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#### **Community News**

#### Kenneth D. Colen

When I first drafted this column, we knew COVID-19 was out "there." In the space of one week, our world and the life we live in this community has changed in strange and unsettling ways. Notably, the president issued executive orders designed to stem the rapid spread of the virus. Directives were issued by the Centers for Disease Control, the State of Florida, and the Pinellas County Health Department.

At least in an effort to comply with the intent of these notices and directives, it became necessary to close all facilities and areas where residents may gather. We anticipate the closure will last for two weeks, maybe longer. By the time you read this column, I hope we will be past this period.

The overarching goal of all these efforts (both nationally and locally) is to suppress the spread of the virus. "Flattening the curve" has become a common phrase. Indeed, flattening the exposure curve is only possible if everyone participates. This takes both patience and sacrifice. We apologize for the inconvenience you may experience. I firmly believe this difficult time will pass, and life, although changed, will resume its normal course.

#### Ocala Open: Another Success

The Ocala Open wrapped up a few days ahead of the news on the persistence of COVID-19 and the determination to close venues where residents may gather. This year's Ocala Open event raised \$70,000, which was distributed equally to Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County. We hosted a playing field of top golfers. The planning that went into this event was nothing short of phenomenal. Most of the effort comes down to the 60-days preceding the event. Matt Hibbs together with the other pros and golf course staff have worked very hard at getting the word out to potential players and the Florida Professional Golf Tour coordinators.

Golf superintendent, Andy Jorgenson, and his staff did a great job at getting Candler Hills in really terrific condition and able to withstand the rigors of three days of hard play. So far as the technical aspects of course condition and tournament organization go, we were in great shape. Many thanks to Sherri Lewis for overseeing the VIP tent and guests. That said, nothing would work as well as it did without the coordination of resident volunteers. Many thanks to the entire Ocala Open employee committee for the hard work that goes into this tournament; and special thanks to Denise Mullen who was in charge of volunteer coordination. We can't say enough about the support we get from our volunteers. They make our tournament a great success!

The amount of work required by our marketing department is extensive and is led by Linda Massarella-Aiosa. Jay Shiffer, RPI, food service operator, and staff did a great job on the food and beverage service for the Pro-Am, as well as all three days of tournament play. Of course, none of this would have been possible without all of the partners. A special thank you to our platinum partner: 360 Wealth Management Group of Raymond James, as well as to our gold partners: Delta, Lamar and Clear Channel; and silver partners: JCH Consulting Group, Synovus, CS&L CPAs, Stearns Weaver Miller P.A., Earthscapes Unlimited and Global Contracting Group. We look forward to 2021 and repeating this success.

#### **Development Update**

Dirt is flying all around On Top

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2020 Ocala Open winner: Michael Visacki!



By Ray Cech World News Writer

The supermoon had barely set Tuesday morning, March 10, when the first Pro-Am players teed off on the Candler Hills Golf Course. It marked the official opening of the 14th annual Ocala Open.

At the end of the day, it was professional golfer, Spencer Painton who took the low score among the pros with a remarkable 64. The winning amateurs were Alex Preganz, Eric Casey and Richard Barkley. Congratulations to them all!

The Ocala Open is an event meant to raise money for community charities. In that spirit, at the Pro-Am luncheon, checks in the amount of \$35,000 each were given to both Hospice of Marion County and interfaith Emergency Services. On Top of the World General Manager Lynette Vermillion was happy to present the checks, and said, "We are so very grateful to all of our partners who help make this tournament possible and enable us isher, T.T. Crouch; all at 132. to donate these checks to exceptional organizations here in Marion County.'

The first day of the professional rivalry teed off at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, under bright and sunny skies. The threesome of Dale Thomas, Adam Wood and Hudson Carpenter had the honors. They were followed by 105 professionals from all across the United States. They came to play from as far away as Utah, Michigan and Wisconsin. Florida, however, had the greater representation. It was two Florida professionals who scored the lowest rounds on opening day. Brad Brunner from Tampa and Erik Barnes from Bradenton both posted seven under 64. Close behind were Vincent Torgah, Michael Visacki and Willie Mack with six under 65.

Thursday was another fine round of golf on the Candler Hills Golf Course. The weather was warm and the golfers hot. Brinson Paolini shaved six strokes of his previous day's round and turned in a sizzling 62. He had a two-day total of 130, one stroke ahead of Michael Visacki at 131. They were followed closely by Eric Barnes, Brad Brunner and last year's second place fin-

Final day! One player who paid no attention to the superstitions of Friday the 13th, was Michael Visacki. His consistent play off the tees, on the fairways, and especially on the greens, gave him the honored spot atop the leader board, and a check for \$15,000. He smiled, laughed and handed out autographs and said, "There was no one part of my game that was special. Over the last three days it just all came together. When that happens, it's all good." Michael had a three-day total of 197; 16 under par. Close behind with a 198 was Alejandro Tosti. Sharing third place honors were Schaff, Brunner, and Paolini with 199.

"This year's Ocala Open was a smashing success," said On Top of the World Director of Golf Matt Hibbs. "We thank everyone for their support in making this possible." Golf Professional Denise Mullen showered praises on the 40 volunteers who she said, "Are the backbone and the engines who make all of this work so smoothly. Their enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile is a blessing. Thank you to them all."

# **Sholom Park to** Celebrate Music & Art

By Taci Clay

Sholom Park is excited to announce the upcoming Fun at the Park - Music and Art Sunday, May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be live music and local artists displaying their talent at Sholom Park. All are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets to relax and enjoy the festivities. This is a free event for all ages, open to the public.

Join us in the formal garden and relax to the soulful sounds of Mark Smythe with Gypsy Sparrow, a local and musically talented band. Gypsy Sparrow plays a wide variety of music, from Frank Sinatra to Garth Brooks. There is something for everyone with over 1000 titles on their song list. Pack your own picnic basket or visit Curbside Cuisine food truck for a menu that will satisfy your taste buds.

Experience the soothing sounds of violinist Marina Tucker and cellist Audra Thielen as you walk the Sholom Park labyrinth. Marina and Audra are gifted musicians who can play anything from classical Mozart to well-known film scores. Marina is also a member of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and will be sharing her love and knowledge of music to interested park attendees on the composer and history of some of the classical pieces she will be playing.

Take a stroll down through multiple paths of art and view the amazing talent of local artists and artisans. You'll find everything from portraits to photography to wood craftsmanship and much more. Artists will be showcasing and selling their collections at the park. You can visit the Sholom Park website (sholompark.org) or Facebook page for a complete list of participating artists.

Sholom Park recognizes the artist in every child and will be having a kids' art zone to help spark interest for children in music and art. There will be three different stations where kids can let their creativity out. Early Learning Coalition, a loyal partner to Sholom Park since 2016, will be sponsoring a station. There will also be a sing along jam session with Gypsy Sparrow! Kids and adults will be able to participate by singing or playing with instruments and music pieces.

Join us Sunday, May 3 for a celebration of music and art. Remember to bring your picnic lunch (alcohol is not permitted). Food will also be available for purchase.



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By Stan Goldstein

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#### Is It Legal?

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

Residents and Those Intending to be Florida Residents.

To register, visit masterthepossibilities.org or call (352) 854-3699.

Let's talk about scams ... again. Jerry Colen received a text message that said he had to confirm his address for a delivery from Amazon. A close look at the text revealed that it did not actually have Jerry's address but had something close to it. A further check revealed that Amazon does not send texts to confirm an address for delivery of a prod-

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uct. We really should remember to read and re-read text messages asking us to confirm anything that might cause us either to provide personal information or that might allow a scammer to install vicious malware on our phones or comput-

A second thing that happened to Jerry, is that he received a phone May 19: Florida Law for Florida call from something called Medi-tinuing legal credits for attorneys. care Assistance. Of course, Medicare or the agency that administers June 16: Turnaround is Fair Play. it (CMS, Social Security Administration, etc.) do not call you. Jerry didn't spend a lot of time on that call. He just hung up, which is what you should do.

There are so many good websites where you can obtain valuable information about scams. Here are a few to review:

- 1. ftc.gov (Federal Trade Commission)
- 2. irs.gov (Internal Revenue Service)
- 3. fbi.gov (Federal Bureau of Investigations)

Jerry is a former Federal Trade Commission employee and many of the scam alerts you see when he writes this column come directly from emails he gets from that

agency.

A few weeks ago, a client asked what I had against living trusts. He said that he knew my law partner and I were opposed to them. Let me set the record straight. I am not opposed to trusts, not at all. Further, my law partner Jerry Colen, Institute that was put on for contrusts). So, Jerry and I have nothing against trusts.

The issue, however, is who needs a trust and what is its purpose for a client. We always want to give legal advice directed to a specific client. We don't automatically say a trust is needed if it isn't. Often, what we find is that a trust is not needed because there may be much less expensive estate planning that does not require a trust. Example, IRAs are non-probate assets. They don't go through probate because beneficiaries will be named thus eliminating the need for probate. The same is true for annuities, life insurance, 401ks, brokerage accounts - all of which might have pay on death beneficiaries listed on those accounts. In such instances, a trust will not accomplish anything

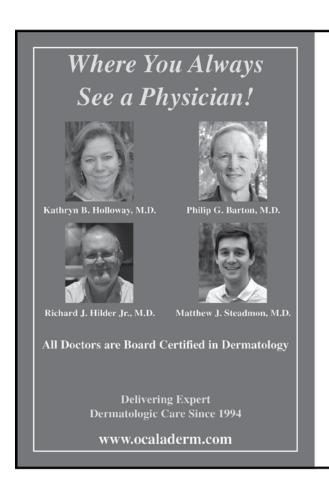
Why does fat chance mean the same as slim chance? that would not already be accomplished simply by the way the title to those assets is held. Why spend the money for a trust if there is no

probate avoidance because various accounts are properly set up?

On a different matter: Should recently spoke at a symposium you buy your child or grandchild sponsored by the National Business a car? If so, should you have your name on the title? Well, of course, it's up to you to decide if you want His topic was grantor trusts (living to buy someone a car, but as for putting your name on the title with the person - no! What about signing the promise note so that the child or grandchild can finance the car? No! What if the child or grandchild says he or she can't have a car without you financing it with the bank or the car dealership? No!

Okay, so what if you go ahead and finance or sign to finance it anyway? At least try to keep your name off the car title. And yes, I know that when the child doesn't pay what's owed you will have to pay out of your own funds; but at least you won't be on the title in the event there's an accident.

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With National Volunteer Week celebrated officially in April, I wanted to take a few moments to highlight all the many things volunteers at Master the Possibilities visit handle for the team, faculty and students daily. They are the first smiles seen by students when walking into our Education Center. They are usually the first voices heard on the other end of the telephone. Our volunteers are normally the first individuals to welcome students into the classroom.

These wonderful people spend countless hours helping Master the Possibilities spread the gift of lifelong learning and education in ing documents, using Cortana, and the community. We currently have more than 60 volunteers who help each week to make sure classes are enjoyable, exciting, and intriguing. Thank you to all our volunteers at Master the Possibilities! You truly make a difference.

Because the health of our students is Master the Possibilities' highest priority, our team is either postponing or cancelling classes through April 30. All registered students will receive an email and/ or phone call confirmation for each event change. We have also posted

a complete list of March and April course changes on our website. Feel free to view this list for the most up-to-date course information.

For those who would like to register and take classes from home the month of April, Master the Possibilities does have Distance Learning courses available for registration on our website. To view a listing of current Distance Learning courses, masterthepossibilities.org, click on Course Catalog, and then the Distance Learning button.

Learn about the relations between the United States and China from a pre-recorded presentation by Frank DiPiero. Go back in time and learn about Florence Nightingale through living historian Dee Collier. Learn about Windows 10 Basics with Jim Stueber, including browsing the internet, saving favorites, using the task bar, findmore.

Students may choose to view course content for May and June while on our site. There are more than 300 courses available for registration currently, and we will continue to post updated curriculum information on the site weekly.

Although the Education Building is closed for part of April, our office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the staff to answer questions or register students for upcoming courses. We may be reached at (352) 861-9751 or mtp@masterthepossibilities.org.



Master the Possibilities' volunteers assist with checking in over 900 registered individuals for "A Brief History of On Top of the World Communities" in October 2019, one of the largest presentations that MTP has held to date.



#### **IRREGULAR WATER USAGE\***

- **Toilets:** A failing flapper (valve seal) can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. **Leaky Faucets/Showerheads:** Dripping can range from several gallons to hun-
- dreds of gallons of water per day.
- Water Hose: When left on with leaks at the spigot or nozzle.
- **Irrigation System:** Automatic irrigation solenoid valves not closing properly or excessive run times including multiple program cycles.
- **Water Softeners:** Excessively backwashing or the backwash valve failing. \* Water loss is estimated and varies depending on severity of leak.





#### **Community News**

Kenneth D. Colen

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of the World! Sales will top 500 homes in the current calendar year. This means that On Top of the World Communities, LLC, must stay at least 700 lots ahead in any year. It still takes longer to permit land than to actually develop it!

Weybourne Landing models had a great opening. This will be home to 900 new residences patterned along the lines of Indigo East. The newest community, Terralea, will have trails and Weybourne Landing will have recreation facilities.

The first memorial pavers for the Veterans Park adjacent to Crescent Ridge and south of SW 98th Street have been installed. Please be patient as installing the bricks is all hand labor and more are on the way. Memorial bricks will be installed by branch of service beginning with U.S. Air Force, then U.S. Army and on, until completed. Brick Registration Certificates will be issued for each brick and mailed to the purchaser.

The SW 90th Street garden area is being plowed to make way for an expansion of the traffic circulation around the postal area and refuse transfer site. Not to worry though, a new garden area was constructed in the Veterans Park area anticipating this expansion. Please be patient while workers are present.

By the time you read this, the golf cart path extension from SW 90th Street to the Walmart Neighborhood Market should be just about completed.

The "old" golf shop demolition was started in late March. I know it is extreme, but Jerritt Weaner, maintenance director, was intent on ridding the attic area of squirrels. In its place, a new casual dining restaurant and entertainment venue, dubbed Phil's Grille, is being constructed. The Pub will continue in operation until construction is completed in late November of this year.

The Pub will then be renovated into meeting space. The former library space has been converted to a lounge area.

Signalization plans for SW 80th Avenue at SW 63rd Street were submitted to Marion County Engineering in March. Barring comments from the County, On Top of the World anticipates approval by early April. Construction of the signalization project would commence shortly thereafter.

#### Travel Season

With the summer travel season right around the corner, we know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches that added steps need to be taken before going on that extended trip in order to avoid possible disasters in your home when you are gone. Below is a short checklist of things to do before leaving on an extended trip:

- Do leave your contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Do update the Association as well with emergency contact information.
- Do have the interior of the home checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend or arrange for an inspection service.
- Do check in regularly with the trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- Arrange for a regular irriga-

- tion check if you are going away for an extended term.
- Turn down the heat setting on your hot water heater to conserve energy.
- Make sure the air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Drain line flushing should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate flooding your home and anyone living beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Do leave the thermostat set at between 78 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit, this helps regulate humidity in the home and prevent the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.
- Do make sure your homeowner's insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, water, and mold. In most cases this is now an added rider on the policy.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold and mildew may result and become a serious problem for the owner. Please remember that the proper maintenance or repair of your HVAC unit, water heater and drain pan, and ice maker line (if any) is always the owner's responsibility.

# **Ever-Evolving News**

By Petra Schmidt

makes every effort to bring you events, meetings, etc., please visit the most accurate information. otowinfo.com for community in-With that being said, to confirm formation. For businesses or clubs,

As always, the World News on the canceling or rescheduling of the most up-to-date information please visit their respective website or Facebook page.



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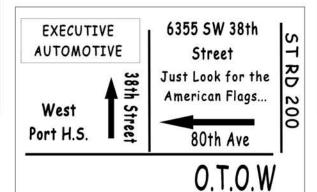
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only. Not valid with any other coupons or discounts see dealer for details.(Most cars and light trucks)

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**All Around Our World** 

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This time of year is so exciting - spring is in the air; flowers are blooming, and the cold dreary weather has passed. April brings us April Fools' Day, tax day on April 15, Easter on April 12, Earth Day on the 22, and Arbor Day on April 24. Hopefully, we will have lots of rain to support all the trees and plants that will burst into bloom.

#### Ocala Open

The 14th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills Golf Course was a huge success! Many, many thanks to the volunteers, employees, residents, vendors and partners who helped make this year's Ocala Open the best yet. This type of event couldn't be done without this great

We had 108 players in the field for the first two days of the Ocala Open, and 37 when the field was narrowed down on the third and final day of play. We are very thankful for the beautiful weather for all three days of tournament play. Congratulations to Michael Visacki who won the first-place prize of \$15,000.

We were able to raise \$70,000 for charity - Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. Both received \$35,000 each and are such a benefit to our community. We sincerely appreciate the continued support and look forward to doing it all again next

#### Telephone Directory

The new community telephone directory is available at Resident Services. You may be wondering what to do with the old one, please dispose of it in one of the single stream recycling units located at the waste disposal areas throughout the community. Alternatively, you could place the old directory in your car or golf cart to use as a reference when needed.

#### Resident Services

Customer Service is now known as Resident Services with our new offices located in Suite 500 in the same building. The office will be may occur with your home while open on Good Friday from 8 a.m. you are out of town. to 4 pm. Please note that Resident Services is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on April 15 this month. Resident Services may be reached by phone: 236-OTOW (6869); e-mail: otowservice@otowfl. com; or in person by visiting Suite 500, in Friendship Commons.

#### After Hours Non-Medical **Emergencies**

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members, we ask that you notify us first before contacting an outside contractor for things like roots in water lines, sewer backups, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc.

hours and you experience some manner of non-medical emergency, such as a backed-up commode, we ask that you please call 236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

#### Wild Animals

As a reminder, temperatures are warming up, and more and more people will be cooking out and enjoying the beautiful weather. Don't forget to thoroughly clean all the food off of your grill when you are finished. Leftovers can attract wild animals and rodents, and no one wants to deal with curious critters making a racket in the middle of the night as they hunt for scraps in your grill. Also, please do not feed wildlife and keep all pet food stored indoors. A couple of residents requested that we mention raccoons and large horned owls have been seen, so please monitor your pets and be aware of their safety.

#### **Emergency Contacts**

We ask that everyone keep their emergency contact list up to date. Resident Services, located in Friendship Commons, has forms available for residents to fill out so that we have all your current information in case of emergency. You should also keep an up-to-date list in your wallet or purse. In the event that an accident occurs, and you are not able to provide necessarv information, this information could be invaluable.

#### **Resident Addresses and Phone Numbers**

The time is approaching when residents owning homes outside of On Top of the World begin to leave the Florida heat. Please be sure to check the mailing address you have on file with On Top of the World to be sure we have your current information. Important information from your Association is mailed to the address that you have designated. Also, please be sure we have your correct phone numbers listed with Resident Services. There are occasions when it is necessary to contact you, such as a problem that

#### **Keep Your Gutters Clean**

If you have gutters on your roof, it is your responsibility to check them on a regular basis and keep them clean. With all the leaves that have fallen this year, it is possible that your rain gutters may become overfilled if you are not cleaning them out regularly. If you don't, they could become weighted down with leaves, acorns, branches, etc. and clog the downspouts. If we have a heavy rain, this could result in damage to the roof itself, the gutter pulling away from the roof and possibly taking the soffit and fascia with it. So, please take a few minutes to visually inspect them before we get into the rainy season.

#### Where Recycled Items Go

Upon receiving the question from a resident, Waste Management (WM) was contacted to provide an answer as to what happens to the recycled materials picked up in On Top of the World. This was their response, "In short, we take from On Top of the World to our transfer station in Wildwood, then to our single stream recycling facility in Tampa. There it is processed and sent to end buyers. WM has been shifting its end markets away from overseas. Currently, 80% of all WM collected recycling materials are now sold in U.S. domestic end markets. Currently, no plastic materials collected by WM are shipped overseas. The company's future goal is to keep all materials in the

#### Rule of the Month

We would like to remind you during this election year that political signs, soliciting on behalf of political campaigns, and political candidates are not allowed in On Top of the World. The Fourth Amendment to the Third Amended and Restated Rules and Regulations of On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association states, "9. Solicitation. In order to promote a harmonious community and to minimize disturbing residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes, solicitation by vendors, service companies or any Owners, residents or visitors is strictly prohibited without the prior, written consent of the Association. This includes solicitation on behalf of political campaigns, political candidates ...'

#### **COVID-19 / Coronavirus** Update

On Top of the World is actively working with the Florida Department of Health to remain current on COVID-19 / Coronavirus details. On Thursday, March 5, a man-

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agement team from On Top of the World met with the director of the Department of Health for Marion County. The most important actions that everyone should employ are routine washing of hands, staying home if you feel sick and good sanitary practices. We are working with the Health Department to set up a public education meeting in the very near future.

The most accurate updates are available at FloridaHealth.gov or Florida Coronavirus hotline at (866) 779-6121 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

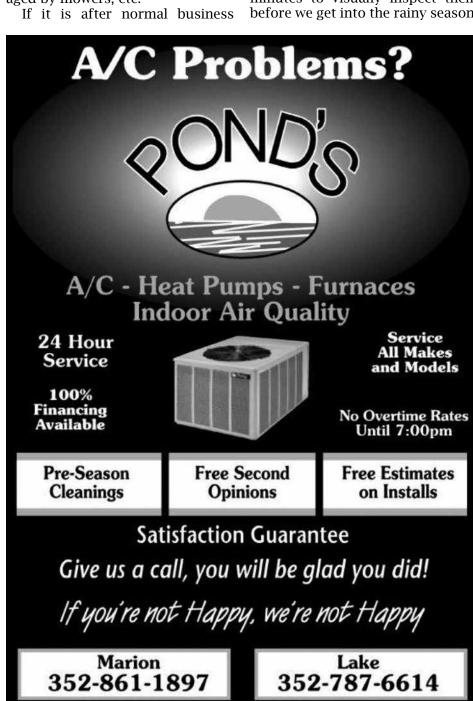
On Top of the World events and activities as well as organized groups were notified to postpone events at least until April 1. As more information becomes available, these measures may be revisited.

Residents should visit otowinfo. com for current information on virus and community action.

It is every individual's responsibility to take this matter seriously and participate in good hygiene and disinfection practices to help protect each other.

Our community is generous and caring and we will get through these stressful times together.









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The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa recently had a visit from Master Trainer Vilma Rosario. "Coach V" is a competitive weight lifter, Cross Fit coach and gym owner. She recently provided a strength-mechanics workshop for residents of On Top of the World, and explained the importance and benefits of strength training throughout the life span. We asked Coach V to stop by The Ranch and lend her thoughts and expertise. As soon as regular operations resume, Coach V will be back to The Ranch to present a strengthtraining master class, stand by for details!

**Q:** What led you to becoming a weightlifting competitor, Cross Fit coach and gym owner?

**A:** "I was active and played sports in high school but then I



Photo by Cammy Dennis Coach Vilma will lead the Ironman Workout at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa.

had a long, sedentary gap after I turned 18. I gained 60 pounds and had some significant health issues. I was in a difficult place for four years and then I discovered Cross-Fit. That changed the course of my personal and professional life."

**Q:** Why is strength training so important?

**A:** "Strength training makes you strong. I want to help my clients get stronger, but I'm especially motivated by functional movements that enable people to be good at any sport, or any life activity. I train 20-year olds and 70-year olds; each has to be strong and capable of accomplishing what it is they desire in life. I have a great story about functional training. My 71-year-old client fell recently and was able to get herself up uninjured. She told me that thanks to all the burpees she does in training she was able to get up off the ground."

**Q:** Can you dispel the myth that many women have about strength training; thinking they will get big, bulky muscles if they lift weights?

**A:** "Women who strength train and lift weights are strong, toned and have higher bone density! It's really not possible for women to get big muscles unless they use very heavy weights with high volumes of training. In the long run, maintaining muscle mass (from strength training) supports the aging process by improving capability, quality of life and reducing the likelihood of a fall. Women should most definitely strength train!"

**Q:** What advice do you have for someone who does not have much experience with strength training?

**A:** "Find a good coach, trainer or fitness class to guide you. It is critical to remember that in addition to strength, mobility is equally important. When you are more mobile, you can move your joints through bigger ranges of motion. Mobility supports good movement mechanics and the ability to strength train in good form. Train with purpose, train to keep yourself capable and engaged in all the things you love to do. Join me for the upcoming Ironman Workout to review safe and effective lifting techniques."

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Citizens Emergency Response Team

Joe Moia

We talked about what Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) is and what it does, so now let's talk about what you should have on hand in case of an emergency.

There is no way I can come up with everything everyone will need so I'm going to reprint a list of basic emergency supplies (towards the end of column). Let's first talk about some of the things left off the list:

- Gas: Keep at least a half tank of gas in your "evacuation" car. Most modern cars will probably get close to 150 miles on a half tank of gas. One does not need to be waiting in line, for several hours, or looking for gas while everyone else is heading for the evacuation route.
- Cash: Those ATM machines, we all enjoy the convenience of, may not be working. Don't go crazy on this. \$200 to \$300 split between you and your significant other would probably be enough

to get you out of the area. (There are gouging laws and most merchants realize there are stiff penalties.) Finally, although \$100 bills are convenient for a wallet or a purse many merchants especially in an emergency will not have the cash on hand to make change.

- Generator: A small generator, that will keep your refrigerator going. Remember lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part. I think most people would store a small open box of Insulin, but you're probably going to lose that side of beef you just bought. Finally, on this point always follow directions and do the maintenance on the generator as they are dangerous.
- Water: Store three days of drinking water. That's a gallon a day for each adult and large pet. Fill your bathtub with water not necessarily for drinking, but if the pumps go out, you can flush your toilet and wash your face.
- Barbecue: A small emergency barbecue, either propane or briquettes. Yes, I know that we live in a natural gas community and the chance of the

loss of a line is slim, but it happens.

Food and Medications: Finally, how much food should you keep on hand? It's recommended that you keep enough food on hand for three days. Your diet may vary so I'll leave that up to you. I recommend enough food and medication for seven days if you have the space, especially medications.

Remember two things when storing. Medications and food need to be rotated. You are going to need a manual can opener.

Remember after any disaster with the help of federal and local government, private insurance, On Top of the World resources, and the help of our friends and neighbors we will rebuild.

#### Basic Disaster Supplies List

Store items in airtight plastic bags, and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag. A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water: one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food: at least a three-day

- supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteriesWhistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to
- shelter in place
  Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off
- utilitiesManual can opener for food
- Manual CanLocal maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Again, everyone is welcome at our C.E.R.T. meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Rocky Pizzarello is in charge of new members. His email is rpizzarello@gmail.com. We are still in need of ham radio operators. Please contact Sue Gribbins at sue.grib@yahoo.com. If you would like any further information about C.E.R.T. or this column, contact me at joemoia@att.net.



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On Saturday, April 18, we are cosponsoring a Vietnam War veteran pinning ceremony at the Angela Santos VFW Post 4781 at 10 a.m. If you served between 1955 and 1975 in the U.S. military, we would like to honor you at this ceremony. Breakfast will be sponsored by the American Legion Post 354 from 8

to 10 a.m. for all veterans participating. Breakfast for all guests is only \$5 and includes coffee and juice.

Spring is upon us. Please keep us in mind if you decide to do a little spring cleaning in your home. We would gladly help distribute appropriate items to Vets Helping Vets and Operation Shoebox.

We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend. There are no dues.



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I wanted to take a moment and go over some of the things done in the community to support, promote and ensure environmental responsibility in our practices as a developer. Furthermore, your association also takes great pride in utilizing the most up-to-date, scientifically proven methods for landscape fertilization, pest control and irrigation practices for routine maintenance practices. Lastly, the golf courses also employ sustainable practices to ensure products, water and maintenance practices are of the highest standard. All of these things culminate in the name of environmental stewardship to promote and protect our natural

To start, if you have had a home built with On Top of the World Communities, LLC and COA construction, you know there is a great deal of detail that goes into energy and water efficiency. Please visit otowinfo.com where you will find - "The description 'energy efficient homes' is not a government regulated term. It may be used by any home builder who incorporates even the least energy efficient products on the market into their homes. So how does a consumer compare one home to another in the area of energy efficiency? How does he or she know that one home's energy efficiency is equivalent to that of another home? There are many factors that contribute to

a home's energy efficiency. It is in looking at the home as a whole, a combination of its individual, energy saving components, that one determines the true comparative worthy value of the home. As you can see, one company's energy efficient homes can be completely different than another. At On Top of the World, we quantify our claim of energy efficient homes.'

The HERS® Index is the industry standard when measuring a home's energy efficiency. It is the nationally recognized system for inspecting and calculating a home's energy performance. Knowing that you have a low HERS® score means you get to put the savings back in your pocket every month! Homes built here at On Top of the World carry an average HERS score of 64. Typical new homes run around 100 on the HERS® Index which is not very efficient. From radiant barrier roof sheathing, to Low E windows and insulated outlets, your home is a cut above the rest.

Water use efficiency is also a huge part of our construction practice. Since 2009, we have used many Florida Water Star standards in our indoor fixtures and outdoorlandscape and irrigation practices. Drip irrigation, Florida Friendly landscapes, pressure regulated heads, up-to-date irrigation timers and state of the art sensors round out the majority of landscape related components. Coupled with the interior fixtures such as Energy Star/Water Sense labeled appliances, braided hoses for dishwashers, refrigerator lines and clothes washers, shower heads with low flow orifices, and lavatory faucets with low flow aerators, they make up the majority of water use efficient components in our homes. In 2017, COA Construction began building and certifying all homes to meet

Florida Water Star criteria.

Throughout the community and within each association, the maintenance practices used for the landscape of homes and common areas also utilize practices based on innovative technology. Our contracts for common area maintenance require companies to be licensed and certified to apply pesticides and fertilizers. We also mandate with our contracts that vendors are properly trained irrigation system operators with industry certifica-

Fertilizers are applied twice a year for common areas with the exception of Bahia grass on roadways and retention ponds. The blends used by contractors now are typically 70% slow release with some vendors using 100% slow release 180-day blends. All vendors are required by law to be Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) Certified and be licensed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service holding the Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator Certificate. Residentially in On Top of the World (Central), Parkway Maintenance and Management, LLC. uses the 180-day 100% slow release blends to offer the best release and control of fertilizer output. Our employees as also encouraged to get certified in the GI-BMP program so they too know the impacts of improper use of fertilizer and can help ensure the products are applied correctly.

Pesticides and herbicides are applied to control populations of insects, disease and weeds, but they

are a last resort when dealing with insects and disease. IPM is a term often associated with pest control. IPM is using all the tools in the "toolbox" before making application of insecticides. For instance, crape myrtles get an insect called an aphid on their leaves. We also know that crape myrtles will drop their leaves during the fall and winter months. Knowing this information, we can make a relatively quick decision that these pests don't need to be sprayed considering the plant will defoliate on its own. Another example of IPM is the ability to identify beneficial insects and the stages of insect. For instance, ladybugs and ladybug larvae eat aphids with intensity. They can consume as many as 50 aphids per insect.

Knowing how to identify insects and their larvae help the technicians make sound decisions on applications of pesticides if beneficial insects are present with other insects. All of that said and the various tools used, preventative applications are another form of IPM. Often times making preventative application allows the technician to use less product resulting in savings to the residents but also less impact on the environment.

At the end of the day, there is much more to our landscape and construction practices than what you may hear or see on the surface. We are proactive in our approaches and applications to ensure that we are doing things with the environment at heart but providing the best possible product within bud-

#### Williamsburg Neighbors

#### **Ginny** Nardone

We are now in the third year of the new Williamsburg social group. In the previous two years our residents have had an opportunity to participate in a variety of social activities and in 2020 that tradition will continue with activities we have enjoyed in the past and with the addition of suggestions from residents. A brief summary of what's being planned is contained in the following paragraphs.

The fall will once again be a busy time for us. Two activities are planned for October. The first is the Williamsburg neighborhood tag sale in early October. This is a multi-family sale with each group setting up at their home. We are coordinating with Resident Services and detailed instructions for those of you with items to sell will

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Saturday, Oct. 24 is the date for the fall social in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Jill Carel is organizing this gathering, and I hear she's planning a fun, action-packed afternoon!

It wouldn't be December without the Williamsburg holiday party Saturday, Dec. 12 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Linda Jones is the chair and Royal Oaks Catering will

prepare a fabulous dinner for us. 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. Please watch for future announcements for each of the above activities and be sure to save the date for our planned gath-

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#### Indigo East

Janice Liberton

Fun things, sponsored by the Indigo East Social Committee, are starting to take hold for what will be a fun filled 2020. The committee was able to get the following events on the Indigo East events calendar:

Saturday, April 18: Spring Craft Show, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tables to display crafts are \$5 per table for Indigo East residents and \$10 per table for On Top of the World residents. The price is the same per table, regardless if it is a long table, square table or a combination of both. Room placement is on a first come first serve basis. Checks should be made payable to the Indigo East Social Committee and sent to Melinda Huser, 8375 SW 77 Court, Ocala, Florida 34476. Please include your telephone number on the check.

Monday May 25: Annual Memorial Day cookout/pool party, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event is for Indigo East residents only and tickets are \$10 per person. Your ticket includes a choice of 1/3 pound hamburger or cheeseburger or turkey burger, plus ¼ pound beef hot dog, and chips, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon, cookies, iced tea or lemonade and all condiments. This is a fun event whereby you can choose to sit and eat in the comfort of air conditioning in the Indigo East Community Center or enjoy sitting poolside. Absolutely no glass bottles are allowed around the pool! Ticket sale

dates are May 4, 6, 8, 15, 18 and 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, and May 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are sold at the Indigo East Community Center and due to the popularity of this event, try to get your tickets as early as possible.

Saturday, Oct. 31: Halloween costume party at the Indigo East Community Center. Details to be determined.

Saturday, Nov. 14: Barbecue/hog roast at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and catered by Hills BBQ and will include pulled pork, bone roasted chicken, baked beans, loaded potatoes, rolls and iced tea. Cost per person and ticket sale dates are to be determined.

Saturday, Dec. 8: Annual golf cart parade from 6 to 9 p.m. Golf carts will gather and organize in the parking lot outside of the Indigo East Com-

munity Center.

The February ladies breakfast, hosted by Sharon Gruca, was another great success. The next breakfast will be Wednesday, April 22, at The Club at Candler Hills, at 9 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person, and there will also be another 50/50. The ladies luncheon at the Indigo East Community Center is scheduled for August,information to follow.

The men's breakfast, hosted by Lou Simons, was held at the Oasis Restaurant and was a great success. All future men's breakfast gatherings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at the Oasis Restaurant, at 9 a.m.

As a reminder, bingo is the fourth Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Bunco is the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 6 p.m.

Wishing everyone a happy Passover and Easter.



Indigo East

Nora Dominguez (352) 387-7372

#### Please note all scheduled events are subject to change!

In the month of April, the weather is pleasurable with the average high temperature of 84, low of 56 degrees and low humidity. April is a nice balance of sunny, warm days without being oppressively hot.

Indigo East ladies - are you feeling sassy? Come out to the Indigo East Community Center ballroom Wednesday, April 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. Feel free to come in groups or with friends and neighbors for a fun night with live music by Magic Mark. Mark plays a variety of uptempo music. Bring your favorite drinks and snacks. This free for residents and \$5 per guest.

Come with family, friends and neighbors and enjoy an evening at the Pool Bash. This event will be held poolside and the veranda at the Indigo Fitness Center Thursday, April 16, from 3 to 6 p.m. Robert France is the featured entertainer and will play a large selection of popular music from the 60s to present. Bring your favorite cocktail and snacks. This is a free event nity Center from 9 a.m. to noon.

for residents and \$5 per guest.

Karaoke night will be held at Indigo East Community Center ballroom Friday, April 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a favorite night for singing to your favorite songs. Grab a microphone and amaze your friends and neighbors with your talent. This is a great night to meet new friends. Karaoke is free to residents and requires a \$5 fee per guest.

Gather eight of your neighbors to form a team, and select a team name to play trivia Wednesday, April 22, in Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Trivia is always a fun night for all. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages and food.

**February** 

1: Living the Dream; 2: Brainiacs; 3: Ready Eddie.

#### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 6: Golden Oldies Night
- Friday, May 8: Karaoke
- Friday, May 15: Community Tag Sale

Wednesday, May 27: Trivia Do you have items that you would like to get rid of and make a little extra cash doing it? We will have a community tag sale Friday, May 15 at the Indigo East Commu-

Stop by the office at Indigo Fitness Center and purchase your table.

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\*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. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident.



The purpose of the Community Patrol and this column is to remind people of our aim to be the "eyes and ears" of our community. We are supported by the Marion County Sheriff's Office and On Top of

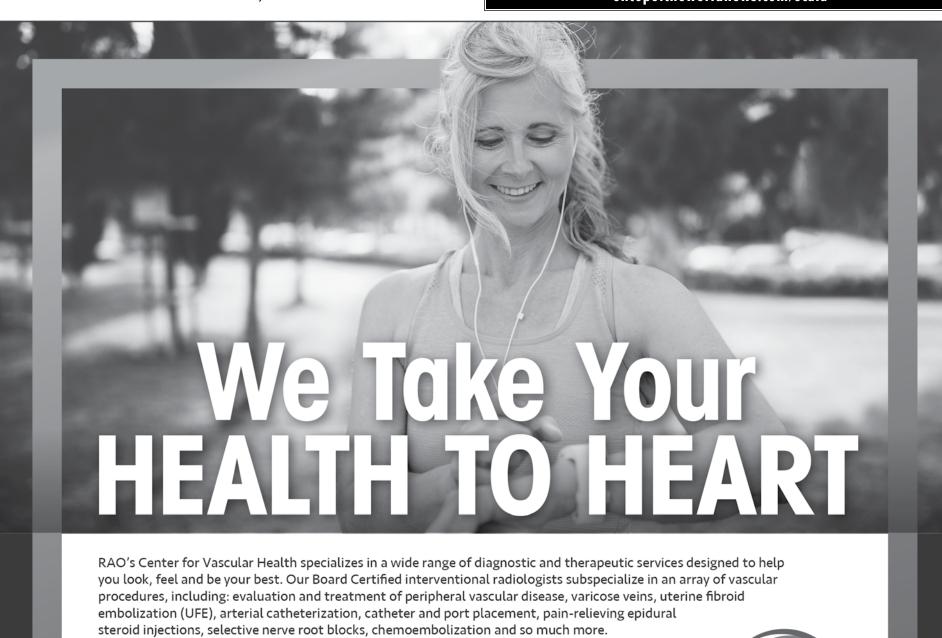
the World in that endeavor. It is a good time to mention the dangers of speeding or ignoring stop signs. We have also noticed that many garages are left open;

no doubt cars within are also left unlocked. Many times, we even see doors open all night; this can be an invitation for intruders. On Top of the World is most likely one of the safest communities around, but you should not have a false sense of security. There is bound to be some who will take advantage.

The Community Patrol urgently needs more members. There is no way all areas can be patrolled with the current numbers. Please volunteer a few hours a month.

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Nature is calling us to enjoy the beautiful weather and vibrant colored flowers. Spring inspires lighthearted fun and the gathering of family and friends to celebrate the holidays this month. Join us for all the festivities we have planned for

First, I would like to welcome all the new residents to our Candler Hills neighborhoods. Please stop in The Lodge at Candler Hills office to introduce yourself, and I look forward to meeting you. I am happy to give you information about our upcoming events and booking your private events at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. The office at The Lodge at Candler Hills is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For your convenience, tickets can be purchased anytime during office hours.

We have a monthly activity calendar located in the main lobby of The Lodge at Candler Hills as well as posters for our upcoming events.

The Lodge at Candler Hills is a beautiful facility with a heated pool year-round. We have an outdoor fire pit where you can sit and enjoy a drink and socialize with friends. It is a BYOB facility unless a specific event is catered with a bar. Bring

your drinks, read a book, swim and socialize with your new friends.

Mark your calendar for all these great upcoming events at The Lodge at Candler Hills:

Trivia is now being hosted by Dave Conrad and will take place Wednesday, May 6, at 5 p.m. Form a team, pick a name, put on your "thinking caps" and have some fun. There are cash prizes! Tickets are \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. 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.

Name That Tune is back Wednesday, April 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. with Dave Conrad. Challenge yourself, laugh and enjoy the company of friends and new friends at this event. Please be sure to buy your tickets early as the event will be closed at least two weeks prior to prepare cash prizes. Tickets are \$5 per resident and \$7 per guest. Congratulations to our latest winners from Wednesday, Feb. 19: The Misfits!

BYOB Social Happy Hour will take place Saturday, April 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. Our entertainer is Sal Gioe. Relax or dance to the music. Chat and mingle with residents. This event is free for Candler Hills residents and \$5 per guest.

What fun is it to sing a favorite song or quietly sing along at Cocktails & Karaoke Thursday, April 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. Kathy and Charlie will be your hosts, making a fun time for all. Guest fees apply at \$5 per person.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, May 6: Trivia

with Dave Conrad

- Thursday, May 7: Pool Party
  Tuesday, May 12: Cocktails &
- Karaoke
  Saturday, May 16: BYOB Social Happy Hour
- cial Happy Hour
  Thursday, May 28: Girls

Night out We are working on a surprise event for early May. More details to

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2021 bookings are now being accepted for rooms at 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. 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.

We look forward to seeing you! Have an amazing April and take time for you!

\*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, and must be accompanied by a Candler Hills resident. Tickets for events at The Lodge at Candler Hills may be purchased at the front office.

Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

All events that are listed below are tentative, and if cancelled, information will be forwarded to you in a special edition of "The Happenings" or on our Facebook page.

The Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt and Dinner Dance will be Saturday, April 25. Tickets were sold in March and will continue to be sold from 10 a.m. to noon April 2, 7, and 14 at the Candler Hills Community Center, and April 9 and 16 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a barbecue dinner catered by Brick City Catering and music by DJ Hal Dodd. The scavenger hunt is from 3 to 5 p.m. and the dinner dance is from 5 to 8 p.m.

This month's potluck dinner theme is French cuisine on Tuesday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Residents with the last names beginning with A-H should bring a side dish or salad; I-R a main dish; and S-Z a dessert. Setup volunteers should arrive by 4:15 p.m. All others by 5:15 p.m. to obtain a seating table number. \$1 per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, decaf coffee, and hot tea. 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 ambassadors. The next ambassador meeting will be Thursday, April 30, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Some future events to look forward to are:

- Sundays, June 21 and Aug.
   16: Ice cream social.
- · Sunday, Oct. 25: Annual fall
- picnic.Saturday, Dec. 12: Holiday

party.
The 2020 speaker series will occur on the following Mondays:

- April 13: Joe Reicel, Chamber and Economic Partnership.
- May 18: Pat Gabriel, SR200 Coalition.
- Sept. 14: Doug Hart, Seniors vs. Crimes 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 of Candler Hills receive this email.

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 768 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents.

The next Candler Connection board meeting will be held Friday, April 3, at 2:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

See you at these events and around the neighborhood!

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Warmer weather is fast approaching. Please remember if you're soaking up the rays poolside or enjoying a game of golf, you'll need to drink plenty of water to prevent heat exhaustion during this time of year.

#### Happy Hour

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

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

- April 3: Dave & Kenny Band
- April 10: No Happy Hour
- April 17: Retro Express
- April 24: Dino

The entertainment lineup for the outside veranda is as follows:

- April 3: Charlie De
- April 10: No Veranda Entertainment
- April 17: Johnny G.
- April 24: Tony Machiote

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.

#### **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: April-Foxtrot; May-Rumba; and June-

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 Bal-

- 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.

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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.

#### **March Winners**

1: Just for Fun; Tie at 2: Gray Matters & Tequila Mockingbirds.

#### Rags to Riches\*

It's that time of year again when we clean out our attics, garages and join our friends for the bi-annual Rags to Riches sale on Friday, April 17, at the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost of the table is \$10 and there will be a two-table maximum. The SPCA of Marion County will have coffee and doughnuts for sale with all proceeds going to help sheltered animals.

#### **Enviro Shred**

Enviro Shred will return Thursday, April 16, in the Recreation Center parking lot, from 10 a.m. to noon. This company will be on-site to shred all your important documents. The cost is \$5 per one-cubic foot (normal storage size box or computer paper box).

#### Victory Casino Cruise\*

Join us for an afternoon of gambling Tuesday, April 21, as we cruise on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Florida. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment and relaxation with 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.

#### **Social Hour**

Relax with friends and neighbors Thursday, April 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Easy listening music will be provided by Cliff Ritchie. 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 is available for pick up at Resident

#### **Room Request Forms & Club Guest Notifications Forms**

Don't delay! Your room request forms for 2021 are past 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.

#### St. Johns Barbara Lee River Ship Luncheon Cruise\*

Join us for a relaxing steamboat river luncheon cruise on the beautiful St. Johns River Thursday, April 23. The river ship Barbara Lee is an authentic stern wheel paddle boat. The boat has five decks, some open air and some closed with large glass windows. You will enjoy appetizers, menu selection, dessert and entertainment. Coffee, tea and iced tea are complimentary on all cruises. Bar beverages are separate charges. The cost is \$89 per person.

#### John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art\*

Join us for a trip to the Ringling Museum of Arts in Sarasota, Florida Tuesday, April 28. The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is the remarkable legacy of circus entrepreneur, collector of art, and financier, John Ringling and his wife, Mable. The 66-acre estate includes the Museum of Art, the Venetian-Gothic Ca'd'Zan mansion, their winter-residence, the 18th-century historic Asolo Theater, circus museum, and historic grounds and gardens. The cost of the trip is \$49 per person.

During your visit, the Luke Du-Bois exhibit will be taking place. R. Luke DuBois will be the first solo museum exhibition for an artist who defies categorization. Shopping and Dining is also available at the museum store, The Museum Café' or Banyan Café. Special tours are available for an additional fee.

#### Get Acquainted Coffee

Come meet your neighbors and help welcome new residents to the community during Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday, April 30, in the Recreation Ballroom at 9 a.m. Information will be available on fitness, the community bus, pickleball and more. At the conclusion, we will take a short walking tour of the facilities available at the Recreation Center.

#### Community Event Form (TV/ Poster Form)

Please note as of Jan. 1, 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.

#### Community News

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

#### Community Pools 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 lounger 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 to use.

The Recreation Center pool will be closed as of Aug. 1 and estimated to reopen at the end of December. 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 ontopoftheworldinfo.com/email-opt-in and click on the appropriate boxes to receive the latest information.

Please note if you represent a club and you are planning trips or excursions by motor coach or bus pickup in the community, you must receive pre-approval from the Recreation Center office (Theresa Fields). Coach pickup and parking for trips or excursions are not permitted at any of the facilities in On Top of the World properties. Designated areas are assigned with approval.

#### COVID-19 / Coronavirus Update

Residents should visit otowinfo. com for current information on virus, community action and closures.

#### Upcoming Events

- Friday, May 1: "Kentucky Derby" Happy Hour
- Thursday, May 7: Tropic Trivia\*
- Friday, May 8: Horse Farm Tour\*
- Thursday, May 14: Southgate & Mazzaro's Shopping Trip\*
- Sunday, May 17: "Native Garden Show" at Hippodrome State Theatre\*
- Thursday, May 21: Starlite Luncheon Cruise\*
- Friday, May 22: Singing River Cruise\*
- Monday, May 25: Memorial Day Ceremony
- Thursday, May 28: Social Hour with Stan Prinston

\*To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7533 or x7380. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer 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.



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Winds of Windsor

Marlene Zink

Windsor is very proud of one of our own residents, Robert Schaefer. On Saturday, Feb. 29, Robert Schaefer, son of Penny and Dave Schaefer, and grandson of Judy Schaefer, competed in the Marion County Special Olympics.

On the day of the event, many neighbors showed up to volunteer, support, and cheer for Robert and the athletes. The Marion County Special Olympics took place at the Forest High School Sports Complex.

The opening parade was led by the Junior ROTC with the athlete participants following. The National Anthem was played and then came the lighting of the Flame of Hope followed by the Special Olympics Athletes Oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Robert was entered in the men's Gainesville, Saturday, April 4.

softball throw and men's 50-meter dash. He won blue ribbons in both events. This is Robert's ninth year competing in Marion County and his eighth year for track and field. Altogether he has been competing in Special Olympics for 38 years. Robert is now eligible to compete in the Regional Competition in



#### Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard

Greetings! As the newly elected president of the Republican Club, this is my first contribution to the World News. My agenda goals are to educate members on the following: state and national candidates, legislative policies, and voting information. Hopefully, this will expose our members to the issues of importance before making decisions when they vote and to activate grassroots participation. Club members are encouraged to be participants, not simply spectators. It is also my goal to encourage unity and positivity of all Americans, regardless of political party.

The February meeting of the Republican Club was electrified with excitement. Over 15 local candidates were in attendance distributing their campaign information; some candidates even passed out Valentine's Day candy. Wesley Wilcox, Board of Elections supervisor, summarized his duties and shared important voting procedures.

In addition, Michelle Stone, Marion County commissioner, informed the membership of the 2020 Census process.

In honor of Valentine's Day, the theme of the February meeting was the "Trump Love Fest." A review of 14 presidential achievements was conducted. Members were encouraged to use these facts as talking points when discussing the upcoming election with family

and friends. This activity was well received by our members. Due to the plethora of accomplishments, this activity will be conducted at all future meetings leading up to the

A presentation of certificates of appreciation was made to the outgoing officers: Bill Richhart, Fiona Bowling, Joanie Crist, and Wendell Crist. New officers were introduced: Vice President Maggie Koller, Secretary Louanne Leonard, Treasurer Dominic Caligiuri, and Membership Chair Alice Caligiuri.

The March meeting guest speaker was club member Tom Hauck, who recently attended the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). This years' conference theme was "America vs. Socialism."

Additional presidential achievements were again discussed, and last month's items were posted on the wall under the title of promises made, promises kept.

Available at all meetings is the Operation Shoebox table operated by Paul and Sandy Selesky. This charity sends requested items to our soldiers serving overseas. They will gratefully accept requested items or monetary donations. Also available at each meeting is a table promoting presidential items. Gary and Brenda White donate all profits to the Republican Club and Operation Shoebox.

The Republican Club meets the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. For further information, please leave a message at (518) 534-0201. Your question will be answered as quickly as possible.



Photo by Marlene Zink

Robert Schaefer displaying his ribbons wearing his T-shirt signed by his neighbors from Windsor.



The next event for the Friendship Connection will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 26 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The theme will be Kentucky Derby. Dinner will consist of two pieces of chicken, two sides, a biscuit, dessert and a beverage. Dressing up for the event is optional, however there will be a hat contest with prizes for the biggest, prettiest and most outrageous hat! For those who wish to participate, we will have our own derby. Music and entertainment will be provided by Kathy and Charlie Petrosky. As usual, there will be a 50/50 drawing.

Cost for this fun and exciting event will be \$10 per person. Tickets will only be sold in advance because we must give the caterer a final count. Ticket sales are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 6, 8, 10, 13 and 15 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. If you cannot buy your tickets at this time, please contact Linda Hansen at (352) 509-4967.

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with setup, cleanup or serving, please let us know when you are purchasing tickets.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park, and Friendship Village only.

For additional information contact Carron Janssen at (847) 529-6183 or friendshipconnection2019@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at Friendship Connection-OTOW.





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Texas Connection chair dancing to "YMCA."

# Magical Music Machine

By Kathy Cornell

again showed what great entertain- There were lots of laughs when she ers they are when they brought their magical music machine and amusing personalities to lead the Texas Connection Social Club in dancing and other activities at our March meeting. Our line dancers were thrilled when Lesley and Pat and Charlie for an enjoyable eve-Casey partner danced around us to the songs "Rock 'n Roll Waltz" and "Monkey Around." They were cy Sicard won a Texas colored butawesome! All of us, even non- ton bracelet complete with hearts dancers, were able to join in the and stars from Button Bracelets by dancing when Kathy led us in a Marion Brennon. Gary Alpert won

Kathy and Charlie Petrosky once spirited chair version of "YMCA." asked for some "good sports" (gullible?) folks to get up to do a Simon Says kind of game. Couple dancing closed out the evening to the song "Good Night Sweetheart."

A big thank you goes to Kathy ning. For this special event we also had some special door prizes. Nan-

a Texas shaped key fob specially made by Patty Hainzl of Gran-Patty Designs. You can find Marion on Tuesday mornings in the Recreation Center Ballroom at the Artistic Crafts & Gifts group and Patty is at the Thursday Farmers Market at The Town Square. For more Charlie and Kathy fun, you'll find them running Karaoke Friends on the first and third Monday nights of the month in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.

The April meeting date, place and time has changed. On Sunday, April 19, at the pavilion we'll be gathering for a poker run and club-provided pizza party. Poker run contestants come at 4 p.m. to get their rules and start the competition. If you aren't doing the run, you can come at the same time

and hang out (we might have some games going on) or you can come at 5 p.m. for just the eatin' part of the get together. To properly prepare for both activities we need you to sign up if you plan to participate. All you need to bring is your preferred beverage. Alcoholic drinks are permitted at the pavilion, so if that is your go-to drink with pizza, feel free to bring it.

Texas Connection Social Club is made up of residents who have a connection to Texas. Of course, spouses or partners who don't have a connection are welcome too. As a social club, we are all about having a fun time. For more information about the club or upcoming events, contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

# Trading 'Little Rhody' **Stories**

By Judy Parisi

The Rhode Island Group met for of food from "The Hill" we had a lunch Wednesday, March 4, at Mila- delicious meal. It was great to trade no's. While not quite up to the taste stories of our time in Rhode Island



Photo by Judy Parisi

Rhode Island Group luncheon.

and what we remember and like best about Little Rhody.

We welcome new members to our group who have lived or worked in Rhode Island. Please contact Judy Parisi at judith.parisi@gmail.com to be added to our email list. We'll let you know by email as to when our next lunch will be scheduled.

One topic we always discuss is the wonderful seafood from New England - the lobsters from the caught offshore make for fantastic milk or cream base with clams,

Rhode Island, we think of Iggy's, Georges, and of course Aunt Carrie's. The clam cake is attributed to Carrie Cooper who in the early 1900s added clams to her corn fritter recipe. She and her husband Ulysses built a small stand near Point Judith lighthouse to sell the clam cakes and lemonade. In 1920 they bought land nearby and put up a restaurant which still stands. This restaurant, known as Aunt Carrie's, is currently run by the fourth generation of the family.

The clam cake is a deep-fried ball containing chopped clams or quahogs, flour, milk, eggs, clam

juice, and mild seasoning, that is golden brown outside and soft and chewy inside with a mouthwatering aroma. Hot out of the fryer they are delectable and when accompanied by chowder make for a wonderful meal.

Having chowder as an accompaniment requires choosing between the multiple varieties - the traditional Rhode Island chowder being more a tomato broth base cold waters off the coast are incom- with clams and potatoes, the New parable, and the quahogs freshly England chowder which has a thick chowder, steamers, and clam cakes. potatoes and onions, or the Man-When we think clam cakes in hattan chowder which is red with tomatoes, clams, and vegetables. I favor the rich, creamy New England chowder along with oyster crackers to accompany my clam cakes, and a salad so I can pretend I'm eating healthy.

> For visitors to Rhode Island we'd recommend you come to the shoreline for wonderful food opportunities; from chowda' and clam cakes, to fish and chips, to fine dining, to Swamp Yankee cuisine; plus to listen to the seagulls as they circle around the fishing fleet, and to see the beautiful waters of Narragansett Bay and the Atlantic.

# **Passover Teaching** Seder

By Nancy Meininger

Jewish Club members look forward to sharing traditions with members of their faith and others who simply want to learn more about it.

The club enjoys finding ways to share the history and culture of the Jewish people, to help members understand traditions they grew up with but did not completely under-

For the Passover teaching Seder, Sunday, April 19, the club will use a unique Hagadah created especially for the club. It is compiled from several other versions to make it more meaningful to the group. After last year's Passover teaching Seder, several members commented on how they now understood why certain things were practiced.

The club has also created a play to teach about Purim with club members acting out roles in the ancient tale.

Members enjoy taking part in assembling foods for the cultural celebrations, like the bagels and lox party, or making different types of Haroset for the Passover meal or vegetarian chopped liver for the group to try. Everyone pitches in to help make each meeting a success.

The club's annual picnic took place in March at the pavilion. Hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs were served. Members enjoyed the outdoor venue and spirits were high.

The dinner bunch recently dined at La Hacienda Restaurant and enjoyed listening to the mariachi band.

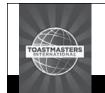
In the works is a trip to Tampa Bay Downs Wednesday, April 22 for members. Members will need to contact Nancy Meininger for tickets at (352) 342-9757.

For more information, contact Nancy Carp at (410) 935-2625.



Photo by Charlie Calhoun

Members gather to arrange trays for the bagels and lox meeting.



Toastmasters -Talk of the World

**David** Wesenberg

By the time that readers see this column, the success of our competitors for the March 21 Speech and Evaluation Contest will be known. This contest comprised humorous, international and speech evaluation contests. Our speech evaluation contestant was Leona Vlacancich and yours truly. The title of the humorous speech was "I Love Science" where very funny experimental outcomes of some science experiments are described. The international speech entry was "What Matters" where the value of motivational speeches is questioned without attention to focus on worthwhile life goals for the right reasons.

Contests are one of the exciting and fun activities you can experience in Talk of the World Toastmasters Club. Most meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the On Top of the World IT Conference Room (in the same complex as Resident Services) have two speeches and table topics where one speaks impromptu for

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one to two minutes on a fun topic. But sometimes we have a debate or panel discussion meeting. Sometimes we have an outside speaker on a current topic. No matter what kind of meeting we have, you will have a great time listening to well-presented ideas and experiences, and an opportunity to add your own ideas and experiences.

Our purpose at Toastmasters is to help each member develop their speaking, leading and organizing skills to get more joy and satisfaction from all of their activities and interests. Organized and articulate speech and leadership help you make a difference wherever you choose to participate.

Recent improvements to the Toastmaster program include the online Pathways program that walks you through development of your communication and leadership skills step by step with mentoring from experienced club members. Toastmasters has also developed a relationship with Rotary Clubs of America to multiply growth opportunities and experiences of Toastmaster members.

Finally Talk of the World Toast-masters is special. Our older members have wide communication and leadership experience in many industry and government settings and the time to help members see what really works in those worlds. Combine that with younger members who are currently applying their skills to improve their lives and prospects in the working world. What a powerful combination to take advantage of for new members. Visit us and see how you fit in and how you can benefit.



**100 Grandparents** 

Janet Fragapane

Have you ever thought of being a reporter? While reading this column think, "I could do that!" Want to give it a try? I have been writing this monthly column for seven years. It is time for someone to give it a new view. Maybe your view. It is not hard. The content of the column is about Romeo Elementary and 100 Grandparents. You could interview a teacher, or one of the grandparents. You could describe different projects or events going on at the school.

What you may read in other newspapers is that nothing is being taught in the schools. That is far from the truth. In addition to the required core classes, Romeo students are taught cursive writing, music, art, manners, sportsmanship, etc. Please let Evelyn or me know if you are interested. Our phone numbers are listed below.

Some things need to be reported every month such as the date and time of the bus pick-up. On Tuesday, April 14, the bus will be at True Value store at 9:15 a.m.

Also important is to list items needed. Donations of gently used children's clothing, new underwear in unopened packages, shoes, art and craft supplies, buttons, pull tabs, bicycles and helmets. Call Evelyn Holiday (352) 237-0304 or Janet Fragapane (352) 861-1575 to schedule a pick-up or leave on their porch at 8880-C SW 94th Street



Photo by Bill Shampine Kathy Broderick is dressed as a St. Patrick's Day elf in preparation to reading to her class at Romeo Elementary

(Friendship Village) or 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II).

School.

Donations for the backpack program can be made by a check in any amount made out to Dunnellon Food-4-Kids Inc. P.O. 262, Dunnellon, Florida 34430 (on memo line write backpack program).

Maybe you would like to join the 100 Grandparents as a reader? If so, give Evelyn a call. The children look forward to seeing our group every month. We, the 100 Grandparents, are just as eager to be at school with "our" children.



Black is beautiful and two are magical!

Frank (three legs) and Fritz are a bonded pair looking for a magical home where there is lots of love and understanding. They were tossed out of the house to fend for themselves. A compassionate neighbor fed them daily and called for help when she saw Frank limping on his elbow. After careful examination, Dr. Ed determined amputation was the correction needed for the deformed limb. This pair of young fellows are 2.5 years old, neutered and up to date on vaccines. Contact (352) 362-0985 or lucilleaspelund@ yahoo.com to meet them.

SPCA of Marion County is in dire need of cat fosters. It is kitten season and they are showing up all over. Fosters only need to supply love, SPCA covers all costs and vet bills.

We still pack pet meals for Meals on Wheels. Most needed for this endeavor is dry cat food made in USA.

Our next general meeting is Thursday, April 16, at 1 p.m. in the Deputy Bryan Litz Building. Do not forget to stop by and say hello at Walmart Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are at the Farmers Market most Thursday mornings as well as the craft show in the Recreation Center every Tuesday morning. Happy spring!



Photo by Paula Gajewski **Frank.** 

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On Monday, Feb. 17, Annette Burke Lyttle gave the educational presentation, "Blog Your Family Stories the Easy Way." According to Annette, blogging is a great way to share your family stories because they will be lost if you don't get them out there to other possible relatives.

There are a number of free blogging platforms online that offer a way to get started without needing a domain name and webhosting service. Later on, you have the option to switch to another platform. You can add pages that never change, e.g. for the surnames of the family

or a gallery of family pictures that you have.

When getting ready to blog, determine the purpose of blogging and your audience. Is it to share your family story with only close family or is it to find new information from extended family, e.g. cousins, who we don't know we have? What will be the title of the blog? You can always add a custom domain later, but that will cost you a fee. What will be the focus of the content and how often will you post? Are you going to allow comments? The problem with allowing comments is it can allow spammers, so disable comments.

The four steps to writing your family stories:

Step 1: Set yourself up for success. Understand your purpose for blogging and set realistic goals. If the plan isn't working, revise the

plan. Adjust a schedule that works for you.

Step 2: Take small bites. Begin with the facts. Examine those facts to find an interesting detail.

Step 3: Get some help. Once you have identified an interesting detail, social history can fill in the gap between facts and stories.

Step 4: Take a deep breath and start writing. Write a draft. It's not perfect, and you shouldn't expect it to be. Remember to focus on what your audience wants or needs to know, rather than on what you want to tell them. Put the draft aside and then come back to it. Look at how you can improve and polish it.

For a more in-depth summary of Annette Burke Lyttle's presentation, visit heritagedetective.com or 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 Monday, April 13, we will hold our regular quarterly business meeting, followed by an open genealogy discussion meeting by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, April 20, Dan Kastrul will give an educational presentation, "Analyzing Your DNA Matches Using Gedmatch." This will be a live virtual presentation.

On Monday, May 11, we will hold an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, May 18, there will be an educational presentation, to be determined.

Visit us at otowgens.shutterfly.com.

**Active Singles** 



Jane Parker

Active Singles Club (ASC) is for single residents. We are single, not alone! Many of the membership have never married, are divorced, or are single due to one reason or another. ASC provides a friendly environment to get to know new people. Join us and experience the friendships that you make on your own. Go to group events and be comfortable knowing that other active singles will be there and be happy to see you.

The ASC meeting, happy hour, and game night take place monthly, wallyball is every Saturday, golf scrambles and hiking are ongoing. ASC hosts special events including the upcoming Memorial Day picnic,

the Interfaith breakfast, and a 2021 cruise opportunity. By joining and participating in the ASC you will be single, not alone.

For April we are spotlighting Jenny Edwards, who moved from New York State a year ago. When asked what she likes best about ASC, Jenny said she likes being able to have a place to meet new friends

Singles Club

Sally Wall

At our March meeting, Dale Mc-Daniel of Stirrups & Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, offered a presentation which was very interesting.

Twelve of our members attended the play, "Father of the Bride" at Ocala Civic Theatre, Sunday, March and neighbors. Jenny enjoys living here, because of the friendly residents and she has met wonderful people. In retirement, Jenny is trying many different new things to find out what she likes best. Jenny introduced the idea of Actives Singles small groups. ASC members with common interests will meet and be led by members with spe-

15.

This month we will be entertained by the Dulcimer Group at our meeting Thursday, April 9. This group is consisted of very talented musicians and will play requests, so don't miss this meeting!

You can still sign up for the Ocala Breeders Sales horse auction and lunch at the OBS auditorium Thursday, April 16. We will carpool from the Recreation Center parking lot at 11 a.m. The OBS auditorium has been completely remodeled and includes a restaurant within, so this should be an interesting trip.

cial talents such as photography, interior design, or cooking. Thanks, Jenny, for a great idea!

If you want to find out more information, please consider attending the Wednesday, April 15, meeting at the Hobby Building Event Room at 6 p.m. Information requests are also accepted at activesinglesotow@gmail.com.

The executive board has selected Therese Bell to be the nominating committee chairperson, and the committee will present their slate of officers at the April 9 meeting and will accept nominations from the floor. The officers will then be elected for the coming year. The new officers will be installed at the May meeting. The committee will be calling members, so please give some thought to becoming more active and participate in your club. Call Therese at (352) 854-6418 to offer your services or for more information.

Our meeting this month is on Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at the Arbor Activity Center Event Room. Hope to see you all there!



Midwest Heartland Club

**Elaine** Sullivan

Midwesterners please save Tuesday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Suites III-IV. All residents with Midwest ties are more than welcome. We will have a finger food potluck and entertainment. We ask that you think about "hidden gems" in your state for people to visit during their summer vacation and share these ideas at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at our gathering. If you can, please bring light food to share; we provide water, cups, plates and utensils, either way bring a readiness to have fun.

Any questions, please call Elaine Sullivan at (505) 401-1257.

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**INDUSTRY AFFILIATIONS & LICENSING** 



At our February meeting, one of our members presented information on a rally for us to Jetty Park in Port Canaveral, Florida. This will take place in November 2020. Jetty Park has 4.5 acres of beautiful beach, and there is a vendor there who rents chairs, umbrellas, kayaks, paddle boats, etc. The park also has fishing piers and a concession stand called Fishlips. The park is close to the Kennedy Space Center and the US Air Force Space &



#### On the Road Again

**Bob** Woods

**Donna** Seay

Spring is in the air and it is time to think about exploring the oceans and their land masses by cruise ship. This is the greatest time to get the cabin of your choice.

The club has a new website (same web address) with current flyers of cruises the club is doing in the future. I would like to give a hearty thanks to resident Dave Wesenberg for setting up the site. Please visit bobwoodsontheroadagain.com for more information.

Just a reminder that all the trips undertaken by the club remain the same concerning deposits except when noted otherwise. All deposits are fully refundable for any reason up to the final payment which generally is about 90 days before departure.

The first trip in 2021 is a cruise on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas departing Tampa on Feb. 2, 2021 for an 11-night, 12-day voyage around the western Caribbean. The ship will first stop at Key West before continuing to Grand Cayman; then Cartagena, Colum-

Missile Museum. There will be a lot to do during this rally.

We are also working on rallies to go to Jonathan Dickerson State Park, located in Martin County between Hobe Sound and Tequesta. This will take place in 2021, sometime in the spring. Another rally in the works will be to CreekFire Motor Ranch, located in Savannah, Georgia. This will also be in 2021, sometime in the spring.

If you own any type of camper and are interested in our club, you are cordially invited to our next meeting on Wednesday, April 22, in the Hobby Building Event Room at 6:30 p.m. If you would like further information, please contact Donna Seay at talltaletravelers@gmail.com or (516) 578-8655.

bia; Panama Canal (partial transit) through the Gatlin Locks into the Gatlin Lake, Colon Panama; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; on to Cozumel, Mexico then returning to Tampa. Any questions concerning this cruise, please call me at (352) 854-0702.

The next cruise involves heading to Bayonne, New Jersey by air where the group will be transported to Royal Caribbean's Empress of the Seas for a seven-night, eight-day excursion to Bermuda. The ship will dock jn downtown Hamilton for a three-night, three-day stay before departing Hamilton for a one hour and 30 minute voyage.

The short cruise will take the Empress to St. George's Island for a one night, two day stay before returning to New Jersey. At time of writing, airfare is not yet available. What makes this cruise so unique is that the Empress docks in downtown Hamilton so when passengers disembark the ship, they are right on Hamilton's River Street. There are just a few smaller ships that can dock in Hamilton while all the other larger ships have to dock at the far end of the island at King's Wharf.

Any questions on either cruise, please call Bob at (352) 854-0702 or visit bobwoodsontheroadagain. com.

Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

Spring is here and we have several exciting trips planned.

There is a trip planned to 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 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday only) at (352) 861-9880. Mail your check to 9682 SW 92nd Place Road, Ocala, Florida 34481. The bus will depart at approximately 3:30 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The deadline for making reservations is Monday, April 27.

On Father's Day, June 21, we will travel to Sanford, Florida 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 delicious 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. Call Linda Hein at 352-861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday only). This

is a very popular event; seats tend to fill quickly.

There is still time to sign up for 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.

All members of the Travel Toppers board are volunteers. With that in mind, all calls should be made only Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please do not make any calls on weekends or outside the hours listed. All payments for day trips must be made within seven days of booking to hold your seat. Checks must be made payable to Travel Toppers Tours, Inc.

Please note that all tickets are nonrefundable unless there is a wait list.

Visit traveltopperstours.com for up-to-date information. This is the best way to keep current on any changes or additions after brochures or monthly columns have been published.



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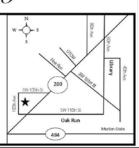
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#### The view from Mirador Colomer to Punta la Nau and Colomer Island, Majorca, Spain.



A group of Spanish-owned islands is located in the Mediterranean Sea about 161 miles east of of which is Majorca (Mallorca in Spanish), the largest of those is-

Majorca has been a highly desirable piece of real estate for millennia because of its location on the historic trade routes. It has traces of human habitation dating as far back as 6000 B.C. More recently,

from the Levant, arrived around the very friendly and highly sociable. If 8th century B.C. and ruled about you go to one of the many beaches, 600 years until the Romans took over and ruled until 902, when the Moors conquered the island. After that, ownership of the island continued to change hands periodically until 1716, when the War of the Spanish Succession resulted in making the island a part of Spain.

Almost 900,000 people live on Majorca, with about half living in the capital city of Palma. Although the official languages of Majorca are Catalan and Spanish, people mainly speak in Catalan.

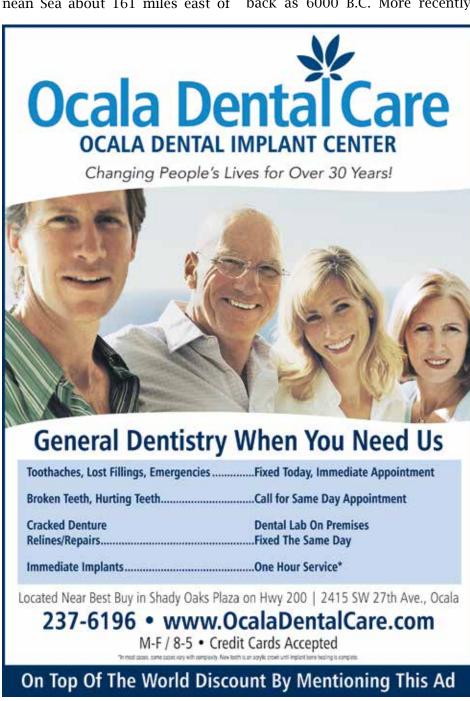
One of the most popular holiday destinations in the world, Majorca was visited by about 10 million tourists in 2017. It has been jokingly referred to as the 17th Federal State of Germany due to the high number of German tourists. Tourists go to Majorca for a variety of reasons. It has a pleasant Mediterranean climate, over 200 white sand beaches, many sheltered coves, more than 200 caves, stunning scenery with rugged and verdant mountains rising as high as 4,741 feet, many archeological remains from the Roman and Moorish periods, and top-quality tourist amenities. Hiking and cycling are two of the most popular activities est underground lakes in the world.

Valencia, Spain. The most famous the Phoenicians, a seafaring people on the island. Finally, the locals are you do need to be aware that they are nude friendly. You don't have to join in, but nudity is permitted on almost any beach on the island, which can be a pro or con depending on your personal point of view.

The Le Seu cathedral in Palma probably is one of the most impressive sites on Majorca. This gothic cathedral was built in the 14th century on the site of a former Arab mosque. It is one of the highest gothic cathedrals in the world, with a nave that is 144 feet high (36 feet higher than Notre Dame in Paris).

The island also is packed with beautiful old towns that irresistibly draw you to them. You can wander the streets for a couple of hours happily exploring the quaint buildings and old-style architecture. Then you simply must stop at a small café and sip a glass of one of Majorca's famous wines and splurge on an ensaïmada, a truly delightful Majorcan pastry.

Being a hydrologist (a water expert), I would be interested in visiting the Cuevas del Drach in Porto Cristo, a spectacular cave system that extends for about 0.75 mile. They also contain one of the larg-







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**SWANS** 

Sandi Dickerson

February proved to be an interesting month for the SWANS. Several of our members went on the Jacksonville Zoo trip with On Top of the World. While the zoo was beautiful and well maintained there were not many animals outside as they chose to stay in their enclosures, out of the rain! Yes, it rained for most of the day and many of us traveled home with soggy shoes and socks. However, we were with friends and were still able to en-

joy their company. We did get to

see the elephant once owned by Michael Jackson! Most of us will attempt the trip again when we can only hope for better weather!

We did have several new members join us for dinner out in February. We went to Sky Fine Dining and were happy to see them. Several also joined us for an appetizer group and a dinner in! Welcome to Pam, Marge, CJ, Terry and Pam!

Many went to the Lakeridge Winery's Wine and Seafood Festival in March.

Breakfast out for February was hosted by Sally Herrick. We met at the Stone Creek Grille. If you haven't been here, you should go! The atmosphere is wonderful, and the food is excellent!

Rosemarie Lentine hosted our

lunch out at Red's in February. like to learn how to play. If you are Rosemarie hosted a big crowd as we always enjoy dining there.

Dinner out was held Thursday, Feb. 13th at Sky Fine Dining and hosted by Sandi Dickerson. We had a great group of ladies in attendance and had a wonderful time. Thanks to Sally, Rosemarie, and Sandi for hosting during February!

Our appetizer and dinner in groups continued to meet in February and March. They are going very well! These groups are easy to participate in and fun! Our book club and card groups continue to be very popular also. Samba has become so popular among some of our members that we are thinking of offering Samba lessons to any of our other members who would

a member and would like to learn, contact Lois Nix.

Our annual outing to Daytona Beach is quickly approaching May 15 through May 18. Our next picnic, hosted by Kathy and Sandy, will be coming up on Saturday, May 23. Many of us are attending several of the On Top of the World trips planned for this spring. The St. Johns River cruise promises to be an excellent way to spend a day.

Please remember that you may join the SWANS at any time! We always welcome new members and new ideas! As a SWAN, you are never alone! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.



#### Moonstruck **Astronomy Club**

Jim Shuman

At the Moonstruck Astronomy Club's recent meeting, retired Panama Canal Port Captain Kenneth Puckett explained details about use of the sextant and the marine chronometer to chart the location of ships at sea. He explained that the sextant replaced earlier and less accurate methods of navigation as early as the 1700s. First described by Isaac Newton, an accurate sextant was developed in 1731 by John Hadley and Thomas Godfrey, two British instrument makers. In those earliest days of the industrial revolution, the sextant became a particularly valuable invention that greatly improved navigational accuracy. Similarly, a reliable ship's clock called a marine chronometer was created in 1762 by John Harrison, a British carpenter and inventor. Using almanacs and highly precise calculations, British navigators could then employ the sextant and the chronometer together to calculate a ship's location anywhere in the world within three miles. These two instruments, based on fundamental concepts of astronomy, contributed to Royal Navy's eventual domination of the oceans and the establishment of a world-wide British Empire.

Excitement about astronomy builds here at On Top of the World



Photo by Jim DiPaolo

#### Captain Kenneth Puckett describes an early marine chronometer.

in anticipation of the re-opening of the space at the R/C flying field and R/C car track, also the location of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club's evening observations of the heavens. Once the area is open, observing sessions will be 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.

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 Thursday, April 9. Given recent news of a more detailed photo of the solar surface, discovery of a huge galaxy-

size explosion of a giant Black Hole in a cluster of galaxies, and more general questions about space, the planets, and the cosmos, the club has plenty to discuss at every meeting. Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15. If you have an interest in joining the club or would like additional information, please contact Club President Jim DiPaolo at moonastroclub@gmail. com.





**Democratic Club** 

Dan Lack

Dr. Martin Hoffert is a New York University professor emeritus. He was a physics professor there and he is currently a member of our club. Marty mixes science and current events in his lectures, which are always interesting and thoughtprovoking. We invite Marty every spring and he is scheduled to present Thursday, April 23, to talk about the green new deal.

Marty traveled to Washington D.C. to testify about man-made global climate change at a Congressional committee hearing in the autumn of 2019. It's nice that one of our club members is in a position to influence our nation's policy. You may expect to hear him talk about his experiences during his presentation.

The Marion County Democratic Party's Proud to be a Democrat dinner will take place Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. at the Ocala Hilton. This is a major fundraiser for the Democratic Party. The Democratic Club has filled two to three tables in past years and we would like to

increase that level of participation in this important election year. The keynote speaker is Congresswoman Val Demings from the Orlando area. She was one of the House managers who spoke during the Senate impeachment trial. You may use the contact information below to order your tickets, which are \$75 each. Your tickets will be personally delivered to you in early April.

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 (otow demclub).

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 those who sacrificed so much for us.

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



**Dinner Club** 

Luke Mullen

The month of February saw another great participation at our dinners. Twenty-four diners attended four dinners at the homes of club members.

Linda and Brian McDonald were the hosts for our first dinner. Linda and Brian started off their meal with a shrimp cocktail. They then served a roasted turkey breast with stuffing and cranberry sauce. Pat and Russ McNulty prepared a classic green bean casserole with homemade sauce which was delicious. Lynn Palo and Carl Spotts brought a homemade pumpkin pie garnished with pecans.

Hosting our second dinner were Kathy and Luke Mullen. Glory and Bruce Herget provided beef and ham roll ups and spinach squares. Kathy and Luke then served a traditional Greek salad accompanied by hot dinner rolls with sauces. The main meal was beef stroganoff over buttered egg noodles. The accompanying side dish was glazed more information.

carrots. Georgiana and Joe Hilchey served a Boston crème pie for des-

Third dinner hosts were Diane and Dave McCarthy. Ann and Conrad Massa brought a sharp cheddar cheese ball with almonds and beef rollups containing cream cheese and horseradish. Diane and Dave then served a chicken dish baked in a sauce of creamy chicken soup, white wine, cheese and cranberries. They also served roasted red potatoes and a broccoli salad. Katie and Rick Kramer then served a key lime

Our fourth dinner hosts were Pat and Mike Felton. Anne and Carl Crutchfield brought shrimp ceviche and Mexican rollins. Pat and Mike then served the main dish. They had just returned from a trip to Mexico and they decided to recreate Mexican crepes with chicken and queso (aka cheese sauce) plus a multi-bean salad. They decorated these with items they brought back from their trip. Following the meal Fran and Ken Kerl then served a homemade strawberry shortcake.

Our club is currently looking for new couple members. If interested call Luke at (352) 304-8104 for



R/C LadyBirds

Caren Kowalsky

I hope you all had a wonderful time at our Valentine's Day party. Also, it appears our husbands and significant others enjoyed it as well.

Thanks to Millie Mobley for volunteering to bring the wonderful refreshments for our Friday, March 13 meeting.

The new directory will be sent out soon. Please be sure your dues have been paid.

On Friday, March 6, a group of LadyBirds traveled to Williston to visit the Two Tale Elephant Ranch. On this cool day, much information was gathered along with some ladies feeding an elephant and some riding an elephant. They

also watched an elephant paint for them. Afterward, they enjoyed a late lunch at The Ivy House. They had delicious fried green tomatoes. Thanks to Barbara Wright for setting up this wonderful trip, and to Lynn Harshbarger for her encouragement. Now on to our next great adventure.

We are in need of volunteers to set up luncheons for the months of May, June, July, August and September. Please volunteer.

Many R/C Flyers have located to On Top of the World. We welcome them and hope that their wives and significant others will join us at one of our monthly meetings, which take place from September to April in the Hobby Building Event Room on the second Friday of month. For further information contact Caren K. at (352) 291-1235 or allensky@ earthlink.net. Hope to hear from you soon.



Spring encourages each of us to step out of our ruts and try something new. Here's a new spin on an old favorite: pork chops!

#### **Deviled Pork Chops**

**CRUST:** Melt two tablespoons of butter in a frying pan, add 1/2cup of panko. Stir until evenly browned, remove from pan, sprinkle with salt, and set aside.

**PASTE:** 1/4 cup Dijon mustard, two teaspoons brown sugar, 1-1/2 teaspoons dry mustard, 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic, 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, one teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Mix together thoroughly.

Set a wire rack into a cookie sheet; spray both with a baking spray. (I also lined the cookie sheet with foil before spraying for an easier clean up).

Pat dry four thick-cut boneless

pork chops and set on wire rack. Spread one tablespoon of the paste on each chop, covering the top and sides only. Top the paste with two tablespoons of the browned panko. Spread evenly on top of each chop.

Place baking sheet into a 275 degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes (internal temperature about 140 degrees); allow to rest for 10 minutes before serving. Throw a sweet potato or a baker into the oven at the same time to help round out

STEWED APPLES: Quarter and peel three apples, cut into chunks and add to a saucepan. Sprinkle with cinnamon and ginger to taste; add raisins and diet Sprite (or water) to just cover the apples and simmer on the stove top until softened to your liking. When cooled, I also add some chopped walnuts for crunch and texture. Serve at room temperature with the pork chops, chicken, or ham.

This recipe is versatile. Use the paste and crust on chicken or use just the paste on ham; adjust the baking time for the meats according to their thickness and weight.



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Vendors and attendees at the Home Improvement Expo.

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Expo a Success

World News Writer

It was a Saturday morning at Circle Square Cultural Center and, as usual, the annual Home Improvement Expo drew a huge crowd.

Saturday, Feb. 22, the doors opened early and 45 vendors welcomed those who had been waiting patiently — some with a coffee in hand, others with the added treat of a doughnut. It was a day when visitors could get answers to just about anything having to do with upgrading, adding on, or just fixing something in their home or yard.

Vendors displayed their products, services and shared their expertise. Visitors asked questions dealing with anything from roofing to water heaters, windows, plumbing, lawn maintenance or driveway power washing — they were not disappointed. DIYers were there to get help with their own projects while others were interested in hiring a company to take a renovation project from beginning to end.

Theresa Fields, program manager for On Top of the World, expressed her pleasure with the show: "There's something here for anyone who is interested in improving their home or landscaping, whether it be a few minor changes or a major custom renovation. The Home Improvement Expo has been a yearly event now for about eight years and it is always well received by residents, as well as surrounding communities."



the World

Happy spring to all the women of our world! Our Fashion Show held last month was a huge success. We're hoping to have all the details of this event ready to share in our next column.

Friday, April 3, is our next meeting. The doors open at 12:35 p.m. with our meeting beginning at 12:45 p.m. Our membership with last names beginning with A-K will provide our luncheon. Be ready for some live entertain-

Our charity for this month is PACE Center for Girls. PACE provides academic education through individualized progress, monitoring plans and daily instruction taught by certified teachers. This is a non-residential school program and features emphasis on academics and social services for middle and high school aged girls. These girls pride themselves on

being spirited girls with the motto "PACE Girls Rock!" Part of the curriculum encourages the girls to express themselves through creative outlets such as art and poetry. Because these girls are spirited and creative girls, the center's wish list includes the following: Gel pens, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, art supplies and poetry supplies, fake eyelashes, full-sized and name brand hair products for all ethnicities, hoodies, hair bands, scarves and solid colored leggings (small and medium). Anything you think a young, lively and energetic young girl would en-

Please remember our regular monthly charities of Marion Senior Services and Operation Shoebox.

The last meeting for our club will be Friday, May 1. This will be our celebration of a great year. Members with the last names beginning with L-Z will bring the potluck dish to share. Our monthly charity will be the Marion County Fire Rescue, Friendship Station 21. We will be supplying "stuff the bus" items. Hope to see everyone in April!

cyber security by stressing that we should never click on a link from an unknown source.

Sheriff Woods is proud of his involvement with the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch. He stated that more than 156,000 lives have been changed since this program was instituted. We can help by patronizing and donating to their thrift store located in Steeplechase Plaza.

We will not be having a meeting in April because the Arbor Conference Center is already booked, so in the next issue I will give you information on our May event, which will be our last of this club year.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 873-8690.



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 Nancy Frank our newest board member, although she is just about to throw her PC out the window. Having been computer illiterate back in 2009 when she joined, she appreciated getting a lot of help along the way during our meetings. Her career spanned 40 years in nursing and use of the home computer then was for personal financial spreadsheets and household management.

Now Nancy enjoys using her iPad for emails, banking, games and reading books. About the only time she goes into the computer room is to work on genealogy. As a member of the Genealogical Society also, she previously spent six months helping them organize all their reference books and articles.

The iPad is now her most used item since it is especially easy to carry around in the home or when going to meetings. Her husband David got rid of his computer and spends his time only on his iPad.

One helpful tip Nancy had for both herself and other club members was to write down your meeting questions during the week. Do it right when something happens,

when you know what steps you took that didn't work, and help needed to find a solution. Often, we think we will remember, but often we don't. Seems like sitting in the meeting on Saturday, everyone might be quiet because they are perhaps trying to remember those burning questions they had last Tuesday!

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., five of the club members take part in the "Ask Arnold" help session for county residents at the Freedom Library.

On the first Saturday of the month, members are treated with coffee and donuts, 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 our members. Hope to see you on Saturday!

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#### **Southern Club**

**Melanie** Vittitow

The Southern Club March meeting was held last Friday, March 27, so I hope you found out and were able to attend. We were entertained by Crystal River, a musical group composed of fellow residents. As one of the founding members told me, "We play classic pop music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. We have an easygoing vocal and acoustic sound." If you missed it, I hope you get the chance to hear them at another venue because I really enjoyed their music.

Our meeting Friday, Feb. 28 was well attended with seven new members joining our club. As usual, our potluck meal had a wide variety of dishes supplied by our talented Southern cooks. I really enjoy sampling everyone else's dishes.

After dinner, we were happy to welcome Sheriff Billy Woods as our speaker. He gave us some insights into how the Marion County Sheriff's Office is run. You can learn more about this, too, because his office sponsors a course at Master the Possibilities. He spoke about security and stressed that even though we live in a relatively safe neighborhood, we should take steps to protect ourselves and our property. One easy way is to always lock our cars and do not leave articles in plain sight. He touched on





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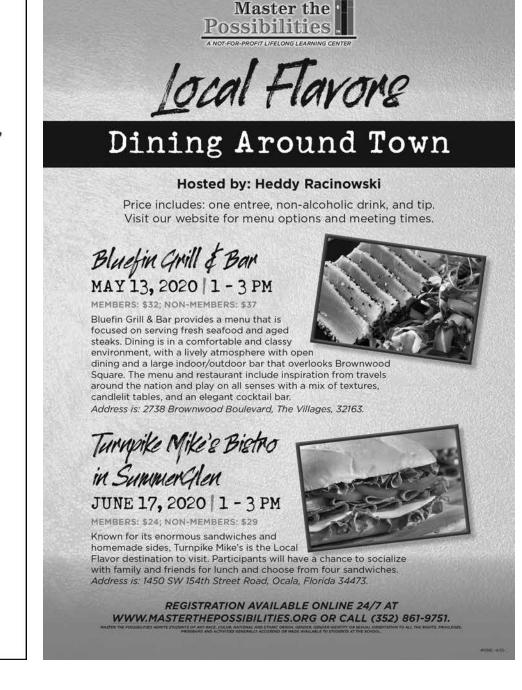
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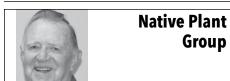
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It's time again to play "Where in the world are these plants growing?"

Ron Broman

So, where in On Top of the World are these shrubs growing? The trees above them we've already identified as live oaks; but where and what are the ones that have here been trimmed as a group of

Several months back, years in fact, our column showed they looked like one long hedge, so we know they "perform" well either

To add a bit more incentive to our game of "can you find me?" we thought "can you name me?" would be fun. So, as a bonus, once you've found the plant, you're invited to tell us its name, common and or

This evergreen shrub or small

tree, sometimes with several trunks, has dense foliage. Her leaves are very aromatic when crushed. Her small white flowers appear, often in great profusion, at this time of the year. Her fruits, small but conspicuous, are rounded, bluish, and waxv.

Early colonists gathered the berries which they used for a number of purposes, medicinal and other-

One of her common names includes the name of another common, nonnative tree grown throughout our area. If we say more. Your "job" would be too easy.

So, take a look around the community. These beauties are in plain sight and waiting patiently to be found, identified, and named.

The Native Plant Group is waiting for your company. To join us as we maintain the Belleview Library native garden; the SW 94th Street circle, and the newly renovated Longleaf Pine Trail and adjacent arboretum, give us a call at (352) 861-4560. It's rejuvenating to grow native!



Photo by Ron Broman

Some hedge fun.

**Birders' Beat** 

**Debbie** Sherer

The Birding Group will travel to Cedar Key, Florida, Thursday, April 23, for a bird walk at several spots in and around Cedar Key. Jim Shu-

provide each driver with written directions to all the Cedar Key stops including lunch. Jim will also provide his cell phone number in case anyone gets lost and cannot find the first stop.

The first stop will be about an hour away from On Top of the World at Cedar Key State Scrub Reserve where the beautiful Florida scrub jays can be seen. It is likely man will lead the walk and will that you will also see kingfishers

sitting on the overhead utility wires on Highway 24 that leads to the reserve.

The second stop is Shell Mound, which has excellent views of white pelicans, black skimmers, American avocets and numerous other shorebirds. Jim will have a spotting scope to share with birders who do not have one. Be sure to listen and look in the roadside areas for nelson, swamp and seaside sparrows. The local birders claim that they are there but require patience

The group will then travel to Cemetery Point Park via Highway 24. As we cross over bridge #4 keep a lookout for a beautiful bonanza of shorebirds featuring oystercatchers, roseate spoonbills, pelicans and, closer to the shore, an assortment of wading birds. Depending on time, Jim may decide to stop and park in an area across Highway 24. The park has a wealth of birding spots on land, and along the shoreline there are spots to see warblers and flycatchers in addition to wading birds and shore birds. Be sure to walk the boardwalk for a chance to see a frisky Wilson's snipe popping in and out of the reeds.

The group will then head into

Cedar Key to view the magnificent shoreline along the Gulf of Mexico and the numerous birds that inhabit the area. Cedar Key is a relaxed community located on Way Key, the largest island in the Cedar Keys. The Keys make up one of the oldest federally protected refuges in the United States for birds and wildlife. The Keys are ideally suited to a vast range of migratory birds and shorebirds. After Florida's first railroad connected the Keys to the east coast, the area became a major supplier of seafood and timber to the Northeast. Today it is a haven for artists, writers and birds.

The group will walk along the waterfront to enjoy the bird activity and then go into town for lunch at Tony's, famous for his clam chowder. 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 all of the stops in and around Cedar Key and Tony's Restaurant, our chosen lunch location for April 23.



Photo by Erik Sherer

#### Great horned owl.



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# Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

In commemoration of the opening of baseball season, with hats off to the Detroit Tigers, Michigan Club members are celebrating with their popular Coney Island Day picnic at the outdoor pavilion next to the baseball diamond. The time is 5 p.m., Sunday, April 5. Tickets are \$5 each and include the Coney Island style hot dogs, and all the trimmings. Bring your beer or favorite beverage, chips or cookies and

come hungry! Call Nancy Meininger for tickets at (352) 342-9757.

Many thanks to Phyllis Ricard, Clare and Paul Pardee and Elle Connolly for leading the club around the Blarney Stone with jokes and songs at our March St. Patrick's Day meeting. Many members joined in the wearing of the green with leprechaun hats and gear. Winners received gold wrapped coins and other chocolate goodies.

The Michigan Club welcomes members from all parts of Michigan and forgives those from Ohio State if they want to attend. Call Judy Wagnitz at (352) 509-7509 or Nancy Meininger for details at (352) 342-9757.



Photos by Kathy Becker

Michigan Club members, Paul and Clare Pardee, dressed for St. Patrick's Day.



Photo by Gail Morris

Prizes and fun at the blackjack table at Lions Club fundraiser.

#### **Lions Club**

#### **Gail** Morris

Our very first casino night is over, the poker tables, roulette wheel and craps tables have been dismantled and Casino Party USA dealers have left the premises. Casino night prizes have been won and distributed and it was a success. Thank you to all who participated and helped our club with our fundraising for the community charities the Lions support. The club contributes to the Conklin Center for the Blind, Florida Hearing Aid Bank, ROTC scholarship, Vets Helping Vets, Marion County backpack program, Episcopal Children's Services and more. To those who were kind enough to share their experience, thank you. The positive response helps us to determine if the event is something to repeat.

Our meeting in February had more visitors to our club and a new member. Thank you to Lion Estelle, membership chair, for her continued efforts. We completed our plans for our casino night and formed committees for Lions Club planning and the Memorial Day ceremony in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The nomination committee presented the list of members willing to accept positions in the coming year and asked members for other candidates to add to the slate of officers. The nominating committee will be busy until April when the club will elect its officers for the year.

The Lions meet on 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 information about our club.

#### **Scandinavian American Club**

#### **Ginny** Nardone

Club members had fun in February when we played "name the baby." Photographs of club members as a baby or young child were displayed and then the fun began as we tried to match current club members with their photograph. Norm Halvorsen and Joyce Olsen were the big winners for the afternoon, identifying 45% and 33% correctly. The game turned out to

be much more difficult than we expected, but the exercise gave us an opportunity to interact and to get to know each other better.

The next club meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 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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# **Put a Beat to Your Feet**

By Bob Woods World News Writer

Put a beat to your feet, a smile to your face and you will have friendship set to music. This is the theme used by the New Circle Squares Dance Club. The club is the oldest in our community but like any other club or organization there was a break in its continuity but was reestablished three years ago.

According to the club's president, Dotty Huston, the New Circle Squares Dance Club has approximately 80 members and meets twice monthly at the Arbor Conference Center. The club also hosts a general dance three times a year at the Recreation Center Ballroom where numerous other square

Where the fun never ends!

dance clubs from the area are in- of exercise and socialization. Tovited to attend. New members are always welcome.

The club has, in writing, the 10 commandants of square dancing and number 10 states, "Thou should not forget thou was once a beginner."

Most people growing up in school had to take square dancing in one of their gym classes learning to allemande left and right or "do-si-do." There are a few reasons for this, and the main reason is that square dancing is an excellent form

day, there are 28 out of 50 states, not including Florida, that have declared square dancing as the state's official dance.

Square dance arrived in the United States during the 19th century gaining popularity during the middle of the 20th century. The dance required a "caller" who controlled the flow of the dance by calling out the next set of moves for the dancers in a square such as "promenade," "allemande," and the famous "do-si-do."

Square dance traces back to several European countries such as England around 1600 and other folk dances from Scotland, France, Spain and Scandinavia. When the Europeans started settling in England's 13 North American colonies, they brought both folk and other popular dance traditions with them.

As America grew many younger people stopped the social dances. By the late 19th century, dances like the waltzes and polkas raised eyebrows as couples started getting too close, which gave way to dances such as the square dance.

Square dance is here to stay and is just what it implies. It is a dance consisting of four couples arranged in a square with one couple on each side facing each other towards the middle.

Never square danced before? Need a refresher course? Just call Dotty Huston at (352) 502-6789 for times and dates the club meets. You might want to attend one of their meetings as a spectator in which they practice dances or just to see what the club is all about.



Photo by Bob Woods

New Circle Squares dance at the Recreation Center Ballroom.

# Just Play

By Tom Sheridan

I just figured it out: I'm a lot like a 10-year-old car. So are lots of my softball teammates. We've got our share of dents and dings. Some of our parts are wearing out. Some of the upholstery is threadbare. A few of my systems leak a bit too. Worst of all, my warranty's expired.

With care, maintenance and a ttle TLC I can probably chug along with another 50,000 miles.

But let's face it. I'm a clunker.

It's not all that bad. I can still play softball. And that's a good thing. We all get to act like 11-yearolds a couple of times a week.

I can run the bases – a lot slower than I'd like - chase down fly balls and even manage to hit one over the outfielder's head now and then. And I'm not all that different than a lot - perhaps most - of the players in On Top of the World's six-team intramural league.

I've even still got all of the manufacturer's original equipment, unlike any number of my teammates. Knee, shoulder, hip and other replacements aren't uncommon. Stents and other repairs are the

rule, rather than the exception, too. What's the point of this litany of physical ailments and conditions? It's that no matter what shape you're in you can still revive that childhood spirit on the ballfield. Senior softball is a great sport. It provides great competition, great camaraderie and great opportunity for exercise. And there's a place on

the field for just about everyone. Even if you think you're too old or out of shape.

League games are held Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 8:30 a.m. During the winter/spring season there are three games a day. There are two games a day during the summer season.

The league is always accepting new players. Practices are Thursday mornings. Bring that tired old body down for a recharge. You'll think you're 11 again. Best of all:

During February the Softball Club sponsored a weekend challenge match between our players and a visiting squad from Fort Myers. Each side won two games, and both celebrated with a picnic at the Pavilion. The weekend was organized by Rick Bourquin.

On Top of the World does a great job taking care of the field and for our players, the club also works to improve things. The club recently replaced the batters' box and a screen to protect pitchers.

Teams continue to jockey for position in the standings as the season moves toward a mid-May close. At press time, manager Dave Clune's Downtown Chiropractic team was pulling away from the rest of the league with Rick Bourquin's STM Golf Cart and Ron Hamel's Hilton Automotive squads in a race for second place. Jim Russo's Ford Lincoln of Ocala players and Neal Davis' Fletcher Plumbing team are next slot in the standings while Tom Sheridan's Bridlewood Dentistry players languish in the basement.



Photo by Bill Ballweg

Cornhole league mixed doubles winter season champions -Bill and Robin Ballweg.

# **Cornhole – Join the** Fun

By Jim Russell and Bill Ballweg

popular cornhole picnic that took place in March will be covered in the May column.

As of this writing, we still have no date for our move to the new Veterans Park location so play will continue at the current cornhole/ horseshoe complex until further

With the time change that occurred Sunday, March 8, we are now switched over to our summer hours of play which means we're playing on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. The Friday morning play in the summer is something new we are trying out to see if it's popular. Several folks asked if we could try it with the idea it may be cooler during the summer to play in the morning rather than at 6 p.m. on Thursdays, which is what we've done in the past. So, we'll await feedback before we decide to make this a permanent change.

Come out and join in the fun! Need more information, contact Jim Russell, open play facilitator, at jimrussell44@outlook.com or (352) 861-6355.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** While the men's league still has a week to go the final outcome is not in question as

OPEN PLAY: Details of our ever The Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) will again finish first and retain the championship for the third consecutive season. The Dirt Bags (Rick Dikeman and Dwight Weirich) and trying to hold off The Hoosiers and The Young Guys (a team whose perception of the word "young" is unusual at best).

All is quiet on the mixed league cornhole competition after a shootout for the championship. When the smoke cleared the only team standing was The Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg) who held off the No-Names (Lynn Dickson and Bob Helf) by winning the last game of the season.

The winter season featured some new teams who challenged the established teams and who will certainly be reckoned with in the future. It was a fun season, extremely competitive and enjoyed by all the players.

The spring season began Wednesday, March 25 and we'll be bringing you results from those matches in our May column.

If you are interested in playing in future league events, contact Bill Ballweg, league facilitator, at waballweg@yahoo.com or (404) 207-



Photo by Tom Sheridan Pete Feliciano sweeps sand from the new batter's box.



Bobbie Wiener shot her eighth hole-in-one Monday, March 9. She used her 11 wood to hit about 130 yards with a bit of wind on hole #11 on The Tortoise & The Hare as golf partners Betty McNeeley and Dee Howie cheered her on.

"I couldn't see it at all. The girls told me it was a picture-perfect hole-in-one," said Bobbie, who consistently shoots in the low- to mid-

About 90 women played in the Tuesday, March 10 member-guest tournament. A big thank you to Jo DellaPenna and her committee of Geri Treppa, Peggy Ellenberger and Jill Strey for the wonderful luncheon. A total of \$258 from raffles was raised for Marion County Senior Services.

Welcome to new members! Linda Ryan moved here from Orlando three months ago and has been golfing 25 years with a handicap of 33.4. Liz Pruss moved here two and a half years ago from Atlanta and has been golfing two years with a handicap of 29.

Best Ball of Two, Net

Feb. 11/The Tortoise & The Hare Flight 1: Tie at 67-Diane Boston, Robbie Limoges, Shelly Karsnitz, Linda Taylor. 69-Linda Kitz, Betty McNeeley. 69-VaDonna Hall, Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 70-Deborah Martin, Gail Lagrange; Mary Jeannotte, Yuhlan Cho.

Flight 2: 63-Judy Graham, Marlena Laclair. 66-MJ Strelec, Lynn Barber.



Photo by Betty McNeeley **Bobbie Wiener had her** eighth hole-in-one March 9.

67-Peggy Borrow, Angelita Jingco. 68-Lynne Dickson, Joanna Del-IaPenna. Tie at 69-Jill Strey, Pam Jones; Mary Burns, Bonnie Bunce. Flight 3: 63-Sandy Chase, Linda Bervinkle. Tie at 65-Vickie Noltensmeyer, Janis Hannasch; Lilly Gee, Liz Pruss. 68-Joy Benson, Susan Yenne; 69-Milly Lucieer, Terry Wilks.

#### Three, Two, One - Team Net Feb. 18/The Links

129-Deborah Martin, Judy Graham, Sharon Johnson, Antonia Varney. Tie at 133-Gail Lagrange, Connie Norris, Marlena Laclair, Sandra Dechambeau; Mary Ann Livingston, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Virginia Madura, Joan Gerbo. 134-Lynne Dickson, Christine McIntire, Pat Lindstrom, Linda Bervinkle. Tie at 135-VaDonna Hall, Bobbie Wiener, Sandy Chase, Maureen Gingrass: Linda Taylor, Betty McNeeley, Donna Brunell, Terry Wilks; Becky Welsh, Debby Wilson, Nancy Zielinski.

Ace's Wild, Individual Net Feb. 25/The Tortoise & The Hare Flight 1: 61-VaDonna Hall. 62-Beverly Ovrebo. 66-Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 68-Linda Taylor, Jill Strey. Flight 2: 62-Marlena Laclair. 66-Joy Benson. 68-Peggy Borro. 71-Linda Blewitt. 73–Peggy Ellenberger.

Flight 3: 59-Debby Wilson. 65-Rosann Ross. 66-Nancy Zielinski. 67-Sandy Chase. Tie at 68-Lilly Gee, Iro Lisinski.

Flight 4: 68-Liz Pruss. 71-Mauren Gingrass. 73-Kathy Zunica. Tie at 76-Carla Kimball, Mary Driver, Lin-

#### Low Gross, Low Net March 3/The Tortoise & The Hare Gross

Flight 1: 77-Deborah Martin. 83-Linda Kitz. 85-Shelly Karsnitz. Flight 2: Tie at 90-Christine McIntire, Bobbie Wiener. 91-Jill Strey. Flight 3: 88–Virginia Madura. 94–Angelita Jingco. 95-Katie Schriewer. Flight 4: 98-Laurel Rohrer. 100-Liz Pruss. 101-Lilly Gee.

Flight 1: Tie at 75-Diane Boston, Gretchen Normandin, Becky Welsh. 77-MJ Strelec.

Flight 2: Tie at 74-Joy Benson, Linda Blewitt, Debby Wilson. Tie at 77-Robbie Limoges, Judy Graham, Connie Sohl.

Flight 3: Tie at 74-Peggy Ellenberger, Sandy Chase. Tie at 76-Janis Hannasch, Sharon Johnson. Flight 4: 73-Sue Fierce, 75-Geri Treppa. Tie at 78-Lynn Barber, Ellen

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#### **CARDS & GAMES**:



#### **Monday Afternoon Bridge**

#### **Shirley** Stolly & **Carol** Johnson

#### Feb. 3

1: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 2: Barb Heller & Stolly & Carol Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown; 4: Linda & Bill Ryan; 5: Pat & Debbie Quinn.

#### Feb. 10

1: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 2: Betty Morris & Bev M.; 3: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 5: Gayle Taylor & Marge Starrett.

#### Feb. 17

1: Carol Johnson & Pat Golgart; 2: Linda & Bill Ryan; 3: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Dave Cummings & Dan Hall; 5: Rad D. & Bernie Kelly.

#### Feb. 24

1: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 2: Mike Meirick & Linda Yuen; 3: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 4: Caryl Rosenberger & Sophie Redman; 5: Phyllis & Herb Silverman; Cons: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown.

#### Tuesday Night Duplicate Bridge

#### Marie Fiorillo

#### Feb. 4

North/South 1: Caryl Rosenberger & Jack Heller; 2: Patsy & Paul Claremont; 3: Paul Pinter & Sharon Davis.

East/West 1: Gayle Taylor & Betty Devoy; 2: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 3: Bob Durst & Paul Reidinger.

#### Feb. 11

North/South 1: Linda & Paul Ryan; 2: Paul Pinter & Sharon Davis; 3: Andrew & Darlene Fiel. East/West 1: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 2: Bettirae Woodruff & Betty Devoy; 3: Patsy & Paul Claremont.

#### Feb. 25

North/South 1: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbie Trebilcock; 3: Linda & Paul Ryan.

Linda Yuen & East/West 1: Bettirae Woodruff; 2: Peg Borro & Sharon Miller; 3: Betty Devoy & Rita Smyth.

#### **Wednesday Afternoon Bridge**

#### **Dianne** Robinso

#### Feb. 5

1: Joe McKeown; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Pat Quinn; Cons: Donna McMurray.

#### Feb. 12

1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Mar Valchin; 3: Marian Hotz; 4: Linda Yuen; Cons: Will Revering

#### Feb. 19

1: Craig Ford; 2: Gayle Taylor; 3: Maureen O'Brien; Tie at 4: Rad Delaroderie & Joe O'Brien; 5: Bill Searight; Cons: Julia Revering

#### Feb. 26

1: Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Bernie Kelly; 4: Joyce Walchak; 5: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Julian Revering.

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#### Marlene Floeckher

Thursday Afternoon Bridge

#### Feb. 6

1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Pat Golgart; 3: Joanne Wagner; Tie at 4: Pat Quinn & Betty Morris; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

#### Feb. 13

1: Bill Searight; 2: Linda Yuen; 3: Joe McKeown; 4: Dianne Robinson: Cons: Mike Meirick.

Feb. 20 1: Shirley Stolley; 2: Dianne Robinson; Tie at 3: Linda Yuen & Bill Searight; 4: Silverman; Cons: Mike Meirick.

Feb. 27 1: Pat Quinn; 2: Rad Delaroderie; 3: Bill Searight; 4: Pat Golgart; Cons: Mike Meirick.

#### Thursday Night Bridge

#### Jeff & Pam Bell

We meet every Thursday at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. The cost to play is \$0.25 per person. All levels are welcome. No partner is needed.

#### Feb. 13

1: Marlyn Valchin; 2: Sara Anderson; 3: Lucy Molloy.

#### Feb. 20

1: Sara Anderson; 2: Cheryl Crytzer; 3: Paul Reidinger.

#### Feb. 27

1: Brent Powell; 2: Paul Reidinger; 3: Mary Bloch.

#### March 5

1: Cheryl Crytzer; 2: Vahid Salehi;

3: Margie Plauny.

#### Monday Night Euchre

#### **Bob** Bicknell

#### Feb. 17

1: Dick Bartel; Tie at 2: Mary Bicknell & Jo Swing.

#### Feb. 24

1: Dick Bartel; Tie at 2: Mike Gerbo & Jerry Mills.

1: Henry Vieu; 2: Larry Remer; Tie at 3: Bob Bicknell, Dick Bartel & Jim Stecker, Paul Schaefer.

#### March 9

1: Larry Remer; 2: Bob Bicknell; 3: Phyllis Wall.

#### **Friday Night Euchre**

#### **Bob** Bicknell

1: Jean Gillette, Joan Sigafoos; 2: Mary Bicknell; 3: Carol. Feb. 21

Feb. 14

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Mary Bicknell; 3: Judy Day. Feb. 28

1: Nancy Kowsky; Tie at 2: Mary Bicknell, Larry Remer & Dick Bartel.

#### March 6

1: Larry Remer; 2: Nancy Kowsky; 3: Walter Hickenlooper.

#### **Tuesday Night Pinochle**

#### Herb Katz

#### Feb. 4

1: Jim Recor; 2: Herb Katz; 3: Joe Anton.

#### Feb. 11

1: Whitney Frye; 2: Bob Hoerr; 3: Rick Carroll.

#### Feb. 18

1: Whitney Frye; 2: Dan Ebbighausen; 3: Jenny Magoon. Feb. 25

#### 1: Edith Kolb; 2: Ed Casper; 3: Evelyn Ebbighausen.

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: James Tomaszek; 3: Jim Magoon

#### March 10

1: Edith Kolb; 2: Walter Hickenlooper & Whitney Frye; 3: Judy Day

#### **Friday Morning Pinochle**

#### Mary Hannon

#### March 6 1: Herb Katz; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Terri Nash.

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son and Michael Meirick. **Team Blind Holes** (with Candler Hills)

March 11/The Tortoise & The Hare 148-Joe Polizzotti, Gary Hassett, Dan Goggin and Jean Proulx. 154-George Allen, Jim Napierski, Rex Heitz and Jerry Nagel. Tie at 158-Jerry Englar, Mike Wathen, Paul Silliman and William York; John Langville, Jim Lefaver, Mike Benes and John Sutherland; John English, Paul Stoecklin, Gene Cardarelli and Tom Cummings; Charlie Taylor, Bruce Venslavsky, Rusty Zarrell and Norman Schulze. Tie at 159-Larry Manion, Dan Szall, Ralph Solvold and Bob Gee; Charlie Taylor, Alan Varney, Bill Dobbins and Michael Meirick. 161-Roy Coombes, Frank Smith, Joe Wong and Charles Miele. 162-Charles Crenshaw, John Snyder, Joseph Szall and Vince Dellapenta.

#### **Chicken Day Scramble** March 4 / The Links

Tortoise & The Hare Flight: Tie at

61-Larry Manion, Gary Hassett, Fred Strelec and Norman Schulze; Jerry Englar, John English and Bob Egger. Tie at 62-Don McCrimmon, Henry Sohl, Daniel Gill and Carl Giddings; Paul Stoecklin, Dan Goggin, Guy Wathen and Kenneth Garrigan. Tie at 63-Anthony Morris, Carl Singleton, Rex Heitz and Leonard Ruble; Brian Andrew, Tom Fragapane, David Hannasch and Bill Wiechmann. 64-Larry Cordill, George Blankenship, Carl Zeiler and Larry Chase. Tie at 65-Joe Polizzotti, Terry Hubbartt, Ricki Plesea and Michael Gerbo; Bob Mondore, John Spielvogel, Paul Snyder and Norm Hayworth; Charles Lundberg, Dan Szall, David Johnson and Tom Cummings.

The Links Flight: 57-Larry Gibson, Dale Budd, Ralph Solvold and John Moses. 61-Charles Crenshaw, Howard Atherton, Steven Rudolph and David Stafford. Tie at 62-Rusty Rhodes, Steven Thesman, David Schaefer and Vince Dellapenta; Ron Madison, Rusty Zarrell, Tom McHaffie and Lance Davsko. Tie at 63-Marty Brown, Dale Clarke, Paul Wade and Bob Gorman; Brad Weirick, Roy Coombes, Jim Weaver and Tony Loureiro; Paul East, Ron Delaney, Greg Chaump and William York; Rick Schriewer, Jim Napierski, Jim Lefaver and Charles Miele. 64-John Hudacik, John Parnau, Bob Janssen and Jim Harvey.



#### **Mexican Train Chicken Foot**

Barbara & David Lee

All bunny express trains should arrive in the Hobby Building Art Room before 6:45 p.m. and be ready to play by 7 p.m. Last game called to finish before 9:30 p.m.

Are you interested in playing Mexican Train Chicken Foot? If so, come join our group any Monday evening. First timers, we show you how to play our version. We have both number sets and dot sets from 12 to zero. We try to finish hitting each station each week but most of the tables don't make it to the zero-destination station.

Come meet new friends from all over the community and have a great time. The cost is one quar-

ter to enter the train table stations, high score gets back their quarter, winner low score gets the dollar and a quarter if six people are at your table. We try to play six to a table, however sometimes this number changes due to how many players are playing on that night.

Everyone must bring their resident ID and must enter on the side of the building down from the library. We have a big group so don't be alarmed if you see a crowd upon entering the room. My husband and I will make you feel at home, and maybe you will see some folks you already know?

The object is to play all your dominos on your train, the table train, or on other player's trains if the train is in the station. Playing a double domino creates a "chicken foot" where three players must play a matching number.

Please note that we will not play Monday, May 25.





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## Ladies 9-Hole Golf

**Russ** Smith

# Please note all scheduled events are subject to change! As we move into the month of

As we move into the month of April, the LGA-9 schedule will be on the following Tuesdays:

- April 7: Team Two Best Ball Net - play your own ball in each hole and the team score is based on the two best net scores for each hole.
- April 14: Criers an individual game where you play your normal round of golf and at the end you pick your worst hole based on score to drop from your total score.
- April 21: Team Modified Scramble everyone tees off, you pick the best drive and everyone plays from there. You repeat this process until the ball is holed.
- April 28: Low Net you play your own ball and your handicap will be deducted from your total score.

We have one special event coming up this month, Animal Golf, which will be played on The Tortoise & The Hare Saturday, April 18. This is a 9 a.m shotgun and you can make your own foursome.

As we move into warmer weath-

er it's imperative that we keep pace of play on our minds. A great way to beat the heat is to implement ready golf into your routine every time you tee it up. This is the best way to keep up the pace and will make the day more enjoyable for not only your group but the other groups around you.

A new rule change this year that will also help pick up the pace is rule 7.1, which has to do with how to fairly search for your ball. You now have three minutes to stop and look for your ball and then you must continue on with play. Another great time saver is to play a provisional ball whenever you hit a shot that might be in trouble. Example: hitting a tee shot close to the out of bounds, it will save you a lot of time to hit a provisional ball while on the tee area and then go look for your first ball. If it turns out that it is out of bounds, then you can go to your second ball and continue play rather than having to go back to the tee area in a rush to try hit your next shot.

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



Nancy Grabowski

You're invited: super bingo! Wednesday, April 15, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. There are a few reminders because it is such a special night. First, you must have your resident ID card; no exceptions and no guests. Our checkers will enforce this so please don't hassle them when you're asked for yours ... even the volunteers have to show an ID card.

There will be a 70/30 raffle; those tickets will be sold from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The winners will be drawn beginning at 5:45 p.m. Each winning ticket garners \$20 for the lucky holder!

Playing cards will be sold from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Cards are sold in multiples of three; each multiple costs \$5 and there is no limit on how many one can play. However, the multiples cannot be shared ... each player must have a white ticket on the table showing the card purchase to claim a prize. Sixteen of the games will have a purse of \$75 each; four jackpot games will have a purse of \$250 each.

The turnout for super bingo is always bigger than usual. People arrive early to get a good seat which is no problem. However, each person can only save one seat other than his/her own. Our volunteers who will be busy throughout the

evening will have seats marked for them so please don't remove the signs. Also, do not tip the chairs to indicate they are saved. This is a safety hazard we wish to avoid.

Crowd noise is unavoidable. However, we do ask that you make an effort to keep the loud talking down. Another request is that cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate for the duration of the session. Again, since it will be noisy, practice shouting "bingo!" so you can be heard when you win! If you have trouble with volume, ask your neighbors to help out; we don't want anyone to be overlooked any time we play.

The Pub will be open for business as usual. Orders can be placed for "take-out" too if you would rather eat at your table. Florida state law prohibits any consumption of alcohol, beer, or wine on the playing floor. Those drinks must be consumed in The Pub or on the patio. Water is provided by The Pub for our players; the table is set up near the stage ramp. Another safety issue: if you spill some water, please wipe it up or get some help to do it so no one slips or falls.

One more safety tip to hammer home, when you exit the building, please use the sidewalks rather than walk in the roadways; use the handrails on the outdoor stairways; be aware of traffic as you maneuver through the crowded areas. We hope you'll be there for this fun night and perhaps go home a big winner!

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Please join us for the next Everyone Wins fun night Sunday, April 19, at 6 p.m. We meet in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Please try to arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. for snacks and a social time before we start! This will be our last one until we start up

again in October!

We had a great time in March celebrating St. Patrick's Day - we even had a visit from a leprechaun! We do different things each month, Name That Tune, What's My Line, charades or anything fun that I come up with! We start with snacks that you may like to bring to share, I provide water and soda. The cost is \$5, which should be brought as five \$1 bills. You will win money - everyone wins! All are welcome, couples and singles - we will be happy to see you!

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Golf

#### Please note all scheduled events are subject to change!

April has finally arrived, which means it's time for The Masters. Who will win the year's first major championship? I would like to provide everyone with the On Top of the World golf professional's picks: Matt Hibbs - Bryson DeChambeau; Denise Mullen - Xander Schauffele: Russ Smith - Brooks Koepka; CJ Kelly – Justin Thomas; and Adam Clewis – Justin Thomas. Stop by the Golf Shop and let us know who you think will win this year's Masters.

The 2020 Ocala Open was our best event to date benefitting over \$70,000 split between Hospice of

Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. Special thanks go out to all of our wonderful sponsors, volunteers and staff for making this a spectacular event.

This month the Candler Hills Men's Golf Association will host the annual men's Ryder Cup. The event will be held Tuesday, April 7, on Candler Hills and Wednesday, April 8, on The Links. Both days will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Good luck to both teams.

Ladies make sure you are on the lookout for the inaugural ladies World Cup being play Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2. The event will cost \$35, which will include a pairings party with hors d'oeuvres and drinks being served Monday, April 27 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. This year's event will include four of the On Top of the World golf professionals. Please check the Young, shot 72 six strokes under Golf Shops for more details.

Make sure you subscribe to our OTOW Golf YouTube channel. You will get the latest updates on events, golf tips, special merchandise and much more.

#### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, April 7 & Thursday, April 8: Men's Ryder Cup.
- Saturday, April 18: Animal Golf Monthly Event at The Tortoise & The Hare.
- Friday, April 24: Par Three Challenge at Candler Hills.

#### **World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** James Marley, eagle #15. Marcie Hock, chip in. Donna Smith, eagle #7.

THE LINKS: Bob Mondore, shot his age 76. Ron Delaney, double eagle #3.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Bill

his age. Dennis McNeeley, hole-inone #15. Bobby Wiener, hole-in-one #11.

#### Golf Tip of the Month

Do you ever step up to a shot thinking about all the negative outcomes that can unfold? Then you hit the shot only to dump it in the greenside bunker. This is a big mental problem for a lot of golfers, even the tour players.

The most important thing you can do mentally is give yourself the best chance at success. Instead of thinking about all the negative outcomes focus your attention on what you want to happen. Think about the positive outcomes of the shot and be confident in your approach.

As quoted by the great Bobby Jones, "Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course, the distance between your ears.'



**Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf** 

**Denise** Mullen

Are you ladies doing your part in keeping our courses in the best possible condition when you play? Golfers play a large part in determining the condition of the golf course.

Everyone should practice good golf to make your play even more enjoyable and to assist in our golf courses being in tip-top shape.

Ways to accomplish this are to always repair ball marks on the green. If a ball mark goes unrepaired it could take up to three weeks to heal, while a properly repaired ball mark will heal in three to four days.

The five second fix is to use a pronged ball mark repair tool. We offer complimentary ones in each of our Golf Shops. A tee could also be used if you forgot to get a repair

Insert the tool or tee at the edges of the mark, not the middle. Bring the edges together, but don't lift the center. Be careful not to tear the grass. Smooth the surface with a club or your foot. A clean repair will show a surface that is smooth enough to putt over.

By now I am sure you have seen the new attachment we have added to all the flagsticks. Now that the USGA Rules of Golf allow the flagstick to remain in the hole while you putt without any penalty, we added these to facilitate your retrieval of the golf ball. We suggest that you remove the flag carefully straight up so that the ball comes up out of the hole easily and minimal damage is made to the cup edges and the quality of the surface around the cup.

Should you attempt to remove the ball by hand with the flagstick still in place, please do so with caution to not damage the edges of the cup in the process.

We always want to leave the golf course in better condition than we

Due to COVID-19, we are not certain when we will be open to resume your play day. In the meantime, we hope for the best for everyone and we will look forward to having you all join in the fun once we are safe to resume.

Please feel free to contact me at denise\_mullen@otowfl.com or (352) 861-9712 with any and all concerns or questions you may

**Candler Hills** Men's Golf

**Terry** Hoppes

We welcomed new members Paul Sepulveda, David Fritz, Ed Buton and Terry Sigler.

#### Low Net Feb.11

Flight 1: -4-Louis Quellet, -2-Terry Hoppes, E-Jon Hill, +2-Bill Wignall and David Clune, +3-Rick Brown and Joe Schuberth.

Flight 2: -4-Bill White, -2-Anthony Morris, +1 -Paul Rubly and Virgil Jajalla, +2-Robert Hutson, Charlie Taylor and David Miller

Flight 3: -3-Ken Zweiback, E-Rusty Zarrell, +1-Michael Cunningham, +2-Dale Budd, +3-Larry Garvin, +4-Richard Ross and Joe Wong Flight 4: -1–Edwin Viloria, +2–Sam Fox,+3-Mark Monk and Marvin Brooks, +6-Richard Freeman, Rob-

#### ert Dellapenna and David Green Individual Stableford

Feb. 18 Flight 1: 37-Rick Brown, 35-Paul Kupsco, Everett Kimball

Flight 2: 42-Billy Schlop, 39-Larry Smallwood, 36-Bill White, 35-Virgil

Flight 3: 43-Dennis McCourt, 42-Doug Dahlen, 39-Dale Budd, 38-Mike Altomare

Flight 4: 39-Robert Dellapenna, 34-Danny Ball, Mark Monk, Paul Silli-

#### 1 Best Ball of 2 Feb.25

A/B Flight: -10-David Miller and Joe Schubert, -9-Gene Moff, Bill Wignall and Charlie Taylor, -7-Virgell Jajalla and Tom Presnick

C/D Flight: -10-Hal Lavine and Joe Wong, -9-Danny Ball and David Vermilya, -8-Gilbert Green and Chris Lyndriup, -7-Dough Dahlen and Robert Dellapenna, Andrew Bulloch and Mark Monk

#### Red, White and Blue Scramble March 3

-17-Lonnie Page, Marty Brown and Michael Cunningham. -16-Joe Schuberth, Charlie Taylor, Hal Levine and Paul Silliman; Thomas Lowe, Mori Fierce, Joe Jingco and Philip Moherek. -15-Al Wassmer, Tichard Ross, Steven Sarkozy and Edwin Viloria; Roger Karsnitz, Anthony Morris, James Marley and David Green.

Special congratulations to Bill Locke and Joe Schuberth who both shot their ages!

#### CURBSIDE LANDSCAPE DEBRIS PICK-UP SCHEDULE

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Call of the Wild Sports Club, often referred to as the fishing club, is much more than that for a number of reasons. Although most of us do still like the feel of an angry red fish or big bass on the end of the line, walking quietly through Florida's beautiful woods in search of a nice buck, wild turkey of even a wild boar, still gets our old tickers ticking away, in a good way.

For example, by the time this column prints, we will be right in the middle of Florida's spring gobbler season. Hopefully I will have some photos to share next month, and if the idea that even a blind squirrel finds an acorn every now and then is true, maybe one of mine. Stay tuned.

And then there is the fishing. With the bass and crappie just coming off their spawn, and the sea trout moving back into the shallow grass flats, catch totals are finally beginning to pick up. In addition, we are setting up more flats fishing charters for our members with a local captain.

Our third annual fish fry is in just a couple weeks, and many more events are planned for the future. However, the best part of who we are is just getting together and sharing our past outdoor stories and helping each other and northern transplants like me learn how



Photo by Andy Norris

If you want to know where to go grouper fishing, just ask these guys: John Raparelli, Kurt Caple, Steve Gerdes and Bob Papirner. Great day on the water with a local captain.

to do things down here in Florida. every month from noon to 2 p.m. please don't hesitate to contact me in the Hobby Building Event Room.

Anyone is welcome to join us. If We meet the first Wednesday of you would like more information, directly at (352) 300-3601.



#### Archery Club

Leslie McCormick

We have exciting news! Hopefully, by the time you are reading this column, we will have finally opened the archery range, initially to club members only. Range open shooting dates and times have been emailed to all members and posted on the website as well as on the range bulletin board. Plans are in the works for an official "grand opening" for the community in late April or May, as circumstances al-

At present count the club is 98 members strong and growing every month! Over the last 18 months, all our members have looked forward to having an operational range at which to shoot and enjoy the sport of target archery. Now, that wish has come true, thanks to the commitment by On Top of the World and one other individual. We would not have a range today without the club's founder and former presi-

dent, Frank Tarentino. He worked tirelessly and extremely closely with On Top of the World management to bring his vision of an archery range here to our community and make it a reality. We cannot thank Frank enough for all his leadership, dedication, perseverance and hard work. Now, he can relax, have fun and enjoy the range as the rest of us club members plan to do.

In preparation for our range opening, our members have been very busy. Eleven members completed their safety training and now comprise the safety committee under Leo McCormick, director of safety and training. Also, on Saturday, March 14, Leo and Fred Penichet attended an advanced seminar, "Fundamentals of the National Training System (NTS)." The pro shop and range operations committees have been gearing up under the directorship of Bill Millican. We hope to begin forming Nominations will remain open until leagues under the direction of Jerry 15 days before the election date. Hoppe, our new director of range events. Also, Bob Foster has volunteered to be our club photographer and we look forward to seeing our club pictures posted on the pro

shop bulletin board.

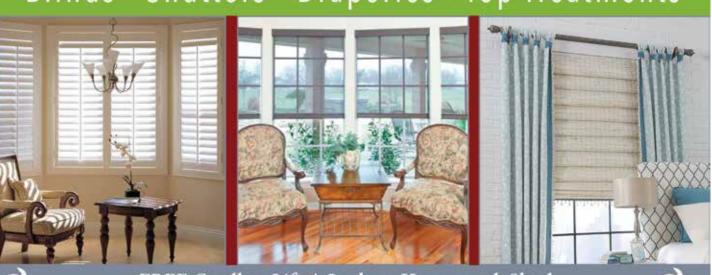
Twelve of our beginning archers ventured to the Easton-Newberry indoor range for an archery class on March 10th. They are now ready to head to our range and test out their new skills! We have enjoyed our trips to Easton-Newberry and the lunches at our favorite restaurant in High Springs, but we are excited to finally start using our own

Our membership is truly a mix of experienced and brand-new archers, male and female, and we welcome anyone who may be interested in the sport of target archery. Club meetings are normally held the first Tuesday of each month, at 1 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Large Card Room. The meeting for April has been cancelled. Our elections for club president, vice president, secretary and treasurer have been postponed as well. Questions on the election process can be directed to Bob Papirner at rpapirner@aol.com or Leslie Mc-Cormick at llmccorm74@aol.com.

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This is how we roll! Open bocce is played 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 now played on 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 best of bocce will be held on the following dates at 9 a.m.: League will play Tuesday, April 28 and open will play Thursday, April

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. Once a final count of attendees is determined, the caterer details will be posted on the bocce court bulletin board. Please make sure that you have signed up if you plan to attend. Sign-up sheets for the banquet will be distributed during play times for both league and open bocce.

All are welcome to watch, learn or play. For further information, please contact Terry Connolly, president, Bocce Club at (352) 362-7284. Until we roll again ...



**R/C Flyers** 

John Workman

Well, things can change in a heartbeat. Just days after my last column we hit a hiccup and the flying field was shut down for improvements and is not scheduled to reopen until after this writing ... and before it is to be printed. Hopefully by the time you read this we will be back in business with an improved pit area and revised pilot stations. Thanks go to the On Top of the World staff for recognizing the needs and responding.

The previously announced picnic was set up to take place as scheduled, whether at the field or in the pavilion next to the horseshoe pits. The R/C Flyers are nothing, if not resourceful. Also, one of the local clubs offered to allow the R/C Flyers to use their club field while ours was out of service. It shows the bonds between the members of our hobby throughout the country.

At the March meeting, the club discussed ways to offer our thanks in a tangible way. The board will be making a proposal from the ideas brought up at the meeting. Come to the April meeting for the further discussion and possible decision.

I hope that all of you read the column about our president in the March issue of the World News. I've known Carl Schneider for a while but was completely unaware of his detailed background. I can only attribute that to the natural male reluctance to pry into other men's past lives. If they offer the information, good, but we men are reluctant to put them on the spot. Great column.

Now that we are into the best part of spring, I hope that we are back out at the field and entertaining the spectators that come out. Fly safely!

> **GOT TRASH?** Please put all trash in compactor.



Paul Pardee

The Horseshoe Club is off for the summer. The champ for the season that just ended is Big Ed Bodnar and the runner-up is Big Stick Larry Stickles. Those two have finished in those positions before. We need to find someone to unseat them! Maybe the horseshoe thrower we are looking for is you.

If you would like to try horseshoes, come to the pits and practice to get ready for the new season this fall (first Tuesday in September at 9 a.m.). There is a large plastic container with a green lid adjacent to the pavilion that contains horseshoes for practice. On any given Sunday or Tuesday morning you may find a player or two at the pits looking for a game.

We are always on the lookout

for new players. If you have always on a one-inch diameter metal shaft wondered if you could throw a 2.2 with any regularity, come on down pound of steel 37-feet and hook it to the pits and find out.



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The Horseshoe Club season is finished with champ Ed Bodnar (left) and second place Larry Stickles (right).



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Phil Panzera

Our next quarterly meeting of the Billiards Club is Monday, April 13, at 4 p.m., in the Hobby Building (the old pool room). The discussion should prove interesting, as Jerry Snyder will propose that we start our own internal league within the community. This new league would not replace the men's and ladies' leagues currently underway, but would rather be a supplement to them.

Tentatively, this league would be held at night, and would use a draft system whereby selected captains would take turns picking players. The advantage of this system would be that all of the teams should be somewhat comparable in playing strength, and therefore the league - and each team in it might be more competitive. The league is still in the planning stage, so if you're interested please come to the meeting and join the discus-

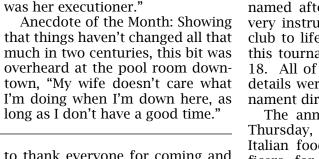
On Wednesday, April 8, at noon, the club will hold its annual Eight-Ball Tournament. There will be competition in three separate divisions: men's A, men's B and ladies. Rather than have small money prizes, the nominal entry fees will be

light snacks and refreshments. Art Keck participated in the Delray Beach Senior Games last month, winning the gold medal in their eight-ball tournament.

used for trophies. We will also have

Billiards History: In 1792, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette played billiards on the eve of their imprisonment. Her cue is said to have been fashioned from a single elephant tusk decorated with gold inlays. Records show that she beat the king in those final games. In the words of American writer John Grissim, "The woman was in stroke, but so

Anecdote of the Month: Showing that things haven't changed all that much in two centuries, this bit was overheard at the pool room downtown, "My wife doesn't care what I'm doing when I'm down here, as long as I don't have a good time."



On Saturday, March 7, a large group of Mah Jongg players enjoyed a stress-free day of playing at the Mah Jongg Junkie Day. A great time was had by all. I want

Mah Jongg

Mary Ehle

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to thank everyone for coming and making it a successful time. One group of ladies played Siamese all day. We had three full tables and a floater yet at 4 p.m. - we called ourselves the die-hards.

We made a lot of new friends and also had many of our old friends playing this day. Mark your calendar to join us Saturday, Oct. 3 for the next Mah Jongg Junkie Day. There are a whole group of players who have moved here to our community and now we hope to meet and greet even more of them. I hope that everyone has ordered their cards. If you have a problem, see or call me. Until next month,





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Shuffleboard

Well, the weather has not only played havoc with our regular schedule this season, but it has changed our tournament schedule as well. The doubles tournament, initially scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22 was postponed to Saturday, Feb. 29 and then again to Saturday, March 14. That has pushed back the two remaining tournaments. The Ten-Pin Tournament is next in line Tuesday, April 7. We figured since this match is played mostly in the evenings, we decided to schedule this as our first ever evening tournament. Finally, we have the Jack Huard Tournament, named after the person who was very instrumental in bringing this club to life in 1986. The date for this tournament is Saturday, April 18. All of these tournaments and details were the work of our tournament director, John Gayso.

The annual luncheon was held Thursday, March 5. Besides tasty Italian food, we had our new officers for the upcoming season in September (same as the cur-

rent group) Jane Boyer, president; Walt Lamp, vice president; Annette Hodges, treasurer; and Joe and Jane Bartosh, secretary. We once again made our annual contribution to a deserving charity. Patriot Service Dogs was our choice for this year. Also, bingo and a door prize were included in the fun.

We are, once again, offering 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 on down the current courts. We will go over the rules, safety, scoring and the basics of shooting the discs. Open-toed footwear is not permitted. There is only one more class in April for the current season. The club wants to thank Paul Hodges for taking the time to share his expertise with those wanting to learn. Not to mention, all the help he gives the current members.

We will be having a summer league. I'll provide the schedule next month.

#### **February**

Monday a.m: Nick Dreimiller/Nancy Dreimiller & Vicki Lentz. Tuesday p.m: Rick Vogel & Lew Fish-

er/Jane Boyer. Thursday a.m: Bob Durst/Shirley Lindsay.



February was another month of weather interfering with our normal Wednesday play.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, we had our board meeting with 30 members in attendance. We discussed continuing our membership with the Northern District of the Florida Shuffleboard Association and all approved. We have 20 women who have their individual membership cards with the Northern District, this qualifies them to play in their

tournaments if they want to play.

There is no proposed date for the opening of the new shuffleboard courts. We will continue to play on the current ones. Thank you to On Top of the World for cleaning them! On Top of the World is looking into correcting some design issues and once that is done, we will be noti-

Results of our tournament will be in our next column. Michael Riley, our sponsor will present the trophies to the winners. In the meantime, happy shuffling.

#### **February**

Most games won: Darlene Clark, Sally Herrick, 30+ Marge Adragna, Diane Carlyon, Sandy Welch, and Helen Finizio.



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Thanks to the players who helped organize the tennis social. As usual, it was a great success and we have the pictures to prove it. Also, those trips to the University of Florida are always interesting because the tennis is so good, and you can make a fun day of it.

Doubles is the name of the game, since not many people are inclined to play singles after the age of 65. So, in order to help your game, I would like to give you some tips.

The game of doubles is unique. It is the game of chess with a racquet. You are probably never going to compete at Wimbledon, so stop worrying and just play for fun.

- 1. Doubles is a team sport. Doubles is not a spectator sport where one partner plays and the other one watches.
- 2. Play no-fault tennis. The team loses points, not the individual. Point loss happens too frequently to place blame. Never criticize, only

compliment your partner.
3. Analyze your opponent's game. Watch for weaknesses and then, take advantage of them. Do not allow your opponents to be comfortable.

- 4. Constant movement and a variety of strokes will confuse and frustrate your opponents. Move, move, move. Fake, fake, fake. Pressure, pressure, pressure.
- 5. Follow the flight of the ball at all times, from their racquet to yours.
- 6. Placement in doubles is better than power.
- 7. The opponent's side of the court can be divided into four quadrants, of which two are always open and two are always occupied. Hit to the open quadrants to win points.
- 8. Play the odds. Don't be cute; be boringly effective.
- 9. Expect to lose points, but if you win only slightly more, you will likely win the match. In a match, the difference between points won and lost is always amazingly small.
- 10. Always remember that the most important point is the

next one, so, don't dwell on the last point.

- 11. When you lose a point, always examine the preceding shot, that is the one that caused the loss, not the shot that won it.
- 12. Take your time. Think before you serve or receive.
- 13. Serve to your opponent's weakness 85% of the time. Generally, that means the "backhand" side.
- 14. Attempt to receive the serve on your strong side 100% of the time. Move in as close as possible when receiving serve, if you can. This allows you to return quickly and with a short angle, or lob over the net player's head into the corner of the court farthest from the server.
- 15. Only poach the moment the ball is on the face of the opponent's racquet. Fake a poach before that moment to distract the opponent.
- 16. Lob to the open court, and follow it to the net immediately, as it is likely the return shot will be short, at which point you volley a short angle shot or hit an overhead to

your opponent's weak side.

17. Volleys should be blocked/
punched to the open court.
Do not take a swing for a volley. It raises your error factor dramatically.

- 18. 90% of all non-lob shots should be hit to the middle of the court. Therefore, when at the net, constantly try to cut off your opponent's shots down the middle by stepping diagonally toward the center of the net. This movement allows you to intercept your opponent's shots and the movement interferes with their grooved, comfortable strokes.
- 19. During the course of play, work together as a unit. When your partner must move out of position, you must move with your partner to cover any of the court left open by that move.
- 20. Advise your partner verbally with commands, such as yours, switch, bounce it, watch the bounce, they're both back, etc.

And finally, have fun together! See you on the courts once they reopen!



# Fitness Happenings Cammy Dennis

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#### **Aqua Action**

When executing the same movement in water and on land, your muscles will work harder in the water. This is due to the water's resistance, also referred to as a property called "drag." The resistance of water is six times greater than air; therefore, just by moving through the water you are getting exercise. By adding movements and drills that require you to lift, lower, push and pull your arms and legs through the water you can effectively increase both the cardiovascular and strength training exercise response.

Buoyancy is another unique property of water. The buoyancy of water acts in opposition of gravity; it lifts your body reducing the impact on joints. When you stand waist deep in water your body weight is approximately half of what it is on land, therefore the stress placed on your joints is significantly reduced. Water is an ideal environment for anyone struggling with joint pain when exercising on land.

Hydrostatic pressure is another property of water. This acts as a compressive force. Essentially water will press on anything submerged in it. This hydrostatic pressure provides support in two important ways. First, it will enhance your balance during exercise because the pressure of the water helps you to stabilize. Secondly, it supports circulation and helps to reduce edema. The compressive force of water assists in pushing fluid out of the lower extremities where it tends to pool.

We invite you to get into action ... Aqua Action at the Arbor Fitness Center (once it reopens). Swimming, water walking and water aerobics are all great ways to gain health benefits. We have flotation belts, noodles and aqua buoys for use to enhance your water workouts.





On Thursday, March 5, the Pick-leball Club had a general meeting. The by-laws were passed. There was a change in court usage during the club hours from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the courts are for intermediate

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the courts are for intermediate and advanced players. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday the courts are for beginner and intermediate players. The construction of the new courts is scheduled to start in August and be completed by year end. The club has 261 members.

The social committee met Tuesday, March 10 to plan an event for April. A tentative date for the event will be Saturday, April 18. More information will be sent to club members as the plans are finalized.

Here is an update on what has been going on with some of our club members. Four of them played in a tournament in St. Augustine on Feb. 27 or Feb. 29 depending on the division they were in. Congratulations to Deb Rhinesmith and Lori Pizzini who won a gold medal in the 4.0 division. Great job! Ron

Harden participated with his partner from Stone Creek. Ron Edwards was a real trooper as he played in the full court singles division.

On our home courts, participants in the winter ladder have played eleven times and will continue until Thursday, April 9. Currently, the top three players are Erik Cambier, Andy Cheyne, and Jorge Privat. The spring ladder will resume in May. It will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the upper courts. It is open to all club members who are looking for competitive play. They meet at 10:15 a.m.

Eduardo Huertas has also started a team league that will run for four weeks only. There are seven teams. Currently, the top three teams are Erik Cambier/Mark Daddrio, Cindy Kozlowski/Steve Schlesselman, and Bob Zangmeister/Steve Gardner. A new season will start in May. This league meets on Fridays at 10:15 a.m. on the lower courts.

Eduardo Huertas has also planned a new singles league to start on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. on the lower courts. It is a trial run and will go through Monday, April 20. If it is successful, he will start a spring league in May. This will be played on a full court to 11 points in a round robin event. Thanks to Eduardo for initiating the new play-

ing options.

Tom Roach and Herb Katz continue to offer a Pickleball 101 class on 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.

See you on the courts for great exercise and the love of the sports. Remember the lyrics from an old song, "Hit me with your best shot."



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Wow! Where is this year going? April already? We have been dancing through the year.

Shamrock Swing was awe-The Recreation Center looked great. As usual, our head decoration team leaders Gail and Garry LaRue did a great job. Decorations included a rainbow with the pot of gold at the end of it, with a leprechaun in the back. Everyone had a wonderful time with Jack Lewis calling and cueing. He just never stopped. Our sister club, Ocala Twirlers, was there. Now we will be at their club for a picnic lunch and dancing Monday, April 6 and then they are having a May pole dance and dinner Saturday, May 2. Our good friends Don and Loretta Hanhurst are calling and cueing. I guess we are truly like the first square dancers, going to neighbors dancing and eating. There are always some kind of snacks.

At our Shamrock Swing the head of the coming 67th Florida State Square and Round Convention was with us. Everyone had a great time at the 66th in February. They had shirts and the ribbons for the next convention at Daytona Beach Ocean Center in February 2021.

Well, our next big dance at the Recreation Center will be the Honeybee Swing Saturday, Oct. 17, with caller Jerry Biggerstaff from Marion, North Carolina. How do you like that? Two Marions? Loretta Hanhurst will be cuer.

For now we will be dancing the first and third Wednesdays of the month with HotRod Barngrover as caller at the Arbor Conference Center. All are welcome to come and dance or watch. Put a beat in your feet and a smile on your face. Square dancing is friendship set to music. Life is a dance. God bless you all.

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

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**New Dancin'** On the Top

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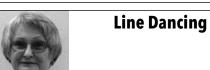
Our spring dance will be held Saturday, April 18, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The theme for this dance is "Everything Counts Party" and the music will be provided by the Rocky and Michelle Duo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the music is set from 7 to 10 p.m. The stage will be closely matched with our theme, and our tables will be colorfully decorated for this spring dance. The dress is business casual, and no T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, or jeans should be worn at this dance. Coolers are not permitted.

Mark your dance calendar for Saturday night, Sept. 12, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The band Automatic will provide the music for your dancing pleasure with the theme of a "A Night at the Movies." Another dance is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, with music by Danny and Johnny performing on stage. Our New Year's Eve dance is now set for the Recreation Center Ballroom with Retro Express Thursday, Dec.

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, free style, slow, pattern dancing,

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the On Top of the World bulletin board this summer and fall 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 (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 in 2020.



Vivian Gecan

Winter is over and spring has arrived. Feeling prepared to face whatever comes your way is sometimes very difficult. Where do you turn for a confidence booster? Believe it or not, one of the best confidence-builders you can find may be your own two feet.

Researchers have discovered that regular exercise boosts the confidence level of both men and women. This is due in part to the way exercise strengthens, tones and improves the body's appearance. It also has to do with brain chemistry. When a person exercises, changes take place inside the brain. Endorphins (a group of hormones secreted within the brain and nervous system), released as one exercise, are proteins that work in the pleasure centers of the brain and make a person feel more exhilarated. When the heart rate increases during exercise, neurotrophins (a family of proteins that induce survival, development and function of neurons) are also released, causing a person to feel more alert and focused.

Those who exercise regularly also feel that if they can discipline themselves to exercise, they can discipline themselves to do just about anything.

Dancing is a great form of exercise and gets your feet, body and mind moving. Put on your shoes and come dance with us and you will feel so much better because your body will become more fit and your mind more alert which will then give you direction and peace about your day.

We are aiming to have a new OTOW Favorites playlist in April for The Town Square every Thursday. Come and check it out. In May, The Town Square hours will change to 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

Happy Easter to all! See you on the dance floor and keep on dancing! For detailed information on classes, please contact Marilyn Mc-Neal at (352) 804-1546 or for the intermediate level contact Nancy Carmack at (352) 533-8870.



I believe that here in Ocala, we have the best weather in the country. It is warm, but not stifling in the summer; and cool, but not freezing, in the winter. Being in shape is always important, but it shows more when the weather is fairly warm. This is especially true in springtime, and ballet exercise is great for toning and firming the body, in addition to making it stronger, more flexible, and more balanced.

Our classes have changed venue several times. When our group started, we held classes for over a decade in the Arbor Club studio overlooking the indoor swimming pool. After that, we held classes for a short time in the Recreation Center group fitness room. Both locations allowed us to see outside and allowed others to watch our classes, if they wished. Now, our classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room just to the left of the rest rooms.

In the Ballet Room we can see outside, but no one outside can see us; and sometimes, we feel a bit isolated. As a result, we are inviting residents to look into our classes, and to sit a bit, if they wish. Ballet is a performing art, so having a small audience occasionally can be helpful to us dancers. In addition, if some people are considering taking our class, they can get some idea of what it entails.

Our classes are held four times each week, as follows:

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

Newcomers are always welcome, and no ballet clothes are necessary to start - just exercise clothes and socks. For more information, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!



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Happy Easter and Passover!

Spring is here and the Sidekicks decided it was time to take a trip, so we boarded our silver wings and headed down to Seminole County for a scuffle and an Alligator shuffle. Back on the plane, we flew up to South Carolina for a Charleston bump, then over to Jackson, Mississippi for a strait.

Next, way up north to New York, then it was southwest to Texas where we did a waltz, and a stroll in El Paso. After that it was time to learn about the Pony Express, and that night to gaze at the country

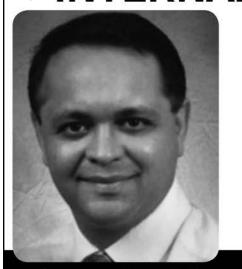
Continuing west to California we danced a cha cha in Palm Springs and collected seashells. Then back home to Florida where we took a stroll into Ocala and reminisced about all of the sweet delights we experienced.

Of course, this has all been a fairytale.

Back in the real world the Sidekicks are gearing up for our end-of dance year dinner and dance party before switching to our summer schedule. Details to be announced. Thanks to our coordinators and everyone else who helped make this a fun and successful dance year. You all did a great job!

Happy trails ...

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Gene Mangold

The marshal is in town! The marshal – Ream Morris – is known for strutting down the track's main straight away carrying his big weapon, the black flag. If you do something dangerous by having a near collision with one of his deputies, you will get that black flag and your car will be through for the day. He has a few other flags – a yellow caution and a red one to stop the

Morris usually has four deputies working the track. Their job is to pick up the cars when they crash and are upside down or broken. The deputies are called marshals also and are positioned in protected areas but occasionally a car will launch over the barrier into this area. If the car does not immediately brake to a stop, you guessed it, it gets the black flag and the car goes to the jailhouse for the day. Don't let me fool you, the racers are a law-abiding bunch, friendly and always having a great time.

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assigned starting positions. Sometimes he has to locate drivers and cars who are tardy.

Morris has had much experience in his working career shepherding folks around, so he is the right man for the track job. Ream Morris is a retired high school vocational teacher of 30 years and the son of a military police commander serving all over the world. From his school days he knows how to keep order and how to handle those who don't follow the rules. His tireless efforts along with the other officials make the R/C Car Club one of the fastest growing and most fun and friendly clubs in On Top of the World.

We have no race results because the racetrack has been shut down while On Top of the World is making improvements. The track should be open by the time you read this column.

Races are every Thursday and Sunday at 1 p.m. at the west end of SW 94th Street and to the right. Want to learn about racing and meet the guys? Then come to a monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Hobby Building Event Room.

The club merged with the slot car racers at the first of the year. Slot cars are tiny cars costing less than \$60 each. Classes are touring (grand prix), open wheel (formula



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#### Ream Morris marshaling.

one), and muscle (SR200 at night). They have electric motors that propel them at fantastic speeds around a racetrack set up on tables. They are controlled by radio control transmitters much like the larger cars. However, the cars are

festooned to slots in a raceway, but they can switch lanes easily and vary their speed. The slot car race is at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Call Paul Burrey at (260) 797-8717 for details about the club.



#### **Exercise for a Healthy Heart**

Cardiovascular health is extremely important. "Cardio" referring to the heart, "vascular" referring to blood vessels. Aerobic exercise challenges the cardiovascular system. This results in your heart, lungs, and blood vessels becoming stronger and more efficient. To gain this benefit you should do aerobic (cardio) exercise for at least 150 minutes a week or 30 to 60 minutes of moderate intensity exercise most days of the

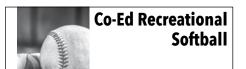
**FIT TIP #1:** Jump on a piece of cardio equipment. Treadmills, recumbent bikes, rowing machines, and NuSteps are all great choices

for elevating the heart rate and boosting cardiovascular health.

FIT TIP #2: Use a heart rate monitor. This enables you to monitor your heart rate throughout your workout. There are specific target heart rate training zones, which signify your exertion level; low intensity, moderate intensity and high intensity. Training zones are based on your age; we have heart rate charts available in the fitness centers to assist you.

FIT TIP #3: Move quickly and with purpose. You do not need fancy equipment in order to do cardiovascular training. Exercises such as walking, cycling, swimming, squats, lunges and multijoint movements are great ways to mix-up your workout and increase your heart rate.

Feel free to contact me if you need guidance with your exercise program! Larry Robinson at 352-854-8707 ext.7531.



**Sherry** Winn

Effective Saturday, April 4, we have decided to change our play day to Saturdays at 9 a.m. Co-Ed Recreational Softball is open to residents and guests of all ages and levels of ability. Now people who work, who have conflicting weekday schedules or are unable to enjoy their love of softball due to other restrictions will have the opportunity to enjoy their love of the sport.

There is no charge to join in the fun, but new participants will be required to complete a waiver to accept personal responsibility for risk of injury. Preventative equipment like shin guards or face guards are encouraged if you so choose. We

request that you bring, beg or borrow a glove, though there may be a couple extra ones to use. Most people are generous enough to share their bats should you not have your own. We also have access to a local, independent vendor of new or used equipment and who can also refurbish your aging favorite glove.

These games and teams will be ever-changing based upon the weekly participants, but we will attempt to balance teams based upon player ability, age and experience levels. They will be informal and recreational, and are intended to maximize the opportunity of all who wish to play. Experienced players will still be available to assist with personal coaching and selfimprovement. Rules will be relaxed and forgiving, though safety will alwavs be prioritized!

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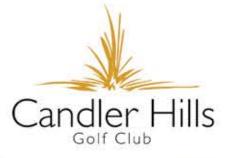
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# It's a **Electric**

By Ray Cech World News Writer

On Top of the World Communities is dedicated to sustainability. It could be solar panels, smart sprinkler systems, drought tolerant grasses, and now, electric cars.

A Tesla car group or T.O.E. (Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts) meets the second Wednesday of the month at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli, at 11 a.m.

To learn more about the car and the enthused owners, this writer joined them recently for a chat about their love of electric cars, specifically the Tesla Model 3.

Why do they love this car, and what motivated them to transit from gas guzzler to the hushed sound of electric driving? Some of their enthusiastic responses were: "It's the safest car on the road;" "We have to do something about climate change;" "We need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil;" "The day will come when I'll need a self-driving car. Tesla has that built-in capability;" and finally, "It's made in America" (Fremont, California).

Some of the features of the Tesla Model 3 are truly innovative - like the "come here" app. Let's say you're coming out of Publix and can't remember where you parked your Tesla — no problem. You would simply press an icon on your phone. Your car will obediently



Photo by Ray Cech

Proud Tesla owners: Jeanne and Frank DiPiero, Jo and Mike Underwood, Daniel Lack, Don Noel and David Shira.

you. And on the way it will stop for pedestrians, other moving vehicles and go around obstacles in its way.

The car also has amazing getup-and-go power — zero to 60 in about 4.5 seconds — but, not in a Publix parking lot!

When talking about electric cars, the standard question is, "How far will it go before I need to recharge?" The answer is really twofold. A fully charged Tesla will take you about 300 miles. The second part of the answer is important - charging stations are sprouting up faster than weeds in your yard. If, for example, you are driving from here to New

exactly where every charging station is along your route. Hotels are also quickly learning that a charging station is now a must.

Tesla owner Frank DiPiero shared a story about driving down to Port St. Lucie and back — about 190 miles. He drove down on fully charged batteries. Then, about a third of the way back home, he pulled into a rest stop. He plugged in the Tesla, had a coffee and called his wife. He got back into his fully charged car and drove home. (Of course, Frank didn't tell us how long that phone call was!)

Dave Shira told us that there are

start up and self-drive itself over to York, your Tesla app will tell you more than 2,000 parts in my Subaru — the number on the Tesla can be counted on fingers.

> My visit to with T.O.E. was interesting and informative — well beyond expectations. The test ride in David's well-appointed Tesla, even more so.

> Once again, they meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli, at 11 a.m. You can't miss them — they'll be the most enthusiastic group sipping a coffee. You can join them, or give the group's facilitator, Dan Lack, a call at (352) 509-4942.

Photo by Leslie Miller

Susan Johannes, Leslie Miller and Nancy Carp are the formidable trio in "Don't Tell Mama" from Cabaret.

# **Snippets' Postponed**

By Richard Rosen

Postponed; not cancelled! Due to the group size restrictions, the Theatre Group had to postpone the April presentation of "Snippets" until the fall. The show will have its new dates and times announced in the next few weeks.

Just to recap, "Snippets" features music and scenes from musical theater treasures "Caba-ret," "Kiss Me Kate," "Crazy For You,"
"Damn Yankees," "The Fantasticks"
and "Ti-tanic," "Snippets" will indeed be a truly great performance featuring the voices and talents of our wonderful ensemble under the musical direction of Harry Boyajian, and the stage direction of Richard Rosen, as well as the tap dance magic of the Tappers under the direc-tion of Penny Berton. Donna Boyajian is the stage manager who holds it all together and keeps the show lively and moving. A portion of the proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the College of Central Florida college scholarship fund for deserving students in the school's arts program.

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

# Happy Hookers Welcomes You

By Jan Spielvogel

does attendance at our many clubs, crocheting, knitting, needlepointtion. Two tables of ladies at our and handcrafting of all kinds. This Monday session used to be consid- is a very talented group that's nevered a "large" group. This month er too busy to help someone with a we are sharing a recent picture of difficult pattern or stitch. We welwhat has become our typical Mon- come newcomers with open arms grown and are happy anytime a they happen to be working on. new person joins our group. If you If you have any questions about haven't checked us out, please do! Our Happy Hookers group is open to all residents. We meet yearround on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues or agenda and no penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have

As the community grows so is a large group of ladies busy with and Happy Hookers is no excep- ing, card crafting, embroidering We have certainly Attendees should bring whatever 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.



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Monday meeting of Happy Hookers.



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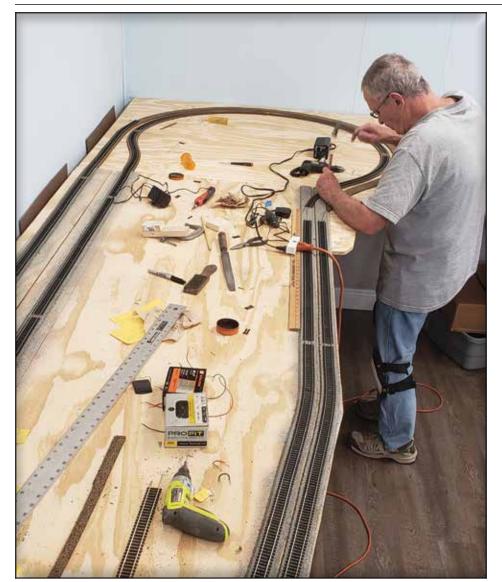


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### Larry Luke fine-tuning sections of track.



**Gerald** Mucci

Progress is a wonderful thing - especially when it comes to constructing a brand-new train layout.

Just a couple of months ago On Top of the World handed over the keys for our new, and much larger, train room, including new bench work their crews constructed to the club's specifications.

Next, President Jim Lynam sought volunteers for several work crews to begin construction of the club's new layout. These included a saw crew to cut the plywood surface to raise sections of track to create changing track and scenery elevations, a cork crew to create the track roadbed, track crew, electric utility crew to install the power grid for the track and other equipment, and scenery crew.

Before these crews could begin their work, the precise location of tracks, based on previously designed computer aided design (CAD) drawings, were marked on the plywood surface. Locations for turnouts (switches), rail yards, and industries along the line had to also be determined in advance. The crews then went to work with teams of three to five members installing and testing over 100 feet of track in less than three weeks. Upon learning the deadline for the last day the club could remain in the existing train room, a temporary return loop was added at the end of the second wall of track in the new room. This turnaround will enable members to run trains in the new location while the existing layout begins dismantling after Wednesday, April 1.

The transition from the existing train room to the new room will be a logistics challenge - like transplanting a miniature town in Pennsylvania, along with nearby industries, roads, utilities and the landscape, from one region to another. The old train room needs to be vacated by the club by Friday, April 10, Easter weekend.

Track construction in the remaining two quarters of the new train room will begin this summer after the move is completed and additional progress is made on the first section of the new layout.

Meanwhile, equipment for the O and G scale train layouts is patiently stationed in the center of



portunity to be set up and running. As work continues in the new train room in the Hobby Building, feel free to drop by to observe progress. These work times will not be scheduled but there is a viewing window from the sidewalk as a "sidewalk superintendent."

the room eagerly waiting for its op-

In the meantime, the club will still have its train operating sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. at our new Hobby Building location. The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members. Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III.



**Elizabeth** Wales

Visitors often pop into the Hobby Building Art Room while we are there. Without fail they are drawn in awe to our amazing member Russ McNulty, who sits quietly near a window, creating his wonderful works of marquetry. He makes beautiful scenes with tiny pieces of wood veneer. It is a difficult and exacting art. We all find it fascinating and enjoy his projects!

Russ and his wife, Pat, hail from central New York, where he attended Clarkson University to become an electrical engineer. They endured the winters there for 41 years, raising three children in the process. Eventually Pat found On all practice and create fun!

Top of the World, looking for a warmer climate for their winters. In 2013 they bought a villa in Friendship Village, where they continue to be snowbirds, returning to New York in April of each year.

Russ has always liked to build things, having built two new homes, and remodeled two others. Searching for a hobby here, encouraged by Pat, he enrolled in a Master the Possibilities class and learned to love the art and craft of marquetry. His work is on display at the Hobby Building Art Room, where he practices his craft on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, along with the other members of the Art Group.

Don't forget to check out other Art Group members and their works at ocalaarts.org. New residents are always encouraged to join us as we



Photo by Elizabeth Wales





We had a great prop night in March. You will hear all about it next month.

We continue to have fun sessions. We get new singers and our regulars who return. Remember this is a gathering for people who enjoy music. You do not have to come all the time. Come when you

If you do not have your own disk, most likely we have the song for you. Just tell me the singer or song title and I can digitally look it up. I like it when asked for a song that had not been requested before. It is like finding a buried treasure.

Many feel comfortable singing a duet first or singing with a group. The karaoke group is friendly and encourages new singers.

This month I asked Dan Buerke to tell you why music is important to him. Here is what he had to say: "I am the eldest of five. My three sisters and I were born within five years in Saint Louis. One year, before I was 10, my father decided the four of us should sing "You Are My Sunshine," a capella, and in four-part harmony, for our Halloween trick. That was a big candy year! I guess that was my first musical discovery. Over the years I participated in choirs, stage play musicals, cantor of my church, and short-lived lead singer of a rock band. More recently, I frequented an establishment, owned by a very talented Elvis impersonator. Brian (Elvis) performed a one-hour tribute, followed by emceeing several hours of karaoke. Brian and I sang a duet of "Born to Be Wild," with me adding a tenor harmony to the chorus. It was well received. I guess I have a better than average voice. That has helped me overcome stage fright. Cognitive dysfunction caused by multiple sclerosis challenges my ability to learn new songs. I guess I'll have to be satisfied with the thousands of songs I've learned before the dysfunction occurred."

You can meet Dan at karaoke. We love hearing oldies.

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 April 6 and 20. Come to the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. Bring your resident ID to open the door.



Photo by Steve Warren

### Dan Buerke



### **Concert Chorus**

**David** Wesenberg

By the time readers see this column our two performances of our spring program, "Hooray for Hollywood" will be in the past. I thought it might be interesting for readers to know what goes into a program like our fall and spring programs.

Dates for the programs are requested a vear in advance and every effort is made to avoid conflicts with the programs of other groups. The fall program is typically in late November or early December and the spring program in late March

or early April. For each program we need at minimum an experienced chorus director and an accompanist, normally an experienced pianist. All of this planning and resourcing is the responsibility of the elected Concert Chorus board currently headed by Mary Ann Majni. The board meets monthly to carry out these responsibilities.

Now the real work of planning and organization for a specific fall or spring program begins. The director, accompanist and board select a theme and begin to organize and purchase the music for the program. This takes a month or more. Once this is done, rehearsals are scheduled, and the schedule published to chorus members. We currently have about 50 members plus volunteers to catalog music, distribute information, and generally support the upcoming pro-

Typically, 12 to 13 rehearsals are scheduled along with soprano, alto, tenor and bass sectionals. Each singer will rehearse as a group about two to three hours a week. Members rehearse privately as individuals and groups as well. All the rehearsing is coordinated with a website and email. There are additional rehearsals and run-throughs the week before the performances. The morning of the performance the risers must be set up on stage and sound equipment checked. This is all done by members.

There are usually two performances at On Top of the World and there may be some auxiliary performances nearby.

Main performances are scheduled for Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Of course, we hope for a full house which is an audience of about 300 people.

When you sum the personal effort, about one and a half manyears goes into each program along with perhaps a thousand dollars worth of music, all for you, our audience.

Why do we do it? Because we love to sing for our wonderful audiences. Watch for the dates of our 2020 fall program and 2021 spring program. You are going to have a great time.



### Sunshine Quilters

Lyn Timm

Spring is in the air and with the regrowth of our earth so comes our urge to bring out our pastel and floral fabrics.

We'd like to thank Shereé for the new look on our bulletin board. Bev and Marilyn out did themselves with showing us and then having us group together to create many looks you can make from half

square triangles. Thank you, Rhonda, for showing us a great way to use our strips of fabric we all left class feeling we learned many ways to use up those pesky strips.

We were fortunate to have a guest teacher last month to refresh our basic quilting skills. Thank you, Linda!

Our name tag contest will end in April, winners will be receiving special prizes.

Tuesday, April 7 is our spring luncheon and half yard batik swap, tummies will be full and we can add a new fabric to our stash!

As this is written our favorite text Lisa at (610) 304-1273.

quilting guru is in Ocala, Jennie Doan at Circle Square Cultural Center - excited does not cover how those of us going feel.

Come join us to learn our passion, we offer one-on-one mentoring to get you started and there is always someone to help us, if needed.

We meet in the Hobby Building Art Room Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A sit and sew is also available Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come join us and have fun.

For more information, call or



We all know the saying, "Spring is in the air." Well guys, it really is. Spring is a time when hibernating

bears, hedgehogs and bumblebees emerge from their hiding places and stretch their sleepy legs, with renewed signs of life everywhere. As we step into spring, embrace the warm fresh air and give yourself a new spirit of life.

Singing could be the perfect way to start. After the spring cleaning during the day, get out of the house and join us for some fun at night, you deserve it! We meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room and the fourth Monday at the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome in both places, so shake off those cobwebs and come join the fun. Spring into spring with a song.

Please note that we won't be meeting for karaoke in April. We want to wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter. For more information, call Sindy at (352) 362-4810.







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Did you know there is a Treasured Classics section in our library? "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith is one of the gems that are available there. Maybe you've read it years ago and would like to read it again? Stop by, take your time and browse our Treasured Classic section.

"Death of a Policeman" by M.C. Beaton is a fast read where the action never stops. This happens to be the 29th book that revolves around the red headed police sergeant, Hamish Macbeth. This witty story abounds with Karma and Murphy's Law as one after another victim turns up dead. Along with that, Hamish and his assistant wind up in complicated romantic situations.

Once you've read a Hamish Macbeth mystery, you'll surely want to read the rest of his books. They can be found in the hard and soft cover mystery sections. Enjoy!

Ann Rule has written the nonfiction book "... And Never Let Her Go, Thomas Capano: The Deadly Seducer." This true story is about the extremes a man will go to possess women.

Tom Capano was an attorney who had it all; money, political connections and a loyal family. But for him it was not enough. He had a need to prey on emotionally needy women.

Tom was attracted to Ann Marie Fahey. He had to have her. It took a while, but she finally fell for his ploys. Ann Marie Fahey was missing, but there was no body and no weapon. Tom was arrested and tried for murder. The trial lasted for months. Tom used every lie he could conjure up to escape conviction, even going so far as to point the finger at one of his other mistresses.

The newspaper covered the entire story from beginning to end. Here, Ann Rule brings all of the characters to life and captivates us with their day-to-day activities. You won't be able to put this book down. It is in non-fiction hardcover labeled 364 RUL.

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**Bunco Babes Social Group** 

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Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios 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, April 28.

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 for the holder of the last player who yelled "bunco," the most number of "buncos," the most number

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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

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Susan Johannes

April showers bring May, well you know the rest. For our club, April will be showered with a wonderful program by our very own Shelly Holland. She is a collector of blue and white china, and will speak about and bring in some fine examples from her collection. We are also considering a trip to Webster's Flea Market to hunt for who knows what?

Our club has been so blessed this season by Richard Schneider and Caren Ross offering to share their collections with us. Thanks again. We are so appreciative.

We are also busy planning for our final meeting of the season. This will be a charity auction of antiques and collectibles that have been generously donated by our club members. We voted on donating the proceeds to a local Ocala charity, Brothers Keepers. This will take place Wednesday, May 27, location to be announced.

By the time you receive this edition of the paper our presentation on "The Life of a Revolutionary War Soldier and Civilian" will have taken place. It is such an interesting and informative topic.

March will have seen some of our members explore downtown Mt. Dora with their many antique and collectible shops and fine boutiques.

If any of these talks, trips or experiences sound appealing to you, why not join us? We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month September through May. meetings take place at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 10 a.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 22, at 10 a.m. No experience necessary. Please contact Susan Johannes at (570) 862-8785 or victoran@brighthouse.com for more information.



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### The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski

The New Pretenders program "An All-American Road Trip" was so well-received. We cannot thank you, our audiences, enough! Through our ticket sales and some additional donations, we are able to support a number of local Marion County charities. We will be sending our checks to the Sewing Bees, Food-4-Kids backpack program, Hospice of Marion County, The Ocala Domestic Violence/Abuse Center and Ocala Ritz Veterans Village. We plan to donate to more charities in the coming months, also.

After the shows are completed, The New Pretenders most often asked question is: "So, what do you do now?" It may be shocking to some that we are already in the planning stages for our February 2021 performances! The process begins with a music committee whose function it is to sort through a staggering amount of material. We gather these ideas from our troupe members throughout the year.

This year, over 300 suggestions for new music and comedy were turned in for the committee to review. Imagine taking that bulk of work and whittling it down to 28 to 30 pieces? One way in which the group finds it easy to begin is with a theme or title. With that in place, the hunt begins!

It takes many man-hours to get the job done and this year's committee put in that time. They could check off the theme, title, and body of work. Of course, they're not quite finished. They take a look at our personnel and help select the correct numbers for our talented crew. It's not easy since timing is also a factor. The show lineup has to provide time for costume chang-

While the selection process continues, another segment of The New Pretenders is listening to the music. This group has the "ear" to identify each individual instrument that is playing. Like the other group, assigning the instruments is part of the workings.

Once these decisions have been made, the fun begins with costume selections and stage decorations. While we have an extensive costume closet in storage, there is often a need to hunt for something



Photo by Lennie Rodoff

### Ron Fulton, Joe Wood, George Bausewein and Bob Schmitt.

else. It's a good thing that we have some very dedicated shoppers in The New Pretenders family!

Summer practices are casual given that troupe members do like to travel. Our scheduled practices begin in the fall and intensify as we near our show dates. Throughout

the spring and summer, we continue to interview folks who want to become part of our group. If you are one who might be interested, talk to any current member or call Nancy Grabowski at (352) 209-4699. We'd love to hear from you!

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**Artistic** 

The Artistic Crafts & Gifts group's 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

This month we feature the background of Sheila Dentice whose crafty self was discovered early when her mother taught her to sew during the summer between sixth and seventh grade. By the time school started, she had lots of additional items in her wardrobe — all made from the same pattern!

As a young wife, Sheila taught herself to crochet, macramé, hook rugs, and somewhere along the way learned basic knitting skills in order to make afghans and pillows. If she needed a formal for a dance or wedding, she usually made her

When their daughter was born, she got busy making sleepers, pajamas, and then most of her clothes. People often gave Sheila their unused fabrics, which were put to good use making holiday dresses, pinafores, machine embroidery, stuffed animals, dolls and doll clothes.

Being productive, she conquered drapes, curtains, bedspreads, tree skirts, and more - so if you could make something at home, Sheila probably did. Her husband Ken had many unique shirts made as well.

For several years, she had a business making silk flower and dried weed baskets along with all sorts of centerpieces and wreaths, including participating in many local craft shows. But then life got in the way and she pretty much stopped crafting — until retirement gave her the time and opportunity to give voice to her crafty side once again!

Sheila is a retired sales rep, married 47 years, and moved here in

2015 with her husband Ken.

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



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with nothing out of place, the only sight, that you can see, is your sweet lover's face.

When you've learned the story

of footprints by the shore, and of the giving tree, who gave, then gave some more.

When butterflies and flowers, remind you of a Prince, and of a little fox, where patience, made good

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Linda Lohr

Our presenter for March was Cathy Lewandowski. She offered three cards: two birthday cards and one thinking of you card. The cards offered a quilt pattern, a musical pattern and a folded double-sided pattern. All the cards can be modified easily for other occasions. We thank Cathy for generously supplying all the stamps, dies, and instructions.

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 pre-



The hive has been buzzing quite a bit! Most of the snowbirds are still here and we have been sewing up a storm!

We come in on the third Saturday of the month as an additional workday. The demand for our quilt kits is great because, unfortunately, the need is as great as ever. Each quilt kit is comprised of a quilt; pillow or stuffed animal; and a roomy tote to carry all the items.

We have a great bunch of ladies who work all year long on the items. We also have two guys who make and donate quilts to our group!

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 Art Room, 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 A great King Kong quilt for donaton.



### The Desire to **Share**

Love is soon ended, If let unattended, Lacking affirmation, It dies in isolation,

Unused and disowned, Forsaken and alone, Immutable as a tombstone, Inscribed "cadaver unknown,"

Sensing a need for two, He allowed love to accrue, Deepening it with caring, And the desire for sharing,

Mindful for loving more, People for him to adore, Akin to him in some ways, To share in eternal days,

Love born to envisage, Humanity in his image, God's ultimate plan, Reciprocal love for man.

sentation 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 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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Beowulf Sheehan, photographer and author, presents at Master the Possibilities.

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# **An Exciting Speaker Packs Live Oak Hall**

By Ray Cech World News Writer

When close to 100 people crowd into Live Oak Hall, you know that something special is happening.

It was Monday, March 9, at 3 p.m. that this happening took place, and the attraction was a man by the classical name of Beowulf. Beowulf Sheehan, photographer and author, held his audience captive with stories about, and photographs of authors such as J.K. Rowling, Toni Morrison, Yoko Ono and Salman Rushdie. His recently published book, filled with 200 portraits of such writers, was the focus of his talk.

Beowulf will tell you that his

journey to his exciting career has been a long one. As a child growing up in South Florida, he was never without a book. The more he read the more he became interested in the people who wrote those stories; authors like Jack London, Hemingway, and Tom Wolfe. His curiosity eventually led him to study their biographies.

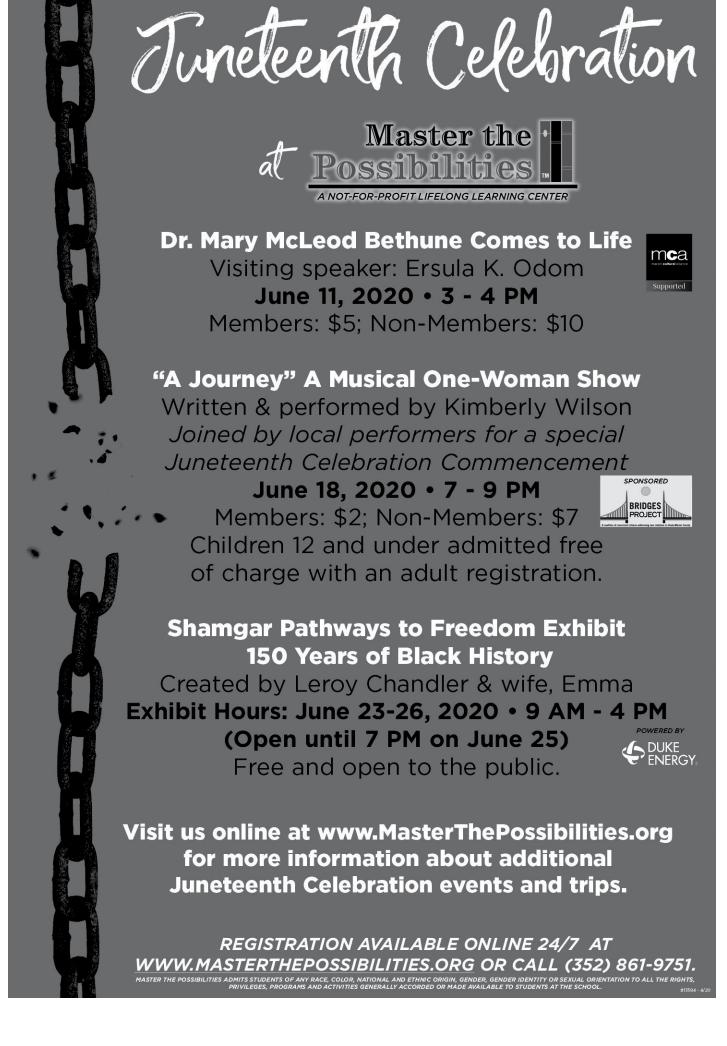
There was an added dimension to his readings that played an important part in crafting Sheehan's career. His dad had a long-lens Konica camera that he would often borrow and take to Dolphin games. He quickly discovered that this simple tool enabled him to build bridges to people and gave him the confidence to more easily establish friendships. His talent with the camera and his interest in authors was the perfect confluence that formed his career.

Sheehan studied at The Gallatin School of New York University and at the International Center of Photography. But it was, perhaps, at the PEN (Poets, Essayists and Novelists) festival that delivered Beowulf his kick-start to photographing authors. There he met Salman Rushdie who became a close friend, as well as, introducing him to other authors. Once when photographing Mr. Rushdie, he was reminded that the Greenwich Village backyard, where the shoot took place, was at one time Bob Dylan's playground. The Village is a small community and holds, perhaps, more secrets than a Rolling Stone magazine will ever uncover.

Beowulf told his audience that his career is the best of both worlds. Before photographing an author, he will always try to read one or two of their writings. "This way," he said, "I get to keep up with my reading and my photography, and at the same time, meet some wonderful people."

Beowulf Sheehan's book, "Author," includes anecdotes taken from his experiences photographing writers. The photos alone, though, will keep the reader going back again and again. In the back of the book is a bibliography of the 200 authors pictured.

Beowulf's mother, Margitta Claterbos, lives here in On Top of the World and can get you a signed copy of "Author." Her phone number is (352) 873-0731.





## Water Conservation

By Bryan Schmalz

Last month, I wrote about the Bay in the identification of excessive Laurel Center Community Development District's (the District) organization as a unit of special purpose government. This month, I'd like to focus on the District's mission of promoting water conservation.

Furthering water conservation is an important part of the District's overall objectives to reduce our environmental impact while protecting one of our most precious natural resources. Approximately 80% of the total water produced by the District is utilized for irrigation on residential properties within our community. The Southwest Florida Water Management District has mandated a maximum monthly water use of 9,165 gallons for indoor and outdoor residential water use. A large portion of District customers use in excess of these quantities and by providing information to our community on the typical water wasters we can improve our water conservation. The majority of the elevated water use the District sees is the result of:

- Broken irrigation heads;
- Irrigation controllers malfunctioning or being improperly programmed;
- Watering more than the allowed two times per week during daylight saving time (March through October) and one time per week during the dormant season (November through February);
- Excessive application rates exceeding the recommended half to three-quarter inch of water per cycle; and
- Toilets needing internal replacement parts (flapper valve).

The irrigation systems are typically set to run during the evening hours, as recommended to reduce water loss due to evaporation. Our sandy soil types allow all of the water applied during an irrigation cycle to be rapidly absorbed into the soil or run off into the community stormwater system leaving no trace of excessive watering.

When high water use does occur. the District understands the impor-

water usage to aid in water conservation and save our residents the resulting cost of that water. The District offers a "data logger," which will assist our customers in determining when the water traveled through the water meter. A "data logger" is a service provided by the District where a technician travels to the home and downloads the hourly water use data from the water meter for the previous 96 days. This information is then converted into a graphical representation of daily and hourly water use and then evaluated for any trending habits.

As an example, recently we received a customer concern regarding elevated water use. Upon review of the "data logger" we found water being used for 20 consecutive days from the hours of approximately midnight through 4 p.m. Unfortunately, the water meter does not have the ability to tell you where the water went but as you can see from the trending it appears to be irrigation related due to the cyclic frequency. This particular circumstance led to a water use in excess of 60,000 gallons. This tips into the highest and most costly conservation billing.

Another assistance tool the District offers our customers is an excessive usage credit that can be utilized when uncontrollable circumstances occur resulting in high water usage. As an example, if a customer has excessive usage not caused by an intentional act of the customer that meets the criteria set within adopted policies of the District, an adjustment of the rate at which the water is charged will be made to the lowest tier. In other words, if your service line breaks, irrigation controller is struck by lightning, or another abnormal event occurs that results in excessive water use, and if the circumstances meet the criteria set in District policy, and a resident can then provide proof of repair, such as an invoice from a plumber or irrigation contractor, upon review the District will adjust your bill ac-

In those rare circumstances when a customer challenges the accuracy of the water meter, District staff will evaluate the meter for proper functionality. If staff finds the meter to be functioning properly the customer has the option to have the meter verified by an independent third-party testing facility. The District asks the customer to place a deposit on the estimated cost to perform the required work associated with the accuracy verification. If the meter is found to be inaccurate, the deposit will be refunded to the customer, a new meter will be installed at the property at no charge to the customer, and the water usage portion of the bill

will be adjusted by the percent error reported by the testing facility.

If the meter is found to be accurate the meter will be re-installed at the property and the District will utilize the deposit to defray the expenses related to the work performed. As always, please feel free to

stop by our customer service department if you have any questions on how to conserve water. While there please pick up some free leak detection tablets you can use to test your toilet for a failing flapper valve and free rain gauges that you can use to test your application rate on your irrigation system. These are both great tools you can use to start reducing your water use and saving money!

Be Green

Natalie Torgeson

### Alternative to Dryer Sheets

Those innocent looking sheets of fiber that you put in your dryer are fraught with chemical hazards.

Another hazard of dryer sheets is your dryer. The accumulation of a "waxy" type build-up on your lint filter (even though you clean off the lint) can affect the long-term efficiency of your dryer. Try this simple test. Take your lint filter and clean it of lint, then run water over it. Does the water go through or accumulate? If it's accumulating, take a stiff brush and some dish soap and clean it off.

Do you want an alternative?

Make or purchase some wool dryer balls. Easy to make.

Purchase some 100% wool yarn or, even better some roving (unspun wool). Using the wool, wind it into a ball a little bigger than a tennis ball. Place the balls into the leg of panty hose (cut off from the top).

Knot the hose between each ball and toss into the washing machine on hot, perhaps with some towels to insure good agitation.

Once washed, toss into the dryer with the towels (still in the hose). Once dry, the balls will feel thickened and somewhat firm.

Use them in your dryer in place of dryer sheets; I use six per load. I also put a small drop of peppermint essential oil on each to impart a nice, subtle fragrance. Lavender essential oil is nice as well.

Happy laundry day!





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