

## Community News

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### Arbor Fitness Center

Progress is slow but steady on the renovation of the Arbor Fitness Center (formerly Arbor Club). New, top of the line Nautilus exercise machines were installed in mid-February. The bathroom/locker rooms were completely renovated, both swimming pools were resurfaced, the outdoor pool deck received paver tiles, the shade arbor was reconstructed to accommodate solar panels, the pool covering was also replaced.

We anticipate that construction will be completed by the end of February with a grand opening on Thursday, March 8. Tours of the facility will be available from 2 to 5 p.m. on that day.

Besides the work on the Arbor Fitness Center, land was cleared for the addition of a second conference center. This structure mirrors the existing conference center, but will be the home of other activities including billiards, electronic game room, table tennis, poker and cards rooms. Next on the list will be the remodeling of the Hobby Building for the model trains, computers, arts and crafts and wood shop to accommodate the growing community.

### Amending the On Top of the World Declaration

During the recent On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association fiscal 2019 operating budget meeting, I spoke at length about the need to amend the declaration for the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association.

Amending community documents is never something to take lightly. The process is very cumbersome, time consuming, labor intensive, and challenging to accomplish in a 90-day window. Knowing all this, why would we even bother?

The On Top of the World community currently has seven different declarations. Rather than attempt to maintain different declarations, it is high time to consolidate them all into a single document.

This proposed revision offers benefits to residents by raising the allowable financing limits of mortgages to 80 percent of the most recent acquisition price of the home (currently it is at 70 percent).

Many of the other proposed revisions deal with clarifying limits of the Association's area of responsibility, clarifying insurance matters, and limits on owner use of the home with regard to rental/occupancy activities (e.g. Airbnb or other transient uses).

This last point on occupancy is particularly timely aspect of this proposed revision. Pending legislation in the House amending 720.503 F.S., if passed, blocks Associations from applying amendments to their governing documents that limit the duration of occupancy of the home or the number of times it may be rented.

In other words, if we don't amend our declaration now, after July 1, 2018, any provision such as the board has proposed with respect to occupancy could not be enforced except on sale to new owners. This is a blatant attempt by certain special interests to influence members in the Florida House and Senate to support transient occupancy such as Airbnb and similar services.

Your board is committed to ensuring that your community remains its residential nature. Transient occupancy is inconsistent with On Top of the World Community's values.

Other aspects of this proposed revision are mostly ministerial. The laws of the State have changed over the past years, new agency rules have been adopted that af-

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## OCALA OPEN<sup>®</sup>

at Candler Hills Golf Club

By Matt Hibbs

How would you like to be standing over a 10-foot putt with a chance to win \$12,000? Year after year, that's what the Ocala Open presents to up-and-coming professional golfers.

Wednesday, March 21 through Friday, March 23, Candler Hills Golf Club will host its 12th annual Ocala Open. The Ocala Open is a professional golf tournament run by Rick

Hendershot, director of the Florida Professional Golf Tour. Each year, a field of 144 professional golfers competes for a chance to win the first place prize of \$12,000.

We have had many great players come to Candler Hills to compete in this prestigious event. Current PGA Tour player, Ted Potter Jr. won back-to-back championships in 2012 and 2013, Dan McCarthy won back-to-back Opens in 2015 and 2016. Most recently in 2017,



Photo by Bob Woods

2017 Ocala Open champion Wade Binfield.



By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Hands Across the Highway Art Expo will take place on Saturday, March 10, at Circle Square Cultural Center. Please mark your calendar for this great event that allows local artisans to showcase their artistic talents. This free event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is the perfect opportunity to purchase a one of a kind painting or piece of art to spruce up a wall or cabinet in your home. The event is like going to an art gallery but the prices are not!

Exhibited will be Chinese paintings, wall sculptures, a gourd painter, fiber baskets, and polymer clay painted jewelry, not to mention heavy and light oil paintings along with watercolor. Entertainment will be provided by the Paul Ritter Duo.

Outside on The Town Square will be a new auto show featuring 2018 automobiles from just about every new car dealer in Ocala along with exhibitors, food trucks, and DJ entertainment.

It will be a fun day for all!



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, Inc.

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fect community associations, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District has promulgated new rules that affect surface water drainage systems, all of which have affected this Association.

Taken in their entirety, these alone present a large enough volume of changes to justify substantial revisions to the governing declarations.

Okay, now what? Your board will mail a substantial packet of documents to each member of the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association on Thursday, March 1. The mailing includes a change-marked version of the proposed revision to the declaration, together with a consent/joinder, a proxy, and detailed instructions.

To facilitate a thorough understanding of the proposed changes, how the revised provisions work together to ensure an affordable and livable community, the board has scheduled a series of workshops to discuss the proposed changes. The goal of these meetings is to have the opportunity to answer any questions or concerns, and to facilitate obtaining executed consents.

Information will be available at [ontopoftheworldinfo.com/otow-](http://ontopoftheworldinfo.com/otow-)

central including frequently asked questions (FAQs), upcoming workshops, required documents to approve the consolidated declaration, as well as an area to send in additional questions you may have.

The Association has scheduled workshops to explain the consolidated declaration in further detail. Notary services will be provided to assist residents in completing the required documents. The workshops are scheduled by neighborhood(s) to ensure we process everyone as efficiently as possible.

The following workshops will take place at Circle Square Cultural Center (8395 SW 80th Street), from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.:

- Thursday, March 8: Americana Village and Friendship Village.
- Tuesday, March 13: Friendship Colony.
- Thursday, March 15: Friendship Park, Williamsburg and Windsor.
- Monday, March 19: Crescent Ridge I/II and Crescent Green.
- Tuesday, March 27: Avalon and Renaissance Park.

The following workshop will take place in the Recreation Center Ballroom (9030 SW 99th Street), from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.:

- Thursday, March 22: Providence.

Please bring your documents with you, along with personal identification (for notaries).

If you are unable to attend the workshop for your neighborhood, please select another date that will work for your schedule.

This coming fiscal year will have considerable challenges. Your board is pleased to report that despite significant work being done around the community, the increase in community service fee is anticipated to be very low.

Master the Possibilities

I am very pleased to report that Michelle Shideler has joined Master the Possibilities as executive director. Michelle has over 20 years' experience in the area of lifelong learning course development.

We have every reason to believe that Master the Possibilities will continue at a very high level, as well as evolve, expand, and improve.

Safety Check-up

March is a great time for a safety check-up. The holidays are over, the family and guests are back wherever they came from and it's just you and your home (finally!). So ask yourself a simple question: "What do I do if ... ?"

Ask yourself, do I enjoy walking or biking in the community in the evening or early morning hours? If the answer is yes, do you wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight for signaling oncoming traffic, or have proper red/white lights on your bicycle? I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather, and I'm the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precau-

tions. Note to self ... practice what I preach!

Another lifesaving question to ask, "If I were to have a kitchen fire, do I have a fire extinguisher handy and could I use it? If I had a water leak into my unit, would I know what to do or who to call? If I'm getting out of the tub or shower, is my bath mat absorbent and non-skid? Do I have a grab rail that is properly installed in my tub or shower? Have I overloaded any extension cord with too many plug-in items?" This is much more common than you think!

Do you have a first aid kit in the home? How old is it? Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list? Do you remember where it is and when it was last updated? The best recommendation is to keep a clearly legible list of current emergency contacts, your primary physician, and any medications you are taking in a clearly identified vial in the refrigerator. You'll also want to post a reminder on the refrigerator door that vital information is stored there. This can be a life or death difference to you should emergency responders be needed.

March is a great time to have your heating and air conditioning systems (HVAC) serviced. Before you know it, you'll be switching from heating to cooling. To assure optimal comfort and efficient operation, the HVAC unit needs to be checked by a licensed and insured air conditioning and heating professional.



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Ever wonder about what's going on at Sholom Park? What are the park rules and guidelines? What are the hours of operation? What is the history and heritage of the Park? How can you get involved as a volunteer or how can you hold your own event at the park? How

can you make a donation? How can you receive regular e-mail updates from Sholom Park? Most of these questions can be answered by visiting [sholompark.org](http://sholompark.org) and browsing through its many resources available online. The park also encourages interaction on its Facebook page - we love hearing from you!

This spring, Sholom Park's calendar is bursting with events and activities. Here's what's coming up in March:

- Tuesday, March 6: Interfaith Emergency Services (IES)

third annual Ladies High Tea and Festival of Tables will be held in the formal garden. The general public is invited to walk through and view beautifully decorated tables from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a \$5 donation to IES, individuals may vote for their favorite tables. Ladies High Tea (invitation only) will occur in the afternoon. Call (352) 209-7045 or e-mail [Karla@IESmarion.org](mailto:Karla@IESmarion.org) for more information.

- Saturday, March 10: Hoofin' It for Hospice will take place with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds will benefit Hospice of Marion County's Legacy House. Call

(352) 873-8605 or e-mail [valerie34481@gmail.com](mailto:valerie34481@gmail.com) for more information.

- Friday, March 16: Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the pavilion for our L.E.A.F. Series with Norm Lanz, an esteemed ornithologist who will speak on the topic of "Meet the Birds of Sholom Park." Norm, an instructor with Master the Possibilities, will take us on a park journey, identifying common and not-so-common birds along the way. Bring your binoculars and a notepad! E-mail [info@sholompark.org](mailto:info@sholompark.org) or call (325) 873-0848, ext. 7650 for more information.

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All Around Our World

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For those of us who love to celebrate, St. Patrick’s Day gives us a reason to do so. Be sure to check out the fun celebrations planned around the community on Saturday, March 17. Our first official day of spring is Tuesday, March 20, and I am looking forward to seeing spring flowers, longer daylight hours and beautiful weather.

Don’t forget to move your clocks forward by one hour — spring forward— on Sunday, March 11. A good rule of thumb is to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks, since daylight saving time provides a convenient reminder. Daylight saving time also means that you may water your lawn twice per week. Please make sure to switch over your irrigation to water on the correct days and times, which you can find on otowinfo.com.

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Meeting

The board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association was held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Circle Square Cultural Center and was well attended. The board took action to approve the 2018-2019 budget, rules changes as well as a resolution for the 2018-2019 roof replacements. The board reports included discussing budget items, on-going challenges and new and exciting plans for this budget year.

The consolidation of the community’s declarations was also discussed. I encourage you to read Mr. Colen’s column this month in which he provides information on consolidating the seven declarations for the On Top of the World

(Central) Owners Association and where you can learn more about the upcoming workshops.

Community Clean-up Day

We are planning a community clean-up day in April. The date will follow. In the interim, if you have a special need and need assistance during our clean-up day, please call customer service and they will add you to our list. This is a great day to have assistance with those hard to reach owner plantings, moving heavy lawn ornaments or straightening landscape edging. Our team spends the day assisting residents with outside maintenance and clean-up.

Loading and Unloading

We have had a few challenges due to misunderstanding or not being aware of loading and unloading rules for the community. As a reminder: “No loading or unloading of trucks, trailers, drop storage containers, construction debris containers, dumpsters, vans or similar vehicles or containers shall be permitted in the community during non-daylight hours or on Sundays or legal holidays without the prior written consent of the Association.”

Ocala Open

The 12th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course is just days away! It’s hard to believe that we have been hosting this wonderful event for 11 years, and have raised over half a million dollars for our charities.

We are looking to make our 12th year our best yet and we hope that you will join us for this event.

The Ocala Open will be held on March 21, 22 and 23 with a Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 20. You still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro-Am, which will help benefit our two local charities: Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. The

professional tournament will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight professional golfers from around the world. You will not want to miss this – come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf.

Be sure to take advantage of the VIP ticket which not only gets you a prime seat and viewing spot under the tent at the 18th hole, but you also receive tickets for a free lunch, an appetizer and two beverages that day. This deal can’t be beat. Tickets are available at Candler Hills Golf Shop for \$25 daily or \$65 for three days. Each charity receives a portion of the ticket proceeds.

Needle “Sharp” Disposal

Just a reminder that hypodermic needles are not to be disposed of in the compactors or at any trash containers in the community. This creates a hazard for our workers as well as Waste Management employees. Please see the photo to the right of my column ... this was found at the SW 90th Street location. Per the Marion County website, residents can dispose of hypodermic needles or other sharps in containers at special kiosks located at each of the 18 recycling centers located throughout Marion County. They can also obtain a free replacement container with each disposal visit. They advise first time participants to see recycling attendant on duty or contact Solid Waste at (352) 671-8465 for more information.

Multi-modal Paths

You may or may not have noticed the new decals and stencils along the multi-modal paths. If you haven’t seen them, next time you are out and about be sure to take a look. The paths are to be shared by golf carts, walkers and bikers. There seems to be some confusion regarding who is supposed to use the path and we hope this visual



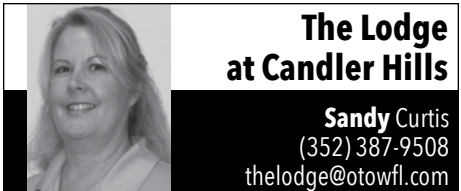
aid will help in sharing the paths.

Pets

Several complaints have been received regarding pets running free. When outside of your home or fenced area, pets are required to be on a leash by community rules and Marion County Ordinance. Please be properly prepared to pick up after your pet regardless of location.

Customer Service

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Mar. 21, this month. Customer Service may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 200, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you reach our voicemail during normal business hours, please know that we are helping others and will get back to you as quickly as possible.



The Lodge at Candler Hills

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March is full of important dates. It marks the beginning of a new season. Yes, that’s right, it’s springtime in Florida. It is also the month for daylight saving time to begin on Sunday, March 11.

Sing, dance, clap or socialize with us on Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m., for Kocktails and Karaoke in the ballroom. New residents joined in on the fun and had a wonderful time last month. Bring your beverages and snacks, if you desire. Each Candler Hills resident may invite one guest and the guest fee is \$2 per person. Please note there will be no Kocktails and Karaoke in April or May, due to the ballroom being previously booked for private parties.

It has been one year since The Lodge at Candler Hills opened its doors. On Friday, March 9, join us for a year celebration. Starting out in the parking lot from 3 to 5 p.m. for our first car show. Come and see what magnificent cars are parked right here in Candler Hills. You will be amazed at all the beau-

ty and power in some of these four wheels. Live entertainment in the ballroom, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with refreshments and punch served. Feel free to bring your own alcoholic beverages with you. Please RSVP to thelodge@otowfl.com for your spot at the event.

The Lodge at Candler Hills is hosting its second BYOB Happy Hour on Saturday, March 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. Do you have luck of the Irish? A prize will be given every hour to a lucky winner. It’s a St. Patrick’s Day celebration, so wear your green and enjoy some yummy

green snacks. Any finger foods you wish to bring to your table are welcomed. This event is free of charge and is a bring your own bottle. Candler Hills residents are required to bring their ID card and may bring a guest. Guest fee is \$5 per person.

Wave goodbye to winter, welcome spring in all of its bountiful harvest. Enjoy an array of salads, fresh fruit salads and pasta salads. This event takes place Tuesday, March 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the ballroom, for all Candler Hills residents. Sign up in the office today. Baseball opening day is Thurs-

day, March 29. This is the first time in 50 years that all 15 teams are in action on the first day of the regular season. That’s a true opening day, no night-before game or an overseas contest to start things off – and that hasn’t happened since way back in 1968. I can’t take you out to the ballgame, but I can bring you to The Lodge at Candler Hills for some baseball fun. We will be serving up hot dogs, popcorn, pretzels and soda, from 3 to 6 p.m. Bring your own beer. Cost is just \$6 per person.

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**New Class – “Flowing Chi”**

Mind body classes continue to be a popular and important part of The Ranch’s fitness programs. These classes, such as yoga, Tai Chi and Qigong (pronounced “chi-gung”) unite the mind and the body through breath and focused movement. Regular participants in these classes share similar testimony reporting improved energy, strength and balance along with the reduction of stress and pain associated with arthritis. We are very excited to add “Flowing Chi” to the mix of our current mind-body programming.

Similar to Tai Chi and Qigong, Flowing Chi will present a series of slow, deliberate movements with an emphasis on breathing and elements of meditation. This class is very easy to follow and incorpo-

rates simple flowing movements (or forms) with the intent of promoting health and well-being. The movements are simple, enabling everyone to find success. The routines are not necessarily designed to burn calories or significantly elevate the heart rate. The focus is to improve circulation, balance, and alignment and provides a restorative quality to both your body and your mind. “Qi” or “chi” literally translated from Chinese medicine, represents “energy” or “life force.”

Although the low impact format of Tai Chi, Qigong and Flowing Chi are perfect for older adults, beginners, and people with restrictive health conditions; what’s surprising to many is that these practices are also an excellent wellness option for those who are very fit. The discipline in mind-body classes teaches muscle control, balance and supports stress management;everyone benefits from these.

Give Flowing Chi a try! Join instructor Sarah Logue, at 9 a.m. on Saturdays in The Ranch studio. For more information, please call (352) 861-8180 x7589.



Sarah Logue will teach Flowing Chi at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa.



**Keeping It Green**  
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Hydrawise is up and running and showing promising results. Homes that went to contract after Feb. 21, 2017, are equipped with the Hunter Pro HC with Hydrawise. This is the newest state-of-the-art technology with irrigation system management. Residents can operate their irrigation system from any tablet, smartphone or desktop computer from anywhere in the world where Wi-Fi is accessible.

When we started using the Hunt-

er Pro-HC with Hydrawise at the Sanctuary Model Center, we quickly realized that this system added some great user benefits. Not only can you access the timer from your cruise ship viewing the mountains in Alaska but you can also get up-to-date notifications concerning leaks, water used and actual watering schedules. The system ties to a local weather station for free and can be upgraded to an Enthusiast Plan allowing for personal weather stations to adjust watering schedules.

One of the unique functions in the Hydrawise system is the use of “watering triggers.” These are pre-set triggers you can adjust to allow the system to water based on local

atmospheric and climatic changes. The landscape team looked at the functions in the Hydrawise watering triggers and developed specific traits in the system to offer homeowners the best savings possible.

Good news for homeowners with the Hunter Pro C controller, Hunter Industries now has a face pack retrofit for Hunter Pro C controllers 2014 and newer. When using the Hydrawise system, the clock can be easily changed out to the Hydrawise system with simply changing the face pack and installing a standard controller ... that’s it. Face pack retrofits can be priced at about \$200 and \$30-\$50 for a rain sensor depending on type of sensor installed.

New residents really need to set up their Hydrawise clocks if they haven’t done so already. The process is simple and the software is extremely intuitive. If you have questions about the system, please contact me at phillip\_hisey@otowfl.com or you can contact me through Customer Service to get more information and get set up.

Don’t forget to turn your irrigation timers to twice per week watering on Sunday, March 11 (daylight saving time). The grass is already starting to show signs of life after the few cold spells we had. Fertilize your lawns in accordance with the label only applying one pound per 1,000 square feet for slow release products. I prefer using Site One Landscape supply (12-0-14 or similar).

Fungus will be flaring up in the month of March if it wasn’t treated preventatively in February. Remember, fungus thrives when soil temperatures are around 60 to 70 degrees.

Brown Patch will show itself first. Spots will appear to have a yellow or orange halo on the outer edges of the diseased spots. Rub your hand along the ground like you were petting a dog. The grass shoots will come loose and appear black or brown at the base. Lowe’s and Home Depot carry an assortment of products that you can use.

Take All Root Rot will also be a problem but will not show itself until late spring. Spots on the lawn will appear anemic and yellow. No matter how much fertilizer you apply the spots never seem to green up.

Utilize the UF/IFAS rapid turf diagnostic lab for any uncertainties or contact your landscape maintenance contractor for more information if you suspect disease is in your lawn.





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# Down Under: Adelaide

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

While circumnavigating Australia, one of many beautiful ports of call made by a group of residents was the city of Adelaide, located on this tiny continent's southeastern shore. The nickname of Adelaide is the "City of Churches."

The city has been voted the best city in Australia. It has beautiful beaches and countless tourist destinations.

As in most ports of call encountered on this cruise, the ship docked or anchored in or next to an industrial area. Some of the residents chose many different excursions offered by the cruise line, some heading for the wine areas, some to historic Hahndorf, which is Australia's oldest German settlement, while others visited the wildlife park. All tours provided a city tour of Adelaide.

After a city tour, the wildlife group headed to the popular Cleland Conservation Park where the motor coach took the group to the summit of Mount Lofty, which is approximately 2,400 feet above sea level. From the summit you had a

panoramic view of Adelaide and the surrounding area providing sweeping vistas across the local plains and the sea beyond. Our ship, Radiance of the Seas, was barely visible with the haze.

At the highest point on the summit is a white painted obelisk similar to a lighthouse called Flinders Column that can be seen from a great distance below on a clear day.

Departing the mountain's summit, the motor coach took the group to the Cleland Conservation Park which is an 86-acre natural brush area providing an open space environment with very few enclosures.

This park is home to approximately 130 species of native Australian animals and offers many close-up encounters with koalas, kangaroos, emus, wallabies and many species of birds. Feed for the animals is provided for a minimal fee. Visitors can engage with the free-roaming animals and hand-feed a number of the animals.

The Cleland Conservation Park is one of the few places in the world where visitors can hold a koala,



Photo by Bob Woods

## Cleland Conservation Park in Australia.

hand feed and pet kangaroos. The park is an award-winning destination and is one of South Australia's must-see attractions. There are many species of kangaroos roaming freely in their natural habitat within the park. The largest species of the Macropodidae family, according to size, is the kangaroo and the smallest is generally called wallaby.

According to National Geographic, the largest kangaroo is the red

kangaroo and can weigh up to 200 pounds while the smallest is the musky rat-kangaroo which weighs only 12 ounces and has a rat-like tail.

The kangaroo is the unofficial symbol of Australia appearing as an emblem on Australia's coat of arms along with appearing on some of the country's currency. Qantas Airways and the Royal Australian Air Force display the kangaroo proudly.



Photo by Nancy Fair Jennings

Members of Square and Compass – a Masonic social club.



As we move into March, it's time to think about our next meeting, which is Thursday, March 15 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be a representative from the The Villages Honor Flight. I have talked to several veterans who have been on this and they said that it was a very good thing.

Your input is needed for getting future guest speakers. I have many ideas but I need to run them by you.

There is something to think about in the future, like our presentation on the Fourth of July. We always read the Declaration of Independence on The Town Square; it is an exciting event.

I will continue to let you know about veterans issues as they occur in Tallahassee and in Washington.

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At our January meeting, Lieutenant Welch announced that Caitlin Rath is our new volunteer coordinator at the Marion County Sheriff's Office. President Gary Rodoff presented some data on the total hours of service that the patrol has provided as of Dec. 31, 2017. With 46 members, there were a total of 22,302 hours of service. Robert Ferguson had the highest number of hours of 1,992 over a 13-year period. If you see a black and yellow Hummer with the Marion County Sheriff's Office logos on it give the deputy driving it a wave. This vehicle was free to the Sheriff's Office as a donation from a pharmaceutical dealer and is now used at various events. It is aimed at reaching

hazards. We need new members on our team to keep up with growth in the community, so please consider participating in this service organization and giving back to your community. CERT relies heavily on the Marion County Emergency Radio Team, MERT, to help us communicate with the Emergency Operation Center, teams in the field and between teams. During a disaster, MERT members assist with radio integration for hospitals, shelters, CERT teams, as well as from the Marion County Sheriff's Mobile Command Center. Help us to help you! If you would like to become a member of our CERT and/or MERT teams, please contact Beverly Case at the Emergency Operation Center at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application. Please feel free to attend one of our CERT meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 9 a.m. in Suites E and F of the Arbor Conference Center. For more information contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

our local youth. The goal is to educate and encourage the youth to steer clear of the wrong path in life. Perhaps you have not heard of "Fleet Watch." This is a Sheriff's Office program designed to utilize the help of citizens as an extra set of eyes when the Sheriff's Office is looking for a specific vehicle. This could be a Silver Alert, where an Alzheimer's patient has left in their vehicle and may be in danger. Businesses that operate a fleet of vehicles can be alerted to look for a specific vehicle while they are driving around the county conducting their daily business. The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, March 26. Anyone interested in becoming part of our Community Patrol should call Gary Rodoff at (352) 291-7508. Our meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center, at 3 p.m. Come and join us, the meeting is open to everyone.



Master the Possibilities may just have the answer for those willing to accept the challenge of exploring ways things really work. With special focus this term on technology, science, health, and government, there is sure to be that one event that will help guide you to a better understanding and appreciation for growth and development. For those not quite sure where to begin, why not start with learning about 21st century technology with "Moving Into a Virtual World" on Wednesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4? This first course of a two-part series will give participants a chance to explore developments and products, some of which may have a profound influence on everyday life, and even the world. Topics to be covered include smart home technologies, augmented and virtual reality, and advancements in meteorology. Instructors Dr. Martin Hoffert and Don Wright will be hosting an event all about drones on Friday, March 9. This is a great opportunity for those who are still trying to answer questions about what drones are, what functionality they serve, or even where they came from. This is a great time to learn all about this exciting new chapter in aviation history. Wanting to get physical with exploring how things work? Join instructor Jessica Pinkowski on Tuesday, March 13, to learn five



The speaker at our Thursday, March 22 meeting will be Democratic candidate for Congress Bob Rackleff. Mr. Rackleff had a distinguished career working in naval intelligence, writing speeches for President Carter, and serving as Leon County commissioner from 1998 to 2010. He is running in the Democratic primary to face Neal Dunn to represent our second Congressional district. Please make a note that March 22 is not the last Thursday of the month! The landlord has sold the building that housed the Marion County Democratic Party headquarters. We expect the new office to be located on the first floor of the Blue Heron

building on East Fort King Street. The rented space is too small to hold their monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m., so those meetings will occur at the Seven Sisters Inn at 828 East Fort King Street. This is supposedly a haunted house. Let's hope the ghosts are all Democrats. We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in Suites E and F at the Arbor Conference Center. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club. Videos of our speakers may be viewed on YouTube.com (otowdemclub). We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with donations of towels, washcloths, twin/full bed sheets, dry/canned food, toiletries, dish/laundry detergent and paper towels so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us. For more information, contact Dan Lack at (352) 509-4942 or otowdemclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (On Top of the World Democratic Club). You are not alone!

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**Candler Connection**  
**Debra Keirn**

At the Candler Social Club board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, the following officers were nominated and nominations were accepted by each: Richard Steinfeldt, president; John Bain, vice president; Mary Purfeerst, secretary; and David Keitz, treasurer.

Our next potluck dinner will be Italian-themed on Tuesday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Those residents with last names beginning with A-C should bring a side dish; T-Z should bring a salad; D-K dessert;



**Indigo East**  
**Howard Frierman**

With a new influx of residents coming to live at Indigo East, the social planning committee decided to revitalize their group and infuse some new blood into it. So, on Tuesday, Jan. 30, a call went out to all those who wanted to help volunteer and get involved. The two chairs, Betty Chadwell and Marla Ziinio, were well prepared and ran down the list of available positions

**Williamsburg Neighbors**  
**Ginny Nardone**

After an active brainstorming session, a core group of Williamsburg neighbors united to set initial goals for a renewed neighborhood organization. Improved communication, planned social activities and short- or long-term help for neighbors who need assistance are the goals that we identified. In earlier years, Williamsburg had an active neighborhood group and an established history with On Top of the World; we hope to build on that history.

To kick off their efforts, the group has planned a pre-St. Patrick's Day picnic to be held on Sunday, March 11, at 4 p.m. in the Williamsburg neighborhood on the park lot between 9077 and 9085 SW 91st Circle. Residents are asked to bring lawn chairs, a plate of heavy hors d'oeuvres to share and the drink of their choice. Residents may register for the picnic on the neighborhood's new informational website at [williamsburgneighborsatotow.com](http://williamsburgneighborsatotow.com).

Once an e-mail directory is established, residents will receive a monthly e-newsletter, the Williamsburg Whistler, which will be filled with neighborhood information. The group welcomes any volunteers to help initiate these plans. We are in the process of identify-

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L-S a main entree. Please remember that we had 130 in attendance in January so portion sizes should be for 10 to 12 people. Setup volunteers should arrive at 4:30 p.m.; all others by 5:30 p.m. to obtain a number for the table where you will be sitting. \$1 cost per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins and decaf coffee. To attend, contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or [arthurkipdeb@verizon.net](mailto:arthurkipdeb@verizon.net) to let me know how many will be attending and if you can help with setup and/or cleanup. We have eliminated appetizers at the potluck dinners so that there will be more main dishes. There will be snack foods on each table. Please remember to label your dishes for the people with dietary issues.

Pat Gabriel, the president of

along with the requirements. The following is a summary of that meeting; so all Indigo East residents should pencil these dates down on their calendar. Indigo East should have a very exciting year of fun and rewarding programs.

- Sunday, March 11: "A Taste of Tuscany", an Italian-oriented dinner along with a two-piece musical combo.
- Mid- to late March: Dance night coordinated by Sal and Joan Lanzetti.
- Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day): Cookout/pool party coordinated by Mike Huser and Howard Frierman.

ing block captains to be the contact point on their immediate block. The initial planning group members are Ginny and Jerry Nardone, Tom and Nancy Meininger, Steve and Kathy Becker, Bob and Elaine Scamman, Glenn Warren, Patti Doty, Charles Jacobs, John Hall, Fran Eckart and Georgia Magee.

For more information or to volunteer to assist the group, contact Kathy Becker at (352) 425-3885, Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 or Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

the State Road 200 Coalition, will provide an update on the developments along the SR 200 Corridor on Thursday, March 22, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Try to arrive a little early because the last time Pat spoke, we had a full house.

The spring dinner dance is planned for Saturday, April 7, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets will be sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays in March from 10 a.m. to noon. Watch for information in "The Happenings" regarding ticket prices, exact days tickets will be sold, and where tickets will be sold.

Other events are ice cream sundae socials on Sunday, June 10 and Sunday, August 19. The annual barbecue picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 21. More information will follow in future World News

columns and in "The Happenings."

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log onto [candlerconnection.org](http://candlerconnection.org) and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by e-mail.

Also, Candler Hills has its own Facebook page, which is only open to residents and renters in Candler Hills. There are currently about 432 members in this Facebook group. Instructions on how to join this Facebook group are outlined in "The Happenings."

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th at 2:30 p.m. at Candler Hills Community Center. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood!

- Tuesday, Aug. 28: Ice cream social.
  - Sunday, Oct. 21: Oktoberfest coordinated by Dutch and Helga Schultz.
  - Sunday, Dec. 9: Holiday party organized by Valerie Pelky and Melinda Huser.
  - Monday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve party organized by Melinda and Mike Huser.
- Although these dates are tentative, please plan on attending any or all of these events if you are an Indigo resident. We suspect more events will be planned as the committee gets rolling and they will be announced here as well as posted in the Indigo East Community Center and on our Facebook page (Indigo East Community).
- In addition, here is a list of our committees and those in charge in case you have questions or wish to get involved: Secretary/Treasurer Chair Valerie Pelky Chair and Co-Chair Rose Frierman; Welcoming Committee Chair Virginia Simon and Co-Chair Diane Kochan; Communications Coordinator Rodger Schwartz ([schwartz@8096.com](mailto:schwartz@8096.com)); Facebook Page Coordinator and World News Columnist Howard Frierman ([howardfrierman@gmail.com](mailto:howardfrierman@gmail.com)); Inventory Control (supplies for events) Chair Diane Kochan and Co-Chair Rose Frierman; 50/50 drawings Bob Hill and Harold Brouillard.

In addition, Melinda Huser and Janet Stroup have agreed to "shadow" Betty Chadwell, social club chair, and Marla Ziinio, co-chair, this coming year so they can learn the "ins and outs" of the Indigo East Social Committee.

Finally, it was announced that any resident may sponsor an event at Indigo East, through the social committee, as long as the event is open to the general public at Indigo East and certain obligations are met. Those interested should contact Betty for the details.

Here is a list of the events presently occurring in the Indigo East Community Center:

- Game night the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of the month.
- Poker night Thursdays, from 7 to 10 p.m.
- Line dancing Mondays, at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesdays and Sundays, at 1:30 p.m.
- Mah jongg Mondays, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Wednesdays, noon to 4 p.m.

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Horseshoe Falls from Ontario, Canada.

Photo by Bob Woods

# The Beauty of the Falls

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Niagara Falls is the collective name for the three waterfalls located on the international border between Canada and the United States at the southern end of Lake Erie and the northwestern end of Lake Ontario. Niagara Falls is a Mohawk Indian name.

The largest of the falls is Horseshoe Falls, followed by American Falls and then Bridal Veil Falls, the latter being the smallest. The boundary line between the two countries split Horseshoe Falls in 1819 but the boundary has been disputed over the years due to natural erosion and construction. The falls have receded 6.8 miles upstream over many years forming the Niagara Gorge. Horseshoe Falls is receding at an average yearly rate of approximately five feet.

The falls are located on the Niagara River, which drains from Lake Erie into Lake Ontario. The falls have the highest flow rate of any waters in the world. Horseshoe Falls is the most powerful and largest. The falls are located between the two cities of Niagara Falls, Ontario and Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Horseshoe Falls has a drop of approximately 188 feet while the height of the American Falls varies between 70 and 100 feet because of giant boulders at the falls' base. The volume of water approaching the falls during peak season may reach up to 225,000 cubic feet per second. The average water flow rate is around 85,000 cubic feet per second.

Horseshoe Falls is 2,600 feet wide while American Falls is 1,060 feet wide. The falls measure 3,409 feet in width.

The falls are extremely beautiful regardless of the weather or time of day. At dusk, colored lights come on the Canadian side illuminating both the American and Horseshoe Falls until midnight. On weekends, when the falls see the most tourists, fireworks are displayed over Horseshoe Falls.

There have been many daredevils over the years wanting to get an adventurous high by going over the falls in a barrel. In October 1901, the first person to go over the falls in a barrel was a 63-year old female schoolteacher and her cat. They survived and the woman suffered some minor injuries. The entire feat was classified as a publicity stunt. Since then, approximately 15 individuals have attempted the plunge - only 10 survived. There is a stiff fine for anyone attempting the plunge over the falls from both sides of the border. Even the famous tight-rope-walkers the Walenders paid a \$10,000 fine.

There was a "miracle at Niagara" when a seven-year-old American boy was swept over the Horseshoe Falls in 1960. The boy was wearing a life vest. He was thrown a life ring from the crew of the Maid of the Mist tour boat at the base of the falls. His sister was plucked from the swift current 20 feet from the falls' lip by two tourists. The kids were thrown into the Niagara River when the boat's outboard engine quit. They were riding with their father further up river in safe waters but the current of the river swept them towards the falls. The boat capsized and the father made it to shore safely but the two kids were swept towards to falls.

A group of residents recently took a motor coach trip north to Niagara Falls and Toronto. The group took a ride on the Hornblower, a tourist boat that takes passengers to the base of the falls. The famous Maid of the Mist leaves from the U.S. side of the gorge while the Hornblower leaves from the Canadian side.

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# Hoofin’ It for Hospice

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

The 18th annual Hoofin’ It for Hospice walk benefiting Hospice of Marion County’s Legacy House will take place on Saturday, March 10, at 9:30 a.m., at Sholom Park. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

The walk moved from On Top of the World Communities to Sholom Park this year to allow residents from other communities to participate in this wonderful fundraiser.

Participants may walk at their own pace and will have a variety of

walking trails to choose from. This is not a race; everyone is a winner and the biggest winner of all is Hospice of Marion County’s Legacy House.

Volunteers in golf carts will monitor the walking trails and will assist where needed.

Since there is expected to be many participants, pre-registration is available this year by calling Valerie Sanders, event coordinator, at (352) 873-8605.

# Famous Nursery Rhyme

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

“Mary had a little lamb, his fur was white as snow,

Everywhere the child went, the lamb, the lamb was sure to go

He followed her to school one day, and broke the teacher’s rule

And what a time did they have, that day at school”

Do you remember this nursery rhyme? You probably learned it while in school or from reading children’s books. Have you ever wondered if this rhyme was real? Supposedly it did take place and to quote a saying, “Now the rest of the story.”

This nursery rhyme supposedly took place in a Massachusetts town called Sterling. There was a classic New England little one-room schoolhouse situated on Redstone Hill that was constructed back in 1798, which was moved to Sudbury, Mass. in 1927. This schoolhouse is by no means the oldest one-room schoolhouse in the country. The oldest one-room schoolhouse is situated in Portsmouth, R.I. and is painted with Rhode Island red paint. The oldest wooden schoolhouse in the United States is located in Saint Augustine, Fla.



Photo by Bob Woods

**The oldest one-room schoolhouse is situated in Portsmouth, R.I.**

## LifeSouth Bloodmobile

Sue & Dick Copeland

The LifeSouth bloodmobile will again be available to all residents on Monday, March 5. Our tri-colored bus will be stationed in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Texas in the the House

By Kathy Cornell

For February, some of Texas Connection Social Club members saddled up and moseyed over to the Orange Blossom Opry. We got a lot of notice for our Texas fashions and club signs. We even got a shout out from the house band! Our mission was too hear the Austin, Texas-based band, Asleep at the Wheel. We knew we were in the right place when we spotted the Texas shaped cymbal on the stage. These phenomenal musicians and fantastic singers treated us to some great music such as "Miles and Miles of Texas" and "San Antonio Rose." "Hot Rod Lincoln" and "Route 66" were especially fun. Lead singer Ray Benson also joked about getting a ticket in The Villages for going over 18 miles per hour and told us how his fiddler learned a song by watching "yourtube." He even juggled for us! We all had a good time and it appears more outings like this might be in our future.

March is when we remember the Alamo and commemorate Texas In-



Photo by Kathy Cornell

### Texas Connection Social Club members at Orange Blossom Opry.

dependence Day. Also this month is National Celebrate Your Name Week. We have a great meeting planned to do it all. Kathy and Charlie Petrosky will entertain us and have become honorary Texans with all the research they've done. We'll spend some time getting to know folks better and will be treated to some iconic Texas songs and a different kind of name game.

This is a meeting you won't want to miss. It's going to be super fun! Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 11, 6 p.m. at Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Club will provide water, ice, cups and paper products.

Our club was started to bring folks together who have a connection to Texas by having lived there.

Some of us are natives and some were there for work, school or military service. We share our Texas experiences or history and celebrate what makes Texans unique. After all "Texas isn't a state. It's a state of mind."

For more information about this event or about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729.



Photo by Bill Shampine

**Juliane Ziegel (left), who lives in Munich, Germany, is comparing experiences with Janet Fragapane (right) after they both read to children at Romeo Elementary.**

## 100 Grandparents on a Reading Crusade

By Janet Fragapane

Many substitute readers were needed in February. Luckily, Evelyn was able to cover all the classes in the school, although it was necessary that four readers took two classes.

Sometimes things are taught for "just in case" emergencies with the hope that they are never needed. Romeo Elementary has been giving out stickers for good behavior while riding on the bus. The students get stickers, pencils, books and others items. One bus was involved in a minor accident. Every child on the bus stayed in their seat and was quiet waiting for instructions ... just as they had been taught. How wonderful!

Romeo Elementary had a Valentine's Day happening with dancing in the classrooms and hallways. The yummy part was that Krispy Kreme doughnuts were served all day. The fifth grade classes will benefit from this Krispy Kreme fundraiser. The money will be used for funding a field trip in March.

Next on the calendar is a night at the museum. Math, art, and music are a few of the things planned. Also paper airplanes will be flying around as children learn about flight. A free meal will be served.

As you can see this is a busy month. Next up is a computer show. The parents are invited to all these functions.

March will bring spring break and April FSA testing. Different this year is third grade will be reading from books, while all other test-

ing will be done on computers. To make sure there will be no glitches with the computers, Marion County Public Schools had 350 students work on the computers at the same time trying to see if there would be a break down. The system held up! It is predicted that the "I Read" program has Romeo students in fourth and fifth grades writing and reading above the percentage level for the state.

This means the school may be getting a B or A grade. The school gives the credit to the grandparents for all they do to help the students.

We had a visitor with us this trip. Margitta Claterbos' sister, Juliane Ziegel, from Munich was here for a visit. She talked to Mrs. Lamb's fifth grade and Ms. Viverito's fourth grade about Munich's public transportation system. What a treat.

Please don't forget Box Tops for Education and pull-tabs. Clothing of boys elastic topped pants (size 5 to 12), shoes for boys and girls, and coats are needed. The clothing must be school appropriate (new or gently used). However, donations of underwear need to be new and in sealed packages. Donations of bicycles, helmets, art and craft items, buttons, yarn, paper towel tubes are also needed. All can be left at Evelyn Sarns-Holiday's porch at 8880-C SW 94th Street (Friendship Village) or call her at (352) 237-0304. Or Janet Fragapane at 9791 SW 9th Place (Crescent Ridge II) or call me at (352) 861-1575.

## Savvy Travelers Enjoy Nevis

By Bill Shampine

Although many of us have been on cruises to the Caribbean, none of those ships stopped at Nevis, a small island located about 220 miles east-southeast of Puerto Rico. Another possible reference point is the island of St. Kitts, which is only two miles northwest of Nevis. These two islands constitute one country - the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Did I just hear someone say why should I care about Nevis? The two major reasons Nevis might be of interest to you are (1) Alexander Hamilton was born there in 1755 (or 1757) and (2) there are very few tourists clogging this beautiful island.

Nevis was first sighted by Columbus in 1493, the beginning of Spanish influence in the Americas. There were so many islands, however, that the Spanish were only able to maintain loose control. By the early 1600s, the English, Dutch, and French were establishing their own colonies amongst the island chains. Nevis was colonized by the British in 1620. It quickly became apparent that agriculture was the strength of the economy, and sugar was the most profitable product. The sugar industry, however, needed lots of manpower. Since most of the natives had died from European diseases or overwork, the plantation owners shifted to a slave labor market. The British Empire finally abolished slavery in 1834, which essentially shut down the sugar plantations on Nevis.

Nevis and St. Kitts were united by the British Empire in 1882, received full autonomy in 1967, and became independent in 1983. A

referendum held in 1998 proposing the separation of Nevis and St. Kitts was defeated by a slim margin.

Nevis, with a population of about 12,000, has a surface area of only 36 square miles. It is dominated by Nevis Peak, a dormant volcano that peaks at 3,232 feet. The eastern coast faces the Atlantic Ocean, and is subject to the strong trade winds, which result in high surf. The western coast faces the Caribbean Sea. Being somewhat protected from the winds by the island's land mass, this coast offers miles of sheltered beaches ideal for swimming. The western coast also has some coral reefs where people can enjoy snorkeling and scuba diving. Charlestown, the capital of Nevis, is located on the western coast.

Some of the historic sugar plantations have been converted into relatively small luxurious resort accommodations. You simply are not going to find hotels where you compete with 1,000 or more of your closest friends for attention. The biggest hotel on the island has 196 rooms. Even though tourism is very important to the economy, the local government has never made a point of promoting mass-market tourism. For example, cruise ships do not stop at Nevis as there is no place to dock. The tourists who do go can enjoy relative peace and quiet during their stay on the island. They can swim, snorkel, hike in the forests, soak in hot springs, eat great food, and visit historic plantations dating to the 17th century; all in small groups. Truly savvy travelers enjoy Nevis; others wait in lines.



Photo by David Broad

**Entrance to the Montpelier Plantation Inn, formerly a 17th-century sugar plantation.**





Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

As this column goes to print, we have a group of members who are cruising out of Buenos Aires on a 14-day South American cruise. In addition to stops in Argentina, Uruguay, the Falkland Islands, and Chile, they are experiencing scenic cruising days at sea to view Cape Horn and the Amalia Glacier. We wish them a safe return, and look forward to hearing about their fabulous adventures.

The ever-popular trip to the Tampa Bay Downs on Saturday, April 7 was filled very quickly again this year. If you are interested in being placed on a wait list, call Inge

at (352) 237-7428 (Monday through Friday only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The cost is \$48 per person, which includes clubhouse seating and a bountiful buffet lunch. Tampa Bay Downs is the only thoroughbred racetrack on the west coast of Florida.

On Mother's Day there will be a trip to the Show Palace in Hudson, Fla. to see "Menopause the Musical." The cost is \$76 per person and includes the show, a buffet lunch and all tips. This is set in a department store where four women with seemingly nothing in common but a black lace bra on sale come to find that they have more to share than ever imagined. Call Gail to reserve your seat at (352) 671-8280 (Monday through Friday only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

On Saturday, June 2 we are going to the Early Bird Theater in Clear-


water, Fla. to see "The Savannah Sipping Society." The cost is \$67 per person and includes lunch and all tips. Reservations begin Monday, March 12. Call Edie at (352) 237-8066 (Monday through Friday only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Lunch includes a salad bar; a hot buffet with roast beef, salmon almandine, chicken, meatballs or baked ziti; sides of rice, mashed potatoes, vegetables; coffee; and choice of dessert. The show features four southern women strangers who are drawn together by weekly happy hours into a mission to renew their enthusiasm for life that they have had through the years.

Our Father's Day trip will be the beautiful St. Johns River paddle-wheeler cruise in Sanford, Fla. The cost is \$67 per person and includes a lunch prepared fresh on board and served at your table. The choic-

es for lunch are prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, salmon filet, roasted vegetable lasagna, and chef salad or pasta primavera with potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, and hot or cold tea. A cash bar is available. Driver and server tips are included. Bookings will open on Monday, April 2.

Mark your calendar for the Saturday, Oct. 20 trip to see "1776" at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville, Fla. John Adams teams up with Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson to battle those who oppose separating from England. The story is based on events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The cost will be \$82 per person. More details will be forthcoming.

Trips are for residents and their guests.



On the Road Again

Bob Woods

The club is still looking for a few couples to add their names to the stand-by list for the England/Scotland trip departing our community on Aug. 3, 2019. This is a 12-day trip traveling around England, Scotland, and Wales by coach visiting many historic and tourist destinations. A flyer can be obtained by going to the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com or call Bob at (352) 854-0702 and one will be delivered to you at your home. There is absolutely no obligation or deposit required for placing your name on the list. At present, the

trip is full but stand-bys are needed in case of cancellations.

The club strives to find trips suggested by residents anywhere in the states and overseas including cruises. The club also strives to get "the most for the cheapest." All deposits are fully refundable before final payment unless otherwise noted beforehand.

The club would like to announce a trip to the popular show town of Branson, Missouri departing on Friday, April 6 for a nine-day trip highlighting seven fabulous shows including a show/dinner cruise on-

board the Showboat Branson Belle. For additional information on this trip, please refer to the club's website or call Bob.

The next scheduled motor coach trip is to Washington, D.C. departing Wednesday, June 6, for a seven-day/six-night trip visiting many historic destinations such as the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery as well as all the war memorials, the Capitol building, Smithsonian Institute and Mount Vernon Estate and Garden along with other destinations including a full day escorted tour during day-

light and nighttime. Download a flyer from the club's website or call Bob.

At time of writing, the club is working on getting the best deal possible for a trip to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta held each year in Albuquerque, N.M. Not only will the group see the glow ceremonies but the actual launch of hundreds of hot air balloons. The group will also visit Santa Fe taking in all the historical sights and destinations available. Interested participants should contact Bob or get information from the club's website.



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Active Singles

Ed Galizia, Jr.

It's warming up, the calendar is filling up, and we're using Meetup. All signs are pointing up.

As of this writing, there are now 58 members in our Meetup group, which means we still have about 90 folks to get signed up. Moving forward, we are going to rely on Meetup almost exclusively. Both Ruth and I will be available before and after our monthly membership meeting to help folks who are having an issue signing up on their

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own. I think all of us who have been using Meetup have found it very accommodating for our needs and expandable as we grow, not to mention keeping track of events with reminders, which is very helpful for us active singles.

A couple of reminders: The monthly happy hour is now on the second Tuesday of the month and our next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at the Indigo East Community Center, 6 to 8 p.m.

There are several other events scheduled for March too, they include:

- Sunday, March 4: First Sunday dinner at Las Margaritas, from 4 to 6 p.m. RSVP by Thursday, March 1 to Meetup.com or activesinglesotow@gmail.com
- Saturday, March 10: Hoo-fin' It for Hospice at Sholom Park, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Sunday, March 11: Kayaking

on the Silver River at Silver Springs State Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Tuesday, March 13: Happy hour at The Club at Candler Hills, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 21: Monthly membership meeting at Indigo East Community Center, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 24: Lak-eridge Winery Wine & Sea-food Festival in Clermont, Fla. from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 29: Social Hour, at the Recreation Center Ballroom, 4 to 6 p.m.

We're anticipating that as the weather heats up so too will the activities. Remember you can always send your suggestions to us at activesinglesotow@gmail.com.



The Glitzy Gals

Mary Curry

The Glitzy Girls had an enjoyable luncheon at Olive Garden on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Our hostesses were Hedy and Kathy K. Janet B. won both the door prize and the prize for the game of Mr. Wright's adventures. Plans were made to attend the Women of the World Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, March 3 and to participate in Hoo-fin It for Hospice at Sholom Park on Saturday, March 10 with breakfast afterwards at Stone Creek Grille.

Cleaning supplies were collected for Project Hope, a local women's and children's shelter.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3 at Chili's. Plans were also made for our girls to attend the Tampa Red Hat Gala March 23 through March 25, the National Red Hat Day in New Port Ritchey on April 25 and the Red Hats State Convention in Clearwater Beach Sept. 7 through Sept. 8.

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Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

Janice is at it again! A friend and fellow member of our Native Plant Group, Janice Puta, has become a special resource as we all learn more about our Florida native plants.

Janice shared one of her natives with our Garden of Weedin'. When the plant arrived we had some questions (as we often do) about her nativity and similarity with a hibiscus species with which we were familiar in south Florida, the Turk's cap. What is this species really? Is she really a Florida native?

That did it! Janice dug deeper and the following is a summary of the research.

Turk's cap mallow is one common name for two different hibiscus relatives: *Malvaviscus penduliflorus* and *Malvaviscus arboreus*. Both sport lovely flowers, usually red, that never fully open. *M. penduliflorus* is thought to originate from central or southern Mexico.

*M. arboreus* is native to Texas, Mexico, Central America and northern South America. Neither species is native to Florida. The flowers of both are less than three inches long. Both species go by other names, such as sleepy mallow, sleeping hibiscus, wax mallow or cardinal's hat. Now the confusion.

Sleepy hibiscus, *hibiscus furcellatus*, however, is a tropical species

that occurs naturally (is native) in Florida along the eastern coastal counties, from Brevard to Broward county, with an inland population in Highlands county. The species occurs widely in more tropical locations in the West Indies, South America and Hawaii. The range seems to be restricted by winter freezes.

*H. furcellatus* can reach six feet at maturity, and can bloom much of the year. As with Turk's cap mallow, sleepy hibiscus blossoms never open fully. They are bright pink with a deep rose throat. More importantly, each blossom is six to eight inches long! Bees and hummingbirds pollinate them; but butterflies seem to find them difficult to enter.

So now we know. Our species is indeed *hibiscus furcellatus*, sleepy hibiscus. We will soon see how our "sleepy" one has "weathered" the freezes of 2017-18 in Ocala.

At present, she is definitely "asleep." Will she "awaken" with that "kiss" of spring? We shall see.

As you will see, as you drive to and/or around the SW 94th Street and SW 89th Court Road intersection, some changes have occurred. Some are more obvious than others. Come and join in with members of the Native Plant Group as we continue to maintain the circle as well as the Longleaf Pine Trail. The Belleview Library native garden continues to need our work to show how natives can beautify and keep healthy our precious Florida.

Call us to know when and where we are working at (352) 861-4560.



Photo by Erik Sherer

Great egret.



Birders' Beat

Debbie Sherer

On Thursday, March 22, the Unique Birders will visit the area around the Moss Bluff Lock and Dam on the Ocklawaha River. The Ocklawaha River borders the Ocala National Forest on the southwest. This area attracts a diversity of wading birds, songbirds and raptors because of its good habitat for breeding. Please contact Margitta Claterbos at [mclaterbos@gmail.com](mailto:mclaterbos@gmail.com) or 873-0731 if you would like to join us on this trip.

Bird watching in the Ocala National Forest is rewarding because much of the forest's natural bird habitat is still intact. Moss Bluff Lock and Dam is located on the Ocklawaha River on the southern end of the forest. A large bird rookery

is located approximately one-half mile from the Lock and Dam. Herons, egrets, anhingas, limpkins and other wading birds use the rookery for breeding. These birds can be seen nesting in the trees along the river. Other types of birds that nest in large trees along the river are woodpeckers, songbirds and raptors. If you join us on this trip you will see and hear a great diversity of birds. This trip occurs during the breeding season for some of the wading birds and songbirds.

We hope you join us on Thursday, March 22, for our bird walk of the Ocklawaha River. We will meet in the Recreation Center parking lot by the large tree at the corner of SW 99th Street Road and SW 98th Street. Let Margitta know that you are interested, and you will be sent directions to the birding site and lunch at the Duck's Dam Diner. We hope that you can join us as we explore this rich natural habitat in Marion County.



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**Genealogy Society**

Peter Parisi

On Monday, January 15, Matt Reilly discussed “Lessons Learned” at the 2017 Orlando Family History Conference. The benefits from attending the conference were personalized consulting help from genealogy experts, a stimulating keynote talk by Crista Cowan, (known worldwide as the “barefoot genealogist”), and almost 100 sessions by genealogy experts dealing with a wide variety of topics.

To get the best consulting help, you must bring your research data and the questions you want to ask.

**Scandinavian American Club**

Ginny Nardone

This month’s column highlights club member Kare Alfarnes. Kare was raised along with four younger siblings on the family farm in southwest Norway. Trained as a



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Matt illustrated by reviewing two family mysteries he discussed with his consultants. He summarized the facts he presented to each consultant, and then he asked the audience to predict what the consultant would advise.

One mystery involved a suspected case of census “double-counting” in which a young Irish immigrant, Philip Riley, while helping to build the Pennsylvania railroad, appears to have been counted twice as the construction crew moved eastward over a period of months. Could it have been that different census takers in different towns, months apart, obtained many of the same names from the railroad construction offices?

Some of the suggestions by the consultant included:

- Compare the names of all railroad workers in the two towns.
  - Check Pennsylvania archives for railroad employment records.
  - Check Philip’s naturalization papers.
  - Search for land transactions by Philip.
- The second mystery was how persons survived in the mid-19th century when government help was minimal. The heroine of this mystery was a 34-year-old mother and widow, Catherine, who was left to raise seven young children. She succeeded, and each child became educated and a responsible adult.
- The consultant’s suggestions included:
- Search courthouse records

for the guardian named after the husband’s death.

- Look at deeds where Catherine sold land after husband’s death.
- Check baptism records for godparents and wedding records for witnesses.

Matt moved on to illustrate the variety of conference sessions. A session on “Finding Your Irish Ancestor’s Home” recommended searching records of immigration; learning about the ancestor’s family, associates, and neighbors (FAN) in the USA; considering chain migration, the Irish naming pattern, and surname distribution; and testing your DNA. A session on FamilySearch.com offered insights into how this website works, such as merging the records of duplicate persons into one. A session on “Better Search Techniques” presented valuable hints for finding information about your family from online databases.

Check out our website at [otow-genealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com](http://otow-genealogicalsociety.shutterfly.com) to view Matt’s full presentation and to learn about our dues and large library of books and CDs. Our library includes a notebook summary of all conference presentations.

On Monday, March 12, the board will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building, followed at 10:15 a.m. by a membership discussion.

At 10 a.m. on Monday, March 19, Ellie Bushhousen and Casey Drexel, public service librarians, will speak about the wealth of resources that genealogists will find in the Marion County Public Library system. Visit our website for details, and join us in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C.

mechanical engineer, Kare worked for a lifeboat and launching equipment manufacturer in Norway. In this position, he traveled extensively throughout Europe and the United States.

In 1986, Kare arrived in Mobile, Ala. to work on a one-year assignment. While in Alabama, Kare met his wife, Sue, and what was to be a one-year work commitment lasted for 19 years! He remained in the U.S. until retirement in 2005. That year, the Alfarnes moved to the farm in Norway and stayed there for five years, affording them the

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opportunity to spend time with the family. They moved to On Top Of the World in 2014.

A club member since 2015, Kare is the group’s treasurer and conducts the 50/50 raffle each month. He and Sue have also been responsible for organizing and replenishing the club refreshment supplies. Kare is a soccer fan and former player. He and Sue enjoy taking motorcycle road trips and square dancing.

Residents of Scandinavian decent are invited to attend club meetings. The next meeting of the Scandinavian American Club will be on Tuesday, March 27, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. For more information about the club, please contact Grace Hansen at (352) 237-7780 or Jennie Halvorsen at (352) 873-7478.

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**Favorite Recipes Dinner Club**

Luke Mullen

In January, 18 diners attended three dinners at the homes of club members. Additionally, the club participated in the bi-annual Club Fair in January.

Hosting our first dinner were Cindy and John Klopfer. Annette and Paul Hodges prepared two appetizers: zesty spinach dip served with multi-grain or roasted jalapeño pita chips and cheesy sausage balls. Following the appetizers, Cindy and John served a kiwi mango salad and then the main meal of stuffed seafood eggplant royal accompanied by a side dish of glazed carrots and raisins. After the main meal, Kathy and Luke Mullen served a brownie bottom pudding pie for dessert.

Nancy and Tom Meininger were hosts for our second dinner. Two

hors d'oeuvres were prepared by Ginny and Jerry Nardone. The first was baked pepperoni bites and the second was spinach balls. After the hors d'oeuvres, Nancy and Tom served a salad of apples, walnuts and celery chopped fine and mixed with lite mayonnaise served over baby spinach greens lightly tossed with apple vinaigrette. The bread portion was corn muffins. They then served a slow cooker cranberry orange pork roast. This roast was served with roasted vegetables. After the main meal, Carol and Roger Bonifield served a pineapple upside-down cake for dessert.

Third dinner hosts were Pat and Russ McNulty. Appetizers were made by Phyllis and Al Richards. They had prepared a hot buffalo chicken dip and a cold appetizer of chef salad stacks – a slice of English cucumber topped with hard cooked egg slice, ham, cheddar cheese and black olive slice and drizzled with favorite salad dressing. Pat and Russ then served a twist on pot roast called Swedish pot roast. It



Photo by Kathy Mullen

**Luke Mullen from Favorite Recipes Dinner Club at the Club Fair on Thursday, Jan. 18.**

is cooked in a pressure cooker, so the meat is fork tender and the juices have a sweet and spicy kick. The side dishes were broccoli and mashed potatoes, along with a side salad. After the meal, Kathy and Don Grosner served a bundt apple

cake for dessert.

Our club is currently looking for new couple members. If you enjoy cooking and entertaining other people in your home, call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for more information.



**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger

Michiganders enjoyed a sweet meet and greet on Sunday, Feb. 4 as they celebrated an early Valentine's Day with a silly gift exchange. Items like Trump branded toilet paper and love mugs were among the surprises exchanged. Hearts and penny candies adorned the tables.

Even though the Super Bowl was taking place the same day, more than 50 people from every part of the Michigan mitten attended, and brought dishes that made a full potluck buffet. Not one walked away hungry! A new member had asked if anyone knew where she could buy pasties. At this suggestion, a guest from up north made pasties to bring to the event so many could enjoy this northern Michigan staple.

Sunday, March 4 is the Michigan Club St. Patrick's Day celebration and one that is eagerly anticipated. The Irish menu sign-up sheet has many favorite dishes including Irish stew, corned beef and soda bread. After dinner, members will participate in a joke-a-thon reading jokes off index cards, which last year generated laughter across the



Photo by Nancy Meininger

**Buffet of favorite members' recipes.**

room for nearly an hour.

The March meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Attendees are reminded to bring an Irish dish to pass and a non-alcoholic beverage for themselves. Wearing of the green shirts and tall leprechaun hats is encouraged as well as any other Irish attire.

In April, the club will meet the first Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. at the pavilion near the baseball field for a salute to baseball's opening day. A popular event, the club will provide Michigan-made Koege Coney Island hot dogs grilled on-site with genuine Coney sauce. Alcoholic beverages can be brought

to the outdoor venue.

In May, we will meet again, the first Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Pavilion to celebrate derby day with a hat contest and cornhole competition. More details to follow.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.



**International Caribbean Club**

Luz Leon

The International Caribbean Club was on the move again. For Valentine's Day, we enjoyed deli-

cious food and entertainment at The Chef's of Napoli One of the waiters broke out in song to the enjoyment of the crowd. It was a great way to spend Valentine's Day with our sweethearts and club members. Valentine's Day is not only for lovers, but to enjoy family and close friends.

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Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

For the second month in a row our meeting falls on the same day this paper is delivered, so I hope you have already marked your calendar for March 1 if you were planning to attend. We will have our regular style meeting with a potluck dinner supplied by our great southern cooks. The club furnishes the drinks and cups but please bring your own plates and utensils. This was not the case at our February meeting. That was a special Valentine's Day party, which we

threw for ourselves. The whole meal was furnished by the club. We had chicken tenders (grilled or fried) with side choices of mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and rolls – all supplied by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. For dessert, we had gourmet cupcakes from Sam's Club. So our cooks got the day off and we all want to thank our wonderful president and vice-president, Ann Fields and Patty Hainzl for all their hard work in setting up this party for us!

After the meal and a short meeting, Patty officiated a version of the marriage game. Four of our brave couples participated. Sitting back to back, so they couldn't see their spouse's answers, they had to show how much they knew about each other. Questions, such as "Who is

the messiest?", "Who hogs the remote?", "Whose family is the craziest?", "Who snores the loudest?" were no challenge for our contestants. We were amazed at how well they all did. The winners, with 12 out of 15 questions correct, were Marilyn and Jerry Tidwell, but the others were close behind with the lowest score at nine out of 15. The Tidwells received a small token of our esteem, but we wish to thank all participants for providing us with an enjoyable evening.

If you are interested in joining us tonight, you still have time to run to the store for ingredients to put together a vegetable, salad, casserole, or dessert to bring with you. (Or you can buy something, but don't tell anyone I said so!) Dues are normally \$10 per person per

year but since we only have a few meetings left before we break for the summer, new members can join for the bargain price of \$5! The potluck dinner starts at 5 p.m. so we start showing up around 4:30 p.m. to find a table and socialize. Our meeting is held at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Many people worry that they can't join us because they are not from the south, but we are a friendly group and don't hold that against you. Also, since you are now living in the south, we consider you an honorary southerner. The only stipulation is that you are a resident. If you can't make it tonight, our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 6. If you have any questions or concerns that I haven't covered, you can call me at (352) 873-8690.



Lions Club

Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Lions Club will be honoring our veterans on Monday, May 28, at 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom with a Memorial Day ceremony. We are creating a slide show honoring our veterans and are asking residents to loan us copies of pictures of family or friends who served and are now gone but not forgotten. Photos will be scanned into a PowerPoint presentation and returned to residents. If you are interested in helping us honor our veterans by letting us put your photo(s) in this slide show, please contact Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256. The Veterans Day slide show was a huge success and if residents will furnish photos for the Memorial Day slide show, it will

be a wonderful way to honor them and their service.

The preparations for the Lions Club fifth annual Recycled "Trashy" Fashion Show are under way. The Friday, April 13 event promises to be a lot of fun with unusual decorations and scary music. It will be held at Circle Square Cultural Center. If you or your organization (club) is interested in entering a model to compete in our fashion show, please call Estelle Clark Michelson at (353) 861-7358. The prizes are donations to the winner's favorite 503c3 charity. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are being sold at the Recreation Center Ballroom on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8 to 10 a.m. For more information, please call Charlene Czopek at (352) 861-7358. One hundred percent of the funds raised by this event go back to the community.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects including military appreciation, resident emergency health forms (community service project), diabetic screenings and collecting children's socks, books, and stuffed animals for the Munroe Regional Medical Center. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B. For more information, please contact Estelle Clark Michelson at (352) 861-7358.



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**West Port High School ROTC and the presentation of the flag ceremony at a military appreciation ceremony.**

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What's Cookin'

Elaine Morrison

For some reason, many of us choose to eat our fish dinners out in restaurants, even though we know how good fish is for us. Some excuses I have heard range from "can't stand the smell" to "I never seem to cook it correctly." Perhaps this recipe, courtesy of my daughter-in-law, will tempt you enough to give it a go in your kitchen. It is a take on a restaurant favorite, coconut shrimp.

**Coconut Tilapia with Apricot Sauce**

1 cup flaked coconut, finely

chopped  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 tablespoon creole seasoning  
4 tilapia filets  
1/2 cup cornstarch  
1 to 2 eggs beaten, can add some water and pinch of salt  
Oil for frying  
Toss first three ingredients together in a bowl. In a separate bowl, beat eggs. Coat tilapia filets with cornstarch; shake off excess. Dip fish in beaten eggs; shake off excess and then press into coconut mixture. Fry until golden brown on each side.

**Apricot Sauce**

1/2 cup apricot jam  
2 teaspoons brown mustard  
1 teaspoon prepared horseradish  
Stir all ingredients together and serve as accompaniment.

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During construction, the Cultural Center ticket office will be open and located in the main ballroom of the venue. The entrance during construction will be on the west side of the building and will be clearly marked. Tickets will be on sale for the entertainment lineup for October - December, 2018 shows, as well as January - March, 2019. Ticket office hours will be 11 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday during construction. Until construction begins in May, ticket hours/days will remain the same: Monday - Saturday, 11 am - 2 pm, except on show days, when the ticket office stays open until 8 pm.

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Don't forget daylight saving time is fast approaching on Sunday, March 11. Remember to "spring ahead" one hour. Don't forget to wear your green for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 17!

Telephone Directory

The 2018 community telephone directory is available for pickup at Customer Service.

Room Request and Club Guest Notification Forms

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2019 are due now. Rooms will not be automatically rebooked for the year without submitting a new request. We will be making some changes to club locations in the upcoming months due to renovations taking place. Clubs that hold meetings at On Top of the World facilities must have in attendance 10 or more members to continue booking facilities.

Events or club meetings that have guests in attendance must submit a Club Guest Notification form two weeks prior to your event. Guests will be denied entry into the community without the proper paperwork being submitted to the Recreation Center office.

Line Dance Classes\*

Join us for line dance classes in the Recreation Center Ballroom! Choose the class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level, if necessary. The cost of the class is \$10 per four-week class each month. (Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays.)

- Improver Plus (Mondays, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience required for this class. Improver Plus means slightly easier than Intermediate. Current popular dances are taught at this level.
- Beginner Level Two (Mondays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Class includes basic line dance steps, combinations and easy dance patterns, with low impact movement to many different rhythms. New step patterns are taught as needed. Prior dance experience is required at this level.
- Beginner Level One (Mondays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Class participants have completed the Absolute Beginner line dance class. Dancers have some experience now, and know many step patterns. Easy dances are taught at this level with additional step patterns added.
- Absolute Beginner (Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m.): This class introduces you to line dance steps, patterns and easy dances. Step patterns are described, practiced and used in easy dances. Step sheets are provided only in this class.
- Introduction to Line Dance (Tuesdays, 3 to 4 p.m.): This class provides an introduction to line dance for those who want to learn to line dance! Easy steps are clearly described, practiced and used in simple patterns to a variety of music. Step sheets are also provided in this class.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Individual resident I.D.s will be required for entry into Happy Hour; anyone not producing a resident I.D. will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour! Please note that no beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour.

"Bike Night" Happy Hour will take place on Friday, March 9. Pull out your leathers, chaps and be prepared for a fun-filled night. Due to daylight saving time, entertainment on the veranda, starting Friday March 16, will take place, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The entertainment lineup for March is as follows:

- March 2: Dino (Ballroom); Kurtis May (Veranda).
- March 9: "Bike Night" with Groove 41 (Ballroom); Char-

- lie De (Veranda).
- March 16: Johnny G (Ballroom); Ron Hackling (Veranda).
- March 23: One Flite Up (Ballroom); Fred Campbell (Veranda).
- March 30: No Happy Hour in Recreation Ballroom or Veranda.

Hands Across the Highway

Come join us at the annual Hands Across the Highway Art Expo on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event will showcase local artists. We will have over 40 artists displaying and selling some of the finest artwork in the area. Don't miss out on this great event! Paul de Ritter Duo will provide live entertainment.

Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks\*

Visit the Spongeorama's Sponge Factory on Tuesday, March 13 to learn about the rich history of Tarpon Springs, the sponge docks/industry. The sponge factory and movie are both free. After the movie you can enjoy shopping, dining and touring the town on your own. Pick up all of those must have unique Florida and Greek gifts and souvenirs.

Please note a lot of walking is involved! The cost is \$27 per person, which includes transportation (lunch is on your own).

Relectrocycle

Dispose of unused electronic items safely onsite. "Responsible Electronics Recycling" will take place on Thursday, March 15, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a free event! Please note the following items are not accepted: box cabinet and projection TVs as well as CRT monitors.

Hockey Game\*

Join us as we have great seats for an exciting hockey game as the Orlando Solar Bears play the Florida Everblades on Thursday, March 15. The Orlando Solar Bears are a professional ice hockey team who plays their 36 regular season home games at the Amway Center in Orlando, Fla. They play in the South Division of the ECHL's Eastern Conference.

You will be seated in the center ice level with access to concessions and amenities. Cost of the trip is \$57 per person, which includes transportation and your ticket.

Gatornationals\*

Join us for ground shaking excitement at the annual Gatornationals on Friday, March 16. The event is one of the sport's most revered with a rich tradition of history-making performances. This hallowed ground has entertained spring-break-loving fans for decades with such notable occasions as the first 260-mph top fuel and funny car runs in 1984 and the first 270-mph and 300-mph top fuel passes in 1986 and 1992, respectively. Its 675-foot concrete launchpad is one of the longest on the tour. Cost is \$54 per person, which includes entry into the track and transportation.

Hippodrome Theatre\*

Join us for the hilarious high-stakes comedy, "Ripcord," at the Hippodrome on Sunday, March 18. When cantankerous Abby is forced to share her quarters at the assisted living facility with new-arrival Marilyn, she has no choice but to get rid of the infuriatingly perky woman by any means necessary. Show time is 2 p.m. and the cost is \$44 per person, which includes transportation and the show.

Rags to Riches Sign-up

Rags to Riches is scheduled for Friday, April 27, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Table sign-up will commence on Monday, March 19, at the Recreation Center office. Cost will be \$10 per table (two table maximum per resident). Get your table (s) early as this event sells out quickly.

Majestic Manatee Tours\*

Join us on the Majestic Manatee tour on Tuesday, March 21. Crystal River is well known for its West Indies manatees as well as its

crystal clear springs. We will arrive at Charlie's Fish House in Crystal River around 11:30 a.m. You will have approximately one hour and fifteen minutes for lunch and then we will board on the dock next to Charlie's for a departure time of approximately 1 p.m. where you will tour the Three Sisters, Hunter, and King Springs in search of our beloved manatees that inhabit the area. The entire tour will keep you entertained with nature's wildlife and beauty. Plan on two and a half hours for your tour around Crystal River.

Cost is \$54 per person and includes transportation and cruise (lunch is not included).

Holy Land Experience\*

Join us for an amazing trip to the Holy Land Experience on Thursday, March 22. You will see four major dramas with a combination of indoor and outdoor presentations. Dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes. There are plenty of cafés and restaurants on site for lunch. Cost of the trip is \$62 per person, which includes transportation, entry and all four shows. Lunch will be on your own.

Victory Casino Cruise\*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Tuesday, March 27, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, relaxation, live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. Please note that a valid government issued photo I.D. will be required to board.

Cost is \$45 per person, which includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino and buffet.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors on Thursday, March 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music with Miranda Madison as the entertainer for the evening. A cash bar will be provided and hors d'oeuvres, while they last. This

event is free!

Community News

Join your neighbors and friends on Saturday, March 24 at the Arbor Conference Center Suites E and F, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Model Railroaders open house featuring a Lionel train exhibit.

Arbor Fitness Center

Join us in celebrating the grand opening of the newly renovated Arbor Fitness Center (formerly Arbor Club) on Thursday, March 8. Tours will take place from 2 to 5 p.m.

Community Pools

As we enter warmer weather, the pools will see high volumes of residents and guests. Please be observant to the pool rules and always have your resident I.D. on hand. We ask everyone to only utilize one chair or lounge per resident and to keep your personal items with you on your chair. This will help to ensure that everyone that comes to the pool will have a seat available.

Upcoming Events in April

- Thursday, April 5: Enviro-Shred
- Thursday, April 5: Tropic Trivia\*
- Friday, April 6: Singing River Cruise\*
- Tuesday, April 10: City Walk & Blue Man Group\*
- Wednesday, April 11: Victory Casino\*
- Friday, April 13: "Safari" Happy Hour\*
- Wednesday, April 18: Rays vs. Texas Rangers Baseball Game\*
- Sunday, April 22: Early Bird Theatre "Nonsense"
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- Friday, April 27: Rags to Riches Sale

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Friendship Village	Post Office – 84th Ter. – 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. – 90th Pl. – 87th Ave. – 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. – 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. – 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart/Stein Mart	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
The Lodge	1:15 p.m.	Candler Hills Community Center
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m.	Friendship Colony Post Office
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m.	Williamsburg Post Office
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m.	Avalon Post Office
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.	
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Winn Dixie	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
* All times are approximate		
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# Down Under: Wellington

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Our cruise ship crossed the Cook Strait, which separates New Zealand's North and South Islands. The strait connects the Tasman Sea and the South Pacific Ocean running next to the capital city of Wellington, our destination. The strait's narrowest width is 14 miles and is considered one of the most dangerous and unpredictable waters in the world. The strait is named after Captain James Cook, who was the first European master of a ship to sail through the straits in 1770.

Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, is also the country's political center including all government ministries and departments and home to the foreign diplomatic missions. It is also an important center for the country's film and theater industry.

Lonely Planet named Wellington "the coolest little capital in the world" back in 2011 in their "Best in Travel" guidebook. The capital was voted the 12th best quality of living in the world in 2014.

Wellington Harbor is one of New

Zealand's top seaports serving both domestic and international shipping. The port handles approximately 11 million tons of cargo annually. It imports petroleum products, motor vehicles and minerals. Exports include wood products, dairy products, wool, meat and fruit. It is also the main ferry point connecting the North and South Islands.

Wellington has become an extremely popular cruise port destination. The 2015/16 cruise season saw an estimated 165,000 cruise passengers visiting Wellington, which is a considerable worth of \$58 million to the local economy. This year, the number of ships and passengers will be even greater with 86 ships scheduled to visit the port. The summer season down under is the opposite of the U.S. with cruise ships arriving in early September through the beginning of April.

Tourism is a major contributor to Wellington's economy putting approximately \$1 billion into the

local region annually. There is so much for the tourist to do whether it be sightseeing, taking in the arts, or enjoying the huge botanical gardens.

Wellington has a beautiful, compact downtown with a picturesque harbor with lush green hills surrounding the port. Folks can go swimming or sailing right in close proximity of downtown.

The top shore excursions in Wellington consist of taking a tour of the city along with the Zealandia and the cable car experience. Zealandia is the world's first fully fenced urban eco-sanctuary. The fence completely encloses the square mile location preventing 14 species of non-native land mammals such as deer to mice to escape. Those within the fenced in area were eradicated over a nine-month period. The sanctuary has reintroduced 18 species of native wildlife back in the Wellington area.

There are over 40 different bird species recorded in which 24 are only found in New Zealand. The sanctuary is also home to many reptiles and plants, many of which are highly endangered while some are extinct in areas. One reptile is named the tuatara, which in all practical purposes resembles and looks like a lizard. This reptile is the only surviving member of its

order, which flourished around 200 million years ago.

Non-residents of New Zealand are referred to as non-Kiwis. Our group of non-Kiwis wanted to see the famous bird and symbol of New Zealand – the kiwi. Our guide in Zealandia told the group that the kiwi is nocturnal, but occasionally may be seen in daylight. The wingless bird is about the size of a domestic chicken and burrows underground. The greatest threat to the kiwi is introduced species. Zealandia has many endangered birds and reptiles that are slowly being reintroduced into the wild.

Those participating in the Zealandia excursion were also given a grand tour of Wellington and a ride on the Wellington Cable Car, which is a funicular railway rising from the city streets to the summit of a hill that gives the occupants a beautiful view of a section of the city. The five-minute ride is widely recognized as a symbol of Wellington.

At the summit, there is the Cable Car Museum housing general information concerning the history of the cable car and an old car dating back to the early 1900s. The operation of this was opened to the public in 1902. In 1912, the annual number of passengers had reached one million, and the number increases each year.

Another popular excursion was to Wellington's suburb where the Lord of the Rings and other movies were filmed along with the studio and workshop.

The Wellington area has high seismic activity with several hundred minor fault lines under the city and neighboring areas. Every year, there are several minor earthquakes, but every five years a year-long slow quake occurs beneath the street of Wellington releasing as much energy as a magnitude seven quake on the Richter Scale but as it happens slowly there is no damage.

Wellington has the distinction of being the windiest city in the world and is also known as the most southerly capital in the world. The average wind speed in Wellington is 18 miles per hour. The city sees 173 days above 32 knots and 22 days over 40 knots of wind. The reason is the wind whips through the Cook Strait that separates the North and South Islands.



Photo by Bob Woods

Wellington Cable Car in New Zealand.





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## Eight-ball Tournament

By Phil Panzera

Earlier this month the Billiard Club held a lively and enjoyable eight-ball tournament. The event was very well attended, with 28 members entering the competition.

The tournament was open to both men and women, and was divided into two divisions:

- A division: for the more competitive players.

- B division: for those who didn't waste their youth in a poolroom.

The rationale for the two-division format was to give everyone, at any level, the chance to compete and win. The short "best of three" format also led to some thrilling tie-break matches, and confirmed the old motto, "Anyone can beat

anyone!"

Nineteen members competed in the B division for the three top money prizes. When the smoke cleared, Bob Kuebler and Diana Villars emerged as co-champions. Bob played wonderfully to storm through the winners' bracket side without a loss, and was waiting in the finals for the winner of the losers' bracket. Diana took the longer route through the losers' side, and had to win five matches before emerging to challenge Bob in the finals. By that time it was getting

late, and Bob and Diana agreed to split the pot. Paul Stoecklin played extraordinarily well to take third place.

Diana - as the only woman in the tournament - deserves special mention. She played magnificently, making many tough shots, and we hope her success serves to encourage some of our other very capable women players to join the next event. Many men that day learned - to their chagrin - that women can play pool too!

In the A division, Mike Carver played his usual superb game to sweep through the winners' bracket. Mike's game has been getting stronger every year, and he's now one of the very best players in our community. Phil Panzera played him in the finals, and was lucky to win through for first place. Gene Hueber came in third, playing beautifully, and coming within a whisker of beating Phil to advance to the finals.

The club received many compliments and thanks for the tournament, and a number of members have requested more events like this. Club president Joe Amigliore is planning more tournaments, with a nine-ball event coming up next. We hope more people will consider joining these tourneys, as it's a fun-filled day with your friends, the sudden-death matches are exciting, and it's a great learning experience (as it's really the best way to find out what your game is all about).

Notice to all members: Please be aware of a new rule for all Billiard Club members. The rule specifically states that you are not allowed to do anything that begins with the words, "Hey y'all ... watch this!"



Photo by Phil Panzera

Eight-ball tournament co-champion Diana Villars and third place finisher Paul Stoecklin.

## Golf and Charity

By John Yenne

Golf and charity have long gone hand-in-hand, and the Men's Golf Association (MGA) kept up the tradition last month by donating \$1,800 to Hospice of Marion County.

The MGA has made annual donations to this organization since 1986, and this year's check was presented at February's Chicken Day Scramble, which drew 114 participants.

Hospice of Marion County is a not-for-profit organization providing comfort and care for terminally ill residents of Marion County. It is also one of the charities for this month's Ocala Open at Candler Hills (March 20 through 23). Please see the Golf Shop for information about volunteer and Pro-Am opportunities.

In other club news Roger Sparks and Jerry Englar represented the association at the Club Fair in the Recreation Center in January. The MGA membership stands at 213. Please welcome our newest members, Barry W. Smith and Hal Welsh.

A new nine-hole golf league is playing each Wednesday. To join or get additional information, contact Jerry Englar at (352) 509-4014 or

at jarrettenglar@gmail.com.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

- March 7: Chicken Day Straight Scramble (Links)
- March 14: Team 3 Best Balls (Tortoise & The Hare)
- March 21: ABCD Odd Man In Net (Links with Candler Hills)
- March 28: Team Stableford (Tortoise & The Hare)

**Team Blind Holes  
Jan. 17 / Links**

131-Bill Dobbins, Steve Adams, George Lineman, Joe Polizzotti. Tie at 133-Ron Delaney, Anthony Morris, Paul Silliman, Steven Frost, Dennis McCourt, Gregory Dyer, Roy Coombes, Jerry Nagel. Tie at 135-Garry Gerlach, Howard Atherton, Mike Kurlakowsky, Harry Champ, Larry Manion, Ken Zweiback, Vince Nucaso, Gary Lyman

**Individual Stableford**

**Jan. 24 / Tortoise & The Hare**

+15-David Hannasch, Bill Dobbins, Jerry Englar, Jeff Downs; +13-Bob Mondore, Howard Hudgens, David Stafford, Robert Moravec; +10-Ray Brunell, Paul Wade, Phil Johnson, Tom Cummings; +8-Paul Silliman, Vince Dellapenta, Robert Moravec, Joe Polizzotti.



Photo by John Bauer

**MGA officers Fritz Langville, left, and Joe Polizzotti present an \$1,800 check to Annual Gifts Manager Cindy Moody of the Hospice of Marion County at the Chicken Day Scramble on Wednesday, Feb. 7.**

**Team Quota Points  
Jan. 31 / Links**

31-Richard Deschenes, Gregory Dyer, Larry Zieser, David Stafford. 30-Carl Singleton, Ken Zweiback, Joe Polizzotti, Henry Sohl. Tie at 27-John Langville, Paul Wade, Paul Silliman, Jerry Nagel; David Miller, Charlie Taylor, Danny James, John Moses.

**Chicken Day Scramble  
Feb. 7 / Links**

60-John Langville, Larry Manion, Steven Sarkozy. Tie at 62-Mike Wathen, Charlie Taylor, Steve Becker, Tom Neville, Robert Miles, R.D. Zink, Danny Gilley, Harry Champ. Tie at 63-Paul East, Anthony Morris, Randy Ford, Phil Johnson, Mike Altomare, Bob Mondore, Dan Carty, James Merrick, Rusty Rhodes, Jay Bouton, Howard Hudgens, Ron Clevringa, Jarrett Englar, Ron Delaney, Paul Wade, Charles Crenshaw.

## Visiting Pickleball Coach

By Bill Daugherty

Coach Mo came to our courts in January to give his pickleball clinic to several of our members. He is a

popular instructor in The Villages and famous for his teachings on DVD and YouTube.com. The clinic

was very informative and lots of fun. Hopefully we can put his pickleball knowledge to work in our own games.

March is here. We really experienced some very cold weather this season. No matter how cold it is one will still see players in shorts and short sleeve shirts whereas I am dressed in three layers and

gloves.

The next beginner class will be on Friday, March 9 (rain day March 16), at 8:30 a.m. For your safety, please wear proper court shoes.

**TIP FOR THE MONTH:** Help your partner with line calls. When your partner is trying to make a difficult shot, it is often hard for that player to concentrate on the line and the shot at the same time. Your partner is counting on you to make the call, if necessary. It is very common to see players looking straight ahead while their partner is playing the ball. You should always watch the ball so that you can help your partner with the call. Otherwise, you may be giving away points if your partner is unable to make the call.

If your partner calls the ball out and you see that it is clearly in, then you should declare the ball to be good. When you disagree with your partner about a line call, the benefit of the doubt always goes to the other side. It is not a replay.



Photo (left) by Rick Vogel

Coach Mo's pickleball clinic in January.



CARDS & GAMES

Group Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Monday Afternoon Bridge	Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge
Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson	Marie Fiorillo

**Jan. 8**  
1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Judy Wagnitz & Marlene Floecker; 3: Bernie Kelly & Rad D; 4: Linda & Don Sprague; 5: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe.

**Jan. 15**  
1: Rad D & Bernie Kelly; 2: Don & Linda Sprague; 3: Fran Griswold & Betty Morris; 4: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 5: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly.

**Jan. 22**  
1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 3: Marge Starrett & Joyce Walchak; 4: Don & Linda Sprague; 5: Betty Morris & Fran Griswold.

**Jan. 29**  
1: Marjorie Benton & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Don & Linda Sprague; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Bernie Kelly & Rad D; 5: Peggy Ellenberger & Kay Boland.

**Jan. 2**  
North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Paul Pinter & Paul Reidinger. East/West 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 3: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock.

**Jan. 9**  
North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Dave Cunningham & Sharon Davis. East/West 1: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 2: Joe McKeown & Lucy Molloy; 3: Ruth & Jim Jackson.

**Jan. 16**  
North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham; 3: Jim & Ruth Jackson. East/West 1: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Marie & John Fiorillo.

**Jan. 23**  
North/South 1: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 2: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham; 3: Marie & John Fiorillo. East/West 1: Vernon Siber & Ed Bodnar; 2: Kathie Dushary & Marjorie Benton; 3: Barbara & Jack Heller.

**Jan. 30**  
North/South 1: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 2: Ruth & Jim Jackson; 3: Dan Hall & Dave Cunningham. East/West 1: Barbara & Jack Heller; 2: Joe McKeown & Lucy Molloy; 3: Sharon Davis & Carmen Arroyo.

1: Fran Griswold; 2: Don Sprague; 3: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Helen O'Brien.

**Jan. 24**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Janet Sadowski; 3: Helen O'Brien; Cons: Carmen Arroya.

**Jan. 31**  
1: Maureen Meade; 2: Mary Klinzing; 3: Don Sprague; Cons: Fran Griswold.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge
Marge Starrett

**Jan. 4**  
1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Rad D; 3: Don Sprague & Marge Starrett.

**Jan. 11**  
1: Marge Starrett & Kay Boland; 3: Pat Goltart.

**Jan. 18**  
1: Ruth Jackson; 2: Rad D.

**Jan. 25**  
1: Rad D; 2: Marge Starrett; 3: Sharon Davis.

Thursday Night Bridge
Keith Briggs

**Jan. 18**  
1: Fran Griswold; 2: Lucy Molloy; 3: Bob Durst.

**Jan. 25**  
1: Keith Briggs; 2: Paul Reidinger; 3: Fran Griswold.

**Feb. 1**  
1: Pat Paloney; 2: Fran Griswold; 3: Donnella Briggs.

**Feb. 8**  
1: Donnella Briggs; 2: Marion Hotz; 3: Fran Griswold.

Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge
Jean Krueger-Travis

Thanks to everyone for their patience with the temporary meeting place. Special thanks to Jack and Joe for stepping in!

We will meet Friday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F.

If scoring is a mystery to you, or you would like to refresh your memory, please arrive by 8:30 a.m. for a quick review.

Please call Jean Krueger-Travis at (352) 414-5907 to indicate you will attend or if you have any questions.

**Feb. 2**  
1: Bettirae Woodruff and Betty Devoy; 2: Caryl Rosenberger and Marjorie Benton; 3: Kathie Dushary and Shirley Stolly; "2" Prize: Caryl Rosenberger.

Tuesday Night Pinochle
Whitney Frye

Come and join us. Everyone is welcome on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. Call Whitney Frye at (352) 237-0388 with any questions.

**Jan. 2**  
1: Ilse Rieder; 2: Herb Katz; 3: Bernard DiGregorio.

**Jan. 9**  
1: Whitney Frye; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Bernard DiGregorio.

**Jan. 16**  
1: Meria; 2: Larry Hartman; 3: Kathy Pinto.

**Jan. 23**  
1: Dan Ebbighausen; 2: Bernard DiGregorio; 3: Edith Kolb.

**Jan. 30**  
1: Meria; 2: Larry Hartman; 3: Joe Eisgruber.

We hope the luck of the Irish will be with you this month even if you're not Irish to win the pot of quarters, or even the lonely high quarter fund from your table of train conductors.

We really have a fun group and love meeting friends who live in the community. Come one, come all and join us Mondays in the Hobby Building. All that is required is your resident I.D. (first time only), a quarter and the ability to have fun! Bring someone with you or come alone; we will make you feel at home. You can play your first game with number or dots.

Thanks to all who have brought their dominos to share from 12 to zero (91 dominos in all), racks, quarters and new friends. We can't thank our friends enough as our group keeps growing. We appreciate all your support and great company. Thank you all for sharing back.

Some strategies to think about ... if you have a starter tile, but no other tiles to follow, what do you do? Start your train, knowing you may have to pick tiles for a few turns if the table train is not started. Or do you start the table train with the hopes you can continue to play there? Some prefer to start their train--that way when you are unable to play, someone can play a tile on your train other than a starter tile. If you start the table train instead, you still may not be able to play there either. You always want to try to play all your highest numbers to try and keep your scores low whenever possible. What are your thoughts?

Mah Jongg
Mary Ehle

Winter is almost gone and it's time for the second "Mah Jongg Junkies Day" on Saturday, March 3, in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no entry fee, no lunch served and you can come and go as you please.

It worked real well in October so I know you will enjoy the day. Bring your lunch, which will be eaten out on the back patio. If you prefer, you may go home for lunch and return when you are ready. It is a very relaxed day. The only requirement is that you bring enough money to last for as long as you play. I put lots of change in my purse but start with \$5. If you should lose all you brought then you can just go home. If you want to take a walk you can do this too.

Just relax, play and as always ... have fun. For more information, contact Pat Fitzgerald, Joan Castellucci or myself. I can be reached at (352) 873-7507. We would like it if you call to tell us you are coming so we have enough tables set up. Not a problem, however, if you just come. Until then, jokers to you.

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Wow how time flies! Spring is almost here. Take advantage of the weather and play some golf before the Florida summer arrives. We all know the high temperatures and extreme humidity will make us dream of this time of year again.

The 2018 Ocala Open will be held at Candler Hills Golf Club from March 21 through March 23, with the Pro-Am on Tuesday, March 20. We are offering all of our golf members a discount to participate in the Pro-Am, \$800 for a three-person team while being paired with one of the pros. Included in the entry fee is a gift package from our Golf Shop worth \$200 and a barbecue after the event.

The benefiting charities for this year's event are Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Admission is free with VIP tickets available for \$25 or three for \$65 in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. For more information regarding VIP tickets and the Ocala Open visit ocalaopen.com.

Also being held in March is the annual On Top of the World Club Championship. This event is for On Top of the World golf members only. This is a two-day event with round one being played Friday,

March 9 on the Links followed by round two Saturday, March 10 on the Tortoise & The Hare. Both days will be 8 a.m. tee times. Good luck to our defending champions Fritz Langville, Deborah Martin and Kay Budd. Please see the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more details.

Save the date - Thursday, May 17 - is the Women's Golf Invitational at Candler Hills Golf Club. Open to all women of On Top of the World who have an established handicap. Join the fun, whether a nine-holer or 18-holer. The event will be a Best Ball where two Best Balls on Par 4s and one Best Ball on the Par 5s and 3s. The cost will be \$21 per player for the event registration that will include a luncheon afterwards. If you are not a member of either of our golf courses, then applicable golf fees will be paid by you on the day of the event. Registration will begin on April 16 in either Golf Shop so mark your calendars today and join in the fun.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10: On Top of the World Club Championship.
- Tuesday, March 20: Ocala Open Pro-Am at Candler Hills Golf Club
- Wednesday, March 21 through Friday, March 23: Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Club
- Saturday, March 31: On Top of the World Monthly Event - Army Golf at the Links



Photo by Denise Mullen

Planning meeting for the upcoming Women's Golf Invitational.

World Accolades

**CANDLER HILLS:** Cheris Garrison, hole-in-one #13, Chris Piotrowski, hole-in-one #13. Garry Gerlach, eagle #7. Mike Gottson, eagle #10. John Smith, eagle #15.

**LINKS:** Gary Cornell, eagle #2.  
**TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Al Lohr, eagle #5. John Spielvogel, eagle #5. Ron Weller, eagle #5.

Golf Tip of the Month

You have a five-foot putt to make birdie and win the match. Your palms are sweating, hands shaking

and mind is wondering.

If you can relate to this scenario then here are a few tips to help your nerves: Create a pre putt routine. This routine should be kept simple and quick, 30 seconds or less. Make sure to follow this routine for each putt during your round. During your stroke be sure to have nice rhythm. Nerves tend to get the best of players and create a quick stroke. This often causes the putt to fall off line. Stand over the putt with confidence, keep a good frame of mind and sink that putt.



Candler Hills Men's Golf

Dave Miller

If you are thinking about joining our friendly group of golfers, take a look at our website (chmga.com) - we play every Tuesday at 9 a.m. We played our annual match play tournament in February - results should be in next month's column.

Individuals recently scoring in the 70s included: Everett Kimball (73). Larry Kettlewell & Joe Alfano (75). Walt Pacuk (77). Paul Rubly & Joseph Schuberth (79).

Individual Net Jan. 16

Flight 1: 66-Walt Pacuk. 68-Bill Anger.

Flight 2: Tie at 66-Larry Smallwood & Paul Rubly. 70-Dave Miller.  
Flight 3: 63-Charlie Taylor. Tie at 67-Jim Dewey & Joe Jingco. 79-Ken Zweiback.

Flight 4: 61-Sam Fox. 65-Edwin Vilorio. 69-Paul Silliman. 75-Richard Freeman.

4-Man Team Quota Points Jan. 23

16-Terry Hoppes, Andy Bulloch, Charlie Taylor & Paul Silliman. 12-Garry Gerlach, Chris Scharar, Chris Lyndrup & Randy Ford. 11-Larry Rackstraw, Joe Jingco, James Dewey & Edwin Vilorio. 9-Joseph Schuberth, Dennis McCourt, Gary Lyman & John Podkomorski.

2-Man Scramble A/C, B/D Jan. 30

A/C Flight: 68-Everett Kimball & J.C. Van Bloom. 70-Joseph Schuberth & Sam Fox. Tie at 71-

Bill White & Charley Taylor and Walt Pacuk & Virgel Jojalla.

B/D Flight: 72-Dave Miller & Edwin Vilorio. 73-Joe Jingco & Paul Silliman. 74-John Workman & Robert Hutson. Tie at 76-Robert Hutson & Donald Huston and Chris Scharar & Randy Ford.

Individual Stableford Feb. 6

Flight 1: 41-Everett Kimball. Tie at 40-Larry Kettlewell. Bill Anger & Bill White.

Flight 2: 46-Joe Alfano. Tie at 42-Larry Smallwood & Paul Rubly. Tie at 41-Joe Jingco & Chris Scharar.

Flight 3: Tie at 43-Gary Lyman & J.C. Van Bloom. 42-Ken Zweiback. 41-Sam Fox.

Flight 4: 42-Paul Silliman. Tie at 39-Randy Ford & Edwin Vilorio. 38-Richard Freeman.

We welcomed several new mem-

bers to our association recently: Charlie Taylor, Ken Zook, Mike Madura and David Steel. If you are interested in playing with our group, check out our website (chmga.com), send me an email (mill-racel@aol.com), or talk to one of the golf professionals in the Candler Hills Golf Shop.



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**Ladies  
9-Hole Golf**

**Judith Parisi**

Eileen Gustavus is president of our league and prior to that served in other officer positions. I asked Eileen if she would participate in an interview. Eileen, who hails from



Photo by Judy Parisi  
**President Eileen Gustavus  
of the On Top of the World  
LGA-9.**

Ohio, has lived here for 10 years, having built her home 12 years ago. We will do our interview in two parts:

**Q:** What led you to move here?  
**A:** My husband made the mistake of bringing me to Florida one November to visit a friend. Wow! It was warm. We found On Top of the World Communities in “Where to Retire” magazine. We visited dozen of other communities but kept coming back here. Couldn’t beat the location, amenities, and cost of living.  
**Q:** What did you do in your pre-retired life? **A:** I did computer system support and training for our in-house manufacturing and sales systems. As well as assisting our associates in the USA, I was able to work with associates in Switzerland, Isle of Mann, and Japan.

**Q:** How long have you played golf?  
**A:** I’ve been playing the challenging, many times evil game of golf for just over seven years.

**Q:** What advice would you give to new golfers?  
**A:** Take advantage of the lessons and clinics given by our professionals on staff and get out and play as often as possible.

**Q:** What is your favorite course?  
**A:** I enjoy Candler Hills Golf Course the best as it has nice open

fairways and challenging greens. The Links gives me the most challenges; I swear those trees are magnetic!  
We’ll have part II of the interview with Eileen in the April column, along with the results of the Valentine Challenge!  
We invite you to visit our website at [otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com](http://otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com)

**Three Blind Mice –Team Net  
Jan. 16**  
88–Marilyn Davsko, Dolores Jaynes, Carol Bell, Blind draw–Donna McCombs; 91–Linda Heenan, Marcie Hock, Jean Flynn, Donna McCombs; 98–Eileen Gustavus, Kathy Zunica, Carolyn Abramovich, Joan Loureiro.

**Bingo, Bango, Bongo  
(results by “purse”)  
Jan. 23**  
\$5–Eve Harvey, Marcie Hock, Judy Parisi, Joan Rappa, Virginia Bayless, Sheila Ashe; \$4–Marianne Ingwersen, Susane Trembulak; \$3–Melinda Turner, Jean Flynn, Marianne Ford,



**Shuffleboard**

**Walter Lamp**

We started our second half of the current season in January. But due to the weather, there were challenges. The exceptionally cold weather, not just in the mornings, but sometimes stretching into our afternoon sessions, would freeze any moisture on the courts and make the disc move faster and even erratic. And with all the rain this season, any water that wasn’t totally removed before the start of play, caused the disc to slow down. Both conditions caused the player to adjust his/her game patiently.

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Donna McCombs, Kathy Zunica; \$2–Robbie Limonges, Lydia Flinchbaugh; \$1.50–Carol Bell, Louise Lineman.  
**Fewest Individual Putts  
Jan. 30**  
Flight 1: 13–Robbie Limoges; 14–Carla Kimball; 15–Marlene Floeckher; 17–Sandra McCarthy.  
Flight 2: 17–Marcie Hock, Carol Bell, Jane Wilson, Kathy Hall.  
Flight 3: 14–Carolyn Abramovich; 16–Sheila Ashe; 17–Eve Harvey, Sue Wilkes.

**Aces Wild  
Feb. 6**  
Flight 1: 26–Linda Dumeer; 29–Robbie Limoges; 30–Susane Trembulak; 33–Kay Budd.  
Flight 2: 27–Linda Mandala; 30–Judy Parisi; 31–Dianne Masterson; 31–Marlene Floeckher.  
Flight 3: 24–Carol Bell; 29–Joan Rappa; 30–Pauline Beloin; 30–Yoshiko Young.  
Flight 4: 22–Cheryl Duke; 29–Sheila Ashe; 33–Sue Wilkes; 33–Melinda Turner; 33–Jean Flynn.

The only fair point to this weather was that all players on the courts faced the same difficulties.  
But the games went on most of the time. There were a few cancellations and the season will proceed until April, which will mark the end of this season. Then, there will be the start of our annual summer season, which is not only good for seasoned players to sharpen their skills, but for any new residents, who want to watch, learn and get involved. There are always seasoned players around to answer questions and teach.  
The annual meeting and luncheon will take place on Thursday, March 8. We will conduct club business, elect new officers, have a catered lunch and even enjoy some entertainment.  
**Men/Woman  
January**  
Monday: Henry Erikson/Vicki Lentz. Betty Delong broke into the 30 Club.  
Tuesday: Lou Fisher/Margot Thomas  
Thursday: Mike Retter/Jane Boyer (broke into the 30 Club).  
Friday: Roger Werner/Nancy Kowsky.



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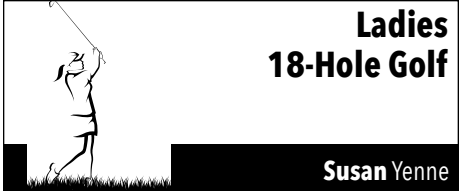
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Twenty-four guests joined league play and a luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 13. Members had to sign up with a guest who is not a member of the LGA-18 league and had an established handicap.

Guests included Imgard Anger, Gail Banavige, Carol Clark, Linda Dumeer, Sandy Ford, Paula Hammond, Terry Herbert, Lane Hobby, Donna Ireland, Sharon Johnson, Mia Kolar, Marlene LaClaire, Sue Maillet, Kanen Marshall, Bertha Myers, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Connie Norris, Carol Oman, Connie Preis, Alice Schwing-Smith, Sandi Sforza, Kathy Smyth, Lynn Thesman and Shirley Young.

The committee in charge of the Valentine's Day luncheon included Geri Treppa, Lorie Anderson, Jo Ann Roney and Nancy Zielinski.

The deadline is coming soon to sign up for the Member-Member event and lunch on Tuesday, March

13. It will be a flighted event by combined handicap with best ball play. The lunch, chaired by Donna Brunell, will be at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Match Play began Monday, Jan. 22 with 32 members pairing off. Whoever won the most net holes in the first round moved into the top bracket; losers moved into a consolation bracket. At the beginning of March, fourth rounds were being scheduled with winners in both brackets coming later this month.

New member update: Linda Taylor from Orange Park, Fla. has been golfing for 32 years. Rebecca (Becky) Welsh from Beech Mt, N.C., has been golfing for 25 years. Kathy N. Zunica from Carmel, Ind., has been golfing for a year.

If anyone is interested in joining the league, please call league president Deborah Martin at (630) 779-0229.

**ChaChaCha (Low Net)**  
**Jan. 16/Tortoise & The Hare**  
125–Sandy Chase, Susan Yenne, Linda Taylor, Susan Rhodes. Tie at 126–Betty Lou McNeeley, Rosemarie O'Neil, Christine McIntire, Fran Eckart. Tie at 126–Molly Lucieer,

Deborah Martin, MJ Strelec, Antonia Varney. 127–Peggy Borro, Connie Sohl, Linda Blewitt.

**Criss Cross**  
**Jan. 23/Links**  
Flight 1: 29–Lynne Dickson. Tie at 30–Linda Taylor, Su Freeman, Gretchen Normandin.  
Flight 2: Tie at 29–Linda Blewitt, Bobbie Wiener. Tie at 30–Fran Eckart, Lynn Dehart.  
Flight 3: 29–Sandy Chase. 30–Linda Bervinkle. Tie at 32–Rosemarie O'Neil, Connie Sohl.  
Flight 4: 25–Mary Lyon. 31–Donna Brunell. Tie at 32–Dee Howie, Geri Treppa, Faye Barbee, Mary Driver.

**Mutt & Jeff (Individual Flighted)**  
**Jan. 30/Tortoise & The Hare**  
Flight 1: Tie at 28–Bobbie Wiener, Lynne Dickson. 32–Peggy Borro.  
Flight 2: 31–Linda Blewitt. Tie at 33–Fran Eckart, Joan D'Addio.  
Flight 3: Tie at 31–Molly Lucieer, Betty Lou McNeeley. 32–Geri Treppa.

**Low Gross Low Net**  
**Feb. 6/Tortoise & The Hare**  
**Low Gross**  
Flight 1: 79–Deborah Martin. 81–Linda Taylor.  
Flight 2: 90–Sandy Chase.

Flight 3: Tie at 96–Lynn Barber, Margaret Hudacik.  
Flight 4: 98–Molly Lucieer. 100–Faye Barbee.

**Low Net**  
Flight 1: 64–Lynne Dickson. Tie at 69–Bobbie Wiener, Beverly Ovrebo.  
Flight 2: Tie at 70–Virginia Madura, Rosemarie O'Neil, Debby Wilson.  
Flight 3: 70–Christine McIntire. 71–Betty Lou McNeeley.  
Flight 4: 68–Anonia Varney. 70–Susan Yenne.

**Member-Guest (Best Ball Net)**  
**Feb. 13/Links**  
Flight 1: Tie at 59–Joan D'Addio/Lynn Thesman, Debby Wilson/Mia Kolar. 62–Deborah Martin/Connie Norris. 63–Gail Lagrange/Alice Schwing-Smith.  
Flight 2: 60–Beverly Ovrebo/Kathy Smyth. 62–Lynne Dickson/Irmgard Anger. 63–Sandy Chase/Gail Banavige. Tie at 64–Maggie Hudacik/Sue Maillet, Betty McNeeley/Sandi Sforza.  
Flight 3: 57–Geri Treppa/Shirley Young. 61–Donna Brunell/Paula Hammond. Tie at 62–Linda Bervinkle/Linda Dumeer, Susan Yenne/Connie Preis.



On Wednesday, Jan. 17, seven of the league ladies participated in the Golf Around (GAR) at Spruce Creek Preserve. We had a beautiful sunny but chilly morning. By the time we had breakfast and teed off, it was warming nicely and we got to shed some layers of clothing. We were able to finish before the wind got too strong bringing in a deep freeze that night. Attendees were Mary Ann McCourt and Rocket Johnson our GAR delegates, Eileen Gustavus, Donna McCombs, Kathy Hall, Sue Layne and Joan Loureiro. Sue tied with two other ladies for third low net in her flight.

The course was in very good condition as a result of a lot of work done by the new owners one of whom is the golf professional, Roy Painter, who entertained us with his great sense of humor. Lunch was served by Samantha's Cafe with a choice of cheeseburger sliders or chef's salad. Both were very good. Dessert was warm bread pudding with a flavorful sauce.

As the saying goes, "Drive for show but putt for dough." We have seen many professionals where the difference in first and second place (and a lot of money) might be just one putt. At a recent golf clinic, Russ Smith, golf professional at On Top of the World, pointed out three basic points for effective putting.

1. Eyes over the ball. You should be able to drop a ball from your eyes and have it hit the ball you are planning to putt.
2. Ball position. Ball should be in the center of your stance

or very slightly forward.

3. Tempo. Without changing the back swing, the distance can be controlled by tempo, slower tempo shorter putt.

These should be a part of every putting practice. Begin practice by placing three balls in a line at three, six, and nine feet from the hole on all four sides, 12, three, six and nine o'clock positions. Start with the three-foot putts and work out. The goal is to make all 12 in a row. If you miss any putt, then go back to the beginning and start over.

**Odds or Evens**  
**Jan. 25**  
Flight 1: 21–Dolores Jaynes; 23–tie–Susane Trembulak, Eileen Gustavus. Flight 2: 21–Marcie Hock; 22–tie–Dianne Masterson, Cheryl Nesbit, Judy Parisi.  
Flight 3: Tie at 24–Susan Layne, Julie Crudele; 26–Jean Jarmel.  
Flight 4: 26–Suzanne Weirick; Tie at 27–Eve Harvey, Janice Sturm.

**Lucky 4s**  
**Feb. 1**  
Flight 1: 19–Linda Mandala; Tie at 20–Lydia Flinchbaugh, Fran Greenfield.  
Flight 2: 21–Mary Ann McCourt; 22–tie–Judy Parisi, Cheryl Nesbit, Connie Preis.  
Flight 3: 20–Marguerite Piotrowski; Tie at 21–Olive Curtin, Kathy Hall.  
Flight 4: 18–Suzanne Weirick; 19–Deb Malo; 24–Joan Loureiro.

**Step Aside Scramble**  
**Feb. 8**  
38–Claire Gabert, Linda Mandala, Betty Werner, Eve Harvey; Tie at 39–Fran Greenfield, Cheryl Nesbit, Jean Jarmel, Joan Loureiro; Suzanne Sigler, Connie Preis, Rocket Johnson, Aggie Mahoney; Susane Trembulak, Kathy Triolo, Mary Vliek, Julie Crudele.



Spring is in the air and the robins have arrived. Last month saw many cancellations due to weather. This included league days and the Mid-State Pro Lady. The Mid-State Pro Lady was rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8 at Candler Hills Golf Club with our ladies scoring a total of 40 points!

Save the date - Thursday, May 17 - Women's Golf Invitational at Candler Hills Golf Club. This event is open to all women of the community who have an established handicap. It will be a form of best ball tournament. Additional information and registration will be forthcoming.

Upcoming events include:

- Thursday, March 8 through Thursday, March 15: League Championship.
- Wednesday, March 21: Mid-State at SummerGlen.
- Tuesday, April 10: Solheim

Cup

We have four new members: Linda Taylor, Jonell Washburn, Rebecca Welsh, and Virginia Madura. We welcome these new members to our league. Anyone else interested in becoming a member can contact Betty Dong at bddong@gmail.com.

Until next time, "Hit them straight."

**Criss/Cross**  
**Feb. 1**  
Flight 1: 27–Pam Carpenter, Tie at 29–Linda Taylor, Iro Lisinski.  
Flight 2: Tie at 28–Joan D'Addio, Rosanna Ross, Diane O'Brien.  
Flight 3: 26–Kate Beaty, 28–Pam Monk, Tie at 30–Irmgard Anger, Toni Stevenson.  
Flight 4: 22–Linda Buschur, 25–Kathy Zunica, Tie at 27–Bertha Myers, Kathy Smyth.

**Mid-State Pro Lady**  
**Feb. 8**  
1 (20 points): Daniel Janiak, Bev Ovrebo, Angie Jingco & Vicky Salyers. Tie at 2 (10 points each): Matt Hibbs, Pam Carpenter, Iro Lisinski & Kathy Smyth and Matt Hibbs, Sara Nunn, Lynne Thesman & Pam Monk.

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There have been more cold days and lower temperatures than the previous three winters that I have lived in Ocala. During the cold spell it became very evident that we have some very dedicated horseshoe pitchers. One Tuesday it was 36 degrees with a 20 mile per hour wind and 10 players showed up.

This winter has been a real challenge, but we endured and with three weeks left there is a real competitive battle for bragging rights at the top of the pack. The seasons

are 13 weeks long comprising of three matches each week. The season champion is the person with the highest win percentage but to be eligible you must have played in a minimum of 31 of 39 matches. At the time of this writing, any one of four players could be crowned the 2018 winter season horseshoe league champion, clearly a title to be cherished forever or until the next season ends.

The league is always open to new players. If you ever want to give horseshoes a try, just come to the pits on Tuesday at 9 a.m. and we will get you started. Once you establish an average (three games) you will receive a handicap based on that average and you are ready to compete against the best. There

are no dues (just bring aluminum cans that you normally recycle) and no scheduled time commitments. It is simply a matter of whoever shows up and a random draw for competition.

On Top of the World provides and maintains a great facility. The pits were totally rebuilt from scratch last summer. The only expense the league encounters is the annual fee for entering a team in the Marion County Horseshoe League competition and refreshments when opposing teams come to play at our pits. Ed Lalonde, our treasurer, continues to assure us that the funds from recycled cans easily cover the expenses.

Early in the travel league season, we ran into several very motivated

teams from The Villages who mercilessly rained ringers down on us. By mid-season we began to turn things around a bit with a few victories. The team of Larry (Big Stick) Stickles and Big Ed Bodnar have really tweaked their game lately. Dan Moore has found his groove pitching from the southpaw side. Dan Ebbighausen seems to have finally figured out where the stick is and how to hook a shoe on it. Nobody wants to win more than Betty DeLong, our only female player.

With three weeks to go, if we can win out the season, there is a chance of finishing in second place giving On Top of the World bragging rights over five of the six teams in The Villages.



Attendance for open play has continued to pick up as the weather improves and new players join the Cornhole Club ranks. Our equipment allows us to have 96 people take part in open play each week.

In January, we were seeing about 45 players a week. In February, that number grew to about 60 players per week. Looks like we should be approaching our goal of having maximum capacity each week as

we begin play in March.

Open play is available year round. From Sept. 1 through the end of June we play four times a week: Mondays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. During the summer months (June July and August), we play twice a week: Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

The mixed doubles league, consisting of eight teams competing against one another each Thursday at 3 p.m., will be winding up their winter play on Thursday, March 8. There are several teams with a good chance of winning our inaugural league event. We'll provide the results in our next column.

In the meantime, there is still time to sign up for the spring mixed doubles league, which will begin on Thursday, March 22. We have spots for the first 12 teams who sign up for the 10-week season that will conclude on Thursday, May 24. As of this writing, there are still a few spots left, so find you a partner of the opposite sex and get your names on the roster!

Once the spring season concludes at the end of May, league play takes a break in June, July and August, with play resuming with the fall league beginning Thursday, Sept. 6 and concluding Thursday, Nov. 8.

Whether you take part in open

or league play, you need to be a member of the Cornhole Club, be up-to-date on your \$10 per person per year dues, arrive about 15 minutes before play is to begin and help set-up the equipment. In open play, you must list your name on the sign-in sheet because the first 24 to arrive and sign in get to play on our tournament quality wood boards. An additional eight players can also play using our all weather boards, so we can accommodate 32 players, if needed. As for the dues, you can pay when you show up to play or you can arrange payment by contacting Jim Russell at jimrussell44@outlook.com or (352) 861-6355.



Spring is in the air and the model aircraft are too. With warmer weather, chances are better that you will find a fine selection of your neighbors filling the sky above the flying field with their latest creations or

purchases.

March is usually a fine starting point! This includes the club picnic on Saturday, March 24, hosted by our own Phil Moherrek. The picnic will include lighthearted games and fine picnic foods cooked onsite and provided by members and their significant others. While the picnic is for members only, the fun can be watched by anyone. I'm told that there will be contests using the old-fashioned balsa toy planes that

we all played with during our elementary school years (ancient history!). Come on out and watch your neighbor (members) reveal their inner childhood.

March also is the time we spend to prepare for the annual Spring Fly-In, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. The club is trying a number of new things to make it more fun for both the participants and the spectators. Put the date on your calendar so you won't forget or schedule conflicting activities.

At the last club meeting, I asked for a quick show of hands to a few questions. They indicated that:

1. A large majority of the members (in attendance) built their models during their early years in the hobby in order to have something to

- learn to fly.
2. A significant number of members learned to fly here at On Top of the World.
3. The number of electric airplane only members is not as large a proportion of the membership as we thought.
4. A significant number of members are currently building a model at this time.

Let me close with an invitation to anyone out there who is intrigued by the idea of piloting their own aircraft to contact any club member to be referred to one of our club instructors. We can offer an introductory flight using the club trainer to see if the idea can turn into an interest that you want to pursue. It's hard to resist and very rewarding to accomplish.

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It was good to see those of you who visited our table at the recent Club Fair. We hope you stop by one of our meetings and become involved in our hobby. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Bank of the Ozarks second floor conference room near the entrance to On Top of the World, at 1 p.m. We also have an informal get together on the second Tuesday of each month during the winter at Freedom Library from 6 to 8 p.m. Visitors are welcome at all meetings and our annual dues are a very reasonable \$6.

The photo that is included with this column was produced by the Mauch Chunk Rotary Club in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce to commemorate the 115th anniversary of The Switchback, as the railroad is known. Mauch Chunk (now known as Jim Thorpe) is the county seat of Carbon County, Penn. The original name is Indian for Bear Mountain.

The original train was abandoned as a means of transporting coal, in 1870. The local citizenry hit upon the thought of utilizing the railroad for a pleasure road. It didn't take long to become the main attraction of what became known as "The Switzerland of America." The Switchback has been described as not unlike a figure eight of 18 miles of loops. It begins nowhere, and ends nowhere. There is, nonetheless, a starting and stopping point on the endless rail. The cars are hoisted to the lofty points on towering mountain peaks, descend to the level of the valley below, in a series of exhilarating ups and downs in the relatively smooth gliding cars. Sounds like a neat trip.

If you are interested in anything about the club, you can reach me at [rosinskijoe@gmail.com](mailto:rosinskijoe@gmail.com). If our Master the Possibilities classes continue to go well, we will try to run them on a monthly schedule. Keep an eye on the course catalog for dates of the "Stamp Collecting" courses.

Until next month, be safe, and stay healthy.



Photo By Joe Rosinski  
**The oldest railroad in America cover.**

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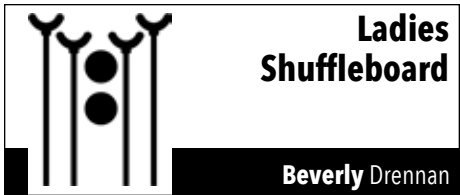
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On Wednesday, March 28, we will have our annual club tournament, from 9 to 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, April 4, we will have our end of year luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pavilion with food and prizes provided by our sponsor - Estate & Retirement Resources, Inc.

We have volunteers for president, vice president, treasurer, entertainment, captain, and co-captain, but no one has volunteered for secretary. If we cannot get a secretary, our club will not be able to continue. Volunteer, please! Contact Nina Lindh at (352) 209-0003 to volunteer.

The month of January was not a good month for shuffleboard. Two weeks of cold weather kept some of us in the warmth of our homes.

**January**  
Most Games: 6-Sally Herrick; 5-Becki Kotschi; 4-Pam Russell.  
30+: Sally Herrick, Lois Nix, and Barbara Stickles.

# 'Bunco for Babies' Fundraiser

By Micki Malsch

A "Bunco for Babies" luncheon and bunco game fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 14, at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F, G and H. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon will be served at 11 a.m. with the games to begin immediately following lunch. Hosted by Micki Malsch, all proceeds from this event benefit the March of Dimes March for Babies.

The cost of a ticket is \$25 and includes lunch, beverage, dessert, and a bunco game for cash prizes. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for various door prizes.

There will be 30 tables of four players at each table. Four sets of six games will be played. A brief intermission will be held following the second set.

Only a limited number of tickets are still available. For further in-



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**"Bunco for Babies" will take place on Saturday, April 14.**

formation and tickets, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 861-8790. This is a lot of fun and a great way to support a worthy cause!

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**Elton Autwell proudly displaying his medals from the Florida racquetball state championship.**



**Diamond Divas**

**Carol Singer**

This column is dedicated to a great group of gals who make up the Diamond Divas and embrace our motto “girls just want to have fun.” It doesn’t matter if you are able to just smack that ball to the outfield or not – each gal gives encouragement to those who are just attempting to hit the ball, period.

So I would like to tip my hat and give my thanks and two thumbs up to the following Diamond Divas: Lorraine Accardi, Annette Bunck, Trona Monchak-Carter, Carolyn Cummings, Ann Gensler, Va Donna Hall, Linda Hudgens, Linda Jones, Jackie Nuccio, Vicki Schreiner, Sally Stark and Susan Wilk. Come join us at the ballpark for fun in the sun, and more importantly, new friends. Contact Carol Singer at (352) 509-4066. If you are unable to join us on the playing field, we can always find a place for you.



**Tennis**

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March is upon us! It’s wonderful to see that the new courts are being used more and more. As you may already know, we are getting two more tennis courts, which will bring us to a total of 12! We should be so proud of our community and tennis facility!

New residents are always welcome to join our tennis family! I am always available and willing to help in any way.

Also by now, we should have the bathroom and social activities pavilion renovated and ready for use.

**Tennis Tip of the Month**

You may have heard me say, “In order to return the ball well, first you need to read the incoming ball well.” To be successful tennis players, we need to categorize our skills into sending skills and receiving skills.

Sending skills are all the elements that go into sending the ball back to your opponent, such as footwork, grips and stroke work.

Receiving skills are all the input that can be discerned when the ball is traveling in either direction and the contact point of each player.

Understanding ...

1. The ball in flight: Ball traveling away from you and all that can be observed during that time. Ball traveling toward you and all that can be observed during that time.
2. Contact point: Opponent’s contact point and all that can be observed at that moment. Your contact point and all that can be understood at that moment. How the ball felt and sounded leaving your racquet. The sound of the ball at your opponent’s contact point.
3. The body position and balance of the opponent at contact.
4. The court position of the opponent at contact.

If a player’s ability to observe and read the signals is non-existent or poor then they don’t possess the ability to make the best or clear decisions about their shot selection.

Many recreational players do not really see or perceive what is happening during the point. But, this can be learned.

“Receiving” and “reading” skills are interchangeable terms, or synonymous. How do we determine how well a player can read the variables of the flight of the ball? Reading skills are measured by speed and comprehension. In other words, how fast and accurately can someone “read” and “understand” what they are undertaking. When reading the written word, we say someone can read 500 words a minute, at 80 percent comprehension or 1,000 words a minute with 90 percent comprehension.

In tennis, we can measure if someone can get to a ball traveling at a speed of 40 miles per hour and lands 15 feet away or only be able to handle balls traveling 30 miles an hour and landing 10 feet away. It is easy to see if we can increase speed and improve comprehension, whether reading words or the ball, it will increase productivity.

Tennis players need to develop the ability to read the variables in the flight of the ball. Reading the ball sooner, will allow a player to cover more court and have adequate time to set up for their ideal contact point. If the ball travels at 30 miles an hour and lands 12 feet away, and a player can read the variables accurately when a ball travels at 40 miles an hour, then they will be there early and set up with good balance for an ideal contact point. If their reading or comprehension skills can only successfully decipher a ball that comes 25 miles an hour and 10 feet away, then they will still be moving or lunging at the ball and will probably have an awkward contact point. Fortunately, it is possible to develop a language to “read” the flight of the ball, because the ball is controlled by two laws:

1. The ball will travel in a logical and consistent way, because it is bound by the laws of physics and geometry.
2. The ball can travel with only three variables: spin, speed and trajectory. But, a player needs to learn to distinguish the variables in spin, speed and trajectory. The biggest variable for recreational players is trajectory.

See you on the courts!



**Fit Tips**

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**Illness Etiquette**

From time to time we all get sick. No matter how much you love your workouts it is important to rest when you are ill. Ultimately it’s your choice to come back to the fitness center when recovering from a sickness. However, those around you are left without the choice. Here are some tips on when it’s the

best time to return to exercise and how to stop spreading germs to others in the gym.

**FIT TIP #1:** Make sure that you do not have a fever. If you have a temperature, stay home and rest.

**FIT TIP #2:** Take care not to sneeze or cough on others. Cover your mouth with the inside of your arm, not your hand, because you are much more likely to spread germs through touching.

**FIT TIP #3:** Use the gym wipes that are provided in the fitness center to wipe down the equipment when you are finished using it. And lastly, wash your hands frequently.

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## Fitness Happenings

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**Arbor Fitness Center  
Supervisor**

Kelly Braley, the new Arbor Fitness Center supervisor, is a graduate of Bryan College and possesses an occupational associate degree of science in advanced health fitness training. Kelly holds an accredited personal training certification with the National Association of Sports Medicine and she is also a corrective exercise specialist.

Kelly is passionate about promoting health and inspiring people to age actively. She is committed and dedicated to helping people improve the quality of their lives and believes that everyone has the capacity to feel great, look great and function well.

Kelly is excited to introduce residents to the newly renovated/renamed Arbor Fitness Center (formerly Arbor Club); our grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, at 6 a.m. Stop in for a workout, swim or group fitness class! If you want to come and have a look, we will be providing tours from 2 to 5 p.m.; please stop by we would love to see you!

**Q.** You weren't always fitness professional. What made you redirect your career to focus on older adult wellness?

**A.** Corporate America was no longer satisfying a need to connect to something important. So, I focused on my desire to help people and my passion for wellness. This brought me to the fitness industry. Shortly after starting my career as a certified personal trainer, I was quickly drawn to older adult wellness. The scope of practice with active agers has so many rewarding facets. I am continually inspired by the level of fitness the older adults at On Top of the World possess, and the science of aging is fascinating and always evolving.

**Q.** What are some of the things you are most excited about the new Arbor Fitness Center offering to residents?

**A.** The Arbor Fitness Center is a beautiful building and state-of-the-art fitness center, second to none for aging actively! I am so excited to be a part of launching this new fitness center. The Arbor Fitness Center will present so many opportunities for residents to try some-



## Softball

**Bill** Leon

The Pavarotti's team has regained its momentum and is back on top, but not by much. Their power hitters have come back to life, and with some miscues by the opposing teams, they are number one again. Can they maintain that momentum? No one can say, but they do have the team that needs to be beat.

Close behind is the Pearson Nissan team which continues to stay just a step behind the Pavarotti's team. The surprise team is the Ceibert Wealth team, which has come from almost heading to the basement to closing in on the first place

thing new and expand their fitness activities. Some examples of cutting edge programs we are going to offer are: TRX (suspension training) and free posture assessments (starting in June). I know this will have a positive effect on community wellness.

team. How long they can continue their winning ways is a mystery but somehow they are able to pull out the wins.

The Swinson and Hilton Auto teams have had some their share of losses due to some miscues and a hitting slump, but I wouldn't count them out although they are three games out, but with the season still quite young, anything can happen.

Even the Dr. Dunn team, which has been sitting in the basement for what seems forever, has come alive and only four games out of first place. All their players have come back and the team has been improving. Overall, it has become

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**Q.** What advice do you have for older adults who want to live a long, vibrant life?

**A.** Aging actively is critical to aging optimally! Exercise builds strength, stamina and endurance, it's a great way to socialize, boost overall health and just have fun.

Recreation Center Fitness Room					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00 AM	Zumba® Mix Madelyne	S.O.S. Jonathan	Wednesday Warrior Jessica	S.O.S. Jonathan	Dance Party Jessica
9:00 AM	Chair Stretch Jessica	KBKB Han	Intro to Yoga Julie	KBKB Han	Strength & Stretch Kelly
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Darla	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Madelyne
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Kelly	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Cammy	S.O.S. Larry
11:00 AM Ballroom Location	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Madelyne
12:00 PM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Madelyne
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
5:00 PM		Intro to Yoga Kathy			
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Arbor Fitness Center Fitness Room					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand
8:00 AM	OPEN Fitness on Demand	Strength Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	HIIT Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand
9:00 AM	Yoga Julie	Boomer Beat Jessica	Yoga Linda	Boomer Beat Cammy	Yoga Renu
10:00 AM	STRONG Kelly	Step Interval Linda	STRONG Linda	Step Interval Kelly	STRONG Roger
11:00 AM	Mind/Body Fitness on Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	Cardio Fitness on Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	Stretch Fitness on Demand
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand	OPEN Fitness on Demand
1:00 PM	Orientation**		Orientation**		
Arbor Conference Center	(Suites E & F) 8:00 AM Qi Gong 9:00 AM Tai Chi Art			(Suites E, F & G) 9:00 AM Qi Gong 10:00 AM Intro to Tai Chi Art	
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Arbor Fitness Center Indoor Pool					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Open		Open	Water Volleyball 3:00 - 5:00 PM	Open
*** Fee-Based Class					



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**Kelly Braley.**



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Line dancing continues to be a huge success here in our community. Our dancers enjoy the Thursday night monthly dance, dancing at The Town Square on the weekends and at Happy Hour on Fridays. Since our community is growing by leaps and bounds, we always have new people joining us.

Occasionally we are involved in extra activities, which adds to our fun. In January, the intermediate line dance class did a performance of three different dances at the Health & Wellness Expo to demonstrate that line dancing is a healthy and cardiovascular hobby.

Many people still think of line dancing as being done to all country music. There are many different rhythms to line dance such as cha cha, waltz, tango, swing, polka, etc. This adds to the fun and challenge of our hobby.

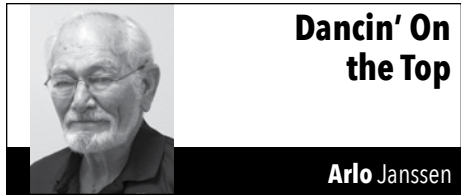


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Intermediate line dance class at Health & Wellness Expo in January.

Consider joining us, and remember to stay in line and step when the drum goes thump.

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal for beginner and improver classes at (352) 804-1546, or Nancy Carmack for the intermediate class at (352) 533-8870.



The first dance in 2018 by Dancin' On the Top was held on Saturday, Feb. 10, and featured the music from the great band 3 for the Road Plus 1. The Saturday, April 21, dance will feature music by Retro Express. The dance dates for the remaining year are Saturday, Sept. 22, Saturday, Nov. 10, and Monday, Dec. 31. We are expecting to sell all three dances as a package sometime this summer. Please mark your calendar for great dancing in 2018.

I received a nice poem from Dean Kaump, a member of our dance

club, about dancing. The opening sentence of his poem starts with: "Our dance is like two leaves, bobbing, and weaving, as though being pushed by the wind ..." Thanks Dean.

Dancin' On the Top is working on future dates for 2019. For club membership, ticket information, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Gene Melnick at (352) 304-8293 or Peggy Sayat at (352) 509-7400.

There are many opportunities to dance here at On Top of the World: weekly Friday night Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom (guest fees apply to anyone not having a resident I.D.) and The Town Square on Friday and Saturday nights. See the events calendar insert in the World News for more details. So, keep on dancing.



On Friday, Feb. 2, Groundhog Day, we learned that spring should come in six weeks. According to the calendar, that would be Wednesday, March 21 - still fairly cold and unpleasant up north, but quite warm and pleasant here. Warm weather means lighter, more revealing clothes - which means - time to get into better shape!

We Ballet Club members like to improve our shape by exercising at the barre and dancing, all to beautiful music. Ballet improves our balance, flexibility, posture and overall fitness. In addition, it is fun. We wear leotards, pretty skirts, ballet shoes, and sometimes pretend we are dancing with The Royal Ballet. Just kidding, folks. We know we are dancing with friends at the Ballet Club.

Our four weekly classes are held in the Recreation Center group fitness room, and this is our schedule:

- Tuesdays: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
  - Thursdays: 2 to 3:30 p.m.
  - Fridays: 1 to 2:30 p.m.
  - Saturdays (Fusion Floor Barre): 11 a.m. to noon.
- We try to get to the studio 15 minutes in advance of class time to get dressed and do some stretching.
- Newcomers are always welcome to classes, which are free, and ballet clothes are not necessary to start. You can wear exercise clothes and socks on your feet. Bring a bottle of water, and some sort of neck roll for the Fusion Floor Barre class on Saturdays.
- Our regular classes are approximately one hour and 15 minutes. We spend 45 minutes at the barre, doing gradual warming exercises for our whole body. Barre work follows a traditional order established over more than 100 years. It is particularly good for mature bodies, but even young dancers follow something similar. After the barre, we learn steps and routines in the center of the studio.
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Model Railroaders

Jim Lynam

All residents are invited! The Model Railroaders will be hosting a spring Lionel modular layout open house on Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. All members of the community, including “children” of all ages are welcome to attend the event. As always, visitors will have the opportunity to not only view the trains in operation, but to also operate some of the equipment such as the log unloader, barrel unloader and the sawmill. So mark your calendar for

Saturday, March 24.

The Model Railroaders recently completed an operations session in the train room. This event was designed to simulate, as closely as possible, the actual functions of a real railroad.

The simulation began with five engineers with each one responsible for a designated yard area. Previously a westbound mixed freight dropped off four cars on the arrival track. Their job was to deliver each car to its intended industrial destination. This might sound like a relatively easy task, but sometimes the cars are not in the correct order, another car is in the way, or the engine is on the wrong end of the train to push or pull the specific car into the siding. If necessary then, a switching puzzle must be solved to enable each car to reach

its destination with the engine being able to escape. Once the car reaches its location, the car would either be unloaded, or loaded as the case may be, by the industry.

The next task in operations was to retrieve the cars and transfer them to a local departure track where they were transferred to the major yard for departure. Usually there would be two area departure tracks, one for east-west, and another for north-south routing.


The cars would then be added to the next consist heading to a geographical area of the country for distribution. Each engineer in the simulation then tied to the waiting cars on the siding and traversed the layout several times using different tracks and sidings. Some trains were diverted to passing sidings and ordered to wait until a specific

train cleared the block before continuing on the main.

The simulation concluded with the engineers delivering their manifest to an arrival track in a major yard. Overall, an operations session requires about two hours to complete the requested tasks. However, this is what model railroading is all about, and it is fun!

The Model Railroaders is always looking for new members, and you are welcome to join us. The layout is located in a room with entry from the Recreation Center's fitness center. The club members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7 in Suite A of the Arbor Conference Center.



Call of the Wild

Roger Bonifield

Well, we made it through one of Florida's coldest winters in years, and still found time to get out and enjoy the state's great outdoors.

Although with Gulf water temperatures reached record low temperatures, the fishing season here is already heating up. With the help of Recreation Center office, we set up two deep-sea fishing charter trips, both of which filled up in a matter of just a couple weeks. The club set up two Gulf coast “flats” fishing trips with one of the Gulf's best captains, only problem, they both

filled up within days. We just can't seem to do things fast enough. At the time of writing, we are working on more charter trips with a number of different captains and more deep sea fishing trips.

We are continuing our efforts in finding new places for a variety of other fishing opportunities, both fresh and salt water. As many people know, Florida has some of

the biggest large mouth bass in the country, and Ocala is right in the middle of it all. At meetings, we share ideas on new tackle, fishing techniques, and yes, even those honey holes others keep secret.

Although there were no reports of any great success stories, a number of members were able to get out and enjoy some deer, rabbit and quail hunting. We are working together with each other and Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission to gain and share more information on Florida's hunting possibilities and other shooting sports. At our next meeting we are having Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods, as a guest speaker to talk about Florida's gun laws and gun safety.



Monday Bowling League

Jerry Roney

The past month has witnessed some great bowling. The team Spare Me Nots has been in first place all four weeks. The team has also been in first place for 10 of the 19 weeks thus far this season. The members of the team are Buddy and Olena Stofel and Kathy and Dale Purcell.



Everyone Wins Club

Sandi Kemp

Our next Everyone Wins game night will be on Sunday, March 18, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. It is a fun-filled night with lots of laughs!

We start with snacks that we share. Drinks (water and assorted sodas) are provided. We play a fun version of bingo, charades, trivia, and anything I come up with that is fun. We usually have some form of entertainment, too!

At our February meeting, we had several couples who played the marriage game, which is always lots of laughs with their answers! Also, Kathy and Charlie Petrosky sang a lovely sentimental duet that we all enjoyed!

Please join us; everyone is invited, singles and couples. The cost is \$5, which should be brought as five \$1 bills. You will win at least \$2, maybe more if you are lucky, and a great prize! No reservations needed, just show up! We will be glad to see you! For more information, please call me at (352) 237-9073.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center, from noon to 2 p.m. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 7, at noon. Please come and join us. You may also contact, club president, Roger Bonifield, at rogerb4949@gmail.com or (352) 300-3601.

There have been a number of 200-plus games in these four weeks:

278–Billy Boone, 242–Gerry Belanger, 237–Bob Vitale, 234–James Wilson, 231–Danny Newby, 206–Hedy Schamal and 204–Carol Oman.

High individual games help teams win games but one must remember that the pins above average go a long way toward winning games. Examples of games with pins over average include:

78 over–Billy Boone, 57–Valerie Pelkey, 54–Wendy Kakolowski, and 51–Tom Liberton and Mario Grosso.

I wish good enjoyable bowling in the future for all of our bowlers and look forward to our annual banquet on Monday, April 30 at which awards will be presented for outstanding bowling.

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## History of Paint Pigment

By Anne Merrick

As a brand new resident, Louise Kaufman has found a home with the Art Group. Louise grew up in New York and inherited her talent from her mother who was a commercial artist and designer at a young age. She studied art education and business administration in college, which together provided the background to start a wholesale retail art wear company in the 1980s.

After a long absence from the art world, she studied watercolor and pastel portraiture following retirement from a secondary career in medical administration. Louise mainly concentrates on portraits and human expression and feels her biggest artistic achievement to date was learning to be loose and free with watercolor. We are happy to have Louise as a member of our group. She is a talented portrait painter and her watercolors are lovely.

Every time we paint, we squeeze color from our paint tubes with little thought, but have you ever wondered where the colors originated. The first pigments were a mix of soil, animal fat, burnt charcoal and chalk.

One of the oldest pigments still in use is red ochre, found in iron rich soil, and used in prehistoric cave painting. Another red pigment, which became popular in the 16th century was cochineal from the cochineal insect which can be found in the native plant garden at the Longleaf Pine Trail.

Originally from the gemstone la-

pis lazuli found on a single mountain in Afghanistan, this blue was chosen for its priceless value. It wasn't until the 1950s that a synthetic version of ultramarine blue was developed.

Oddly yellow was not a color much used by artists in history. Turner was an exception. He loved to use indian yellow, derived from the urine of cows fed on mangoes, in his landscapes.

The first green was invented in 1775 by Swedish chemist Carle Scheele. Called Scheele's green it created a color sensation. The brilliant green pigment was mixed with arsenic and highly toxic. It was replaced by Paris green in the 19th century, a toxic mix of copper and arsenic, but used extensively by Monet and Cezanne. Surprisingly it wasn't banned until the 1960s.

Lead white, made in the 17th century, was concocted using the Dutch method of layering cow and horse manure over lead and vinegar. Sealed in a room for three months it produced flakes of pure white, creating a white pigment like no other. Lead was known to be poisonous but not until 1978 was it banned in the U.S. and replaced by safe titanium and zinc whites.

Paint was traditionally stored in pig's bladders. In 1841, the paint tube made of tin was invented. This also led to the production of new premixed colors like purples and violets. So when you paint with the safe mixtures of today remember what artists in the not so distant past had to suffer with.



Photos by Harry Boyajian

“Remembering Through the Decades” cast members.

## ‘Pathway to Talent Showcase II’ Tickets Are on Sale

By Steve McDonald

Do you recall the big band sounds of the 40s? How about the variety shows of the 50s and 60s, like The Ed Sullivan Show, American Bandstand, The Chevrolet Dinah Shore Show, or the hilarious skits on Laugh In and The Carol Burnett Show? You will find all this and more in the Theatre Group's Pathway to Talent Showcase II, “Remembering Through the Decades,” to be held on Saturday, March 24, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

Tickets will be sold every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the entrance to the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 8 to 10 a.m., and will be available there through March 16. Members will, also, have tickets for sale at other On Top of the World clubs and events, so be on the lookout. Prices are only \$5 for general seating, and proceeds, after expenses, help us to provide an annual scholarship for an arts student at College of Central Florida.

At our February meetings director, Harry Boyajian, and assistant director, Leslie Miller, continued to transform the story and songs from simply words in a script to a lively, vibrant stage production sure to bring back memories from five great decades. The idea for the show, conceived by Harry Boyajian and molded by our storyboard committee, was scripted by Leslie Miller, and then given out to the cast members who auditioned for and won the various roles.

For our great cast and crew mem-

bers, our Monday, March 12 meeting and rehearsal (7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom) will continue the preparation for what will prove to be a very entertaining presentation for our communities. Our tech week of full dress rehearsals (6:30 p.m. on March 18, 19 and 20, also at the Recreation Center Ballroom) will include lighting and sound setups, so it is important that all members, cast, and production teams be present and on time.

After our well-received Pathway to Talent Showcase last spring, we are anticipating an even bigger turnout, so we encourage you to purchase your tickets early and invite your friends and members of your other club affiliations to stroll down memory lane with us! We cannot emphasize too much that our residents' attendance and support allow us to continue our efforts to provide an annual scholarship to a deserving College of Central Florida arts student.

Please look for tickets from our Theatre Group volunteers in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through March 16.

For further information, have an interest in joining our group, or would like to assist us in any of our many activities necessary for supporting and carrying out our programs, please contact our president, Harry Boyajian, at (239) 336-4804 or come to our next meeting on March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom.



Photo by Anne Merrick

Louise Kaufman of the Art Group.

## Photography 101

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

As enthusiasm continues to build for the versatility and quality of cameras, not iPhone, photography courses at Master the Possibilities are seeing greater enrollment.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, “Photography 101” classmates met at Sholom Park to practice what they learned in two in-class sessions that Monday and Wednesday.

The weather was a photographer's dream; overcast with no glaring sun to burn out facial features or delicate flowers. Photographers using their newfound knowledge of shutter manipulation, froze water in motion, then slowed it down to give it that silken effect you might see in National Geographic. Using aperture control, they took close-

ups of flowers, blurring out the background to allow the beauty of the flower to take center-stage. They also practiced “panning,” and some landscape and portrait shots.

All in all, it was a fun session at Sholom Park with budding photographers from our community enjoying photography using the real thing - a camera.



Photo by Ray Cech

Photography students met at Sholom Park to practice their new skills.





Concert Chorus

Patricia Woodbury

The Concert Chorus continues to practice for its Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8 spring concert entitled “All-American Classics.” We are pleased that we have so many new members and are now over 40 strong.

One of the songs we will be singing in the spring concert is “Down By the Riverside.” This is a traditional spiritual that was sung by slaves in the South as a work song. It dates back to before the American Civil War but remained unpublished until 1918, when it was included in “Plantation Melodies: A Collection of Modern, Popular and Old-time Negro-Songs of the Southland.”

The song’s central image is of casting off negativity and aggression, and putting on spiritual garb, at the side of a river before crossing it. The image has several meanings: it refers to baptism and being submerged in a body of water. It also refers to ascending to heaven after death. There is a hidden allusion to escaping slavery by crossing the Ohio River.

The song has also been known by the alternative titles of “Ain’ Go’n to Study War No Mo,” “Going to Pull My War-Clothes,” and “Ain’t Gwine to Study War No More.” Because of its pacifistic imagery, “Down By the Riverside” has also been used as an anti-war protest song, especially during the Vietnam War. However its message was hopeful and future-facing.

Our featured member this month is Linda Grandfield. Linda originally came from Springfield, Mass. After several years of post-high school

education, she spent 24 years as a high school secretary at Southwick High School.

Her singing interests began in church choirs and the high school glee club, where she also played piano for them. In later years, while living in Naples, FL and commuting back to Massachusetts and eventually Denton Texas, Linda and her husband were involved in a group of singers and musicians who visited nursing homes in Naples. Linda played the keyboard for the group as well as directing the singers. She moved to On Top of the World in 2016 and joined the chorus in the alto section. She also likes to play tennis, pickleball and wallyball. The chorus is pleased to have Linda as a member.

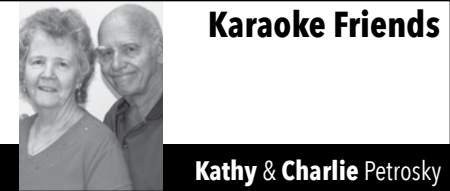
As always, if you would like further information about the chorus, please contact Sue Layne, membership chairperson at (352) 414-5420. The chorus holds rehearsals each



Photo by Bill Shampine

Linda Grandfield of the Concert Chorus.

week on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Arbor Conference Center, Suite C.



Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

Some of our clappers are saying, “Maybe next time I will sing.” We hope so. Many say they are nervous to try singing. Each time you do it, you get more relaxed. Just pick a song you sing in the shower. Give it a try. You will find the audience will listen and encourage you. Be yourself. You do not have to have your own music. We have music digitally stored. Just name the song

or the singer and we can look it up. Come on give it a try!

This month we would like to highlight Laura Zavadsky. Here is what she has to say, “I don’t remember a time without music as a child. Everyone in the family liked music. So, I listened to lots of music. I heard all genres of 30s, 40s and 50s music. I began mimicking the singers at a young age.

I recorded my first record when I was three or four, “How Much is that Doggie in the Window.” Actually, it was my one and only record, recorded in a record booth at Savin Rock Beach, Conn. My mom had to hold me up to reach the microphone. She sent it to California; however, I didn’t do that well with royalties since my distribution was limited to my aunt in San Francisco.

My popularity gained momentum in first grade, where I won first

prize for singing “My Hand On Myself.” As one of a trio in sixth grade, we won first place for “Teen Angel.” Alas, fame is fickle and I went from a trio to a back row in the chorus and singing on the school bus.

Through the years I’ve continued to “make a joyful noise ...” Singing is mentally, physically and emotionally healthy for you. The best part? You don’t have to be good at it to reap the benefits! Just enjoy it.”

We have not had a prop night in a while. We will aim for that on Monday, March 19.

We meet the first and third Mondays of the month. This month we will meet on March 5 and 19. We are in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come anytime in between.



Photo by Kathy Petrosky

Laura Zavadsky of the Karaoke Friends.



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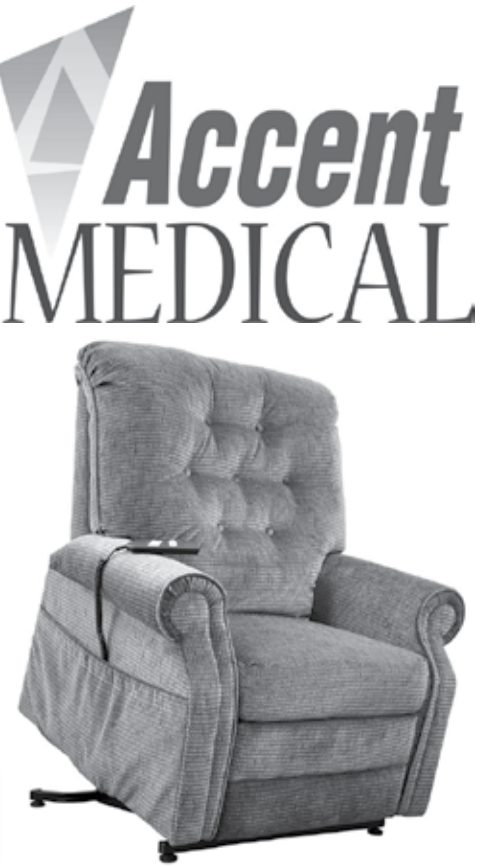


Original Karaoke

Sindy & Richie O'Brien

The saying, “sing your heart out,” was the theme for our karaoke night right before Valentine’s Day. Songs were sung that night, straight from the heart. It was so beautiful to listen to. There are so many love songs that have such meaning and feeling that they make you listen to every word and make you feel young again. Then again there are our singers who sing wild and crazy songs, like Ron, to liven up the crowd. Either way we always have a great time at karaoke. French Fri (Francine) brought a whole table of friends to cheer us on. It was a great night. Come sing, or hear us for yourselves.

We meet on the second and fourth Monday at the Candler Hills Community Center at 6:30 p.m., come join the fun. For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810. You don’t have to live in Candler Hills to join us; all residents are welcome. Hope to see you there!



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**Intermediate category first place: Hunter Holloway.**



Photo by ShutterBug Connie Filip  
**Intermediate category second place: A Whale of a Tale.**



Photo by ShutterBug Tom Murray  
**Intermediate category third place: Tall Ship Eagle.**



**ShutterBugs Photography**  
  
**Connie Filip**

Our intermediate category winners feature three outdoor photos. Tom went to last year's Live Oak International Horse Show in Ocala. He caught this action shot of Ms. Holloway on VDL Brave S on their way to the winner's circle. You can make plans now to see this year's Live Oak horse show (March 15 through March 18).

Whale of a Tale was taken on a whale watching tour in Akureyri, Iceland, while on a transatlantic cruise. Part of the tale that my hus-

band enjoys telling is how he dove in to hold up this whale's tail for my photo!

Tom's photo of the U.S. Coast Guard Tall Ship Eagle was taken while it was sailing into Charlottetown Harbor on Prince Edward Island in Canada. The Eagle is a 295-foot training cutter used by future officers of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Congratulations to our intermediate category winners!

Don't get left out of next fall's ShutterBugs photo contest! It's for all levels of experience. Start taking your camera along when you go out and you'll capture lots of special moments. Maybe even a contest winner!

Our field trip to Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo will take place on Tues-

day, March 6. For more information, visit [lowryparkzoo.org/visit/tickets/pay-for-a-day](http://lowryparkzoo.org/visit/tickets/pay-for-a-day). Please note that your ticket can be used unlimited times to revisit your favorite animals throughout 2018. If you plan to attend, contact Ginny to register at [ginny7700@gmail.com](mailto:ginny7700@gmail.com).

For up-to-date schedule information, visit our club website at [otow-spc.com](http://otow-spc.com)

Our Master the Possibilities display for March is offered by Bill Osis.

Consider liking us on Facebook! Our members post their favorite shots on ShutterBugs PSH (Photo Scavenger Hunt). Anyone can log on and see them. And if you're a ShutterBugs member, just go to the site and get permission to play.

Stop in and learn along with us as we watch a photography DVD teaching series program called "Learn & Master Photography" by Vince Wallace. It's a 24 lesson package.

Our monthly club schedule:

- First Tuesday: Morning field trip
- Second Tuesday: Instructional DVD
- Third Tuesday: Photo sharing activities. Fourth Tuesday: Guest speaker or DVD.

Want to learn more about digital? Stop in at the ShutterBugs' Tuesday meeting. We start at 3 p.m. in Suites B and C of the Arbor Conference Center. Or contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or [guhley@cfl.rr.com](mailto:guhley@cfl.rr.com).



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We thank Gillie for her great presentation. She was very patient and explained the new techniques in

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# Slater Mill

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Samuel Slater, an early English-American industrialist, was known as the “Father of American Industrial Revolution” (a phrase coined by Andrew Jackson). In the United Kingdom, Slater was called “Slater the Traitor” because he brought British textile technology to America with modifications for use in the United States. It was against British law to export machinery designs.

Slater learned textile machinery while working as an apprentice in Britain. When he immigrated to the United States at the age of 21 he brought his vast knowledge of the industry with him; he kept the designs in his head. Slater designed the first textile mills in the U.S. and later went into business for himself. At one point, Slater owned 13 spinning mills while also developing tenant farms and company towns around his mills.

Prior to the Industrial Revolution, all U.S. cotton growers and sheep farmers would harvest their product and ship the raw material to Great Britain to be processed into usable fabric. The fabric would be made into clothing and then sent back to the U.S. at a greater expense. There were women who would sit for hours on old-fashioned spinning wheels trying to make yarn and clothing. To make a strong thread was almost impossible.

While Slater was working as a young lad in Britain, there was

a textile machine invented that turned the tide in producing cloth and thread called the Arkwright (the name of the inventor). Slater constructed this machine in the America and production increased. The machine utilized a water wheel for power.

Slater built the machine, also building a small mill in 1793 on the banks of the Blackstone River along with a dam to harness the power needed. This all took place near the mouth of the river in Pawtucket, R.I.

It didn’t take long before textile mills were popping up all along the river. All these mills needed machinery and many machine shops were dotting the river all the way from Providence, R.I. to Worcester, Mass. Textile products were transported down the river to Providence where they were placed on ships heading for distant ports both domestic and international.

The original Slater Mill was small in today’s standards, being just 29 feet by 42 feet, two and one half stories high with a bell tower on top. The mill would employ families and their children. Over the years it has been enlarged. Slater would ring the bell in the tower generally at 5 a.m. If his employees did not show up by 6 a.m. the doors would be locked and the employee lost his day’s pay plus an extra day’s pay. Most mills, including Slater’s, had two overlapping 13-hour shifts.

In 1921, the mill was turned over to a non-profit association for the sole purpose of saving the historic mill. In 1955, the mill opened as a museum and has since been restored to its 1835 appearance.



Photo by Bob Woods  
**Slater Mill is a historic textile mill complex on the banks of the Blackstone River in Pawtucket, R.I.**

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When I wrote this poem, I envisioned an obstacle to the other dancers and I interchanged leaves with people. Anyone who has tried to dance progressively around a crowded dance floor will appreciate it.

If you ever have lived in an area of the country where the leaves fall you will often see the leaves blown into corners where they swirl around, then they just fall. Later the wind will change direction and the leaves will once again be blown away.

## Dancing with the Wind

Our dance is like two leaves, bobbing and weaving as though being pushed along by the wind. Suddenly! An obstacle is encountered and the leaves

twist and turn, rock to and fro looking for escape.

Yet, just as suddenly escape is made possible and the leaves burst out, to once again weave and bob along the floor.

Another obstacle is encountered. This time a difficult corner and the leaves again are trapped looking for a way out.

The leaves frantically turn and spin, looking this way and that. I see your lovely face flash by as you enter into yet another spiraling spin.

This time escape does not seem possible, the corner is too difficult to conquer. The openings are blocked!

Quick! There is a sliver of space for the leaves to escape and as if guided by an invisible hand they sprint through.

Oh what fun it is for you and me, to bob and weave just like the leaves racing along before the wind.



This group wishes all residents a very Happy St. Patrick's Day! While we create items in all colors of the rainbow for family, friends and charitable organizations several projects are currently using the color green that is often associated with this holiday.

I spotted at our last session a scarf, a large granny square blanket, a hat, pot holders, a needlework of a Scottie dog and a child's sweater all in the process of being created and all using the color green in one form or another.

We had a wonderful turnout for our Monday, Feb. 5 luncheon at Sweet Potatoes. 21 members of our group enjoyed this social time. Please know that while the Happy Hookers meet every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio, we take time on the even numbered months to go out

to lunch as a group. Our next luncheon will be in April.

Our group is open to all residents. There are no dues or agenda and no 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 large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, card crafting, embroidery and handcrafts 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 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 call Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 for pick-up of these items.

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If it's Tuesday morning, it's time to grab your coffee and motor up to the Recreation Center Ballroom. Artistic Crafts & Gifts have plenty to look over while you sip your coffee.

That's right. Several of those "artsy" types have their wares ready for you: gifts, a special little something for your best friend, or that perfect necklace to top off your favorite dress. It's like going to a department store because it's all there – purses, woven cloth bowls, jewelry, note cards, beauti-



## That's Life My Child

Life has many twists and turns, true you are only man.

You must make the best of things, to live life as you can. Mistakes, you will have plenty and some with deep regret. Sometimes, you'll only role dice, you can't win every bet.

There's no one else to live your life, the cup is yours to fill.

To carve your place in this old world, to climb your every hill.

In life what really means the most, to your own self be true.

It's not, what others think, it's what, "you think of you."

Trust in yourself, keep faith with God, and gamble on the rest.

After all that's said and done it's you who've lived your best.

### FREE BALANCE ASSESSMENTS

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fully painted wine glasses, placemats, adult bibs (for those of us who insist on eating on the couch in front of the TV) – I could go on and on.

And, it's not all about what these crafters want. I needed a special item so I asked the gal who does cards if she could make a swan. She drew this gorgeous swan on a white card. Just beautiful! The gal who makes glass coasters made an eye-glass case for me. I needed a cover for my checks so I gave her my colors, etc. She knows her stuff and the checkbook cover is exactly the right size, especially for my small pocketbook.

So come join us on Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. to noon. We're looking forward to meeting you.



Greetings from all of us at the Sunshine Quilters. We would like to extend our invitation to anyone interested in learning all about quilting. We have a special group of ladies who enjoy getting together to sew and learn. We welcomed three new members in February: Eileen, Ginny and Barbara.

March is going to be an exciting month.

- March 1: Bus trip to Daytona Beach Quilt Show.
- March 6: Monthly meeting and sit and sew.
- March 13: Joan will be teaching paper piecing.
- March 27 we will learn how to make teddy bears for children in need in Ocala.

We are located in the Hobby Building on Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you need any information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450. Please feel free to stop by any time.

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# Historic Inn

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Longfellow’s Wayside Inn, located in Sudbury, Mass., boasts as being the oldest inn in the United States located on Old Boston Post Road, one of the oldest roads in the country. This establishment was not only a stagecoach stop but also a local watering hole for the teams of horses as well as the folks driving and riding in and on the coaches. Local farmers would gather and converse tales to the travelers, traveling from Boston to New York while quenching their thirst from dust in the fields as the passengers cleared their throats from the dusty roads.

The inn’s restaurant has been enlarged but the tavern area remains in the same decor, size and antiquity of the past. The inn has documents from 1686, when the inn was established, along with the official license granted to the first innkeeper, David How. The inn was in the How family for generations and each subsequent family member enlarged the inn to include more rooms for overnight guests and enlarging the dining areas.

The inn was originally called the “hous of entertainment” or officialy How’s Tavern.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow visited How’s Tavern in 1862 where he was inspired by the inn’s atmosphere writing a series of poems that emphasized a group of fictitious patrons that gathered at this Sudbury tavern on a regular basis. Longfellow published many poems in 1863 as the “Tales of a Wayside Inn.” Innkeeper How was Longfellow’s inspiration for writing the “The Landlord’s Tale,” widely known as “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere.” The inn became of national significance because of the publicized tales.

A gentleman by the name of Edward Lemon purchased the inn

in 1892 renaming it Longfellow’s Wayside Inn.

During 1923, automobile manufacturer Henry Ford purchased the inn with the intention of creating a living museum of Americana. Ford, with his vast wealth, purchased many acres in the area along with buildings and antiquities. He added and expanded his property by adding buildings. One building purchased and moved to the Wayside Inn property was the Redstone School, a one-room schoolhouse. The schoolhouse is a classic New England one-room school dating back to 1798. Ford believed the school was the actual schoolhouse mentioned in the poem, “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

Ford built two other buildings on the property. One is a gristmill that is a replica and reproduction of a gristmill dating back to the 1800s. This gristmill is a working mill producing all the flour and corn meal for the inn. Ford had the water wheel constructed out of steel as a wooden wheel looses power when the wood become water logged.

The other building was a non-denomination chapel, which he named Martha-Mary Chapel, after his wife and mother. Throughout the year, this chapel is extremely busy holding nuptial ceremonies, sometimes one right after the other.

In 1994, Henry Ford and his wife placed the inn and surrounding buildings into a non-profit trust to preserve the legacy. Henry Ford was the last private owner of the inn.

The inn is open seven days a week for those wishing to have a meal or beverage. There are renovated dining rooms plus some of the original dining areas.

The inn still takes overnight guests and provides them with an old fashion New England breakfast. The inn has 10 rooms, each with four-posted canopy beds. There are two bedrooms dating back to the early 19th century with low post-and-beam ceilings and wide-planked painted floors. These two bedrooms are the most desired and are booked months in advance. Every bedroom has been renovated to include a full bath and telephone as well as air conditioning and heat.

Longfellow’s Wayside Inn is not just a historical destination but also an educational one.



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Longfellow’s Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Mass.

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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The audiences at The New Pretenders show, “And Away We Go!” were the best ever and we can’t thank them enough. They were as enthusiastic and buoyant as any to which we have played; this, in turn, propelled us to our best performances, too.

We need to thank, too, Mr. Kenneth Colen, who took time out of his busy schedule to perform with us on Friday evening. We extend our thanks, also, to our spouses who served as ushers at each performance and support us year-round.

In March, we will perform outside the community at Cherrywood Estates, Queen of Peace Church, Marion Landing, and Oak Run. Tickets for the Queen of Peace show, Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m. are available; contact Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315 for details. The other shows are closed to the residents of those communities only.

These shows coupled with the ones we performed here allow us to pay our bills and make donations to local charities. We have supported many in the past; a partial list includes Sewing Bees, Sunshine




Photo by Bill Shampine

The stage, designed by Rita Miller, prior to The New Pretenders show in February.

Quilters, Ocala Domestic & Abuse Center, Food 4 Kids, Open Arms Shelter, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, and the Florida Center for the Blind. We will soon decide which worthy causes to assist this year. Of course, we will share the good news with you, too!

Many people suppose our season is over at this point. That's not quite the case! Our music committee is already at work selecting material for next year's shows; the stage decorating committee (under the imaginative eye of Rita Miller) is contemplating several ideas. The costume committee chair, Fran Allen, has set her sights on some fine additions to our wardrobe warehouse. Naturally, the troupe members are anxiously awaiting the results of the committees' efforts; it's always exciting to see which roles we will play!

Our freshmen this year spurred us on with their vibrancy, enthusiasm, and energy! Our veterans matched them with equal amounts of spirit and talent! Could you be a member of the next freshman class? While we don't know specifically what openings we may have for next year, we always welcome the chance to meet new talent. If you're interested, please contact Nancy Grabowski at (352) 873-4315 for more details.



Sewing Bees

Linda Lohr

The hive is really buzzing now! We are blessed with 36 members and we couldn't be happier! One new member has only been here for a month and we are thrilled she has chosen Sewing Bees as one of her activities.

Unfortunately, the need for our donations never lessens. The number of homeless children and those removed from their homes remains constant. We feel so fortunate to be able to make a difference in the children's lives in some small way.

We are currently in need of fiber-fill for our animals and upholstery fabric or old drapery to create the tote bags that each child receives. If you have a donation or a question, please contact Rita or Louise at the numbers given.

Our mission is to provide comfort for the abused, abandoned, and neglected children of Marion County. Your donations all year long help us to do just that. Stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Studio, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your week.

Please contact Louise Green at (352) 629-1195, or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Detail of a farm-themed quilt ready for donation.



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- Social Security cards, ITN numbers and birth dates for taxpayer, spouse and dependents.
- All wage and income statements (example: W-2, W-2G, 1099-R forms).
- Interest and dividend statements from financial institutions (Form 1099) if applicable.
- Health care documentation
- Copy of last year's federal tax return
- Proof of day care expenses including provider's name, address and federal identification number.
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# Erie Maritime Museum

By Bob Woods  
World News Writer

Situated on Presque Isle Bay in Lake Erie the Erie Maritime Museum is located in downtown Erie, Penn. and is the homeport of the U.S. Brig Niagara, a restored and modern recreation of the sailing vessel that

fought in the Battle of Lake Erie.

This museum offers a huge range of interactive exhibits and lively interpretive programs that illustrate this region of the Great Lakes maritime heritage. When the

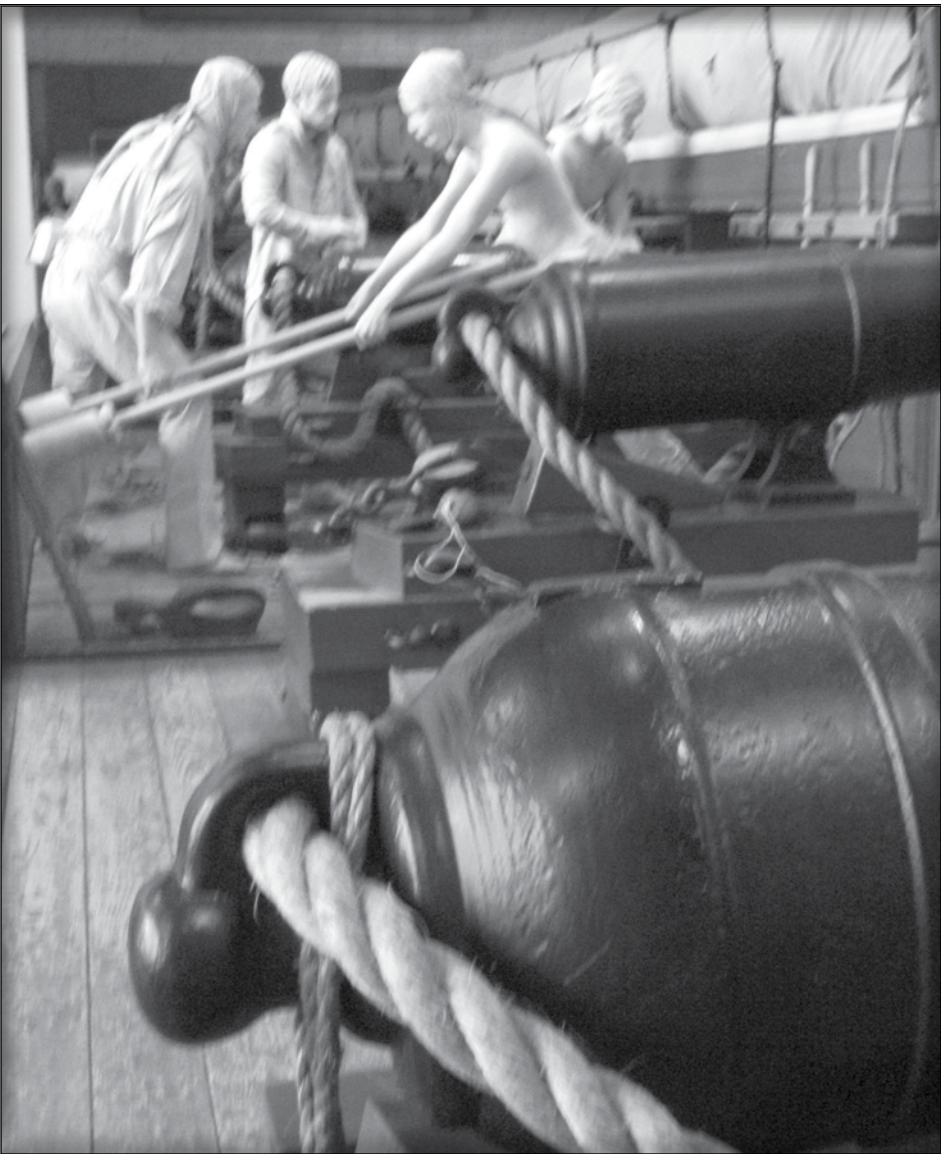


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Erie Maritime Museum is located in downtown Erie, Penn.

Niagara is in port the sailing vessel can be viewed from the museum's large picture windows or visitors can walk on the pier and tour the ship.

The museum even has special days that the general public can go on a sail onboard Niagara, of course for a fee.

One of the centerpiece exhibits is the reconstruction of the mid-ship section of the USS Lawrence. This ship was Commodore Oliver Perry's first flagship during the Battle of Lake Erie. This replicated section of Lawrence consists of a mast, spars and rigging for hands-on training learning the ways of sail handling.

Today, the Niagara sails the Great Lakes during the summer months serving as an ambassador of the state of Pennsylvania when the old sailing ship is not berthed behind the Maritime Museum. Niagara is designated the official state ship of Pennsylvania and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

Niagara was built to protect the then vulnerable American coastline on Lake Erie from the British playing a pivotal role in the battle of the lake. Niagara, along with other warships that served in the war of 1812 in the Great Lakes, was sunk for preservation off Presque Isle in 1820. Many of the ships have been raised and rebuilt for the centennial celebration of the Battle of Lake Erie.

The Niagara was sunk again for preservation and after deteriorating was raised again in the 1930s. The ship has been restored four times. An extensive restoration took place in 1988. In 1998, Niagara was installed with 2x200 horsepower diesel engines and is manned today with 20 professional and 20 volunteer sailors. The ship is 110 feet in length and has a beam of 32 feet. Today, it displaces 297 tons and the ship's class is a snow-brig.

On Sept. 10, 1813, Perry's command fought a fierce battle against the Royal Navy in the Battle of Lake Erie. At the beginning of the battle the British had the upper hand and Perry made this famous statement, "If a victory is to be gained, I will gain it."

Perry's flagship, the USS Lawrence, was severely disabled. The British believed Perry would surrender, but instead, Perry transferred his flag to Niagara and was faithful to the words on his battle flag, "Don't Give Up the Ship."

When the smoke cleared, Perry's battle report to General William Harrison was famously brief. It stated, "We have met the enemy and they are ours; two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop."

This was the first time in history that an entire British naval squadron surrendered, and every ship was successfully returned to Presque Isle.

On display at the museum is a large painting of the Battle of Lake Erie by Julian Oliver Davidson.

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Join us for a morning of learning and exploring nature's delights!

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