Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

On Top of the World has a long history of being a caring community. It is a nice place where neighbors have a genuine concern for each other. From simple acts of kindness like checking in on your neighbor's home in their absence, to visiting a sick neighbor, it is all about community. Kindness to each other is the glue that binds us even though we may come from different backgrounds. It is the core of a community.

I mention this now for no particular reason other than the fact that it is good to be reminded of such things. Sometimes, we may be mindless of such fundamentally important things. It is essential to be grateful and to remind others that they are appreciated and important in some way.

I'll also take this opportunity to mention the annual food drive, which is scheduled from Saturday, Dec. 1, to Friday, Dec. 14. You will find more detailed information on that and the Toys for Tots drive in this edition of the World News.

Association Meeting Schedule

December will be a busy month for annual meetings:

- TUESDAY, DEC. 4: Circle Square Ranch Master Association annual meeting, Live Oak Hall, 9 a.m.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 7: Indigo East Neighborhood Association annual meeting, Circle Square Cultural Center, 9 a.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, and consider and approve the 2019 annual budget, as well as any other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by mail or drop in the locked box located at the Indigo East Community Center by Thursday, Dec. 6.
- **FRIDAY**, **DEC**. **7**: Candler Hills Neighborhood Association annual meeting, Circle Square Cultural Center, 2 p.m. The board will provide an update on the community, report on Community Rules and Standards, consider and approve the 2019 annual budget, as well as other business that may come before it. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please return your proxy by mail or drop in the locked box located at the Candler Hills Community Center by Thursday, Dec. 6.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 11: On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association annual meeting, Circle Square Cultural Center, 9 a.m. This is an election year and it is important that you vote. If you do not plan to attend the annual meeting, please complete the Limited Proxy (green paper) and place it in one of the locked boxes located throughout the community, no later than Monday, Dec. 10, at noon, or you may mail it to the secretary of the association. Otherwise you may cast your ballot in person at the meeting. (This form was included in the Nov. 26, 2018 mailing.) At the annual meeting, your board will provide an updated report on what's happening in the community.

If you do not plan to attend your association's annual meeting, please either (1) return your proxy by mail, (2) drop in one of the ballot boxes, (3) email it to associationinfo@otowfl.net, or (4) fax to (352) 854-0815.

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Artist's rendering of new veterans park.

Plans Unveiled for New Veterans Park

By Taci Clay

break ground on the newest addition to the amenity-rich community in early 2019. The veterans park, which will pay tribute to all who have served and are currently serving our nation through military service will be located in the Crescent Ridge neighborhood.

A monument will be located in front of the park and will include the U.S. flag and the flag representing each military branch of our nation's armed forces.

Memorial brick pavers will surround the veterans' monument. veterans' monument and pavilion,

On Top of the World is set to Visitors will be able to purchase a memorial brick to honor and remember their loved ones. There will be benches where visitors have the opportunity to sit and reflect on the sacrifices all veterans have made in order to ensure the freedoms we all enjoy.

The entire park will be golf cart accessible and have multimodal paths. Adjacent to the veterans memorial, residents will be able to enjoy additional new amenities, consisting of a dog park, community garden, basketball courts, the

archery range, restroom facility, and ample parking for both vehicles and golf carts. There will also be free wireless internet throughout the park.

At On Top of the World, many of our residents are veterans. Creating this park is On Top of the World's way to honor those who have given so much and asked for so little. This will be a permanent way to honor all veterans.

In 2001, On Top of the World published, Served with Honor, a book of compiled stories from World War II as told by our residents who experienced it first hand. It brought to life the stories of a generation that gave new meaning to courage, sacrifice and honor. The veterans park is a gift, a permanent landmark to never forget the sacrifices that were made.

Annual Food and Toys for Tots Drive

By Patty Soriano

This holiday season, On Top of is why your help is so crucial. Last the World Communities is not only year, we assisted 773 senior citizens partnering with the local notfor-profit organization, Emergency Interfaith Services (IES) but also the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. On Top of the World is IES's designated "Bring the Harvest All Year Long" food drive champion for the

month of December. Residents and employees have always been very generous in donating large amounts of nonperishable food items and various sundries during the annual food drive. Proof of that is with our food donations in 2017 that completely filled a 34-foot box truck, and then some! With this in mind, we are asking again this year for any help you can lend.

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

While the economy is getting better and more people are working, there are still those who are elderly, disabled and/or veterans trying to make it on a monthly fixed income of \$1,000 or less. Those living on a social security benefit alone typically fall into the poverty level. According to the Census Bureau, older Americans were the only demographic for whom poverty rates increased in a statistically significant way between 2015 and 2016. While poverty fell among people 64 and younger, it rose to 14.5 percent for people over 65. The sad truth is that most of these people worked their entire lives and now in their golden years are forced to look to organizations like IES for help. This and we allow them to come every month for help as we know their income is not likely to increase. They made up a small percentage of the 24,000 requests we had for food assistance in 2017. If you don't fall into this category, count your blessings and consider blessing others with a donation of groceries!

port so very much. Karla Grimsley

Executive Director

Interfaith Emergency Services The following staple food and hygiene items are needed:

We appreciate your sup-

Food Items

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans Peanut butter
- Jelly Boxed dry pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni & cheese Canned fruit

Community Toy Drop Off Locations

- Sales Center
- Indigo East Sales Center Master the Possibilities
- The Ranch Fitness Center
- & Spa Circle Square Cultural Center

Arts & Entertainment

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Canned soups Canned meats (tuna, chicken)

Hygiene Items

- Soap
- Shampoo Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes Razors
- Feminine products

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

The 2018 food drive will take place from Saturday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 14. The Toys for Tots drive will run through Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Your donation of any of the above-listed items would be of great help. Please place your item(s) in one of the collection boxes listed below.

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

Community Food Drop Off Locations

- **Customer Service**
- Sales Center
- Recreation Center (upstairs and downstairs)
- Arbor Fitness Center Candler Hills Community
- Center The Lodge at Candler Hills
- Indigo East Community
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- Candler Hills Golf Shop
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By Stan Goldstein

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Is It Legal?

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We will be lecturing at Master the Possibilities on the following Tuesdays, at 3 p.m.:

- Dec. 4: "Year End Legal Planning"
- · Jan. 15, 2019: "How to Speak to Your Attorney"

To register, visit masterthepossibilities.org.

DO: Take some time to go online to the website for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC): ftc.gov. This site is a great way to stay on top of all the current scams.

The FTC is reminding us of an old scam that's returned: "secret shopper" scam. It's where you get a letter from a scammer and there's a check in it for you. You are told that you've been invited to be a secret shopper. You are to deposit the check and go shopping (Walmart or somewhere else). You are told to return a portion of the check and keep the rest.

So, you deposit the check and Apple will not call you and tell you your bank says you've got it and your computer's been hacked. Just

then you return a portion of it. Lo and behold the check you received bounced for insufficient funds, and, yep, you are out the amount you returned. You see, simply because your bank says they've got the check does not necessarily mean that the funds have cleared into your account. That could take a couple of weeks.

First and foremost, do not fall for the secret shopper scam. Yes, you can deposit the check and wait for it to clear, which it won't. The better thing, though, is to destroy the check and do not ever contact the scammer who sent it.

DON'T: Ever, ever give out your social security number on the telephone. Don't ever, ever keep your passwords on your computer without making sure your anti-virus is up-to-date and even then, try to come up with a system where only you can know precisely what your passwords are.

DON'T: Be fooled by scammers who call you and say your computer's been hacked and then get you to give out your credit card number for some totally false system to fix the hack. Microsoft or Apple will not call you and tell you your computer's been backed Just



hang up and do it immediately and don't, don't, don't speak with those

people. Recently, I've had a client ask me about how to make his will so that it cannot be contested by any of the beneficiaries and more specifically, by anyone who he deliberately decided to disinherit. Good question. Please understand that including language that says that if anyone who is a beneficiary contests any part of the will, then the bequest to that person is automatically deleted, will not be enforceable. It's what's known as an "in terrorem" provision and they are not enforceable in Florida and probably not anywhere.

The reason is that if there is a valid reason to contest a will, then that right to contest the will cannot be taken away. Example: Suppose a will is actually produced by fraud or because the person making the will is incapacitated to the point of not being mentally able to make a will or even because the person making the will is under serious duress or fear. Those can be valid reasons to contest a will and the person who does the contesting would have the legitimate right to take legal action to overturn the will.

I suggest that if you really are concerned about a contest to your will, perhaps, with the help of your attorney, you could discuss what you are doing and why and then have it videoed. That way, if there is a contest, a judge will be looking at you in the video.

I have been asked on a few occasions if I will become the personal representative of a client's will and the agent under a durable power of attorney and even health care sur-

rogate. Yes, I will do that for a client but only after he or she or they have explained why it should be me rather than a child or a relative or a bank or other trust company. The main reason a client might select us, or any attorney is that he or she or they have no one they want to handle those positions. Now, however, under a recent revision to the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct, should any attorney be asked to be a personal representative, agent under a power of attorney or health care surrogate, the attorney needs the "informed consent" of the client to assume one or more of those positions. That informed consent will say that the client has been informed that the client has other choices and that the client understands that the attorney can charge for the services to be rendered. We do not ever charge any stand-by fees. That is, we only charge if and when we are called upon to do the work listed in those documents. Don't be afraid to ask your attorney about his or her charges. It's just being smart.

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Christmas Trees

By Bob Woods World News Writer

Are you a collector? Perhaps stamps, model trains, dolls or something else? Barbara Clarke, a resident, collects Christmas trees!

She started collecting Christmas trees in 1960 when she erected a white, silvery tree during the Christmas holiday season. Ever since then she has purchased many trees, while some have been given to her. Her trees measure from two inches to eight feet tall. Her collection of trees also includes snow globes, ceramic trees and artificial trees, along with many stuffed animals depicting Christmas and a collection of Thomas Kinkade Collectibles. Her Christmas tree collection alone numbers well over 200 in all.

Barbara Clarke stated about her collection, "Purchasing one tree led to another." She starts putting up her collection, which she stores in her attic, at Thanksgiving time each year. "Last year, was the first year I had help," she stated. Many rooms in her house are dedicated to certain colors such as a red room, blue room, etc. Barbara said, "It takes

me exactly 45-minutes to turn on all the Christmas tree lights and other lights to highlight my Christmas displays.'

Germany is credited with the origin of the Christmas tree tradition as it is known today. It appears to have historical connections to the ancient Germanic tree-worship practices. The first Christmas tree was the brainchild of a man named Winfrith who was an 8th century English missionary to the heathen Saxons of Germany. The tale continues when this missionary found a huge old oak tree, which was revered by the locals as sacred to the god Thor. Winfrith attacked the tree with an axe in front of the Saxons when a mighty blast of wind finished the job shattering the giant oak into four great pieces. This act convinced the Germans that the missionary's gospel was true and built a chapel from the wood of the fallen oak.

Winfrith then cut a small fir sapling from the forest and placed it in the chapel as a symbol of the Christ child's birth. According to sources this act was the beginning of the Christmas tree origin as we know

Entering Barbara's home, which she has resided in since 1999, is like walking into a Christmas shop with all the lighted Christmas trees and ornaments along with all types of stuffed animals and of course, Santa Clauses.



Photo by Bob Woods

Barbara Clarke collects Christmas trees!

Windsor Luminary Celebration

By Bryan Cerutti

bask in the glow of the candles at Come and enjoy! our 10th annual luminary event. If

Windsor invites you to stroll or you cannot make it that day, a great ride through our neighborhood on many of the luminaries will contin-Sunday, Dec. 2, after 6 p.m. and ue to be on display until Christmas.



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2017 luminary display in Windsor.



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The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, Inc. board of directors announced that Jo Salyers has resigned as a member of the board effective Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, and we thank her for her many years of devoted service. Jo Salyers continues as general manager of Circle Square Commons and on the Candler Hills Neighborhood Association, Inc. board of directors.

The board is pleased to announce that resident, Pamela Atkinson, has accepted the appointment to become a member of the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association board, serving Jo Salyers' unexpired term. Pam moved to On Top of the World in 2015 and is a retired commercial airline pilot. She has served on other association boards, as an officer, for a number of years. She brings with her experience and is familiar with Florida Statutes as it pertains to associations. Pam will be a wonderful addition to the board.

Walking Your Dog(s)

Candler Hills, Indigo East, and On Top of the World are undoubtedly one of the most pet-friendly places I've seen. I've often won-



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dered if dogs and cats outnumber golf carts! Truth be told, we have some fantastic places to walk dogs. Please avoid the Longleaf Pine Trail with your four-footed friends as they can damage the habitat and

Please do not let your dog harass wildlife. There is a very good possibility that your pooch will encounter a gopher tortoise or a Sherman's fox squirrel. The tortoise is a protected species in Florida, the animal and their burrows must be respected. Did I mention that their burrows are also home to some really big diamondback rattlesnakes? No joke! Allowing your dog to "explore" a burrow can often end badly for the dog and owner.

As to fox squirrels, yes they may appear to be "friendly" and love peanuts, but if the dog goes after them and is unfortunate enough to catch one, the fox squirrel will protect itself aggressively. The squirrel's teeth can do incredible damage. It once took me three months to heal all the deep abscesses on a dog that tangled with a fox squirrel. And yes, the squirrel won that encounter without so much as a scratch!

Water Conservation Reminder

It has been a few years since the Southwest Water Management District and Marion County reduced watering to one day per week at the change of daylight saving time. Over the cooler months, this should be no cause for concern with lawns becoming dormant (brown!). After March, when lawns again warm from dormancy, some hand watering may be advised. If you need assistance resetting your irrigation controller, please contact Customer Service to arrange assistance.

Water Meter Change-out Program

Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (BLCCDD) is wrapping up the final year of a fiveyear program replacing a total of 2,098 water meters. To date, they have replaced over 1,700 water meters and anticipate completion by late December 2018. This multiyear project includes the neighborhoods of Friendship Colony, Friendship Village and Americana Village. The new water meters are "smart meters" that track and record usage cycles. This feature will serve

as a conservation tool to assist in the identification of excessive water usage and provide information to customers to aid in the identification of indoor water leaks.

Controlled Burning and Wild Lands Management

As winter approaches, property owners begin to look for weather windows that allow for the burning of native plant habitats. On Top of the World employees have been unable to burn any of the upland habitat and wildlife preserve areas in prior years due to the high drought index and little or no rainfall in critical months causing red flag advisories which were in effect. An additional limiting factor is having sufficient personnel to conduct a managed, controlled burn.

The practice of understory management is very important from several perspectives. First, a controlled burn reduces the chance of wildfire by reducing fuel provided by the dead or dry plant mass. Wild land fires started by lightening in Florida are surprisingly common, which brings me to my second point. Fire in the upland habitats is necessary to maintain healthy habitat succession. Much of the local plant ecology revolves around periodic fires. Seeds need the fire to break down the tough outer coat in order to germinate. Intrusive and competitive species are also reduced by periodic fire allowing for less competition with more established native plants (a favorable advantage).

In the coming months, we hope to have opportunities for controlled burning. Steps are taken to ensure a burn stays under control. These include plowing wide firebreaks to minimize accidental spreading, as well as the use of heavy equipment to contain the burn area. We apologize in advance for any smoke that may drift east over the community. Better to have a planned controlled burn than a wildfire.

Closing Thoughts

Happy holidays to all! This time of year reminds me of all the people and things that I am thankful for. And, very importantly, I am thankful to have been a part of this beautiful community for so many years. It continues to be a wonderful opportunity to meet so many interesting and kind residents, as well as working with such exceptional employees.

Please accept my family's wishes for a safe and happy holiday season as well as a very healthy new year filled with goodness.



We would like to thank all the Community Patrol members who helped with the Marion County Sheriff's Office Halloween event on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at Circle Square Commons. The deputies and kids appreciated your assis-

Did you know that our sheriff's deputies not only serve the people but also some other residents? On Sunday, Oct. 28, Deputy Coon saw an injured bald eagle in the middle of the road near highway 441 and highway 43. He stayed with the eagle until a specialized wildlife rehabilitator was able to come and care for it. On further examination, they learned that the eagle was sick because he ate prey that had been poisoned. By Sunday, Nov. 4, this happy bald eagle took flight after being successfully treated.

Another service provided by the Marion County Sheriff's Office you may not know about is assistance for hearing-impaired drivers. Apparently there are more than three million Floridians who have some form of hearing loss. The Marion

County Sheriff's Office has introduced a special communication card and sticker designed to assist hearing-impaired drivers interaction with deputies.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office will provide hearing-impaired drivers with a sticker to place on the rear of their vehicles. The sticker alerts deputies to the driver's impairment. These drivers are also provided a visor card, which uses pictures and phrases designed to facilitate better communication between the deputy and the driver.

Sheriff Woods says this will ensure that the driver knows the reason for the traffic stop and the deputy, in turn, will know the best way to help the driver. Citizens can pick up the cards at any of the sheriff's district offices.

The Community Patrol wishes all a merry Christmas, happy holidays and a healthy and safe New Year.

There will be no meeting in December. The next regular meeting of the patrol will be Monday, Jan. 28, 2019.

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 the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 3 p.m. Come and join us; the meeting is open to everyone.



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All Around **Our World**

Lynette Vermillion (352) 236-OTOW (6869) eneralmanager@otowfl.com

It is hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2018. It is a time of celebration, reflection and holiday baking and cooking. Oh well, that's what New Year's resolutions are for. There is much going on in the community and I hope you take advantage of all the fantastic trips and classes being offered. This truly is the most wonderful time of year and I hope that you enjoy being with family and friends during this holiday season.

Customer Service

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 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.

Please note our holiday schedule: Monday, Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to

- Tuesday, Dec. 25: closed; Monday, Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to
- Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019: closed.

Association Meetings

Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations will have their annual meetings on Friday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively at Circle Square Cultural Center. The annual meeting for the On Top of the World (Central) Owners' Association will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. in Circle Square Cultural Center. Please see Kenneth Colen's column for more information.

Guest Passes

If you need guest passes for the holidays, please visit Customer Service at your earliest convenience to arrange for passes for any family or friends who may be visiting overnight.

Food Drive

The annual food drive will run from Saturday, Dec. 1, through Friday, Dec. 14. Please help support needy families in Marion County by donating much needed items in the donation boxes located throughout the community. For more information on items needed and the location of the donation boxes, please see the food drive article on page 1.

Telephone Directory It's almost time for the 2019

telephone directory to be sent to the publisher to be printed. All changes must be in by Friday, Jan. 4, 2019. If you haven't already submitted changes to your directory entry, please stop by the Customer Service office at your earliest convenience to do so.

On Top of the World Central **Re-Roofing Schedule**

The following buildings are scheduled to be re-roofed within the next 90 days (December through February).

Buildings: 2004, 2041, 2056, 2066 and 2071. Single family units: H22 and 0606.

Buildings: 1954, 1992, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2029. 2030, 2032, 2035, 2036, 2039, 2040, 2042, 2044, 2047, 2048, 2050, 2075 and 2085 are currently on the schedule and should be completed by year-end.

Schedules are based upon several factors: return of all authorization forms for the building, street location of working proximity, and roofs which are showing the most wear will take priority. Due to unforeseen weather conditions we cannot provide specific start dates.

Holiday Lighting and Decorations

We are looking forward to a very festive looking community this holiday season. Not to be a scrooge, but please keep your neighbors in mind as you are decorating. Decorations may not be placed in the common areas and may not be unsightly, offensive or out of character for the community.

As we mentioned last month, holiday lighting and decorations are permitted so long as the lights and decorations do not constitute a nuisance. Colored bulbs in low voltage light fixtures and building mounted fixtures are not allowed. Rope and tube lighting are only al-

lowed during the holiday season.

We ask that if you put out holiday decorations, please leave room for the maintenance workers. We all love getting into the holiday spirit and seeing the lights and decorations, and we would rather not damage your decorations, if it can be avoided. Lights and decorations may be added no earlier than the second weekend in November and need to be removed by Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

Single Stream Recycling

Waste Management changed the recycle dumpsters because many of the loads were contaminated with non-recyclable material. For example: Residents were tossing aluminum cans in plastic bags over into dumpsters as well as household garbage, food, etc. Plastic bags don't recycle and household garbage goes into the compactor.

Due to the complaints we received about the new dumpsters, Waste Management interviewed a number of our residents. Waste Management realized after this feedback that the new dumpsters were not user friendly and added a slot for the larger items, such as

the gallon milk containers. These dumpsters are being converted throughout the community. Thank you for recycling and for following instructions on the face of the recycle dumpsters.

Household Garbage

On Top of the World (Central) Owners' residents please be aware that household garbage may only be placed at the compactors at the various post offices and on SW 94th Street. Please do not add household garbage to the small dumpsters at Customer Service, Circle Square Commons, Recreation Center or other similar locations. We can be assessed additional charges that can be avoided with your help.

Golf Cart Courtesy

We ask golf cart drivers to please use caution driving through the community and be courteous of fellow walkers and bicyclists. Please be courteous to your neighbors by not cutting through areas between the villas. We ask that you use the proper ingress/egress.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!



oneblood Sara Sommer

O' come all ye faithful and any newbies, too. December is the season of giving. What better gift to give than the gift of life? With each the bus.

donation you are saving at least three lives.

The Big Red Bus® will be in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3. All donors will receive a mini physical and a small gift. Please bring a photo I.D. Be sure to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water before and after donating. See you on

Holiday Festival

By Kay Chandler

The annual Holiday Festival will return to the Recreation Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Doors will open at 6 p.m., where homemade cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee will be available, free to

If you would like to contribute cookies, please deliver them to the Recreation Center Ballroom from 3 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 12.

The Concert Chorus will entertain us with a selection of Christmas songs. There will also be a Hanukkah presentation, a delightful children's dance group, the Dulcimer Group, the Dancing Jewels and a frantic "12 Days of Christmas" sung Southern-style.

For more information, please contact Kay Chandler at (352) 237-3139 or jimcha62463@icloud.com.

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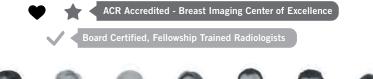


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Photo by Janis Holte-Pavlatos "Day of the Dead" Happy Hour winners at the Recreation Center Ballroom on Friday, Oct. 26.



Democratic Club

Dan Lack

We do not meet in December due to the busy holiday schedule that takes place during our customary meeting date of the fourth Thursday of the month. So let's devote this column to review the past year.

During 2018 we met lots of candidates for the primaries and the general election: Bob Rackleff, Gary McKechnie, Bernard Parker, Nancy Thrower, Eric Cummings and Donnie Prophet. Marion County Election Supervisor Wesley Wilcox satisfied any concerns that we had about the local and state election process. We learned about the Florida Constitution Revision Commission from Sylvia Carra-Hahn and we had an opportunity to review the twelve amendments on the November ballot. And our scholar-inresidence, Dr. Marty Hoffert, gave another lecture where he presented some novel ideas.

There is hope for the future. Republicans from The Villages spoke to us about the facts of global climate change and how The Villages chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby is working to make the world not alone!

safer for our children and grandchildren. The November election produced a Democratic Congress and a path for more than one million felons to vote in Florida's next election. This will change the outcomes of the close statewide races for which Florida is famous.

Remember to use the contact information at the end of this column if you would like to remain a club member and you have not attended a meeting since September.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month (except December) at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. 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 (otow demclub).

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 those 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

Finding Zen

Sholom Park

Robert Colen info@sholompark.org

On Sunday, Oct. 14, Sholom Park held its seventh Fun at the Park event by celebrating beneficial bugs and animals. More than 3,000 people joined in the fun and live music. The highlight of the afternoon was the release of over 100,000 lady-

The event started at 1 p.m., but by 12:30 p.m., hundreds of people were already milling around at the tents set up along "Buggy Boulevard." The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County provided lots of great activities, art, and an obstacle course for kids to enjoy. Chappy McChesney manned a table showing off his live bees. At other tables, five-gallon tanks with praying mantis, ladybugs, and worms greeted

visitors to learn and touch.

Live music by Shema Shine and the Shakers enchanted the audience with her groovy personality and cool tunes. We were also graced by the soulful voice of 14-year-old Macy Mac, who earlier this year appeared on "America's Got Talent."

At three different times during the three-hour event, hundreds of people lined up to get a cup full of ladybugs. The ladybugs then flew off into the park. The great thing about ladybugs is that they eat some of the harmful insects that damage trees.

Overall, it was a fabulous event with lots of fun. Sholom Park staff wants to thank the many volunteers who showed up, worked hard and helped make this event possible.

If you are interested in volunteering at any future events at Sholom Park, please contact us at info@sholomark.org. You can also visit us on Facebook and our website at sholompark.org.



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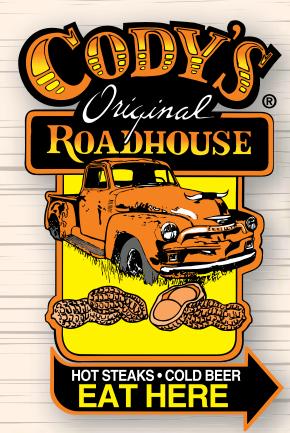
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Master the Possibilities is getting festive for the holiday season. The tree is going up, the Toys for Tots box is in place, and holiday-themed events and classes are filling participants' calendars. With more than 80 educational opportunities for the month of December, there are lots of chances for participants to end the year learning something new and exciting.

Get ready to be the "star" of the party when you show up with an assortment of adorable and delicious holiday-themed treats! Cupcakes, cookies, pretzels, caramel apples and much more will be on the menu for "Cupcakes and Treats Christmas Blast," scheduled 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5! There is no experience required, just bring an apron. Cost for this course is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members, and registration is required.

For this festive time of year, Jerry Snyder is hosting an evening candlelight session in Master the Possibilities' Living Room, featuring some of the most engaging storytellers in Marion County and beyond for the "Holiday Storytelling Extravaganza." Come hear new tales, along with some favorites, that have a holiday theme thrown in for merry measure! This event is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers and will be held 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Registration is required for this event.

The On Top of the World Model Railroaders annual holiday train exhibit will be displayed in Class-

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room 1 at the Education Center from Thursday, Dec. 20, to Wednesday, Dec. 26. This will be the last year Master the Possibilities will be hosting this wonderful event, which features a magnificent display of three-rail Lionel trains. These are the trains most of us had when we were kids, and the club encourages spectators to bring their personal three-rail Lionel trains to try them out on the track, while visiting the exhibit. No registration is required for this event that is open to the public.

As part of our December curriculum, instructor John Bain will be facilitating "Scotland's Scotch Whisky Industry" 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Participants will learn about the origins and development of the whisky industry; the manufacturing process; the whisky regions of Scotland and their general taste distinctions; and which distilleries to visit when in Scotland. Cost for this course is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Master the Possibilities has gift certificates available for those who would like to give the gift of education this holiday season. Help fulfill someone's passion by giving that person the opportunity to learn something new. Master the Possibilities also accepts donations to help support lifelong learning. Those interested in donating to our organization may visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org/involved.html, or call our main office.

Master the Possibilities will be open until 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. Our office will resume normal office hours on Wednesday, Dec. 26. To register for any of our upcoming courses or special events, visit our website at masterthepossibilities.org, call our office at 352-861-9751, or stop by our office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday

Why Recycle?

"Hey! I'm only one person and I don't make that much trash." "Why should I bother to think about what I do with it?" "What difference is it

Natalie Torgeson

Well, you've probably noticed that packaging has changed dramatically in the last 50 years. It used to be that what you bought came in packaging that was naturally biodegradable. Cookies came in a paper container with a paper separator to keep them from being squashed. Laundry detergent came in a cardboard box, and milk was in cardboard cartons (if not in glass that you brought back to the store for a deposit and was then sterilized and reused). Not the case

going to make anyway?"

these days.

Along with increased amounts and consumption of goods, comes a demand for longer shelf life and longer storage. Also lighter containment, and for safety's sake, plastic containers for items that if made of glass could cause injury if broken (i.e. shampoo, lotion, etc.). So what happens to these containers? Why do we throw them out after they are used? Hence, the problem of waste in America.

Also, there was a time when degradable items went to a dump and were often burned regularly reducing if not getting rid of the amount of refuse. That is no longer the case

either. With all the plastic and nondegradable trash, it is often trucked to a site and buried. This leads to another problem. Not only the continuous growth of the refuse site, but the potential compromise of our water systems. Something to think about for certain.

Keep it simple! For a lot of folks, it's hard to think about how to recycle, so make it easy for yourself. Sure, there is trash that does not lend itself to recycling and must be thrown out. Use a trash can for trash and another bin (perhaps in the garage) lined with a paper bag for recyclables. As you go through your mail (take the name off of personal items), empty that milk container or laundry soap container, just put it in the recycle bin. Easy peasy.

As you go about your day, things like paper towel tubes, cardboard on the back of items purchased, labels off jars, jars, magazines, newspapers, old flyers the list is endless. Just add them to the recycle bin. Soon you'll find that you have more recycling than actual trash! And just take it to the single stream recycle bin, paper bag and all! No plastic bags, please! There are often containers for those at stores like Walmart and Publix.

Why should you do this? Sure, you are only one household, but if everyone thought more about what they are doing with trash, it could make a big difference. And if you're not concerned about making things better for yourself, do it for your kids and/or grandkids. They are the ones who will be left with the problem.

Williamsburg Neighbors

Ginny Nardone

What a night it was! On a Saturday evening in late October, new and long-time Williamsburg neighbors gathered for a chili fest. A large selection of delicious homemade chili was served including spicy Hawaiian, turkey, veggie and traditional chili in hot and milder varieties. Several types of corn bread, tortilla chips, salsa and an assortment of chili toppings rounded out the offerings.

Guests then gathered around a small campfire as neighbor, Stan

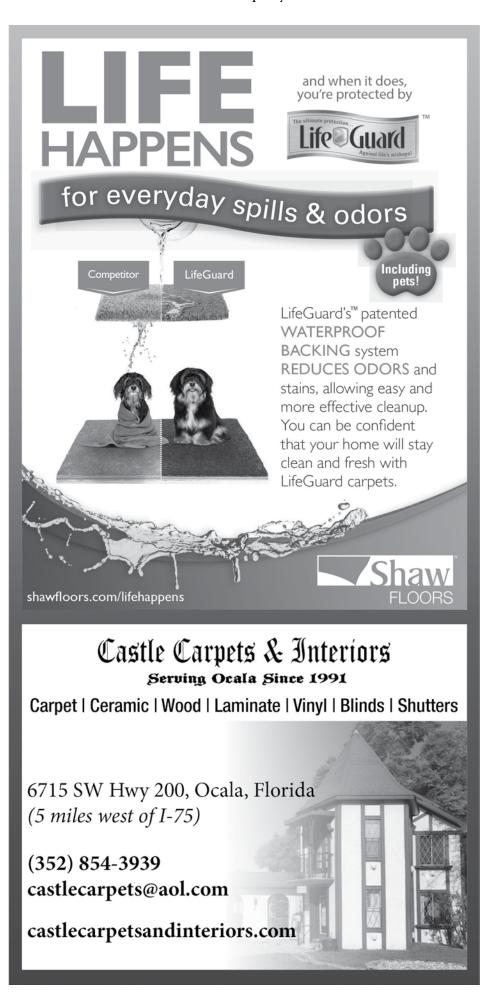
Magan, toasted marshmallows for everyone. Halloween cookies and a delicious chocolate cake were also served. It surely was a festive and fun evening; no one left hungry and a few people left with a bit of extra cash after the 50/50 drawing!

What a night it will be! I hope you have your tickets for the holiday party on Saturday, Dec. 8 in the Arbor Conference Center. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with a social hour and cash bar; dinner will be served at 6 p.m. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list for tickets, please call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 or Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619. See you at the party!





HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR GOLF STAFF!





Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The Candler Connection holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This party, for residents of Candler Hills, will be a wonderful evening with a threecourse dinner catered by Fresh Plates Creative Catering, and dance music provided by DJ Hal Dodd. 176 tickets were available for sale in November. We hope to celebrate the holiday season with you at this Candler Connection event.

Due to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the next potluck will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019. Watch for information in the January 2019 edition of "The Happenings" and in the January World News column.

The speaker series will continue on Thursday, Dec. 6 with Michelle and Charlie Stone who will speak about Marion County and State of Florida updates. Kenneth Colen will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019. The presentations



Indigo East

Howard Frierman

Hatfield, Mass. is a tiny town of about 3,000, just east of I-91, which runs from Springfield up towards Brattleboro, Vt. It is quaint, quiet and lovely. And it was also the home of Gordon Daniels, a resident of Indigo East, and unquestionably one of the finest photographers here at On Top of The World.

After high school, and a quick stint at Bob Jones University in South Carolina, Gordon returned to his hometown, looking for employment. His mother put in a good word for him with a local photography studio. It worked, and so began his career and his life as a husband and father.

He met the love of his life, Cookie, at a local bowling alley, and within several years they were raising four precious kids. The owner

will take place at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to 575 members. This closed group is a great source of information.

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log on to candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email in order to keep up-to-date with activities and events.

The deadline for columns in this publication will now be the last Friday of each month.

The next Candler Connection board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 2:30 p.m. at Candler Hills Community Center. The next one will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. at a location to be announced later. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

The Candler Connection social board will elect board members at the annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, at 3 p.m., at The Lodge at Candler Hills. There are five board members whose twoyear terms expire at the end of 2018. Mary Purfeerst is the chairperson of the nominating committee. If you would like to volunteer

thrilled that he found a real gogetter who was fine with shooting photos at weddings or taking portrait shots. "I liked it a lot," Gordon told me, "but, in the end, I didn't like being in the studio. It was too confining. I wanted more."

Five years into it, the owner of the studio decided to close down, and Gordon found himself in need of his next challenge. The local newspaper, The Daily Hampshire Gazette, knew his work, and offered him a job. "They stuck me in the basement with no heat, no water, no windows" he said with a grin. But it wasn't all that bad. Soon he was taking pictures of Revolutionary War era homes for the art section of the paper, and even snapping photos of Julie Nixon, President Nixon's daughter, who attended Smith College, which was nearby.

Eventually the paper moved him upstairs, and the photography team covered 21 towns where his days were always different and challenging. "We just didn't sit around of the studio that hired him, was listening to the police scanner and



Photo by Bob Scherff

Over 250 Candler Hills residents enjoying a beautiful Sunday afternoon picnic at the pavilion.

to become a board member, please email Mary at marypurfeerst50@ hotmail.com. The deadline to submit a bio to Mary is Saturday, Dec.

Officers will be elected by the board at its organizational meeting at the Candler Hills Community

Center, at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019.

We wish all the joys and blessings of the holiday season to each of you and your families. Enjoy the season and a have a happy and healthy New Year.

See you around!

reacting," Gordon said. "Our paper was growing, and we were shooting pictures of everything you could imagine. I loved it."

After an amazing 46 years on the job, Gordon and Cookie decided it was time for a change, but not before the paper did something very special for their dedicated photographer. The editor went into the photo archives and found a few dozen of her all-time favorite photos by Gordon. She then had them blown up, framed, and plastered the reception hall with them, the site of his retirement party. You can imagine how flattered he was before leaving the area. He also received a magnificent plaque.

Today Gordon is the display officer for the ShutterBugs Photography Club, and just last week, one of his entries in the photo competition took first place in the advanced division.

If you have an event that is open to all Indigo East residents, please send the information to schwartz8096@gmail.com.

The holiday party is on Sunday,

Dec. 9, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Please contact melinda.huser@ yahoo.com for more information. There will be a New Year's Eve party too.



Photo by Gordon Daniels Gordon Daniels.



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This is to advise that this will be the final column until the club can find another member who will author the monthly missive on the latest news from the club. A very merry Christmas and safe travels to all from the General Francis Marion Stamp Club.



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Old Christmas stamps.



Happy holidays! While this time of year can bring great joy and happiness, it can also be a time of overindulging, over-stressing and overdoing. The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has everything you need to establish balance during the holidays.

Balance over-indulging with exercise. Remember that the idea is to gain some control over holiday temptations, not eliminate them. Depriving yourself of foods that are rooted in tradition and that you look forward to can have a negative effect. Keep moderation in the equation, indulging every now and then is not going to sabotage you especially if you keep up with regular exercise. Physical activity helps to burn off extra calories and is great for stress management. Keep the focus on fun over food and be cautious not to use exercise as an excuse to eat more.

Balance over-stressing with restoration and relaxation. The duration and quality of sleep is a critical factor in the restorative process. Unfortunately, this is undermined when there is an unhealthy buildup of hormones due to stress. Pent-up levels of stress hormones prohibit sleep quality and wellbeing. To nurture relaxation and restoration, engage in mindful activities that invite calm to the body and mind. Yoga and Tai Chi are great activities along with massage therapy. Exercise and massage both help to balance brain chemistry to encourage relaxation and restore healthy sleep patterns.

Balance over-doing with realistic expectations. Research shows that unrealistic expectations, such as well-behaved children, exquisite entertaining and finding the perfect gifts often end up leaving us shattered with disappointment. Refocus perspective on being present in the moment. Value your time with loved ones and do not stress over the minor details.

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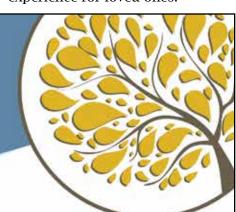
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Beth McKeen

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At our October meeting, Chap-

lain Joe LaCognata of Marion County Fire Rescue spoke to team members about coping mechanisms should we experience stress in the course of our duties. Stresses include grief, inner conflict, and fatigue.

As a first responder you must keep in mind that it is okay not to be okay. Don't let mistakes define you. It is what you do next that counts. And you need to be strong All first responders are charged in order to help others. Be alert to signs of stress from your team members. Take time to rest when needed.

> Governor Scott for Senate and Ron DeSantis for governor, whose victories were announced at the official closing time. The recount takes place through established rules that are in place; mechanical recount first followed by the manual recount, and could take weeks for

the outcome.

Our theme for our November meeting was to celebrate Thanksgiving with a potluck supper. We had a great turn out with each attendee bringing a dish, therefore providing a smorgasbord of choices to delight the palette. President Wendell congratulated the winners for school board, Kelly King, and Charlie Stone, Florida House of Representatives, two of the many Republican winners. Thank you to all for making the evening a special

Help us to help you! We always welcome new members! If you would like to become a member of our CERT team, please contact Beverly Case in the Marion County Sheriff's Office at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application for our free training class.

We welcome your attendance at our CERT meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. There is no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2019, at 9 a.m., in the Hobby Building. For more information, contact Beth McKeen at (352) 237-5079.

time of fellowship and fun.

President Wendell announced that it is time for a new slate of officers. He invited members to bring forth names so we could vote at our next and last meeting for the year on Friday, Dec. 14. The officers begin their duties in January 2019.

Also announced for our next meeting on Friday, Dec. 14, we will celebrate Christmas with an elegant dinner catered by Fresh Plates Creative Catering. Tickets are \$20. Cash bar available. Wine served at table.

President Wendell ended the evening thanking everyone for their support of all of our Republican candidates and for getting out and voting. We have two years to concentrate on the 2020 elections.



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Wendell Crist

Our last meeting was held on Friday, Nov. 9. We began with a beautiful invocation with special attention to our veterans for Veterans Day on Nov. 11, along with special mention for the Marine Corps' 242nd birthday. Duly noted also this date marked the 100th anniversary ending World War I, and the only memorial to that war on U.S. soil is in Kansas City, MO. Following this we paid our respect to our flag with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Charlie Stone provided a short talk bringing us up to speed on the current status of the required vote recount. The recount challenges the victories for



Veterans Club

Bill Richhart

It seems funny that I am writing this column on Veterans Day!

The next quarterly meeting is going to be full of information for veterans, as we will have a representative of the Blue Star chapter. Also Jinky Diaz from Vets Helping Vets will discuss how to obtain a veterans mortgage.

We will also plan to discuss more about the Honor Flights for next vear as I will have my friend, Pete Van Arsdale, talk about his experi-

The quarterly meetings are held in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite B, at 2 p.m. We invite all men and women who served in the American armed forces . We will look forward to seeing you there and, yes, we encourage your participation. Please call me with any questions at (260) 515-0543.

Avalon Social Group

On Monday, Dec. 10, the Avalon Social Group will meet at the Arbor Conference Center for a night of holiday cheer. Holiday decorations will adorn the room. All residents of Avalon are invited to come at 5 p.m. for service at 5:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle. For this we request that you bring smaller bills such as \$10s, \$5s and \$1s to make it easier to make change.

The main course will be ham, which will be provided. The remaining part of the meal will be potluck. Here is a chance to share some of your favorite holiday recipes. Please bring your dish and serving utensils. The group will provide silverware, plates, napkins and cups. Provide your own non-alcoholic drink. We will lose our privileges if there are alcoholic drinks.

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Twinkle, Twinkle Little Lights

By Bob Woods World News Writer

Are you looking to get into the holiday spirit? Taking a trip to see Christmas lights is such a wonderful way to do it.

So, get into your car or golf cart and drive through the community to see how your neighbors decorated. If you are looking to venture outside of the community, the list of places to view lights and decorations (by no means is this a complete list) is to the left of this ar-

There are so many other places to go like Disney, Sea World, Gaylord Palms Resort, University of Central Florida, Stetson Mansion,

Whatever you do, please have a Merry Christmas along with a joyous holiday season.

March of Dimes Fundraiser

By Bob Woods World News Writer

Dimes bake sale fundraiser was held at the Recreation Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Micki Malsch, a strong advocate for March of Dimes for Babies, baked tons of homemade baked goodies, some rich in calories while some were sugar-free; all sold at super bingo.

Micki stated, "A few items were provided by friends but most were Franklin D. Roosevelt founded the baked by myself. It took me six organization in 1938 as a national weeks to bake everything displayed foundation searching to prevent at super bingo." This is the second and combat polio until polio was year Micki has done this bake sale. eradicated with the invention of Last year, she made a little over the polio vaccine. \$800 for the babies. This year, Micki made \$1,070. Micki stated, "I was name changes until its present overwhelmed with the generosity of those attending bingo." Micki's goal is to make \$1 more than the previous year.

People were milling around as Micki and a crew of volunteer helpers arranged the editable goodies on tables before the players arrive. Those few who arrived early had the opportunity to make their se-

for March of Dimes for Babies.

The super bingo and March of The majority of items disappeared from her tables in two and one half hours. There was very little not sold and the remaining sweet goodies were donated.

The March of Dimes works to improve the health of mothers and babies trying to prevent premature births along with infant mortality and birth defects. President

The organization has had many name was changed in 2007 becoming the March of Dimes Foundation.

Micki emphasized she is very grateful to the Bingo Committee and On Top of the World for allowing her to set up tables providing sweets for the bake sale that donates all money collected to the March of Dimes. "I couldn't believe



Photo by Bob Woods Micki Malsch's bake sale at super bingo raised over \$1,000



Photo by Erik Sherer

Swallowtail kite.

Annual Bird Count

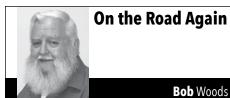
By Debbie Sherer

Monday, December 17, the Unique Birders will be participating in the Southwest Marion County Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (SWMC CBC). The National Audubon Society sponsors the CBC and citizens from all over the Western Hemisphere will participate in this 119th count. If you are interested in becoming a citizen scientist by participating in the CBC, please contact the Marion County CBC coordinator, Judy Greenberg, at judymg@gmail.com. Do not worry if you are an inexperienced birder. Each group needs both bird identifiers and recorders to keep track of the species counts.

Over 100 years ago a group of hunters realized that the demand for bird feathers used in ladies' hats was decimating the populations of birds with beautiful plumage like egrets and herons. Citizen outrage over the decline of these birds led to the formation of the Audubon Society and subsequently the yearly CBC. The yearly CBCs provide data for researchers studying the ongoing status and range of bird populations across the Ameri-

Birds are good indicators of environmental health because they travel over a large part of the earth. Bird surveys alerted scientists to the dangers of toxins like DDT and the harmful effects of environmental pollutants released to bird habitats by disasters like the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the BP offshore oil platform explosion. CBC data is used by many state and federal wildlife agencies as well as the U.S. military to interpret and predict the effects of climate change on our environment, humans and wildlife.

Please consider participating in the 119th CBC. Contact Judy Greenberg (judymg@gmail.com) by Monday, Dec. 10, to sign up for the Southwest Marion County CBC.



The club would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hoping all have a great holiday season. It is hard to believe that 2018 went by so quickly.

Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas sailing from Tampa on Feb. 9, 2019 heading for Costa Maya, Mexico; Belize City, Belize; Roatan, Honduras and Cozumel, Mexico is full, but there are still a

few interior and ocean view cabins available at prevailing rates. This is the last announcement by the club for this cruise.

The club's nine-day, eight-night motor coach trip to Branson, Missouri is sold out. This trip is departing our community on April 6, 2019, taking in a total of seven fantastic shows, which includes three mornings, three evenings, and a three-course dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. There will be one tourist destination going and two returning. A stand-by list has been established; call if interested.

At the time of this writing, the

motor coach trip departing on June 6, 2019 heading to our Washington. D.C. for a six-night, seven-day trip has two seats remaining before being sold out. Some of the highlights of this trip will be stops at the Capital Building (security permitting), war and other memorials. Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown and the Changing of the Guard, Smithsonian Institute, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, and the Museum of the Bible, plus other destinations.

The next trip departing our community on Oct. 3, 2019 by the club is to Albuquerque, N.M. to take in

and participate in the city's famous Balloon Fiesta where over 500 balloons will light up at night and take to the air in a spectacular ballooning event. There will be sightseeing in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. This trip is also sold out.

If anyone would like to participate in or place their name on the stand-by lists, don't procrastinate, call Bob Woods at (352) 854-0702. Additional information can be achieved by heading to the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com or call for a flyer and one will be delivered to you at your



On Saturday, Nov. 3, our second annual bunco fundraising tournament was held. It was an overwhelming success. We want to thank all the people who participated and made this event a success. Special thanks to our moderator, Betty Thayer, for a first-class presentation. We would like to acknowledge the sponsors for their donations: Faith Kenney; ABC Fine Wine & Spirits; The Ranch Fitness

Center & Spa; Your Hair Affair; and Piesanos. We also received donations of gift cards or items to raffle from our members.

This month, there are two dogs available for adoption. Lucy is a seven-year-old Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. She is friendly, smart, docile, and gets along with other dogs. She is a bit overweight, but that is being worked on by her foster parent.

Tina is a 10-year-old terrier mix. She is sweet, well behaved, and house trained. She will make a great companion.

If you have any questions or are interested in either of these animals, please contact us at (352) 362-0985.



Tina

Lucy

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Anne Parker

If you have picked up one of our new goldenrod brochures for January-June 2019, please make sure that several corrections have been made. On the front cover, the correct phone number for Janet Wiles should be (804) 243-4008. On the inside left page, the correct date for "Nana's Naughty Knickers" is Saturday, Jan. 26. On the right inside page under "Kinky Boots", the coordinator should be listed as Linda

As this column goes to print, there is just one ticket remaining for "Nana's Naughty Knickers" at the Just for Laughs Dinner Theater on Jan. 26, 2019. If you would like this ticket or wish to be added to the wait list, call Allan Rickards at (325) 216-0528 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays).

Hein at (352) 861-9880 and 9682

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On Saturday, Feb. 23, 2919, Travel Toppers will enjoy a trip to the Mount Dora Renninger's Market where you will find lots of vendors with all kinds of merchandise and food. The cost for this trip will be \$25 per person. Starting Dec. 3, you may make your reservation for this fun trip with Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays).

Linda Hein is taking reservations to see "Kinky Boots" at the Straz Center in Tampa on May 18, 2019. The cost is \$90 per person and includes transportation, the

show and driver tip. Lunch is on your own in the International Mall at the Cheesecake Factory or at one of the variety of restaurants in the food court. This production is the winner of six Tony awards including Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Choreography. This joyous musical is about the friendships we discover and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind. Call Linda at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays).

Join us on the newly revitalized Roval Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas Nov. 24 until Dec. 1, 2019, as we sail out of Miami to St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Labadee Haiti. Prices can be found in the brochure as well as on the website. Those rates include the cruise, all taxes and fees, shipboard gratuities, round trip motor coach transportation between On Top of the World and the Port of Miami. A minimum of 20 passengers will be required for the motor coach. A deposit is required when you book with the final payment due by Aug. 25, 2019. For more information and to make reservations, contact Inge at (352) 237-7428 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., weekdays).

Watch for details concerning future 2019 trips to Tampa Bay Downs on March 30 and to the Rat Pack Lounge on May 12 (Mother's Day) as well as our Father's Day trip on June 16 down the St. Johns River. You won't want to miss any

of these fun trips.

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Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell

Texas is the birthplace of Texas Hold 'Em poker and the domino games Chicken Foot and 42. Out of these three, the 42 domino game has the most interesting history. It was invented in Garner, Texas back in 1887. According to legend, two children of devout Baptists, Thomas, age 12, and Earl, age 14, were caught playing cards in the hayloft. Playing cards at that time was considered sinful and they were disciplined accordingly.

Well, boys will be boys and necessity breeds invention, so they

set out to find a way to play cards using dominos. They devised a four-player game using double-six dominos that incorporated bidding and trumps. Since domino playing was acceptable to their parents and other residents, they began teaching the game to everyone in town and it soon caught on. It is now the Official State of Texas Domino Game.

Texas game night was our November activity and these three games as well as others having a Texas theme were offered as possibilities. We decided to give Chicken Foot a go. Some of our members either hadn't learned it or hadn't played it in a while and it's an easy game to pick up quickly. Our winners were novice players, Rich Wegel and Nancy Sicard. Even though

some of us were seeing spots before our eyes after concentrating on all those domino dots, Chicken foot seemed to be enjoyed by all and we'll probably have another Chicken Foot game night in the fu-

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 9 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F beginning at 6 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and a wrapped white elephant gift in the \$5 range. The funnier and more creative, the better! Now is also the time to break out your ugly Christmas sweater (if we ever get sweater weather) or other holiday inspired fashion. We'll have some Texas Christmas music playing to set the mood.

Back by popular request, Janu-

ary's get together will be a chili cook-off. We're looking for at least six contestants willing to bring a pot of chili for the competition. And we're looking for a good turnout of our members and prospects to sample and vote on the entries. Prizes will be awarded to the three cooks who receive the most votes.

We are a club for residents who have a "connection" to Texas by: being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason (vacation, professional, competitions, etc.); or having family living there. Texas is "the Friendship State" and our group is all about fun and fellowship. For more information about the club, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

For anyone looking for an evening out with a great meal and friendly interaction with fellow residents, Southern Club is just the ticket. Dues are just \$10 per year. Our meetings and potluck dinners are held on the first Thursday of the month from September to May at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. We bring a salad, meat, casserole dish or dessert to share and the club furnishes the drinks (coffee, tea, lemonade)

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and cups. You will also need to bring your own plates and utensils. After the dinner, we have our program and then a short informal meeting.

Our meeting in December will be somewhat different. Several times a year, we use some of our dues money to augment (or completely furnish) our meal. December and the holidays makes this a perfect time. The club will be furnishing the ham and turkey and our great Southern cooks will furnish the fixins'. Members who didn't sign up at the last meeting need to call immediately so we know how much to buy. We don't want to exclude guests from this meeting, but they will have to pay extra, so please call if you plan to join us and we will give you the details. Ann Fields, our president, is the coordinator for this event. Her number is (352) 304-8317.

In place of entertainment, we plan a gift exchange game. Everyone is asked to bring a gift (\$5 to \$7 value) that is not gender specific. Some suggestions are holiday decorations, food gifts, something for the home, or something either a man or woman can use.

In November, for our Thanksgiving-themed dinner, we had a "turkey shooting" contest. We divided the members into three teams who chose their best sharpshooters. But the turkeys (balloons) did not cooperate. They were supposed to pop, but for whatever reason, the foam bullets just bounced off. So we changed the rules and counted the hits. It was still fun watching the "bullets" fly and rooting for our team. The winners only won bragging rights, but you never know when there might be a rematch. Balloons are in season year round!

The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 6. I hope you can join us. Since dinner starts at 5 p.m., be sure to get there early enough to get your name tag, find the best place to sit, get a drink, and chat a while. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 615-8997.

Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger

The Jewish Club will celebrate Chanukah on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m., at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E, F and G. Rabbi Karen Allen will lead the group in games and joyous songs about this Festival of Lights – the miracle of oil lasting for eight days for the Jews in the temple instead of the expected one day.

The official Chanukah begins Sunday, Dec. 2 and is celebrated for eight days by lighting a candle each night.

At the club's November meeting, the growing membership – now at 154 members – heard from Dr. Erica Olstein on how to stay healthy, with proper eating habits, exercise and focused motivation. Many members are new to the community while others have come back to the club as a result of its newly energized programming thanks to president Nancy Carp.

There is much anticipation as the plans move forward for the club's second annual fashion show, Feb. 9, 2019 at 2 p.m., at the Recreation Center Ballroom. Presented by Chico's Outlet, the program is called "Love Yourself." Hors d'oeuvres catered by Fresh Plates Creative Catering will be served. Tickets will be available Jan. 14, 2019 for \$8.

The club's lunch and dinner bunch scheduled a river cruise in November with lunch at Swampy's. Sunday, Dec. 2, this group will meet for brunch at Stone Creek Grille.

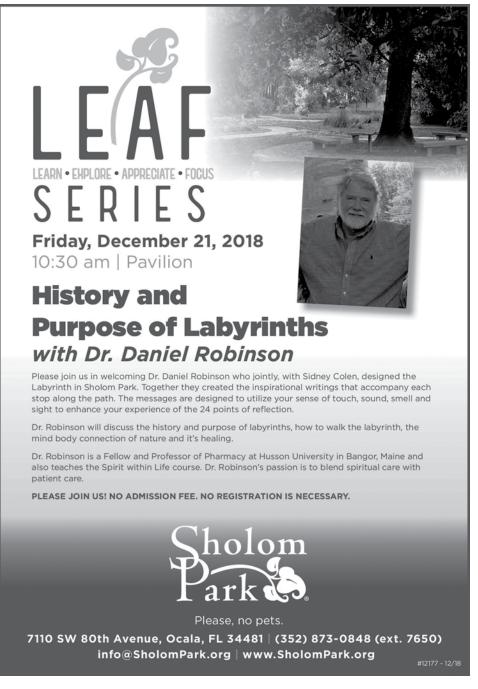
The club will end the year with a trip to Biloxi and New Orleans from Dec. 23 to 26. Seats are available. Cost is \$350 per person, which includes transportation and accommodations at the Beau Rivage Hotel, with a \$25 casino credit. Contact Ralph Coster for reservations or information at (352) 237-8897.

For information on the club, visit the Facebook On Top of the World Jewish Club page or call Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625.

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Women of the World

Nancy Grabowski

Oh, my! We've turned the last of the calendar pages and like everyone else, we can't help but wonder, "Where did the time go?" Women of the World had a particularly busy year and the outlook for next year doesn't change. However, we like it that way!

Last month, we held a very successful campaign to write personalized holiday cards to our service personnel. These cards will be tucked into gift boxes packed by

Operation Shoebox in Belleview. Thanks to all who took the time to add a little cheer to the greetings and to Sandy Selesky for chairing the committee. Donations for Operation Shoebox can be delivered to the attendants in the Recreation Center Fitness Center any time throughout the year.

One of our December projects will be to fulfill the wishes of some children from the Angel Tree. Children continue to be one of our special causes. We have decided to add to our giving this season by adopting some senior citizens; those who seem to have no one to care about them. We have some fun ideas in store!

Our next meeting will be held on

Friday, Dec. 7. It is sure to be entertaining. Plan to be in the Recreation Center Ballroom about 12:15 p.m. for some holiday cheer, followed by a light luncheon provided by the club. President April Pollard promises our spirits will be raised by some outstanding performances.

Prior to the meeting, Vice President Ruth Santman will be at the back table ready to accept your dues. Remember, you must be a paid member to purchase your ticket for the fashion show. Those tickets will go on sale at the Friday, Jan. 4 meeting.

Tickets for the fashion show remain at \$25 each. Tables of eight can be purchased by sending one

representative to the sellers; she should have an envelope ready (which includes the entire payment for the table) with a list of names on the front of the envelope. To move the line along in a timely way, have your checks made payable to "WOW"; for those paying with cash, exact bills are very helpful. If any tickets remain after the January meeting, we will sell them at the February meeting.

Women of the World is open to women from every neighborhood within our community. Come and join us for fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing all a merry Christmas, happy Hannukah, great Kwanzaa, and happy, healthy New Year!



R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

Hope you all are enjoying the change over from the long, hot summer to the fall. We have some interesting fun plans for the fall/winter season. Thanks to Lyn Titcombe for a wonderful luncheon in November at Las Margaritas. The food and great company were a

winning combination.

I have arranged for our annual LadyBirds holiday luncheon to take place on Thursday, Dec. 13, begin-

ning at noon at the Stone Creek Grille, in the private dining room. Please contact me at (352) 291-1235 or allensky@earthlink. The cut off date is Tuesday, Dec. 11. Looking forward to seeing all of our wonderful LadyBirds there.

Thanks to Naomi Berman, Friday, Dec. 14, beginning at 9 a.m. the LadyBirds will meet for our annual toy collection and cookie exchange. The toys will be given to our local fire department to be distributed to needy children.

A big thank you to our latest LadyBirds member Kat Wittington, who kindly volunteered to be in charge of the Friday, Dec. 14, R/C Flyers annual holiday dinner, at The

Lodge at Candler Hills, beginning at 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Bring your own liquid refreshments, and socialize, play games and win prizes. Salads to be served at 6:15 p.m. followed by a beautiful buffet holiday dinner consisting of champagne chicken and cabernet beef, catered by Art and Sue Wile and staff from the Royal Oaks Golf Club. Please contact Kat Wittington at (218) 259-1806 or yourlifeshines@gmail.com. The room is quickly filling up. However, there are still some tickets available. So, don't delay, or you will miss out on this great one of a kind holiday party. The cut off date to purchase tickets will be Monday, Dec. 3 at the R/C Flyers meeting.

We are also planning some additional fun activities for the winter. Please be on the lookout for information regarding upcoming dates regarding these and other events.

As always, we invite any spouses and significant others of any R/C Flyers to come join us and sit in in one of our LadyBirds meetings, which take place from September to May on the second Friday of each month beginning at 9 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C. Bring your beverage and we supply the goodies baked by our wonderful, talented lady bakers. We're sure you will want to join our happy group. Please contact (352) 251-1235, or allensky@earthlink. net. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

Our November meeting featured a combined Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration luncheon. The festive buffet table featured a selection of Scandinavian and American foods; plenty of cookies, cakes and coffee topped off the meal. This annual event is always a fun beginning to the holiday season. Club members once again brought food items and toys, which were donated to the Salvation Army. A 50/50 raffle rounded

out the afternoon.

Don't forget the club's 20th anniversary luncheon to be held on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. at the Candler Hills Community Center. A wonderful celebration is planned with great food, fellowship and door prizes! If you are a current or former club member and would like to attend, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Helen Vance at (352) 304-8557.

All residents of Scandinavian decent are invited to participate in club activities (spouses welcome). For more information, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

cated at bible.lolopop.org/gospel/intro/SitePages/Home.aspx

The goal of this study is to provide a basic knowledge of the origins, content and key themes of the gospels and how they were translated into action by early Christians. If you want to grow in your knowledge of the Bible, attend this

important class and participate. For more information contact David Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454. All are welcome! See our webpage at Bible.lolopop.org.

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Mary Curry

For our November luncheon Nancy Kibler, our hostess, chose Chefs of Napoli. Thanks to Germaine Mueller the tables were decorated for fall and Thanksgiving. All enjoyed a great lunch and service. Kathy Kenyon won the host-

After lunch, Queen Mary invited the gals to her home. We celebrated three birthdays with cupcakes and chai tea. We discussed our upcoming Christmas party, what we are doing for Project Hope for Christmas, and what is ahead for the New Year. Queen Mary is turning The Glitzy Gals over to Hedy Schamal and Elaine Fox as co-queens, starting in 2019. The gals then helped themselves to a lot of Red Hat items that Mary has accumulated in the past 15 years. It was a great time by all.

The gals brought towels and sheets for Project Hope which Germaine was so gracious to take to them.

"Blessed are the women whose hearts and souls are joined together by laughter and tears for them shall be known as sisters." QM Mary Curry

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The Genesis Project

David Wesenberg

We are trying something new because of the small size of our class. We will meet as home bible study at 9078 SW 82nd Terrace, Unit B, beginning Friday, Nov. 30. We will still meet at 1 p.m. on Fridays. New rules for rooms and suites are that 10 or more participants are required. We will be planning future studies at that meeting.

The Genesis Project is studying a harmonized view of the Gospels. A harmonized view covers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in approximate time order. The study is lo-



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World Traveler

Bill Shampine

"Some enchanted evening ..." Chances are good that those three words, the start of a beautiful song, brought to your mind, an image of a couple standing on a beach on an island in the south Pacific. Sounds idyllic. Today, we are going to learn about Tonga, an archipelago of islands in the southern Pacific Ocean, one of which very well could be the island you envisioned.

The Tonga archipelago is located about 2,030 miles east of Brisbane, Australia, and encompasses about 270,000 square miles of the southern Pacific Ocean. Of that immense area, the only land in it is 290 square miles spread out over 169 islands, and only 100,651 people live on the 36 islands that are inhabited. Seventy percent of the population lives in the capital city of Nuku'alofa, located on the main

island of Tongatapu.

Tonga has been populated since about 800 B.C. The first Europeans to visit were Dutch explorers in 1616, although the islands didn't become well known in Europe until the famous British explorer Captain James Cook stopped there three times between 1773 and 1777. Wesleyan missionaries came to the islands in the 1830s and managed to convert chief Taufa'ahau Tupou to Christianity. With the conversion of the chief, most of the rest of the population quickly followed suit. Tonga was united under the rule of one chief in 1845, and it has been a monarchy ever since. Tonga became a British protectorate in 1900 in order to protect itself from German colonization. This status lasted until 1975 when Tonga became fully independent, although staying within the British Commonwealth. Since 2010, the country has been on a path leading toward becoming a constitutional monarchy rather than an absolute kingdom.

Geologically, Tonga consists of two chains of islands. The western islands are mostly volcanic, both extinct and active, with densely forested mountains reaching as high as 3,389 feet. The eastern islands are mostly low-lying coral reefs, covered by palm trees.

Tonga should be a nice place to visit. The people are extremely friendly, tourist hoards are few, only about 30,000 per year, and the weather is great. The average monthly temperature ranges from 70 to 77 degrees. Further, the alltime high and low temperatures are 90 and 50 degrees respectively. The official languages are Tongan and English, so communication is easy for the linguistically challenged amongst us. Tonga offers a very laid-back environment. You can participate in all kinds of water activities, swimming, snorkeling, whale watching, surfing, sun tanning, people watching, and any other personally relaxing activity.

The major sport in Tonga is rugby. The Tonga National team is good enough to compete in the annual Rugby League World Cup competition. A fun aspect to their



Photo by Tony Randell

Tonganese athletes performing a Sipi Tau war dance before a rugby match.

games is the Sipi Tau war dance performed just before a match. Designed to intimidate your opponent and get you mentally charged up and ready for the match, it is exciting to watch. You can learn a bit about the history of this dance and watch it performed online at youtube.com/watch?v=-pcCgMtOx5s.



Favorite Recipes Dinner Club

Luke Muller

The month of October was when the Favorite Recipes Dinner Club resumed our normal schedule of multiple dinners at various members' homes. This year's kick- off dinner, a picnic, was held on Saturday, Oct. 20. The picnic provided a fun and entertaining evening for all participants. The club sponsored the picnic to meet and greet new members who had joined the club.

Annette and Paul Hodges organized and hosted the event and provided menu suggestions to all club members to bring to the picnic. We had a total of 16 regular members and 10 new members at this event.

The club provided a complementary meal for our guests. Annette and Paul's plan was for regular club members to contribute various items for the event. The main dish of the picnic was roast beef, sliced thin, along with au jus and baby spinach for the sliders. Other dishes were a vegetable platter

with homemade ranch sauce, Greek salad, deviled eggs and a snack of deep fried bacon. The dessert was a pumpkin spice sheet cake with a cream cheese icing. Also included were baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, beverages, various condiments and paper products. As a result there was plenty of food for all attendees and all had a great time.

As part of the normal information provided to potential new members, I usually make an appointment, at their convenience, to go over our guidelines. These guidelines, on a single sheet of paper, outline the basics of how the club operates. They describe what new memebers can expect from the club, and what the guidelines are for all members, either as a host or as a guest at a dinner. These guidelines are not hard and fast rules, but more of an effort to make sure everyone has the same sense of what is appropriate for this type of club.

After we review these guidelines and discuss questions or concerns about how the club operates, if you think the club is right for you, I would then assign you a two-digit number. With the number I take your name, address, telephone

number, email address, and any other appropriate information. Additionally, I would also ask you to decide your ideal, maximum, and minimum number of people you would like to have at your home, including yourself, for any dinner you might host. This is up to each individual couple participant.

When you join, I send an email to all club members indicating

that you have joined, and add your name to the roster along with your house guest accommodation list that identifies your preferences for the amount of guests you would like to have at your home when hosting.

Our club is currently seeking new couple members. If you are interested please call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for more information.



Photo by Luke Mullen

Favorite Recipes Dinner Club picnic with new and existing members at the pavilion.



Lions Club

Sherry Whitmer-Hall

General Manager Lynette Vermillion made a presentation at the Veterans Day Ceremony. She said that Veterans Day is a time to honor our veterans for their service to their country. Ms. Vermillion and Robert Colen showed an illustration/plan

of the Veterans Memorial to a re-

cord-setting, enthusiastic audience. A number of veterans participated in the ceremony, which also included a slide show of resident veterans and a video clip from Bob Hope's Christmas shows. The guest speaker, Richard Pastucha, from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), State of Florida, shared news of some changes the VA is making to speed up requests for assis-

tance. He invited veterans to visit his office in The Villages for more information.

The Lions Club's Christmas tree will be on display until Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Recreation Center. Please visit the tree and select a tag(s) with a child's age on it. Donated unwrapped toys will be given to Toys for Tots and clothing will be distributed to children's organizations that our Lions Club serves.

The Lions Club is doing a lot of fun and rewarding projects, including military appreciation, Resident Emergency Health Form (community service project), and recycling used eyeglasses.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings at 6 p.m. 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.



Photo by Lion Fran Calhoun

General Manager Lynette Vermillion and Robert Colen shared the plans for a Veterans Memorial that will be under construction soon on SW 98th Terrace in Crescent Ridge.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

A significant group of Michigan Club members turned out in November to hear the presentation on our election ballot by the League of Women Voters.



Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

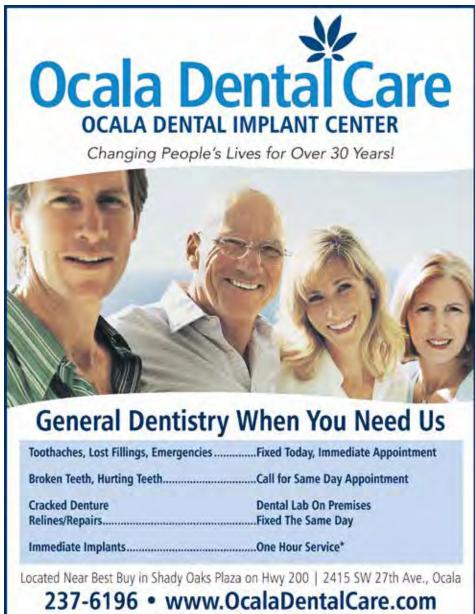
In Michigan, the tiny German town of Frankenmuth is known for its Christmas magic from all around the world. Its tiny shops offer wiener schnitzel, handmade sweaters. stollen bread, bubble lights and colorful dragon kites. The massive Bronner's store there is filled with holiday treasures from all points on the globe. But no matter who stops to shop for the colorful wares, most end up at the Bavarian Inn or Zhender's for a multi-course chicken dinner.

Michigan Club will celebrate the holidays Sunday, Dec. 2 at their meeting at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. Phyllis Richards and Claire Pardee are arranging a Frankenmuth style chicken dinner for the club, complete with roasted chicken and sides provided by club members. Last names starting with S-Z are asked to bring a vegetable dish, I-R a salad, and A-H a dessert. Entertainment will be a 15 to 20 minute presentation about the tiny German village by Dr. Evelyn Kelly (Master the Possibilities and University of Central Florida).

At their November meeting, two members of the League of Women Voters, Beth Hicks and Barbara Fieldman from The Villages branch, gave a well-received explanation of the complex election ballot. Attendees at this meeting said it clarified their understanding of how to vote on Election Day.

The Michigan Club will be represented by six decorated carts in the upcoming Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1.

If you have ever lived in Michigan and would like to reconnect with its friendly yoopers (upper peninsula folks) and trolls (those who lived south of the Mackinac Bridge), please plan to join us. For more information, contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.



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Active Singles



Kathy Mansfield

The Active Singles Club welcomed new officers to the board. Helen Anderson has graciously agreed to be the secretary and Charley Wiley has accepted the position of board member at large – Indigo East. We also engaged a new chair for our welcome committee. Jane Vollrath, as chair, has a team of five enthusiastic volunteers.

event is cancelled for December, due to the holidays, but will resume in January 2019. But please join us for the Holiday Golf Cart Parade decorating event on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the pavilion, and the weekly wallyball events on Saturdays at the Recreation Center. This month's first Sunday dinner is at The Club at Candler Hills at 4 p.m. and second Tuesday monthly happy hour is also at The Club at Candler Hills this month at 4 p.m.

Our monthly golfing scramble

Our monthly meeting for December will be at the Indigo East Community Center, where we are

planning a meeting/soup and salad evening. And don't forget our game night at Indigo East Community Center each month on the last Tuesday.

We are always looking for active event ideas. You can suggest ideas to activesinglesotow@gmail.com or complete a comment form, which are found at each monthly meeting. A bowling party and international potluck dinner are in the works with more information to follow. Guests of a member are welcomed, at a minimal charge when appropriate. A guest can participate up to three times. Members, please

be sure to RSVP and include your guests via Meet Up so we can adequately prepare for each event.

I would like to remind everyone that at our monthly meetings, the third Wednesday of each month, we accept non-perishable items, including canned goods, small toiletries, and plastic grocery bags for Interfaith Emergency Services. This service needs our help and we are blessed to be able to assist.

The Active Singles Club wishes all a safe, peaceful and joyful holiday season. Remember, single does not mean alone.



Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

The annual meeting of the Genealogical Society was held on Monday, Oct. 8 at which the following members were elected and installed as officers: Ron Niebo – president; Julia Hendrick – vice president; and Suzanne Scheraga – treasurer. They will serve through Oct. 14, 2019. The budget and the annual dues

for the next year were discussed and approved.

The revised by-laws of the Genealogical Society, which were approved on April 9, 2018, took effect at this meeting.

On Monday, Oct. 15, Kathy Niebo and Donna Cunningham teamed up to present a program dedicated to the demolition of "brick walls" in genealogical research.

Kathy told the Genealogical Society, "It's not all on the internet – and it's not all free." She used a PowerPoint presentation to show us the search for and amazing re-

sults of her research into the life of her great-grandmother. She started with some tantalizing clues from conversations of years ago with her grandmother and recent internet searches. Two trips to the New Jersey Archives in Trenton, N.J. yielded a treasure trove of answers to a family mystery and brought up new research questions to be resolved in future field trips; none of this newly discovered information is on the internet.

In a second presentation, Kathy, a member of Daughters of the American Revolution with one Revolutionary War patriot, showed the Genealogical Society how she found two more patriots in her direct lineage. Again, the information was not available to her without a field trip to either Salt Lake City or a local Family History Center run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Fortunately, there are two centers nearby, one in Ocala and one in Lecanto. They are both great resources.

Donna's PowerPoint presentation was entitled "The Power of Vertical Files." She explained that vertical files are collections of articles (such as pamphlets, photos, and clippings) that are maintained in many places, some totally unexpected, to answer questions or to provide points of information not easily found elsewhere. She told the Genealogical Society that when research hits that "brick wall" blocking further investigation the researcher should take the following steps - define one goal; create a timeline; make a task list; and then tackle that list. Then she showed how she implemented those steps to search out a third-great grandmother born around 1785 using vertical files to provide information that is nowhere else to be found.

The Genealogical Society will not hold a business meeting nor an educational presentation in December. However, it will hold a holiday luncheon at Bella Cucina, at 11:30 a.m., on Monday, Dec. 10.

Our annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Benefits of membership include a large library of genealogical books and CDs available to members to be signed out and used at home for their genealogical research. Check us out at otowgenealogicalsociety.shutter-

fly.com.



Toastmasters -Talk of the World

David Wesenberg

Last month, David Wesenberg placed third in the Area Humorous Speech Contest with his speech "Fishin' with Buck and Dits."

Because of time, we changed our debate resolution for the Nov. 14 debate meeting to "Resolved: The 17th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Should be Repealed." A spirited debate resulted with three speakers on each side of the resolution. What a great opportunity to learn to both prepare a speech, and talk on one's feet at the same time.

Coming up on Friday, Dec. 28, at 8:30 a.m. in Cypress Hall, is our homecoming meeting, welcoming past members to join us for remi-

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niscence and fun.

Toastmasters is an organization dedicated to effective speech and leadership. It begins with 10 speech assignments starting with an icebreaker speech to introduce yourself in each of the 10 learning areas. Completion of the 14 projects results in a mastery of a learning area such as persuasive speaking, leadership, etc.

The ultimate leadership training is functioning in the offices of the club such as president, vice president of education, vice president of membership, vice president of public relations, sergeant of arms, treasurer and secretary.

But the real Toastmaster experience is listening to great speeches and meeting wonderful people.

Come join us and improve your communication, listening and leadership skills. Our membership is growing, increasing the fun. Contact Dave Wesenberg at dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com or (217) 280-4454. Visit our website at otow. lolopop.org/club/toastmasters.



Lorraine Serwan

Happy holidays everyone! Our annual holiday luncheon will be at the Chefs of Napoli on Thursday, Dec. 13. We will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot at 11 a.m. If you haven't signed up as yet call Nancy at (352) 854-9185. Don't forget the gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift of about \$10. No regifting, please.

On Thursday, Dec. 20, we will have an early dinner at Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille followed by a walk around the Downtown Square to enjoy the Christmas decorations.

Car pool will meet in the Recreation Center parking lot, at 4 p.m.

In January, we will be visiting the Florida Center for the Blind and welcoming a guest speaker on fire prevention at our meeting.

Please note that in January, we will be moving to a new venue for our monthly meetings. The Singles Club has been assigned the billiards room in the Hobby Building. Meetings are still on the second Thursday of the month, at 2 p.m.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season. Get ready for a fun-filled 2019. Remember our meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in the new room. Please join us. We always welcome new members.





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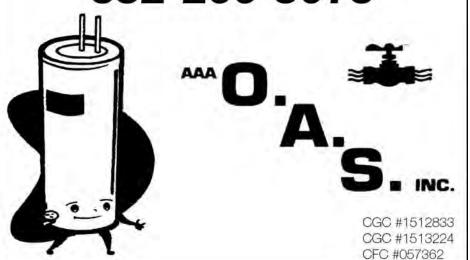
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Janet Fragapane

We have a bus! Evelyn took up a collection to pay for the bus. We are almost there, but still need a bit more. Thank you for being generous. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Dec. 11, as the bus will pick us up at 9:15 a.m. at True Value Hardware for our next reading trip to Romeo Elementary.

Mrs. S. Johnson is a pre-K teacher at Romeo Elementary. She has been chosen as teacher leader, and is in Washington, D.C., at the National Association Education of Young Children. Everyone at Romeo is very proud of her.

The school invited over 40 veterans for Veterans Day. They had a wonderful time interacting with the students. The children of the safety patrol program carried flags. They also honored the superinten-



Computer Club

David Wesenberg

Computer Club meets in Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, at 9 a.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. Come get help if you need it!

This coming month will be one of our two annual dinners, this time our Christmas dinner at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6 at Golden Corral. Members can come and bring a friend for \$2 a person for great fellowship and fun.

We have started a programming course for interested members to expand their horizons and try something new. Response has been

On Saturday, Nov. 3, we had a stimulating presentation on computer phones and devices for the hearing impaired including available state supported equipment. This was very helpful in our senior community.

We continue to explore the factors in rising internet, phone and cable costs and how they can be reduced or eliminated.

Visit our website at otow.lolopop.org/sites/OTOW%20Computer%20Club. This contains links to validated free software, a Q & A to solve problems and people to call when you are in computer trouble.

Do you have a problem with your desktop, laptop or tablet? Do you want to see the latest computer technology? Do you want access experts in every area of computer use? Come and join us in Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C on Thursdays or Saturdays, at 9 a.m. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple a year. For information call Bill Torza at (352) 873-8519, Arnold Hansen at (352) 237-7780 or Dave Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com.



Photo by Bill Shampine

Linda Blewitt and Linda Hudgens, ready to read to "their" kids at Romeo Elementary.

dent of Marion County schools. The dresses below. safety patrol also was at the Veterans Memorial Park for the service held there. It's wonderful to see young children showing their respect.

Romeo Elementary's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) had a very good turnout for family round up night. The children had a wonderful safe night with their families and friends. As did the 100 Grandparents who were there giving out candy and prizes. The PTO is also running a food drive for families in need. Several classrooms had towers of canned goods already stacked high. If you care to help with canned goods, drop them off at Evelyn's or my home. We will get them to the school.

The PTO runs a shop for the children to buy items for the holidays for their families. This is not-forprofit as a child can go into the store with 25 cents and come out with a gift for everyone in his/her family. Or even buy a toy or some school supplies they may need. It is not about making money. It's about the child feeling good about themselves. If you would like to donate anything to this store, new or re-gifted, please leave at the ad-

Donations of anything else are also appreciated - gently used clothing, new underwear in unopened packages, school supplies, art and craft supplies, buttons, shoes, coats, bicycles, or helmets. Anything appropriate for elementary school children! Call Evelyn Holiday at (352) 237-0304 or Janet Fragapane at (352) 861-1575 to schedule a pick-up of your donations. Or leave them at either front porch: 8880 SW 94th Street, Unit C (Friendship Village) or 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II).

Our thanks to Helen Weird, Don Cummings, Deborah Carton, Judith Kane, Jack Dowd, Brenda White, Dee Springer, Ellyn Weir, Rob Vlacancich, Hal Welsh, Janet Tenhor, Bill Wright.

The State of Florida Department of Education recently walked through the school. Romeo scored high in math and science classes.

Not to forget the dedicated teachers. This school sits out in the country. Not too much around it. To keep healthy and happy they have a walking program after school - also watching their weight. As the principal stated so far they have lost a person - equal to 125 pounds.



Gary Uhley

Simple Shrimp Fried Rice

1 pound large white (uncooked)

- shrimp 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil (divided) 3 cups cooked rice (I cook in the microwave using chicken stock)
- 1 small white onion
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
- 2-3 tablespoons soy sauce, to taste
- 3 eggs, beaten 2 tablesoons chopped green onions

(optional) Preheat a large skillet or wok to a medium heat. Add vegetable oil, one tablespoon sesame oil, and shrimp to the skillet and salt and pepper.

Cook shrimp for two to three min-

utes until no longer pink. Remove

with a slotted spoon and set aside. Add white onion along with peas and carrots. Fry until tender, slide the onions peas and carrots to one side, and pour the beaten eggs onto the other side. Using a spatula, scramble the eggs. Once cooked,

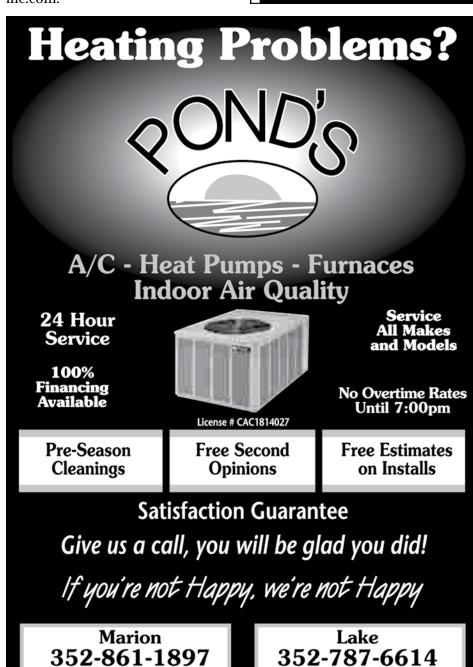
mix the eggs with the vegetables. Add the cooked rice and shrimp to the veggie and egg mixture. Pour the soy sauce and one tablespoon sesame oil on top. Stir fry the rice and veggie mix until heated through and combined. Garnish with the chopped green onions.

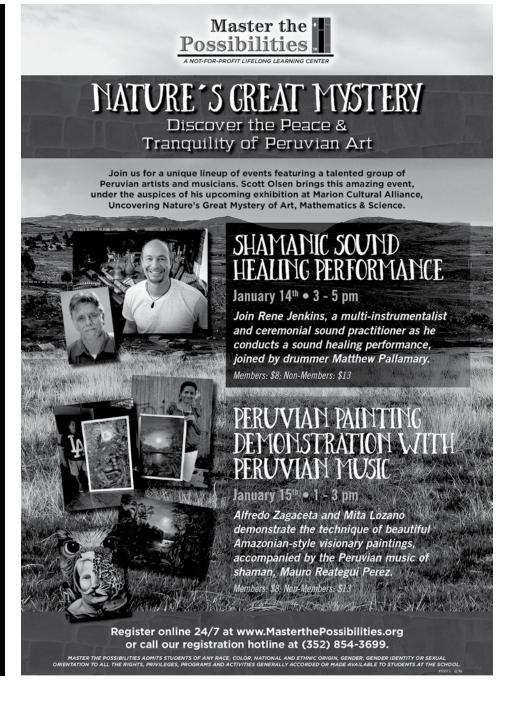
NOTES: Prepare chopped veggies ahead of time. This dish cooks very quickly. Add garlic while coking shrimp for extra flavor. Add a pat of butter to the scrambled eggs ahead of time.

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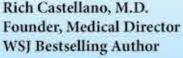
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Our November meeting was very well attended. Our guest speaker, Pat Gabriel of the SR200 Coalition, gave a comprehensive talk on the upcoming changes in and around the corridor.

We started playing our monthly bingo game, which promises to be a big hit, and we took a singing river cruise after which we had lunch at Swampy's. We had a lively discussion on the direction the club will be taking in the future. A number of trips were planned and all are looking forward to the next meeting to take place on Wednesday, Dec.12.



Native Plant Group

Ron Broman

In October 2012, this column introduced you to the river birch tree, Betula nigra. This Florida native is disease and pest free; does well in full or partial sun and can take dry or wet feet.

Preferring slightly acidic soils, it grows rapidly; attracts birds; and has handsome green leaves that turn golden before dropping in winter.

Gil Nelson in "The Trees of Florida" states, "No other Florida tree has the combination of doubly serrate, nearly triangular leaves and scaly bark." The leaf edges look like the teeth on a saw.

I decided to write about Betula nigra again for several reasons. It was November and true to the hype, the yellow-gold leaves are spectacular. In the 2012 article the leaves had not turned. At this time the leaves have begun to turn their beautiful golden color. They seem to drop quickly once they turn golden.

The pealing bark (you might have missed my attempt at humor last time when I said appealing) is surely attractive. To me it resembles the outer skin of a sweet onion that screams to be pulled.

The specimen in the arboretum at the Longleaf Pine Trail is flourishing in its dry conditions. The only other river birch in On Top of the World, of which I am aware, is in the Garden of Weedin'. In its habitat, near a retention pond, it has, as the saying goes, taken to its home like a duck to water.

Betula nigra, affectionately river birch, so friendly to birds and bird lovers almost demands to be added to the landscape of many more homes and businesses.

Native diversity in the floral pallet of landscapers and homeowners could well be one of the answers to the problem of loss of native habitat and the consequential degradation of the health of our communi-

Our Native Plant Group continues to maintain the circle at SW 94th Street and SW 89th Court Road, the Longleaf Pine Trail and arboretum, and the Belleview Library native garden. If you have questions about where to purchase native plants, joining us in our project activities, or any other conservation related topics, call us at (352) 861-4560.

It's a total treat to grow native!



Photo by Ron Broman River birch dons her golden transition outfit.

Recreation

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Ladies Shuffleboard

By Bob Woods World News Writer

royalty and the elite is now played around the world. The game's history is still a mystery but it has as shuffleboard. Today, shufflebeen documented that back in 1532 board is played worldwide by anya payment was made by King Henry one wishing to play the game. It VIII of England for nine pounds Brit- is a popular deck game played on ish stating, "Paid to Lord William, cruise ships.

A game that was once played by for he won, by the king's grace, at shovelboard."

Shovelboard later became known

ing played right here in On Top of Our community presently has eight the World by both men and women. Shuffleboard became very popular in Florida back in the early 1900s when the first courts in the United States were built in St. Petersburg.

Tourism was growing in the Sunshine State when posters advertising shuffleboard showed people playing the game with palm trees and the ocean in the background. The posters were meant to entice

Photo by Bob Woods

There is a lot of shuffleboard be-northerners to come to Florida. courts.

In 2016, resident Lois Nix, an avid and enthusiastic shuffleboard player, went to the Recreation Center with the idea of establishing a ladies only shuffleboard club. With the assistance from Program Supervisor Theresa Fields the Ladies Shuffleboard Club was established. Today the club has 50 members.

Soon after the club's inception a sponsor was located in supporting the club - Michael Riley of Estate Retirement Resources, Inc. This business sponsor supplies the ladies' monogrammed shirts. Recently, at a luncheon additional shirts were supplied while at the same time the sponsor was recognized and honored.

The game is relativity simple to play and after a little practice and hands on experience you'll have that is needed to become a good player. The more you play, the better vou become.

The club generally plays on Wednesdays, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. If any lady residents would like to join this club, please call Lois Nix at (352) 854-0558 for any information related to the Ladies Shuffleboard Club.



Ladies Shuffleboard Club sporting their new shirts.

Horsewoman and Her Winning Ways

By Ray Cech World News Writer

Gale Lazarus started riding horses seriously when she was just 12 years old. She showed a lot of promise and a lot of horse love, so for her 13th birthday her parents bought her a horse, Kalarama Blossom, an American Saddlebred.

Living in Chicago, there weren't a whole lot of wide-open ranges, but there was Lincoln Park, a favorite for horseback riders. Gale's love for the sport had her riding whenever she wasn't doing homework or helping out with chores. She entered shows, and when the Chicago Sun Times sponsored their annual Lincoln Park Horse Show, Gale entered it and won first prize. The She was still riding an American young teenager, with her trophy in hand and picture in the paper, was "hooked," on a very competitive sport.

Gale continued to compete in horse shows, but as she grew up, other activities gathered in her time. Fast-forward about 25 years. Gale was now married and living in southern California. She was teaching elementary school in Van Nuys when she met another teacher who was also fond of riding. Her horse was a three-year-old mare named, Vanity's Wild Honey. Gale rode her in shows and, once again, demonstrated her winning ways.

Gale and her husband eventu-

Calif. As luck would have it, one of their boarders had a world champion Paso Fino; it was considered the best in the country. Gale says, "I rode that horse, and never forgot

Paso Fino (fine step) horses were originally bred by Spanish land owners in Colombia and Puerto Rico. They are prized for their smooth, natural, and four beat stride. Their development goes back more than 500 years and Paso Finos are now used primarily for trail riding and, of course, as show horses.

Fast forward once again, and now Gale is living in Naples, Fla. Saddlebred, Delightful Diamond, that is now 27 years old. In 2010, as Gale set out looking for a younger Saddlebred a photographer friend suggested she go down to the Spectrum horse show in Miami to look at Paso Finos. Remembering fondly the Paso Fino she rode back in California she found her horse: Sacristan de la Virginia, a Paso Fino stabled in Ocala.

Gale leased the horse, and in a show at the Ocala Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, she won both the qualifying and the championship class in the Pleasure Division. She bought Sacristan.

Gale Lazarus continues her winally bought a ranch in Newhall, ning ways. Since acquiring Sacris-



Photo by Ray Cech

Gale Lazarus and Sacristan de la Virginia.

tan de la Virginia, Gale Lazarus her wins. has bought a home in On Top of the World, and continues to win just about every competition: The Grand National in Kentucky, The World Championship and Spectrum Horse Shows in Miami, The Extravaganza and the Ocala Classic Horse Shows, to name just a few of

We will soon have an opportunity to cheer Gale on. She and Sacristan will be challenging the rest of the field at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, Ocala, March 14 through March 17, 2019. Let's be there and support her winning ways. Go Gale!

Pickleball Tournament

By Paul Brunner

the Geezer Meister Pickleball Tournament consisting of 439 players from all over Central Florida.

Play was based on both age and skill level, beginning at age 50 and a 3.0 skill level. Our club members did quite well.

Vickie Cornell and Ron Harden

Last month, Spruce Creek hosted won gold in the mixed doubles at 65-plus and 3.0. Ron Harden won gold in the men's doubles at 70-plus and 3.0. Buzz Busby won bronze in the mixed doubles at 50plus and 3.0. Dave Fritz and Marlys Brajer won silver in mixed doubles at 50-plus and 3.0. Candace Hance and Lori Pizzini won silver in the women's doubles at 50-plus and

Well done On Top of the World! Saturday, Nov. 3 saw the third annual North Central Florida Pickleball Doubles Tournament. This fundraiser for the Ocala Domestic Violence Center was hosted by the Pickleball Club and administered by the Rotary Club of Ocala Southwest. For the first time, two residents were crowned champions.

3.0/3.5-Lori Pizzini and Bob Porterfield. 3.0/3.5 runners up-James Dabbondanza and Bob Zangmeister. 4.0-Gordon Thom and David Bene. 4.0 runners up-Jack Ferrer and Steven Hines.

Our next Introduction to Pickleball class will be Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 9:30 a.m. Please come and check us out.





Photos by Greg Wise

4.0 winners: Gordon Thom and David Bene; 3.0/3.5 winners: Lori Pizzini and Bob Porterfield.



CARDS & GAMES =



Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Oct. 1

1: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 2: Mary Walker & Rad D.; 3: Cleona Redman & Mary Rose Janssen.

Oct. 8

1: Betty Morris & Par Golgart; 2: Carol Johnson & Marjorie Benton; 3: Mary Walker & Rad D.; 4: Linda & Don Sprague.

Oct. 15

1: Peg Ellenberger & Rad D.; 2: Cindy Brown & Elsa Groe; 3: Helen & Joe O'Brien; 4: Ruth & Jim Jackson.

Oct. 22

1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Joe & Helen O'Brien; 3: Jim & Ruth Jackson; 4: Mary Rose Janssen & Cleona Redman.

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge

Joanne Jones

Sept. 25

1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Joanne Jones & Joyce Walchak: 3: Linda & Don Sprague.

Oct. 2

1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Mary Walker & Rad; 3: Shirley Stolly & Betty Morris.

Oct. 9

1: Mary Walker & Rad; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Joyce Walchak & Nancy Clarkson.

1: Betty Morris & Craig Ford; 2: Linda & Don Sprague; 3: Joyce

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Oct. 23

1: Linda & Don Sprague; 2: Mary Walker & Rad; 3: Joanne Jones & Joyce Walchak.

Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

Oct. 2

1: Barbara & Jack Heller; 2: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Marie & John Fiorillo; 4: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

Oct. 9

Tie at 1/2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar & Betty Devoy & Rita Smyth; 3: Barbara & Jack Heller.

Oct. 16

North/South 1: Colleen Tobino & Marjorie Benton; 2: McKeown & Lucy Molloy: 3: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar.

East/West 1: Barbara & Jack Heller; 2: Patsy & Paul Claremont; 3: Paul Reidinger & Bob Durst.

Oct. 23

North/South 1: Bob Durst & Paul Reidinger; 2: Bettirae Woodruff & Vinson Duca; 3: Joe McKeown & Lucy Molloy.

East/West 1: Patsy & Paul Claremont; 2: John Leisure & John Lollo; 3: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock.

Oct. 30

North/South 1: Bettirae Woodruff & Vinson Duca; 2: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 3: Colleen Tobino & Caryl Rosenberger.

East/West 1: Bob Anderson & Jack Heller; 2: Betty Devoy & Rita Smyth; 3: Marie & John Fiorillo.

Wednesday Afternoon Bridge

Dianne Robinson

Oct. 3

1: Craig Ford; 2: Fran Griswold; Cons: Carmen Arroyo.

Oct. 10

1: Don Sprague; 2: Dianne Robinson; Cons. Betty Morris.

Oct. 17 1: Mary Klinzing; 2: Keith Golgart;

Cons: Helen O'Brien.

Oct. 24 1: Marion Hotz; 2: Don Sprague; 3: Marlene Floecker; 4: Shirley

Ebert; Cons: Fran Griswold. Oct. 31

1: Sharon Davis; 2: Joe O'Brien; 3: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Joe McKeown.

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

Pat Golgart

Oct. 4

1: Craig Forde; 2: Pat Golgart; 3: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Carmen Arroyo.

Oct. 11

1: Betty Morris; 2: Joe McKeow; Cons: Carmen Arroyo.

Oct. 18

1: Betty Morris; Cons: Carmen Arroyo.

Oct. 25

Cons: Marge Starrett.

Friday Ladies Luncheon Bridge

Jean Krueger-Travis

Thanks to everyone for their patience as we transition to a new format. Special thanks to Gerry for

stepping in! For February only, we will be

playing in the Card Room of the Hobby Building. We will not be bringing lunch for this session. We will meet Friday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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



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Arbor Fitness Center	6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED	6 AM - 8:30 PM NO CLASSES	6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED	5 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED
Candler Hills Golf	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	7 AM - Noon	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	7 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	7 AN + 3 PM	8 AM + 2 PM
Circle Square Cultural Center	11 AM - 2 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	71 AM - 2 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
The Club at Candler Hills	(1 AM - 8 PM Normal Hours	11 AM - 5 PM	11 AM - 9 PM Normal Hours	2 PM - 7 PM	CLOSED	11 AM - 4 PM	CLOSED
Customer Service	8 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	8 AH - 2 PM	5 AM - Noon	CLOSED	s AH - Noon	CLOSED
Indigo East Fitness Center	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	6 AM - 5 PM	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	9 AH - 2 PH	CLOSED
The Lodge at Candler Hills	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 9:30 PM	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Master the Possibilities	9 AM + 3 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 4 PM Normal Hours	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED
On Top of the World Golf	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	7 AM - Noon	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	7 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	7 AM - 3 PM	8 AH - 2 PM
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The Pub	8 AM - 6 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	ê AM - 6 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	CLOSED	8 AM - 6 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED
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Sid's Coffee Shop & Dell	7:30 AM - 3 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	7:30 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

Jan. 5

1: Kathie Dushary & Shirley Stolly; 2: Gail Tirpak & "The Mystery Partner;" 3: Caryl Rosenberger & Marjorie Benton.

Monday Night Euchre

Bob Bicknell

Oct. 15 1: Mike Zimmerman; 2: Billy

Swing; Tie at 3: Dick Bartle & Mike Gerbo.

Oct. 22

1: Irene Pisani; 2: Maria Fournier;

3: Joe Schwartz.

1: Toni Strance; 2: Billy Swing; 3:

Dick Bartel.

Nov. 5

1: Irene Pisani; 2: Toni Strance; 3: Dave Smith.

Friday Night Euchre

Bob Bicknell

Oct. 12 1: Mary Bicknell; 2: Paul Agarwal;

3: Sharon Coldiron. Oct. 19 1: Richard Carroll; 2: Irene

Pisani; 3: Helen Patterson.

Oct. 26 1: Paul Agarwal; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Jean Gillette.

Nov. 2

1: Pat Smith; 2: Dianne Robinson; 1: Dick Bartel; 2: Edith Kolb; 3: Jean Gillette.

Nov. 9 1: Marion Hotz; 2: Mary Bartel; 3: Arlene Luehrs.

Tuesday Night Pinochle

Whitney Frye

Join us every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Art Studio in the Hobby Building. All level of play is welcome.

Oct. 2

1: Bernard Digregorio; 2: Jim Recor; 3: Edith Kolb & Irene Casper.

Oct. 9

1: Walter Hickenlooper; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Kathy Pinto.

Oct. 16

1: Joe Eisgruber; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Cathy Buchanan.

1: Barbara Benyaker; 2: Ray

Benyaker; 3: Larry Hartman.

Oct. 30 1: Richard Carroll; 2: Walter Hickenlooper: 3: Whitney Frye & Larry Hartman.

Archery Club

Frank Tarentino

The 2019 room requests for On Top of the World's clubs were reviewed and given to club representatives In October. Most clubs experienced some changes for 2019, either in dates, times, or locations.

Starting Feb. 5, 2019, the Archery Club's regular meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. Starting Jan. 7, 2019, the Archery Club's board of directors meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center, Card Room II.

Hope to see you at our regular club meetings, currently held on the third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F. For more information, please contact Frank Tarentino at otowac@outlook.com or (978) 979-0814.

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 Hobby Building
 Master the Possibilities
- Recreation Center (fitness center,
- library, veranda and lobby)
- The Lodge at Candler Hills

Holiday Train Display and Open House

By Jim Lynam

You are invited! The Model Railroaders are pleased to announce that the club has been invited to provide a holiday train display at the Master the Possibilities. The commencing at noon on Thursday, Dec. 20 through Thursday, Dec. 27.

The Lionel gauge trains will be operational from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday before Christmas; closed Sunday; Monday from 10 a.m. to noon; closed Christmas Day; and will be operational on Wednesday, Dec. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and will finish at noon on Thursday, Dec. 27.

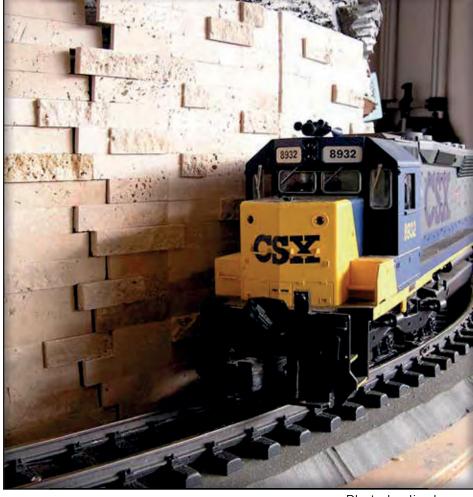
The modular layout will have a steam engine as well as diesel engines pulling the passenger cars and moving the freight to various destinations. Be sure to come in and see the operating barrel car, log car, and the sawmill as it takes in the logs and generates cut lumber for loading. If you wish to dust off your Lionel engines and rollingstock, bring them in and run them on our modular layout!

The club will also be hosting its seventh annual holiday open house on Friday, Dec. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the main train room located on the lower floor of the Recreation Center.

Club members will have multiple trains running continuously on the main layout. There will be passenger trains, freight trains, work trains, and yard trains running sidisplay will be available for viewing multaneously throughout the city and countryside. For those of you who remember "the good old days" of railroading, you will be amazed at the variety of steam engines that will be pulling the consists. There will also be diesel locomotives representing the more modern era running the main-line and performing yard switching duties.

The room will be filled with the sounds of railroading, from the squealing of hot brakes on the turns, the bell of the engine working the yard, to the haunting and "throaty" sound of the steam whistle warning the automobiles at the crossings. The room will change from daylight operation to twilight time when the lights will twinkle in your eyes and add to the enjoyment.

The club encourages you to bring your friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren to both the Lionel holiday display at Master the Possibilities, as well as the holiday display open house on the Friday and Saturday after Christmas in the Recreation Center! May your present under the tree result in a train



Visit the holiday train display at Master the Possibilities and Model Railroaders' open house at the Recreation Center.

running around the tree! Happy holidays to everyone!

The Model Railroaders are 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 Fitness Center. Members work and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Our next meeting is at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite A.



Call of the Wild

Roger Bonifield

Well, you know what they say about the best laid plans ... sometimes Mother Nature will throw you a curve. We had scheduled officers from Florida Fish and Wildlife (FFW) to speak at our November meeting, however we were sent Hurricane Michael. The state had to pull a large number of FFW officers to help with the clean up in the Florida Panhandle, which left no one available for speaking engagements.

So, good news is they have prom-

ised me they would be here at our meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from noon to 2 p.m. More good news is that if you missed that meeting, or if you are a snowbird and just getting down here, you still have a great opportunity to learn all you need to know about Florida's hunting and fishing regulations and much more.

If you don't know us yet, Call of the Wild Sports Club is a hunting and fishing club dedicated to helping each other learn more about and enjoy Florida's great outdoors. We are only a little over a year old, and have already had a number of great activities from fish frys and dinners to deep sea fishing trips. Many members have hooked up together for hunting trips and other

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outdoor activities.

Look for our appearance in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade and make sure you get to our next meeting to learn more about what we do. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, from noon to 2 p.m., but our meeting location will be changing in January. Currently we are in Arbor Conference Center, Suites B and C, and that is where our December meeting will be. However, we will be moving to what was the billiards room in the Hobby Building starting with our January meeting. Please feel free to join us. If you have any questions, you may contact me directly, Roger Bonifield at (352) 300-3601.

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The holiday season is upon us already! In keeping with the spirit of the month, may the closeness of family and friends and the comfort of home bestow upon each and every one of you all the happiness the holidays can bring.

I am looking forward to a new year filled with healthy and fun activities on and off the courts. The tennis committee and I are open to requests and suggestions.

Meat and Potatoes (aka Middle Game)

Watching a match between a hard-hitting talented junior and a cagey senior I observed that the junior hit every shot better than the senior, yet was managing to lose anyway. I was puzzled. To all appearances the junior should have been winning easily, but wasn't.

What was happening? Careful observation provided the answer. The junior could hit great shots, but lacked a "middle game." Without this he was able to look flashy and play close matches with excellent players, but not to win.

The middle game is the stable platform of consistent shots around which successful competitors build their games. It is the base of shots that they can make nine out of ten times, and it is as essential to victory as are blocking and tackling in football. Only when it is in place can players afford to try the occasional risky winner or the deceptive change-up.

Winning players use their middle games like slow drip water torture. Its drip, drip, drip keeps their opponents under constant, wearing pressure. Without a middle game, players must bank on making large numbers of low percentage, difficult, hit or miss shots, and the odds are heavily against putting enough of these together to actually win matches. It is a losing proposition.

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By contrast, winning players employ their middle game shots to win most of their points, saving the risky, tricky stuff for situations of lesser importance, to throw opponents off balance, or for times when they just feel gifted.

Middle game shots on the baseline are generally cross-court, particularly on the backhand side. Successful baseliners are generally able to drive the ball cross-court over and over again with their backhands, pushing their opponents ever deeper and wider. They continue this until they get a short reply which they can attack down the line, or until their opponents, out of desperation, try a low percentage up the line shot that either misses outright or leaves him or her open to attack.

Conceptually, having a superior middle game allows you to occupy the high percentage part of the game and forces your opponent to go around you with low percentage, risky, and, ultimately, losing shots.

How do you get a reliable middle game? The first step is to realize that having one is absolutely essential to your success as a tennis player and to become determined to develop one. Second, you develop a middle game with will and deliberate, painstaking effort on the practice court. Dependable strokes come from good technique ingrained into your muscle memory by proper repetitive practice. This takes mental as well as physical exertion. You must concentrate on getting into position early, relaxing, and using body rotation and forward leg drive to generate racquet speed. And until these habits are totally internalized and developed, you must consciously focus on them in practice, constantly correcting any deviation from proper technique. This is a laborious process and requires great mental discipline - a lot less fun than just whacking balls around, but well worth the effort in the long run.

Developing a middle game should be at the heart of any player's training. And during this stage, one should be in no hurry in hitting

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the ball hard. Learning the proper technique is the primary objective and this is best accomplished by hitting the ball easy and in the court. Once good technique is ingrained, power can be gradually raced up.

The middle game extends to the serve. It involves having a reliable and effective second serve. Without this, you will be in constant peril. The second serve is the "meat and

potatoes," the first serve is "gravy." And the reliable second serve that you need is generally going to depend upon spin.

In the end, tennis matches are not won merely by hitting great shots. They are won by applying consistent pressure and a few great shots. If you can make fewer errors than your opponent, you will win more often! See you on the courts!



Our club's annual Christmas party is coming up in less than two weeks. It will be held at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. We'll have a full buffet dinner, followed by music and dancing. This will be a member's only party, although spouses or guests need not be members. Tickets are only \$20 per person, and are available from Penny or Dan.

Our monthly tournament in November was a mixed doubles event. Babe and Mike Carver went through the winner's bracket undefeated, and Janet Juhlin and Lonnie McNew fought through the loser's bracket to meet Babe and Mike in the finals. After two well-played sets Janet and Lonnie prevailed and took first place

We had been planning to have a "Best of the Best" tournament in December, an idea that we borrowed from another retirement community. The concept was to have all the winners of the monthly tournaments play in an end-of-year event. However, we started our series of monthly tournaments in the second quarter, and there aren't a lot of monthly winners to compete.

So we have decided instead to have a special larger tournament, with a bigger prize fund, and an informal potluck with desserts and drinks. Phil and Dan are chipping in to pay for the refreshments, and if anyone else wants to bake some goodies that would be appreciated as well. Next year we will only hold tournaments on a quarterly basis, so this will be the last competitive event for a while.

In other tournament news, Art Keck played in the Tampa Bay Active Life Games, and took first place in the senior nine-ball division. With 32 players in his age group this was a very competitive and well-deserved gold medal.

Anecdote of the Month: Well, I've been working on my game a lot lately, and I've finally concluded that I really only have problems with two shots: straight-ins and cut shots!



Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite E. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Dec. 18.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no

skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play. New players are always welcome.

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners.

Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing, if

Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. See you there!





Nancy and I would like to thank all the volunteers who gave extra time to make super bingo so successful on Wednesday, Nov. 7. We had 325 people in attendance. There were 27 door prizes won by our bingo regulars and many new folks. We had several games with multiple winners but the majority of games had only one winner. There were four \$250 jackpot games. I am confident these winners still have smiles on their faces.

Our fall super bingo also hosts a large bake sale by Micki Malsch to benefit the March of Dimes. Micki has reported this was her most successful sale yet. She raised \$1,070 for the children. All you good folks who purchased her goodies made this happen!

See you all next Wednesday. Remember, you have to play to win.

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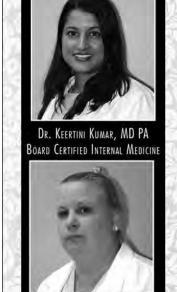
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Golf

The holiday season is upon us and the golf staff would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

With only a few weeks left to finish your holiday shopping I would like to announce our holiday sales for both Candler Hills Golf Club on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 3 to 6 p.m. and On Top of the World Golf Club on Monday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 6 p.m. Please stop by to shop for great deals while enjoying a bever-

I would also like to encourage everyone to register for our annual Beat the Pro Holiday Event. The event will be a 9 a.m. shotgun at Candler Hills Golf Club on Friday, Dec. 14. Call either Golf Shop for details. Please try and take it easy on us this year.

Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. In order for Andy Jorgensen and his staff to provide perfect playing conditions, all golfers need to fill their divots with

sand and fix ball marks on the greens. When putting, please be sure to lift your feet and not shuffle across the greens. It is your responsibility as golfers to help maintain these beautiful golf courses.

The golf staff would like to remind everyone to register or renew your golf membership for 2019. If you're renewing your membership or considering joining for 2019, please contact Trudy Foster at (352) 854-2765 with any questions. We encourage everyone to register early in December because the membership office will become very busy the closer we get to Jan. 1, 2019. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Would you like to hit the golf ball longer and straighter while improving your health and fitness? Register for our Core Performance Golf Conditioning Program under the instruction of Han Dong, a certified fitness instructor with extensive training in golf conditioning. Core Performance Golf is an evidence-based fitness program used by top professional golfers. Bring your game to a higher level through improved core strength, flexibility and stamina. These qualities result in better balance, ball contact

and increase club head speed. This eight-week program begins Jan. 7, 2019 and runs every Monday and Thursday, at 5 p.m. Enrollment is limited and exclusive to residents and Gateway of Services passholders. Please register at either Golf Shop. Limited to the first 16 students.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Dick Fehrenbach, eagle #2. Bill Brandon, eagle #7. Glenn Nunn, shot 75 his age. Judy Anderson, hole-in-one #17. Dale Budd, eagle #4.

LINKS: Jack Hegarty, hole-in-one #6. Rick Doyle, eagle #17. Sandy DeChambeau, hole-in-one #5.

TORTOISE & THE HARE: Daniel

Janiak, hole-in-one #15.

Congratulations to all for these

fine accomplishments. Upcoming Events

- Dec. 3: On Top of the World Holiday Sale, 3 to 6 p.m.
- Dec. 5: Candler Hills Holiday Sale. 3 to 6 p.m.
- Dec. 14: World Holiday Golf Event, Candler Hills, 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Dec. 24: Both golf clubs close at 2 p.m.
- Dec. 25: Both golf clubs

closed.

- Dec. 31: Both golf clubs close at 3 p.m.
- Jan. 1, 2019: Both golf clubs close at 2 p.m.

Golf Tip of the Month

You hit your second shot in a greenside bunker, you need to get up and down to save par and win the match. You step up to the shot, dig your feet in and take a swing. Next you look up to see the ball sailing clear across the green. Does this sound familiar?

This is a common mistake that all golfers make. Most are defeated before they even set foot in the bunker. Bunker shots should be easier than any other shot in golf. The reason being is you're not actually trying to hit the ball.

When hitting a greenside bunker shot you should open your stance and club. Swing a little harder than a typical shot from the same distance and try and hit an inch behind the ball. Never decelerate your swing. This will allow your club to dig into the sand forcing the ball to pop out nice and soft. Next time step in that bunker with confidence, trust the shot and win the match.

Ladies 9-Hole Golf Play Day

Daniel Janiak

Happy holidays to all! I would like to take this time to list all the fun events and sales you are invited to in the month of December and the months to follow.

We are giving everyone a chance to come out and get their revenge on the pros. Friday, Dec. 14 you will have the chance to play against the professional staff in a handicapped event called Beat the Pro. This is always a fun event for residents and members. Make your own foursome and sign up at either Golf Shop.

Also, on Wednesday, Dec. 5 we have our yearly holiday sale at Candler Hills from 3 to 6 p.m. We will have amazing prices as well as free drinks and snacks. The On Top of the World Golf Shop will also have a sale on Monday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The On Top of the World LGA-9 has invited the Candler Hills ladies 9-hole to their holiday celebration at The Lodge at Candler Hills on Wednesday, Dec. 12. There is more information regarding this event posted on the bulletin board in the player's lounge as well as outside of the Candler Hills Golf Shop. If there are any other questions, feel free to contact Denise or myself.

If you have not yet registered to play on Thursdays and are interested, please contact me, Daniel Janiak, at Daniel_Janiak@otowfl.com. I can answer any questions you may have about our Thursday 9-Hole Play Day, from format, rates, fees, registration process to the rules of golf. I will be your point of contact. See you next month!

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Group Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

Our weekly trips have taken us to December and we wish all of our friends and families a happy and blessed holiday season. Please travel safe and hurry back to our game when your celebrations are over.

We hope to see you all at Mexican Train Chicken Foot dominos any Monday, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. We call last game at 9:15 p.m. so we can all be gone before curfew. All new players must be residents and bring their resident I.D. Please also bring your racks, if you have one, and a quarter. We sell racks but also have loaner racks (the plastic card racks also have wide rows and will hold dominos), but if you don't

have one we will loan you one for the evening, while supplies last.

We play double 12 to zero, however many groups don't ever reach the end of the game sheet. We have a training table of dot dominos and number dominos; you choose which one to play and we will help you play the game.

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Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have much to give thanks for this year.

Maybe you can get in a couple of games of mah jongg over the holidays? If you don't know how to play, sign up for lessons. The next class at Master the Possibilities begins on Jan. 17, 2019 and runs every Thursday until Feb. 7, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The class is open to all. Please register at masterthe-possibilities.org.

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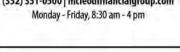
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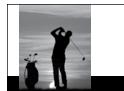
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Men's Golf **Association**

John Yenne

League play creates a crush of golf carts by the Golf Shop each Wednesday morning, so members need to avoid situations that can actually "crush" golf carts.

Keep the traffic lanes wide and clear when you stop your cart near the Golf Shop, and park carefully in the appropriate areas.

Most of all, watch out for the other guys who are coming and go-

Accidents can be costly to your pocketbook, not to mention your friendships.

Remember the famous road safety slogan: "All accidents are preventable.'

If you haven't done it yet, you must sign up in December for the 2019 season to be eligible to play in MGA events in January.

About 80 members signed up at the November Chicken Day event, and you will get another chance this month on Wednesday, Dec. 5. A table will be set up again in

the Recreation Center Ballroom for registration and payment of the annual \$10 dues.

Residents who are not members

of the MGA are invited to join us for league play in 2019.

Our weekly events are run every Wednesday morning and include individual and team games. You must have an established USGA handicap and be a member of the MGA to compete in these events.

The membership year runs from January to December.

Please see the Golf Shop for more information or contact membership director Charles Crenshaw at cecgolfn@gmail.com. We currently have 248 members.

Please welcome our newest members, Joe Schaefer and Michel Limoges.

Mark your calendar for these up-

- coming Tuesday play dates: Dec. 5: Chicken Day straight scramble 1-drive, 2 second
 - shot (Links) Dec. 12: Team Quota Points (Links)
 - Dec. 19: Individual Net (Links)
 - Dec. 26: Individual Blind Holes Net (Tortoise & The Hare)

Individual Net Flighted Oct. 24/Tortoise & The Hare

61-Anthony Morris. Tie at 64-Jarrett Englar and Paul Vacula. Tie at 67-John Spielvogel and Gary Hassett. 68-Jeff Downs.

Team 3 Best Ball Net Oct. 31/Links



Photo by John Langville

Bruce Venslavsky is presented with a hole-in-one trophy from MGA officers Jarrett Englar and Bob Flynn. Venslavsky scored his hole-in-one during league play May 2 on the Links hole #14.

181-Brian Wilder, Joseph Bolo at 62-Gary Hassett, Paul East, Bob gna, Bill Hodges and James Merrick. 184-Mike Benes, Mike Boedy, Bob Janssen and Tim Torrey. Tie at 185-John Spielvogel, Douglas Kelchner, Paul Silliman and George Lineman; Steven Sarkozy, Jarrett Englar, Jerry Ashe and Armando Pena.

Chicken Day Scramble Nov. 7/Links

61-Jeff Downs, Henry Sohl, Joseph Mandala and John Sutherland. Tie

Egger and Ron Cleveringa; Anthony Morris, Roy Coombes, Bill Hodges and Armando Pena; Charlie Taylor, Joseph Szall and Joe Polizzotti. Tie at 63-Jim Weaver, RD Zink, David Hannasch and Charles Miele; Art Lagrange, Kevin Hammonds and Leonard Ruble; Dennis McCourt, Mike Wathen, Wally Schilf and Vince Nucaso.



Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Judith Parisi

Kudos to Linda Mandala for putting together the Charity Event on Tuesday, Oct. 16 on behalf of Meals on Wheels and a big thank you to all those who contributed. \$700 was raised for this valuable not-forprofit, which provides meals and well-check visits to individuals in Marion County including residents in our own community. This brings to \$1,500 the amount of monies raised by the league and donated

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to charity this year.

The league holiday celebration is fast approaching on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Plan to arrive at 4:30 p.m., with dinner to begin at 5 p.m. Dinner will include: chicken alfredo pasta, pasta with marinara sauce, eggplant parmesan, garden salad. rolls and garlic sticks, decadent bars for dessert and beverages. You can bring an alcoholic beverage. Following dinner will be music with a disc jockey.

The cost is \$15 for league members and \$20 for guests. Please make your check payable to On Top of the World LGA-9 and place it in the locked box in the golf lounge when you sign up. Please note in the memo section/envelope that the check or cash is for the holiday celebration.

You're invited to visit our website at otowladies9holeleague.shutterfly.com. If you are not receiving

a weekly digest from the website, please contact Judy Parisi.

Low Gross Oct. 13/Tortoise & The Hare (Front 9)

Flight 1: 50-Eileen Gustavus. Susane Trembuak. 52-Lydia Flinchbaugh, Hilda Budd. 54-Linda Dumeer, Marilyn Davsko.

Flight 2: 50-Caroline East. 55-Barbara Enos. 57-Dawn Hagberg. 58-Joyce Smith. 60-Connie Deignan. Flight 3: 57-Maryann Polizzoti. 58-Marcie Hock. 61-Suzane Weirick. 64-Liz Pruss. 65-Carol Bell.

Flight 4: 57-Louise Lineman. 59-Sheila Ashe. 67-Sue Wilkes. 70-Carolyn Abramovich.

Charity Event Oct. 19/Tortoise & The Hare (Front 9)

40-Susane Trembulak, Connie Preis, Donna McCombs, Carolyn Salvatore. 40-Linda Mandala, Lydia Flinchbaugh, Michaele Beyer, Linda Heenan. 41-Eileen Gustavus, Joyce Smith, Marcie Hock, Mary Hart. 42Barbara Enos, Donna Ireland, Sheila Ashe. 42-Carla Kimball, Dawn Hagberg, Louise Lineman, Sue Wilkes.

Team Trifecta Oct 23/Links (Front Loop)

16-Hilda Budd, Joyce Smith, Joan Loureiro. 15-Barbara Enos, Ethel Miller, Michaele Beyer. 15-Dawn Hagberg, Donna McCombs, Ann Flynn. 15-Linda Mandala, Marcie Hock.

Tee to Green Nov. 6/Links (Front 9)

Flight 1: 31-Susane Trembulak. 32-Janis Hannasch, 32-Eileen Gustavus. 33-Carla Kimball. 34-Kay Budd. 34-Virginia Bayless.

Flight 2: 34-Barbara Enos. 37-Linda Mandala. 38-Caroline East. 39-Dawn Hagberg. 40-Carol Bell. 40-Maryann Polizzoti.

Flight 3: 36-Donna McCombs. 37-Marcie Hock. 42-Liz Pruss. 42-Suzanne Weirick. 45-Pauline Beloin. Flight 4: 38-Ann Flynn. 41-Linda Heenan. 45-Mary Harvey. 45-Michaele Beyer. 45-Sue Wilkes.

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Congratulations to Deborah Martin, who shot a two-day gross total of 159 to be this year's league

Also, a big thank you to Deb for continuing as president of the league next year. Serving with her will be Linda Taylor as vice president, Linda Bervinkle continuing as treasurer and Virginia Maura as secretary.

Don't forget the annual league holiday awards banquet Wednesday, Dec. 5, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Cost is \$18 and due today -Thursday, Nov. 29.

This year's holiday charity is the Ocala Domestic Violence and Abuse Center. Please bring your donations to a box in the Golf Shop or the members lounge in November. Needed items include cleaning and laundry supplies, personal hygiene items, canned and non-perishable food, new pillows and cases, twin sheets, towels and washcloths, bath items and over-the-counter adult and children medications.

Congratulations to Sandra De-

Here we are again - with Thanks-

giving behind us and heading into

Candler Hills

Linda Buschur

Ladies 18-Hole Golf

chambeau, who used her driver to hit her first hole-in-one on Thursday, Oct. 11, on hole #5 of the Links. Witnessing the event was Bobbie Wiener, Carolyn Cummings and Ellen Brin.

Welcome to two new members. Diana Boston, who moved here from Texas a month ago, has been golfing for 14 years and has a handicap of 15.1. Robbie Limoges, who moved here two years ago from Ontario, Canada, has been golfing 30 years and has a handicap of 17.5.

Scotch Twosome (A&C) (B&D) Oct. 16/Links

Flight 1: 70—Bobbie Wiener, Sandra Dechambeau. 71—Yulan Cho. Sharon Johnson. 73—Becky Welsh, Claire Gabert. 74—Beverly Ovrebo, Susan Yenne. 75—Gail Lagrange, Jill Strey.

Flight 2: 72—Rosann Ross, Peggy Ellenberger. 73—Pat Lindstrom, Christine McIntire. 74—Margaret Hudacik, Virginia Madura. Tie at 75—Joan D'Addio, Sandy Chase; Connie Sohl, May Chin.

Two-Day League Championship Oct. 23 and 30/Links and **Tortoise & The Hare** Gross

Flight 1: 159–Deborah Martin. 166—Linda Taylor. 170—Gail Lagrange. 175—Beverly Ovrebo.

Flight 2: 182—Bobbie Wiener. 186—

Susan Rhodes. 188—Iro Lisinski. Flight 3: 182—Debby Wilson. 188— Connie Sohl. 190—Jill Strey. Flight 4: 194—Sharon Johnson.

Howie. 215—Donna

Flight 1: 138—Linda Taylor. 140— Gail Lagrange. 143—Lynne Dickson. Flight 2: Tie at 142-Susan Rhodes, Bobbie Wiener. 144—Iro Lisinski. 150—Linda Blewitt.

Flight 3: 138—Debby Wilson. 142— Connie Sohl. 143—Jill Strey. 145— Christine McIntire.

Flight 4: 139—Dee Howie. 141— Sharon Johnson. 147—Donna Brunell. 151—Lynn Barber.

Individual Odd Holes Net Flighted Nov. 6/Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 28—Diane Boston. 32-Beverly Ovrebo. 33—Gretchen Normandin. Tie at 35—Deborah Martin, Linda Taylor.

Flight 2: 30—Jill Strey. 32—Debby Wilson. Tie at 33—Connie Sohl, Pat Lindstrom. Tie at 34—Rosemarie O'Neil, Bobbie Wiener.

Flight 3: 30—Peggy Ellenberger. Tie at 31—Sandy Chase, Christine McIntire. 33-Lorie Anderson. 35-May Chin.

Flight 4: Tie at 31—Dee Howie, Antonia Varney. 32—Molly Lucieer. Tie at 33-Lynn Barber, Sandra De-



Photo by Bobbie Wiener Sandra Dechambeau has her first hole-in-one on a nonleague day.

Washburn, Joan Gustafson, Blind (Judie Anderson). 98-Judie Anderson, Rosann Ross, Beth Wolinsky.

Stableford (Individual) Oct. 18

Flight 1: 37-Deborah Martin. 36-Beverly Ovrebo. 35-Sara Nunn Flight 2: 37-Iro Lisinski. 36-Betty Dong, 35-Donna Smith. 34-Judie Anderson.

Flight 3: 41-Lynn Thesman. 39-Joan D'Addio. 35-Irmgard Anger. Tie at 31-Carol Oman, Jonell Washburn. Flight 4: 36-Eileen Gustavus. 34-Beth Wolinski. 33-DeAnne Green. 31-Cheryl Nesbit.

Sucker in the Bucket (Team) Low Gross (Best Ball)

Nov. 1 59-MJ Strelec, Maria Fournier, Toni 30-Gail Banavige

Stevenson, 60-Becky Welsh, Rosann Ross, Laurel Rohrer. 62-Beverly Ovrebo, Kate Beaty, Carla Kimball. 66-Jonell Washburn, Mary Jo Lock, Cheryl Nesbit.

Select 9 (Individual) Low Gross Nov. 8

Flight 1: 25-Sara Nunn. Tie at 26-Maria Fournier and Su Freeman Flight 2: 27-Rosann Ross. Tie at 28-Diane O'Brien, Irmgard Anger, Carol Oman, 33-Lorie Anderson

Flight 3: 24-Toni Stevenson. 26-Bertha Myers. 27-M Budd. 29-Laurel Rohrer, Tie at 31-Carla Kimball, Virginia Madura.

Flight 4: 25-MaryAnn McCourt. Tie at 27-Anne Dahlen, Cheryl Nesbit.

another holiday season. It's always a busy and fun time of the year formation. with family and friends. Anyone interested in joining our The final MidState event was

held at Ocala Palms Tuesday, Oct. 23. The winners for low gross in the senior ladies flight was the team of Pam Carpenter and Betty Dong. Congratulations ladies!

The Toys for Tots collection box is at the Candler Hills Golf Shop. Please remember to add a toy to your holiday gift shopping list to support this very worthy cause. The box will be removed Wednesday, Dec. 12; so don't delay.

Congratulations to Judie Anderson who had a hole-in-one on #17 on league day. It was her first shot of the day. How exciting!

Welcome to Lorie Anderson who has re-joined our league. The league has added 14 new members since last May. Three of these are returning members. Welcome to all new and returning members!

Please visit our website at chlga. shutterfly.com to stay informed on upcoming events, view pictures, read minutes and other valuable in-

league should contact President Betty Dong at

bddong@gmail.com or stop at the Candler Hills Golf Shop to pick up an application in our league book.

Hope to see everyone at the holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m., at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Cha Cha (Team) Oct. 11

95-Beverly Ovrebo, Diane O'Brien, Cheryl Nesbit. 96-Pam Carpenter, Betty Dong, Anne Dahlen. 97-Jonell

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R/C Flyers

Thanksgiving is past and Christmas is on the way. The R/C Flyers are in the swing of things with cooler weather even if the days are at their shortest. Everyone should be sure that their significant other knows what you want or need to make the coming flying season the best it can be. And don't forget the holiday party on Friday, Dec. 14 at The Lodge at Candler Hills!

I want to make a few comments about the Fall Fly-In. First off, it was a lot of fun for both flyers and spectators. We had 37 registered pilots, more airplanes than that, and literally hundreds of spectators throughout the morning. The parking lot was full of cars and carts. The club sold almost all of the food it prepared and donated the remainder to the local Marion County firefighters. And the club managed a significant income, especially when the 50/50 winner donated all of his winnings back to the club. The volunteer workers kept everything moving smoothly and efficiently; thanks guys!

I also want to express our thanks to On Top of the World management who kept on top of the entrance road construction work and made sure that we were able to access the site in time to prepare for the event. The usual types of issues put the roadwork behind schedule, but by Friday we had a usable roadway to the site for participants and spectators. Thanks Lynette, Boe, and others who made sure we could hold the event!

The November meeting included the annual nomination of candidates for officers for next year. Apparently the members present were pleased with the performance of the current officers since with one exception the entire group was re-nominated without opposition. One change that will take place is due to our field marshal, Mark Wittington, declining another term and long-time member Jim Ellis (who has served in that office before) accepting nomination. Replacing Jim as a director-at-large, active member Garry Springer was nominated. Don't forget to attend the December meeting for the formal vote.

Fly safe and keep the number of landings equal to the number of



R/C Car Club

Tom Seitz

The weather has finally improved to favor our racing, and we have

only missed two race days in the past several weeks. The weather has also helped to bolster our membership and race attendance. We now have more than 90 members with a large number participating on any given race day. Recently we had 28 races in one outing.

The latest winners are: Novice-Carl Schneider; Rage-Paul Beyer; Two-wheel buggy-Paul Burrey; Four-wheel buggy-Ken Berry; Two-wheel truck-Paul Beyer; Four-wheel truck: Ken Berry.

As most have noted by the decorations in local stores, Christmas is just around the corner. Some of you may be struggling with what to get a spouse or significant other this year. If not already club a member, why not surprise them with an R/C Car Club membership? Both men and women are thoroughly enjoying our sport. If already a member,

the options are many, everything from a new car, to an upgraded charger or a gift certificate. If you need ideas, any of our experienced members would be glad to help.

We encourage spectators; our announcers and racers make it a fun afternoon. For your comfort we suggest you bring a chair. Remember we are now in our winter racing schedule of 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays.





It's been quite a start for the league, as teams are beginning to get to know each other and their skills. Here we are finishing off the first month of the season with quite a few surprises. So far no team has been able to break away from the

rest. Usually at the start of the season, there is always one team that has a good start, but so far not this time

There have been a number of balls that have cleared the fence including Andy's two big blasts, which seemed to just keep going and going, but still no break away. As you look at the standings, you wonder how could that be and yet it is. Of course, it won't stay this way for long as teams begin to battle it out and the batters begin to get

comfortable at the plate. We still are not at full strength on some teams as they await only a few players. Things will soon be changing and the standings will begin to reflect which teams are on the move.

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Holiday Wellness

Happy holidays from the fitness department! This exciting time of year is often met with a complex set of emotions. We find ourselves faced with long to-do lists, busy schedules, and fighting off the temptation of holiday treats. How do we balance everything to make the most of the good stuff and avoid the bad? Being mindful of wellness practices can help.

Wellness is defined as a state of being healthy in both the body and mind, especially as the result of deliberate effort. Therefore, to manage wellness during this hectic time, we need to make mindful decisions. Here are some common holiday triggers that can undermine wellbeing, along with ideas to help you celebrate health and happiness:

BUDGET: The thrill of the holiday quickly dissipates when bills add up. Be honest with family and friends about what you can and cannot do early on. If finances are a source of concern, recommend creative options such as buying gifts for the kids only, or playing a game of gift swapping (everyone buys one gift with limit on spending). And don't forget that the best gifts of all are homemade.

FAMILY: Holidays are a time to deepen and nurture relationships. Bring honesty into family discussions and communicate clearly to avoid any conflict or unrealistic expectations.

OVERINDULGING: The opportunities for rich foods, sweet treats and alcohol are in abundance. Typically, there are feelings of guilt or shame associated with overindulging. Do not be too hard on yourself; bear in mind that the idea is to control intake during this time of year, not eliminate it. Keep moving! Physical activity will help to use up extra calories and it is a great stress reliever.

TAKING ON TOO MUCH: It is easy to over-commit during this time of year. Avoid feeling overwhelmed by making a list and prioritizing it.

II === FITNESS SCHEDULE =

December 2018 **Recreation Center Group Wellness** MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 7:00 AM Oxycise Oxycise Oxycise Oxycise Oxycise S.O.S. **Dance Party Wednesday Warrior** S.O.S. **Boomer Beat** 8:00 AM Denise Jonathan Jessica Jonathan Darla Strength & Stretch **KBKB** Intro to Yoga **KBKB** Strength & Stretch 9:00 AM Tucker Julie Han Tucker Han **Balanced Body** Chair Yoga **Balanced Body Balanced Body** Chair Yoga 10:00 AM Madelyne Tucker Kathy Jessica Kathy S.O.S. Move to Improve S.O.S. Move to Improve S.O.S. 11:00 AM Ingrid Larry Larry Zumba® Gold Zumba® Gold Zumba® Gold 11:00 AM **Ballroom Location** Kitti Kitti Madelyne Get Fit While You Sit Get Fit While You Sit Get Fit While You Sit 12:00 PM Kitti Darla 1:00 PM Fitness Orientation* Balance Assessment* Intro to Yoga 5:00 PM

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9:00 AM	Yoga Julie	Boomer Beat Jessica	Yoga Linda	Boomer Beat Cammy	Yoga Renu
10:00 AM	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Jessica	STRONG Linda	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Roger
11:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Madelyne	OPEN Fitness On Demand
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Let go of what is not important and share tasks and responsibilities

with family and friends.

LONELINESS AND ISOLATION:

Fit Tips



Stomp Out Stress

Although it is tempting to forgo exercise during the stretch from Thanksgiving to New Year's, I strongly urge otherwise. Your workouts are a valuable tool in combating stress and burning off extra calories! So walk, run, dance, swim and stomp out stress with exercise! Here are some tips to help.

FIT TIP #1: Exercise for endorphins! Physical activity stimulates the release of endorphins. These hormones reduce feelings of pain and increase feelings of pleasure. This is very helpful during the hectic and sometimes overwhelming

holiday months.

FIT TIP #2: Move and mingle to boost brain biochemistry! Regular physical activity, especially when combined with socialization, has a very positive impact on both the body and brain. Activities such as line dancing, group fitness classes or walking with a friend are great choices.

FIT TIP #3: Maintain; do not gain! The holidays are a high-risk time for gaining weight. Enjoy your favorite holiday treats, but try limiting yourself to one a day and let moderation be your guide. You do not have to skip the goodies; just limit them a bit.

EMERGENCY AFTER-HOURS PHONE NUMBER(352) 236-6869

Being far from family or having to face the loss of loved ones during the holidays is a serious concern for many. At On Top of the World, our residents are fortunate to have the opportunity to join a club, seek out social events, join group fitness, take classes at Master the Possibilities and participate in volunteer opportunities.

For pool inquiries, please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7639.

YEAR-END REFLECTIONS: This is a wonderful time to express gratitude. Spend a few moments reflecting on what you have instead of worrying about what you do not have. The gift of love and laughter is far greater than anything that can be put in a box and wrapped up.

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Jim Russel

With the mid-term elections in the rear view mirror, I thought it would be fun to write a column about cornhole using the same techniques employed by our politicians. I'm always looking for ways to promote the great game of cornhole and our leaders seem to have success using this approach so I think I'll give it a try. Having planted my tongue firmly in my cheek,

here goes.
Headline: "Cornhole Popularity
Now Exceeds All Known Sporting
Activities!"

A recent survey conducted by the National Society for the Advancement of Sports has concluded that cornhole, the fastest growing sport for the past six years, now has more active players than all the other sports ... combined! Statistics show that at any given moment, day or night, 239,758 cornhole players are tossing their beanbags at their target.

So what makes people want to play this wonderful game? The most obvious factor revealed by the survey is intelligence. Cornhole players tend to be at the upper end of the IQ range. Likeability is an-

LEAK AUDIT

If you suspect a water leak, call Customer Service at (352) 236-6869 to schedule a leak audit for \$15. other factor. Everyone who plays cornhole is a fun, outgoing friendly person respected by the rest of the community. And, of course, cornhole players tend to be pretty darn good looking as well!

People with these traits are "naturals" when it comes to playing the game. When a cornhole player tosses a bag at the target, 98 percent of them score points. Wind and sun in the eyes account for the two percent who don't score.

Because cornhole is the most popular of all sports, we see golfers riding by in their golf carts looking at all the fun we're having and wishing they were playing our game. When they stop to look, we always tell them we have never lost a beanbag. Can they say the

same about their sport?

We've also noted the folks on the shuffleboard courts leaning on the wall looking longingly at us wishing they didn't have to go "into the kitchen." And then there are the pickleballers. We can sympathize with their dilemma. After all, which is more representative of our great country, corn or a pickle?

Given its popularity, you will find it improbable that you, a smart, friendly, good looking person can still become a member of the Cornhole Club. But the good news is you can by contacting Jim Russell at (352) 861-6355 or jimrussell44@ outlook.com

With apologies to all the other great sporting choices we can choose from here in our community, I hope you enjoyed reading this last column of 2018 and hope each of you has a very happy holiday season.



On Saturday, Dec. 8, we will have our first tournament of the season. John Gayso organized the tournament. He has a lot of experience with organizing golf tournaments. So now, he is trying his hand at doing the same for the Shuffleboard Club.

The tournament will be called Black and Yellow Team Challenge Match. It will include 16 players on each team. The matches will run about 25 minutes each. Each member will have a \$2 entry fee. The only good thing about this fee is

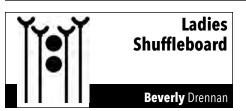
that the winning team gets to split

October Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz/Vicki Lentz. The 30 club welcomed Walt Lamp with a 34 and Lloyd Parsons with a 30.

Tuesday a.m.: Mario Migliaccio and Lindsay Chatham/Nancy Chatham. Thursday a.m.: Rick French/Becky Anderson. The 30 club welcomed Bob Stubbs with a 35.

Finally, once again, an introduction to shuffleboard is available on the second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come on down to the courts. We will go over rules, safety, scoring and the basics of shooting the discs. Open toed footwear is not permitted.



We welcome all ladies to join us. You do not have to know how to play; we will help you. Our membership is growing, so we now have openings at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. For further information about our club, call President Cindy DeJong at (912) 312-2166 or Captain Lois Nix at (352) 854-0558.

October

High Games: 9–Elsa Groe. 8–Carol Jenkins, Barbara Marvin, Barbara Stickles.

30+ Games: 2-Lynn Beaudry and Barbara Stickles.

Christmas will soon be upon us and we would like to remember the families that will be in the Ocala Domestic Violence Shelter for the holidays. The following is a list of items that the shelter always needs: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, garbage bags, and cleaning supplies. Gift cards to be used for milk, bread, butter, eggs, etc. Blankets and sheets for single beds and pillows. For the women, individual toiletries and Christmas gifts for the children.

Best wishes for the holiday sea-



This is how we roll! Open bocce continues to grow as the snowbirds have returned. With the addition of the new courts, no one has been turned away from playing.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. These are open play days and anyone who shows up can play. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and the numbers of players per court can be decided upon for the 9 a.m. start.

Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play!

The league times for play will remain the same. We have eight teams that play on Tuesdays, at 9 a.m., six teams that play on Tuesdays, at 11 a.m., and six teams that play on Thursdays, at 10 a.m. If you are interested in playing on a team, or being a substitute, please contact President Terry Connolly.

Dues are \$10 per year and are being collected by the team captains and open representatives. If you have not already done so, please make sure you pay your dues and sign the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement required by all who play, whether on a team or who play open bocce.

A directory is in the storage unit, which contains an alphabetical list of all members. Please make sure you check the directory to assure your contact information is correct. Also, you may sign up on the list at the beginning of the directory if you would be interested in being a substitute for team play.

The annual Bocce Club league Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. There will be a cash bar and a 50/50raffle, as well as a door prize drawing. Members are asked to sign up to bring either a dessert or side dish enough for at least eight people. A sign-up sheet is available from the league and open representatives and will be kept in the storage unit and will be available during league team and open play times. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up after the party. Please see Terry Connolly or Micki Malsch if you can help out.

For further information, please contact Terry Connolly, president, Bocce Club at (352) 300-3043. Until we roll again ...

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It's December, and once again we are celebrating the holidays with more and more opportunities to dance. Hopefully this exercise will help burn off some of those extra calories we take in at this time of the year!

Most of the time our dances are done to the same music, however, there are times when we vary it. The holiday time is a good time to enjoy dances to different music. Marilyn always uses special music during Halloween and Christmas to make her dance parties extra fun.

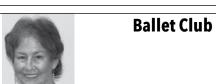
We dance to many different rhythms and this year each one of the classes already has a favorite new dance. Beginner I's favorite is "Texas Time," which is country style, Beginner II's favorite is "I

Close My Eyes," which is a beautiful slow cha-cha rhythm, and the Improver Plus favorite is "Bethlehem Child," which has outstanding choreography, and is a showy dance. The Absolute Beginner class also has a favorite even though they just started out dancing - it is a straight rhythm, but fun dance, called "Ah Si." Nancy's Intermediate class learned a pretty dance with a faster cha-cha beat called "Amame."

Our recorded favorites night was changed to Thursday evenings, and it has been a great success. Dancers can dance three nights in a row if they choose to do so since we also have entertainment on The Town Square on Friday and Saturday evenings.

We continue to have our monthly dances which is always a fun evening for everyone.

For detailed information, please contact Marilyn McNeal for Beginner and Improver classes at (352) 804-1546 or Nancy Carmack for Intermediate class at (352) 533-8870.



Eugenie Martin

The dancers who participate in our classes are varied in size, age and experience. Some of us are smaller; some are taller. Some are thinner; some are more curvaceous. A few of our dancers have had previous dancing experience, but most started ballet with us. Since we live in a 55-plus community, it can be assumed that most of our dancers started ballet in their more mature years. This disproves the belief that ballet is only for the young. All ages and

body types can dance. All of our classes improve balance, posture, flexibility, strength and grace. Simply put, ballet is exercise done to beautiful music. What better way to give yourself a Christmas gift, than to take our ballet classes? And, the classes are free!

Our classes are held in the group exercise room in the Recreation Center. We have four weekly classes, as follows:

- Tuesdays and Fridays: 1 to
- 2:15 p.m. Thursdays: 2 to 3:15 p.m.
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The Friday class focuses more on techniques for beginners, but all dancers are welcome. The Saturday class starts with a floor barre followed by dancing. Most of us wear leotards, tights, ballet shoes and skirts, but the outfits are not necessary to start. All you need are exercise clothes and socks, plus a bottle of water. A neck roll is also suggested for the Saturday floor barre.

For information on our group or classes, please feel free to call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing and happy holidays!



Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

Our next dance is a New Year's Eve celebration on Monday, Dec. 31, with music by Retro Express. The doors of the Recreation Center Ballroom open at 7:30 p.m., and the music begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 12:30 a.m. for a full night of dancing. The New Year's Eve dance tickets will go on sale for Dancin' On the Top members on Monday, Dec. 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. and for all other residents on Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Monday, Dec. 10, from 9 to 11

a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Resident I.D.s are required at the time of ticket purchase. Check your bulletin board for more information.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, pastries and sweets and at midnight there will be a toast to the New Year with champagne. The dress code for this grand celebration is semi-formal. Dancin' On the Top memberships will be sold for \$3 for single and \$5 for a couple at this dance.

Dancin' On the Top is working on future dance dates for 2019. For club membership, ticket information, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Jack or Jean Hester at (919) 291-8542 or Donna

swing. Yes, country western dancing is very diverse in its different dance styles. When our beginner two and intermediate level dancers join our newcomers on the floor we have a great time together.

For those of us who dance at The Town Square, a reminder that recorded favorites has been moved to Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. This is our opportunity to join the line dancers for dancing to our own CDs. Remember to follow your dance floor etiquette whenever you dance.

The Sidekicks would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season, and let's hope 2019 is the best year yet!

Happy trails ...

Cottrell at (410) 591-7899.

In November, social ballroom dance instructions were held in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Thursdays. These social classes were well attended by our residents.

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 every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night (weather permitting). See the events calendar insert in the World News for more details. So, keep on dancing.



Sidekicks Western Dance

Carla Magri

Now that we've gotten over our Thanksgiving feast with family and friends, the Sidekicks are gearing up for our club Christmas party. This will be our catered dinner followed, of course, by dancing the rest of the night away. After the Christmas party we'll be preparing for our annual New Year's Eve bash. Whew! The fun just never stops in this club.

Our newcomers are doing a wonderful job and have mastered eight dances since they started at the beginning of October. They're dancing to several different dance rhythms including waltz, cha cha, polka and



Monday **Bowling League**

Sandy Fleck

October Results High Scratch Series

677-Billy Boone. 546-Hedy Schamal. 618-George Fulcher. 479-Pat Gorzak. 601-Luis Padilla. 458-Edie Plachcinski.

High Scratch Game

222-Neal Davis. 201-Carol Oman. 221-Mal Press. 216-Patricia Grosso. 178-Kelli Brunner.

Season High Scores Handicap Series

2521-No Time to Spare. 2427-4 Balls and 2 Bags. 2378-Alley Ga-

Handicap Game 885-Three Men and a Babe. 837-The Four. 822-Robbed Again.

Scratch Series 1933-Here for the Beer. 1844-King Pins. 1776-Should of Beans.

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Holiday Golf Cart Parade

By Bob Woods

World News Writer Holiday Golf Cart Parade SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018 2:00 PM (LINE UP BEGINS AT 1:15 PM) STARTS AT THE RECREATION CENTER AND ENDS AT THE TOWN SQUARE On Top of the World

Almost everyone has heard, "Evthe parade route. The parade starts in the Recreation Center parking eryone loves a parade." I am sure that this saying will be evident lot at approximately 2 p.m. travelduring this year's annual Holiday ing to its final destination at Circle Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. Square Commons via many streets 1. Hundreds, if not thousands, of in our community. See attached residents will line the streets along map for the parade route.

This promises to be the best and biggest parade yet. There are many clubs entering their members' golf carts with multiple entries plus many single resident entries, so, please bring your own lawn chairs to enjoy the parade and don't forget your camera.

Along with all the decorated golf carts, members of Marion County Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue will be parading not to mention at the end of the procession will be that fat little elf sporting a red suit and the classic white beard spouting his famous words - Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

It's not every parade within our community that has a white horse pulling a white carriage transporting royalty. Yes, that's right, royalty. The carriage contains the king and queen of "Prom Night" Happy Hour with his majesty King Scott and her highness Queen Nancy will be waving to all their subjects along the parade route.

The parade will contain a marching unit from Francis Marion Military Academy and some antique cars with their occupants in festive holiday attire. When the parade eventually reaches Circle Square Commons, judging will take place honoring the best decorated golf cart at approximately 4 p.m. Plenty of food, drink, and entertainment will be offered for those parade attendees, both spectators and parade participants. It will be a fun time for all.

Make sure to stay on for more festivities on The Town Square with a Holiday Celebration with Johnny Wild and The Delights & Cactus Jack & The Cadillacs, from 4 to 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Merry Christmas to all and hoping everyone has the greatest holiday season.

ShutterBugs Reception

By Bob Woods World News Writer

What is a shutterbug? This socalled bug is just about everywhere you travel. They are on land, sea, in the air, and just about everywhere. Shutterbugs are particularly avid photographers or hobbyists who enjoy taking pictures.

The word shutterbug is a slang word for photographer, which is derived from the camera's shutter. light to pass through a camera's lens exposing photographic film or a photosensitive digital sensor capturing a permanent image.

The sound of a camera's shutter is synonymous with older photographic equipment. Today's digital and phone cameras are produced with a fake sound providing the effect of taking authentic pictures.

Over the past decade, the ShutterBugs Photography Club holds a reception, with refreshments supplied by the Recreation Center office, to exhibit the club's best photographs taken by its members in the past year. At the reception, the winning photos along with all entries are displayed in many different categories.

The "Peoples Choice Award" is the only winner who will be judged by the "people" attending the reception. The ballot box was available through Nov. 25.

The reception is open to all residents who pre-register with the Recreation Center office. All attendees enjoyed plenty of goodies.

ShutterBugs President Gary Uh-This shutter is a device that allows ley stated, "There were 87 pictures displayed in four different categories." Uhley continued, "The four categories are novice, intermediate, advanced, and special. The special category was titled "footprints" leaving the photographer to interpret the category with their own imagination."

Uhley also stated, "The judging was completed by three judges, two from the Ocala area and one of those completed the judging while on vacation in Nova Scotia and the third judge lives in Illinois. The judging was completed via the use of the computer while each judge's picks were complied by the computer providing the club with the results in each category. The results provided the club with those



Photo by Bob Woods

Connie Filip, first place winner in intermediate category, at the annual ShutterBugs Photography Club photo contest.

in first, second, and third place along with honorable mentions."

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The first place winner in each of the four categories is as follows: Advanced: "Fish" by Gordon Daniels. Intermediate: "Arriba" by Connie Filip.

Novice: "Live Oak Farm" by Dave

Santman. Special: "Gonna Make Tracks" by Connie Filip.

Interested in the ShutterBugs Photography Club or have questions? Please contact Gary or Linda Uhley at (352) 854-8536.



Photo by Arliss Day Handmade Christmas trees.

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By Arliss Day

The Sunshine Quilters is a quilt group of about 36 ladies who get together each week to learn new skills and to sew on quilt projects. Here is our upcoming Tuesday schedule:

- Dec. 4: Holiday luncheon. No meeting this month.
- Dec. 11: Making teddy bears for the Ocala Domestic Violence Center.
- Dec. 18: Sit and sew to finish off any last minute projects.
- Dec. 25: No meeting. In November, we donated 34 children and baby quilts to the Oc-

ala Domestic Violence Center. We also worked on a no-sew holiday tree decoration. It was a blast.

We had election of new officers at our November meeting: Rhonda Wilder, president; Connie Lukenbach, vice president; Lisa Augustine, secretary; and Christine Smith,

treasurer. We are located in the Hobby Building on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need any information, please call Rhonda Wilder at (916) 764-0450. Please feel free to stop by any time.



'Tis the season! Many of us will be expecting guests and planning for that special holiday dinner. We want to help ease some of the stress by lining up several activities and entertainment during this special time of the year.

Holiday Golf Cart Parade & Holiday Celebration

Calling all clubs and residents with golf carts to join us in our community Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 1. Join us in making this year's parade the biggest and best our community has ever seen! We will be awarding prizes for the following categories: most creative, funniest, most festive, most original and best in show (golf cart rep-

resenting a resident club). An inscribed (club name and year) trophy will be given to the club for best in show. The trophy will be displayed at a facility within On Top of the World after the Holiday Celebration. Last year, the Southern Club won.

The parade will showcase decorative golf carts, classic and antique cars, recumbent trikes, R/C aircraft and cars, Marion County Sheriff's Office and Marion County Fire Rescue along with Santa Claus. The parade will start at the Recreation Center parking lot, at 2 p.m., circulating through parts of the community and ending at The Town Square.

The judging of the golf carts will be done at The Town Square at approximately 4 p.m. by a panel of selected judges. This will be followed by the Holiday Celebration at The Town Square, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Line Dance Classes*

For fun and fellowship, join one of our dance classes! It is medically proven that the best activity combining physical and mental effort at the same time is dancing!

The following classes will be taught at the Recreation Center every Monday. Choose your class according to your ability. You may switch to a different level, if necessary. The cost is \$10 per month. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays. Line dance tickets are on sale at the Recreation Center office and sold Monday through Friday.

- Improver Plus (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience is required for this class. Improver Plus means it's slightly easier than Intermediate. Current popular dances are taught at this level.
- Beginner Level II (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 I (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): Class participants have completed the Absolute Beginners class. Dancers have some experience now, and know many step patterns. Easy dances are taught at this level with additional step patterns added.
- Absolute Beginners (5 to 6 p.m.): This class introduces vou 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.

Ballroom Dancing*

Ballroom Dancing will continue every Thursday in December at the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 1 to 2 p.m. Butch Phillips will be teaching the waltz. Classes are \$30 per resident per month.

Butch Phillips has brought social ballroom instruction to On Top of the World. With teaching certificates in American Style bronze, silver and gold as well as bronze in International Ballroom and International Latin and a Nationally Certified Country and Western judge, Butch is a devoted and qualified instructor. We encourage anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Participants will be evaluated to determine the class levels needed.

Please note that the schedule will change in 2019 to the second, third and fourth Wednesdays in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Trivia*

The next Tropic Trivia night on Thursday, Dec. 6, is sold out. Register now for the next one on Thursday, Jan. 3.

November's Winners

1: House of Windsor. Tie at 2: 96th Street Bunch and Gym Rats.

Trivia is held in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 4 to 6 p.m.. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with resident. Tables fill up fast so plan ahead and get your table reserved!

Mammograms*

Women's Center of Ocala for Radiology will be providing mammograms on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Recreation Center parking lot. Bring your driver's license, insurance card, and registration forms to your appointment. Results will take 7 to 10 days - you will receive notice in the mail concerning the results.

Women's Center will bill your insurance company. For a list of the insurance companies accepted please stop by the Recreation Center office. Call (407) 841-0822, option 2 to register.

Bok Tower Gardens*

Christmas at Bok Tower Gardens will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Lake Wales, Fla. The cost of the trip is \$58 per resident and includes transportation, admission to the gardens, tour of Pinewood Estate and lunch from the pre-selected menu.

You can begin your visit by touring the gardens. The pathways are lined with ferns, palms, oaks, and pines that fashion a lush backdrop for flowering foliage and seasonal color of azaleas, camellias, and magnolias. As a designated site on the Great Florida Birding Trail, hummingbirds, painted buntings, owls, and other birds are found flying through the live oak canopy.

At the center of the beautiful landscaped gardens sits the highlight, and namesake, of this attraction - the majestic, 205-foot tall singing tower carillon. This architectural wonder fills the air with the music of the carillon bells during daily concerts at 1 and 3 p.m.

You will also have the opportunity to tour the 20-room, 1932 Mediterranean-style Pinewood Estate. It is like taking a step back in time for a glimpse of how families might have celebrated the holidays during a bygone era. The estate's decorations change each Christmas, and no two years are ever the same.

Victory Casino*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling on Wednesday, Dec. 12, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation. Live table games and over 600 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. You will receive \$20 in qualified slot play that can be downloaded once you have played and received eight points. Please note that a valid government issued photo ID will be required to board.

Cost of \$45 per resident includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, \$20 qualified slot play.

Holiday Festival

All residents are welcome to attend the annual Holiday Festival in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Concert Chorus, Dulcimer Group, Balcony School of Dance and a 12 Days of Christmas sing-a-long – southern style. There will be hot chocolate, coffee and homemade cookies! This is a free event.

Donations of homemade cookies will be accepted. Please bring the cookies to the Recreation Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Kay Chandler at (352) 237-3139.

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St. Johns River Cruise*

Join us for a relaxing St. Johns River cruise on Thursday, Dec. 20. Enjoy a scenic boat tour down river through Blue Creek in the Ocala National Forest. You will leave the creek behind to re-enter the St. Johns River by the pristine Lake George, Florida's second largest lake, which is surrounded by the Ocala National Forest on the west and the Lake George State Forest on the east. The cost of the trip is \$47 per resident and includes transportation and the boat cruise. You will have the opportunity to dine at the famous Blackwater Inn for lunch on your own.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m., in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The "Holiday Party" Happy Hour will be on Friday, Dec. 21. You never know who might be checking his list not once but twice! Come join the fun as we dance the night away with Crossfire.

The entertainment lineup for December is as follows:

- Dec. 7: Dino (Ballroom); Kurtis May (Veranda).
- Dec. 14: Debbie Owen & Tony T (Ballroom); Charlie De (Veranda).
- Dec. 21: "Holiday Party" with Crossfire (Ballroom): Sal (Veranda).
- Dec. 28: Groove 41 (Ballroom); Kenny & Dave (Veranda).

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. Please note that no beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour.

Community Information

Please refrain from smoking around the pools, The Pub and veranda areas. We have a smoking area in front of the Golf Shop with signs posted.

Guest Fees will apply to all guests using the following facilities: Recreation Center Fitness Center, racquetball courts, pickleball courts and Happy Hour. Please stop by the Arbor Fitness Center office or Recreation Center office to purchase the passes.

Guest fees apply for guests utilizing amenity facilities. Guest passes may be purchased ahead of time for some activities such as use of the Recreation and Arbor Fitness Centers. Passes may be obtained at either fitness center. All clubs should be requesting resident I.D.s for anyone attending events or meetings to monitor guest attendance.

Pool Monitoring

Please note that pool monitors will be on duty at the Recreation Center checking resident I.D.s and ensuring a resident accompanies all guests.

An adult must accompany children, and the swim time for children under 15 is from noon to dusk during the week and no time restrictions on the weekends at the Recreation Center, Indigo East and Candler Hills pools. Please note that coolers and alcohol are not permitted at any pool area within On Top of the World Communities. Please also note that the pool rules are posted at all pool and spa areas.

Community Updates

Please note that the 2020 room reservation bookings are being accepted as of Jan. 1, 2019. Please make sure that you submit your bookings to the Recreation Center office.

Indigo East

Please note that the Indigo East Fitness Center and Community Center hours have changed to Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can now request all bookings, fitness, garden plots and any concerns regarding the facilities directly at the Indigo East Fitness Center office. The office phone number is (352) 387-9060.

Holiday Hours

- Christmas Eve: 9 a.m. to 2
- p.m. Christmas Day: Closed.
- New Year's Eve: Closed (open to New Year's Eve event ticket holders).
- New Year's Day: Closed.

*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7530 or x7533. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or less prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.



For information, call the Recreation Center at 352-854-8707 ext. 7530 or 7533

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The Lodge at Candler Hills

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We are fast approaching the end of the year. December is a special time of year when family and friends gather to celebrate the season. Festive lights and decorations can be seen throughout the community. Be safe and always remember when decorating with lights that you think of safety and choose Christmas lights that have been tested and deemed safe by a reputable testing laboratory, the best are UL or ETL (noted on packaging). LED lights are the best to use. They use much less energy and do not give off heat. If you don't have LED lights, try to use the cooler burning "mini" Christmas lights as opposed to the traditional larger bulbs. Only use Christmas lights that have fuses in the plugs.

'Tis the season to celebrate with friends and neighbors at this year's holiday party on Wednesday, Dec. 19 in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Debbie Owen & Tony T. Light hors d'oeuvres and a dessert table will be available. The cost is \$7 per resident or bring an unwrapped gift for a child and receive free entry. All gifts will be donated to Toys for Tots. Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy the evening with friends. Be on your best behavior; you never know who might make a surprise

Kocktails & Karaoke will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27 with Charlie and Kathy in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktail and enjoy singing and dancing with Candler Hills residents.

Trivia is held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next one will be on Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest accompanied by a resident. For more information, contact Diane Podkomorski at (352) 875-9923.

Our next Social Happy Hour will be held on Saturday, Dec. 29 in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment with Retro Express. Bring your own beverage and snacks and enjoy the evening with friends. Please note that starting in 2019 the Social Happy Hour will be moved to the third Saturday of each month.

It's that time of year to start making plans for your New Year's Eve celebration so why not stay close to home and celebrate with us at The Lodge at Candler Hills? The event will start off with a memory photo, appetizers and a cash bar. Buffet dinner will start at 8:15 p.m. and live entertainment will be provided by One Flite Up. Later that evening coffee and danishes will be provided followed by a champagne toast in a memorable keepsake glass. Tickets are \$65 per resident and \$75 per non-resident accompanied with resident. Please note resident I.D.s will be required for purchase and tickets will be limited to four per household.

We will start accepting 2020 room requests for The Lodge at Candler Hills and the Candler Hills Community Center starting in January 2019. Please remember room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and resident I.D.s will be required for bookings. Guest participation is allowed for overnight guests only. If you are planning an event, it is important to have all paperwork turned in at least two weeks in advance. This gives adequate time to submit setups and guest lists to the appropriate departments.

Holiday Hours

- Christmas Eve: The Lodge at Candler Hills, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Christmas Day: The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center, closed.
- New Year's Eve: The Lodge at Candler Hills will be closed and will reopen at 8 p.m. for residents with New Year's
- Eve tickets. New Year's Day: The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center,

closed. Have a safe and enjoyable end of the year!

Events and activities that take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills are for Candler Hills residents only. Guests are permitted, where noted, for a fee. Tickets for events at The Lodge at Candler Hills may be purchased at the front office.



Photo by Mary Purest **George Hill and Cathy Redmon at the Halloween** party at The Lodge at Candler Hills.



Sindy & Richie O'Brien

It's the holiday season once again. Everyone is around and about cooking, decorating, shopping, singing songs and getting in the spirit of the season. Karaoke is a perfect way to join your friends and share your favorite Christmas and Hanukkah songs. Our karaoke friend, Rob Cursi, knows all too well that music can really make a difference in your life. Rob was the drummer for the music groups Rare Earth and The Beach Boys. I've heard him on the drums - wow! Now he is the man-

ager for country artist, Alan Turner, who just signed a record deal with Sony. Congratulations and best of luck, Rob and Alan. Thank you Rob and your beautiful wife Patty for sharing your magic with our karaoke group. The room definitely comes alive when you sing. If you'd like to share in the joy of this holiday season, come join us at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday in Arbor Conference Center, Suites E and F and the fourth Monday in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome in both places.

There will be no karaoke on Monday, Dec. 24. For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.

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The members of the Concert Chorus hope to see you all at either the Saturday, Dec. 1 performance at 7 p.m. or the Sunday, Dec. 2 performance at 3 p.m. for their winter concert entitled "Radio XMAS." Both performances will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Remember you do not need a ticket; just come and enjoy.

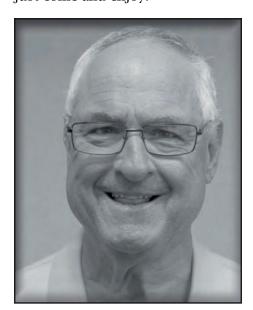


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One of the songs we will be singing is the well-known carol "Silent Night." Christmas 2018 marks the 200th anniversary of this classic song. It has been performed in more than 300 languages and dialects around the world. Special exhibitions, at places such as the Salzburg Museum, and many other events are planned in 13 Austrian towns

The story of the origin of this song is that a parish priest, Joseph Mohr at St. Nikola Church, was worried as Christmas mass approached in 1818 because the organ was in need of repair and he wanted something special for his congregation. A nearby teacher, Franz Xaver Gruber, who played guitar, was asked to create a melody to accompany the poem that Mohr had written about the nativity. The two performed the song the night of Dec. 24, 1818 and the famous Christmas carol was born.

Families from the region carried it from Austria into Europe. Ultimately this famous carol was spread throughout the world. The first performance of the song in the United State was in 1839 at Trinity Church, New York City. For many, "Silent Night" is the mother of all Christmas carols because the music is simple, tranquil, easy to sing and play, and offers a deep message of peace.

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chorus this month is Dean Worrell. Dean originally comes from Quincy, Ill. He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois in agriculture and economics. Dean grew up on a 473-acre farm near Quincy. It was his family's farm and in time he took it over. On the farm they grew grain – corn, soybeans and also bred and raised hogs.

At one time, Dean thought he might get a degree in music because he always liked music. He played trumpet in the high school orchestra. In the summers he sang in the chorus of community musical productions.

Dean retired from working the farm in 2017 and moved to Florida. Here he likes to go biking and

play trivia. The Concert Chorus is pleased to have his wonderful voice in the bass section. When you come to our December concert you will see Dean doing a duet singing "Baby It's Cold Outside."

The next practice will be in January when we will begin practicing for our spring concert. The Concert Chorus meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center, Suite C. We are always seeking people who like to sing and look forward to you joining our group. Interested persons may contact Susan Layne, membership chairperson at (207) 641-5520 or susan.layne@gmail.com.

The Concert Chorus wishes you all a very happy holiday and a healthy New Year!



Theatre Group

Leslie Miller

"Overture, dim the lights"... can you hear Bugs Bunny singing about the opening of a new show? The Theatre Group's spring 2019 show, "42nd and Broadway," is set to run in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Mark your calendar now, and be watching for tickets to go on sale in the new year so you don't miss out! The performance will feature a collection of great show tunes from past and current Broadway productions; all to be performed live by our very own members.

Auditions were completed at our November meeting, and the talent who came out gave our storyboard committee a monumental task in choosing the very best songs for the upcoming production. The committee was up to the challenge, however, and has cast a multitude of great performers to deliver a highly enjoyable review. There will be solos, duets, and group numbers from decades of popular Broadway shows sure to delight the audiences. Rehearsals will begin in January 2019 so that we will "know every part by heart."

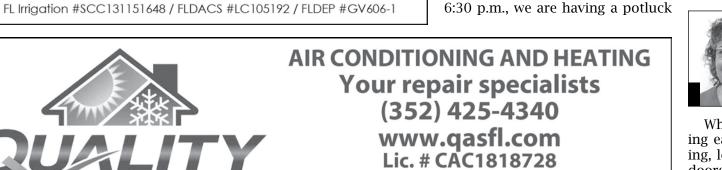
We continue to have new members each month, some who love being onstage, and some who are more comfortable in the background. If you would like to join us for our December meeting, you are in luck: potluck! For our holiday dinner on Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m., we are having a potluck

dinner in the Recreation Center Ballroom, with members bringing a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert. Please call Corresponding Secretary Donna Boyajian at (239) 336-4906 if you didn't get to sign up for what to bring at the November meeting. In addition to the meal, we will be providing our own entertainment (we are the Theatre Group, after all!), along with giving folks an opportunity for a little dancing and socializing. Dress will be whatever you choose.

The closet cataloguing project is now a "wrap," with Vice President Leslie Miller and her marvelous crew cleaning out the group's storage area and closet in November. All costumes and props have been photographed, numbered and inventoried, which should make staging and costuming future shows much easier. Dennis and Marion Brenon, Larry Reyes, Donna Smalley, Jim Wilson and Emery Bjerkman, did the "heavy lifting," while Marilyn Bettinger, Annette Ware and Pat Medcroft were standing by to help if needed. Many thanks go to these volunteers for the hours of work to get these spaces organized!

Our Theatre Group is proud to not only deliver quality shows, but to give the majority of our proceeds to provide a scholarship for a deserving College of Central Florida arts student a scholarship to assist with his/her schooling. To help support this, please be on the lookout for ticket sales starting in 2019!

If you would like information about the Theatre Group, please contact our president, Harry Boyajian, at (239) 336-4804 or crooner1142@gmail.com.



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Art Group

Elizabeth Wales

While the Art Group is gathering each week in the Hobby Building, lots of folks pass through our doors. Some are prospective residents, and many are fellow artists who enjoy chatting about the works we create. We always welcome visitors, as well as residents who want to join us.

As the new year begins we have the opportunity to display our works publicly in the lobby at Master the Possibilities. For the entire month of January the display will occupy most of the walls there. It is a great chance for you to see what we create all year long, and hopefully will be pleasantly surprised at the scope of media presented. Some of our members paint, others carve, and still others draw in pencil. We welcome everyone, and especially on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, from 3 to 4 p.m. when we host a reception in the lobby of Master the Possibilities.



View from the Library

Linda Barilli

Yes! The holidays are here. And that means feasting with family and friends. "America's Brand Name Holiday Recipes" from Publications International is loaded with recipes sure to make your mouth water. Here you will find joyous starters, merry soup and salads, meats for feasts, splendid poultry, seafood treasures, yuletide vegetables and sides and Mrs. Claus's breads. Yummy! This treasure can be found in the center aisle labeled 641 PLI.

"The Secrets of Hebrew Words" is written by Benjamin Blech, an Orthodox rabbi and professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University. In this book is a wealth of information regarding the letters of the Hebrew language and gematria, the numbers associated with those letters. Each topic is written in Hebrew and English. Read it from cover to cover or browse the index. Find the meaning of Shalom and the story behind Hanukkah. This book is in the center aisle labeled 296 BLE.

"A Victorian Christmas, Joy to the World" by Cynthia Hart is a treasured collection of illustrations that will bring you back in time to Grandma's house and the joys of your childhood. In it you will find the history of the many traditions that we hold so dear. This book is in the center aisle labeled 394 HAR.

Our club has gotten off to a won-

derful start. We had a fabulous

presentation on antique photogra-

phy and photo case art by our treasurer, Arthur Johannes. Thanks so

much. We all learned a lot and en-

joyed viewing the many examples

you graciously shared with us. By

the time you read this column our

November meeting will have taken

place, where we learned about the history and art of antique buttons.

tiques Roadshow" segment at the

conclusion of our meetings where

We have also instigated an "An-

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Collectibles Club

In honor of the veterans who defended our country during World War II is "Once They Were Eagles, The Men of the Black Sheep Squadron" by Frank Walton. Pappy Boyton, the flying ace, was the commander of these Marine fighter pilots. He led a combat squadron of 51 men, all loyal to each other in the tradition of the U.S. Marine

They were stationed at Munda and flew out of the Russell Islands performing task force cover, patrols, escorts and search missions.

They were an integrated fighting team, battle tested and battle wise, flying their Corsairs, rolling and diving at the Zeros. "Pappy" handled his plane like a cowboy bulldogging a steer. His "fighting sweep" replaced escorting - it was aerial combat in the purest sense. These guys fought the Nips right down to the water.

In Walton's words, they did wild, dangerous, foolish and heroic things. These Marines were going out looking for trouble and loved every minute of it. Strafing Missions became very important. In just 12 weeks, the VMF 214 combat squad shot down 94 enemy planes in the south pacific.

Forty years later, Walton met up with 34 survivors of the original Black Sheep for follow up interviews, which are recorded in this book. "At the going down of the sun and in the morning - we will remember them," Laurence Benyon. This book is in the World War II section labeled 940 WAL.

members have brought in treasures for us to view and evaluate. Everyone thoroughly enjoys this and we are looking forward to having this segment at all of our meetings.

For December, we are cancelling our usual fourth Wednesday of the month meeting. Instead we are planning a potluck holiday luncheon at my home on Friday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m.

Our planning and trip committees are busy working on programs and excursions for 2019. Hopefully I will report on some in the January column.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season. If you would like more information on our club, you can reach me at victoran@ brighthouse.com or at (570) 862-8785.



The World News

Artistic **Crafts & Gifts**

Chris Mank

It's that busy, busy time of year! You just finished Thanksgiving and Black Friday. Have you finished the leftovers and gotten the house back to "normal?" Well, start up for Christmas. Have you decided who's coming, the menu, or are you going to someone else's house?

Well, regardless of which group you're in, you need gifts. The list is big - house warming gift, Christmas attire and gifts for family and

friends. So many things to consid-

Here are some ideas: Handmade fabric bowls (they are beautiful), purses, handmade wooden items like pens and bookmarkers, a special card for that special person, and a wide range of jewelry. I'm getting excited just thinking about

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You will have a good time checking out the tables of gifts and seeing friends around the room. Don't forget - Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Recreation Center Ballroom. And if you also want to join the group, contact Rene at (352) 854-4918 to set it up. Happy holidays from Artistic Crafts & Gifts!

meet in any given month, contact Kathy at the number/email below. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagination!

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy at (352) 237-6439 or kathyh508@yahoo.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'! Have a wonderful holiday season!



Photo by Gillie Runge

Cards presented by Gillie Runge.



Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr

Our presenter for November was Gillie Runge. She offered several different cards perfect for Christmas but which could be recreated for many other occasions. Gillie is always so inventive!

We thank Gillie for all her preparation, stamps, embossing folders and embellishments. The cards were a perfect addition to our collections.

Anyone can be a presenter - and the cards do not have to be fancy or complicated. Our group is based on friendship and socializing, and helping each other plays a big part of the club!

Our group is open to all crafters, beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group usually meets the first or third Thursday of the month, at the discretion of the demonstrator. To find out which Thursday we will



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Photo by ShutterBug Dave Santman First place novice: Live Oak Farm.



Photo by ShutterBug Ruth Stonesifer Second place novice: Boy Am I Hungry



Photo by ShutterBug Dale Gray Third place novice: So Good it Curls My Toes.

ShutterBugs **Photography**

Connie Filip

Congratulations to everyone who entered our ShutterBugs Photography Contest this year! It was great to see so many interesting and creative photos on display this year.

And a special congrats to our novice category winners. Read on to hear the story behind their pho-

First prize was awarded to Dave Santman. His picture was taken at Live Oak Farm. He and Tom Murray were VIP guests, courtesy of On Top of the World who was a sponsor for the event. They had front row seats and a wonderful meal.

picture, they got on the ground, with their backs to the fence waiting for the jump. It was the right place at the right time. He says he has to admit getting up off the ground was not easy, but definitely worth his prize-winning photo.

Second place belongs to Ruth Stonesifer. Her photo comes right from her backyard. She says, "Well, with blue birds you just have to wait for them to be curious about the bigger world outside that little hole and have a camera ready while sipping tea on the patio." Her luck continued the following week when she was able to capture all three fledglings launching into the world.

Third prize was awarded to Dale Gray. Her photo was also was taken from her home. She says, "You can find nature's beauty everywhere just keep your eyes open and get

There will be no field trip in December; instead we're planning our annual holiday party.

For up-to-date schedule information, visit our club website at otowspc.com

Consider 'stopping by' 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.

We're showing a new National Geographic travel instructional video series entitled, "The Art of Travel Photography." Stop in and learn along with us!

December's monthly club schedule:

- Second Tuesday: Instruction-
- First Tuesday: Holiday party.

· Third Tuesday: Photo sharing activity.

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



Congratulations Janisch, the winner of our quilt drawing during Rags to Riches! We thank everyone who stopped by our tables - this is a major fundraiser for us each year.

As mentioned before, we made 50 Christmas stockings, and on Thursday, Nov. 15, we filled them up with socks, hats, toys, stuffed animals and some candy. It is a lot of fun to put them together (25 for girls and 25 for boys).

All our Christmas quilt kits have also been distributed to various local agencies.

It has been a busy year and we have benefited from increased membership. All the machines are going all the time! We are so thankful for all the members who give their time each week. They are a blessing.

We are currently in need of cotton material for boys, as well as 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.

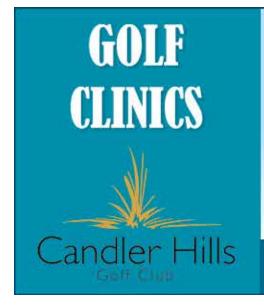
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Please contact Louise Green at (352) 629-1195, or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, the children and we thank you for all your support. Whichever holiday you celebrate, may you enjoy time with your fam-



Photo by Linda Lohr Peggy Janisch was the winner of our quilt drawing at the recent Rags to Riches.





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Gail Banavige is next to her Christmas tree which is decorated with ornaments made mostly from plastic canvas stitching.



This month, we are featuring Gail Banavige, one of our Happy Hooker members who uses her skills for home and for others. Gail's Christmas tree is decorated with ornaments made mostly from plastic canvas stitching. She created these ornaments 30 years ago to serve as place cards for dinner so each ornament has a name on it. No longer used for the table, they now adorn the Banavige Christmas tree each year. The only item on the tree she did not make is the star at the top of the tree. Her son made that when he was five.

Plastic canvas is not the only handcraft medium Gail is skilled in. She also knits and crochets. She knits stuffed dogs for the Marion County Sheriff's Office that the officers use to give to traumatized children they encounter in performing their duties. All details on the dogs are entirely knitted. For example, there are no buttons used so that they can be given to infants as well as older children. In addition, Gail also makes

baby blankets that are donated to various charities. Her work, like many others in the Happy Hooker group, is a great example of giving. Happy Hookers meets every Monday, year round, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Hobby Building. 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, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group who is never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on. If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328.

If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please call Marge Curran at (630) 336-7105 for pickup of these items.



The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski

The New Pretenders, like most of us, find it hard to believe that December is upon us! Our practice sessions have intensified as we ready our show, entitled "That's Entertainment!" We know you will be astounded by our efforts.

We don't want to tip our hand too early about the program contents; we love the element of surprise! However, unlike last year when we took you cruising on the open waters, we will be land-locked for this one. We can state, without a doubt, our costumes and scenery, as well as the contents of the performance will blow you away ... again!

Every member of our troupe has worked diligently to prepare a fantastic evening of entertainment for you. Most members of our audience cannot fathom the hours spent to perfect our movements. We do all this, knowing you will be so pleased with the efforts and outcome.

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at 8 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Prices are \$10 for reserved seating or \$8 for general admission. The show will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3.

The money we raise from our performances is donated to local Marion County charities. Our members decide which charities to support. Some of our recent donations have been made to the Sewing Bees, Ocala Domestic Violence/Abuse Center, Food 4 Kids, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, and the Florida Center for the Blind. Over the years, we have supported more than 30 local charities, donating more than we ever imagined possible. We are ever thankful for your continued support

We wish you a merry Christmas, happy Hannukah, and happy Kwanzaa. Here's to a healthy and happy New Year to all!

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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

The holidays are upon us. I am thinking this month we may hear many Christmas songs. There are the traditional songs and it's amazing how many country Christmas songs there are. Some tell the story of Christmas or tell of family traditions. This is a happy time of year for many.

Prop nights are always fun nights. Let me tell you of some of the props and songs from last time. While singing "Spooky," Rick Nelson had a ghost sign saying, "Seriously Spooky." Norma had her witch hat and cape to sing "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered." I had my dunce cap since I don't know much about history or biology or science or French. That was Herman's Hermits' version of "Wonderful World."

David was clever with his colorful hula hoop while singing "Willy Go Round in Circles." Nancy was spooky with her mask. Steve had a cord and hook and Bree had him "Wrapped Around Her Little Finger." Fely had her flowers and a flower in her hair. She was going to "San Francisco." Charlie had his old phone for "Lonesome 77203." Diane Kroll attended her first prop night as the rhinestone cowgirl. Laura was all dressed for "Pink Shoelaces." Lucy was our "Second Hand Rose."

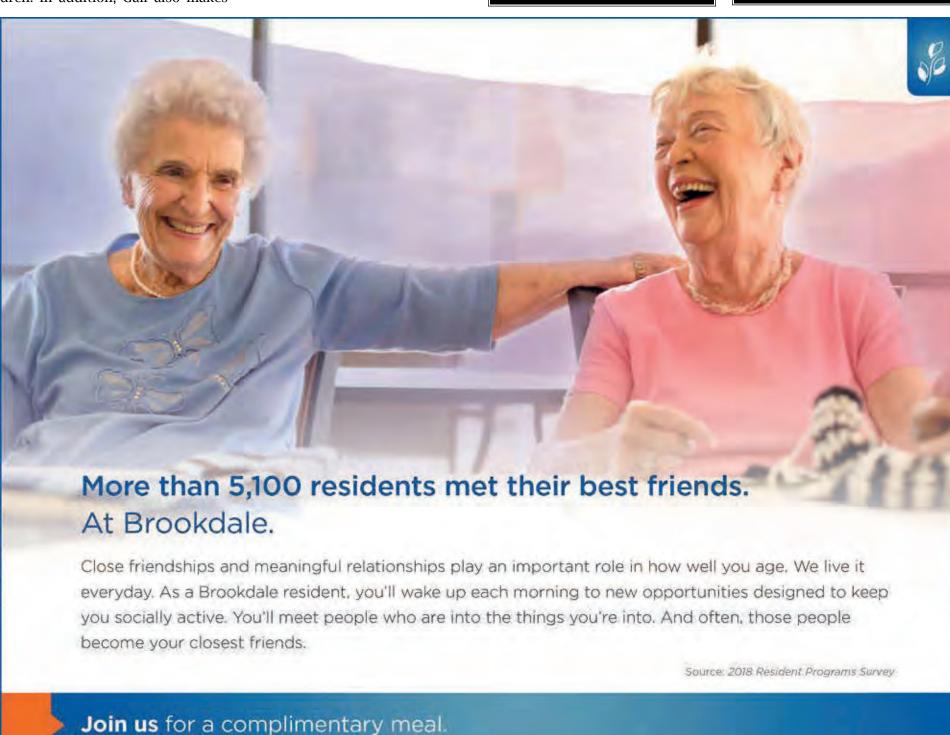
We have clever and creative singers in our group. It is all about having a fun time. It is a great way to get to know new people. The group looks forward to encouraging new singers.

Guess you know by now that we love our clappers.

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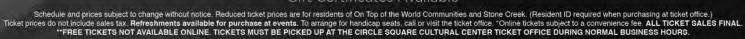




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