

Community News

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Publisher

Safety Check-Up

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

Ask yourself ... do I enjoy walking or biking in the community in the evening or early morning hours? If the answer is yes, do you wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight for signaling oncoming traffic, or have proper red/white lights on your bicycle? I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather, and I am the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precautions. Note to self: practice what I preach!

Another lifesaving question to ask is, "If I were to have a kitchen fire, do I have a fire extinguisher handy and could I use it?" If I had a water leak in my unit, would I know what to do or who to call?

If I am getting out of the tub or shower, is my bathmat absorbent and non-skid? Do I have a properly installed grab rail in my tub or shower?

Have I overloaded any extension cord with too many plug-in items? This is much more common than you think!

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

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

The On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association board meeting was held Wednesday, Feb. 12, with approximately 600 residents in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to consider adoption of the fiscal year 2020-2021 operating budget and to adopt a resolution for roof replacement special assessments, amongst other things. The board addressed numerous questions on roof replacement costs and the process.

Despite obtaining multiple bids from three roofing contractors, only two were willing to hold their price and bid this year's work. That said, your board has reached out to several local lenders to offer affordable financing for the roof replacements. The Association does not carry reserves for roof replacement because replacement is an obligation of the individual owner and not the Association at large. A good rule of thumb is to set aside 1/15th of the estimated cost of replacement, using the last cost information you have on the roof replacement. Inflate that number 2% each year.

The fiscal year 2019-2020 community-wide improvement work was reviewed, and the program was explained in detail. Other programmed work will include the addition of new pickleball courts, a substantial amount of roadway resurfacing, and community growth and development update. In the second quarter of 2020, the old Golf Shop will be demolished. A new facility will be built in its place to house The Pub.

Your board presented a proposed cable and internet programming slide from Spectrum. It is

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Ocala Open

AT CANDLER HILLS GOLF CLUB

By Matt Hibbs

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

Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13, Candler Hills Golf Club will host its 14th annual Ocala Open. The Ocala Open is a professional golf tournament run by Rick Hendershot, director of the Florida Professional Golf Tour. Each year, a field of 144 professional golfers compete for a chance to win the first place prize of \$12,000.

We had many great players come to Candler Hills to compete in this prestigious event. Current PGA Tour player, Ted Potter Jr. won back-to-back championships in 2010 and 2011, Dan McCarthy, currently playing on the Korn Ferry Tour, won back-to-back Opens in 2015 and 2016. Most recently, Jeremy Grab, won with a score of 195 (18 under par).

For a true first class experience visit the VIP tent adjacent to the 18th green. This beautiful viewing area is setup for spectators who wish to relax under a tent while watching these spectacular golfers compete for the Ocala Open championship. Tickets for this luxurious seating area can be purchased in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. A portion of the ticket proceeds goes to charity.

The most important part of the Ocala Open is the charity Pro-Am. Annually, the Pro-Am is the biggest fundraiser in Ocala. With the support of local vendors and residents, we were able to raise \$90,000 for charity last year and presented both Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County a check for \$45,000 each. To date, the Ocala Open has donated over \$663,000 to local charities. This event has not only become a tradition at On Top of the World, but a staple to our community.

Interested in participating in the Pro-Am to help support these great organizations? This year's Pro-Am will be played Tuesday, March



Photo courtesy of On Top of the World Communities, LLC
Jeremy Grab won the 2019 Ocala Open with a score of 195 (18 under par).

10. The entry deadline is Monday, March 2 and is limited to 30 teams. If you would like more information, please visit ocalaopen.com or contact Director of Golf Matt Hibbs at (352) 854-2765.

To orchestrate an event of this stature, you must have exceptional employees and that's something we certainly have at On Top of the World. Every year, our employees put in countless hours to ensure the event's success. Andy Jorgensen and his maintenance staff do a wonderful job preparing the course. The players rave about how well maintained Candler Hills Golf Course is and in particular the

greens. We can't forget about the 30 volunteers who so graciously donate their time to make sure the players have an enjoyable experience. Thank you to all for your continued support of this charitable event.

Candler Hills Golf Club is proud to annually present the Ocala Open. We have fine-tuned the event over the years and it has become not only one of the best professional golf events in Ocala, but all of Florida. Please take time out of your busy schedule to come watch these players compete for this year's Ocala Open title.

Bay Laurel Center CDD

Who and What is Bay Laurel Center CDD?

By Bryan Schmalz

I was recently asked by a customer, "What is the relationship between Bay Laurel Center CDD and On Top of the World Communities?" It's a good question.

Let me begin by explaining that Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (the District) is a division of special purpose government created under Chapter 190 Florida Statutes (F.S.). As such, it is authorized to provide services such as water treatment and distribution and wastewater collection and treatment, as well as reclaimed water within a service area that includes the communities of On Top of the World, related communities, and Stone Creek, as well as multiple commercial properties. The District is committed to providing exceptional and reliable drinking water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services through responsible stewardship and protection of our environmental resources.

On Top of the World Communities, Inc., is a customer of the Dis-

trict, along with Stone Creek and numerous other commercial enterprises.

The District is controlled by the board of supervisors, which meets on a scheduled and on an as-needed basis; the meetings are advertised in the Ocala Star-Banner in the Classified Legal Section (in accordance with Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes) and posted on the District's website at blccddd.com to allow for public attendance. Attendance is encouraged.

A great way to learn about the District is to take our monthly water tour that is scheduled through Master the Possibilities, which is a non-profit lifelong learning center ((352) 861-9751 or masterthepossibilities.org). You will have the opportunity to tour the water treatment and wastewater treatment facilities where we also discuss the distribution and collections systems that deliver your water and collect your wastewater. During the tour we discuss many topics and

have an open forum to answer any questions you might have. This provides a first-hand insight on what it takes to provide your water- and wastewater-related services.

The District wants you to know we are focused on customer satisfaction from account set up to the accuracy of our billing, including the efficient and reliable operation and maintenance of the related infrastructure. The standards that serve as the District's guidelines are efficiency, accuracy, and to serve our customers with an unwavering dedication. The District board of supervisors has established specific policies and procedures providing guidance to District staff to ensure all situations are treated in a fair and equitable manner. If at any time a customer disagrees with a determination made by District staff, they are welcome to bring the matter to the district manager and then to the board of supervisors for final determination.

When in doubt please call the District. We can be reached between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for non-emergency calls at (352) 414-5454. The District has an open-door policy and any of our staff are more than happy to meet with you and discuss any concerns you might have. Take the time to make an appointment and speak with our team to get your questions answered, straight from the source itself. Your voice indeed matters, and we want to address any concerns you might have.

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Our team at Master the Possibilities had so much fun with this term’s catalog theme – The Age of Visionaries. So far, we have learned about Leonardo da Vinci, Francis Marion the “Swamp Rat” and the architect Antoni Gaudi. Additional insights were given on famous historical people like Benjamin Franklin, Norman Rockwell and Thomas Edison.

March will continue to highlight visionaries with course topics on Alan Turing, Archimedes, Newton, Gauss, Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul and even University of Florida Gators legend Steve Spurrier. The theme would not be well represented if we did not include courses on Julius Caesar, John F. Kennedy and Elon Musk.

Participants are invited to join Marsha Schaeffer at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4 in Cypress Hall to hear more about environmental visionary Elon Musk, who is an entrepreneur, inventor, physicist and humanitarian. According to Schaeffer, Musk is the kind of visionary who takes his ideas into action. Those who attend this course will hear more about Musk’s visions, his companies Tesla, Solar City, SpaceX, and how they have transformed the world. Cost is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members.

According to instructor Dr. James Kuzmanovich, if he were asked who the three greatest composers of all time are, he would answer Archimedes, Newton, and Gauss, and not Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. In this class, Kuzmanovich will express his reasoning behind the choice and discuss the highly original contributions these three made to theoretical mathematics, and how their visionary ideas forever changed the understanding of the world. Join in the discussion from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 9 in Classroom 1. Cost is \$2 for members and \$7 for non-members.

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary for Women’s Suffrage. Join facilitator Allie Gore from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 to view and discuss the 2004 Docu-

drama of Alice Paul, starring Hilary Swank. Paul is famous for helping strategize the campaign of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and believed “there will never be a new world order until women are a part of it.” There is no cost to attend this event. However, registration is required.


From 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, Dee Collier will portray, in full costume, legendary Susan B. Anthony. Participants are invited to ask questions as Collier speaks about Anthony’s pivotal role in the women’s suffrage movement, and how she advocated for the abolition of slavery at the young age of 17.

There are truly so many exciting March events, I am not able to mention them all. However, I would recommend those interested visit masterthepossibilities.org for more information, and to view a calendar of all upcoming March courses. Our staff is available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer questions or to help participants register for courses and may be reached at (352) 861-9751 or by visiting our Education Center at 8415 SW 80th Street.



Instructor, Dee Collier portrays legendary Susan B. Anthony in full costume Tuesday, March 24, from 1 to 2 p.m.

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May the Luck of the Irish Be with You!



In the 7th century, St. Patrick’s Day was a _____ holiday celebrated only in Ireland.

Originally, the official color of the Order of St. Patrick was a “St. Patrick’s _____.”

Green replaced this color because of Ireland’s nickname, “The _____ Isle’.

St. Patrick used the three leaves of the green shamrocks to teach people about the Holy _____ and introduce Christianity.

St. Patrick’s Day falls on the anniversary of St Patrick’s _____; on March 17 in the 5th century.

_____ (St. Patrick’s real name) came to Ireland after being kidnapped and sold into slavery.

Ironically, prior to 1960 all pubs were actually _____ on this day as it was a Catholic feast day.

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important to the board to have member input on this important decision. The Association will host workshops to further this dialog and member acceptance. Workshop dates and times will be announced in the near future. Visit otowinfo.com for more information.

Your board is committed to providing an expansive bundle of services available for residents. We strive to provide access to numerous fitness, recreation, entertainment, and educational programs good for both the body and soul. Your board strives to build and reinforce the sense of community, enhance the opportunity to make friends, and enjoy the peace of mind of living in a safe and clean community.

The board provided information to residents whose homes are

located within Friendship Colony, Friendship Village and Americana Village that Bay Laurel Center Community Development District (BLCCDD) will begin individually billing residents for their water use starting March 2020. This coincides with the Association's 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Affected residents will see a \$65 monthly decrease in their Community Service Fees for water and sewer currently carried in the budget for those neighborhoods, the Association will continue to carry \$15 monthly in this budget line item for residential irrigation. BLCCDD will be sending correspondence to any remaining residents who still need to apply for service prior to March 2020. To avoid disruption of your water service Wednesday, March 11, it is vital that you contact BLCCDD to create your individual account if you have not done so.

Winter Weather and Shrubbery

March can be a tricky month when it comes to the weather. We may have wonderfully warm days and cold nights. Do not remove seemingly damaged plants prematurely. Plants affected by the cold may surprise you with their recovery. Withhold pruning back until mid-April. There may be several more periods of cold and possible frost. Pruning at this point will spur plant growth that is vulnerable to the cold. Rather, wait until mid-April to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter so be fore-

warned.

Lawns and shrubbery will continue to grow, albeit very slowly, when the ground temperature warms above 65 degrees. That said, watering requirements are significantly less during the cooler months.

Predatory Real Estate Practices

It seems like a day doesn't go by that I don't get a card or letter in my mailbox to the effect of "Urgent that you contact me! I'll buy your home." My first thought isn't printable. I'd like to believe this sort of scam violates Florida law. The jury is out on that, I suppose.

There's another part of this scam. Perhaps, many of you have seen it. In this one, there's a message on your phone that so and so is in the neighborhood and is looking to buy your home and the condition of it doesn't matter.

If you answer the card, or if you return the phone call, the scammer knows you are interested. You become the "mark" and then they will prey.

So, what is going on? If you received either of these scams, and that's what they are, you have possibly been contacted by someone who either wants personal information and who wants to buy your home cheaply and flip it for a large profit. They make it sound like it's quick and easy money by offering cash for a quick sale of your home or condo. "Cool" you may think but hold on a minute. A sales price isn't mentioned. How do you know what your home is really worth? The prospect of easy money fast and probably without commission may be enticing, but how do you know if this is a real deal or just another scam to obtain private and personal information from you? Which, by the way, is what it is. For that matter, how do you know what your home is really worth on a true real estate market? How would you feel if you left \$20,000 to \$40,000 in real value on the table? This unfortunately happens often. It is common that homeowners, often seniors, find themselves enticed into selling their homes for below a fair market value. Scammers are not stupid. They know that our seniors have the money.

According to the Florida attorney general's office, retirement communities are a target for these predatory home-buying practices for many reasons. We may become frail from illness and need to move to a care facility. Maybe you've lost a spouse and can't bear to be in the home you shared together. Maybe

medical debt is a burden and you see no other way than get living expenses before going on to lord knows what.

Oftentimes, these "fast money buyers" employ deceptive or high-pressure tactics to cheat an owner out of their home or to obtain personal and private information. I recently read a story of a woman in a downtown Atlanta neighborhood who refused to sell, despite repeated offers. The aggregator reported her to the city for code violations. Finally, after being dunned by multiple warnings from city code enforcement, and lacking the funding to make the necessary repairs, the woman relented and sold for a below-market price. The home shortly thereafter was sold for multiples of what she was paid. Flipping is the term for this practice, and this is the goal to begin with: fast money.

It takes some patience and restraint, but your real estate may be your most valuable asset. Know its value.

Of course, the most reliable way to value your home and also to sell it is to work with a reputable real estate brokerage firm and establish an estimate of market value based on recent sales of comparable properties. This is fast and most brokers will do it as a courtesy. Of course, you may be asked to sign a listing contract for the sale of your property. But that's fair if you are serious about wanting to sell. And if you are not serious, why would you ever have been talking to these scammers?

Finally, a broker moderated sale may take a little longer (not by much in this market!), but you can be comfortable that you are not leaving value on the table.

If you get a mailer, ignore it. If someone leaves a phone message to the effect that he or she is in the neighborhood and wants to buy your home, do not respond. Scammers are all over us these days. Sure, we want to trust other folks even when they call or send us a card. We want to do that; but we can't.

Safety Tips

For those of you who use dryer sheets, now is a good time to scrub your lint vent with a brush and hot soapy water. Some dryer sheets emit a waxy substance that adheres to the mesh lining of the lint trap screen. If you run hot water over your lint vent and the water does not pass through the mesh, then it is a good idea to clean your lint vent. Consider using wool or plastic dryer balls instead of the dryer sheets.

Conservation Tip

Depending on the type of irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 18 to 26 gallons per zone per run cycle, which can save 77 to 112 gallons per month per zone for once per week watering and 155 to 224 gallons per month per zone for twice per week watering. Overall, on a monthly basis you have the potential to reduce your water consumption from 542 gallons to 1,565 gallons depending on the time of year and specific run times on each zone, assuming seven zones. Monthly water savings for seven zones may cost in a range of \$1.41 to \$7.67 for once per week watering and \$2.82 to \$15.34 for twice per week watering depending on the rate tier.

REPLACEMENT CAR DECALS

Customer Service
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FERTILIZING
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All Around Our World

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March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country. And, for those of us who love to celebrate, St. Patrick's Day is Tuesday, March 17, - green hats, green beer and corned beef and cabbage. Thursday, March 19, is the official start of spring.

Daylight Saving Time

Be sure to "spring forward" on the evening of Saturday, March 7, as daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 8. Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because daylight saving time provides a convenient reminder. You may also want to eliminate expired medications at this time.

Budget Meeting

The board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association was held Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Circle Square Cultural Center and was well attended. The board took action to approve the 2020-2021 budget, as well as a resolution for the 2020-2021 roof replacements. The board reports included discussing budget items, on-going challenges and new and exciting plans for this budget year.

Ocala Open

As a reminder, the 14th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course is just days away! We have been hosting this wonderful event for many years and have raised over \$663,000 for our charities.

The Ocala Open is sure to be the largest charity golf event in Marion County in 2020 and will be held March 11, 12 and 13 with a Pro-Am Tuesday, March 10. You still have time to sign up to participate in the Pro-Am, which will help benefit our two local charities - Hospice of Marion County, Inc. and Interfaith Emergency Services. The professional tournament will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight professional golf-

ers from around the world. You will not want to miss this - come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf.

Customer Service

The Customer Service office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, Mar. 18, this month. Customer Service may be reached by phone, (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or by e-mailing 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.

After Hour Emergency

Remember if you have an after-hour emergency, call (352) 236-OTOW (6869) and not the gate. This number is answered by a trained representative to better direct your call.

Estate or Tag Sales

Estate or tag sales must be registered and approved by Customer Service at Friendship Commons by the 10th of each month. A copy of the approved form will then be forwarded to the World News and an ad will run in the following month's issue on the Classifieds page.

Loading and Unloading

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

Resident Requests

We have been asked to address the issue of dog poop disposal and throwing poop bags into the drains along the street. Two things occur when waste is disposed of in the drains. First, the bags just sit in the catch basins until it rains. The second occurrence is the bags get washed down into the retention ponds or onto the golf course. Poop

bags remain until workers remove them. This practice is not only unsanitary, but unsightly. Please take responsibility and properly dispose of waste bags.

We have also been asked to address the issue of bath salts being added to the hot tubs in the Recreation Center. This practice not only causes skin irritation with some residents, it also clogs the filter and must be drained to clear the residue. Please do not add any products to the public hot tubs.

Rule of the Month

As many of you know, and for the new residents who are not aware, any changes made to the



Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss

As you travel around On Top of the World and Marion County you may notice what appears to be confusion in the naming of roadways. They are part of the system and follow guidelines set by the county. On Top of the World has no part in naming streets. The county does it all.

The county is divided into four quadrants: north-south running along Magnolia Avenue, which divides the county east and west; and Ft. King, which runs east-west dividing the county north and south. Where these two roads intersect is the center point where all measurement begins (0-0 point). Each of the four northeast, southeast, southwest and northwest quadrants is sub-divided into grids consisting of 528-foot (one-tenth mile) squares.

These grids determine primarily exact locations within the county, where, by necessity, street names and ultimately house numbers must change due to directional changes, crossing quadrants.

Streets, places, loops and lanes run east-west across these grids. Avenues, courts, circles and terraces run north-south. Where the roads meander, twist and cross grid lines, an additional designation of "road" is added (i.e., SW Court Road or NW Street Road). Neither loops nor circles always go all the way around but are sometimes intersected by

outside of the home must have a modification request submitted to Customer Service. Upon receipt of an approved request, work may commence. The rule is quoted as: "Maintenance and Alterations ... No alteration or modification of the exterior or structural components of any residential unit, of the landscaping or lawn irrigation (sprinkler) system on any lot, nor any exterior painting of doors, driveways, or exterior areas of any dwelling, home or lot, nor the installation, alteration or painting of any fence or wall, may occur or be made without the specific advance written approval of the Association or its designee."

adjoining streets. There are some, but few deviations to these rules for simplification, which are determined by the county.

The Community Patrol is made up of volunteers, who serve our residents, as a watch. We would be more than pleased to have you join this service organization. Contact Paul Altman at (860) 460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com for further information.

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The end of March is a good time to start fertilizing the turf and shrubs. If you live in On Top of the World (Central) you should not be fertilizing in addition to Parkway Maintenance. However, if you live in Candler Hills or Indigo East and plan on doing your own fertilizing this year or if you are hiring out the fertilization of your lawn and shrubs there are a few things you should know.

All persons for hire shall abide by and be trained in the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Landscape Management Course and the Florida Green Industries Best Management Practices for the Protection of Water Resources in Florida. The applicator should also carry the Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator License with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Private homeowners are required to

follow the recommendations made by the UF/IFAS program when applying fertilizers except where this ordinance provides more stringent requirements. If you contract out your landscape maintenance and fertilization, please make sure the applicators are certified.

If using a slow release fertilizer on Bahia grass, St. Augustine or Zoysia you are allowed to apply one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet at each application and you cannot exceed three pounds of nitrogen per year. I recommend not applying any more than two pounds of slow release fertilizer annually. If using nitrogen that is water soluble or quick release, application rates shall not exceed 0.7 pounds per 1,000 square feet per application.

Our winter has been mild, but we always see a cold snap at the end of March. Cold damage this time of year is always a concern with plants flushing from the warmer weather seen in mid-February.

What do you need to do coming out of the spring? Well I am glad you asked. As temperatures increase slowly soil temperatures

will increase too. When soil temperatures are between 65 and 75 degrees and moisture is present, fungi known as Large Patch is most active. Both soil temperature and moisture must be present for the fungi to inoculate the turf. Preventative treatment is the best method of control against fungal problems. We know soil temperatures will reach the desired temperature and most residents have an irrigation system, so preventatively treat the grass.

But what if you think you already have fungus, what do you do? First, is to positively identify the fungal problem. You can send a sample to University of Florida's Rapid Turf Diagnosis lab or if you feel confident you can try to identify it yourself. As the grass starts to come out of dormancy, look for yellowing patches of grass or irregularly colored spots. Look for the "halo" along the outer edge of the suspect grass.

If you think there is fungus present, do not fertilize. Treat the areas immediately and try to keep from walking on it and certainly keep mowers off. Mowing and walking

can track fungal spores throughout your lawn.

So what do you treat it with? Lowe's carries Bayer Advanced Fungus Control for Lawns and Scotts Lawn Fungus Control. Make sure you read the label when applying the products; some products will require multiple applications. If you have a contractor treating your lawn, let them know you are aware of the potential for fungal problems and you would like your lawn treated.

Lastly, irrigation will go back to twice per week watering Sunday, March 8. Make sure you reset your timers to water accordingly. Odd numbered addresses will water Wednesday/Saturday and even addresses will water Thursday/Sunday. Solar Sync with Hunter Pro C or Virtual Solar Sync used on the Hydrowise clock will adjust the runtimes automatically based on three day observations of climatic conditions. This is a sure way to save on your water bill. This is also a great time of year to do a thorough check of the irrigation system and make any needed repairs.



Test Drive The Ranch Fitness Center!

This VIP invitation allows On Top of the World residents to "test

drive" all of our new equipment and updated programming at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa for the month of March for free! This gives you unrestricted access to experience fitness at its finest!

Try one of our FreeRunner treadmills. State of the art technology features an aluminum deck supported by a hexagonal polymer suspension system. The result is superior cushioning and responsiveness

for an unprecedented treadmill experience. Perhaps you would prefer to climb the Gauntlet. This is an ergonomically designed stair mill that provides a formidable workout.

Build muscle and strength with our Nautilus One strength training circuit. Nautilus One combines revolutionary weight stack technology with a user-friendly platform. The Ranch has also updated and increased our free weights and functional trainers.

In addition to our brand-new fitness floor, we offer comprehensive group fitness programs that include: cardio barbell, spinning, yoga, Zumba®, aqua aerobics and TRX training. All of these programs are available to you for the month of March! TRX is a great way to start exercising or boost your current workout routine. TRX is a hot fitness trend because of its simplicity and effective outcomes; come check it out.

The Ranch team is excited to host On Top of the World and Stone Creek VIPs during the month of March. We are anticipating an energetic turnout for this special

promotion, so here are a few things you can expect when you come in for your test drive:

1. Please show your resident ID to the receptionist at the fitness desk.
2. You will need to fill out a one-time guest registration.
3. If you are planning to take one of our group fitness classes, you can sign up one hour prior to the start time of the class at the fitness desk. Space in classes is limited. For a complete listing of our classes, please visit TheRanchFitnessSpa.com

There will be a personal trainer on the fitness floor to assist you with the fitness equipment during the following days and times for the entire month of March:

- Monday through Friday: 9 to 11 a.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information on test-driving The Ranch, please stop by to take a tour, spend some time in a class, the pool, or on our new fitness equipment.

‘Bunco for Babies’

By Michelle Malsch

The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser will be Saturday, April 4 at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

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

Tickets are \$25 and include lunch, cash prizes for the bunco game categories, and numerous door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held as well. Doors open at 10 a.m. Tickets will be sold on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom ending March 19. Tickets are limited and sell out fast.

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

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**Avalon
Social Group**

Sherry Whitmer-Hall

The Avalon Social Club was invited to host a display at the Club Fair in January. The purpose of the fair is to let residents explore the different clubs. Residents could ask questions, receive information and ask questions about the club, receive and review information provided, or wait until another time. At the Club Fair this year, we had 24 residents of Avalon sign up to attend and receive information by email.

The information on our poster and hand-out listed our purpose and goals. We let prospective residents of Avalon know that our main purpose was to have a place where Avalon residents could meet residents from all of the different neighborhoods in a dues-free atmosphere. New and current residents mingle over the selection of potluck dishes, and there is a section in the program where they are asked to share information about themselves, if they want. They can talk about their former or current professions, or relay something special about themselves. We also provide a lot of volunteer opportunities. Help is always needed setting up and taking down and cleaning up. Working together is always fun and a casual way to mingle while helping.

We meet four times a year at the Arbor Conference Center Dance



Photo by Sherry Whitmer-Hall
Avalon Social Club display at Club Fair.

Studios I-IV on the second Monday of the months of October, December, March and May. Set up is at 6:30 p.m., and dinner starts at 6 p.m. The dinner is a potluck, and we select different dish types by the first letter of their last name.

Sometimes we have a speaker and sometimes activities. It is a casual atmosphere where all residents of Avalon are invited. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256.



**Friendship
Connection**

David Wesenberg

Friendship Connection provides fellowship and fun events for residents of Friendship Village, Friendship Colony and Friendship Park. Our first 2020 meeting at the pavilion Sunday, Feb. 9 was a real success. The weather was just perfect, and it was fun to be outside taking in the beautiful day. Served up to residents of Friendship Village, Friendship Colony and Friendship Park was a great picnic with hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie

burgers accompanied by beans, coleslaw, potato salad and some wonderful desserts.

The purpose of the meeting was simply to get to know your neighbors and form neighborhood associations to help each other and know each other better. For me I am happy to say the mission was accomplished.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 12. Keep your eyes out for details. This is a great time to join us for fellowship and fun. Visit otow.org/club/friendship for details or contact Gail Curione at (407) 497-3958 or friendshipconnection2019@gmail.com or contact David Wesenberg at (217) 280-4454 or dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com.

Williamsburg Neighbors

Ginny Nardone

Spring is just around the corner and so is the annual Williamsburg spring picnic. Residents are invited to come to the pavilion (near the softball field) on Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. This year's picnic is a potluck lunch. Bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share (sandwiches, wings, salad, dessert, etc.). Our 2020 picnic chairperson is Pam Rozmenoski. Pam and her team are planning a fun afternoon, so mark your calendar and plan to attend! Recently our neighborhood con-

ducted the annual community meeting. We heard presentations on the 2019 socials, a summary of the year's financial activity, and policy changes. The group then brainstormed ideas for 2020 activities. We had a lively discussion resulting in many new ideas which will be explored by newly formed subgroups. Thanks to all who attended and also to those who presented reports.

If you are new to Williamsburg and have questions or would like to be added to the email contact list, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266.



**Citizens
Emergency
Response Team**

Joe Moia

So, what is C.E.R.T.? C.E.R.T. was devised after 9/11 and the Northridge earthquake. It was discovered that the fire and police departments were overwhelmed with major problems and could not often respond to the needs of average citizens. The sheriff's department and FEMA decided they needed something to pick up the slack until they could respond. So, they came up with C.E.R.T. (Civilian Emergency Response Team) under the auspices of and funded by FEMA and administered and trained by the sheriff's department.

Each C.E.R.T. candidate is given a background check. There are five weeks of first aid training, plus the psychology of dealing with people in emergency situations, how to properly use fire extinguishers and how to deal with a myriad of things that could come up in emergency situations.

Each C.E.R.T. member's first aid training includes: how to stop bleeding, safely administer CPR,

use a defibrillator, immobilize broken bones and safely immobilize a spinal injury. If nothing else this training will be invaluable to you if you ever have a family emergency.

One is not out there alone. In an emergency, each C.E.R.T. team is composed of four members: a medical team leader, a radio person, a scribe, and a backup. Upon graduation of your training at the Emergency Response Unit, you will be given a C.E.R.T. bag filled with first aid equipment, your ID, a diploma given by the sheriff, and a CPR card, if you take the training.

We have just over 40 C.E.R.T. members for our community. We need more to adequately cover this huge complex! If you think you might be interested in serving your community, having some fun, and learning invaluable first aid, come check us out. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building. Rocky Pizzarello is in charge of new members. His email is rpizzarello@gmail.com.

We are also in need of ham radio operators. Please contact Sue Gribbins at sue.grib@yahoo.com.

If you would like any further information, please email me at jomoia@att.net.



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EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

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Statue of Freedom

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

There is a lady - known by few - who has resided in Washington, D.C. for well over 100 years. She is a tall lady ruling over the Capitol from a high perch. In fact, this lady is over 19 feet tall and her weight would tip the scales at around

15,000 pounds. She is in plain sight for all to see.

The right hand of this lady holds a sheathed sword while her left hand clasps a laurel wreath of victory and the shield of the United States. Her chiton (dress) is secured by a brooch which is inscribed "U.S." while her left shoulder harnesses a heavy fringed Native American blanket.

Who is this lady? She is the Statue of Freedom constructed of bronze and has been situated on top of the Capitol Building since 1863. The statue faces east towards the main entrance of the building and the rising sun. This lady is called by many as "Freedom." She wears a military style helmet with stars and an eagle's head which is crowned like an umbrella crest of feathers. The Statue of Freedom stands atop a globe which is encircled with one of our national mottos - E pluribus unum (out of many).

After 130 years perched on top of the Capitol, Freedom was removed from the building in 1993 by a helicopter for restoration allowing many tourists the chance to see the Statue of Freedom up close. It took just four months of extensive restoration at a cost of \$780,000 in privately raised funds before Freedom took her place atop of the building again.

The original cost of Freedom, not counting the installation, which was in five main sections, was \$23,796.82. When the head and shoulders, the final sections of Freedom, were completed in 1863, Freedom received a 35-gun salute which was answered by canons from 12 different forts around Washington. There is a plaster model of Freedom inside the Capitol Building's visitors center.

The Statue of Freedom has appeared on several official designs, as has the Statue of Liberty. Freedom has appeared on postage stamps and a commemorating stamp of the 150th anniversary of Washington, D.C. She has also appeared on U.S. military awards and medals.



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Indigo East
Janice Liberton

The first 2020 bunco game night in January was a great success under the direction of Karen and Kevin Jensen. For the first time ever, there were enough participants to fill 18 tables. Bunco is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 6 p.m.

Likewise, the first bingo of 2020



Democratic Club
Dan Lack


Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution states that there shall be a count of "... the whole number of free persons ... within every subsequent term of 10 years." We should all be receiving our census forms shortly in the mail and we may respond via mail, phone or online. The census allows our various governments to draw legislative district lines and to apportion funds. U.S. Census Partnership Specialist Channa Lloyd will be the speaker at our Thursday, March 26 meeting. This is a timely meeting when you may expect to learn a lot about fulfilling your civic duty. If you do not, you may be accused of taking leave of your census.



Finding Zen
Christina Shearer
info@sholompark.org

The 2020 spring L.E.A.F. Series is underway with some exciting new topics and speakers. We kicked things off this Valentine's Day with "For the Love of Birds" with the OWL guys from Ocala Wildlife Sanctuary. Did you know that some Florida native birds mate for life?

Practice mindfulness in March. Learn to see the extraordinary in the ordinary, while practicing simple ways to go from "Mind Full to Mindful" Friday, March 20 with personal development coach and published author Tracy Ryzan Ross.



Veterans Club
Charles Calhoun

Thank you to all the residents for their donations to Vets Helping Vets and Operation Shoebox. I was overwhelmed with donations of shoes, hundreds of new socks and three truckloads of clothes, food and household items that were distributed to veterans in need.

One truckload was taken to Operation Shoebox where I learned

in January had an exceptional number of residents attend and enjoy the games. Bingo is on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Effective immediately, the Indigo East Social Club will be known as the Indigo East Social Committee, which is the actual name under the Federal ID.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, a neighborhood general meeting was sponsored by the Social Committee and held at the Indigo East Community Center. The annual event calendar is in the planning stages and once the events are placed on the On

We meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. Our meetings are open to registered Democrats and Independent voters although only Democrats can be voting members of the club.

Videos of our speakers may be viewed on YouTube.com (otowdemclub).

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village with donations of towels, washcloths, twin/full bed sheets, dry/canned food, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, dish/laundry detergent and paper towels so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us.

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

March is also the start of our online poetry contest for Friday, April 24, "Poetry in the Park." April is National Poetry Month. Celebrate poetry with Asa Drake, a Pushcart nominated poet and a voting member of the National Book Critics' Circle and learn how to transform your personal thoughts and feelings into meaningful poetry.

We will wrap up our L.E.A.F. Series Friday, May 15 with "A Taste of Thyme." Master Gardener Sheena Schlegel has a passion for growing and using herbs. Join us to learn more about herb gardening so you can add a burst of fresh flavor to your favorite dishes.

For more information about our L.E.A.F. Series or poetry contest, please visit sholompark.org.

they spent \$59,000 in the month of December alone on postage sending gifts and stockings to our active duty overseas personnel. They average \$13,000 for postage per month. This is just one small organization doing what they can do with just help from the community.

The American Legion Post 354 and the Veterans Club are addressing this need and hope to work with our representatives to solve this problem.

The Veterans Club now meets in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV, at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

Top of the World calendar for Indigo East, it will be made public.

All positions on the Indigo East Social Committee board were available for the year February 2020 through February 2021. The board members are Chairperson Melinda Huser (incumbent); Vice Chairperson Karen Henry; Secretary Anne Cymerman (incumbent); Treasurer Alice Caldwell; Facility Coordinator Owen Brady (incumbent).

A new position, communications director, was created, and yours truly is heading the committee.

Lou Simons will be hosting the Men's Breakfast and Luncheon Committees.

Sharon Gruca is the host of the women's breakfast and luncheon committees. The women's luncheon will not be held in April and will be held at a later date, to be announced.

Mike Huser has agreed to host the Memorial Day cookout Monday, May 25.

Did you know Indigo East has a billiards team? The team was formed for the 2019-2020 season. Currently they are at the halfway point and the members are enjoying a few weeks off to relax and practice. The competitions will resume early March on Tuesday afternoons. They play other On Top of the World internal teams as well as teams from other 55-plus communities. On Top of the World has seven teams including the Indigo East team.

The team captain is Tom Liberton and members are as follows: Terry Cymerman, co-captain; Dean Fesette, Scott Lyons, Carl Pignataro, Robert Porter, Robert Saunders, J.R. Warren and Earl Winbald. Most of the members are new to pool competition, and they may not always score a win, but they are a great group of guys having way too much fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new residents who recently moved into Indigo East. We are a unique group of neighbors, separated from On Top of the World (Central), yet part of the On Top of the World Communities. The residents of the Indigo East family enjoy socializing and having a great time together, and we hope you will also.

Until next time, enjoy daylight saving time and spring; both begin in March.

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Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The Candler Connection Social Club board members for 2020 are Richard Steinfeldt, president; John Bain, vice president and social committee chairman; Doug Dahlen, secretary; Deb Keirn, treasurer; Darryl Kenyon (website); John Podkomorski (technology committee); Vicky Major-Bell (co-chairperson of social committee); Amy Waller (communications committee); and John Maggio.

The Spring Dinner Dance will be Saturday, March 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets are \$33 per person and will be sold from 10 a.m. to noon on March 3 and 10 at Candler Hills Community Center and on March 5 and 12 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Plan to attend to enjoy a wonderful meal and dance the evening away.

This month's potluck dinner will be Tuesday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Residents with the last names beginning with A-H should bring a dessert; I-R, side dish or salad; and S-Z, main dish. Setup volunteers should arrive by 4:15 p.m. and all others by 5:15 p.m. to obtain a seating table number. \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. A 50/50 drawing will be held. To attend, please contact Deb Keirn at (352) 414-5737 or arthurkipdeb@verizon.net.

If you are interested in greeting new neighbors and helping with the very important Candler Hills ambassador program, contact Amy Waller at abwarnp97@aol.com. Several neighborhoods within Candler Hills need friendly ambassadors.

Future events to look forward to in Candler Hills are:

- Saturday, April 25: Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt and Dinner Dance. Tickets go on sale March 24, 26, 31, April 2, 7 and 9 at a price of \$22 per person. DJ Hal Dodd will provide the dancing music; Brick City will provide the barbecue food.
- Sundays, June 21 and Aug. 16: Ice cream social.
- Saturday, Dec. 12: Holiday party.

The speaker series at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills will occur on the following Mondays:

- March 23: Brian MacNeel about fraud, scams and how to protect yourself.
- April 13: Joe Reichel of Chamber and Economic Partnership.
- May 18: Pat Gabriel from the SR 200 Coalition regarding what is going on around us.
- Sept. 14: Doug Hart, Seniors vs. Crime Project.

New residents of Candler Hills can log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email in order to learn about events and activities. Currently 1,215 residents receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 779 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler residents.

The next Candler Connection board meeting is Friday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any resident of Candler Hills can attend.

See you around the neighborhood!


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It is hard to believe we are almost into spring! I know most of us are looking forward to the warmer weather for golfing and other outdoor sports.

Don't forget daylight saving time is fast approaching. Sunday, March 8, you will want to move your clocks ahead one hour. America will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day Tuesday, March 17. Don't forget to wear your green!

Ballroom Dance Classes*

Would you like to learn how to ballroom dance? Instructor Butch Phillips has teaching certificates in American style bronze, silver and gold as well as bronze in international ballroom and international Latin and is a nationally certified country and western judge. We encourage anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Participants will be evaluated to determine the class levels needed. The classes are as follows: March-West Coast Swing; April-Foxtrot; May-Rumba; and June-Waltz.

The classes will include step description for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance and practice to music. Singles are welcome as willing students will rotate partners. Classes are held on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The cost of the classes is \$30 for three weeks of class.

Tap Dance Classes*

Learn to tap dance with New York tap instructor, Penny Berton. She is patient, caring, creative, and is a great choreographer! No experience necessary! You will be dancing to music of all genres and doing routines the very first week. Come join the class, bring those tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes) and re-awake your love of tap! The following classes are offered weekly at the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room:

- Tuesday Advanced Beginner Tap: 10 to 11 a.m.
- Tuesday Beginner Tap: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Basic Beginner Tap: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The cost of the classes will be \$20 per person for a four-week class.

Tropic Trivia Night*

Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind boggling, brain taxing questions as we have added more tables, which increases your winnings! Trivia is held on the first Thursday of every month with the next one Thursday, April 2, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We will have tables of eight and you will select the team name. Please note you must have four or more paid contestants at a table to select a team name. Each team's scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. All beverages must be purchased at The Pub (no outside beverages permitted). Water is available at no charge.

The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident.

February Winners

1: Sweet & Sassy; 2: Just 4 Fun; 3: Gray Matters.

Happy Hour

Join us for Happy Hour in the Recreation Center Ballroom and entertainment on the outside veranda every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The entertainment lineup in the Recreation Center Ballroom is as follows:

- March 6: One Flite Up
 - March 13: Kathleen Kane
 - March 20: Crossfire
 - March 27: Danny & Johnny
- The entertainment lineup for the outside veranda is as follows:
- March 6: Dave & Kenny
 - March 13: Take 2
 - March 20: Sal
 - March 27: Donna Carrier

Individual resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour. Anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted to Happy Hour. Please note that outside beverages of any kind will not be permitted.

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens*

Wednesday, March 18 we will visit the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida. The museum offers more than 4, 900 objects in its permanent collection and 2.5 acres of historic riverfront gardens. World-class art spanning from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century includes masterworks such as paintings by Peter Paul Rubens and Adolphe William Bougereau, and American works by Thomas Moran and Winslow Homer. Three gardens enhance and surround the campus on the St. Johns River. You will take a docent tour throughout the museum. You will also dine in the C-Café as a group and you will have the choice of baby blue salad or turkey BLT croissant.

The cost of the trip is \$59 per person includes transportation, museum, garden tours and lunch.

Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks*

Visit the Spongeorama museum Tuesday, March 24, and learn about the rich history of Tarpon Springs, the sponge docks, and the sponge industry. Find out just what a sponge is and where they come from while relaxing in their air-conditioned movie theater. The museum and movie are both free attractions and are a perfect introduction to the Tarpon Springs sponge docks. After the movie, you can enjoy shopping, dining and touring the town on your own. Pick up all of those must have unique Florida and Greek gifts and souvenirs. Please note there is a lot of walking involved! The cost is \$29 per person includes transportation. Lunch is on your own.

Rags to Riches Sign Up*

Rags to Riches is scheduled for Friday, April 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Table sign-up will commence Monday, March 23, at the Recreation Center office. Cost will be \$10 per table (two-table maximum per resident). Get your table(s) early as this event sells out quickly.

Victory Casino Cruise*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling Tuesday, March 31, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation. Live table games and over 300 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. Please note that a valid government issued photo ID will be required to board.

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

Lakeridge Wine & Seafood Festival*

Lakeridge Wine & Seafood Festival is Friday, March 20. The signature event marks the beginning of springtime and the warmer weather brings people out to enjoy fabulous live outside music and entertainment throughout the entire day. Local artists and crafters will

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Monday through Friday

be there displaying their work. Lakeridge wine, beer, soft drinks and a variety of tasty seafood specialties will be available for purchase, along with complimentary winery tours and tastings. The cost of the event is \$44 per person and includes transportation and admission. Please note you will need to bring your own foldable chair or blanket.

Social Hour

Relax with friends and neighbors Thursday, March 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Easy listening music will be provided by the Paul De Ritter Duo. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. This event is free!

Telephone Directory

The 2021 On Top of the World resident telephone directory will be available for pick up in April at Customer Service.

Room Request Forms & Club Guest Notifications Forms

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2021 are now due. Rooms will not be automatically rebooked for the year without submitting a new request. Clubs that hold meetings at On Top of the World facilities must have in attendance 10 or more members to continue booking facilities. Please note that as of 2021 only residents of On Top of the World Communities may be members of clubs and only resident owners of homes within On Top of the World are eligible to be officers of a club.

We will have our annual Room Request meeting Thursday, March 26, at 10 a.m. in the Recreation Center. You will pick up your approved bookings at that time for calendar year 2021. Events or club meetings that have guests in attendance must submit a Club Guest Notification form two weeks prior to your event. Guests will be denied entry into the community without the proper paperwork being submitted to the Recreation Center office. This includes entertainers, speakers, caterers, etc.

Community Event Submission Form (TV/Poster)

Please note as of Jan. 1, 2020 previously approved posters will no longer be eligible for changes or updates for 12 months from the original poster request date. Example names, phone numbers, facility, times etc. will not be updated until a year from your request date.

Facility & Amenity Closures

The R/C flying field is currently closed until March 20, for maintenance.

The archery field is currently closed for maintenance (opening of the field will be posted at a later date).

The miniature golf course will be closed for renovations in mid-April with an estimated reopening on June 1, 2020.

Community Pool Information & Closures

As we enter the summer months the facility pools will see high volumes of residents and guests. We have pool monitors on site. Please be observant to the pool rules and always have your resident IDs on hand. We ask everyone to only utilize one chair or lounge per resident and to keep your personal items with you on your chair. This will help in assuring that everyone that comes to the pool will have a seat available.

Please note that the Recreation Center pool will remain open during the demolition of the old Golf Shop. The back walkway (stairs) to the parking lot, handicap access to the pool area and outside bathrooms will be closed along with some of the golf cart parking areas on the backside of the Recreation Center pool during this time.

We will have a temporary handicap ramp installed on the side by the showers along with Royal Restrooms that will be located on the backside of the Recreation Center pool for residents use.


The Recreation Center pool will be closed as of Aug. 1, 2020 and estimated to reopen at the end of December 2020. The Recreation Center pool will be undergoing resurfacing and facial renovations as well as the new construction for The Pub. If you have plans of family coming for the summer months and they are planning on utilizing the swimming pool during their visit this will give you plenty of time to plan around the closure dates.

If you would like to receive emails pertaining to news, events and activities happening here at On Top of the World please visit on-top-of-the-world.info.com/email-opt-in/ and click on the appropriate boxes to receive the latest information.

April Events

- Thursday, April 2: Tropic Trivia*
- Friday, April 3: Horse Farm Tour*
- Friday, April 10: No Happy Hour (Good Friday)
- Tuesday, April 14: City Walk & Blue Man Experience*
- Wednesday, April 15: Mini golf course closes
- Thursday, April 16: Enviro-Shred
- Friday, April 17: Rags to Riches
- Tuesday, April 21: Victory Casino*
- Thursday, April 23: Social Hour
- Friday, April 24: Singing River Cruise*
- Tuesday, April 28: Ringling Museum*
- Thursday, April 30: Get Acquainted Coffee

**To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7533 or x7380. 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.*



BUS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
Williamsburg	91st Cir.E. – 91st Cir.W – Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. – 92nd Pl. Rd. – 96th Ct. Rd. – 97th Cir	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. – 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. – 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane – Post Office – 99th Ave. – 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. – Post Office – 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office – 84th Ter. – 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. – 90th Pl. – 87th Ave. – 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. – 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. – 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Exit Community.....		9:36 a.m.
<i>Indigo East Community Center Parking Lot Call one day in advance for pick-up</i>		
MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square.....	9:50 a.m.	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's/Kohl's	10:00 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's.....	10:18 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall.....	10:22 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Walmart	10:27 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Target.....	10:37 a.m.	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center.....	10:47 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.		
AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES	
The Lodge	1:15 p.m.	Candler Hills Community Center 1:20 p.m.
Crescent Ridge Post Office.....	1:38 p.m.	Friendship Colony Post Office 1:25 p.m.
Recreation Center.....	1:43 p.m.	Williamsburg Post Office 1:28 p.m.
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m.	Avalon Post Office 1:33 p.m.
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.	
AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Friendship Center.....	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market.....	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Aldi/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots.....	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beall's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.
<i>* All times are approximate</i>		
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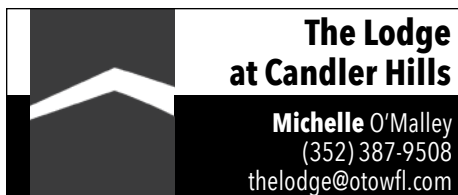
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The Lodge at Candler Hills

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Hello March ... more daylight and the beginning of spring! It's time to get together and enjoy our



Indigo East

Nora Dominguez
(352) 387-7372

Happy March! I'd like to welcome all of our new residents and introduce myself to everyone. My name is Nora Dominguez and I am your Indigo East coordinator. I will be providing you with information about what is going on in your community on a monthly basis.

It is my pleasure to serve the residents of Indigo East, you can find our office in the Indigo East Fitness Center. Please stop by; I'm happy to help you! I am hopeful that the residents take advantage of all the events throughout the year.

For the newer residents these events are a great opportunity to meet neighbors and make new friends.

Let's dance! Come to the Indigo East Community Center Wednesday, March 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. Live rock and roll music will be provided by Bad Kitty and his four-piece band. This event is free to Indigo East residents with a \$5 charge for guests. Bring your favorite drink and snack.

Meet & Greet Coffee will be Friday, March 6, in the Indigo East Community Center, at 9 a.m. Come enjoy coffee and danishes while visiting and meeting some of your new neighbors. We will show a short presentation and announce

HANDICAP EQUIPMENT

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

March events.

Cocktails & Karaoke will be Thursday, March 5, with Charlie and Kathy in the ballroom, from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktail and enjoy it at this event. It is a fun night of singing, dancing and clapping with other Candler Hills residents.

We are happy to present a pro-

some of the fun and exciting events we have planned for your community.

Once a month residents and guests can attend karaoke in the Indigo East Community Center Ballroom. This event will be held Friday, March 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. No need to be a professional singer; enjoy karaoke in a variety of genres or styles provided by friends and neighbors. Karaoke is truly a fun night for all.

Indigo trivia night is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next trivia is Wednesday, March 25, at the Indigo East Community Center, from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Assemble your own eight-person team, exercise your mind, and work with neighbors and friends to have fun and win monetary prizes. Trivia is one of our most popular events.

January Winners

1: Dogs of Indigo; 2: Guys & Dolls; 3: New Residents.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, April 8: Sassy Ladies Night Out
- Thursday, April 16: Pool Bash
- Friday, April 17: Karaoke
- Wednesday, April 22: Trivia

Community Information

Some residents have raised concerns about the use of Indigo East walking trails. Please be advised that walking trails are designated for walking only and should not be used by golf carts.

We are now accepting 2021 room request bookings. Stop by Indigo East Fitness Center office to pick up the contract form. Only residents of On Top of The World Communities may be members of clubs and only resident owners of homes within On Top of the World are eligible to be officers of a club.

**Events are open to Indigo East residents and their guest(s). A guest is defined as anyone not holding a current Indigo East resident ID, and additional fees may apply.*

fessional murder mystery comedy dinner show - "My Big Fat Italian Funeral" - Monday, March 16, in the ballroom. Put on your sleuth hat and solve the mystery. There will be lots of laughs and interactive participation. This will be an evening of fun with buffet style food and a cash bar. Tickets are on sale at the office. The cost of the event is \$65 per person and includes the show, dinner and a complimentary glass of champagne. Guest attending with resident is \$75 per person. The dinner show schedule is as follows: 5:30 p.m. social hour; 6 p.m. show starts; 6:25 p.m. intermission with salad; 7:10 p.m. buffet dinner; and 7:55 p.m. dessert.

We are happy to have an exciting, delicious menu for you while enjoying the show: Italian inspired plated salad (balsamic vinaigrette or ranch dressing); lasagna with beef and Italian sausage with garlic breadsticks; chicken piccata with oven roasted Italian herb potatoes and honey chili glazed baby carrots; and chef's choice dessert. If there are any dietary restrictions, please inform the office when buying your tickets for this event.

Ladies ... get your dancing shoes on for Girls Night Out Thursday, March 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. It's a BYOB party with Fresh Plates Creative Catering serving baked Potato/Salad Bar to enjoy with your own drinks. Ron Hackling will be your entertainer for the evening. Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest and can be purchased at the office.

We invite you to socialize with your neighbors and friends for Social Happy Hour, Saturday, March 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. It's a good time to meet new residents, enjoy music and dancing. Fred Campbell will be your entertainer for the evening. This is a free event for Candler Hills residents; guest fee of \$5 per person applies.

We also look forward to seeing you in April for these upcoming events:

- Wednesday, April 1: Trivia night is back with host Dave Conrad. We will have assigned tables of eight. This will be BYOB and you can bring your own snacks. Tickets are \$3 per residents and \$5 per guest. Upcoming dates for trivia night will be posted. Tickets will be sold at the

office. Please note that cell phones, smart watches and iPads will not be permitted at this event. Anyone caught utilizing these items will disqualify the entire team.

- Thursday, April 2: Cocktail Night by the pool.
- Wednesday, April 15: Name That Tune, from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18: Social Happy Hour, from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, April 23: Cocktails & Karaoke, from 5 to 8 p.m. (Please note that the date on the poster is incorrect.)

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2021 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at the The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Please remember room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and resident IDs will be required for bookings. Overnight guests may participate. 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 list to the appropriate departments. Only residents of On Top of the World Communities may be members of clubs and only resident owners of homes within On Top of the World are eligible to be officers of a club.

Have a great month and enjoy each day!

**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.*

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Two More Super Moons

By Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club was treated at its February meeting with a talk by Captain Kenneth Puckett, a retired Panama Canal Port captain and senior Panama Canal pilot who has made maritime presentations to professional organizations, military units, civic groups, colleges and aboard some of the world's largest cruise liners. Club members enjoyed his presentation on celestial navigation, demonstrating how stars were used with early instruments for navigating the seas.

For the second month in a row, March 2020 will feature a "super moon," a term applied to the full moon when it is very close to Earth in its monthly elliptical orbit. Super moons occur every year, but it's unusual to have three in a row as in 2020 - February, March, and April. When the moon's orbit brings it closest to earth it is said to be at perigee (i.e., "near to earth"), the opposite of apogee (i.e., "far from earth"). When the moon is at perigee, it appears to be about 11% bigger than normal, leading to the term "super moon." And by the way, whenever the moon is full, the sun, the earth, and the moon are all in a straight line with each other, the alignment known in astronomy by one of the all-time great Scrabble words, "syzygy."

Excitement about the Moonstruck Astronomy Club continues

to grow, as many residents express an interest in the heavens. Given recent news of a more detailed photo of the solar surface, the curious dimming of a red super-giant star, and more general questions about space, the planets, and the cos-

mos, the club has plenty to discuss at every meeting. The Moonstruck Astronomy Club meets on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room; the next meeting is on March 12.

Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15. Evening observing sessions are announced via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions will allow

for an open sky at the new R/C flying field and owners of telescopes are willing to set up for others to see interesting celestial objects. Sessions begin after dark and last into the evening, depending on the conditions and on the prospect of seeing specific targets as they cross the night sky.

If you have an interest in joining the club or would like additional information, please contact Club President Jim DiPaolo at spacecadet3010@gmail.com.

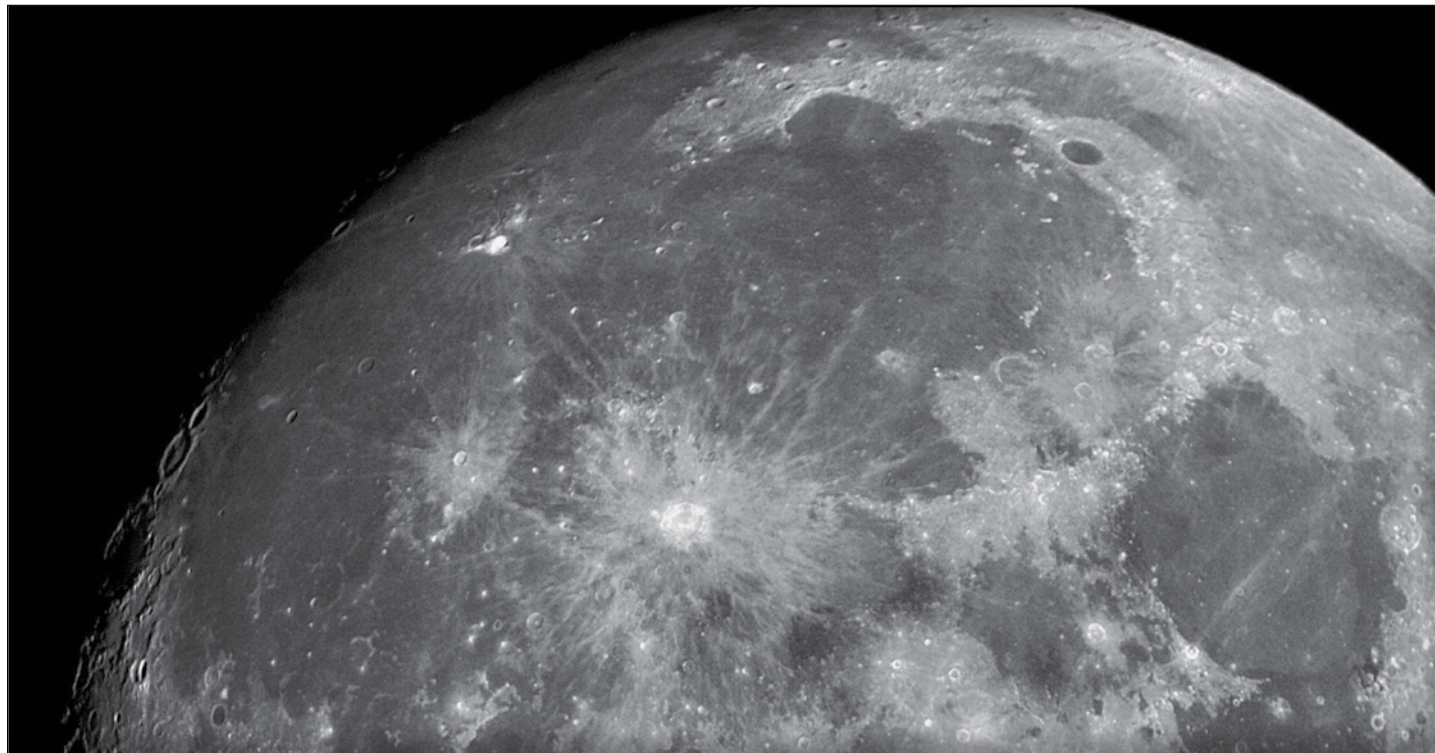


Photo by Jim DiPaolo

Details of the full moon, showing flat spaces (named as "seas" or "mare" in Latin), craters, and rays (lines of highly reflective ejected moon rock stretching for hundreds of miles from the meteor impacts that created the craters). The two craters featuring rays in the photo are named after Aristarchus and Copernicus, both of whom were known for their early contributions to astronomy.

Lions Club Casino Night

By Gail Morris



Photo by Gail Morris

New member induction.

There is still time. Our members are working hard to make our casino night fundraiser a great success. We are inviting all residents who would like the experience of "Las Vegas" to join us in the Recreation

Center Ballroom Saturday, Feb. 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. for casino night. Prizes include a 55" smart TV and a variety of themed baskets. Casino Party USA will be supplying all the equipment and dealers for a "Las Vegas" style event. Tickets are \$25 per person for \$200 worth of chips. We are limited to just 175 tickets for this event. We'll have blackjack, roulette, craps and poker tables. Contact for the event is Lion Gail Morris at (352) 317-4067. We're hoping this will be an event to remember.

Our February meeting was a great time for our club as we inducted seven new members and Membership Chair Lion Estelle Michelson invited District 35-L Governor Buddy Wells to induct our new members. He was accompanied by his First Lady Letha Wells. We enjoyed a potluck dinner prior to the meeting in honor of the event.

The Lions meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 5 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Please come join us and help us help others. Contact our membership chair, Lion Estelle Michelson, at (352) 861-7358 for club information.

Blue Run Trail Bird Walk

By Debbie Sherer

The Birding Group will be traveling to Blue Run Park in Dunnellon, Florida, for our monthly bird walk Thursday, March 26. The park was purchased in 2008 through a grant. The goal of this purchase was to protect the flora and fauna of the Rainbow River corridor for recreational and educational activities.

Visitors to the park have access to the Rainbow River, the Great Florida Birding Trail and three separate trails within the park. The Rainbow River is an aquatic preserve, an Outstanding Florida Water and a National Natural Landmark. The Rainbow River is one of the clearest aquatic systems on earth.

The Blue Run Trail surrounds the park's three-acre spring fed pond. Wading birds and ducks (egrets, herons and wood ducks) can be seen feeding in this area. Otters and raccoons occur along the shoreline of the Rainbow River to feed on crayfish and bivalves.

The Pond Trail winds through a mature forest of hickory, slash pine, water oak, live oak, sweetgum and sabal pine. Vultures, red-shouldered hawks, pileated woodpeckers and small birds frequent this area. White-tailed deer, gray fox, gray squirrel and turkey also live here.

The Sandhill Loop Trail has sandy soil with low moisture. Turkey oak, sand live oak, wiregrass and prickly pear cactus can tolerate the dry soil. The Sandhill Loop Trail is home to the gopher tortoise, a listed species that thrives in this area.

Please contact Margitta Claterbos (mclaterbos@gmail.com) if you want to join us on this trip. We will meet at 7:45 a.m. (and leave by 8 a.m.) by the large tree in the Recreation Center parking lot at the corner of SW 99th Street Road and SW 98th Street. You will be provided with directions to the park and to Swampy's Restaurant, our chosen lunch location for March 26.

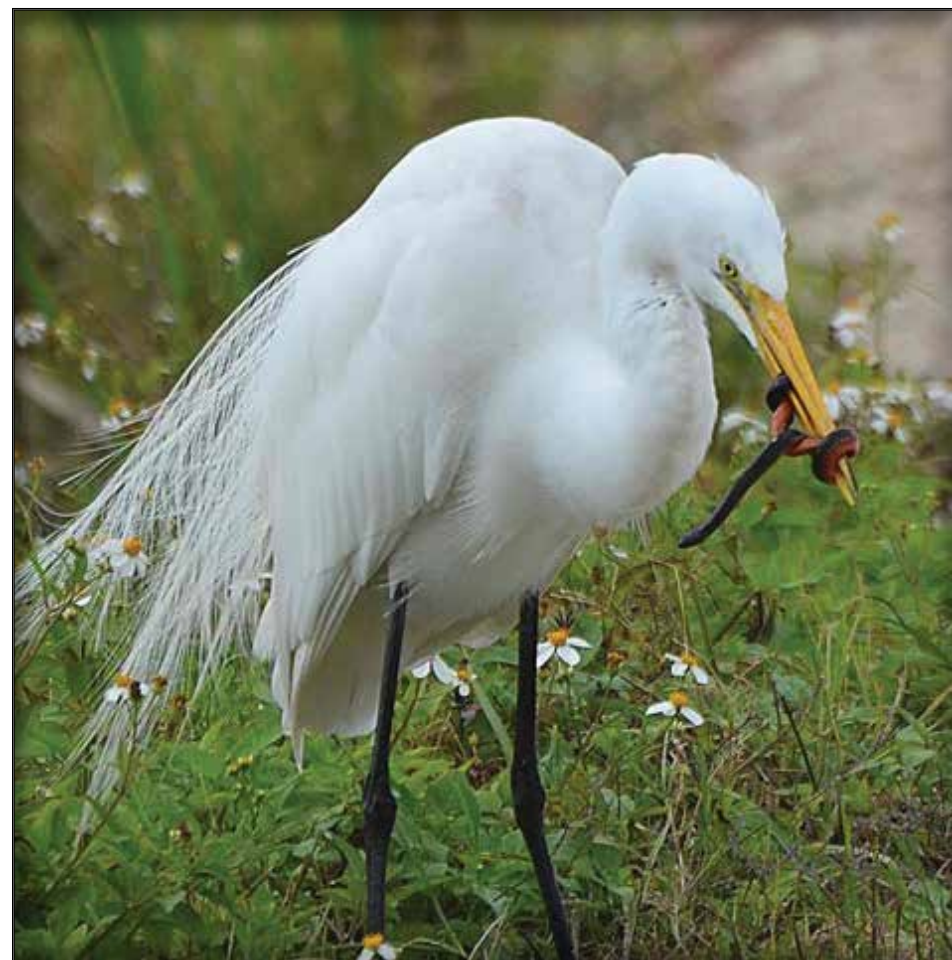


Photo by Sandra Marraffino

Great egret.



Meghan, Lenny, Benji and Lucky.

Photos by Paula Gajewski



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Paula Gajewski

It's tabby time ... we have lovely tabbies up for adoption. The tabby personality is a sweet gentle feline looking for love. Our variety features one lady and three gents. Meghan is petite at 10 pounds and 22 months old. Lenny is young at 12 pounds and nine months old. Benji is a shy boy at 13 pounds and four years old. Lucky is a tabby with a white belly and feet, loves



Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

Our next meeting is tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 28. Our club year is from September to May, so anyone joining at this date will get a reduced rate of \$5 per person. Any resident can join because now that

head scratching; 11 pounds and three and half years old. Call (352) 300-1072 today to meet any of them or send an email to spca.marion.county@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for all who have come out with donations at Walmart, our Farmers Market, and the craft fair. We also want to thank Winn-Dixie Marketplace, Marion Oaks for sponsoring us in February.

Our next Super Walmart weekend is April 18 and 19. We hope to see you there. Keep up with our activities by joining us at the next meeting, Thursday, March 19, at 1 p.m. at the Bryan Litz Building.

you live in the South, you are considered a southerner.

Our meetings are held at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Suites I-II. Our meeting day is the fourth Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner first, which starts promptly at 5 p.m., so we ask everyone to come early to choose a seat and get their drinks. You can choose to bring a casserole, vegetable dish, meat, salad, or dessert. You also must bring your own plates and utensils. The club furnishes the drinks (tea, lemonade, and coffee), ice and cups. After dinner, we have entertainment or a speaker, and then a short business meeting.

As I mentioned at the beginning, our next meeting is tomorrow, so if you want to come, you still have time to run to the store and buy something to share with eight to 10 fellow southerners. And don't forget your plates and utensils. We have plenty of serving spoons, so you can leave those at home.

Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods is coming to talk to us about issues of interest to people our age. If you like friendly people and enjoy some good home cookin', come check us out. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 873-8690. Don't forget to bring your resident ID card to get in the room now that the doors are locked. I hope to see you there.



Midwest Heartland Club

Elaine Sullivan

We had a fun and delicious January meeting. Members brought soup, chili and stew. Gail Curione led us in a white elephant game which lent itself to a lot of laughter.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 7 in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV, at 5:30 p.m. We will have a potluck dinner and hear about hidden gems in various areas of the Midwest. We encourage fellow Midwesterners to wear the gear/colors of their favorite baseball team.

All residents with a Midwest (every place not on a coast) connection are welcome. If you have questions, please call Elaine Sullivan at (505) 401-1257.



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Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

Monday, Jan. 20, Rue Lynn Galbraith, secretary of the Florida Genealogical Society, gave the educational presentation, "Keys to Finding Your Ancestor in U.S. Military Records."

Military records can provide genealogical information on your ancestors. Almost every family, in one generation or another, can find one member who served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

There are six keys in determining if one or more of your ancestors served in the military.

The first key is to look at their birth year and were they of military

age during the time of one of the many wars in which the U.S. has been involved since and including the Revolutionary War.

The U.S. Censuses of 1840, 1890, 1910 and 1930 ask for information about military service. The U.S. Censuses of 1900, 1910 and 1920 also included specific enumerations of personnel serving at military and naval bases and on ships.

The second key is to look at what type of records were kept. Some were kept on the federal level; others were kept on the state level. From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, the records consisted of an envelope with the person's muster record for pension purposes. If they fought in one of the Indian Wars, check the Bounty Land Warrants which gave land to soldiers who fought in these wars.

The third key is to determine

where the military records are kept. The two main repositories for records are the National Archives (NARA) and the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC).

The fourth key is to learn what records are online. Many of these records have been digitized and are online at familysearch.org, ancestry.com and fold3.com. Fold3 is subscription based. Each website holds different records.

The fifth key is to check local genealogical societies and local newspapers where your ancestor may have lived. Not all of these records are online so you may have to go to their location.

The sixth key is to "take time to remember." Those who served left loved ones at home. Many didn't return home, but they wrote letters to those at home. Check Fold 3 Memorials.

For a more in-depth summary of Rue Lynn Galbraith's presentation, come to one of our meetings to see how we can help you find information on your ancestral roots.

All of the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

On Mondays, March 9 and April 13, we will hold an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, March 16, Thomas MacEntee, a well-known certified genealogist, will give a presentation, "The Genealogy Do-Over: A year of Learning from Mistakes." This presentation will be via a webinar from Thomas's website.

On Monday, April 20, there will be an educational presentation to be determined.

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Computer Club

Chris Kilbride

Every Saturday at 9 a.m. the Computer Club meets for an hour in the Hobby Building to answer both PC and Apple related questions regarding software and hardware. Our otowpcclub.org website will give lots of great information about our group.

This month we highlight Arthur Burditt, celebrating 20 years in our club. His early computer experience began working for the U.S. Census Bureau in 1973, and later with college mainframes and office workstation systems. With a bachelor of arts in 1975 and master in public administration in 1977, he majored in public and international affairs with an emphasis on quantitative analytic methods.

In 1986 he began using an Apple IIe as his first home computer while working on a VS Wang system at The Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C.; and then using early Apple Macs and PC DOS systems on gov-

ernment contracts in the Western Pacific and in Latin America.

After resettling in San Francisco, he delved into fast-growing areas of online communications, computer networking, and GUI "windows" displays for contract jobs and home computing projects, including office productivity software systems on projects with university medical research units. Arthur also kept an active involvement in computer user groups and bulletin boards. In 1997, he established an online search help and referral business, still in operation. As it grew with the dot com craze, in 2000 he relocated to Florida to join other family members in the Ocala area.

Arthur began providing direct computer help and tutoring to local households in 2010, mainly seniors and retirees in the southwest Ocala area. When he's not working, he enjoys singing with his local church choir, home cooking, personal fitness, and a lot of movie streaming.

All residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. You can join at the meeting or call President Bill Torzsa at (352) 873-

8519 for more information. The Contact page on otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us.

Each Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m., also in the Hobby Building, we offer free help sessions. Members may bring their computer, smartphone or device for one-on-one instruction. Later in the day from noon to 2 p.m., four of the club members take part in the "Ask Arnold" help sessions for county residents at the Freedom Library.

On the first Saturday of the month, members are treated with coffee and doughnuts, where recent monthly presentations were about Google drive and apps, Apple watch, digital estate planning, identity theft, and passwords.

Members may list on our website any computer-related software or hardware for sale or to give away.

Software links for PC and Apple-related topics are listed on the website to help you on your educational journey to learn more or find a solution to a problem.

We keep the meeting fun and offer good advice and solutions to help to our members. Hope to see you on Saturday!

Active Singles



Jane Parker

Have you ever walked into an event and there is no one you know? Imagine doing it on your own without a partner, friend or spouse? This is a reality for many single residents. The Active Singles Club (ASC) was organized to provide activities for those residents who are not married. The ASC meeting, happy hour, and game night take place monthly; wallyball is every Saturday and golf scrambles and hiking are ongoing. ASC hosts special events including the upcoming Memorial Day picnic, the Interfaith Emergency Services breakfast, and a 2021 cruise opportunity. By joining and participating in ASC you will be single, not alone.

ASC will spotlight one of its members each month and we begin with Natalie Gardner Torgeson who moved from West Gardner, Maine, to On Top of the World over a year ago. We asked Natalie what she likes best about ASC, and she told us she likes the hiking activities. Natalie mentioned that as part of ASC she can walk into a function knowing there will be people she knows and not feel awkward because she is not part of a couple. Natalie is an artist who paints, does quilling, and pottery and she is instructing a few classes at Masters of Possibilities. We asked Natalie what she enjoys about living here and her responses are: not shoveling snow, opportunity for social interaction, and the chance to learn new things. Natalie is taking ukulele lessons as part of the Ukulele Club.

If you want to find out more information, please consider attending the Wednesday, March 18, meeting at The Lodge at Candler Hills, at 6 p.m. Information requests are also accepted at activesinglesotow@gmail.com.

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**Toastmasters -
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David Wesenberg

We will meet Wednesdays, March 11 and March 25, at 8:30 a.m. in the IT Classroom (9860 SW 84th Court, Suite A). Come and listen to some great speeches and watch Toastmasters speaking on their feet and answering surprise questions with wit and alacrity. Our March 11 meeting will be an open house for all interested people and will include some excellent speeches, lively table topics and snacks. This is your golden opportunity to see how much fun Toastmasters really is.

But there is more. We are competing in an Area Speech and Evaluation Contest Saturday, March 21, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Freedom Public Library. This contest among area Toastmaster clubs tests our Toastmasters in the areas of international speech, humorous speech and speech evaluation against competitors from other Toastmaster clubs. You won't want to miss it.

Talk of the World Toastmasters welcomes our two newest

members, Lauren Grice and Sylvia Gillespie. We look forward to seeing them grow as Toastmasters in confidence, leadership and ability to communicate. Join them in joining us as you begin your personal Toastmasters journey. Experience the fun!

Everyone gets a chance to speak at a Toastmasters meeting. But to just believe that Toastmasters is a meeting and a chance to speak misses the point. The comradery and friendships that come from speaking and listening to each other last a lifetime.

What are the benefits? First you become a professional listener taking in the elements of leadership and effective speaking. Then you present your first speech, the ice breaker and get feedback from listeners in the club. Were you within time? Did you use good grammar without ahs? Was your message understood? And most importantly, how can you improve next time?

Join us for the real Toastmasters experience of listening to great speeches and meeting wonderful people. 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.



**Tall Tale
Travelers**

Donna Seay

In January, we camped in Wekiwa Springs State Park in Apopka, Florida. What a beautiful park to stay in; with huge live oaks, wildlife running throughout, including white tailed deer, squirrels, gopher tortoises, herons, and egrets, to name a few. This park has a lovely spring for swimming and canoeing, along with miles of hiking trails. We went to Blue Springs State Park to see the manatees swimming into the springs to keep warm. There were over 130 manatees there that day. We also went thrifting, ate dinners out, enjoyed a chili potluck, and visited Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive. The drive consists of 11 miles of wetlands that the district is revitalizing to enhance wildlife habitats and recreational opportunities. We saw 40 gators there that day.

In February, we went to the FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association) rally. We camped at the Fun 'n Sun complex in Lakeland, Florida. They

had vendors, educational seminars, crafts, jewelry, coach displays, a Florida Air Museum tour, a movie night, several RV tour companies, and coffee and doughnuts every morning. Some of the vendors were ladies wigs, Tire Minder, insurance, a diesel fuel program, fire safety and prevention, slide toppers and awnings, Magne Shade, and renovating and customizing your RV, just to name a few. They also had a luncheon, a boxed dinner, Dilly Bars, and nightly entertainment. There were things to do and see every day from 7:30 a.m. until after the evening program was over. We learned a lot and bought several wonderful products for our coach.

If you own any type of camper and are interested in our club, you are cordially invited to our next meeting Wednesday, March 25 in the Hobby Building Event Room, at 6:30p.m. If you would like further information, please contact Donna Seay at donna.seay@mustangone.com or (516)-578-8655.

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**Women of
the World**

Mary Purfeerst

Hello March! It is time for our charity fashion show and luncheon to benefit Hospice of Marion County. We are quickly approaching Saturday, March 14, with doors opening at 11 a.m. to view the donated baskets and to buy raffle tickets to win one of our amazing baskets. This will be followed by our luncheon and fashion show. Royal Oaks will be catering our luncheon.

We have sold over 225 tickets towards our goal of 300-plus tickets. Part of the proceeds from the sale of tickets and all of the proceeds from the sale of our auction basket raffle tickets will be presented to Hospice of Marion County. Remember after paying for our luncheon, the rest of the ticket price will go to Hospice. If you or your group is interested in donating a basket for the basket raffle, please contact Janet Fragapane at (352) 861-1574.

This year, we are having a different type of fashion show. Resort Fashions by Tiffany will be presenting our fashions. The fun part is at the end of the show, you will have the opportunity to browse through, try on and purchase the stylish fashions. Her fashions are available for all sizes, from petites through plus sizes. How fun is that! Plus, she will donate 10% of the sale of those items for us

to give to Hospice. We are looking forward to seeing you wearing your fanciest hat and if you'd like, bring a fancy teacup.

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 3. Our charity for April will be the Pace Center for Girls in Ocala. Lunch will be provided by our membership with the last name of A-K bringing a potluck dish to share. The Pace Center has a wish list as follows: solid colored leggings (small and medium); mechanical pencils; gel pens; fake eyelashes; full-sized name brand hair products for all ethnicities; hoodies; hair bands, scarves, etc. And our last meeting before we break for summer is Friday, May 1 and our charity is the Marion County Fire Rescue Friendship Station 21. We will provide the fire station with "Stuff the Bus" supplies for local schools. Membership will provide the lunch with the last name of L-Z bringing a potluck dish to share.

And please remember our two "every month" charities of Marion Senior Services and Operation Shoebox. They are always very appreciative of our generous donations. See you soon!

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“The Texas Connection to the Oscars” was our February theme since our meeting fell on Academy Awards night. Our first connection is that the award itself is named for a Texan, Oscar Pierce. His niece worked for the Academy and upon seeing the statue exclaimed that it looked just like her Uncle Oscar. The nickname stuck and later became official.

We have our fair share of actors and actresses with a connection to Uncle Oscar. Our ladies include Sissy Spacek, Sandra Bullock, Deb-

bie Reynolds and even Joan Crawford. We’re proud to say that Renee Zellweger now has two Oscars after her win that night. Good ole Texas boys who have a golden boy for their mantle include Tommy Lee Jones, Jamie Foxx and Forest Whitaker. And it wouldn’t be “Alright! Alright! Alright!” if we didn’t mention Matthew McConaughey.

Many movies set or filmed in Texas have earned awards. Some of the newer ones are “No Country for Old Men,” “Boyhood” and “Apollo 13.” “Terms of Endearment” and “Tender Mercies” from the 80s were big winners. In a walk down memory lane we recalled classics like “Hud,” “Giant,” and of course, “The Alamo.” There were lots of other performers or films that didn’t actually win but had something we could consider a connection even if it was a bit of a stretch. These were dubbed “close but no cigar” but we’re still proud of them.

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 8 in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II beginning at 6 p.m. Kathy and Charlie Petrosky will provide music for our listening or dancing pleasure. And we’ve invited Patty Hainzl to come and sing a few tunes to us. Please bring a snack to share such as a party type appetizer, munchie or sweet treat and your own preferred beverage. Club supplies water and ice.

The April meeting date, place and time has changed. We’ll be gathering on Sunday, April 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Recreation

Center picnic pavilion for a poker run and pizza party. More details will follow about this event.

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 vacation, competitions, or for professional reasons; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven’t been to Texas are considered honorary Texans by association. For more information about the club or upcoming events, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.



Spring will soon arrive in Ocala and we are looking forward to it. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Sunday, March 8 as daylight saving time begins.

At our Thursday, March 12 meeting we will have Betty Gray from Stirrups ‘n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center as our speaker.

You will also be able to sign up for the trip to the Ocala Breeders’ Sales (OBS) facility for the horse auction Thursday, April 16. We will meet at the Recreation Center parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and carpool. We will have lunch at OBS following the auction. If you wish to go but cannot attend the meeting, please call Nancy Grant at (352) 854-9185.

Looking ahead in April we will be entertained by the Dulcimer Group at our meeting. This musical group is composed of very talented residents which I am sure you will enjoy. In May, we have scheduled a tour of the Kirby Family Farm in Williston, Florida with lunch at the Ivy House.

The nominating committee of three members will be selected by the executive board in March and will be looking for new officers for next season; so if you would like to be a more active member of the club, please call Nancy Grant at (352) 854-9185 and submit your name and preference. The nominating committee will report at the April meeting, and other nominations will be made at the April meeting with installations taking place at the May meeting, for the next fiscal year, which is September 2020 through May 2021. The board encourages you to seriously think about volunteering your services to the club.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month - September through May - at 2 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. We always welcome new members; so if you are a new resident or have been here awhile, come join us on March 12.

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The Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger

Jewish Club members are about to discover a full month of fun. First at our meeting Sunday, March 15, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III we will celebrate the story of Purim with an original play – a love performance by our members.

Then Sunday, March 22, we will enjoy our annual outdoor picnic at the pavilion behind the Recreation Center. The menu is grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers. Reservations and advance orders are required. Cost is \$5 per person.

April will close out our season with a celebration of Passover and an end of the year boxed lunch.

For information about the club, contact Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

The Wandering Jews Tankful Travel Group enjoys lunch after visiting Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.



100 Grandparents

Janet Fragapane

Evelyn Holiday was privileged to attend the Golden Apple Gala. Romeo Elementary's fourth grade teacher, Ms. Lavery, was the candidate chosen to represent the school this year. Evelyn said it was a treat to hear that Romeo's sponsor was the 100 Grandparents. Romeo has very wonderful teachers.

The bus will pick us up at True Value Tuesday, March 10, at 9:15 a.m.

There are 38 classes in the school. Evelyn makes sure that every month there is a grandparent for each class. Last month, I asked the grandparents who were there a short list of questions. Here are some of the results.

How long have you been reading to the children of Romeo? Answers ranged from it was their first day all the way to 26 years! Most had been reading four years. Next I asked, where were they born? They represented 13 states with New York having the most. They also came from Canada, Cuba, and Germany. How many languages do

you speak? Most only spoke English. Eight spoke two languages; four spoke three. Next question was about their education. Most had a PhD, master's, bachelor's or doctorate. Most had been teachers. There were also guidance counselors, accountants, court reporter, art teacher, interior designer, piano teacher, bartender, legal secretary, prison ministry, mentor to young men, homemakers, fitness instructor, radiation therapy tech, purchasing agent, band leader, banker, journalist, nutritionists, reading teacher for inmates, military, nurse, rehab specialist and hydrologist for U.S. Geological Survey.

Next question, what was the most unusual, or exciting thing you have ever done? Answers included – drove a carriage, zip lined, skydived, scuba dived, showed horses at international level, gave birth, piloted a 737, swam with manatees, flew in helicopter over Grand Canyon, went to Egypt, Greece, Europe, Ireland, came to America, lived in Hawaii, married soul mate, won a contest, and ate a worm.

Next up, what are your hobbies or talent? Reading was on almost everyone's list. (Proving if you like something you want to teach others to like it too. Maybe that is the reason we read to the children.)

Knitting, crocheting, quilting, traveling, cards, cooking, storytelling, playing piano, the kazoo, the dulcimer, doing puzzles, making jewelry, birding, kayaking, genealogy, badminton, comedian, collecting rocks gems, minerals and gardening also made the list.

Did you ever meet anyone famous? Jimmy Carter, Condoleezza Rice, George McGovern, United States ambassadors, Shimon Perez, Israeli prime minister, Israeli ambassadors, foreign ministers, king of Netherlands, king of Sweden, prime minister of Canada, President Trump, President Eisenhower, Governor Thornburgh, Mayor Lindsay, Billy Graham, author Donald Davis, Liberace, Charro, David Cassidy, Wayne Newton, Beach Boys, John Lennon, Kenneth Copeland, Sylvester Stallone, Steven Tyler, Tom Jones, Paul Newman, Sammy Davis Jr., Guitarist Andres Segovia,

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On the Road Again

Bob Woods

I would like everyone to know that the club's website will be up and running shortly.

The first group trip planned for 2021 is a cruise departing Tampa on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas on Feb. 2, 2021 and heading for many destinations in the Western Caribbean. The ship will first stop at Key West, then Grand Caymans; Cartagena, Columbia; Panama Canal (partial transit cruising); Colon, Panama; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Tampa. This is an 11-night, 12-day voyage.

This cruise is filling up fast, and there are times when there are no staterooms available. As the cruise line calls back group space that is not sold, then those staterooms become available. Please call Bob on this cruise. Don't procrastinate. This is going to be a great cruise visiting many great ports of call including the partial transit of the Panama Canal.

The next cruise on the books for 2021 is onboard Royal Caribbean's Empress of the Seas departing Bayonne, New Jersey on May 17, 2021. This is a seven-night, eight-day voyage to Bermuda. What is so unique about this cruise is that at present it is the only cruise ship that can pull into the island's capital of Hamilton. The ship will spend three nights in this location before heading for a real short trip to St. George's Island for a two day stay before heading back stateside.

Just about all cruise ships calling Bermuda a port of call moor at a place on the southern tip of the island called King's Wharf. This was once a British Navy base, and the piers are big enough to accommodate large ships. The passage into Hamilton is narrow and not that deep allowing smaller cruise ships to moor right downtown in Hamilton. Walk of the gangway and you are on the main street with all the stores and restaurants within a stone's throw.

At time of writing, motor coach pricing to and from On Top of the World to either the Rhapsody cruise departing Tampa or the airport for the Bermuda cruise is not available as it is too far in advance. The same

holds true for the roundtrip flight to Newark, New Jersey and the transfer pricing from the Newark Airport to the Empress and return for the Bermuda cruise. Call Bob for further details.

With the website up and running those residents who would like a

flyer on these cruises can access the information by going to the club's website at bobwoodsontyheroad-again.com. If you have problems with the club's website or want additional information, you may call me, Bob Woods, at (352) 854-0702. See you on the road again.



Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

Thanks to all who have traveled with us this year. Great fun was had at Ed Fletcher's Just for Laughs Dinner Theater in Clearwater in January and shopping in Mount Dora in February.

There are only four tickets left for the trip to the Straz Center to see "Miss Saigon" Sunday, March 29. The cost of \$118 per person includes transportation, driver's tips and show; lunch will be on your own at International Mall. Make reservations by calling Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday only).

A trip has been added for Mango's Tropical Café and Dinner Show in Orlando Saturday, May 2. The cost of \$78 includes transportation, dinner, show, and all tips. Dinner includes appetizers, salad, choice of three entrees, dessert, and coffee or soda. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. To make reservations, contact Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday only). Mail your check to her at 9682 SW 92nd Place Road, Ocala, FL 34481. The bus will depart at approximately 3:30 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m.

On Father's Day, June 21, we will travel to Sanford to enjoy a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee. The price, \$85 per person, includes transportation, lunch, and all tips. A deli-

cious meal will be prepared fresh onboard and served at your table. Choices are prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, salmon filet, roasted vegetable lasagna, chef's salad, or pasta primavera. The entrees will be served with potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls and dessert along with hot or iced tea. A cash bar will be available. Mark your calendar that reservations will begin Monday, March 30. Call Linda Hein at 352-861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday only). This is a very popular event; therefore, do not wait long after March 30 to call. Seats tend to fill quickly.

Are you interested in the seven-day trip to the 2020 International Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta? Contact Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday only). A deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking. Be sure to use the exact name on your government-issued ID. Air will be out of Orlando on Oct. 1 with all coach arrangements made with Mayflower Tours. This trip will include sightseeing in the Old Town of Albuquerque, evening balloon glow, mass ascension, two nights in Santa Fe, and visits to historic venues in surrounding areas. The total cost is \$2,848 per person plus \$50 for transportation to and from the airport. Linda will be escorting this trip.

These trips are open only to residents and their guests. Check out our website at traveltopperstours.com for up-to-date information. This is the best way to keep current on any changes or additions after brochures or monthly news articles have been published.

Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

Our community is growing as many new residents have chosen to retire here. Therefore, this month seems like a perfect time to share a brief history of the Scandinavian American Club.

The group was formed 1999 by a small group of residents who wanted to get to know others of Scandinavian descent. Our club members represent all of the Scandinavian countries plus Iceland, and club members are a mix of first, second and third generation Americans.

Club meetings include social time, refreshments, and frequently an activity. For example, last month, members' baby pictures were displayed, and we tried to match each baby to the actual person. It was a challenge, but we all had fun in the process!

The next club meeting is Tuesday, March 24, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. All residents of Scandinavian descent are invited to participate in club activities (spouses welcome). Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from September to May. For more information, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

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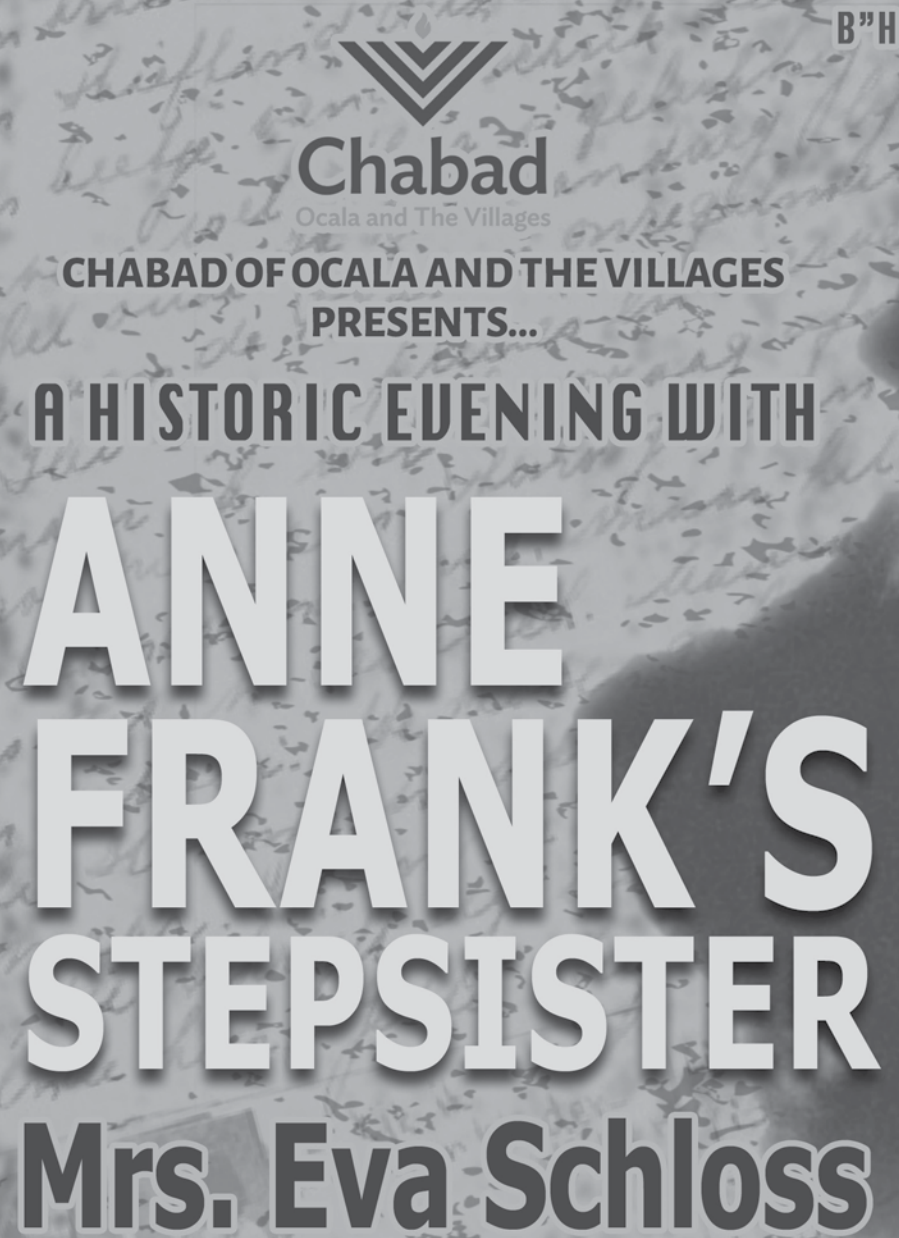
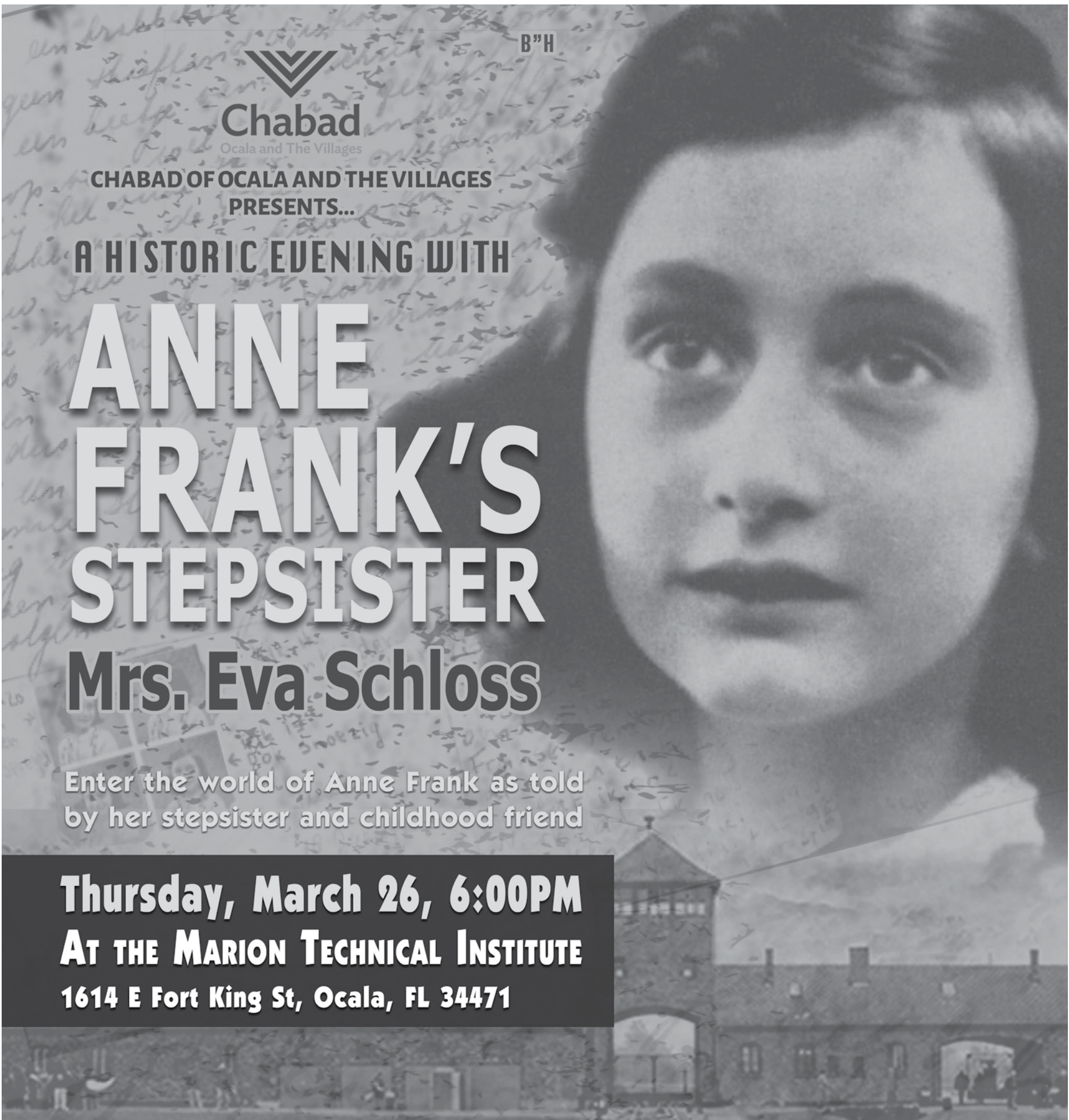


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In 1938, Germany invaded Austria, causing many Jewish families to flee Austria to avoid persecution. Among the emigrants was 8-year old Eva Geiringer, who with her mother, brother, and father moved first to Belgium and then to Holland, where one of her neighbors was a German Jewish girl of the same age.

The two girls became friends and playmates. They passed the time by skipping, playing hopscotch and marbles, and drinking lemonade. Ultimately, both girls and their families were deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. The stepsisters.

Eva survived her concentration camp experience and made her way to England, where she married Zvi Schloss and raised three daughters. She worked as a studio photographer and ran an antique shop. Her step-sister did not survive Auschwitz, but kept a diary that did. Her name was Anne Frank.

Since 1985, Mrs. Eva Schloss has devoted herself to Holocaust education and global peace. She has recounted her wartime experiences in more than one thousand speaking engagements. She has written two books and has had a play written about her life. In 1999 Eva signed the Anne Frank Peace Declaration along with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and the niece of Raul Wallenberg, a legendary figure who rescued thousands of Jews in Budapest.

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Where in On Top of the World is this tree?

Photo by Ron Broman



Leprechauns and Irish wana-bes magically appear every March. You'll see them at the club's meet and greet potluck dinner at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II.

Look for the Michigan Club's green logo shirts and among them you will find a tall hatted elf! This meeting is meant for fun, so members are asked to bring a favorite joke to read or kiss the blarney stone.

Heading up the March event are Phyllis Ricard and Claire Pardee who promise to throw in a bit of trivia among the Irish jokes.

If your first name begins with A-L, bring a salad to pass; M-R a main dish; and S-Z a dessert.

Tickets for the annual April salute to the Detroit Tigers baseball season Coney Island picnic are available. They are \$5 each. Call Nancy Meininger for tickets or information at (352) 342-9757.



Photo by Nancy Meininger

Period storyteller Dee Collier told the secret love story of Al Capone to Michigan Club members for Valentine's Day.

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"Whether it's rain or snow we shall have weather whether or no."

Remember? Sometimes I remember important stuff and sometimes I don't; but unimportant stuff sometimes surfaces first. This time, however, the ditty has relevance. Hint.

We're in the third month of the native plant game. (I guess you can call it that.) The rules, as you recall, are rather straight forward. Locate the specific tree we are describing that is growing somewhere in On Top of the World. Then call (352) 861-4560 and tell me where you think it is growing. If you are the correct third caller, we will offer you a native plant and some expertise (muscle) to plant it somewhere appropriate on your property (if that is your wish).

"Where in the World Grows this Plant?" is the name of the game. It's supposed to be a catchy title, aiming to "catch" more folks into the "net" of native plant enthusiasts, believers, activists, as it were.

The answer to last month's puzzle was the dog park. Two folks called with the right answer. Since they were the only two, both will receive a small native plant.

And what is this beauty pictured here? She's our very own Florida state tree, the sabal palmetto, sometimes referred to as sabal palm, cabbage palm or even swamp cabbage.

In January 2009, this column featured our state tree; but not much was said about its special attributes. The sabal palm is usually seen growing as a tree of medium height, 15 to 30 feet. However, it can reach up to nearly 50 feet. Her leaves or fronds overall are fan-shaped; each frond is conspicuously V-shaped.

Her fruit are black, round and borne on long drooping clusters. Overall she doesn't take up much space; so is often chosen as a street tree.

That about does it for this month. Where is this tree growing?

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Happy hunting!

It's been a long time since I walked the Longleaf Pine Trail. During the first week of February, I was pleasantly surprised with the layout and noted that there are several opportunities to add native longleaf pine seedlings as sight and boundary barriers. Since this is a longleaf pine habitat and this species is endangered, we will be able to observe a habitat in recovery. I feel that will be good for our souls!

The opportunity for service exists as the Native Plant Group continues to maintain the SW 94th Street circle, the trail and arboretum and the Belleview Library native garden. Call (352) 861-4560 to find out how to help.

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R/C Flyers Welcomes New President

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

The R/C Flyers Club elected Carl Schneider as their new president. Dick Rose, who served brilliantly for the last two years passed the gavel to Carl as of the first of this year. It seems fitting that Carl was elected to give direction to the club, as he spent just about all of his un-retired life around flying objects.

Carl was born in South Florida where his dad was training RAF pilots for the British war effort. Also, in his spare time, his dad risked-it-all as a "barn-storming" pilot. His reputation as an aeronautical ace reached foreign shores, and in the late 1940s he was recruited by the

Israeli government to build what was to become the most respected air force in the world. And so, it was that Carl, along with his sister and brother moved to Israel in 1950, and for the next five years, lived and worked on a kibbutz.

When Carl's dad completed his assignment, he asked his kids if they wanted to settle permanently in Israel or move back to the States. "Are you kidding?" they answered. It turns out that their favorite TV show was Howdy Doody, and it being an American production, Carl and his brother, wanted nothing more than to be as close to How-

dy Doody as they could get. They moved, not to Hollywood, but to Alabama. Carl's dad Sam accepted a position as flight instructor at Fort Rucker, Alabama. When the time came for Carl to enter college, he went to the University of Alabama and studied aerospace engineering. He then went on to earn his master's degree in management science at Cal State University.

Carl's education took him directly into the nascent U.S. space program. He eventually joined Rocketdyne, in Canoga Park, California, as a development engineer on the F1 rocket engine — the rockets that would soon take us to the moon. Carl's talents were quickly recognized by NASA, which recruited him into the space program in Washington, D.C. He was to be, director of quality and reliability, responsible for all NASA space programs. Schneider participated as a

rocket propulsion expert and headed up the team that investigated and resolved the cause of the 1986 Challenger disaster.

In 1998, when Carl Schneider retired from NASA, he and his wife settled on a farm in western Pennsylvania. On his bucket list at the time was wanting to have his own runway — so he bought a bulldozer and built one. "It was great fun," said Carl, "until the snow came and the runway disappeared under several feet of snow for months at a time." "Time to move," they said. Destin, Florida became Carl's home until the 2004 and 2005 Hurricanes signaled that it was time to move again. They settled in South Carolina for a while and then in 2010 to St. Augustine where Carl founded the R/C Flyers Club.

As St. Augustine grew with more settlers and even more tourists, Carl and Jo Ann felt it was time to exit the crowds and traffic. In 2018, they found On Top of the World. The people, the amenities, and of course, the dedicated R/C flying field were all that they were looking for — with little hesitation, they settled into their new home.

Carl Schneider says that his job as president of the R/C Flyers is to promote the fun of remote control flying. "We have glider pilots along with R/C flyers, and, one of the fastest growing and exciting part of our membership right now is drone racing." He sees his job as focusing on safety for the club's 170 members (and growing monthly), being the liaison with On Top of the World staff and overseeing all training and social functions.

If you are interested in R/C flying, experience is not a requirement. The R/C Flyers Club has a dedicated training program for those who have never flown before, and for anyone just wanting to brush up on their aeronautical skills. To join the club or for more information, call Carl Schneider at (864) 344-7220.



Photo by Ray Cech

R/C Flyers president, Carl Schneider, with a few of his airplanes.

Florida Senior Games Table Tennis

By Jim Lynam

Some call it table tennis, some call it ping-pong, and some call it gnip gnop, but the members of the Table Tennis Club just call it fun!

The Table Tennis Club is very proud to announce that one of our members, V.J. Jain, recently competed in the Florida Senior Games. V.J. captured the bronze medal in both men's singles and mixed doubles at the Gainesville, Florida tournament. The senior games are categorized by age group, so let it suffice to say that he won the silver medals within his age grouping. V.J. defeated 10 opponents on his path to the medal round in singles. In mixed doubles play, he and his partner combined to defeat six other teams en route to their bronze medal. Congratulations to V.J. Jain for representing the Table Tennis Club very well at the tournament!

Club members would like to express their appreciation to the 2019 board of directors - Jim Lynam, Paul Stadterman and Jim Swift - for their leadership and service to the club. All three directors were re-elected to the board for 2020. They pledge to continue the smooth operation of the club and hope to introduce some new events in the coming year.

The Table Tennis Club is continuing to play in their newly renovated table tennis room. Doubles play format is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays. In addition, evening play is scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning at 6 p.m. Singles play is now held on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

The table tennis room is in the Arbor Conference Center. Visitors and players are always welcome!



Photo by Jim Lynam

V.J. Jain.



Photo by Richard Holmquist

Intermediate dancers support the Health & Wellness Expo.

Line Dancing is Fun & Healthy

By Vivian Gecan

Line dancing continues to be a huge success here in our community. The new class, Introduction to Line Dancing, which is held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center numbers over 30 dancers. With this new class, we now number just under 350 line dancers. This does not even include the Indigo East line dancers or pattern dancers. Wow!

Occasionally the line dancers are involved in extra activities which add to the fun. In January, some of the intermediate dancers did a performance of three different dances at the Health & Wellness Expo to demonstrate that line dancing is a healthy and cardiovascular activity. Also in January, line dancers from various levels attended a dance workshop in Spring Hill. Six new dances were taught at the workshop and all who attended enjoyed the open dance sessions, the new dances, and lunch.

On Saturday, February 8 the intermediates, improvers and begin-

ners level two hosted a potluck line dance. Each level was assigned dishes to bring. It was a Valentine's day theme party. Kathy and Charlie organized all the music and dances. Thank you, Kathy and Charlie, for all your hard work. You are always there and so willing to provide for all our events. We deeply appreciate it. Carolyn Meador, the organizer of this dance, said this was the first annual potluck line dance. We look forward to having this become an annual event. Everyone had a great time. The food was outstanding, and all danced for two hours after lunch.

Our monthly dance will be held Thursday, March 12 and the theme will be green and Irish.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the dance floor. Stay healthy and fit. Keep on dancing!

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



Molly Lucieer made her first hole-in-one Friday, Jan. 31! She used her four-rescue club - "way too much club for 108 yards," she said - on #15 on The Tortoise & The Hare. Congratulations, Molly.

It's time to sign up for the member-guest tournament and luncheon Tuesday, March 10. Put your name and the name of your guest on the sign-up sheet in our notebook in the computer room in the Golf Shop.

Match play is underway! Keep track of who is winning on the bracket sheets posted on the bulletin board in the computer room in the Golf Shop.

More than 50 women played in the member-member tournament Feb. 11. Thank you to the luncheon committee members.

New members: Laurel Rohrer, moved here five years ago from Minnesota, has been golfing on and off from 10 years and has a

29.2 handicap. Maureen Gingrass, moved here from Rio Vista, California, has been golfing more than 20 years and has a 32 handicap. Sherry Williams, moved here in December from Ithaca, New York, has been golfing 30 years and has an 18.6 handicap. Lynne Dickson, with a 16.9 handicap, Lorie Anderson, with a 27.1 handicap, and Bobbie Wiener, with a handicap of 18.8, have rejoined the league.

**Luck of the Draw
Best Ball of 2 Net**

Jan. 14/The Tortoise & The Hare
Flight 1: 63-Linda Kitz, Gail La-grange. Tie at 67-VaDonna Hall, Beverly Ovrebø; Mary Burns, Shelly Karsnitz.

Flight 2: 62-Rosmarie O'Neil, Jill Strey. 63-Mary Ann Livingston, Becky Welsh. 65-Judy Graham, Rob-bie Limoges.

Flight 3: 67-Pamela Jones, Pat Lind-strom. Tie at 69-Peggy Ellenberger, Margaret Hudacik; Betty McNeeley, Katie Schriewer. Tie at 71-Joyce Jones, Virginia Madura; Janis Han-nasch, Peggy Wiechmann; Peggy Borro, Molly Lucieer.

Flight 4: 61-Ellen Brin, Geri Treppa. 63-Linda Bervinkle, Joan Gerbo; Tie at 64-Lilly Gee, Kathy Zunica; Terry

Wilks, Nancy Zielinski.

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Jan. 28/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: Tie at 39-Mary Ann Living-
ton, Diane Boston. Tie at 40-Shelly
Karsnitz, Linda Kitz. 41-Linda Tay-
lor. 42-Mary Jeannotte.

Flight 2: Tie at 38-Virginia Madura,
Molly Lucieer. 40-Peggy Borro. 41-
Betty McNeeley. Tie at 42-Christine
McIntire, Judy Graham.

Flight 3: 35-Lilly Gee. Tie at 37-Pa-
mela Jones, Nancy Zielinski. 38-
Donna Brunell. 39-Katie Schriewer.
40-Sandy Chase.

Flight 4: 32-Laurel Rohrer. Tie at
38-Dee Howie, Susan Yenne, Geri
Treppa. 40-Joan Gerbo.

**Low Gross, Low Net Individual
Feb. 4/The Links
Gross**

Flight 1: 75-Shelly Karsnitz. 77-Va-
Donna Hall. 81-Linda Taylor.

Flight 2: 83-MJ Strelec. 88-Joy Ben-
son. 89-Angelita Jingco.

Flight 3: 85-Judy Graham. 89-Iro Li-
sinski. 90-Vickie Noltensmeyer.

Flight 4: 92-Sharon Johnson. 97-
Lynn Barber. Tie at 100-Dee Howie,
Lilly Gee.

Net

Flight 1: 69-Yuhlan Cho. 71-Gretch-
en Normandin. 74-Beverly Ovrebø.



Photo by Linda Blewett

**Molly Lucieer had her first
hole-in-one (The Tortoise &
The Hare #15).**

76-Linda Kitz.

Flight 2: Tie at 71-Becky Welsch,
Rosemarie O'Neil. Tie at 74-Linda
Blewitt, Christine McIntire.

Flight 3: 70-Pamela Jones. Tie at
73-Debby Wilson, Sandy Chase. 74-
Marlena Laclair.

Flight 4: 66-Terry Wilks. 67-Kathy
Zunica. 76-Sandra Dechambeau.
77-Sue Fierce.



The Men's Golf Association do-nated \$2,000 to the Hospice of Marion County at the February Chicken Day Scramble, which drew 136 golfers.

Our monthly Chicken Day event is a hospice fund drive, and it has become one of the most popular events of league play. The number of participants last month was the largest ever.

Because of the growing num-ber of participants, MGA members are urged to register well ahead of the monthly Chicken Day events to guarantee their participation. The MGA collects hospice do-nations through Chicken Day dues, and members enjoy lunch and beverages in the Recreation Center Ballroom after they golf. Hospice of Marion County is a non-profit organization providing com-fort and care to terminally ill coun-ty residents.

MGA membership currently stands at 251. Please welcome our newest members: Greg Chaump, John Snyder, Ed Klodzen, Al Slach, Mike Gingrass, Don Jones, Don Mc-Crimmon, Norm Hayworth and Wil-liam Mitchell.

Mark these Wednesdays in your calendar:

- March 4: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- March 11: Team Blind Holes with Candler Hills (The Tor-toise & The Hare)
- March 18: Beat the Pro (The Links)
- March 25: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)

Team Quota Points

Jan. 29 / The Tortoise & The Hare
9-Brad Weirick, Charlie Taylor, John Parnau and Alan Theusch. 6-Charles Lundberg, Mike Wathen, Ralph Sol-vold and Al Slach. 4-John Mayfield, Roy Coombes, Joseph Mandala and John Bauer. 1-John Langville, Nor-man Schulze, Rex Heitz and Tom Cummings.

**Chicken Day
Feb. 5**

The Tortoise & The Hare Flight: Tie at 60-Bob Mondore, Bob Barbee

and Larry Chase; Larry Cordill, Mike Madura and Daniel Gill. Tie at 61-Larry Manion, Joseph Szall, John Owen and Charles Miele; Paul Stoecklin, Ron Delaney, Douglas Kelchner and Norman Schulze. 62-Brian Wilder, Steve Adams, Tom Neville and Al Slach. Tie at 63-Gary Singleton, Ed Schwinn, Paul Wade and Ronald Weller; Charlie Taylor, Bill Manny, Dan Szall and Lance Davsko. Tie at 64-Joe Polizzotti, Kevin Hammonds, Bob Janssen and John Sutherland; Brian Andrew, Rick Ciletti, Paul Silliman and Vince Tay-lor.

The Links Flight: 58-Roger Sparks, Mike Kurlakowsky, Vince Dellapenta and Danny James. Tie at 60-Jerry Englar, Thomas Laclair, Tom McHaff-ie and Stephen Allen; Dennis Mc-Neeley, Carl Singleton, Fred Strelec and Roy Harvey. Tie at 61-Marty Brown, Henry Sohl, David Hannasch and Alan Theusch; Jay Bouton, Joe Pruss, Jon Jackins and Larry Zieser; Steven Rudolph, Rusty Zarrell, Bob Marks and Norm Hayworth. Tie at 62-Rusty Rhodes, John Spielvogel and Tony Loureiro; Joe Wilks, Mike Wathen, Rex Heitz and Bob Gor-man. Tie at 63-Anthony Morris, Roy

Coombes and Michael Gerbo; Terry Hubbart, Rd Zink, Guy Wathen and George Brombacher.



Photo by Joe Polizzotti

**MGA Treasurer Rusty Rhodes
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**Candler Hills
Men's Golf**



Terry Hoppes

**Scramble
Jan. 7**

T1-Joe Schubert, Marty Brown, Joe Jingco, Robert Dellapenna and Bil White, JC VanBloom, Rusty Zarrell, Paul Kannapel. T3-Bruce Shanfelt, Gene Moff, Dennis McCourt, Randy Ford and David Steel, Paul Rubly,

Gilbert Green, Sam Fox. T5-Everett Kimball, David Miller, Andrew Bulloch, Mark Monk.

**Low Net
Jan. 14**

Flight 1: -1-Rick Brown and Marty Brown; +2-Jon Hill-E, Joe Damiata and Joe Schubert.

Flight 2: -4-Larry Smallwood; -2-Tom Presnick and Virgel Jajalla; +1-Bill Gurbisz and Thomas Racinowski.

Flight 3: -4-Bill Wallenstein and Tim Beaty; -3-Michael Cunningham; -1-Mike Altomare; +4-Ken Zweiback

and Dennis McCourt.

Flight 4: -7-Mark Monk; +1-Randy Ford; +2-Marvin Brooks and Sam Fox; +3-Tim Williams.

Jan. 28

A/B Flight: 10-Bill Wignall and Dave Miller; 8-Bruce Shanfelt and Paul Rubly; 6-Richard Ross and Rick Brown and Everett Kimball and JC Van Bloom; 5-Roger Karsnitz and Mike Altonare and Walter Pacuk and Anthony Morris.

C/D Flight: 5-Sam Fox and Doug Dahlen; 4-Carl Fosberg and Joe Wong; 3-Michael Cunningham and

Edwin Viloria; 2-Paul Sillyman and Danny Ball; 1-Andrew Bulloch and Randy Ford.

**Team Stableford
Feb. 4**

93-Bill Gurbisz, Bill White, Tim Beaty, Robert Dellapenna. Tie at 88-Joe Schubert, Anthony Morris, Gilbert Green Joe Wong and Louis Quellet, Paul Rubly, James Marley, Marvin Brooks. Tie at 87-Roger Karsnitz, JC Van Bloom, David Vermilya, Edwin Viloria and Thomas Lowe, Richard Ross, Richard Freeman, David Green.



**Candler Hills
Ladies 18-Hole Golf**



Beth Wolinsky

The cold weather has been with us, which can make golf a little more demanding than usual. Hopefully, it is waning, and the beautiful warmth of spring will bring low scores and lovely sunny days.

There was a general meeting of the league in January with a delicious lunch provided by Fresh Plates Creative Catering. A 50/50 raffle was held and \$120 was raised for the First Tee of Ocala. Matt Hibbs presented an explana-

tion of the new handicap system, which was helpful.

Tuesday, March 10, On Top of the World LGA-18 is inviting the Candler Hills LGA-18 to play while the Ocala Open is occurring. If you wish to play in this event, please contact Toni Stevenson.

Thursdays, March 26 and April 2 will be the League Championship. You will need 10 rounds of golf to participate. If you are not sure about the number of rounds you have, please contact Iro Lisinski.

Karen Curtis is a new member to our league. Please give her a warm welcome.

The league is open to all women in On Top of the World. If you wish to join, please see or email Toni

Stevenson at stevensontwo@yahoo.com.

Finally, have fun out there and believe, achieve and enjoy golf.

**2 Best Balls of 4
Jan. 16**

124-Carol Oman, Pam Carpenter, Bertha Myers, Mary Ann McCourt. 127-Judie Anderson, Eileen Gustavus, DeAnne Green, Sue Fierce. Tie at 129-Beverly Ovrebo, Toni Stevenson, Diane O'Brien, Blind; Donna Smith, Pamela Jones, Lynne Thesman, Kathy Zunica; Mary Jo Lock, Angelina Jingco, Laurel Rohrer, Beth Wolinsky.

**Tee to Green
Jan. 23**

Flight 1: 34-Pam Carpenter; 39- Judie Anderson; 43-Donna Smith.

Flight 2: 37-Angelita Jingco; Tie at 39-Virginia Combs, Eileen Gustavus; 40-Iro Lisinski.

Flight 3: 39-Carol Clark; Tie at 42-Joann Dellapenna, Carla Kimball; Tie at 43-Carol Oman, Toni Stevenson.

Flight 4: Tie at 36-Beth Wolinsky, Ikid Doster, Anne Dahlen; 37-Sue Fierce.

**4 Clubs and Putter
Jan. 30**

Flight 1: 72-Carol Oman; 74-Virginia Combs; 77-Mary Jo Lock.

Flight 2: 77-Toni Stevenson; 78-Joann Dellapenna; Tie at 79-Betty Dong, Carla Kimball.

Flight 3: 74-Carol Clark; 75-Renee Aden; 78-DeAnne Green.



**Candler Hills
Ladies 9-Hole Golf**



Denise Mullen

Last month we talked about working on your game and choosing the weakest part of your game to start. I hope you were able to take some time and reflect on the information and start the process to commit to better golf.

This month I want to talk to you

about staying motivated as a golfer. Golfers of all levels experience ups and downs in motivation. On league day we often find our ladies getting very upset with how they play and turned off to wanting to participate in organized events because of this. One thing you must try to change is your mindset. You may ultimately want to play better but without committing more to your game the want won't happen.

As fun as golf can be, or should be, we sometimes lose our mojo. Whether it's a slump in your score,

or your schedule conflicting with time to practice and play, or the weather changing for the worse, there will be times when you are just not as into golf as you once were.

Take time to reflect on what you love about golf and all the reasons behind why you play. Write these thoughts down so that it becomes more realistic, and then look at what you have written. Is it the comradery you have developed with the ladies you play weekly with, is it the sense of accomplish-

ment as you improve and score better on the tougher holes, or is it that you really love the game? These are your internal reasons related to golf.

Now, let's look at external motivators that will get you back to enjoying golf again. They could possibly be travelling to play bucket list golf courses, keeping a record of your lowest score on the holes at our three golf courses, or finding that awesome new club to give you confidence to commit to better shot making. Compare your lists and work on finding your way back to what drew you to golf initially, and learn to commit and stay motivated to play. The beauty of golf is you can play at any age and always learn something to sharpen your game and score better.

Upcoming Thursday events for Candler Hills LGA-9 are as follows:

- March 5: Pink Ball Team event
- March 12: No event due to Ocala Open
- March 19: Tee to Green on Front 9
- March 26: Ts & Fs on Back 9

Congratulations to Eileen Gustavus for your two chip-ins for February.

We welcome new players to our play day. You must have an established handicap to join in the fun.

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

The 2020 Ocala Open will be held at Candler Hills Golf Club Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13, with the Pro-Am Tuesday, March 10. We are offering all of our golf members a discount to participate in the Pro-Am, \$800 for a three-person team while being paired with one of the pros. Included in the entry fee is a gift package from our Golf Shop worth \$200 and a barbecue after the event.

The benefiting charities for this year's event are Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Last year we were able to raise \$90,000 to be split between the two charities. We are hoping to make this year's event even bigger and better. Admission is free Wednesday through Friday with VIP tickets available for \$25 or three for \$65 in the Candler Hills Golf Shop. For more information regarding VIP tickets and the Ocala Open visit ocalaopen.com.

Also being held in March is the annual On Top of the World Club Championship. This Championship is for On Top of the World golf members only. This is a two-day event with round one being played Friday, March 20 on The Tortoise

& The Hare followed by round two Saturday, March 21 on The Links. Both days will be 8 a.m. tee times. Good luck to our defending champions Joe Wilks, Deborah Martin and Kay Budd. Please see the On Top of the World Golf Shop for more details.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, March 10: Ocala Open Pro-Am at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 11 through Friday, March 13: Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21: On Top of the World Club Championship.
- Saturday, March 28: On Top of the World Monthly Event - Cross Country at The Links.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Chuck Engeman, hole-in-one #13.

THE LINKS: Dan Szall, eagle #3. T.F. Smith, shot 77 ten shots under his age. Mary Livingston, eagle #16. Paul Richards, eagle #9. Bob Mondore, shot his age 73. Rudy Normandin, shot 79 & 76 both rounds under his age. Jon Hill, eagle #13.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Charles Crenshaw, eagle #14. Joe Wilks, eagle #10. James Merrick, shot his age 83. Molly Lucieir, hole-in-one #15.

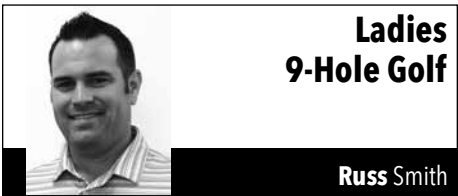
Congratulations to all!

Golf Tip of the Month

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

If you can relate to this scenario then here are a few tips to help ease your nerves. First create a pre-putt

routine. This routine should be kept simple and quick, 30 seconds or less. Make sure to follow this routine for each putt during your round. During your stroke be sure to have nice rhythm. Nerves tend to



get the best of players and create a quick stroke. This often causes the putt to fall offline. Stand over the putt with confidence, keep a good frame of mind and sink that putt.

holed.

Upcoming Saturday golf clinics include:

- March 7: Short Game: What Club and Shot to Choose.
- March 14: Scoring Clubs: 100 Yards & In.

Please remember to sign up in advance at the Candler Hills Golf Shop if you want to participate.

We have a couple of special events coming up - The Club Championship round one starts Friday, March 20, with round two Saturday, March 21. This event will be played on both The Links and The Tortoise & The Hare Golf Courses, with tee times at 8 a.m. The format will be individual gross and net flights based on the tees you play from. We will have a men's and ladies division. We also have a Cross Country event Saturday, March 28, at The Links, at 9 a.m. The format will be a team scramble, and the course will be setup in a way in which holes will be combined together to make a very long nine-hole course. You may create your own foursome for this event and sign up in the golf shop.

Finally, with the new world handicap system, please make sure you are posting your scores every time you play except on league days because we will post your score that day. If you have any questions or issues using the new GHIN or Golf Genius apps, please feel free to stop by the Golf Shop, and we will be happy to help.

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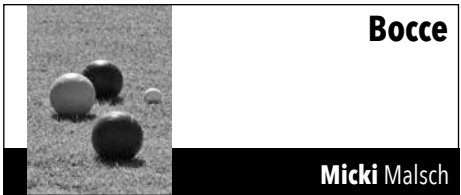
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Bocce

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and the numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Evening bocce is played Mondays at 6:30 p.m. This is a league open play time slot. If you plan to play, arrive a few minutes early for sign-up. Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play. However, as a new player, once you have played with the league on three occasions you will be expected to join the league and sign a Release and

Hold Harmless consent form. Dues are \$12 and entitles you to play as many times as you want when league or open are played. Any league representative can give you the form to fill out and take your dues. If you are interested in playing on a team, or being a substitute, please contact President Terry Connolly at (352) 300-3043.

A directory is in the storage unit which contains an alphabetical list of all members. Please make sure you have entered your name and contact information.

The Bocce Club board meeting was held Monday, Jan. 27. Club liability insurance was purchased at a cost of \$429.43 per year, which will be paid in quarterly increments.

The best of bocce will be held on the following dates:

- League: Tuesday, April 28, at 9 a.m.
- Open: Thursday, April 30, at 9 a.m.

The annual banquet will be held Thursday, April 30, at 4 p.m. in

the Recreation Center Ballroom. A cash bar will be available. The cost will be \$8 per member and \$10 per guest. The board is still working on the caterer details. Sign-up sheets for the banquet will be distributed during play times for both league and open bocce.

Michelle Malsch (Micki) will be

resigning as league secretary effective April 30. Please contact Terry Connolly if you would be interested in this position.

All are welcome to watch, learn or play. For further information, please contact Terry Connolly, president, Bocce Club at (352) 300-3043. Until we roll again ...



R/C Flyers

John Workman

Winter in Florida is so much better than up north! Even Groundhog's Day is different. Down here it is said that on Feb. 2 if the palm tree sees its shadow then we will have 12 more months of summer.

With the new field shaping up and getting more and more use, the club is preparing for its annual spring picnic Saturday, March 28. Phil Moherek is coordinating everything and in his usual thorough style he has 28 (and counting as of this writing) volunteers already assigned to various duties. This is a good response so that no one has to sacrifice the whole day. Thanks to all for your help.

The schedule has both airborne games and ground-based games for fun. Prizes will be awarded and a great door prize (for flyers members only) of a ready to fly Flex RV8. For those who haven't seen one of the several already in action at the field this is one great flying model that includes a receiver and gyro installed. Just the thing for these breezy days.

Speaking of breezy days, we seem to be having a lot of cross-wind days lately. The weather patterns this time of the year haven't been kind to us.

But when life gives you lemons, make lemonade! Use it as a learning opportunity. With a defined runway now, we can learn to guide our models down a specific path to land on the pavement. In the past there was too much of the "let it land wherever it will" technique. Now we need to line up better and adjust for the winds. I am impressed with the discipline of most of the flyers these days trying to get their models down correctly. More practice and we will all be better at it.

For those residents who are not flyers and want to come out to spectate, you are very welcome. Take SW 94th Street past The Arbors all the way past the new construction, go halfway around the traffic circle and continue west to the road on the right between the new storage units and the new RV parking lot. Go north on that road past both and thru the tree line where the roadway becomes a path. Straight ahead you will see the flying field on top of the hill. Pull on up and come on up to the metal-roof shade pavilion and pull up a chair. I can't predict what the subject of the day's conversation will be, but if you have questions, I can guarantee answers. Correct answers depend on the subject.

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Pickleball

Jana McElroy

There has been a lot of activity in the Pickleball Club since the last column. The new board held another general meeting on Thursday, Jan. 30. The board had five options for open play to be voted on by the members. The group voted and it passed that option three would be initiated. During club hours (7:30 to 10 a.m.) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays advanced/intermediate players are on the upper and lower courts. Intermediate players who enjoy more recreation play will be on the upper courts and the intermediate players who want more competitive play will be on the lower courts.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during club hours, advanced players will be on the lower courts. Intermediate/beginners will be on the upper courts. Intermediate players who want to play just for recreation on the upper courts and the intermediate players who want more competitive play on the lower courts. Rally scoring will continue to be used if all the courts are full.

Dave Phelps gave a presentation on the Pickleball Club becoming incorporated. It would be a C non-profit inc. The members voted to approve this. There is a group of members who are working on rules and regulations for the club and the by-laws are being revised. Both items were up for a vote at the general meeting in February.

Eduardo Huertas continues to coordinate the ladder. This is open to members of the club who want to participate in more competitive play. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and begin play at 10:30 a.m. The games are played using conventional scoring to 21, win by one if there are four players on the court. If five players are on the court, they only play games to 15, win by one.

Steve Schlesselman, Dave Phelps, Ron Edwards and Randy Schmid offered to run pickleball drills for those who signed up on two occasions. They gave us a good workout. Steve sent out a list of names who participated so individuals could set up times with others to continue to work on the drills that they provided. Thanks to all of them for giving their time to club members.

If you are new to the game of pickleball Tom Roach and Herb Katz continue to offer Pickleball 101 class Wednesdays on the lower courts, from 9 to 10 a.m. They also offer Pickleball 102 for intermediate/advanced players who want to work on strategies, from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays on the lower courts.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the club, the enrollment forms are available at the courts. See you on the courts for the love of the sport.



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FIT TIP #2: Put it away! Returning hand weights, balls, and bars to their proper storage place will help in reducing tripping hazards.

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The Softball Club's veteran grounds crew has hung up their rakes for the last time.

For more than a half-dozen years, Paul Gatto and Ray Tobey have been the guiding force – not to mention the muscle – behind the level infield and professional chalk lines that have made playing softball at the On Top of the World field so great.

It's been a labor of love.

It's meant late afternoons under a hot summer sun. It's meant early mornings, sometimes frosty with a wisp of winter fog and a sun just rising. It's meant raking and smoothing and coaxing a slow and antiquated tractor into life. It's meant more hard work and dedication than most of their teammates realize.

But if you're going to play softball and play it well and enjoy it, you must have a field that's professionally lined and a surface that's smooth. Not to mention safe. Senior softball players can't handle errant bounces and wayward ground balls as easily as they did as youths.

That's what Gatto and Tobey, both longtime On Top of the World softball players, accomplished.

For Gatto, it's been more than 10 years behind the rake. Tobey began helping him perhaps six years ago. Both took over the vital job from other volunteers, Tom Campbell and Bill Leon.

Gatto, moving to be closer to family, said his only reason for doing the job was because he "just wanted to make the field as good as possible for the players." Tobey, who echoed the sentiment, said he's continuing as a player on one of the league's six intramural teams.

On Top of the World golf course workers have taken over the task of preparing the infield as they already do with the outfield turf. The Softball Club will continue lining the field for games.

The groundskeeping changeover isn't the only Softball Club milestone to note this month.

Campbell, one of the club's grand old men, is retiring from the game. Campbell has been with the league since it began a dozen years ago. Leon, former softball commissioner and league founder, said, "Tom has been with us a long time and has worked hard helping to keep the field in shape and was a strong softball supporter. We wish him well."

In league action, the Softball Club's winter-spring season is well underway. The six teams, each sponsored by a local business, are battling for honors.

As of press time, manager Dave Clune's Downtown Chiropractic team had edged into first place in the standings, with Ron Hamel's Hilton Automotive squad in a close second. Rick Bourquin's STM Golf Carts team was third followed by Jim Russo's Ford Lincoln of Ocala. Tom Sheridan's Bridlewood Dentistry dug its way out of the basement with a win, leaving Neil Davis' Fletcher Plumbing team in last place. But no matter: the long season goes through May.

Softball is great to play and exciting to watch. Games are held Monday and Wednesday mornings. Spectators are welcome to enjoy the exciting play. Prospective players are invited to the general practice held every Thursday morning.



Photo by Tom Sheridan
Ray Tobey and Paul Gatto take a break from their groundskeeping duties.



OPEN PLAY: Despite our most fervent hopes, we have experienced yet another delay in our quest to begin play at the Veterans Park complex. Changes necessary in the layout of the horseshoe pits there have a trickle-down effect on our ability to set up shop and begin playing at this great new venue. Because the current concrete needs to be torn out and new concrete poured, we have no idea at this point as to when our move will take place.

In the interim, we continue play at our current location at the cornhole/horseshoe complex next to the softball field. Our original plan to hold our annual picnic at the new Veterans Park pavilion on Saturday, March 14 has been changed and will now be held at the old pavilion on the same day starting at noon and ending at 3 p.m. Hope to see all members and guests at this very entertaining event!

Open Play has been very well attended each Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 a.m. New members have been joining on a weekly basis but there is still room for you. Contact Jim Russell at jimrussell44@outlook.com for more information

LEAGUE PLAY: In sports, Henry Russell Sanders is quoted as saying "winning isn't everything; it's the only thing." But one team in the mixed doubles cornhole league has proven winning isn't the only thing; winning and looking good playing is everything! The Unknowns (Sandy Martin and Rick Dikeman) compete weekly in their bright personalized team jerseys and show the competition that looking great and playing great can be achieved. Now that this column is published, I guess they are no longer "unknown."

The mixed couples cornhole league typically is a very competitive league and the champions are not announced until the last week of the season. We have passed the halfway point of the winter season and it appears we'll end in a photo finish. Defending champions, The Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg) remain in the lead but by only one game over the No-Names (Lynn Dickson and Bob Helf) and the Unknowns (Sandy Martin and Rick Dikeman). The Cornhuskers have witnessed two consecutive rough weeks and have matches with both of these opponents during the closing weeks, so the championship is wide open to the strongest team.

With a little skill and a lot of luck, the two-time champion Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) have completed the first half of the season with only one loss and have a commanding lead in the men's doubles cornhole league. The arrogant Undertakers theme this season is "We will bury you!" and have the wins to prove it. At this point, only the Dirt Bags (Rick Dikeman and Dwight Weirich) have a shot at overtaking the dreaded leaders and claim the championship.

If you are looking for a low impact fun sport, try your luck with cornhole. The spring league season signups will begin in a few weeks. If you are interested in playing, contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com.

Sandy Martin and Rick Dikeman in their custom team jerseys proving you can look good while winning!



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Sandy Martin and Rick Dikeman in their custom team jerseys proving you can look good while winning!





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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera

We're seeing a lot of new faces in the room, and last week I saw all 12 tables going for the first time. If you're a new player, please consider joining our Billiard Club. The paltry \$5 annual dues are used for social functions and to help maintain the room.

Membership is required to attend certain functions, to vote and to play in club events. There is a small form by the counter, and you can drop the form with a check or cash in the blue box. Be sure to include your phone and email so our club

secretary can keep you informed of upcoming meetings and events.

Tip of the Month: Last night one of our better league players asked me for advice on speed control. Speed is one of the most important parts of the game, as it is essential for playing good position and for most all safety shots.

Here are the three tips I gave him, and his speed control improved dramatically within just a few minutes. First — and this is vital! — while still standing you must properly visualize the shot and position path. Pick a spot on the table where you want to stop, not a general area!

This visualization process is critical because it gets the subconscious mind involved. If you visualize the shot (like a diver be-

fore he starts his approach), your subconscious mind will automatically provide the speed you need (assuming you have prior success with this path). Your subconscious is much more accurate with both your stroke and speed than trying to have your conscious mind shoot straight and precisely hard enough.


The second important concept is to shorten your bridge and stroke length a lot for soft shots, and to lengthen it just a little for more powerful shots. A six-inch bridge is a good middle distance for normal shots.

For a shot where you want the cue ball to travel less than a foot, I use only about a two to three-inch bridge length and only about a one-inch stroke. If you use your normal bridge length and stroke for soft or

delicate shots, you'll hit the ball too hard almost every time.

The third key to precise speed control is to use your warm-up strokes to practice and set the speed you need. Your warm-up strokes for slow and medium shots should be at the exact same speed as your final stroke! It's not just your aim that you're checking out — you're also practicing your speed control and adjusting it until it feels right.

I tell students that someone watching you shoot should not be able to tell the difference between your warm-up and final strokes. They should also not know that the last stroke is the final stroke until the ball is gone. Try these three tips and I'm sure your speed control will markedly improve.



Shuffleboard

Walter Lamp

In January, more was accomplished off the shuffleboard courts than on or so it seemed. For beginners, the cold weather in the mornings caused a couple of cancellations and diminished the usual strong turnout. But attendance grew for 10 pin games in the evenings. It's a more skilled game, where personal or team victories are not as important as our regular league play. But the competition is definitely more intense and a lot more fun.

At the recent Club Fair, the turnout at our table was good, due to

the help of our volunteers. Thanks to one and all.

There will be a general membership and annual luncheon Thursday, March 5. It will include the selection of officers for the upcoming year, a luncheon and a time for all members to just relax and socialize with each other off the courts.

The pizza party will be held Saturday, April 25. It is customary for the end of the season. Of course, some info and a door prize will be included.

On Saturday, Feb. 22, we hosted our second tournament, put together by tournament director, John Gayso. It was a type of match play,

with teams of two, up to a limit of 32 players. But, after the match was over, they change partners but kept their individual scores, either with a win or loss. By the end of the second round, any individual with two losses was eliminated from any further competition. But the remaining teams kept playing and the individual scoring continued until we had the high winners. I'll have the final results next month.

Our new shuffleboard court is still being worked on. We are eagerly awaiting its completion so we can join the beautiful Veterans Park.

Finally, we are once again offer-

ing an introduction to shuffleboard 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 to the current courts. We will go over the rules, safety, scoring and the basics of shooting the puck. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

January Men/Women
Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz/Linda McIntyre. 30-Joe Bartosh.
Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher & Ron Daughy/Nancy Chatham.
Thursday morning a.m.: Rick French/Shirley Lindsay.

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Call of the Wild

Roger Bonifield

Well, the weather is finally warming up and things with Call of the Wild Sports Club are really heating up. Our calendar for the next three months is getting more crowded with great events even as I write this column.

At our March meeting, Trevor Knight from Florida Fish and Wild-


life Commission will be our guest speaker. If you want the blueprint for finding and reeling in that giant Florida largemouth bass, Trevor is the guy you need to talk to. Trevor will be discussing the great bass fishery here in Florida, and what is being done to keep it that way, including a program called Trophy Catch, which could win you a brand new, fully outfitted bass boat without ever catching a fish. Don't miss this.

The next super event on our schedule is our great annual fish fry. Scheduled for Friday, April 17,

tickets will go on sale at the March meeting. Later that month, we have been invited back by Ocala Parks and Recreation to assist in the Youth Fishing Derby. In addition to being a great success last year, this was as much fun for us as it was for the nearly 100 youth we assisted with baiting-up, netting and measuring their fish.

We also have more Gulf flats fishing charters on the way, along with some fun shore fishing trips. If you want to learn more about any of these great events, then don't miss our next meeting Wednesday, March 4. We meet the first Wednesday of every month in the Hobby Building Event Room from noon to 2 p.m. Please stop in and join us. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly at (352) 300-3601.

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Use It and Keep It!

Use it and keep it puts a positive spin on use it or lose it, and this is exactly what happens when you exercise ... you “use” your muscles, and you “keep” them. There is a bounty of research supporting the benefits of strength training for the active aging population. It is abundantly clear that older adults that strength train regularly are stronger, more capable, and less likely to fall. This has created a dramatic shift in exercise training protocols for folks over 55. Prior to this recent research, the majority of exercise advice focused on aerobic activity to prevent cardiovascular disease. We now know that strength training helps to preserve muscle mass, which is critical to maintaining independence and quality of life.

Adding strength training to fitness routines that are mostly aerobic is extremely important for combating age related muscle loss. Older adults that lead sedentary lifestyles are at an increased risk for disease, disability and falls. Do you find that you are becoming less capable of daily activities such as; lifting groceries, climbing stairs, heavy housework or tasks that require getting down and up from the floor? These may be signs of Sarcopenia - the scientific name for the loss of muscle as we age. The good news is that research proves without a doubt that we can regain muscle at any age! Therefore, we can improve functional capacity and reduce the risk of falling at any age. Benefits of strength training include:

- Increase strength and muscle mass
- Increase bone density
- Increase metabolism
- Decrease in disease risk factors
- Decrease in fall risk factors

The Recreation Center Fitness Center is excited to host a special “Strength Mechanics Master Class” Monday, March 3, at 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Fitness Center. Trainer Vilma Rosario “Coach-V” will deliver a master class on strength mechanics. Coach-V

FITNESS SCHEDULE					
March 2020					
Recreation Center Group Wellness					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise
8:00 AM	Dance Party Denise	Strength & Stretch Jonathan	Warrior Jessica	Strength & Stretch Jonathan	Warrior Darla
9:00 AM	Strength & Stretch Tucker	MAC Fit Tucker	Chair Yoga Julie	MAC Fit Han	Strength & Stretch Tucker
10:00 AM	Balanced Body Tucker	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Kitti	Chair Yoga Kathy	Balanced Body Jessica
11:00 AM	S.O.S. Larry	Move to Improve Larry	S.O.S. Ingrid	Move to Improve Jessica	S.O.S. Larry
11:00 AM Ballroom Location	Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Kitti		Zumba® Gold Nichole
12:00 PM	Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Kitti		Get Fit While You Sit Darla
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
4:00 PM				Guided Meditation Sandra	
5:00 PM		Intro to Hatha Yoga Kathy		Yoga Sandra	
Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM * Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534 to reserve your spot.					
Arbor Fitness Center Group Wellness					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand
8:00 AM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	STRONG John	OPEN Fitness On Demand	STRONG Ingrid	OPEN Fitness On Demand
9:00 AM	Yoga Julie	Boomer Beat Jessica	Yoga Linda	Boomer Beat Cammy	Yin-Yoga Renu
10:00 AM	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Tucker	STRONG Linda	STRONG Kelly	STRONG Roger
11:00 AM	Dance Aerobics Linda	Dance Aerobics Jessica	OPEN Fitness On Demand	Dance Aerobics Denise	OPEN Fitness On Demand
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand	OPEN Fitness On Demand
1:00 PM			Fitness Orientation*		
Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM ** Fitness center orientations are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7638 to reserve your spot.					
Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 AM	Qi Gong Art				
9:00 AM	Tai Chi Art			Qi Gong Art	
10:00 AM				Intro to Tai Chi Art	
Arbor Fitness Center Indoor Pool					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles	Open	Aqua Belles
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Archery Club

Frank Tarentino

The planned members opening day, which was scheduled for Feb. 14, was cancelled just four days before the event was to take place. Access to the archery range is temporarily postponed due to further construction. During the past nine months members have been diligently planning and volunteering to complete tasks in preparation for opening the range. Please accept my thanks for your support and my apologies for the delay. The end of March is the new projected date for opening. You can be assured that On Top of the World will have a safe and well-built facility for residents to enjoy the sport of target archery.

Hope to see you at our club meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. For more information, please contact Frank Tarentino at otowac@outlook.com or (978) 979-0814.



Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

March is here! Join us for Mah Jongg Junkie Day Saturday, March 7 in the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You can come whenever you choose and stay all day or part of the day. Bring your lunch or go out for lunch. It is a totally no stress day. There are no big prizes. You win what you win. There is no admission.

You have to bring enough to last the whole time. There will be no grace playing. Some of us bring a lunch and we make a picnic of the day. We would love for you to join us. We will be glad to have beginners join us. We can help you learn more about the game. Hope to see you March 7 at whatever time you can make it. Until then, jokers to you.

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New Circle Squares

Dotty Huston

In January our big dance at the Recreation Center with Hartley was a hoot. Everyone loved it. A new couple moved in the day before. One of our square dancers met her and invited her. Louise is a sweetheart and danced with Nick Hartley in Ohio. He is from Texas and a national caller. She was so happy that we had him here. Good place to live; we have it all.

In February, we started with our Valentine's Day dance and then we visited all our clubs to thank them for coming to us and getting our banners back. They were here raiding us at the big dance and took our banners. Ocala Twirlers, then Orange Blossom Squares and then

Celebrity Squares in Anthony. It's always fun dancing with different callers and good dancers.

Saturday, March 7, we start off with the Shamrock Swing at the Recreation Center with Jack Lewis, caller and cuer. The room will be filled with green to honor our Irish friends.

Our regular dances are in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III with "Hot Rod" Barngrover as caller. Residents are always invited to come.

From our Irish friends, a blessing - "May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day. May songbirds serenade you every step along the way. May a rainbow run beside you in sky that's always blue. And may happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through."

For information, call Dotty Huston at (352) 502-6789.



Sidekicks Western Dance

Carla Magri

Happy St. Patrick's Day everybody. May the luck of the Irish be with you all.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, saw the Sidekicks hosting our fellow dancers from Stone Creek for a pizza and dance party. The Recreation Center Ballroom was filled with good cheer, and as always, there was an abundance of dancing, laughing and plain old good fellowship between our two groups. Although the room was packed with partygoers, we managed to get everyone

on the floor with one, two or three circles at a time! Both beginners and intermediates shared the space with appropriate level dances done to the same music, selected by our coordinators, and it all worked beautifully.

Our beginners are catching up very quickly, learning many new dances, and our intermediates are reaching into their memory banks and re-learning some of their old favorites as well as some new ones. As we approach spring, we look forward to many beautiful Thursday nights at The Town Square as well as our regular Tuesday nights indoors.

Remember, dancing is wonderful exercise for both body and mind, not to mention fun, fun, fun. Happy trails ...



Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

For Valentine's Day, the dancers and I celebrated by fitting ourselves with earrings that I made to match our leotards and skirts. We all enjoy playing "dress-up" something many of us did when we were children. So, even if we are not performing at each class, we look as if we are, and it is lots of fun. We get most of our ballet outfits online for modest prices, and some of our dancers make beautiful skirts, so we can "dress up" on a budget. It is one of the perks we get as we become stronger, more flexible and better balanced through ballet classes. Of course, ballet also makes us more graceful and we get to listen to beautiful music while

we dance.

Our classes are held four times each week in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. Our class schedule is shown below:

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

We always welcome newcomers, and no special ballet clothing is necessary to start. All you need are exercise clothes and socks for your feet. (And a bottle of water, of course.) If you want to try a class, I suggest you call me first, so that I will be on the lookout for you. We start setting up for class 20 to 30 minutes before classes begin, so that would be a good time to arrive.

So, join us, and start having fun as you exercise; excuse me, dance! For more information, please call me at (352) 854- 8589. Happy dancing!



New Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

The first dance of 2020 for the New Dancin' On the Top Club was Saturday, Feb. 15 with music by The Paul DeRitter Band. The featured theme was "Love is in the Air" for our Valentine's Day. The Recreation Center Ballroom stage was closely matched with our theme, and our tables were colorfully decorated for this special dance. A great time was had by everyone with plenty of dancing for the night.

Our next dance will be Saturday, April 18, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The theme for this dance is "Everything Counts," and the music will be provided by Rocky and Michelle Duo. Ticket sales for this dance will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom on Monday, March 23, for club members from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The ticket price for club members is \$12 per person. All resident non-member ticket sales will be Wednesday, March 25, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and the ticket price is set for \$15 per person. The ticket price for outside guests is \$22 per person. No coolers, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, or jeans should be worn at this dance.

Mark your dance calendar for Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Recre-

ation Center Ballroom. The band Automatic will provide the music for your dancing pleasure with the theme "A Night at the Movies." Then the next dance is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, with music by Danny and Johnny. Our New Year's Eve dance is now set for the Recreation Center Ballroom with Retro Express on Thursday, Dec. 31.

A great big "thank you" to all those club members who have volunteered to help with our dances in the past and our future dances. Our club provides dancing for everyone - ballroom, waltz, meringue, line, freestyle, slow, pattern dancing, etc.

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the bulletin board this spring and summer with these exciting themes along with ticket sale dates for each of our dances. Resident IDs will be required at the time of ticket purchase and for entry into the Recreation Center Ballroom on our dance nights.

The New Dancin' On the Top officers are working on future dates for 2021. For club membership, ticket information, what the club is about, or if you want to help with our dances, please contact Jack or Jean Hester at (919) 291-8542, (919) 669-6919, or hestermulch@aol.com; or Donna Cottrell at (410) 591-7899. The New Dancin' On the Top Club is open to all residents. So, keep on dancing.

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Roasted Vegetable Medley
Potatoes Au Gratin
Rice
Sweet Potato Casserole

DESSERT TABLE
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“Don’t drive like my brother,” a quote from Ray Magliozzi of Car Talk, aka, Click and Clack, the Tap-pet brothers. Ray’s quote is being played out again but right here in On Top of the World.

“Don’t drive like my brother” is something Dennis Berry says about his brother Ken Berry. A replay of last week’s race went like this: Ken Berry’s two-wheel buggy was leading the heat of six as usual when suddenly he spins out, crashes into two other buggies and now is last. Ken’s brother, Dennis, is heard to say, “I precision tune my cars to win, but I can’t do anything with the driver” (the drive being Den-nis’s brother Ken).

Dennis is the very best R/C car mechanic. He can tune suspen-sions, motors, speed controllers, tires, etc. Dennis is a quiet guy until his brother starts driving. He gra-ciously takes the time to inspect anyone’s car, make adjustments, and other assistance. You can usu-ally find him bent over the table quietly, performing his gifted tal-ents.

His brother, Ken, is such a cham-pionship driver that he was winning a certificate every month in each car class (maybe in part because of Dennis). After about a year, the club amended the race rules to lim-it a driver to one certificate once every three months. Also, the heats are broken into two groups A, B, and C or fast and slower, making it possible for slower drivers to win certificates too. Ken Berry is a true gentleman on and off the track. It was he who formulated the new rule so others could win recog-nition, and he is very much willing to share his expert racing knowledge with any driver.

Dennis and Ken once had raced full-size sport cars in the Sport Car Club of America, mostly in Florida, Georgia, and some in Illinois. Their partnership was called the Berry Brothers, and you guessed it, Den-nis was the mechanic and Ken the driver.

The racetrack now has an eight-inch concrete wall encircling the asphalt track with protective steel fencing. New orange pipe barriers now define the racecourse with challenging turns and straight away. Formal points racing will begin again in February with the completed track. Excitement is in the air with the new racing venue, the new speakers’ system will start



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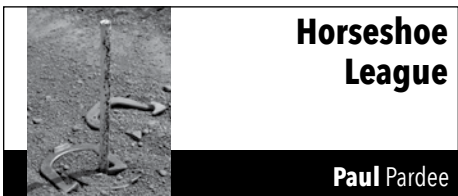
Brothers Ken and Dennis Berry at work.

vibrating, car’s tires will be squeal-ing, people will be shouting, mar-shals are running back and forth turning cars upright, and Dennis will be saying “don’t drive like my brother.” “Slow down around the curves.”

Want a piece of the action? Monthly meeting in the Hobby Building is the first Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. or races every Thursday and Sunday at 1 p.m. lo-cated north of the new RV storage

lot and at the end of SW 94th Street.

January
Novice–Susan Wilk; Rage–Frank Spenser; Two-wheel buggy–Paul Beryer; Two-wheel truggy–Frank Spenser; Two-wheel truck–Frank Spenser; Four-wheel truck–Bob Meltzer; Four-wheel buggy–Bantz/Taylor; Four-wheel truggy–Bill Cruff; Ford GT stock–Harold Hopkins; Tourning–Burrey/Jarocki; Fastest lap 18.48 seconds–Paul Burrey.



Starting this fall, the horseshoe league will change from three 13-week seasons to two 18-week seasons. At the time of printing, the horseshoe league play will be fin-ished until the autumn 18-week season begins on the first Tuesday of September at the new pits locat-ed in the beautiful Veterans Park. Start time will be 9 a.m., and as always everyone who shows, male or female, will get to play. Com-petition is by random selection, and handicaps are assigned based on 90% of the difference between player average and 60. The prize for winning is bragging rights, and the season champ’s picture will be in the paper.

There are no dues or fees to join

the league. On Top of the World supplies the pits and all the equip-ment. The only additional expenses the league has are those related to the travel season where the compe-tition is between all Marion County retirement communities. A long-standing tradition has been to fund this activity by collecting, crush-ing and recycling aluminum cans. Bringing aluminum cans is not re-quired, but if you come to play and have some, please bring them.

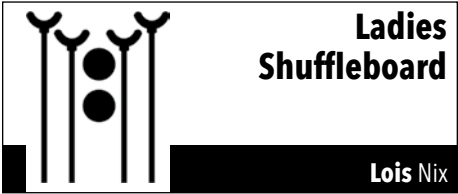
With the current season near the end, Big Ed Bodnar is clearly in winning position, but there are still several players, Bob Heif, Joe Lawson and Larry Stickles with an outside chance to unseat him if he falters, and one of them will end up in second place.

There are two weeks to go in the travel league season, and at this point On Top of the World is in first place. How that ends plus the league champion will be the sub-ject for next month. On Top of the

World was champion last year, and for us to repeat this would be sim-ply phenomenal!

If you would like to try horse-shoes, come to the pits and prac-tice to get ready for the new sea-

son this fall. On any given Sunday or Tuesday morning, you may find a player or two at the pits looking for a game. There is a large plastic container with a green lid adjacent to the pavilion that contains horse-shoes for practice.



The weather for January and February has not been good for outdoor shuffling. Because of the cold and the winds fewer women came out of their cozy pajamas to shuffle. All and all we had some players, more than we expected. It was strange to see earmuffs, gloves, boots, heavy jackets and hats. It was on days like this I wished I still had my snowmobile suit. We love our shuffling.

Our first board meeting of this season was Wednesday, Feb. 19; we will post the discussion in the next issue of the World News. One item on the agenda was the tournament for March, the results will also be posted in the next issue as well and on the shuffleboard bulletin board. Thanks to Pat Bowles for keep-ing our board up-to-date, for the holiday decorations, the monthly scores and other information.

Because of some problems, we are unable to post the scores for January. We will post them at the same time we post February.

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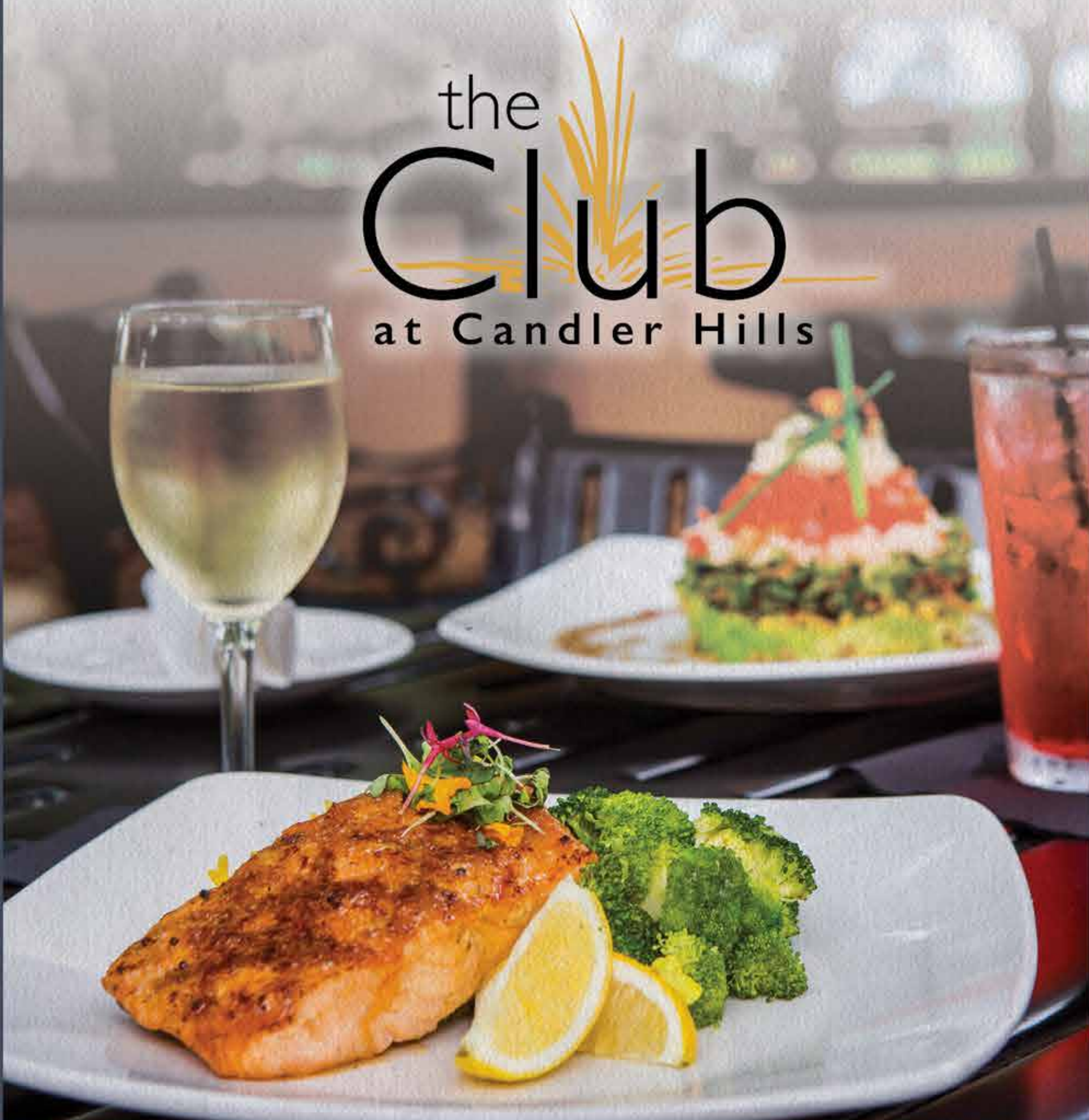
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From the Beginning ...

By Gerald Mucci

The founder of the Model Railroaders Club, “Hud” Huddleston, was celebrated at a luncheon held last month at The Pub.

The club’s first president joined the Air Force at age 16 in 1950 as the Korean War was beginning. He served as an aircraft navigator and para rescue officer out of Maguire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

Hud recalled the early years of the club as a founding member in

2007.

Hud began the club along with current members Jack Johnston, Charlie Vartanian, and Jim Lynam. He remembered being with several guys at Rob’s Hobby Shop discussing starting a train club. They placed an ad in the World News expecting a few folks to show interest and were pleasantly surprised when six or seven guys showed up to their first meeting. The club

was born with over 20 dues paying members.

A lot of the early success of the club was facilitated by Theresa Fields, now the program supervisor for On Top of the World, Hud recalls. Theresa facilitated acquisition of the current 12-foot by 20-foot room in the lower level of the Recreation Center. This “temporary” location served the club from 2007 through 2020.

Hud recalls his inspiration for the first train layout coming from a friend’s 2,000 square foot layout in his Michigan basement. Since this

wouldn’t fit in the club’s new 240 square foot space, the essence was “chopped” out to fit. He recalled that his favorite part of this great hobby was designing and building the scenery and fine detail of the dioramas—an integral part of an engaging layout.

Hud was given a tour of the existing train room and layout that he hadn’t viewed for years. He marveled at the new lighting and electronic digital control as well as new detailed scenicing that had been added since he was a member several years back. While being shown the new, much larger train room where new track will soon be laid, Hud expressed he is “happy to see the club expanding and given larger facilities” and is “fortunate that On Top of the World built the bench work.”

Hud will be moving to the Tampa Bay area later this year.

Meanwhile, the original and still operational train layout remains for use by members and guests. The current layout is located in the lower level of the Recreation Center accessed through the fitness center. While club members work on and run trains on the layout on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m., much activity is transitioning to construction in the new train room. The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members. Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III.



Photo by Gerald Mucci

Harold “Hud” Huddleston, Jim Lynam, Bill Rostiser and Al Lohr in the new train room.

A Smash Hit

By Nancy Grabowski

This year’s show, “An All-American Road Trip,” played to a full house each night. Our audiences were amazing! The New Pretenders cannot begin to thank our loyal supporters for this outpouring. It is because of your generosity we will be able to donate our profits to many local Marion County charities.

We are gratified, too, by the reception we received when we took our show outside the community. Each of our four performances was as well-received as it was in our own ballroom. The crowds continue to inspire us to raise the level of expectations, and our cast certainly did it this season. Surely you noticed the multi-talented band with the

high energy levels of our drummer; or how about costumes like Elvis’ royal blue and silver or the characters in “Alley Oop”; then, there was the chemistry of numbers like “Oh, No! I’ve Lost My Glasses Again” or “Marie LeVeau” and our stand-out tenors in “O Solo Mio” with some “Lonesome Me” added in!

We are now in the planning stages of our show for 2021. It seems so strange to type in that date, yet it cannot be denied. We have committees that are searching for the

music and comedy that will fill out the program. Yet other committees are thinking about the decorations and costumes.

A vital committee, now at work, is our membership committee. We always look for new members who wish to become a part of The New Pretenders family. We urge anyone who wants to know more about us and the fun we have to contact any current member or give me a call at (352) 209-4699.



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

Paula Guildford, Darlene Clark and Mary Ann Berardi of The New Pretenders.

Let’s Get Stampin’

By Linda Lohr

Our presenter for February was Penny Douphinett. Penny has been making cards for over 15 years and offered us three great cards: two valentine cards and a friendship card. Each card can be adapted for other occasions according to the maker’s wishes.

We thank Penny for her great ideas. She provided all the necessary dies, embossing folders, stamps and ink pads. Stampers were able to make additional cards once everyone completed at least one of each card. Penny offered plenty of help for the newer members, and further suggestions for the more experienced stampers.

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

Our group is open to all crafters

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

For information on any class or for general information, 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 Hoefer at (352) 237-6439 or kathyh508@yahoo.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin’!



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‘Up, Up and Away’

By Bob Woods
World News Writer

“We can sing a song and sail along the silver sky for we can fly, we can fly. Up, up and away, my beautiful, my beautiful balloon ...”

This is some of the lyrics made famous by the 5th Dimension in their 1967 release, which resulted in the group receiving three different Grammy Awards for the song “Up, Up and Away.”

This song was sung and hummed very softly as a large group of residents attended the famous International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was a go, go trip starting early in the morning to way after dark.

The group viewed the balloon launchings - known as the “mass ascension” - and the evening glow. The group also toured Old Town in both Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

On the first morning in Albuquerque, many residents signed up for a balloon ride. However, the ride was canceled due to inclement weather. The next morning the group viewed the mass ascension of 590 hot air balloons of all sizes and shapes. There were 104 balloons shaped as animals, movie characters (Smoky the Bear, Darth Vader, Yoda), etc. There were 13 countries represented at the International Balloon Fiesta.

This is the largest balloon fiesta in the world and balloonists come from every corner of the world. This international event is in its 47th year. It started in 1972 as a highlight of a birthday celebration for a local Albuquerque radio station. At that time there had been no organized balloon event in New Mexico and after finding out the largest number of balloons at a ballooning event, it was decided to contact balloonists worldwide to see about coming to New Mexico. Those at the radio station and a local flying service received commitments from 21 balloonists but bad weather kept the original number down to 13 balloons.

This was the beginning of the now annual International Balloon Fiesta. The number of balloons has been limited to 600. At one time, there were 1,019 balloons but due to limited landing areas the numbers have been limited to 600.

On the opening day of the Fiesta, the group arrived before dawn and watched the “dawn patrol” which numbered six balloons to check weather conditions particularly the winds. Once the winds reach eight miles per hour the launch would have been cancelled.

One balloon flew the American flag as opening ceremonies commenced. Just as they were about to launch all the balloons in two waves fog started rolling into the area. There would be breaks in the fog, but the pilots of dawn patrol reported spotty fog at the landing areas. It was decided for safety reasons to cancel the opening event. This was the first time in the 47-year history of the Balloon Fiesta that the event was cancelled due to fog. It very seldom rains in Albuquerque not to mention the presence of fog.

The Fiesta takes place in early October and runs for nine days. Normally, the wind conditions are very favorable this time of year.

Generally, the mass ascensions take place at dawn each day. The balloon glow takes place after dark. The glow consists of balloons being illuminated at night by their propane burners. The balloons are tied down preventing them from taking off. It is a beautiful spectacle!

Following the glows there were skydivers with lighted suits and sparklers from their boots descending over the field and at times lighting off what generally is called Roman candles. This was followed by a fantastic firework display.



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International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Barbara & David Lee

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We have fun meeting new friends who live in the community. Come and learn how to play dominos with either dots or numbers, which are the latest crave. To play, please



Bunco Babes
Social Group

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV, which is the last room facing the building on the right, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, March 24.

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. Cash prizes are awarded

bring your resident ID, a quarter and a rack, if you have one. We only have a few extra racks for newbies to borrow. Please join us and bring a friend!

Tables are assigned at 7 p.m. and then the train game begins. You will hear the groups enjoying train travels to wherever when a double is played, and the chicken foot hunt begins so we can unfreeze the tiles and continue playing. Confused? Well I guess you need to come and see how the game is played.

We can't thank our friends enough as our group keeps on growing. David and I want to say we appreciate all your support and great company. The buzz at the end of the evening is always I got my quarter back. Hope you will come see us soon; we can't wait to meet you.

for the holder of the last player who yelled "bunco", the most number of "buncos", the most number of "mini buncos", the most number of wins, and the most number of losses. All ties result in a roll off with the highest roll declared the winner. There are also two drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash prizes. Please bring your own beverage and a small snack for sharing if you wish.

Tickets for the March of Dimes fundraiser, Bunco for Babies on Saturday, April 4 will be sold as well. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch, cash prizes for bunco games, and door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Doors open at 10 a.m. You may also purchase tickets for this event on Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Ticket sales are limited - get yours soon!

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



Photo by Janis Holte-Pavlatos

Jack Callahan and Janice Evans Zelenka were pronounced prom king and queen at "Senior Prom" Happy Hour on Friday, Jan. 24.

Hand Knee & Foot Cards

Larry King

I have finally recorded most players' home state or the state they wish to play for. Florida has the most players. Mainly because they have lived here many years, or they just love their new home or the great Florida weather. I will not identify the state most migrated from; however, it has high taxes and cold weather.

Massachusetts has 10 players and they are leading with a 59.3% win rate. Michigan is second with 51.9% rate. The rest of us with five

or more players are below 50%.

We started a new tournament in January and ends in March. The first cut happened the last of January. All players with three or more games won and having a win percentage at 50% or greater made the cut. The next cut will be at the end of February. The 18 players who made the January cut will be reduced to eight players and the finals will be the first two weeks of March.

For more information, please call Larry King at (904) 571-3656. We play every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room.

Hand Foot Cards

Larry King

We finished our second month of play and are in the middle of a playoff to determine the top four players. We keep win-loss records of individual players of weekly play.

The number of players average between the high 20s and the low 40s. We welcome new players and have a roster of 50. Our group of players are all for meeting new people and having fun with friends. We normally go for lunch after cards at a local restaurant.

Players do not need to be assigned a player number to play

with us. They only need a number, if they wish to play in our side tournaments. No money is involved in any games, only bragging rights.

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Karaoke Friends
Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

Our singers continue to enjoy each other at the karaoke gatherings. They are happy to welcome new singers and clappers. Some come and are hesitant to sing. Why not do a duet? That can build your confidence. Group singing is always fun.

This month we are highlighting Diane Gurbisz. This is what she had to say:

“My husband and I are fairly new to On Top of the World. My husband is a golfer and a card player. That left me with a lot of time on my hands to enjoy so many of the

activities offered here. I have been line dancing for over a year, which I thoroughly enjoy. I joined the chorus group a few months ago. Music of all kinds has been present throughout my life. I can go back to the 78 and 33 records that my mom played. Then the 45s came, and I was always buying those. Juke boxes offered three song selections for a quarter in the pizza parlors and diners throughout our town.

“Listening and learning the lyrics to songs has always been a means of relaxation for me. A few months ago, I attended Karaoke Friends for the first time. I was a bit nervous singing by myself, so I asked Kathy Petrosky to sing with me and the butterflies started to disappear. I have since attended quite a few karaoke nights with Kathy and Charlie. They do a great job. All the peo-

ple I have met at the karaoke have been very friendly and welcoming me to join them at their tables. We have also had some nights when a group of gals would all get up and sing together. Choosing a song, reading the words from the monitor and singing in tune has proven to be great fun. We have all had many laughs. Come join us at Karaoke Friends.”

We are thinking that Monday, March 16 would be good for another prop night. There would be no theme for the evening. We will just have creative fun.

If you would like to get the singing bug, come join us on the first and third Mondays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This month we will meet March 2 and 16. Come to the the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Bring your resident ID to open the door.



Photo by Steve Warren
Diane Gurbisz.



Original Karaoke
Sindy & Richie O'Brien


Romance comes in many forms. Sometimes a candlelit dinner, other times it's a beautiful love song. Listening to love songs is actually the most considerable romantic stimulus out there. In a study published in Psychology of Music it showed that women who were exposed to

love songs were much more likely to give their phone number to a prospective suitor than those who were not.

Valentine's Day was the perfect time to woo your love. Romance is always in the air at karaoke; we love singing love songs, or any genre that makes you happy. Come along with your love or meet your new love there and see how your mood can turn to romance.

Welcome Bill Billotti, our new singer, who is also a new singer in Showcase of Stars in Oak Run,

and also welcome Donna and Paul Sullivan, our new listeners, who came to check us out and one day might join the singers. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday at the Arbor Activity Center Event Room and the fourth Monday at the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to both places. For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.



Sunshine Quilters
Lyn Timm

Oh what a fabulous February it was. Love was in the air and so we celebrated by donating 10 quilts this year to the Marion Senior Services and Alpha House. We'll continue to support them this year. Last year, we donated 75 quilts and assorted items to them.

We had a wonderful trip to the Daytona Quilt Show where we hunted for bargains, sewing tips and fabric that we couldn't live without! To say nothing about the show and tell on the bus as we road home. Missouri Quilts' very own Jenny Doan is coming to Circle Square Cultural Center. Although she isn't the Beatles, in the quilting world she is royalty, and so most of us will be attending that special event.

Last month, we had several members teach. Bev McCarthy taught a very challenging block of the month. Joan Rudolf taught a cute little bag out of salvages. Proving that there is no part of fabric we can't use.

If you have any interest in quilting, even if you have never done it, consider joining us in the Hobby Building Art Room, Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March will be a fun month and we have some very exciting classes planned. If you would like more information, contact Lisa Augustine at (610) 304-1273.

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Theatre Group

The time is growing near for “Snippets!” – the Theatre Group’s spring musical. With performances at the Recreation Center Ballroom at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, this year’s extravaganza features showstopping numbers from musical favorites including “Kiss Me Kate,” “Damn Yankees,” “Cabaret,” “Titanic,” “The Fantasticks” and “Crazy For You.”

Our talented and energetic cast will entertain and delight you from the opening number “Another Openin’, Another Show” to the grand finale “I’ve Got Rhythm.” Celebrate the brilliance of Cole Porter’s lyrics, George Gershwin’s gorgeous melodies, the stunning optimism of the passengers on that famous ship as they sail to America, the naughty nightclubs of pre-war Berlin, Off Broadway’s simple musical that ran for nearly 50 years, and a musical baseball fable for the ages!

Our fabulous cast includes Jean Baumgardner, Marilyn Bettinger, Harry Boyajian, Nancy Carp, Paloma Cor, Randee Gore, Fely Hypke, Susan Johannes, Cicily Kaye, Russ Kaye, Nancy Kibler, Leslie Miller,

Mark Miller, Marge Reed, Brady Reeves, Richard Rosen, Ken Russell, Donna Smalley, Dave Wesenberg and Dave Whitmore.

Joining us as a special treat once again are the tap dancers choreographed by Penny Berton. The sparkling ensemble includes Susan Fogg (dance captain), Georgiana Hinchley, Linda Leigh Jones, Patty Jones, Donna Murchison, Jackie Nuccio, Tamara Stanford, Kathleen Steinman, Deana Stepney, Elaine Voorhis, Janet Voyles, Judy Walker, Nancy Warren, and Sherry Whitmer-Hall.

Richard Rosen is the production director, Harry Boyajian is the musical director and sound engineer, Donna Boyajian is the stage manager, Donna Smalley is our costume supervisor, Gary Rodoff, Marion Brenon, Cathy Schmidt and Mike Schmidt make up our production crew.

Dave Wesenberg, our theatre group tech guru, has created a special website for and about the Theatre Group at otow.lolipop.org/welcometheatre.

Tickets for “Snippets” are \$10. They are available Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center lobby through Wednesday, April 1.

For further information, contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com or (561) 235-6791.



Antiques & Collectibles Club

How quickly our year is progressing. By the time you receive this issue, our club our will have had two great programs, a talk on 19th century calling card and cigar cases, and an exciting trivia game with prizes. Also, a display of antique and vintage valentines, courtesy of Caren Ross. Thank you, Caren. We also will have had two outings in 2020. One was our January trip to Stetson Mansion in Deland, Florida and the other to Turkey Creek Auction in Citra, Florida to learn how to view and bid at an auction.

March promises to be an exciting month, with a planned trip to downtown Mt. Dora, Florida. There we will visit their charming shops

and antique venues. I am most excited about our guest speaker on Wednesday, March 25. We will be experiencing a talk on “The Life of a Revolutionary War Soldier and Civilian.” This presentation will be given by John Ciotti who has given some wonderful courses at Master the Possibilities. I have attended some of his classes and enjoyed them immensely. Be sure not to miss it.

You are most welcome to join us to learn and participate in all of our activities. We will have more talks, trip and even an auction of our own this season. No experience or prior knowledge needed. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. Our meetings take place at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 25, at 10 a.m. Please contact me if you would like more information at victoran@brighthouse.com or (570) 862-8785.



View from the Library

“The Kennedy Wives, Triumph and Tragedy in America’s Most Public Family” is written by Amber Hunt and David Batchner. The women highlighted in this book are Rose, Ethel, Jackie, Joan and Vicki. Each of them was married to a compulsive womanizer. Each maintained their identity. Here are a few highlights of these wonderful women.

Rose Kennedy had nine children and lived to be 105. Rose had a sense of correct manner and dress as she hosted numerous dinners, parties and balls. She was comfortable in the aristocratic, international atmosphere. Joe’s circumstances fluctuated. He made many enemies, but he always succeeded. Rich or poor, every family has its crosses to bear and the Kennedys were no exception.

Their oldest daughter, Rosemary, was born disabled. She was placed in an institution after a failed lobotomy. Subsequently, Rosemary’s condition prompted Eunice to start a summer camp which evolved into the Special Olympics.

Rose was 71 when JFK became president. At 77, she hit the campaign trail once again as Bobby sought the nomination for president. When Bobby was shot, Joe and Rose, always stoic and composed, could not contain their grief. But their faith strengthened

and fortified them. Ted’s accident in 1969 was believed to cause Joe to have his second stroke.

Ethel Skakel Kennedy is the biggest surprise of all. She came from a “rags to riches” family. She was boisterous, outspoken and became known for her loud parties. Ethel’s father, George, amassed a fortune during the Depression, as did Joe Kennedy. George steered clear of the press though, claiming “you can’t quote silence.” Ethel actively supported Bobby in everything he did, and their 11 children were involved also. Ethel is an amazing woman who carries on Bobby’s legacy to this day.

We are most familiar with Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy. Jackie had a very turbulent childhood. She feared poverty until Hugh D. Auchinclass II became her stepfather. Through it all, Jackie maintained a regal stillness. Men found her bewitching. She had a feminine magnetism. Jack and Jackie were very opposite, and they complimented each other perfectly. Jackie’s ability to speak different languages fluently was invaluable to Jack as he campaigned. And her graceful manner drew women to vote. The relationship between Rose and Jackie grew warm.

After JFK’s assassination, Jackie wanted him to be remembered as a hero. She created the Camelot myth that became everlasting. And at 34 years of age there were many more lives beginning for this amazing woman.

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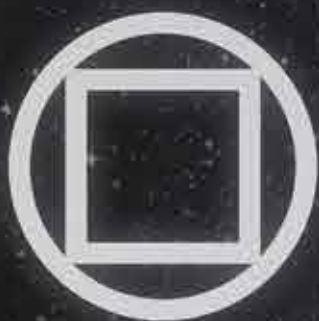
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Sewing Bees

Linda Lohr

I promised an update of the number of items made by our club for 2019: quilts-530; pillows-148; animals-394; totes-530; baby blankets-22; stockings-92; wonder wallets-172; and ditty bags-24. This gives us a grand total of 1,912 items! Fantastic job considering we missed six weeks for room renovations. It is a labor of love for all of us.


Our recent Club Fair was a great success –we gained several new members who joined our hive! This is a great help when our snowbirds head back north in the summer.

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

Please contact Kathy Nardone at (352) 300-3063 or Rita Miller at (352) 237-6660 for more information. As always, we and the children thank you for all your support.



Photo by Linda Lohr
Two of our novelty pillow cases sure to please the children.



Poetry

John Kinser Hall

Man

Some think that they are powerful, a Greek God to behold.
To click their fingers and expect, the whole world to unfold.
A peacock out to strut his stuff, for all to see how strong.
The idea that he’s always right and never could be wrong.
A malady in thinking, some cruel misguiding ploy.
A plague that follows every son, a game he must enjoy.
When does the boy come of age, transformed into a man?
Sadly, it’s reported, that so few really can.

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Virginia Edgely of the Art Group.

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Art Group

Elizabeth Wales

Our featured artist this month arrived here all the way from Lake Placid, New York. Virginia and Ray Edgely are snowbirds who enjoy the Adirondacks all summer and fall, and who chose On Top of the World as their winter home. They feel that they have the best of two worlds. The many amenities here seemed too good to pass up. Virginia is a wonderful addition to the Art Group, and she enjoys the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of our members. The sharing of the diverse talents in the group is a great asset, especially to those who consider themselves “wanna-be” artists. Virginia’s glowing smile is always present, and we all reap the benefits of her sparkle and positive attitude.

Newcomers are always welcome to join us on our three days of gathering. We meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. You can also find us at ocalaarts.org, our very own website. Check us out, or better yet, come see us!

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The Artistic Crafts & Gifts' Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon each week. Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of what you'll find each Tuesday.

This month we feature the background of Elle Zarrell, who moved here from Hoboken, New Jersey, with her husband Charles "Rusty" and their dog Tedi in spring 2018. After living in their rental here for a year, they decided to settle down for the warmer climate of Ocala and built their home here.

Originally from Hong Kong, Elle has enjoyed art and science since she was young. Her family migrated to New York City to start her junior high school studies. Later she earned a bachelor of fine arts, majoring in fashion design from the Parsons School of Design. She built her career in the fashion industry and became a creative director for various fashion lifestyle brand retailers, specializing in kids' wear.

After taking some jewelry workshops, she started to create one-of-kind handmade jewelry for private clients on the side. With the

opportunity of frequent travels with work, Elle's jewelry inspirations come from the vibrant cultures around the globe and the local materials she and Rusty collect through their travels.

While safely waiting out the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy in 2012, Elle created a website for her jewelry business, designing under the name Marbella Charles. She enjoys mixing gold and silver metals, incorporating colorful gemstones, island pearls, meaningful charms or vintage beads to create jewelry pieces in unexpected ways. Her earlier collections were necklaces and brooches with hand-beading on dyed lace for wedding jewelry.

Oftentimes, you can find new product offerings at our Artistic Crafts & Gifts show each Tuesday which are different than the online store collections. Besides participating at local crafts shows, she sells her items at the Appleton Museum of Art gift shop.

Elle's other passions include painting, sketching dog portraits, knitting, practicing yoga and traveling. She is a member of the Appleton Museum of Art and Visual Artists' Society here in Ocala.

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Our Happy Hookers group is always willing to share ideas, and we often have lively conversations during our sessions. At a recent club gathering, members shared a few hints and tips that they learned "along the way" when developing their skills for their handcraft. Even if you have not yet become part of our group, we hope that these tips will help you too. Better yet, come join our group and share your hints and tips with us!

- When working on a project, place your yarn in a plastic bag. Put a small hole in the bottom of the bag and feed the end of your yarn through it. This helps to keep your yarn clean especially if you take your project with you to various places to work on.
- Ideas for projects can be found in a variety of places - YouTube.com, Pinterest.com, Ravelry.com - are just a few.
- If you knit or crochet, use a different color stitch marker for the beginning of odd-numbered rows.

The group also shared a couple of "philosophical" thoughts:



I enjoyed a nostalgic "aha" moment when I tasted a homemade dessert someone brought to one of the many recent holiday parties I attended. It was most pleasant and in the interest of spreading good cheer in the New Year, I am sharing with you that old chestnut, the ice box cake. I remember clearly helping my mother stack thin chocolate wafer cookies with layers of whipped cream between them and chilling the log for several hours in the refrigerator. That was a simple

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- Ripping out is not a sin (smile). Sometimes necessary, but never a sin.
- A mistake can also make your work unique. Remember that just because you can see the mistake doesn't mean that everyone else can.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a 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 bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.

version. Here is a more sophisticated version ...

Ice Box Cake

- 1 package vanilla instant pudding
- 1 package chocolate instant pudding
- 1 box graham crackers
- 2 bananas, sliced
- 4 cups milk for pudding
- 1 tub whipped topping

Make both puddings according to package directions. Crush four graham crackers. Set aside for topping. Line a 9" x 13" pan with graham crackers, cutting them to fit into the edges of the pan. Pour chocolate pudding over the crackers and scatter with some banana slices. Apply another layer of crackers and pour vanilla pudding over them to create another layer. Top with remaining banana slices and then with graham cracker crumbs and whipped topping. Refrigerate overnight.

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Tennis

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Aside from a couple of really windy days, we have enjoyed a month of great weather, and I am happy to say I have seen a lot more players during the past month! After all, this is the best time of the year until about April when temperatures begin to rise.

It is also about time we have a mixed doubles social, fun tournament; so, get a partner and sign up for this event scheduled for Monday, March 9. This event will replace the regular Round Robin, and we will include a barbecue afterwards.

We will be traveling to the University of Florida when the Gators tennis is playing at home. Simply search "Gators tennis schedule" on the internet for dates. Spectators may watch for free and the level of play is just one notch below the professionals. You will be inspired by their play.

At the end of this month, Miami hosts the Sony Open; one of the biggest tournaments in the country when most, if not all, top professionals play for the title and for a lot of money from Monday, March 23 to Sunday, April 5. It would be fun to have a group go to watch at least the first day of play which is when all of the players are there and no one has been eliminated yet.

I continue to encourage everyone to try POP tennis Thursdays and Saturdays. I guarantee you will have a lot of fun.

Two Tips for Mixed Doubles

Mixed doubles can easily turn into a battle of the sexes - between partners - unless you agree on some ground rules in advance. There are a couple basic rules of thumb you should follow when playing mixed doubles at the recreational level.

1. Put the stronger player in the ad court. Chances are more game, set and match points will start from the ad court, and overall, the player on that side of the court will hit more balls, so it makes sense to have the stronger in the left half of the court. Also, if that player is right-handed, he or she will have a forehand shot down the middle. And on lobs, a strong right hander playing the ad court most likely will have an easier time smashing over-

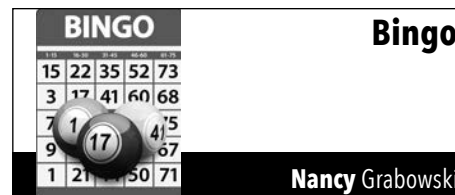
heads. The weaker player in the deuce court should use the lob often, especially a lob down the line. If your opponents are right-handed, chances are they will have to play a weaker backhand overhead off your lob return.

2. Hit to the weaker opponent as much as possible. If for instance, the woman opponent is the weaker player and you and your partner hit a lot of balls toward her, you'll accomplish two things: first and most obviously, there's a better chance that she'll mess up the shot, so you will win more points outright. Second, if you hit to the weaker player right from the start of a match, it will draw her partner to her side of the court, where he most likely will get into the habit of covering for her. Then, whenever there is an important point, say a deuce point or a break point, you and your partner quickly can hit to the man's side of the court well away from him. Chances are you will catch him leaning toward his partner, ready to cover for her but unable to cover your shot.

What do you do if you are the weaker player and your opponents are shelling you? Have the courage to keep trying to go for the ball. If you start to withdraw and let your partner take all the balls, you could be setting up your partner to lose important points. So, stay in there and be ready to play the ball when it comes close to you.

Finally, "poach" a lot. The stronger player probably should poach on every first serve. The weaker player should poach against the weaker opponent's return of serve as much as possible.

See you on the courts!



Bingo

Welcome to the wonderful world of bingo! Every Wednesday evening, our avid fans gather in the Recreation Center Ballroom to enjoy a night of fun. The bingo committee has been amazed at the number of new players who have joined our seasoned veterans.

For those who aren't sure how we handle things, read on. We sell 70/30 raffle tickets, beginning at 4 p.m. and stop at 5:30 p.m. Then, prizes of \$20 each are awarded to the lucky ticket holders. The unofficial rule of three wins equals a dunk in the outdoor pool has not happened in quite some time. You're safe with us!

Bingo cards are sold at \$1 apiece, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Our callers begin the evening's selection of games as soon as the raffle is completed. We play 20 games each session with an intermission after game 10. The 10th game is a cover-all minus one number, anywhere on the card, for \$75. The 20th game of the evening is the jackpot game, a coverall for no less than \$100 and no more than \$250, depending on how many weeks it takes to find a lucky winner!

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Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg

The Concert Chorus has begun work on our spring program - "Hooray for Hollywood" - under the direction of Jim Grapes. We will be exploring the music written and performed for Hollywood movies. The song introducing our theme, "Hooray for Hollywood," was written by Richard A. Whiting with

words by Johnny Mercer for the movie "Hollywood Hotel." Since the song is 83 years old, references in the song to Aimee Semple and Ann Rand's fan dances may be unfamiliar for younger folks in the audience. However, the song is played at every Academy Awards ceremony and many foreign movie academy award shows. It was the final theme song for the Jack Benny Radio Show. It has been a staple for its cheerful satiric view of the movie industry and seems to transcend its references. Our spring "Hooray for Hol-

lywood Show" will feature songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," Warner Brothers "Going in Style," "Les Misérables," "Music Man" and Roger and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music." There is a touch of the '60s with songs from The Mamas and the Papas and "Aquarius." There is music from big bands like Ray Conniff. And finally, there are patriotic favorites like "America the Beautiful." Am I trying to tempt you? You bet! We share with our audiences a love and appreciation for great

American music. What better music than the music from some of our favorite movies, all sung joyfully and enthusiastically by our very own Concert Chorus. All of this wonderful music will be sung by the Concert Chorus two times in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The first performance will be Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m. The second performance will be Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. If you have questions, contact Mary Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@aol.com. See you there!



World Traveler

Bill Shampine

I recently watched a NOVA television show called "Polar Extremes" on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). The show followed Dr. Kirk Johnson, the Sant Director of the National Museum of Natural History, as he travelled all over the globe to study how the Arctic and Antarctic regions have changed over time. The scientists used fossil records to document the fact that, over millions of years, both polar regions

have switched back and forth between lush forests and swamps to frozen wastelands with snow and ice that is miles deep. It is a fascinating show, and, if you get an opportunity, I highly recommend you watch it. One of the places they visited was Ellesmere Island, which, at 75,767 square miles, is about the size of South Dakota. The island is part of the Qikiqtaaluk Region in the Canadian territory of Nunavut. Lying within the Arctic Archipelago the island is next to the northwest corner of Greenland. The Arctic Cordillera mountain system covers much of Ellesmere Island, making it the most mountainous real

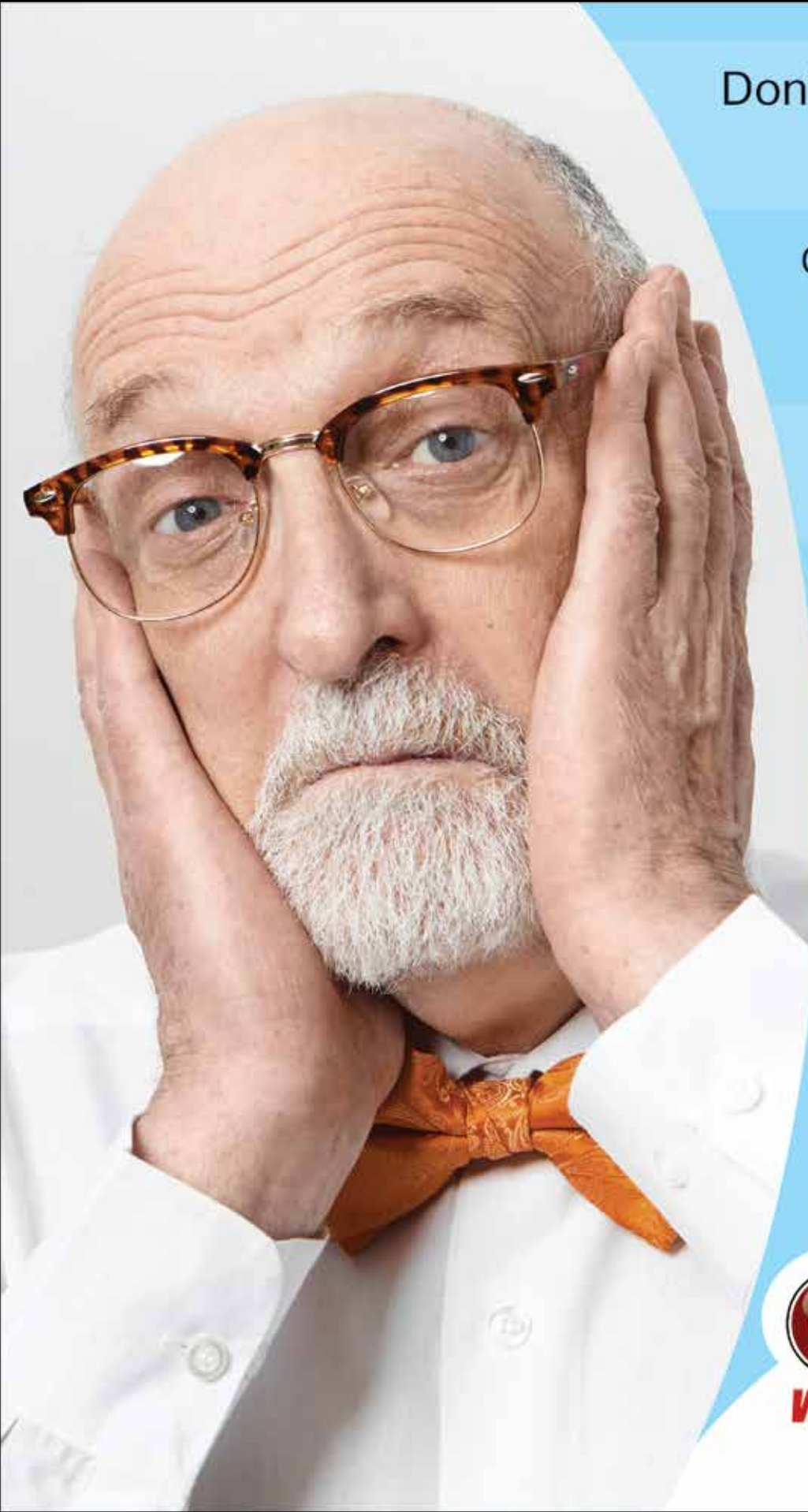
estate in the Arctic Archipelago. More than one-fifth of the island is protected as Quttinirpaaq National Park, which includes seven fjords, many glaciers, and mountains as high as 8,583 feet. These characteristics of the geography of Ellesmere Island offer breathtaking scenery. Though much of the island is ice or snow covered, the tundra vegetation in its snow-free areas supports herds of musk oxen, caribou, polar bears, Arctic hares, and a variety of birds. The only tree capable of growing there, however, is the Arctic willow. The first inhabitants of Ellesmere Island were small bands of Inuit hunters, who lived there approxi-

mately 2000 to 1000 B.C. The first European to see the island was William Baffin in 1616. An American expedition led by Adolphus Greely crossed the island in 1881. That expedition found fossil forests, thus proving the polar extremes described by the PBS show mentioned earlier. Modern science has been able to determine that these petrified trees are about 55 million years old. A subsequent discovery of a fish fossil from an old streambed was dated to about 375 million years ago, another warm period. Cape Columbia, located on Ellesmere Island, is the most northerly point of land in Canada, and is 478 miles from the North Pole. The Island has a total population of 191 people, all living in two settlements: Alert (a military base) has 62 people stationed there, and the big city of Grise Fjord has a population of 129 hardy souls. Grise Fjord, the Ellesmere Island village featured on the PBS show, is located at the southern tip of the island. It is one of the coldest inhabited places in the world, with an average annual temperature of 2.3 degrees Fahrenheit. Climate change, however, is having a dramatic effect on the life of these villagers. The ice shelf off the coast has melted away almost completely, which has detrimentally impacted the ability of the villagers to sustain themselves with fish and game. In addition, the permafrost underlying the coastal village is thawing, so some of the houses are starting to sink. Ellesmere Island is not a hot spot for trendy tourists, but it is a very interesting island. Frankly, it would take a very adventurous traveler to go there.



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Sled dogs waiting for their next meal at Grise Fjord, Nunavut, Canada.



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