto-date information about our current trips/tours.

Eco Gardeners

Phil Karcheski



October started on a positive note for the Eco Gardeners. Eco Gardeners at the SW 99th Street Garden were busy taking advantage of the cooler weather. We were busy cleaning out our plots, pulling weeds, adding compost. We started planting seeds and transplants, putting in a variety of vegetables and flowers to attract pollinators to our gardens.

Seed planting recommendations for November from the UF/IFAS includes carrots, bunching onions, English peas, radishes, and turnips. Transplant recommendations are arugula, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, endive, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, and Swiss chard.

Lynne Nobles, from IFAS/UF, made a presentation to the club at the October meeting. Lynne identified the services that can be provided by IFAS/UF through their Marion County Extension Office.

These include speakers on a multitude of garden topics, and garden soil testing analysis at the University of Florida test lab in Gainesville. The soil analysis includes the soil Ph, nutrients contained in the soil and recommendations based on your intended plantings.

My column this month is shorter than normal because it is still October, and I am very busy in my garden. As I write this, I have already transplanted squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes. The seeds I have planted include beans, carrots, and salad greens. I am relishing the taste of cucumbers, salad greens and other fresh vegetables that I have harvested some from my garden.

When buying transplants, I recommend buying from local nurseries. The local nurseries are not always cheaper but their plants are typically grown locally, therefore are acclimated to our growing zone.

If you have not started your garden yet, check out the November planting recommendations above and get your hands dirty. Growing vegetables is a hobby. You can harvest the fruits of your endeavor and it beats therapy and work.

Around the World Vacation Club

Ina Kline



Join our Facebook page (Around the World Vacation Club). You can also join by attending our monthly meetings.

Around the World Vacation Club is for people who like to travel, share travel trips, enjoy listening to experienced speakers, travel trivia and door prizes.

We have been vacationing and now we are back and ready to have our November meeting. At our last meeting Kathy Cohen joined us to share her experience on her land vacation to Greece. She showed amazing pictures. Kathy told us about the Greek islands she visited and their history. Her presentation was so good it was like being on vacation with her. She even gave us some tips on what to do when traveling to Greece. One example was watch out for the taxi drivers in Athens. They like to give a higher price than the going rate. Make sure you know what the rates are before stepping into a cab.

A group of us recently came back from our Around the World Vacation Club cruise to the British Isles. It was a wonderful trip. We visited Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, and Amsterdam. We hope to share with you some of the tips we learned when traveling to these places.

Charlie and Fran Calhoun went on a MSC cruise for the first time in October. They enjoyed it so much that they have already booked another one going to Greece and Italy in May. We are thinking about doing a group trip on this cruise for the club.

Our plan is to brainstorm at our next

R/C LadyBirds

Linda Lohr



Several LadyBirds enjoyed a concert by Kingdom of the Sun at the auditorium of Marion Technical Institute on Saturday, Sept. 30. It was a great outing and, if you didn't attend, you missed a great concert.

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

Keep an eye out for emails regarding outings and luncheons that will be set up in the future.

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. We meet the second Friday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the 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!

GOING OUT OF TOWN?

View or download a PDF of the World News at ontopoftheworldnews.com/ocala. meeting on where to plan new trips for 2024. We hope many will attend, because we want to look for places you want to go to.

We are looking forward to our next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9. Meetings are held every second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Please text or call Ina Kline at 301-728-9541 for information about our trips and club.

Trips, meetings, and membership is open to residents. There is no cost to join our club. Resident ID or Gateway of Services pass must be presented at each meeting. Travel agents are not permitted to be members or attend meeting.

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Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

The October Southern Club meeting was well attended, and we were happy to welcome several new members and guests. As I have stated previously, any resident is welcome. 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. Our dues are \$10 per member per year. If you haven't been before, you will need to show your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass. We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. We start with our dinner at 5:30 p.m., so we ask everyone to get there a few minutes early to check in and get their drinks. We furnish coffee, tea (unsweet as well as the southern staple of sweet tea) and lemonade. Our members bring a dish to share. We always end up with a great assortment of salads, veggies, meat, casseroles and of course, desserts! After dinner, we usually have some entertainment but occasionally enjoy a game or challenge. We close with our short business meeting and a 50/50 drawing for those who feel

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, we were entertained by the Dancing Jewels, a group of residents who love to dance and to share their passion with others. Their routines are lively and varied, as you can tell from a few that they performed for us. (Waikiki Cowboy, Feel like a Woman, and Tiny Bubbles!) Their lively dances and whimsical costumes were fun and enjoyable. We thank them for coming.

We don't have a meeting in November since the first Tuesday is election day and the rooms are a voting precinct. But we will make up for it in December with our holiday feast. The club furnishes turkey and ham, and the members bring their favorite holiday side dishes. More on that next month.

Until then, I hope you have a great fall and happy Thanksgiving. If I can answer any questions you may have about the Southern Club, please call me at 352-615-8997.



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The Dancing Jewels performed five dances for the Southern Club.





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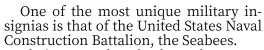
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Rhode Island Group

Judy Parisi



Their roots date back to the 1940s. During their early years, to assist with recruitment, they needed an insignia, and they turned to Rhode Islander Frank Infrate to create it. The insignia is a bee wearing a Navy hat, carrying a tommy gun, and equipped with construction tools – a hammer and a wrench.

The Seabee's work was critical in the European theatre specifically the D-Day Invasion. They along with the Army Corps of Engineers were among the first to land on Normandy to destroy the steel and concrete barriers the Germans built against amphibious landings. They established pontoon causeways enabling troops and equipment to charge ashore and manned ferries called Rhinos that



Seabee statue.

brought men and equipment from the

larger ships to the shore.

The initial training of the Seabees was at Camp Endicott in Rhode Island. While in Rhode Island, they worked on an advanced base proving ground in Allens Harbor where they developed and built pontoons used in all landings since. They improved upon the ancient pontoon bridge with standardized watertight boxes developing a pontoon that could be used for bridges, piers, wharfs, and causeways. Its first test was Operation Husky, the invasion of Scaly in July

Their main work however, during the war, was in the Pacific Theater where they built major airstrips, piers, ammunition magazines, warehouses, hospitals, and housing. One of their first jobs was in Bora Bora where they constructed airstrips and sea refueling bases for warships. They endured tropical disease, questionable food, incessant rain and primitive facilities.

Throughout the Cold War, they supported combat operations in Korea and Vietnam. They built and paved roads, laid sewer lines, and water mains, built airfields and harbor facilities and converted old buildings for new uses. The Seabees were also involved in Operation Deep Freeze, a series of missions started in 1955 in Antarctica in support of scientific research.

In addition to working out of Davis-ville, Rhode Island, they later established bases, Port Hueneme in California and a base in Gulfport, Mississippi to support operations in the Pacific and Caribbean.

After the Cold War, Seabees have been involved in multinational peacekeeping operations including supporting fleet hospitals. They provide critical support for humanitarian operations. They presently serve under the Naval Expeditionary Combat Command.

In 2017 they celebrated their 75th anniversary. Their motto is "Construimus Batuimus," "We Build, We Fight," and carry the slogan, "Can Do."

If your travels take you to Rhode Island, a visit to the Seabee Museum in North Kingstown is a must see.

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.



Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

Approximately 75 people, many new residents from the Mitten State, joined in to celebrate Oktoberfest, enjoying the sounds of Andy Cheyne and his Hwy 94 Band who played throughout the evening. Many chose to dance after the meal or stayed to listen to the band. The potluck included a wide array of salads and authentic German dishes, desserts, and a main course of fried chicken from

The club is proud that its membership represents every county in the Mitten state. It's like a little bit of home as members share memories and current vacation stories about their home state. There is no fee to join the Michigan club. Just having some ties to the state qualifies membership.

Fourteen volunteers stepped up to form a new Michigan Club hospitality steering committee, bringing with them many great ideas and skills to take this expanding club to the next level. Nancy Meininger is thrilled to have this group

Sunday, Nov. 5 brings another popular performer to the group, Dee Collier. She is a talented historical actress, who cleverly portrays her subject in full costume as she walks throughout the room. The spotlight this meeting is on her as Rosy the Riveter with a nod to the AFL-CIO and hats off to all the women who have played such an important role in the American economy.

The potluck theme for this meeting "pie day" and members are encouraged to bring pies of all types - pizza pie, shepherd's pie, taco pie, chicken pot pie, empanada pie and of course, Michigan cherry pie, apple pie, peach pie and more! If your name begins with A-M, plan to bring a dinner pie, and from N to Z bring a dessert pie.

Also, all attendees are asked to bring their personal table setups (plates, cup, silverware and napkin) and beverage of

We will be taking more Michigan Club shirt orders at this meeting. We have had several requests for the forest green shirts with embroidered Michigan Club logos.

The club's holiday party this year will not be on the first Sunday of December.

Instead, it will be at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. The event will be catered by the Breakfast Station and will have a Mexican theme with colorful pinatas and a full taco bar. No need to bring your table setups. The caterer will provide everything. Music will be provided by the popular North Loop 4Tet. Tickets for this event will be \$11 and will be available at the November meeting.

Coming up Jan. 7, 2024, former NASA engineer, Carl Schneider will give us the inside scoop on how the space program really got started, complete with slides and boots on the ground knowledge. Be sure to put this on next year's calendar!

For more information about the Michigan Club, please call or text Nancy Meininger, 352-554-0757.

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



Our presenter for Thursday, Oct. 5, was Cathy Lewandowski. She taught us to make a waterfall card, a side die cut card, and a buckle card. All cards can be adapted for any occasion.

We thank Cathy for supplying all the instructions, dies, punches, embossing folders, and inks necessary to complete the 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'!



Cards presented by Cathy Lewandowski.



Michigan Club members enjoyed listening and dancing to the music of Andy Cheyne and his Hwy 94 Band at the club's Oktoberfest.









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Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



computerclub.org website gives lots of great information about our group. Privacy and digital security play an important part in our daily lives, whether we think about it or not. As we travel with cellular connections and then go into buildings with open Wi-Fi networks,

it begs the question, which is safer? We are using our mobile devices for email and text messages, banking or shopping online, and bouncing around the internet, possibly at the wrong time or in the wrong physical place.

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Security is more in terms of hackers being able to find you, so now you need to concern yourself with your chosen connection. Since Wi-Fi needs a router, modem, and internet service provider (ISP) to provide a wireless connection, the ISP can see anything you are doing online. A closed network requires a password, like at home or work. Open networks found in public places let you join it for "free" — but don't be fooled, since now they could have access to your privacy and security. Can you spot the hacker sitting two tables down and on the left? One homework tip is to make sure your mobile device setting is listed to not automatically join open networks!

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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 oneon-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.

Tech Tips

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Third-party streaming devices are becoming increasingly popular among consumers. However, using these devices can pose a significant risk to your privacy and security. According to a report by the Industry Trust for IP Awareness, over 2.7 million illegal streamers had their devices infected with viruses last year. In addition, over 1.5 million illegal streamers had their money stolen because of watching illegal streams.

The risks associated with third-party streaming devices are not limited to malware and financial theft. These devices can also expose you to other vulnerabilities such as data leaks, compliance and regulatory violations, and man-in-themiddle attacks.

It is important to note that not all third-party streaming devices are illegal. Streaming hardware devices like settop-boxes or Amazon Firesticks/Google Chromecasts in their unaltered form are legal. However, many of these devices are being modified and then sold with unauthorized add-ons pre-installed that allow people to access, stream, and watch copyrighted content illegally.

To protect yourself from the hazards of using third-party streaming devices, it is recommended that you only use authorized streaming services. These services have strict security measures in place to protect your privacy and security. In addition, they offer a wide range of legal and safe content to watch.

Taking precautions such as using a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to add extra security to your online data is important. However, it is against the vast majority of streaming platforms' terms of service to use a VPN to unlock content specifically unavailable within your own country.

In conclusion, while third-party streaming devices may seem like an attractive option for accessing content, they come with significant risks. To protect yourself from these hazards, it is recommended that you only use authorized streaming services or take necessary precautions when using third-party streaming devices.

Women of the World

Colleen Rocafort



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.

In October, our featured speaker was Kerry Elkins, museum specialist of the Appleton Museum of Art. She presented an overview of the history of the museum, their current exhibits, and upcoming exhibits. With the holiday season approaching, you don't want to miss A Dickens Christmas: The Urban Family's Holiday Exhibition on display from Nov. 4 through Jan. 7, 2024. This is one of Ocala's best holiday traditions, adorning the first floor of the museum in full holiday cheer. Kerry also reminded us that admission to the museum is free on the first Saturday of each month.

Program, which provides essential needs for underprivileged youth in our community. The Rock rooms are located within several middle and high schools in Marion and Lake County. Classrooms are being converted as part of the "Empowered of Central Florida" initiative. These rooms offer students in need necessities such as school supplies, food, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, clothing and even washers and dryers to do their laundry so they are properly prepared for a day of learning. The Rock provides for about 250 students each day.

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Our monthly meetings are normally scheduled for the third Thursday of the month at the Recreation Center Ballroom starting at noon, but please note that this month we will be meeting on the second Thursday, Nov. 9, due to the availability of the Recreation Center

At our Nov. 9 meeting, we will be entertained by Gwen Templeton, a standup comedian and emcee from Ocala. Gwen began her comedy career at The Comedy Zone in Jacksonville, Florida. She writes customized comedy for special interest groups and has experience in the medical field, childbirth, physician practices, natural hormone replacement, recreational boating, real estate, animal rescue, ethnic humor, aging, real estate, 55 and over lifestyle, divorce, alternative lifestyles, childcare, etc.

For November, our featured charity is H.U.G.S. (heartfelt, unconditional giving to assist lives affected by cancer). This non-profit organization provides temporary assistance to cancer patients who are experiencing financial hardship. The creation of the H.U.G.S. Patient Assistance Program is spearheaded by a team of dedicated local law enforcement, firefighters, and H.U.G.S members who are focused on the common goal of gaps in the assistance of patients and families facing the diagnosis of cancer. Their needs are gift cards for gas and groceries.

The club is open to all women residents. 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, Nov. 9, or give Betty Thayer, club president a call at 352-361-1313.

Silver Rainbow Club

Jeanne Bennett-Bailey



We are a welcoming and affirming group open to all. We are LGBTQ+ allies providing a safe space to gather, socialize, and enjoy each other's company. We meet the third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. From July through December, 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 SilverRainbow-Club.com, and our Facebook page (Silver Rainbow Club).

We hope to see you soon!



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Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Di Paolo



eclipse.
Jim Di Paolo, club president, wasn't on hand for the meeting since Jim and another club member Cathy Clinton, went to witness the launch of the SpaceX Falcon Heavy on Thursday, Oct. 12. The Falcon Heavy is composed of three reusable Falcon 9 nine-engine cores whose 27 Merlin engines together generate more than five million pounds of thrust

at liftoff, equal to approximately 18 747 aircraft! They viewed from 3.9 miles away from the infamous pad 39A, where Apollo 11 launched the Saturn V, carrying men to the moon. Jim will put together a presentation outlining their trip to present at the next meeting.

Larry Isenberg, club vice president, presented different methods used to view the Sun safely. This included the use of solar glasses, mylar film, mylar filters and cardboard/mylar viewers. He showed members his SSV (safe solar viewer), a homemade device composed of a wooden frame, lens, and a rear viewing screen.

Larry stepped up the presentation by setting up his 90mm Refractor telescope with a device called a sun funnel. The funnel is attached to the eyepiece and projects a safe view of the sun onto a piece of projection film firmly attached

to the funnel. He also showed club members how to photograph the Sun using a Canon DSLR camera with a mylar filter attached to the telescope.

The club's new Celestron 8" computerized scope was set up and previewed by club members. The new scope will see first light at the next club observing session. The new telescope will offer members outstanding views of the planets, especially Saturn's spectacular ring system, great views of Jupiter and its four largest moons, Io, Callisto, Europa and Ganymede. The scope will allow members to view our planet's Moon, star clusters and beautiful deep sky objects.

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.

World Traveler

Bill Shampine



Today, I thought I would write a bit about Ceylon. Wait a minute, I can't do that because Ceylon doesn't exist anymore. It was renamed Sri Lanka in 1972. Okay, I'll write about Czechoslovakia. Nope, can't do that either. Czechoslovakia split into Slovakia and the Czech Republic in 1993 and the Czech Republic subsequently renamed itself to Czechia in 2016! Are country name changes common, I asked myself?

For background, there are 195 countries in the world. Having spent time in 69 of those countries, I got to thinking about how many countries might have changed their name? I was amazed when I started doing a bit of research. Would you believe that 21 countries have re-

named themselves in the past 20 years, 85 in the past 50 years, and 174 in the past 100 years? Be aware that this data includes multiple name changes for any specific country.

Country name changes typically are administrative, political, cultural, or just trying to forget the past. Most of us would consider many changes to be minor. For example, Turkey changed its name to Turkiye in 2022, thus doing away with the anglicized version. Other

examples include Micronesia becoming the Federated States of Micronesia in 2023, or the Republic of Iceland officially becoming Iceland in 2022, and Surinam changing the spelling of its name to Suriname in 2012.

Many name changes are politically driven. For example, in 1951, Libya was known as the United Kingdom of Libya, but was renamed the Kingdom of Libya in 1963. Muammar Gaddafi staged a successful coup in 1969, and he immediately renamed the country the Libyan Arab Republic. In 2011, the new rulers renamed the country the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. In 2017, the country finally was renamed to Libya.

From the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s, many of the larger countries in the world were in a colonization mode to grab for themselves, the natural resources and riches of lesser developed countries. Eventually, many of these colonies were able to regain their independence. That newfound freedom often resulted in a name change to forget the past domination by a foreign government.

The Asian country of Siam existed for about 1,000 years and was ruled by a monarchy for much of that time. After a successful coup by the military in 1932, a government with a parliament was

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established, along with a dictator. The dictator then changed the name Siam to Thailand in 1939 to help modernize the country.

There was an article in the Sept. 10, 2023, issue of the Ocala Star-Banner discussing the possibility of India changing its name to Bharat. The article, written by Sheikh Saaliq, notes that India, the name of the country used worldwide, is known locally by the Sanskrit and Hindi nomenclature of "Bharat." Both the current president and prime minister of India are officially suggesting that India should be renamed as Bharat. So, who knows, that may happen in the next year or so



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Active Singles Club

Catherine White



The Active Singles Club now has just over 300 members! September's membership meeting included the election for 2024's officers and directors and included an increase in the number of at large positions to support the growing number of activities the club is promoting. We welcomed a lot of new faces, and the room was full of high energy and happy hour fun.

The Club Fair in September brought us a lot of attention with a great display and friendly greeters. We also said, goodbye to summer" with a pool party at The Lodge at Candler Hills filled with

games, good food, and friends. October was packed with activities starting with the anniversary picnic, followed by a walk at Blue Run with lunch at the Blue Gator Tiki Bar & Restaurant. We had a great day trip to Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando, and an extended glass bottom boat ride at Silver Springs Park with lunch at Mojo's. We capped the month off with an afternoon at the Lakeridge Winery, which was a fun and relaxing afternoon with friends, great food choices, music and, of course,

Now that the weather is cooling a bit, we are offering walks and hikes every month along with our regularly scheduled activities like Mexican train, trivia, lunches, dinners, bowling, bocce, and darts. We also will continue touring the Appleton Museum of Art on the first Saturday of the month to take advantage of the free admission and the feature of the month which could be a film, artist presentation, or special exhibit. And of course, a lunch and social opportunity.

While the month of November may herald the winding down of the year, it's not slowing us down one bit. Join us 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 goes into high gear as we

decorate, shop, and enjoy the festivities. Speaking of decorating, we hope you will join us for the Golf Cart Parade. We'll decorate our carts and line up for the parade in the hopes of winning another trophy! Mid-December we'll get fancy and "dress to impress" for our festive holiday party with good food, great music, and friends. To finish up the year, we will say "goodbye" to 2023 with a New Year's Eve party complete with noise makers, a grand menu and wonderful music.

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Active Singles Club table at the Club Fair.

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Our most recent meeting was on Saturday, Sept. 9. We formed 15 new lunch-, appetizer-, and dinner-in groups after this meeting. Most of our new members joined one of these groups! We welcome

you all and hope that you take advantage of our networking system! Our SWANS were very generous at this meeting as we asked them to donate personal items for students in Marion County Public Schools. Those items have been delivered to The Rock, our newest charity. Again, "thanks so much" for your gen-

We are getting ready to go again to Daytona Beach Sunday, Nov. 5 through Wednesday, Nov. 8. If you are interested, call Lois Nix. Many of us went to the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico the first two weeks in October. I will have a report on this trip in next month's column.

During the month of October, we traveled to Horse & Hounds Restaurant for lunch. Many "thanks" to Sally Herrick for hosting this outing. Good food, even better company. Please remember that we cannot do these outings without our volunteer hostesses. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lois Nix. Once again, Káthy Kloos and Sandy Welch hosted our bi-annual barbeque on Saturday, Oct. 14. More about that next month.

We are still planning an outing to Marjorie Rawlings State Park. If you are interested, please contact Lois Nix for

the SWANS at any time. We got several new members at the Club Fair in September. We always welcome new members and new ideas. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.

Freethinkers Club

J. Ashi Olshan



Our club is comprised of people of all ages and denominations who subscribe to the respectful attitude of "live and let live," rather than blindly obeying the rules of divisive tribalism that so divides us today.

We are, after all, Freethinkers, free to feel and think and disbelieve anything that is not fact based or backed up by science.

We have guest speakers at the beginning of our two-hour meetups, who inspire follow up conversations via small break-out groups; with topics worthy of our consideration, like climate change, facts vs. beliefs, separation of church and state, consciousness raising, and most of all compassion for all sentient

We then socialize in small group gath-

minded people; like intimate dinners, bocce ball, cards, music, and more – for fun and unity.

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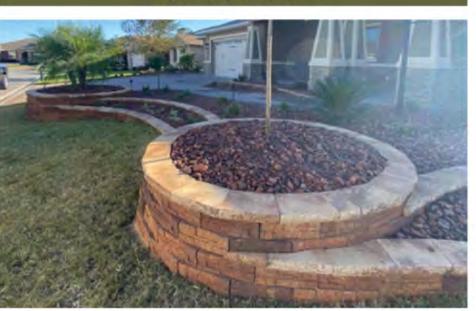
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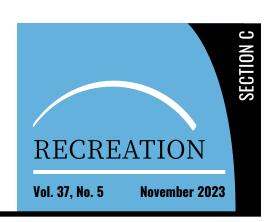


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A Sail to the Finish

By Gene Mangold

On Sundays and Wednesdays, a small crowd gathered at Tuscawilla Park pond. They arranged their lawn chairs in a neat row. Laughter and excited chatter filled the air, as they waited for a thrilling spectacle to unfold.

Suddenly, a cry pierced the tranquility, "We have wind!" This announcement sent a buzz of anticipation through the onlookers. The starting timer, a booming voice, counted down "Five, four, three, two, one ... start!" Nine small R/C sailboats lined up. The challenge for these sailors was not to cross the starting line early before the signal.

As the countdown reached its cre-

scendo, the R/C boats surged forward, leaving ripples in their wake. For the next three minutes, the pond became a stage of intense competition.

The sailors skillfully manipulated their boats, tacking back and forth at a 40-degree angle to the winds. These boats had no propellers to move directly upwind, so the skippers had to rely on the wind's force and their strategic ma-

The wind, however, was a fickle ally, occasionally shifting. The experienced skippers seized these moments to tack and gain an advantage.

As the race progressed, the leader

rounded the first mark and headed for the second, a reaching mark. The leader had one task now, to keep their sails out and let the wind propel them to the finish line.

But the winds had more surprises in store. With the wind now coming from behind (aft), the boat behind the leader was in a perfect position to catch a gust and accelerate. Anxious seconds ticked by as the trailing boat surged forward, riding a powerful gust. It was a neckand-neck race as they approached the finish line. In a breathtaking photo finish, the trailing boat passed the leader

just inches before crossing the line.

Cheers and groans filled the air, as the remaining boats finished the race. Just as the race concluded, the timer boomed out, "Thirty seconds before the start!" And with that, the whole exciting

spectacle was set to repeat.

Most of our boats racing are DF95s; they are a new boat and hugely popular. This boat is a good choice to race identical boats on our pond. There are many Florida racing clubs that have these boats. Next is the most popular boat of all time, the One Meter Soling in the US. New kits have just become available and because of the huge number of boats out there a used one can be easily found. There are many Florida racing clubs that have these boats. There are only a few in our club. Next is Kyosho Seawind. It is hard to find racing club fleets; however, we do have a couple in the club. The last ones are the Victoria and the DF65. They are nine inches smaller, slower, less expensive, popular and fun to sail.

For any questions, call Gene at 772-678-5101 or Bernie at 816-678-3817.



Photo by Ray Ihlenburg

Doc Consuegra helping Susan De Paolo learn the "sticks."

Get the R/C Flying Bug

By Ray Ihlenburg

The Club Fair was a big success for the club. We had a wide assortment of aircraft on display. Our biggest take away was to try and get the simulator screen to show on the big screen over the stage. That would be a great attraction and should draw lots of views.

Sincere thanks to those pilots who brought models and answered the many question our visitors posed. New members Richard Hegenbart, Steve Armstrong and Shaun Kerrick brought some very impressive models and Dick Gromacki offered his simulator in Kenny's absence. Something new included on

the stage this year was radio-controlled racing sailboats. If you've never tried it, you were in for a treat.

At the Club Fair, Patti Mendola spent about 30 minutes on the simulator, with Dick, and got very proficient. She naturally used her thumb and first finger to make small and precise adjustments. Doc helped Susan De Poalo learn how the sticks work to move the control surfaces. Susan was so engrossed; she didn't even notice when the "bug" bit her. Since the Club Fair, she has joined the R/C Flyers Club and has had several flying lessons with Doc at the field. SuPatti Mendola having a good time flying the simulator with Dick Gromacki.

san said she hopes to master R/C flying and to start full scale helicopter training

We welcomed Susan to the club at the October business meeting and wish her fun and success. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings or at the flying field. We have handouts that quite possibly answer most of the initial questions typically asked. So, if anyone is thinking about this great hobby and On Top of the World amenity, stop at the field next time you're in the neighborhood. More club information can be found on our website at otowrcflyers.com or otowflyers@gmail.com.

The club has 202 members by last count and we are beginning our annual membership drive and collecting annual dues. This is a great time to start a new

challenge. The maiden of the month is a Smith Mini built by Paul Verenski about 16 years ago. He gave it to me, Ray Ihlenburg, to finish and fly. Paul did an amazing job building the airframe, so finishing it was an easy job. Now the first flight was altogether a different story. But first the eflite 32 motor and 4S battery was readied along with flight control check out. The model balanced just nose down at the CG shown on the plans. So should have been a nice flight with just some trimming. Wrong. That first flight was the craziest 60-seconds (recorded on transmitter) ever. No time to trim as airplane was all over the sky. Power cut and set up for immediate tail-heavy landing with no glue required. Next flight was beautiful with five ounces of lead in the

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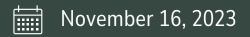
Hear from the National Geographic Explorer and Conservation Photographer as he shares the story about how photographing the elusive and endangered Florida Panther in south Florida led to the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act and \$800 million in funding for the corridor. Carlton's quest was documented in Path of the Panther, an award-winning film produced by Leonardo DiCaprio.

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Softball

Pete Feliciano



Members of the Softball Club are volunteering their time and experience to the Marion County Chapter of Special Olympics by supporting special athletes preparing to compete in the softball events category. Known as unified partners, these players play alongside the athletes enabling them to enjoy the sport of softball during practice and in games.

Recently, the two softball teams representing Marion County participated in a regional qualifying tournament in Gainesville with both teams winning their brackets. These winning teams now qualify for the Special Olympic State Finals in mid-November at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida.

The transformative efforts of the Softball Club volunteers made a difference in the lives of those Marion County special athletes moving on to compete in the Special Olympics State Finals. The club wishes to extend sincere thanks and good luck to Brad Youngberg, Tom Laccone, Ralph Mazzio, Bryan Tully, and Rex Heitz as they go onto play through the state finals. Watch out for more news

as we will continue to follow this story.

The Veterans Club and Softball Club members combined efforts bringing the community two days of activities to commemorate Veterans Day.

On Friday, Nov. 10, also known as the Marine Corps Birthday, join us at the softball field starting at 8:30 a.m. for a full day of activities including three softball games, home run derby, Quilts of Valor presentation, barbecue lunch by So Yummy, dessert by Mr. B's Big Scoop, and presentation of the coveted championship trophy.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, join us at the Veterans Park Memorial at 8 a.m. for a flag lowering ceremony and then to the Recreation Center Ballroom for a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. to include a bake sale for Stuff the Bus and donations for Wreaths Across America.

The club wishes to announce the outcome of their 2024 board of directors election. Please welcome Tom Laccone as president; Jed Blair as vice president; Brad Youngberg as secretary; Steve Tate



Marion County Special Olympics softball team advancing to participate in the Special Olympic State Finals in Orlando, Florida in mid-November.

as treasurer; and Steve Perl as member at large. Special thanks is extended to Dave "Cork" Clune and Ernie Sersen who dedicatedly served on the previous managing board.

The board wants players to know the field is available for use on a first come first served basis when it is not reserved. A reservation chart is posted in the third base-line bulletin board announcing field use schedules. Players are asked to respect field access rights during times it is reserved (as per reservation chart). Anyone desiring to make formal recurring reservations are asked to email otowsoftball@gmail.com.

If you are interested to join our club, the process starts with signing up to our new player orientation (NPO) program. NPO's new schedule invites folks to meet at the softball field on Wednesdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. See more information at otowsoftball.org/new-players. Please email any questions or comments to petefeliciano352@gmail.com.

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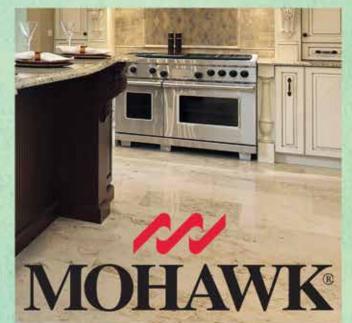


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In other news, the MGA Challenge Cup will be Nov. 15 and 16. Members who have played in seven regular MGA events during the year are eligible to play in this two-day team event. It will have a \$20 entry fee per person, which is due by Wednesday, Nov. 8.

All entry fees will go to prize money, and food and drinks will be provided by the MGA. If you can only play one day, a special non-competitive flight will be added.

The MGA has a total of 250 members. Please welcome John Herman, Gary Capurso, Don Ropel, Tony Anderson, Bob Meyer, and Roger Lukas.

Chicken Day Scramble

Oct. 4/The Links

51–Dan Goggin, Joe Aldridge, Bruce Venslavsky, Jim Tolson. 54–Dick Emmons, Ken Zweiback, Joseph Dunnack, Ed Hoppa. Tie at 55-Joe Wilks, Paul Stoecklin, Joe Pruss, Samuel Fox; David Clune, Marvin DeBerry, Ronald Grob; Larry Manion, Steven Thesman, Danny Newby; Rusty Rhodes, John Yenne, John Herman; Charlie Taylor, Bill Wallenstein, David Garland, Philip Petrozella. Tie at 57–Joe Polizzotti, Tony Anderson, Rusty Zarrell, Norm Hayworth; Mike Altomare, Mike Key, Tim Williams, Thomas Kujawa; Don Edmond, Brian Wilder, Gregg Keidel, Michael Dwyer; John Spielvogel, Don Ropel, Richard Deschenes, Bob Janssen; William (Bill) Truby, Ralph Norton, Frank Giordano, Jim Nicholson; Michael Almon, Art Olerud, James Thompson, Doyce Mathis; Roger Sparks, John Snyder, John Johnson, Paul Randles.

Two-Man Scramble Oct. 11/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1 A&D: Tie at 64–Gary Hassett, Jim Weaver; Gary Bugielski, Bob Lieberman. Tie at 65–Dan Goggin, Carl Zeiler; Ron Pratt, Philip Petrozella; Dick Emmons, Jim Tolson; Michael Almon, Leon Miller. Flight 2 A&D: 60-Greg McDowell, Lance Davsko. 63-Gary Whittaker, Marvin Jendro. 64-James Gourlay, Tary Bole. Tie at 66-Larry Newbold, Michael Dwyer; Bryan McCleave, Bob Lang; Robert Walker, Tom Nicholl; Joe Polizzotti, Ron Lombardo.

Flight 1 B&C: 60–Joe Polizzotti, Ron Lombardo. 62– Rusty Rhodes, Mark Beauchamp. Tie at 63-Rusty Zarrell, James Thompson; David Clune, Dennis Kissen; Roger Sparks, Steven Rowell.

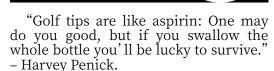
Flight 2 B&C: 62-Bigelow Robinson, Bruce Green. 63-Mike Key, David Hannasch. Tie at 65-Sam Feola, Joseph Dunnack; Charlie Taylor, Danny Newby; Garfield Gray, David Garland, 66-John Yenne, Jim Kurlapski.



Jan Juhlan, Elly Rapacz and Harriet Brower – founding members of the LGA-18 at the 40th anniversary celebration in September.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Marte Dobosh



We've all been there. Trying to remember 50 tips as we address the ball. Keep your head down. Keep your arm straight. Swing slowly. Rotate from the hips. Shorten that backswing. It's a wonder we can hit the ball at all! Harvey Penick is one of golf's all-time great instructors, and if you haven't already done it, read his "Little Red Book" for a synopsis of what's important on the course.

The two-day League Championship was held on Oct. 16 and 17, and results will be posted in next month's column. A special Veterans Day Tournament is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 7, with a luncheon and general membership meeting to follow.

New members on the links are Sandy Mansfield, JoAnn Ropel and Alexandra Rivera. Welcome to the league and we look forward to seeing you on the course!

Cha Cha Cha Net (Team) Sept. 12/The Tortoise & The Hare

Tie at 115-Jill Strey, Katie Schriewer, Donna Herberger, May Chin and Lisa Free, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Debra DeMatteo, Susan Yenne. 116-Mary Ann Livingston, Virginia Combs, Janette Sheil and Molly Lucieer. 117-Gail Lagrange, Debby Wilson, Liz Pruss and Susan Martin. 118-Lori Pizzini, Joyce Jones, Mary Dawson and Roxiann Dwyer.

Member/Member – Two Person Scramble

Sept. 19/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 61-Chris Giza, Lynn Colomb. 62-Maria Fournier, Peggy Ellenberger. 66-Vadonna Hall, Donna Herberger.

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Tie at 67–Gayla Aldridge, Shelly Karsnitz and Mary Ann Livingston, Ellen Brin and Lori Pizzini, Page Fal-

Flight 2: Tie at 67-Virginia Combs, Connie Norris and Karen Schroeckenthaler, Nancy Zielinski. Tie at 70-Gretchen Normandin, Valerie Smith and Judi McGuinness, MJ Strelec. 71-Bobbie Wiener, Yuhlan

Flight 3: 67–Kathleen Goodwin, May Chin. 69–Sandra Mansfield, Peggy Benedict. 71-Susan Martin, Kathy Zunica. 73–Donna Isaac, Sandra Randles. 74– Margaret Hudacik, Donna Brunell.

Low Gross/Low Net (Individual) Sept. 26/The Links Gross

Flight 1: 81–Gail Lagrange. 82–Sandy Snyder. 83– Vadonna Hall.

Flight 2: 89–Mary Ann Livingston. 89–Lynn Colomb. 94–Page Falconer.

Flight 3: 88-Joyce Jones. 92-Debby Wilson. 95-Judi McGuinness.

Flight 4: 90–Ellen Brin. 96–Mary Dawson. 98–Jane

Flight 5: 97-Molly Lucieer. 104-Ronda Richley. 107–Robyn Atwood.

Net

Flight 1: 75-Lisa Free. 76-Linda Taylor. 79-Chris

Flight 2: 78–Peggy Ellenberger. 81–Donna Herberg-

er. 81-Bobbie Wiener. Flight 3: 76-Yuhlan Cho. 79-Vickie Noltensmeyer.

81-Joann Dellapenna.

Flight 4: 78-Liz Pruss. 79-Debra DeMatteo. 83-Jill

Flight 5: 75-Roxiann Dwyer. 87-Nancy Zielinski. 90–Liz Lang.

Team Shamble – Two Best Ball Net (Team) Oct. 3/The Tortoise & The Hare

119–Sandy Snyder, Kathleen Goodwin, Jill Strey, Jacquelin Randour. Tie at 120-Lori Pizzini, Peggy Ellenberger, Linda Blewitt, Sandy Chase and Lisa Free, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Marte Dobosh, May Chin. 123-Lynn Colomb, Judi McGuiness, Liz Pruss, Donna Brunell. 124-Gail Lagrange, Bobbie Wiener, Joann Dellapenna, Alexandra Rivera. 125-Vadonna Hall, Bev Ovrebo, Peggy Wiechmann, Eileen Gustavus.



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- Monday, Nov. 6: Ladies Prayer Meeting
- Thursday, Nov. 9: Men's Bible Study Wednesday, Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Service
- Saturday, Dec. 2: Ladies Christmas
- Monday, Dec. 4: Ladies Prayer Luncheon
- Sunday, Dec. 10: Evening Christmas
- Sundays, Dec. 24 & 31: No Evening Service
- Sunday, Jan. 7: Ronnie & Mary Lou
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- Tuesdays: Pastor's Porch Men's Gathering Fridays: Men's Prayer Meeting

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- Nov. 2: 1 Best Ball on the back
- Nov. 9: Random Ribbon on the back nine.
- Nov. 16: Individual Stableford on
- the back nine. Nov. 23: No league play.
- Nov. 30: Random Five on the front

In the last weekend of September, we held our Candler Hills Club Championship, an event open to both Candler Hills members and On Top of the World members. I would like to congratulate our nine-hole division winner, Wendy Maxwell, on an impressive two days to become the ladies nine-hole club cham-

With that in mind and with the events

that we have coming up throughout the winter, it's important to keep a few things in mind to play your best golf in a competitive setting. Playing in a competitive setting whether it's one of our monthly events or a league event is something that everyone can struggle with no matter the skill level. One thing that I see often is we tend to put too much focus on the weaker areas of our game and dread the times we have to use them. To play well in tournaments, it is crucial to have confidence in your game. When you only focus on the weak spots, you're taking away the confidence you have in the areas you excel in.

We all know our own games better than anyone else so take a mental note on the parts of your game that you do best and focus on them over anything else. When playing under pressure it can be beneficial to think about what you do best and when you don't hit a great shot know that you can rely on that to get you back on track.

If you focus on having fun and have confidence in your strengths, you will find it much easier to take the game you have when playing with your friends and bring it with you when playing in tournaments as well.

Flight 4: 70–Jim Weaver. Flight 5: 70–Rusty Zarrell. Flight 6: 71–Joe Dunnack.

Two Best Balls Net Sept. 5

Flight 1: 126–Rick Pettit, Brian Bennett, Paul Rubly, Jim Weaver.

Flight 2: 126–David Metzger, Gerry Messenger, Louis Heger, Joe Dunnack.

Again, please remember to repair a couple of ball marks on each green, fill in your divots, and keep carts 30 feet from all tees and greens. It is your golf course, take pride in it and do all you can to keep it in tip top shape. We should all be proud to bring guests in and showcase our golf course.

As always, I leave you with this. "You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about." – Bobby Jones Golf

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The fall season is officially upon us, and the holiday season is right around the corner. This time of year is meant to be spent with family and friends. Thanksgiving is just weeks away so remember to be thankful for what this wonderful world has given you. I am thankful for my family and friends. How about you?

We will be holding our eighth annual Member/Member golf Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11, at both The Links and Candler Hills Golf Club. The format will be four-ball stroke play with 85% of your handicap being used. Registration fee is \$60 per player, which includes a luncheon on Saturday following play. Please contact either Golf Shop for more

We want to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Candler Hills Club Championship. We were fortunate to dodge some adverse weather and conclude a great two days of golf. Congratulations to the following

Candler Hills Club Championship

Men's Overall: Tommy Lowe Ladies 18-Hole: Sandy Snyder Ladies Nine-Hole: Wendy Maxwell

Thank you again to everyone who played, and we look forward to another great event next year.

Golf course etiquette is an important element in the game of golf. Many books have been written regarding golf course etiquette. These are the unspoken rules that show respect to your fellow golfers. Here is a short list of the most common broken rules:

- Avoid Slow Play: Be ready to hit when it is your turn.
- Golf Course Maintenance: Be sure to fill all divots with sand and repair all ball marks.
- Walking in Golfers Line: Never

walk in a golfer's line before they

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- Lost Ball: If you suspect your ball is lost hit a provisional or second
- Talking on your Cell Phone: Be courteous to other players and keep cell use to a minimum.
- Playing Music too Loud: Please be aware of your surroundings and turn down the music.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Tom Murphy, eagle #7. Darrell Biggs, eagle #7. Jeff Richardson, eagle #12. Gayla Aldridge, eagle #7. John O'Hare, hole-in-one #5.

THE LINKS: Greg McDowell, eagle #12. Joe Dunnack, eagle #17.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Ron Madison, hole-in-one #15. Bill Dobbins, shot under age 79.

Congratulations!

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you swing out of your shoes, fall backwards, and watch the ball sail to the right and out of bounds? If this sounds like your golf swing, then balance is the key to improvement. Here are a few tips to maintain proper balance throughout your swing.

• Widen your stance: By widening

- your stance you are giving yourself a bigger base which helps you return the clubface to a square position at impact.
- Do not over swing: If your tendency is to try to swing as hard as you can each time then more than likely you will lose your balance. A good balanced swing looks graceful and effortless.
- Maintain a good finish: Try to hold your finish after every swing. I like to teach my students to hold the finish long enough for someone to snap a picture. Ensuring you hold your finish longer will improve your balance and ball

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Candler Hills Men's Golf



It is here! Beautiful weather for golf has arrived to Candler Hills Golf Course. Time to grab your neighbor and get them signed up. We are 177 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 cancelations at last minute. 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 of openings for anyone who wants to run for an open position. Please see a board member if interested. Candler Cup

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

Congratulations to Charlie Taylor on his eagle on hole #15 during play Aug. 29. Remember if you make eagle or shoot your age, please report this to the Golf Shop so we can record this. **Low Net (Individual)**

Aug. 29

Flight 1: 66-Wes Wendt. Flight 2: 74–Jeffrey Holmes and Bill Gurbisz. Flight 3: 74–Paul Rubly.



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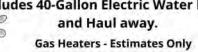
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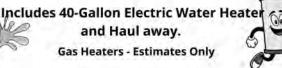
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Recently during open play bocce, the team of Dave Kuzo, Amy Kuzo, and Jack Pozsik had a "triple kiss." The fourth ball was also closer to the pallino than the opposing team's ball, making this phenomenon worth a score of seven points! This is unbelievable but true - this team was either very lucky or the very best bocce players you have ever seen. You be the judge.

Bocce Club

Paula Hammonds



We are having such good weather so please come out and join in the fun. We are looking forward to another fun year and some new players.

What is bocce ball? Modern versions originated in Italy and can be played on lawns, sand, or as well on regulation courts. The object of the game is simple - the starting team throws the pallino (small ball) down the court past the center line. Then the same player throws the bocce ball.

The other team throws their bocce ball trying to get closer to the pallino or knock the opponent's ball away. The team with the ball that is farthest away continues to throw their ball until all balls have been thrown. The closest team scores points for each ball closer than the opposing team's balls. The first team to 16 points wins.

League play has begun, and the teams are enjoying the time playing with friends, neighbors, or just new acquaintances. You can stop by to check out the league Tuesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m.,

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and Thursdays, at 10 a.m. No league bocce the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. The schedule for the league has been posted on the bulletin board.

Open play is always a fun and exciting way to meet new acquaintances, you never know who you will be playing against or playing with due to the luck of the draw. Come early, sign in so that we may know how many players we have. We have a limited number of spaces. We play two games, and everyone picks a card to determine teams and courts. Open play is Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Courts are located between the Arbor Activity Center and the pool.

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

open play. 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.

For further information, call Terry Connolly at 352-362-7284. So come on by and check the game out.

Top Pickleball Club

Steve Carr



Living in our community opens a wide variety of sports and exercise activities to all residents looking at "their options" for staying physically active.

Over the last few years, one of those opportunities has grown exponentially due to incredible demand ... pickleball!

Why is pickleball the fastest growing sport in America? Pickleball is very easy to learn; fun to play at any level; has a low entry cost for equipment, gear, and clothing; is great exercise with a low injury history; and as you improve, the competition levels allow you to grow.

Top Pickleball Club, Inc. has over 600 active members at all levels of play. To play on any of the main three levels of courts behind the Recreation Center, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday, you must belong to the Top Pickleball Club at an annual cost of \$18.

As a member a new player can learn the game from seasoned players who volunteer their time and knowledge to help you grow and improve as you wish.

The social aspect of pickleball is also a big part of the benefits of learning the game. It provides the opportunity for you to meet new, like-minded residents looking to remain physically active.

Members of Top Pickleball Club can also participate in multiple social and competitive events. The club also provides access to advanced training opportunities and to become part of the community of pickleball players.

Many of our members also play in tournaments with other clubs in Florida. Our ranks include players who have won tournaments all over Florida and beyond.

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As I mentioned before, there's an open invitation to all to travel to Gainesville to the Gator Fall Invite to watch good tennis for free on Friday, Nov. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 5. You are also invited to visit and play some tennis on clay courts at the National Tennis Campus in Lake Nona, Florida.

We plan to have a cookout at the Veterans Park. Be on the lookout for more

Play start time is changing from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

The Serve

There is an ongoing debate about which is the most important stroke in tennis. The more coaches there are, it seems the more opinions we have. We know that every tennis stroke is as important. The more weapons in a player's

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arsenal, the better they can compete.

But it is the serve that is perceived to be the most valuable. Why? The serve is the one and only stroke over which the player has full control. It's the only completely independent shot in tennis. Every other stroke has an unknown variable - the opponent's shot! For example, your forehand is dependent on your opponent. S/he decides where to play, how hard to hit, what spin to use, etc. We must adjust to the incoming ball with our movement, hitting position, stroke technique, not to mention about the quick decision of where to play. There are a lot of factors changing from hit to hit.

What about the serve? We can analyze and make decisions before we serve. We can think about where and how to serve. We can hit the ball where we want. We can adjust the toss to our tactic. Even if we make a mistake, we can catch the ball and toss it again. In addition, we don't have variable conditions, so we don't have to adjust our technique in milliseconds. Every serve is the same, so we can be calm in comparison to hitting other strokes like forehand, backhand

or volley, where the technique is relative to the incoming ball and position on the

Another reason the serve is regarded as the most important stroke in tennis is that we start every rally and every point with it. We don't need big power serves to dominate; placement is much more important to win points.

Why is a player's serve weak in comparison to their ground strokes? Why can't we use our serves with the same effectiveness as our forehand? Is it because of the small service box or better return skills of the other side of the net? I think it starts with practice. Players practice a lot of serves in an improper way. We all see players serve baskets of balls at the end of practice. Of course, it is a perfect way to learn service technique, directional placement, or correct

But what is next? If a player has developed a decent serve, we must think how to improve it. We can't do this in traditional way, we need to design our drills to match the game's conditions as much as possible. In order to do this, we need to consider four factors: stress, fatigue, repetitions and points, which will be the

subject of my next column. See you on the courts!

Fit Tips

James "Buddy" Head

Train the Brain

Aerobic exercise is good for the body and the brain! Aerobic workouts increase blood flow to the brain, resulting in big benefits. These include angiogenesis (growing new blood vessels), and neurogenesis (growing new brain cells). Such augmentations are linked to sharper cognitive functions, such as planning, decision-making and multitasking – abilities that, like memory, tend to decline with healthy aging. In addition to the growth of new brain cells, scientists suspect that increased connections between existing neurons (brain cells) are responsible for the beneficial effects of exercise on the brain. These connections are enhanced when the exercise is multi-domain in nature. Meaning while

think and pay attention. Brain training

FIT TIP #1: Engage in aerobic exercise most days of the week! Aerobic exercise (also known as cardio) raises your heart rate and increases blood flow and oxygen to your brain. The recommendation is 150 minutes a week at a moderate intensity or at least 75 minutes a week at a vigorous intensity (or an equivalent combination of the two).

FIT TIP #2: Try tai chi! Tai chi is an example of a multi-domain exercise (combines moving with thinking and paying attention). A meta-analysis of research on tai chi and cognition found tai chi exhibited a greater effect on cognitive function than other types of exercise.

FIT TIP #3: Give yoga a go! Studies show that yoga, also a multi-domain exercise, strengthens parts of the brain that play a key role in memory, attention, awareness, thought, and language. Think of it as weightlifting for the brain.

If you need further instruction or would like to set up an appointment for personal training, please call me at the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 x7531.

This way they can decide what type of

bow they want (basically recurve or

compound) and then what extras they want to add. So, the initial investment

is just the membership fee. If you think

that you might be interested in archery,

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Archery Club

Leslie McCormick



Welcome aboard new members! The club greeted and provided safety orientation and basic archery instruction to over 20 new members this month! Members can use club equipment until they are ready to purchase their own.

come over to the range at the Veterans Park and see what we are all about. Archery is very much an individual sport and club members mostly use the range at times and days that fit their schedules. Organized shoots are scheduled during the month and the yardages

and types of shoots vary. In September, we had a shoot with animal targets set up at 10-15-20 and 30-35-40 yards and a 600 round shoot set up at 40-50-60 and 20-25-30 yards. In October, we had a "Halloween Haunted House" social event shoot as well as a 600 round shoot and a baseball dartboard shoot. These events are a great way to meet with fellow archers.

As we approach the indoor season, all shoots will be set at 20 yards so that members who compete at indoor events away from the range can work on hon-

ing their skills.

"Off the range" activities include an archery basics 101 class, the nomination and election of new club officers with the new board installed at the December quarterly club meeting, a holiday party in December and a reorder of our club shirts and hats!

To learn more about the club, 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 at markdad06@gmail.com or 352-360-3436 or Bob at rpapirner@aol.com or 352-877-

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 on SW 90th Street. Special rides or excursions are occasionally scheduled by group members. The Santos Trail here in Ocala, and the Withlacoochee Trail in Dunnellon, Hernando, and Inverness are favorite haunts of the club.

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

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Thanksgiving and 'Gratitude-giving'

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. It seems very fitting that we kick off the holiday season by demonstrating gratitude. Gratitude is recognizing and appreciating the good things that happen in our lives, which results in a state of appreciation. Expressing gratitude is more than a just a happy feeling for what is going right in our lives. It expands our attention to see more goodness in the world and not take things for granted. I came across something as I was reading about this subject that helped me to understand the magnitude and importance of practicing gratitude; "gratitude turns what little you have into abundance."

People tend to be more conscious of the barriers in their lives, rather than the benefits that they receive. By adjusting your attention to focus more on the benefits, studies reveal that we can heighten feelings of happiness, optimism, and positivity. You become more in control of cultivating your own happiness. Nancy Davis Kho, author of "The Thank-you Project: Cultivating Happiness One Letter of Gratitude at a Time" notes, "Strengthening your positive recall bias makes it easier to see the good things around you even when times are dark.

Gratitude can help fortify your resilience when life gets tough. Additionally, a growing body of evidence suggests that gratitude contributes to wellbeing and physical health. The Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley, has described practicing gratitude as the "social glue to building and nurturing strong relationships." There are many ways to practice gratitude. Here are three of my favorite tips for expressing gratitude and giving thanks year-round.

- 1. Keep a gratitude journal recalling and recording moments of being thankful and happy in your everyday, ordinary experiences can change your perspective and shift thoughts to a more positive mindset.
- Share your gratitude research has shown that expressing your gratitude strengthens relationships. Next time someone does something you appreciate be sure to let them know. The Dalai Lama says, "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."
- Use visual reminders one of the obstacles to gratefulness is a lack of awareness, a visual reminder can help. Leave your gratitude journal by the coffee pot; put a Post-it[®] note on your computer, leave reminders to yourself to practice giving thanks every day!

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11:00 am	Zumba Gold		Zumba Gold		Dance Aerobics
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Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



It was wonderful meeting new and interested table tennis players at the Club Fair! Our membership already had exceeded 100 members, and we were able to sign up quite a few more. Membership fees through Dec. 31 is just \$5. You can sign up anytime, including during club play times. Just fill out an application, pay your dues, and start playing on the spot!

Our club use is growing too. With invitation emails from our president, our Saturday slot has now increased in activity. We have play times for ladies across the week, intermediate play, advanced and beginning play times, including evening play times for co-ed doubles and singles play. There is something for everyone! We hope you will come and join us for a great aerobic workout and fun play and socialization.

Ďoubles pointers from President Paul Stadterman (ptstadterman@yahoo. com). As we continue to enjoy our passion for table tennis, it's crucial that we also prioritize safety and etiquette on the court. This not only affects quality of play but can also pose safety concerns. When playing doubles, it's essential to follow some fundamental guidelines to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone involved:

Give Your Partner Room: One of the cardinal rules of doubles play is to provide your partner with adequate space to return the ball effectively. Avoid crowding the table or moving too close to your partner during their shot.

Communication: Effective communication is key. Talk to your partner about your positioning and movement preferences. Knowing where each player intends to be during rallies can help prevent collisions and misunder-

Constant Awareness: Stay aware of your partner's position and movements. Anticipate where the ball may go and adjust your positioning accordingly. Always be ready to react swiftly to your partner's shots.

Practice Proper Footwork: Good footwork is essential in table tennis doubles. Work on your ability to move quickly and efficiently to ensure you can clear the way for your partner's shots without hesitation.

Safety First: Remember that safety is paramount. Collisions can result in injuries, and it's our responsibility to prevent them. Give



Group of Saturday players.

your partner enough space to play

without fear of running into you. For those who might find it challenging to play doubles, perhaps focus on singles play until you feel more comfortable with doubles. This will not only enhance your skills but also contribute to a safer and more enjoyable environment for everyone involved. Take time to watch the many videos available online too!

Come join us and have some fun! Our schedule is Beginners doubles, Tuesday, 1 to 3 p.m.; and singles, Friday 3 to 5 p.m. Ladies doubles, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; and singles, Friday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All level doubles, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. All level singles, Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Weight Loss Group

Laura Gavey



Gobble, gobble. Thanksgiving is coming. Parties and events will feature all the high calorie foods that we love to eat. It can be difficult to navigate but we are here to provide help. Want to find out the best way to pivot to new foods and different gatherings? one of our Weight Loss Groups. 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 ljsisco@comcast. net or Gail at gbhopper@yahoo.com.

Billiards Club





Another quiet month in the room. Don't get me wrong, in my job quiet is good. We have several leagues ongoing, and a healthy dose of players coming in for free play.

New residents, if you want to check us out, just come on over. We're in the Arbor Activity Center, far left room. The room is open every day from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday morning is for ladies only from 9 to 11 a.m. and league play is re-

served for Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. If you don't have a cue, there are plenty in the room. We also have several mentors who are willing to provide free pool instruction. Our club also offers leagues, tournaments, and social events. For more information, call 352-804-5498.

TIP OF THE MONTH: If you think practice is boring, try sitting on the sidelines while your opponent runs out on you. We all know the shots on which we're weak. Pick one of them every week and shoot it 50 or 100 times until you can make it three times in a row. Then it won't be a weakness anymore, and the next time it comes up in a game and you make it, I guarantee you'll smile.

ANECDOTE OF THE MONTH: A man's wife requests that he run out for a carton of cigarettes. He says, "Okay, honey. I'll be right back." The man went downstairs toward the garage, but rather than going out, he racked the balls on the pool table in his basement and started play-

About 30 minutes later, he reappears at the top of the stairs, but his hands are empty. His wife asks, "What about the carton of cigarettes?" He said, "You can keep them, honey, I couldn't run out.'

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Cornhole Club

Vincent Stevens



October was a very active month for the Cornhole Club.

For the second year running, the Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association 18 took advantage of course maintenance in mid-August and spent the afternoon showing off skills, or lack thereof, with a lively round of cornhole matches. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon break from golf, and perhaps a few new Cornhole Club members were recruited.

INTRODUCTION TO CORNHOLE: Our next one-hour session will be Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Veterans Park cornhole courts at 11 a.m. Newcomers who are not familiar with this very popular activity can attend to learn what it's all about, and why so many people nationwide are addicted. The club's head coach/cornologist, Bill Ballweg, who conducts the session, will cover loads of rules, protocol, and practical tips, tempered with an occasional bit of Nebraska humor to keep the session enjoyable. The class size will be limited, and registration is required. To join this session, submit names and email addresses of those interested to otowcornhole@yahoo.com.

OPEN PLAY: Our open play times changed in early October to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The arrival of cooler weather, new residents, and the return of snowbirds has prompted an increase in attendance, again taxing our venue and equipment. As usual, to ensure that members who want to play get the full opportunity, play will begin when a full complement of players is on site, which may be earlier than the advertised time. Players who arrive after play has begun may experience a short wait for an available opening. Waits have proven to be extremely short or non-existent thus far, and in all probability, will remain a non-issue.

LEAGUE PLAY: Fall league activity kicked off with mixed league matches on Thursday, Oct. 19, and ladies league matches on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Our mixed league will field 10 teams vying for the championship, with the Old Pokes (Bill and Brenda Andrews) holding the favorite spot (after one match). However, there are nine other teams intending to



Candler Hills LGA-18 enjoy an afternoon of cornhole.

put a dent in their armor. An interesting season is on tap. Mixed league matches are scheduled Thursdays, at 3 p.m. Spectators are welcome.

The ladies "developmental" open play resumed on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. followed by competitive matches at 4 p.m. The open play portion of this group is a "for fun" exercise that allows ladies with little or no experience to develop their skills alongside opponents who may (or may not) be more adept at the sport. Ladies who are not yet familiar with cornhole and would like to give it a try are welcome to drop by the cornhole courts at 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

The ladies doubles league began its

The ladies doubles league began its annual fall/winter competition at Tuesday, Oct. 24. Four ladies double teams began the season in this tight competition. Additional competitive teams are welcome to join the ladies' group in this fun, competitive league. For more information, contact Vickie Foster at poo2dog@verizon.net.

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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky

The pace of play is an important aspect of golf. It is a hot topic of discussion at both the professional and amateur levels. Do you know what is the unofficial record for the fastest round on the tour? Wesley Bryan, at the 2017 BMW Championship, ran between holes and completed a round in 89 minutes. And he still managed to shoot two under par. He was playing alone but that is quite a

Of course, that would be difficult to do in an average round, but a round of golf should not take more than four hours. It is important to try to keep up with the group in front of you.

It looks like we have turned the corner as far as the weather is concerned. We have enjoyed some lovely mornings on the course. What a pleasure it is to breathe that lovely air and not be roast-

ing in triple digit heat.

The holiday and awards celebration for our league will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. It is always lovely to get together for this annual celebration. We hope everyone can attend. Details to follow.

Our league has grown as people continue to move into On Top of the World. It is a good way to meet new ladies and play golf. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

Finally, believe, achieve, and enjoy

2 BB Net (Team) with On Top of the World Sept. 14

133–Page Falconer, Judi McGuinness, Liz Pruss, Jill Strey. Tie at 135-Patti Kelly, Karen Schroeckenthaler, Linda Blewitt, Sandy Chase. Lynn Colomb, Susan Rhodes, Beth Wolinsky, Kathy Zunica. Gail Lagrange, Donna Isaac, Betty McNeely, Kate Beaty. Tie at 136–Shelly Karsnitz, Virginia Combs, Eileen Gustavus, Blind. Lisa Free, Kathleen Goodwin, Donna Brunnell, Roxiann Dwyer. Tie at 139-Mary Ann Livingston, Joann Dellapenna, Peggy Weichmann, Vickie Noltensmeyer. Lori Pizzini, Joann Delmar, Virginia Madura, Blind.

Summer Survivor 6-6-6 (Team) Sept. 21

Flight 1: 69-Shelly Karsnitz, Gayla Aldridge. 70-Sandy Snyder, Patti Kelly. Tie at 71–Gail Lagrange, Alice Schwing-Smith. Christine Giza, Karen Green-

Flight 2: 67-Linda Taylor, Judie Anderson. 71-Virginia Combs, Sandra Mansfield. 72-Lisa Free, Joy

Flight 3: Tie at 72-Liz Pruss, Jane Hall. Joyce Jones, Angelita Jingco. Nancy Zielinski, Karen Schroecken-

Flight 4: 69- Kathy Zunica, Brenda Hoffman. 73-Donna Isaac, Jan Christ. Tie at 75-Kate Beaty, Paula Lilly. Beth Wolinsky, Vickie Foster.

Cha-Cha-Cha (Team)

Sept. 28

115–Shelly Karsnitz, Virginia Combs, Liz Pruss, Brenda Hoffman.116-Gayla Aldridge, Joyce Jones, Jane Hall, Blind. 118–Christine Giza, Beverly Ovrebo, Vickie Foster, Joann Delmar. 119-Sandy Snyder, Debra DeMatteo, Beth Wolinsky, Eileen Gustavus.

T.O.E.S. One Best Ball (Team) Oct. 5

39-Gail Lagrange, Beverly Ovrebo, Brenda Hoffman, Roxiann Dwyer. Tie at 42–Linda Taylor, Peggy Ellenberger, Sue Fierce, Blind. Lisa Free, Mary Ann Livingston, Vickie Foster, Karen Schroeckenthaler. Tie at 43-Christine Giza, Virginia Combs, Eileen Gustavus, Blind. Gayla Aldridge, Judi McGuinness, Susan Martin, Beth Wolinsky. Sandy Snyder, Ellen Brin, Marte Dobosh, Kate Beaty.

Line Dancing

Tamara Stanford



Line dancing instruction is held on Mondays, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The classes are taught by Darlene Miller. Registration for class participation is closed. However, there is another opportunity for residents to learn line dancing. An Introduction to Line Dance class will be offered January through March 2024. The December column will provide details.

Line dancing not only provides instruction for new dances, but membership also offers many opportunities to practice dances and attend dances. Practice is held every Wednesday, at the Arbor Conference Dance Studios II-IV. See your practice instructor for more information.

Dance workshops are another way line dancers are supported. A Wednesday workshop organized by Rose O'Rourke for the Beginners II/Improver class begins at 9:45 a.m. There is also a workshop on Fridays hosted by Kathy Cornell that starts at 9:30 a.m. and is open to all registered dancers.

Another benefit to being a line dancer member is access to webuse.com/otowdance/main/. Donna Gordon designed, implemented, and maintains the website. Donna also is the Absolute Beginners practice instructor and a dance leader at The Town Square. We are fortunate to have Donna provide beneficial line dancing information to us, available any time of the day, with merely a tap on the keyboard.

Donna began programming in 1968 and one of the first languages she learned was Wang BASIC programming language. Donna worked in publishing and wrote accounting programs in the early 1980s. Donna and her husband, Jeff, started a web hosting business in 1995 which enabled her to learn about websites. She put her knowledge of design to further use in 2021 by modifying an existing site to accommodate line dancing. This year Donna updated the website by adding a database for storage to increase efficiency.

The website provides the new dances taught by date and dances practiced for each class. The dances are linked to the Copperknob website (copperknob. co.uk). Copperknob publishes the step sheet for the dance and videos of the dances. The column on the right side of the page lists links to dances taught from 2021 to 2023.

The website also provides information on times and dates of activities, pictures taken at dance events, and agendas. A list of music and dances scheduled for The Town Square on Thursdays is avail-

able.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, the clock will "fall back" an hour due to daylight saving time. In November, The Town Square hours will change from 7 to 10 p.m. to 6 to 9 p.m.

If you have any questions about the website, contact Donna Gordon. For detailed information regarding line dancing, contact instructor Darlene Miller at 352-259-3696.

Sidekicks Western Dance

Judy Sullivan



Picture it. New Jersey, 1997. I just moved to the suburbs of Plainfield, New Jersey after deciding to take a year break from my hectic life in midtown Manhattan as a financial planner. One day, while listening to my country music, I hear something about a place called Colorado Café, a place where you can go and line dance to country music. I never knew there was such a thing! I've always loved country music and decided that I will go check it out.

I drove to Colorado Café, located in Watchung, New Jersey and luckily it was only about 10-minute drive. I walk in and see people in cowboy boots and hats milling about while country music played in the background. I grabbed a table, ordered some food, and just people watched. I thought, "Wow! This is awesome!" and wanted to try it.

Later that week I went back for 7:30 p.m. lessons. They taught one line dance, and one couples dance. The two

dances that were taught were played several times throughout the night when the dance floor opened to everybody at 9 p.m. I know, right? 9 p.m.? I'm in bed already at this point in my life, but back then that's when the party started!

I was hooked on country line and couples dancing from that point on. I danced three times a week. I found out that if you worked there, you could get in for free and not have to pay a \$10 entrance fee. So, I got myself a part-time job there. I asked them to give me their slowest night so I could watch people dance. I made a few bucks, made lots of friends, had many regular customers, and got to dance three times a week for free! I loved it.

After a year's break from working, I had to face reality and got a job. But it didn't stop me from going dancing every Wednesday and Saturday. Even after I moved to a different town over an hour away, I still drove every Saturday to go dancing. Some of the friends I made from this place are still great friends. When I got married, I brought my husband and our family periodically on Sundays when it was a family night and kids under 21 could go. I got each of them cowboy hats and we all went as a family. They all loved dancing, and it is one of my fondest memories I have of our family time spent together.

Tuesdays (4 p.m.): Beginners teach class with Peggy and Al.

Tuesdays (5 p.m.): Weekly group dance in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Fridays (11 a.m.): Teach/review class with Judy and Jim in the Indigo East Community Center Ball-

Fridays (noon): Absolute Beginners class with Judy and Jim in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom.

Sundays (5 p.m.): Practice/review with Bill and Lois at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios.

HANDICAP EQUIPMENT

Handicap equipment is loaned free to residents during their convalescent term – walkers, crutches, canes or wheelchairs. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 x7534.



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Ballet



We have very good news this fall. The recent Club Fair was very successful for us: eight new dancers signed to take one or more classes. In addition, we now have a new class offered on Fridays, at noon. It is called Ballet Technique and is taught by a highly talented woman named Liz Lieberman. Liz studied ballet at the Royal Academy of Dance in London and trained under the tutelage of directors such as Yehudi Menuhin and Dame Alicia Markova.

Liz has designed her new class to teach all the primary positions of ballet adapted for the mature student. Most of the exercise is done at the ballet barre,

Horseshoes Club

Vern Kessler

and incorporates balance, stretching, and musicality, while promoting elegance. Existing dancers should wear their regular ballet leotards, tights, skirts, and shoes. Newcomers may start with exercise clothes and socks for the feet. All dancers should bring a bottle of

The club also offers a beginner class, two advanced beginner classes and an intermediate class. There is something for all different levels of dancer. Our class schedule follows:

Beginner: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Advanced Beginner: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Ballet Technique: Fridays, noon to

Intermediate: Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

If students are not sure which class is best for them, please call me at 352-854-8589. Happy dancing!



The Horseshoe Club had a wonderful turnout at the Club Fair in September. The club had a good time meeting with everyone who stopped by our table to discuss the club activities.

The club welcomes new members -Dennis Spilman, Bob Edwards, Joe Falcone, and Mike Hamlin. Also, welcome back to some of our snowbirds, namely Dan Moore and Brian Allard.

Daylight saving time takes place Sunday, Nov. 5 (fall back one hour). The club's pitching times will change to 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. Practice on Thursdays, will stay at 10 a.m.

The Horseshoe Club attended a meeting of the Tri County Horseshoe League. What is required of each potential team was presented and the club is still anticipating having a traveling team.

The horseshoe pits at the Veterans Park are there for everyone's use any day of the week.

Contact Vern Kessler at 321-268-3179 if you have any questions about pitching horseshoes or the club.

Model Railroaders

Paul Lewandowski



Who doesn't like Oktoberfest? During the month of October people from all over gear up for the celebration. It is time for good food, music, cheer and above all, beer (for those old enough).

Oktoberfest originated in 1810 to celebrate the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. In 1818 booths serving food and drink were introduced. By the late 20th century, the booths had developed into larger beer halls. Total beer consumption during Oktoberfest in Munich, alone is upwards of about two million gallons. Oktober-fest draws more than six million people each year, many of them tourists.

The Oktoberfest setting on the Model Railroaders layout was donated to the club by John Álderton. Lee Robertshaw programmed the minicomputer for the sound, and Jim Lynam painted and added the details of the diorama, including

the lighting effects.

One cannot see the animation in a photograph, only by coming to the layout to see it in person. While there, try to figure out the music emanating from the beer hall (yes, music). While Löwenbräu is (or was) one of the most popular beers in Munich, the owner of our beer hall is a Pennsylvanian. For him, Yuengling is the beer of choice since it is the oldest operational brewery in the United States and originated in Pottstown, Pennsylva-nia. Looking closely at the picture, one can see the brand of soda available for the under-age drinkers.

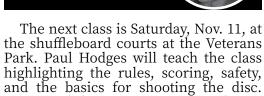
Miniaturization of electronic parts in recent years has made animation and sound effects not only possible, but affordable as well. Many members of the club are having a great time exploring various ways to incorporate these advances into our hobby. This makes it even more real. We are no longer just watching trains go around in circles. In the future, we will have more than a half-dozen sounds incorporated into the layout, with more coming.

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, Dec. 6, in the Hobby Building Event Room. If you have any questions, please call Jim Lynam at 352-861-2822.



Walt Lamp



Open-toed shoes are not permitted. Play times are Mondays, 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; and Thursdays, at 9 a.m. For more information, call either Jane Boyer at 352-509-7142 or Walt Lamp at 352-304-8711.

Men/Women

Monday (10 a.m.): Gibb/Mary Lamp. 34-Bill Weir, 32-Mary Lamp, 31-Jim Vail, 30-Vicki Lentz, & 30-Robert Sapiro (twice).

Tuesday (1 p.m.): Ron Daughtry & Tom Getty/Laurel Bischoff. 30–Mile Nowacki, Ron Daughtry, Jane Boyer, & Dottie Migliaccio.

Thursday (9 a.m.): Jim Vail/Annette Hodges. 30-Laurel Rohrer.



Oktoberfest.

Ladies **Shuffleboard**

Lois Nix



The first month of our 2023-2024 season started out well. The weather prevented one Monday group from playing. As voted by the members last year, if weather interferes with shuffling on their scheduled time, they can make-up and play the next scheduled play. Our members are very involved with decisions pertaining to our club.

The Ladies Shuffleboard Club welcomes all women residents to play. You do not need know how to play; many of our members are seasoned players and can teach you. For your own safety, open-toed shoes are not permitted. You will need your resident ID or Gateway of Services pass to play.

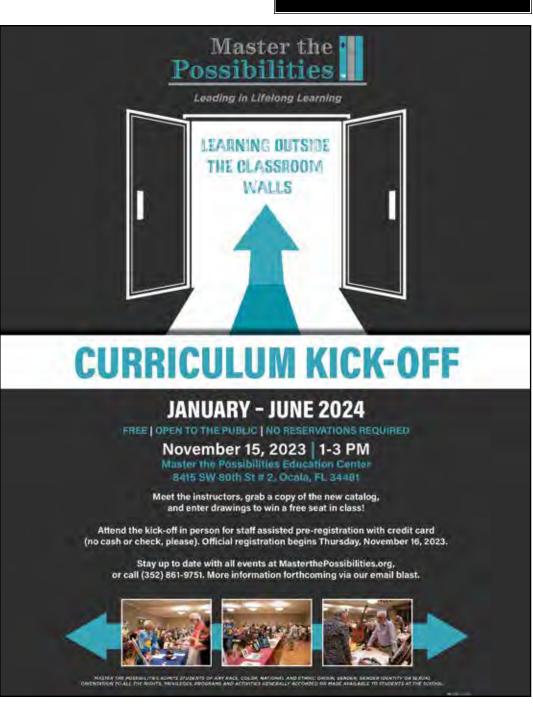
We focus on fun and learning strategy and technique. We play on Mondays starting at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesdays we play at 9 and 11 a.m. We ask players to be at least 15 minutes early. Some players like to have a practice round before starting the game, it is a good recommendation, but it is the player's choice. The purpose is the discs are waxed after each play session and by practicing it is determined how fast they are. Come join us and you can learn some interesting things about shuffleboard, make new friends and most importantly have fun.

September

10-Gina Andrejak, 9-Sandy Welch, 8-Kathy Harcup. 30+ 3-Barbara Russell, 2-Cindy Engler, Kathy Kloos, Lois Nix, & Sally Herrick.

See the bulletin board for additional results. Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Be safe and happy shuffling. See you on the courts.







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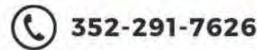
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gin. As previously mentioned, the initial

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competing in Division 1 of the tri-county

section, which consists of over 800 play-

it has assembled for this first team is geared to compete in the top division,

possessing an exciting combination of

speed, power, pitching and defense. As

a result, the club feels it will be bringing

a game and a brand of softball not seen

have been checking in to "see what all

As more existing and new players

The club is confident that the roster

Bryan Tully

for softball and the fans are going wild. Here's our upcoming schedule. All games begin at 10 a.m. at the On Top of the World softball field (unless otherwise noted).

resenting our community. The club is

hoping that sentiment echoes with our

residents as well and that every week

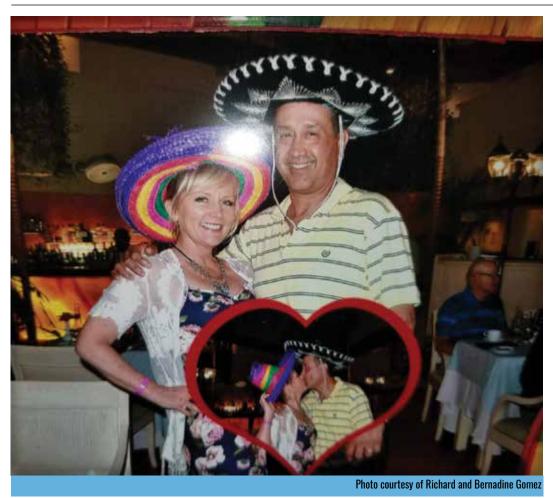
we'll be able to say, "It's a beautiful day

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Friday, Nov. 10: Elite vs. Flatwoods at Pear Park.

Tuesday, Nov. 14: Legacy vs. Elite

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Richard and Bernadine Gomez.

Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sandra Byczek



Co-Ed Recreation Softball had its first member to hit an over the fence homerun. Mike Bianchino hit a ball pitched by Richard Gomez over the left field fence and got a three-run homerun. Congratulations to Mike!

This month, we are spotlighting Richard and Bernadine Gomez. Richard is one of our pitchers and Bernadine plays rover and leads our pre-game stretching. They have been participating in Co-Ed Recreational Softball for several years. They got involved because they wanted to do something together and since they both love softball this was a perfect activity to enjoy together.

About two years ago, Richard and Bernadine moved from the Chicago area to our community. Richard had always wanted to move to Florida when he re-

tired. They toured On Top of the World and liked what it had to offer. Although they are still adjusting to having summer year-round, they keep themselves busy with golf, working out, cycling, CrossFit, singing, and church.

They have been married for over 36 years. They have developed a close-knit group of friends here that they enjoy getting together with every Thursday to try out a new restaurant in and around Ocala. One of Bernadine's favorite restaurants is Milano Italian Grille.

One of their favorite vacation spots is Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They enjoy the resorts, beautiful beaches, and the friendly people.

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 mornings. The game begins at 9 a.m. If you have any questions, please email otow-coedsoftball@gmail.com.

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Annual Photo Contest Display

By Connie Filip

ShutterBugs are excited to announce their annual photo contest display in the Recreation Center in November. Please stop by to vote for your favorite in our people's choice award.

Winners will be announced at our annual reception with light refreshments on Tuesday, Nov 7, beginning at 3 p.m. Any non-member can register prior to the event at the Recreation Center office, or by calling 352-854-8707, ext. 7533.

This month, I decided to feature one of our new members along with one of the cell phone photos that she entered in our contest.

Terry George tells me that she joined ShutterBugs last year at the Club Fair. She says, "I love taking photos and thought the field trips were original and a fun way to learn.'

She likes being surrounded by people who love taking photos as much as she does. She always finds "a useful nugget of information at meetings to make my picture look good."

At last year's reception, she says, "It was an eye-opening experience to see how many talented photographers live here. I wanted to see who won and why

Terry has joined our talented pho-

tographers this year for her first time with three photos. She says, "This one is my favorite because Trinket's favorite thing to do is sit outside and look for her friends. She loves when the neighbors stop to pet her, and when her dog friends stop to play. In this photo, she saw her dog friend across the street, and

I was telling her she couldn't go visit." Terry uses an iPhone because "I always have my phone with me. Then, I like to edit them on my iPad where I can see them better."

I asked how ShutterBugs has helped her: "I' ve learned tips on taking photos and editing them (i.e., crop later but give yourself room to edit). We are fortunate to have ShutterBugs members who volunteer to run the club, plan field trips, organize displays, run our photo contest, and give tips on how to be a better photographer. Mostly, I like that I am surrounded by people who love taking pictures as much as I do."

Terry practices what she values ... she

became our club secretary, and her enthusiasm for photography is contagious!

In November, ShutterBug Steve Evans' photographs will be on exhibit in Master the Possibilities lobby.

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-and-tell the third and an educational class the

fourth Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. You can find our photo galleries and our club calendar at otowspc.com.

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



Trinket.

What is a Dulcimer?

By Sharon Bruno

Dulcimer ... what does it look like? Nothing that I had ever seen before! Many stringed musical instruments are very recognizable. I'm sure, just by mentioning guitar, harp, fiddle, or piano you get a mental picture of the instrument. But what is a dulcimer? According to Microsoft Bing dictionary, "A mubody and a fretted fingerboard, played by bowing, plucking, and strumming. Also called mountain or Appalachian dulcimer." Still no mental picture? Me

I saw my first dulcimer at the Club Fair, just one year ago. I met Rich Furlong, one of many of the group's acsical instrument with a long-rounded complished musicians and the club's

instructor for the beginners. He was manning the Dulcimer Club table, just a-sittin' and a-playin' some beautiful tunes on an instrument I had never seen before. Yep, no mental picture. But it was the sweet sound that got my attention.

Imagine this (here's your mental picture) ... It's shaped like an hourglass, about three feet long and eight inches wide in most places. The dulcimer is made of wood and has three to four metal strings, is played by laying it flat on your lap, and usually has a strap attached to both ends of the dulcimer that

wraps around the musician's waist for added security. A pick is used to strum the strings, same as a guitar. Got the picture?

Most dulcimers are handmade oneof-a-kind that are internally stamped, signed, and numbered by their artisans. Special woods are selected both for their beauty and for their acoustics such as mahogany, walnut, maple, cherry, and

the most popular spruce.

Feeling stressed? Come for a listen!
Hey, bring a friend. Music is very different when you are seated close to the musicians. You can feel the gentle vibrations of the strings as they float around you creating a cocoon of soothing melodies and harmonies. You might even feel like trying to play one yourself. We share! Getting started is easy, all you need is a dulcimer, a lap, and a pick! I was given a loaner dulcimer and a pick to try from our club instructor, Rich. Knowing how to read music is a plus, but not necesvritten in tablature, The music is w also known as "tabs," that are written as numbers (musical notes are listed, too) that correspond to the frets. See a number one on the sheet music then look for the number one fret. There are only three lines of music that match the three strings.

The Dulcimer Group has performed for many of our clubs. Heck! We love to play all styles of tunes for everyone! And it's free. Just contact Patricia Gift 717-798-4085 or pamgift@earthlink.net to schedule us for one of your meetings or events.

The Dulcimer Group meets Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.



The members and their dulcimers..

Holiday Concert

By Dave Wesenberg

The Concert Chorus rehearses from 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room. We are more than halfway through the rehearsals for our holiday program, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of Year." The program will have two performances -Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center. The program features musical holiday favorites and a lighthearted look at the holidays through music. I am sure our wonderful audiences will be pleased and entertained.

The real work takes place in the 13 rehearsals from September to December. Sectionals are from 9 to 10 a.m. and whole chorus rehearsal from 10 to 11 a.m. or a little after. It is a miracle how we start barely getting through each musical number and polish our performance for our audience to enjoy. The easy comradery and friendly atmo-

sphere make it a joy. If you have a great voice, or just like to sing, consider joining us in January 2024 to begin work on our spring program on Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7, 2024. If you would like to join us, contact Mary Ann Najni at flmam68@aol.com.



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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride

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

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 over 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 Gina Di Marco Sheppard who was born in Sicily and came to the United States when she was almost four years old. Having lived in Chicago until her teens, the family then moved to Miami. After graduation, she went on to business school to become a legal secretary. Her career spanned 33 years which included working in Las Vegas for the attorneys who handled the Howard Hughes Estate.

In 2008, Gina had a "girlfriends" reunion with the ladies she had worked with in Las Vegas. Their group interest turned into finding a local bead shop. The beads were beautiful, and Gina felt an immediate love for creating jewelry. The owner of the shop encouraged her to take beading lessons, and she loved

every minute. She was now on the path to creating her own designs and has never stopped. During a two-year period, she rented a large room next to a beauty shop and opened a jewelry business while building her website.

Returning to Florida, Gina reunited with her dearest and also very artistic friend who she's known since her early Miami days, when they were in their mid-20s. She had gone in a different artistic direction making and painting ceramics. Because of her, Gina and her husband moved to Ocala and have lived here since 2019. Both ladies started participating in craft shows throughout the Central Florida area. Participating as a craft vendor locally, Gina has also attended the shows in Stone Creek, Williston, Marion Oaks, and the Strawberry Festival in downtown Ocala. Besides the pleasure of meeting new customers, Gina continues to update her website showcasing her lovely necklaces, ear-rings, bracelets, bookmarks, purse clips and key ring creations. Her link is fea-tured in her listing on our website.

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



Showcasing gemstone creations by Gina Di Marco Sheppard.

virtual website also, so you can see everyone's crafts even if you can't get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements for you to purchase items throughout the week.

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

Art Group

Marianne Hoffman



Great news! If you love art, you don't have to be able to draw a straight line or set up an art studio in your home. Any resident can join the Art Group for free!

If you choose to do so, you'll be able to express yourself, get inspiration from other artists and have access to the Hobby Building Art Room three days a week: Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. and both Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to

But that's not all. Art Group members also go on field trips, display their art in various places like the Ocala Public Library and in the Master the Possibilities lobby, to name a few. They also hold a show once a year. And their work can be found online at artgroupotow.org.

Current members range in art experience from more than 50 years to "Hey, I've always wanted to try this!" While small easels are available, other art supplies are not provided. But that allows you to select and bring your own for any medium: drawing, painting, sculpture, or multi-media. You name it. The sky is

'By attending the Art Group, I don' t box myself in. I love oil, feel in control with pastel. I'm working on mastering watercolors ... currently experimenting with watercolor pencils," comments Freda Klump, current group director.

"I look forward to coming to the Art Group where we share and learn from one another in an enriching and fun way," says Rose Fleming, long-time

Ron Bowman adds: "I joined the Art Group for fellowship and the opportunity to share ideas with other members. It's one of the best places to be when you are getting started with painting.'

This holiday season, give yourself the gift of creativity and new friends. It's easy. Just join the Art Group! For more information, contact Freda Klump at 615-336-6863 or fredaklump@gmail. com.



Sunflowers by Rose Fleming.

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Backgammon



clude bring your own game night!

October marked the second-year anniversary of the Backgammon Club. Many residents are learning the game for the first time and enjoying both the simplicity of the play process, as well as the underlying challenges and strategy of the game. Other residents are coming back to the game they played "back in the day" when backgammon was popular on campus, at bars, and lounges across the country. There is always someone to teach new players, or help you refresh your game.

When forming, the Backgammon Club was allotted the Hobby Building Event Room, which is more than enough room to share. Since cards, dominoes, dice, tile games, etc. are also very popular, the backgammon players have agreed to share our space. If you are looking for a place to meet up with your game partners, find a rousing game you can join, or come learn backgammon, game night is your place. Games will be self-guided with no agenda unless posted in advance. Bring all games or materials needed. A list of guidelines for room use will be available in the room. We hope this becomes a friendly, welcoming space to gather, meet new neighbors, and get your game on.

We meet in the Hobby Building Event Room each Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p.m. There is plenty of room for many players, convenient parking, and open to all residents and Gateway of Services pass holders. Check our Facebook page (OTOW Backgammon and BYO Games) for more information, or contact Karyn Dubie at kadubie@earthlink.net.

Bingo





Bingo continues to be one of the most community-supported activities, week after week! We do appreciate your loyalty. We truly look forward to seeing you in the Recreation Center Ballroom each Wednesday.

While people begin to gather early, our raffle ticket sales don't commence until 4 p.m. Each strip of three tickets is \$1 and a strip of 10 is \$3. Beginning about 5:45 p.m. or shortly thereafter, depending on how many lucky draws there will be, \$20 winner packets are assembled. We've had a string of multiple winners recently. Maybe it's time to try your luck!

Bingo playing cards go on sale at 4:30 p.m. for \$1 per card. Resident ID must be shown, and each player must have a white purchase ticket at his/her place to receive the winnings. Guests are allowed at no charge other than the price of their cards. Unfortunately, we cannot accept loose coin or bills larger than a \$20. (Think of if we had to pay \$50 win-

Bingo rules are unchanged: each person must be 18 to play; each person may save one seat other than his/her own; no alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, mixed drinks) are allowed. We ask that no chairs be tipped forward to avoid a tripping hazard.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, our semiannual super bingo is on the schedule! Cards are sold three for \$5 and it is a resident night only, no guests. Each person must present a valid resident ID. There are no exceptions.

There will be 16 games at \$75 each and four games at \$250; of course, these monies are split for multiple winners. This is always a very well-attended function, and many people arrive early, mainly to find a good parking spot! Some eat at The Pub, some choose to bring something from home, and others opt for delivery. A special note: The Club at Candler Hills delivers!

After super bingo is completed, the bingo volunteers will take some wellearned time off. This allows us time with our families and friends throughout the holiday season as well as providing the Ballroom for other community events. The classic Holiday Fest immediately comes to mind. It features an array of entertainment, cookies, and cocoa amongst its draws!

Bingo will return on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, back in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Until then, the entire bingo volunteer assembly, wishes you a very happy and safe holiday season!

Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Carol Johnson

Sept. 11 1: Phyllis Silverman & Linda Curtiss; 2: Mar Valchin & Bruce Gillette; 3: Steve Sekac & Jack Heller; 4: C.J. Daane & Carolyn Higgins.

Sept. 18

1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Bruce Gillette & Mar Valchin; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barb Heller; 4: Carolyn Higgins & C.J. Daane; Grand Slam: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger.

Sept. 25

1: Mike Meirick & Craig Ford; 2: Donna Peters & Rad D.: 3: C.J. Daane & Carolyn Higgins; 4: Pat & Debbie Quinn; Grand Slam: Craig Ford & Mike Meirick.

Oct. 2

1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Judy Mackowiak & Rik Saffol; 3: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 4: Marlene Floeckher & Phyllis Silverman.

Tuesday Night Duplicate

By Bob Kraus

We 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, contact Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525.

Sept. 12 **North/South**

1: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Diane Turkin & Gary Moses.

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Sept. 19 North/South

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

East/West

1: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp; 2: Brent Powell & Jean Krueger; 3: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen.

Sept. 26

North/South

1: C J Daane & Carolyn Higgins; 2: Diane Turkin & Virginia Collins; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara

East/West

1: Paul Agarwal & Dan Lack; 2: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 3: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp.

1: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen; 2: Dan Lack & Paul Agarwal; 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 4: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp; 5: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan.

Oct. 10 **North/South**

1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 2: Brian Lomasky & Drew Brehm; 3: Dan Lack & Paul Agarwal.

East/West

1: Bob Kraus & Arlene Loepp; 2: Connie Campbell & Billie Andersen: 3: Dennis Wallace & Judi Wallace.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Dianne Robinson

Sept. 6

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Joan Keinath.

Sept. 13

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Joan Keinath; 3: Pat Quinn; Cons: Linda Curtis.

Sept. 20

1: Joan Keinath; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Mar Floeckher; Cons: Linda Curtis.

Sept. 27

1: Craig Ford; 2: Linda Curtis; 3: Mary Bloch; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Joan Keinath.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

Sept. 7

1: Phyllis Silverman; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Sept. 14

1: Mike Meirick; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Linda Curtis; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

Sept. 21

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Al Kremer; 3: Steve Sekac; 4: Bruce Gillett; Cons: Vern Sievert.

Sept. 28

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Al Kremer; 4: Mike Meirick; Cons: Carolyn Higgins.

Thursday Night

By Jeff & Pam Bell

We are a welcoming, relaxing bunch of party bridge players. We meet weekly at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Event Room located at the rear of the Ballroom. If you haven't played for years, just finished the bridge classes at Master the Possibilities or are a great player who just likes a "no-stress" bridge game and getting to know some nice folks, our group is for you.

You do not need to bring a partner; we pair up by the luck of the draw and rotate partners throughout the evening. Bring 25 cents and a smile.

Take a trick with the two of trump and you may even end up with a prize to take

Sept. 14

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Al Whitford; 3: Billie Anderson; 2 prize: Mar Valchin.

Sept. 21

1: Betsy Brody; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Mike Brody; 2 prize: Mike Brody.

Sept. 28

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Mar Valchin; 3: Mary Bloch; 2 prize: Mary Bloch.

Oct. 5

1: Mar Valchin; 2: Billie Anderson; 3: Linda Curtiss; 2 prize: Gina Andrejak.

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Bunco Babes Social Group

Michelle Malsch



Bunco meets in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Nov. 28. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. You do not have to call to register. You need only show up. You may bring a guest. The room is set up for 48 players. Please make sure you arrive on time to reserve your spot. It will be first come, first served. Always check the World News for the latest updates for

Although the name of our group is 'Bunco Babes" we have a few husbands who attend as well. If you enjoy the game, don't be afraid to be a "bunco

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

and will be explained before the start of play. The cost is \$3 per person (please try to have exact change) and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. There are also two drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash

prizes. Please bring your own beverage and snack if you wish. There is a short intermission after the first three sets have been played. Come join in the fun and make new

friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at 352-615-2790. Stay healthy and be safe until we meet again!

Euchre



Friday Night By Mary Bloch

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., at 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.

Sept. 1

1: Angela Brady; 2: Nancy Kowsky; 3: Danny Brady.

Sept. 8

1: Phyllis Wall; 2: Diane Rickard; Tied at 3: Lawrence Remer & Edith Kolb. Sept. 15

1: Karen Jacob; 2: Carol Condino; 3: Pete Jacob. Sept. 22

1: Kim Pritchard; 2: Karen Jacob; 3: Robert Moravec. Sept. 29

1: Jim Kelly; 2: Phyllis Wall; 3: Mary Bloch.

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

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

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Nickel Nickel

Dave Malkin



sat there wondering why this happened, after all we did nothing special. We just play a simple game of cards.

"Big week! The record for the most players at one session used to be 42 but today we had 45 to set a new club record. The record for the most players in a week used to be 93 but this week you set a record as we had 106 players show up. Great job, my friends!"

Then I got the following posts from a veteran member and a new member, and I think I got my answer. What do

"This is an awesome club. The members are so friendly and even with difficult people they have managed to bring them in and be accepted. This club has been wonderful for me, and it has taught me a lot about loving others. What I have gained by being a member of this group has done more for me than so many years I've had in California. Thank you to all the members of nickel nickel, I feel

like I've gained a huge family. – Laurel"
"My mom and I have been very
warmly welcomed and I thank you all for that! She is headed home to Pennsylvania for a few weeks and will be back in late October. We will join in again when

she returns. Thank you! – Kim"

Come join us and see for yourself. We meet Mondays and Fridays at 1 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills; Tuesdays, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room; and Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. in the

Arbor Activity Center Poker Room.
All members and prospective members are welcome at any of our four sessions. Just bring two quarters and 22 nickels. As someone said, "The most fun they have ever had for \$1.60.

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Pinochle



Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

Sept. 5

1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Charlie Budd.

Sept. 12

1: Audrey Stark; 2: Bud Ālderman; 3: Andy Nuccio.

Sept. 19

1: Phyllis Jarsky; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Bernard DiGregorio.

Sept. 26

1: Judy Wagnitz; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Bud Alderman. Judy Wagnitz scored 840 points, which beat the previous record of 732.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

Aug. 18 1: Cheryl Adams; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

Aug. 25

1: Rick Carrol; 2: Phyllis Jarskey; 3: Marlene Floeckher.

Sept. 1

1: Judy Fries; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Jae Kallai.

Sept. 8

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Phyllis Jarskey; 3: Marlene Floeckher.

Sept. 15

1: Ilene Casper; 2: Larry Black; 3: Bruce Gillett.

Sept. 22

1: Al Whitford; 2: Phyllis Jarskey; 3: Jim Magoon.

Sept. 29

1: Phyllis Jarskey; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Cheryl Adams.

Oct. 6

1: Larry Black; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Cheryl Adams.

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Crescent Ridge Happenings

Patti Doty



We had a great turnout at the October tailgate gathering! A beautiful gift basket was donated, and the winner was so excited! Lots of great food, excellent weather, and wonderful conversations were had.

Please mark your calendar for our next monthly event on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. 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!

We will be collecting non-perishable

food donations for the Interfaith Emergency Services at our November and December meetings. Please consider

donating to this very worthy cause.

We also collect aluminum can pop top pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House project and accept them at any gathering. If you can't attend the meetings, post in our Facebook group or email Carol below and we can provide pickup/drop-off locations.

Veterans Day is celebrated on Nov. 11. Please take time to honor our great veterans. Other holidays this month include National Calzone Day (Nov. 1), National Men Make Dinner Day (Nov. 2), National Candy Day (Nov. 4), Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 5 (remember to set your clocks back), World Kindness Day (Nov. 13), National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day (Nov. 15), and Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23).

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We will be having a white elephant (also called yankee swap or dirty Santa) gift exchange at our Sunday, Dec. 10 meeting that is always fun! Please bring

a gift if you would like to participate.

If you are new to Crescent Ridge or have a new neighbor, please encourage them to join our email database to receive community 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 neighborhood residents are invited to join us at our regular monthly gatherings scheduled for the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m., at the beautiful Veterans Park pavilion. Please mark your calendar. What a fantastic way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky



November brings the start of the holiday season. We just celebrated Halloween, which has several songs to sing. "Monster Mash," "Thriller," "Ghost-busters," and "Superstition," are a few of them.

The singers decided to celebrate Christmas in song on Monday, Dec. 4. This puts the singers in motion to begin planning songs. All genres of music have Christmas songs. I begin a list, so we do not duplicate any songs. As soon as a singer decides what they would like to do, they let me know and I put it on

the list. We have such a variety of songs from our singers. There are religious, traditional, funny, country and Broadway songs. This makes for a fun evening. We all are dressed in Christmas attire. It is a great way to start December.

We continue highlighting our singers. This is what Darlene Stevens wanted to share with the readers.

"I am Darlene Stevens, born and raised in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. I cannot remember a time when music wasn't a part of my life. Even as a colicky baby, music was the way to get me to sleep. At age nine, I learned to play the accordion. In a small town with people of Polish and Slovakian descent, being able to play polkas was a big deal. I frequently played favorite hymns of my grandparents in church. I can still see their faces as I played requests of "Old Rugged Cross" or "Whispering Hope." Mom always had music playing or was singing songs to me. Hers was the music of the '40s, '50s, and '60s. I remember as a child I had my own yellow record of "How Much is that Doggie in the Window." My Auntie Dee loved the big bands, so I learned to love that music also. Being an academic geek most of my life, music was my best friend. I received my PhD in nursing from the University of Miami and I became a cardiology nurse practitioner, where I utilized my love of music to assist patients through cardiac stress testing. Bill Lomerson, my partner, and I moved to On Top of the World three and a half years ago after traveling the country in our 34-foot fifth wheel recreation vehicle. For me, karaoke provides a mechanism for self-expression and fun with a great group of people who share this same love. All the older songs being sung in group allow me to hear mom singing to me once more and I sincerely thank each of you for that opportunity.'

This month we meet on Mondays, Nov. 6 and 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Remember you do not have to sing to come. We love our clappers.



Darlene Stevens.

Fun with Golf Carts



Our Halloween parade took take place Saturday, Oct. 28. Our supported charities were Interfaith Emergency Services, Bears and Blankets, Operation Shoebox, Voices of Change Animal League (VO-CAL) and Dunnellon Elementary School. Thank you to the many folks who donate so generously each parade day.

Our Veterans Day parade will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11. This is always a popular parade with club members decorating their carts in honor of those who served to keep us free.

Our 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 cruising around in our "mini floats."

Membership in our Facebook group (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts) is now at 526! 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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Newcastle Social Committee

Nancy Monaghan

This time of year reminds me of a snowball rolling down a snow-covered hill as we get busier and busier with fall activities and holiday preparations. This certainly holds true in Newcastle!

In September, Newcastle held jukebox bingo at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Special thanks to Newcastleonians Brett and Joni Sinclair, for bringing the idea to our neighborhood, and for leading a team of Newcastle volunteers who decorated, made music themed centerpieces, set up, cleaned up, and organized a plentiful buffet of goodies contributed by attendees. The sellout crowd had a blast singing and trying to identify the titles and artists of the great music we grew up with. It was a high energy, fun evening, and a true walk down memory lane. Plans are in the works to host jukebox bingo again.

In October, Newcastle gathered at the Veterans Park for our second annual chili cookoff and cornhole tournament. It was a fierce competition as 14 teams played a double elimination cornhole tournament and vied to unseat last year's champions, George and Donna Isaac. Not to be outdone by neighborhood athletes, the wonderful cooks of Newcastle competed for bragging rights and to steal the best chili title from last year's co-champions, Jack Kezelian and Roger Bentley. Winners will be announced in the next column. Thanks to Jeff and Cindy VanDyke and Mike and Anne McCauley for organizing this



As Veterans Day approaches, we wish to acknowledge Newcastle's veterans. At last count, we have 14 military veterans in Newcastle; six Army, two Navy, four Air Force, one Marine, and one veteran who served in the Army and the Navy, for a combined total of 186 years of service. We are proud of you and eternally grateful to all who served. We thank our veterans' families as well; your loving support has enabled those who serve to be successful.

More veteran news - Terry Gibbons, outreach coordinator for Veterans Helping Veterans, was a guest speaker at Newcastle's October social committee meeting. He shared information about the one-stop resource center for veterans. We learned one of their biggest challenges is to supply groceries to veterans in need. Newcastle is planning a drive to help stock the pantry in Decem-

Other recent Newcastle activities included participation in the 21st annual Fall Fly-In, support of the Marion County Sheriff's Office Halloween party, the Candler Connection potluck, ladies night, plus weekly pickleball, samba, mah jongg and monthly meeting of the book club. It's a wonderful life in New-



Gloria Emmons, Bob Schmitt, Carl Folkers, Jeanne Wise, Nancy Grabowski, Tom Miller, Nancy Jennings-Fair, and Fran Allen.

The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski



At a recent tribute concert to the Carpenters, it was easy to sing along with those familiar tunes which are part of my musical memories. As soon as "Yesterday, Once More" started, I immediately linked to The New Pretenders, a revelation to exactly our purpose: evoking memories of by-gone eras and genres for our audiences!

On Feb. 2, 3, and 4, 2024, we will attempt to do that one more time with our newest offering entitled. "Another Opening, Another Show!" We will transform the Recreation Center Ballroom into the talent emporium multiplex, complete with rehearsal halls, music rooms, stages, and more! Casting agents will be there to represent revivals of past Broadway shows, new numbers headed to off-Broadway production, auditions for singers and dancers, and the everpresent musicians who provide the necessary arrangements.

To enter the multiplex, one must present a ticket at the door. These prepurchased tickets are available from Jan. 3 through Jan. 31, 2024, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The purchase window will be open from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; reserved seating tickets are \$10 and general admission are \$8 each.

Be prepared for two hours of entertaining fun as our troupe covers a range of musical genres. It all begins with an "audience warm-up." Nancy Jennings-Fair and Linda Meyer will get the party started while Joe Furfaro and Fran Allen will take us out on a high note accompanied by The New Pretenders band.

When the formal show begins, we will celebrate the premiere of our three newest members and the return of a favorite. Our freshmen with the added benefit of an experienced leader will add spark, glamour, and a great deal of fun to what we do best.

Renee Schneck comes to us by way of Pennsylvania and her energy is boundless: she dances, kayaks, skates, hikes, and rides motorcycles! If there's a physically challenging activity, you're sure to find Renee at the center of things.

Laura DeAngelis is a transplanted Southern belle from Charlotte, North Carolina, who is another motorcycle racer. Laura has competed in races, winning most, and each with a male competitor as her rival. Look for her beaming smile when it's not hidden by the trumpet!

Kim English hails from Seattle but has lived much of her life in England, hence her British accent! She is accomplished as an interior designer and a former airline hostess. From the print shop to the modeling runway, she has some tales to tell.

We are so pleased to welcome back Glory Herget, our girl from Baltimore. Glory, who works tirelessly behind the scenes, is dipping a rather cautious toe into the spotlight once again. Her high energy and radiant smile are crowd pleasers, most certainly.

Our invitation to join us extends from your involvement as an audience member to possibly joining us as a member! For more information, contact any current member or Nancy Grabowski, director, at 352-209-4699.



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Poetry

Linda Toner



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Our union is strong, our love is too. I'm so glad I married you.

There's been some rough patches but we've gotten through, and our marriage gets us stronger than we ever knew.

And when I say good night, I don't say it lightly. I hold your heart in my hand very tightly.

So, I continue to love you with all my heart and soul, and will continue to do so, If I may be so bold.

And in closing I say we will be together. Yesterday, tomorrow and forever.

Kestrel Knowings

Elaine Morrison



Kestrel residents had a fantastic evening of nostalgia and revelry as they recreated a high school sock hop recently. DJ Scott Bolton supplied the wonderful music which included numerous golden oldies as well as some more "modern" tunes.

Pam Brown took the honors winning the hula hoop contest and Anna Marie Mederios was the victor of the air guitar

Lt. Paul Bloom of the Marion County Sheriff's Office concluded his three-part series with a talk on the "Basics of Self Defense." He provided the audience with techniques and safety hints they can use in everyday life.

The extremely popular jukebox bingo will return on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This is a bring-your-own-beverage and snacks event so please provide enough for a table. Tickets are \$10 and are now on sale.

A ladies cookie swap is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Candler Hills Community Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Each attendee should provide three dozen cookies to share and for others to take home. There is no charge and punch will be provided. It will be necessary to RSVP to Jan Eaton at jeaton1000@comcast.net.

The holiday party is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 11. Further information will be provided next month.

Sewing Bees

Ann Gallo



Welcome back snowbirds. We are going to be very busy for the next few months. With the cooler weather setting in, the demand for quilts will increase.

We are in the final stretch of getting the quilts, pillows, and stockings ready for Christmas. We will be packing everything the week before Thanksgiving. This allows us enough time to distribute and give the agencies time to sort everything.

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

We know there is a lot of talent in our community, and we welcome new members. Dues are \$15 for the year. The Sewing Bees meet every Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. We also meet the second and third Saturdays of the month from noon to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room.

Can't sew? No problem! You can tie a



Some of the Sewing Bees busy at work.

quilt, iron, or help sandwich a quilt. We provide sewing machines, if necessary, and all supplies to make a quilt.

Join our page on Facebook (Sewing Bees Club Inc.) and 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 Schneer at 813-920-3487 or Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178.

Paradise Players

Liz Elliott Lieberman



Have you ever wondered if you could write a book (we all have one in us!), play, or comedy sketch? The Paradise Players have set up a writing committee and the stories we relate range from daily life situations to some of the unusual people we have met; some are tragic some are hilarious. Very often life imitates art, and it is those personal experiences that we are endeavoring to make the basis of our sequel to the adventures of the funny, sassy "Platinum Girls" – an original play with music.

Casting is almost complete, but we are still seeking some key roles so please contact our producer and director, Lee Smith, at the email below.

The Paradise Players love the chance to explore the possibilities of their talent and even if you don't think you have any ability to perform you may surprise yourself! The theater is so much more than the actors, dancers and singers on stage and the number of backstage roles is equally as important to any production. The sound, lighting, costume and set designers are the obvious ones but there are so many important people involved, from the stage management and crew to the dressers who keep the actors calm offstage, besides getting them on stage wearing the right costume!

Nowadays, so much of the technical side of live productions is run by computerized programs and systems, so we will be needing those of you with that highly specialized knowledge for our shows.

The aim of the Paradise Players is to bring people together for not just a learning theatrical experience, but to become part of a fun social group also. Come to the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio II at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesdays to meet us and learn all about this enjoyable and diverse group.

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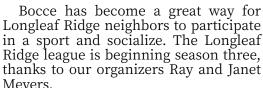


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Bocce came to America thanks to the Italian immigrants arriving in Chicago in 1969. The name then evolved from the Italian bot-cheh to the American ba-che. Bocce can be played by all ages, even those with limited athletic ability.

The first bocce games were documented in 5200 BC when rounded rocks were used instead of today's composite or metal balls. The game has become a popular worldwide tournament sport and is being considered for the Olympics. Bocce is just one of many activities available to Longleaf Ridge neighbors to have fun and establish new friendships.

Neighbors held a potluck picnic held at Veterans Park in September. Over 70 neighbors from one of the new areas of Longleaf Ridge attended the event. They enjoyed delicious food and barbeque while listening to live music performed by the local band Area 81 including vocals by our very own Celeste Crosse. It's so exciting to meet new neighbors. Everyone has a story to share about

their decision to relocate to On Top of the World. One of the most compelling factors in deciding to move to Longleaf Ridge is that most of the neighbors are new as well. This newness translates into a very receptive, welcoming community.

A new Longleaf Ridge social committee has been established to help facilitate activities for our neighborhood. Some exciting activities are being planned in the months ahead including decorating homes with luminaries for the holidays. Please watch for additional information in the weeks ahead.

In other news, Chef Ralph Cipollo, director of food and beverage at On Top of the World, was the guest speaker at the Longleaf Ridge men's luncheon group. Chef Ralph shared some exciting culinary enhancements coming to restaurants in our community.

As our neighborhood continues to grow, we look forward to welcoming all of the many new neighbors. 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.



Longleaf Ridge neighbors gather for potluck picnic.

Sunshine Quilters

Margie Rantala



Cheryl Burke is one of our smiling faces in the Sunshine Quilters. She lived most of her life in Chesterfield Township, Michigan. Later moved to Ocala from Grand Blanc, Michigan.

She was a snowbird for a couple of years and then took the plunge and moved to Crescent Ridge in December 2022

Cheryl earned her bachelor's degree at Michigan State University. She has worked at various jobs during her career, retiring 2014 from Macomb County Circuit Court as a judicial court clerk. Cheryl is married to her husband Tom, who especially enjoys the billiards room.

Cheryl prefers sewing on a Janome for her traditional and traveling machines. She says her favorite project is one that is finished. She laughs and she will have to live another 150 years to fin-

ish her projects. Cheryl likes paper piece and embroidery. She owns a Handi Quilter long arm and does edge-to-edge quilting. Cheryl's favorite go-to websites are Missouri Quilt and Hancock's of Paducah. Cheryl enjoys meeting and making friends, learning new skills and working on charity quilts.



Cheryl Burke.



Original Theatre Group

Richard Rosen

The Original Theatre Group will open their 2023-2024 season with "Boiled Peanuts," a very funny and touching musical that features the lovable "Peanuts" characters as they have reached maturity. Have the years changed them or not?

Performances are scheduled for 2 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Recre-

ation Center Ballroom. All tickets are \$10 and will be on sale every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the upper lobby of the Recreation Center.

Our talented cast includes Tom Mansfield, Carole Beauchamp, Russ Kaye, Sharon Voith, Dave Wesenberg, Jodylynne Rowswell, Merideth Logan, Cicily Kaye, Rosalina Norita, Sandy Leslie, Jane Bennett-Bailey, and Leonard Rivkin. Jennifer Foster is the musical director, Jodylynne Rowswell is the costume designer, Ken Russell is the scenic designer, Sandy Mansfield is the assistant director, and Richard Rosen is the production director.

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Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton

The Indigo East Social Committee's Halloween party was held on Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Indigo East Community Center. The party menu included all beef hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, and dessert. Costumes were not required to attend, however, for those who wore a costume, there was a costume contest with prizes. Information on the costume winners will be in my next issue. Dance music was provided by our very own Indigo East resident, DJ

The Indigo East Social Committee 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. Attendees are asked to bring a dish serving eight to 10 people. If your last name begins with A-E, please bring a side dish; F-M, des-

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sert; N-S main dish; and T-Z appetizer or salad. Please contact Beth Griner at jnbgriner@yahoo.com and let her know what dish you are bringing. The Indigo East Social Committee will provide the iced tea, water, and some main dishes. You can bring your beverage of choice to the dinner.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, at 9:30 a.m. the ladies luncheon committee will sponsor a ladies holiday breakfast buffet catered by the Breakfast Station. The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage links, home fries, pancakes, French toast, biscuits with gravy, and fresh cut fruit. Also, orange juice, coffee and hot water is available for tea and instant decaf coffee. There will be an ornament exchange in lieu of a grab bag. For those who wish to participate, please bring a new ornament valued between \$5 and \$8 to hang on the ornament tree. There will be Sherry's Christmas tree bingo, door prizes and centerpiece giveaway. There will also be Santa's shoppe vendors for last minute gifts. The breakfast should be jam packed with fun. Ticket sale dates are Monday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m.

to noon; Tuesday, Nov. 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; and Tuesday, Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon. All ticket sales are in the Indigo East Community Center. Resident ID required for ticket purchase.

Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Indigo East Community Center, the holiday party will be held. Assorted appetizers, yummy desserts, many door prizes, and dancing to music provided by DJ Frank. Ticket sale dates are Tuesday, Nov. 7, 5 to 6 p.m. (before bingo); Saturday, Nov. 11, 6 to 8 p.m. (during the potluck dinner); Thursdays, Nov. 16 and 30, 5 to 6

p.m. (Indigo East Community Center); and Friday, Dec. 1, 5 to 7 p.m. (during happy hour). Resident ID required for ticket purchase.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, Indigo East Holiday Golf Cart Parade. Lineup starts at 5:30 p.m. and parade at 6 p.m. There will be an outdoor social after the parade for participants and a prize for best in show.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the month of November and, as usual, I'll see you around the neighbor-

hood.

Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



139 residents attended the Candler Hills annual picnic and everyone brought their own lawn chair and beverage. We had a great afternoon of picnic food and socializing with our neighbors. A special thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who made this event pos-

The final potluck dinner for 2023 will be on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 5:30 p.m. We all have had turkey for Thanksgiving, turkey sandwiches for days after Thanksgiving, and creative or not so creative dishes made with turkey leftovers. The theme of the November potluck is "Anything but Turkey." Please prepare your dish for 12 to 15 people as follows: A-H - dessert; I-P - main dish; and Q-Z side dish or salad. \$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 arthurkipdeb@verizon.net. Please label your dish with its ingredients for

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

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see you there!

The Candler Connection board has five open seats in January 2024. Any Candler Hills resident who wishes to fill a vacancy should contact Richard Steinfeldt at richst9@gmail.com, Karen Gemberling at klm4him@gmail.com or Brian Lomasky at lomaskyb@gmail.com before Dec. 15. The election will be in January 2024 with the exact date to be announced.

See the dates for our planned events for 2024:

- 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 jukebox bingo.
- June 16 & Aug. 11: Ice cream social with various flavors of ice cream and toppings and ice cream sodas
- July 4: Independence Day pool party and catered picnic.
- Sept. 14: Island party.
- Oct. 24: Annual fall picnic. Dec. 13: Holiday party with Pasta Faire as caterer and Kathleen Kane with the music.

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, Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood and at future events!

Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



The holiday season is quickly approaching and along with it the return of snowbirds. They will be able to enjoy our Florida weather and participate in the many activities here in On Top of the World. Our next Friendship Connection event will take place Jan. 13, 2024. That will be the year 2024, believe it or not! The planning committee is hard at work putting together ideas. Information will be available in the next column.

Do you know all the work to put together our events is done by a small group of 10 people? Some of these people will be retiring from their positions by the end of this year. We are currently looking for people to come join the committee or we will have to disband and stop having events. If this is something you are interested in doing, please let us know or join 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.

The Friendship Connection planning committee would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. If you are going away to visit family and friends, please stay safe and we will see you when you return. If you are staying here, drive safely and enjoy the weekend.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village only. Our events are scheduled quarterly, on the second Saturday of the month, from 4 to 6 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, set up, clean up, or serve please contact Carron Janssen at 847-529-6183 or Cathy Clinton at 860-302-6723, email us at otowfriendshipconnection@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

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or a resident(s) will be considered.







Williamsburg Neighbors

Carmel Kessler

The heavy rain held off and the Williamsburg golf cart poker run proceeded with just a few sprinkles. Almost 30 neighbors participated as we drove in and around the amazing neighborhoods that create On Top of the World, gathering a playing card at each stop. The parade ended at the Veterans Park with everyone getting their last card. Neighbor, Janeen Kaufmann, with the best poker hand, won the cash prize. Everyone built their own ice cream sundaes as the sun set.

The temperatures have dropped, and more neighbors have ventured out to enjoy our weekly bocce games. We meet every Wednesday, at 4 p.m. at the bocce courts at The Arbors. Teams are formed and the balls start rolling. We have a great time, playing for about an hour or so. Join in anytime!

Table of eight, now renamed "dinner out with the neighbors," continues to be a great success. The restaurants chosen are diverse in offerings and settings. Twenty-seven neighbors recently met at Brick City Southern Kitchen in downtown Ocala to experience their delicious barbecue. For more information, please contact Nancy Meininger at nancy@nancymeininger.com. She would appreciate knowing your favorite places to eat.

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting discussing the upcoming Winterfest party. We appreciate the enthusiasm and suggestions received. If you were not able to attend the meeting and would like to offer your help, please contact Gwen Fabian at 330-207-6954 or

Carmel Kessler at 336-253-1250. We are looking for people who could help with set up, ticket sales, and a few helpings hands the night of the party.

The Williamsburg Winterfest party will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Dinner music will be provided by the North Loop 4Tet. The catered meal will include two meat selections, potatoes, rice, and vegetables. A special dessert is being planned. The cost of a ticket is \$30.

Tickets are now on sale. You may purchase them at bocce, every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Arbors. You can also call Gwen Fabian at 330-207-6954, Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0757 or Carmel Kessler at 336-253-1250 and arrangements will be made to get tickets to you.

Tickets sales will continue until Wednesday, Nov. 29. Make plans to get your tickets early. This event is a wonderful end of the year party celebrating everyone living in our fabulous neighborhood!

Attention golfers! Several neighbors have shown an interest in having a Williamsburg golf scramble. For further information contact Nancy Meininger at nancy@nancymeininger.com.

Welcome new neighbors! Please let us know that you are here. As you are getting settled feel free to contact any person in this column for questions you may have about the activities in the neighborhood, suggestions of activities you would like to see happening, or for references of a good plumber, handyman, electrician, etc. Contact Nancy Meininger, so that you receive our email blasts. You can also check out the happenings on our Facebook page (Welcome to Williamsburg-OTOW).



Fall is in the air! We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday, Nov. 13 for our fall potluck dinner. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios.

What do you need to do? Invite a neighbor to join us and bring your favorite fall dish! Appetizers, entree, salad or dessert and a serving spoon – you choose what works best for you. We will provide all paper goods. Water will be available – bring-your-own for all other beverages.

A 50/50 will be available for 10 for \$5 (exact change is appreciated). A portion of the club's proceeds from the 50/50 will be donated to Interfaith Emergency Services to help others have a joyous Thanksgiving.

Tickets will not be required for this event. Please RSVP to Sharon at 270-855-1354 (call/text) by Monday, Nov. 6, so we can properly plan for the evening.

Our activity for the evening will be Family Feud. Categories will range from general knowledge to Thanksgiving traditions. Come ready to work with your team to pick the number one answer

based on anonymous surveys. All members of the winning team will win a cash prize. Come have fun and some laughs with your neighbors.

The committee is already working on scheduling events for 2024 and we need your help. Reach out to Sharon if you would like to join the planning committee or be a helper at our upcoming events. We need everyone to make this group continue to be successful. Mark your calendar now for the second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November! Watch for more information in the next newsletter, via email or our Facebook group.

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.



 $\label{power constraints} \mbox{Williamsburg neighbors enjoying the poker run.}$



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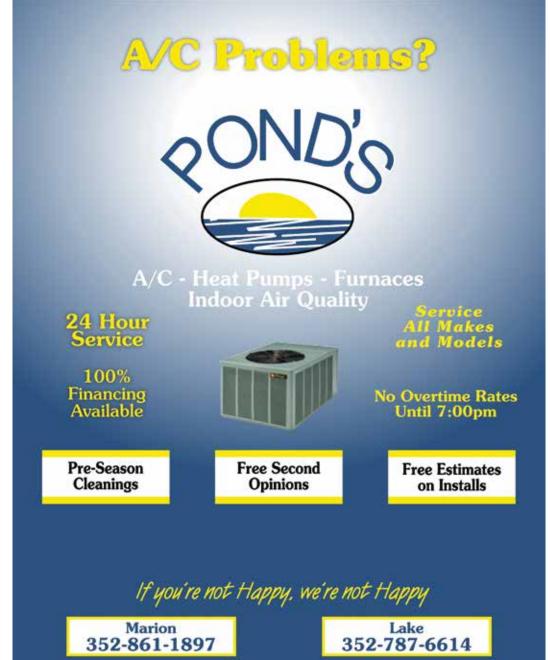
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Saturday, Nov. 4: 8555-B SW 96th Lane (Friendship Village), 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 10091 SW 97th Lane (Crescent Ridge), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9: 9329 SW 94th Loop (Windsor), 8 a.m. to noon · 9419 SW 94th Loop (Windsor), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. · 8905 SW 100th Avenue (Avalon), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9 & Friday, Nov. 10: 9354, 9407 SW 94th Loop (Windsor), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. · 8787-B SW 90th Lane (Friendship Colony), 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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> **Saturday, Nov. 11:** 8954 SW 104th Circle (Avalon), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

> **Friday, Nov. 17:** 9049 SW 91st Circle (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to noon. 9701 SW 89th Loop (Providence), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

> Friday, Nov. 17 & Saturday, Nov. 18: 8966-B SW 94th Lane (Friendship Park), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. · 8626-D SW 97th Lane Road (Americana Village), 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

> **Saturday, Nov. 18:** 9273-C SW 82nd Terrace (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 8743-C SW 90th Circle (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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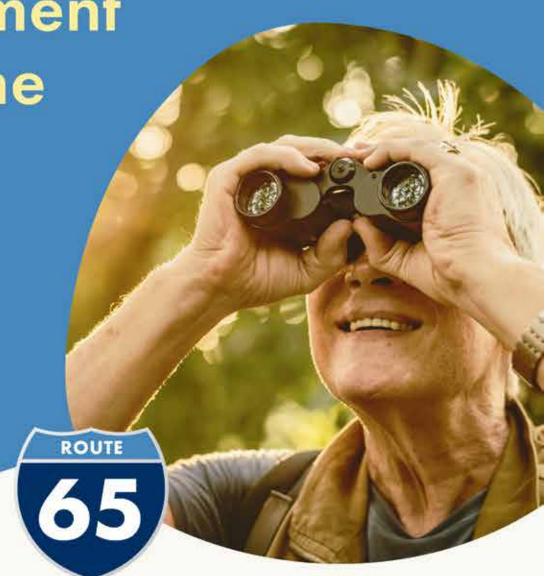
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