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Things Can Change in a Hurry

It seems like everything was going along well until around March 13, when COVID-19 took a big bite out of our collective reality. No matter, the nation had a long lead-up to prepare. When it arrived, it arrived with a vengeance.

Speaking both as a board member and as a community manager, the first responsibility is for the safety of members of the association and employees. To that end, in conjunction with Sidney Colen & Associates, Ltd., the owner of all things recreation related, the very difficult decision to close all facilities was made. This decision was based on CDC recommendations against gatherings of more than 10 people, as well as Governor De-Santis' series of executive orders. It was also based on the judgement, that although early in the progress of the pandemic, decisive action would be necessary to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus within the On Top of the World Community, which is why we were several weeks ahead of the presidential and gubernatorial orders.

The sad fact is that many residents within this high-risk population may think this is all a joke, or worse, a political ploy. I've heard comments like "SARS killed more people." This is a cynical viewpoint in light of what we know.

It really isn't about how many people die, tragic as that is, but how many people are infected and infecting others, and how many people are sickened to the point of needing hospitalizations to recover. Need I mention that health care is horribly expensive in this country and a large majority of citizens lacks health insurance? Each of us is living the economic impact of shelter in place, boredom, lost productivity, and possibly even illness or hospitalization of someone near and dear. It is all very real. The saddest part of this is being unable to attend the sick and dying because of necessary isolation.

So, go ahead and laugh this off if you wish. It's entirely at your risk if you travel to other courses that may not take the precautions taken here. It's entirely your choice if you risk bringing infection home to your family and neighbors. Now is the time to think beyond any temporary inconvenience and act in such a manner that is responsible to the greater community. I sincerely hope and pray you stay healthy and not bring illness into your home or those near you.

Rumor Control

There is a great deal of scuttlebutt flying around the internet and especially on Nextdoor. Regardless of what you read or hear, the most reliable information is on the CDC website on COVID-19 (cdc. gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/casesupdates/index.html); the State of Florida Department of Health website (floridahealthCOVID-19.gov); or otowinfo.com for community related matters.

The Management Company, as well as Sidney Colen & Associates, Ltd., have committed to keeping all employees working and being paid throughout this crisis. All maintenance employees fall within the description of "essential service providers" and are outside the shelter-in -place order the governor recently issued. Both companies have committed to keeping people on the job and working. Should it be necessary for any worker to selfisolate, pay will continue throughout the period. After all, it is in everyone's interest to isolate if they feel ill.

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Veterans Park with memorial bricks.

Memorial Brick Program

By Taci Clay

Since the opening of the Veterans Park in Crescent Ridge, On Top of the World has had a great response to the memorial brick program. If you don't know what the memorial bricks are, we highly recommend you visit the park and check them out for yourself!

Memorial brick pavers surround the veterans monument. The bricks are a beautiful way for families and loved ones to honor those who served. These visitors have the opportunity to sit and reflect on the sacrifices all veterans have made in

order to ensure the freedoms we all enjoy.

Each brick notes the branch of service and includes three lines for engraving purposes such as name, rank, military honor or other. The bricks are divided into the five branches of the military service including Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard. There is a section for prisoners of war and first responders as well.

You can purchase bricks for the Veterans Park from the Recreation Center and Resident Services. They



are \$32.10 each including tax. We have some completed bricks installed at the park and some onsite waiting to be installed.

Bricks will be available to purchase once everything is up and running again! Once reopened, be sure to visit the park and pay respect to all loved veterans honored with the bricks and monument.



Randal and Angela Ward deliver a heart-felt message.



Bill and Wendy Maxwell score extra points for their teddy and the humorous affirmation.



Dave and Amy Kuzo sport big smiles and inspiration.

The Stride and Seek Challenge

By Cammy Dennis

The course of our daily lives has been profoundly affected. Undoubtedly, this has forced you to alter how you go about your day. Human beings like routine. Habits make up about 40% of what we do every day. This seismic shift in daily routine has prevented us from doing many of the things that we love, in turn undermining our emotional stability and comfort. Change of this magnitude can cause stress. The unseen benefit here ... coping with stress will make you, those you care about and your community stronger!

During this time, Resident Ser-

vices, marketing and fitness staff teamed up to generate the Stride and Seek Challenge. This outdoor adventure encouraged everyone in the community to seek out destinations within On Top of the World (physically distanced, of course) to earn points and win prizes. The challenge began Saturday, March 28, and will run for six weeks through Saturday, May 9.

Three destinations are announced weekly on otowstrideandseek.com. Residents are tasked with taking a photo of themselves at each of the destinations. Extra points are awarded for having your significant other in the photo, having an animal in the photo, wearing a shirt or hat with On Top of the World on it and for displaying some type of positive affirmation.

Immediately after the challenge announcement, I received over 100 photos of inspired outings! The intent of this activity was to keep On Top of the World residents active and spirits uplifted. Our spirits were equally uplifted when we saw the photos. The smiles were big, the animals (both live and stuffed) were adorable and the affirmations were inspirational! There was an overwhelming sense of solidarity in the face of adversity.

I am so proud of the residents in our community and relish the time when we can look back at this and find some fond memories of supporting one another. Keep striding ... keep seeking!

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Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT #1: Both my wife and I received identical text messages on our cell phones from "Jessica." Of course, I am sure they were from Jessica because, that's who she said she was. Would she ever lie? "Jessica" said that she saw that our property was being foreclosed and well, don't you know, Jessica was there to help. Her company would pay off our loan and give us money to boot. Then she gave us a phone number to call. Neat-o. Only thing is that we do not have any property that is in foreclosure. Another thing is that I never, never call back. You shouldn't either. This is just another form of the scam where you get a text or email and someone is offering to buy (steal is a better word) your home or any other property for way, way below its true value. We must never fall victim to scammers who try to steal our property. More than likely, they offer to pay you in-

funds are invalid, and you are out your property. Then, they lease it out and, in the meantime, they collect rental income from your property. Or, they just flip it. Yeah, you might get it back after costly litigation, but don't you think it'd be a lot less stressful if you just did not ever respond to these characters? That's what my wife and I did with 'Jessica's" text.

SCAM ALERT #2: I received an email from someone who said he learned of an issue on satellite radio about thieves who steal your home via the internet and then you get stuck with some payments or you have to go to jail. First and foremost, you would never go to jail on such a circumstance. No exception. There are no debtors' prisons in Florida or anywhere else in our country. Next, yes, there can be a situation where a false deed (sometimes called a wild deed) to your property can be forged and then recorded in the public records. Ultimately, you will be able to prove the deed was forged so you would not lose your property. But I admit it would be a painful and costly process. Why not sign up for a fraud alert? In Pinellas County, go stantly. Then you sign a deed, their to mypinellasclerk.org. Then look

for fraud alert and fill out the form. I don't know if it is yet available in Marion County. To check, either call the Marion County Clerk or visit marioncountyclerk.org.

Q. I am a citizen of the United Kingdom. I'm a snowbird. Is my British will or trust valid in the U.S.?

A. First, you should contact the U.K. attorney who prepared your estate planning documents and ask about this. It also makes sense to meet with an attorney who practices law in Florida. In the past, I've had citizens of other countries meet with me to discuss what should be needed in Florida in order to avoid probate of their assets in this State (or anywhere in the U.S., for that matter).

First of all, it depends on what type of assets you have that are here in Florida. Frequently, if it's a banking account, coupled with a condominium or homeowners association property you might consider having the accounts set up in payable on death mode to beneficiaries. That will absolutely avoid probate for those assets and a trust is not needed.

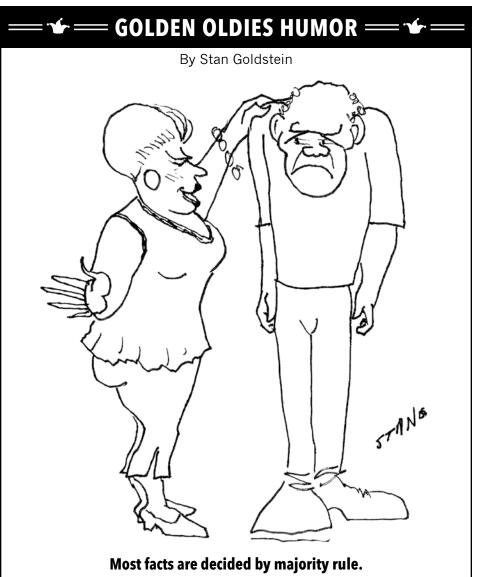
Second, consider having your apartment or house set up in what is known as an enhanced life estate

deed (you probably know of a lady-

bird deed, which is what it is). Should you have a trust to avoid probate? Maybe yes, but maybe no. That will depend on what you are trying to do. Remember, it is probable that your foreign-country assets will be governed by your will or trust from your home country but not your Florida or U.S. properties. If your Florida assets are in banking accounts and you want to avoid probate, the simplest and least costly thing is to have the account made payable on death to the beneficiaries you wish to have the accounts. It is more expensive to have a trust although they work well. Sometimes a less expensive plan works exactly the same. Attorneys can differ on this.

Our approach is to propose probate avoidance planning that avoids probate but is less expensive. I wish to be clear on something: I do not want my clients' estates to go through probate. No question about that. What I do want is to suggest the best and least costly way of avoiding it. Sometimes, yes, it is a trust; but often if it's banking accounts and real estate, a trust is not necessary, if probate avoidance is the issue. Please note you will almost always need to consider having a Florida (or U.S.) durable power of attorney, but it can be drafted to deal only with your Florida property and Florida issues.

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Although we are just entering the month of May, I wanted to talk about some exciting July news at Master the Possibilities. For the second year, our team has put together a curriculum for the Ageless Adventure program. What is Ageless Adventures?

This week-long program includes various classes for an adult and youthful partner to experience a learning event together. Offered Monday, July 6 through Saturday, July 11, Ageless Adventures will include more than 20 classes on various topics for chances to learn together and make lasting memories. Participants may choose to enroll in just one or all events for the week.

Here is a sneak peek on the types of learning opportunities in this year's Ageless Adventures program. "The Mad Scientist Lab" will have students and adults alike making snow in the summer. It will also include other fun sensory stations that could get a bit interesting with lab experiments. Those who attend the "Toy Car Painting and Racing" event will be challenged with creativity and expression for unique works of art. Then, off to the track to see which car wins the race!

"All About Submarines" will include fun and interesting sea stories, along with very interesting facts about submarines. Right outside the classroom will be a scale model of a submarine that participants will get to see after the learning event. For those who love to fly, "Fun with Drones!" will give attendees the chance to experience many drone variations, including a professional version with video recording. Then, participants will have the chance to experience themselves the wonder and excitement of flying a drone in class.

Do we really know what lives in the deep, dark ocean? "Weird and Wonderful Sea Creatures" will give those who attend a virtual tour of our oceans and seas to discover animals. "Recess and Retirement" with Cammy Dennis and Jessica Pinkowski will include ageless play



Cookies and Cupcakes Decorating Fun (Instructor: Teri Stillwaugh).

activities where fitness becomes fun. These partner happenings will include hula-hoops, beanbags, and more to show how play-based activities can be really good ways to exercise.

Have any interest in fingerprinting or crime labs? "Introduction to Fingerprints" with actual crime lab time will be a wonderful class for partners to learn just how unique they are. Fingerprints will be examined, classified, and then compared to others, just like in a real crime lab. Everyone will enjoy the fun in "Fun Healthy Snacks." Those who attend will make tasty and healthy snacks with their partners. Fruits, veggies, cold cuts and spreads will be used, while teaching participants a few simple tricks for fun, funny and delicious snacks.

As a culmination for the weeklong event, participants may choose to register with their partners to attend a Silver Springs State Park nature adventure field trip. A park ranger will discuss the history and ecology of one of the largest spring systems in the world. Then off to the world-famous glass bottom boats for a river tour, and then computer to visit the classroom. a ranger-led tram ride through the extensive grounds of the park to learn about the unique characteristics of this part of Florida.

Excited yet? And to think that was just a few of the fun-filled events planned for the week of July 6. The full event program may be found on our website at masterthepossibilities.org, and in our fall 2020 catalog, which will be released early June. Our team of faculty and staff cannot wait to share in these wonderful and unique learning experiences with participants and their partners. For more information, feel free to speak with one of our team members at (352) 861-9751.

As an effort to provide continual learning this month and in the near future, Master the Possibilities is adding to the list of Distance Learning courses made available on our website. Some of the worthwhile courses that participants typically attend in the classroom may be visited virtually. Registration is handled the same. The only difference is the student will use a home riculum questions.

Some courses will be delivered on a pre-recorded level. Others will be offered live, where a student will need to log in at a specific time and date, in order to participate.

I recommend those interested in taking classes virtually check our website continually. Our team is adding new course content regularly and will add courses for continual learning through the stayat-home order. Our mission is to provide learning for students either in the classroom or from the comforts and safety of home.

For a complete list of current Distance Learning opportunities, visit our site at masterthepossibilities.org. Once there, click the large orange button on the top right of the screen labeled "Course Catalog." Then scroll down and click on the button labeled Distance Learning. As always, our team is available to help with any Distance Learning registrations. For help, click "Contact Us" on the website, and a team member will be happy to assist with registration or cur-



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Company follows on suspected cases is to have any employee isolate at home if they have any of the symptoms. If the symptoms were to worsen, to seek medical attention and get a test, if possible. We also advise all workers in close contact with that person to isolate at home for 14 days.

Should we have a positive confirmation, the close contacts are advised of the positive and advise to continue isolating in place and to seek testing as well. Because of HIPPA requirements, no impacted employee names could be released. HIPPA requirements also applies to gossipy neighbors.

The Management Company has become very strict in enforcement. Even the sniffles will get an employee sent home (with pay, of course). They cannot risk a widespread outbreak of any illness. The Management Company has shifted its focus to include stepped up sanitization of all touch points like doorknobs, stair railings, and other touch points, at frequent intervals throughout the day. There has been no cutback in work, despite having to stagger work schedules to avoid congregation of employees at the shop area and to make allowance in two-earner families with children home and out of school.

Closing the golf courses has been controversial. The purpose was to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission not just by people congregating too closely together, but also by touching pins, rakes, and using restrooms (big risk). When the decision was made to close the restrooms that serve any given facil-



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ity (public restrooms are potential hotspots for infection transfer), the courses also needed to be closed. Now that we know asymptomatic people can be spreading the virus, this decision seems even more justified.

Management had considered stationing an attendant at each restroom facility and cleaning after each use, however, this greatly increases the risk of infection for that employee, as well as for golfers should they crowd around waiting for the facility. The wiser decision was to suspend play through the duration of this pandemic protecting residents, guests, and employees.

There are many alternatives to staying home. Walking and biking are only a few. Master the Possibilities staff has worked out Fitness On Demand (FOD) videos for in home use. Visit masterthepossibilites.org and log in or create an account to get started. The FOD fitness videos are under the Distance Learning section of the website. Staff have also crafted fun outdoor activities for individuals or partners while observing safe distancing.

As this saga evolves, we are learning new things every day. Singapore is an authoritarian country that very aggressively addressed the evolving pandemic. They put in place very strict controls including contract tracing, testing and isolation. They achieved great success in limiting the disease spread. They reportedly only had 10 deaths in a population of 5.4 million people. However, as soon as they relaxed their controls, the infection rate spiked up dramatically. I mention this because we all need to be aware of the potential for infection rebound and take steps to limit that possibility in our community.

I also mention this in the context of planning for staged reopening of some amenities where distancing is relatively easy. A significant problem is how we deal with high touch areas like restroom facilities. Staff needs to keep them sanitized regularly, but in so doing are exposed to the risk of infection. How management is able to take reasonable steps to regularly disinfect these areas, while protecting staff is a matter of ongoing discussion and planning.

Plan for staged reopening we will do, but this is all contingent on the

Governor's orders, Florida Department of Health directives, and seeing a decline in new cases in Marion County. None of which is in our control.

I came across a wise saying by an anonymous individual the other day, "These are difficult and concerning times. Don't let the fear of the moment drive out the hope for a great tomorrow." Bad times don't last forever, this too will pass. Hopefully, each of us will be here to enjoy it.

Ending this topic on a good note ... thank you to all in the community who have been making and distributing masks. Other initiatives underway are neighbors helping their elderly neighbors by delivering meals to their homes.

Don't forget to support your local restaurants: The Club at Candler Hills and Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli! They both offer many options and The Club at Candler Hills will deliver!

Upcoming Projects

You may wonder why maintenance employees are still able to show up for work when there is a shelter-in-place order. The answer is the maintenance employees are considered "essential" under the Homeland Security guidelines. It makes sense if you think about it. Maintenance employees are there to maintain facilities, to prevent deterioration, ensure safety, and perform necessary work to ensure all equipment and facilities continue to operate optimally.

Included in maintenance are lawns and painting, as are all elements related to building and grounds. I was recently made aware of some confusion regarding the scope of services. The association maintains building and yard components, but replacement is always the homeowner's obligation. Whether it is mulch replacement, or re-roofing, these fall into replacement.

I'll also make note that irrigation is under the homeowner's control. April was a very dry month, and we anticipate much the same in May. Please adhere to the water schedule and restrictions imposed on all communities in Marion County by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Once the shelter-in-place order is lifted and your travel plans are revived, please

make sure your irrigation system is in sound operating condition before leaving for a protracted period. It is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure the system is set to operate at the appointed times and duration. Otherwise, you may find yourself with a dying lawn from under-watering or a very large water bill from overuse.

On Top of the World Communities completed the demolition of the former On Top of the World Golf Shop and is proceeding with a new building in its place. Now we are waiting on the County plan review before the final permit will be issued causing a slight delay. Meanwhile, utility extensions are being made. The solar panels were moved to the existing panels on the Recreation Center.

Home sales are continuing, despite the shutdown, thanks to the internet. Our website (ontopoftheworldcommunities.com) was recently updated to enhance the virtual tour experience. No one should be surprised what is capable on the internet.

The first memorial brick pavers for the Veterans Park have been installed. Many more memorial bricks are scheduled for installation and will be added by branch of service until completed. Brick Registration Certificates will be issued for each brick and mailed to the purchaser.

The SW 90th Street postal and garbage transfer area plans are in permitting with Marion County for an expansion of the traffic circulation around site. Please be patient and use caution while workers are present.

The golf cart path extension from SW 90th Street to the Neighborhood Walmart Center is making good headway. Curbing is being placed as I write this update, to be followed by lime rock and then paving. The project is on track to be closed out by mid-May.

Signalization plans for SW 80th Avenue at SW 63rd Street were submitted to Marion County Engineering in March for the temporary signal approval. As of this writing, we are still waiting on comments or approval from the County. We anticipated approval by early April, however, we've given up trying to make predictions in that regard. Construction of the signalization project would commence shortly after a permit is issued.



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As we welcome May, we are in the most "interesting of times." I write this thinking of the ancient curse, "may you live in interesting times." Who would have believed a year ago that we would be under a Governor's Executive Order to stay at home other than for essential services due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Well, here we are. Management recognizes the special risk the virus poses to our population and will not resume normal business operations until it is safe for our residents and our employees.

Monitoring the recommendations from all of the experts we will continue to ensure that decisions are based on the best available information and directives as a result of Governor's Executive Order and local ordinances. We sincerely thank our residents for following the guidelines to slow the rate of infection and for your continued support and understanding. It is going to take tremendous effort and cooperation on everyone's part to conquer this war and to get through these stressful times. Stay safe and good health to all!

Websites

We continue to direct you to the otowinfo.com, cdc.gov and floridahealth.gov websites for the most current and accurate updates on the virus.

Delayed Projects

During this time, we have had to delay a number of projects such as opening the new SW 94th Street RV park and storage facilities and continuing the office remodeling at Resident Services. Some of our construction projects are off to a slower start than originally planned: SW 90th Street compactor area and Phil's Grill (rebuild of The Pub). However, for Recreation Center pool users, the pool will not close until after Labor Day. Pickleball is currently delayed as a result of the other projects that must come before and the new automotive facility has been postponed for now.

On Top of the World is continuing to employ all persons. The goal is to complete work and projects which are considered essential and those that will minimize the impact to residents when facilities are reopened. Without knowing whether the Governor's Executive Order will be extended, modified or lifted at this writing, the following is the status of services provided with the executive order in place.

Resident Services

We are continuing to answer phones and emails from our residents. Residents needing to utilize Resident Services at Friendship Commons may contact the office by phone, 352-236-OTOW (6869) or email at otowservice@otowfl. com in lieu of visiting. If you receive a voicemail while agents are busy, you will receive a call back the same day, barring unknown circumstances. Every attempt is made to respond to emails within the same day as well. Limited modifications are being accepted due to the executive order only permitting essential services to be performed.

Parkway Maintenance and Managément

Over the past few weeks Parkway has been working with employees and dealing with new procedures to maintain social distancing and still providing services. This has created some delays in servicing lawns and weeds in a timely manner. Parkway is working hard to get all lawns on a seven-day cycle. We do appreciate your patience.

Golf Maintenance

We are taking the downtime on the golf courses to schedule maintenance that would normally occur at a later date and interrupt course time. These projects include aerifying, verticutting, trimming trees, installing irrigation, adding bunker sand, rebuilding a bunker, and sodding two tees. As a result of moving up these cultural practices, we do not expect to see all of the closings that have been prescheduled for the year.

Facility Maintenance

Facility Maintenance continues to work during this time to disinfect buildings, tables, chairs, A/C ducts and adding ultra-violet lights to A/C systems. Additionally, the department is updating preventive maintenance software systems and schedules.

New Home Construction

New home construction is continuing as an essential service under the Governor's Executive Order and as a result subcontractors are allowed to continue to work. Having the ability to assist in keeping this part of the economic engine operating supports our local economy.

Also important to note, the construction gate is closed temporarily for relocating the gate house and an extension of the roadway. Construction traffic will be heavier within the community until the work is completed. We expect the gate to reopen no later than August and are working diligently to move this date ahead. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Fitness and Activities

Not having the opportunity to participate in all the events and activities we are used to is not only difficult, it is challenging to find ways to fill idle time. Fitness Director Cammy Dennis and team have added workout routines to maintain your fitness program at home. Please visit masterthepossibilites. org and log in or create an account to get started. The Fitness On Demand (FOD) videos are located under Distance Learning.

Her team has also created the Stride and Seek Challenge, carefully crafted to maintain social distancing while participating with a partner or by yourself. Go to otowstrideandseek.com every Saturday to see the weekly destinations. Walking trails, multi-modal paths are open for walking and biking. Please do not walk, bike or walk your pet on the golf course.

It will take all of us working together, even though we are apart, to get through these stressful times.

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Sara Sommer

The Big Red Bus® was unable to come in April. I hope you took the time to visit the branch office downtown. The need for blood never stops. It is so important to donate! Every time you donate you save three lives and brighten the lives of their family members.

The bus will be here next Monday, June 1, at the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please mark your calendar. See you on the bus.

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We have such a giving community - neighbors helping one another; food and clothing drives spearheaded by Anne Nance Parker for Interfaith Emergency Services; and residents sewing and donating masks. It warms my heart.

We can't wait to have our regular meetings again (the cookies are backing up). We will get through this together! God bless America!

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Good News to Share?

Tuesday, April 7, at 10:35 p.m. (EST) the biggest and brightest supermoon of 2020 appeared in a cloudless sky. This supermoon was the closest to the earth, making it

appear the largest of the full moons in 2020. There are 13

By Ray Cech World News Writer

creative or not so creative activities the World News.

full moons each year.

How did you spend your days or positive stories with Ray Cech at with the stay-at-home directive? rrcech@aol.com by Sunday, May 10. Did you do something you've nev- Resident stories will be compiled er done before? Please share your and featured in the June issue of



Balloon Museum

By Bob Woods World News Writer

The Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is dedicated to the history, and art of all types of ballooning along with lighter than air flight. The museum focuses on the culture and science along with the lighter than air sport and the glamour of ballooning. Reportedly, the muse-um consists of the world's best collections of ballooning equipment and memorabilia.

The museum is appropriately located just outside the grounds utilized for the annual International Balloon Fiesta. The museum can be seen from the launching field by millions.

The museum is named after two local Albuquerque residents who made history after establishing countless ballooning firsts such as crossing oceans and continents. The two local Albuquerque pilots were pioneers in long distance helium balloon flight. Ben Abruzzo and Maxie Anderson were part of crews who were the first to cross the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a balloon.

The museum exhibits include many artifacts and materials related to the history of ballooning along with the science behind ballooning. A modern multimedia system provides a balloon flight simulator utilized for both education and entertainment.

The first balloon flight was accomplished in 1783. Hot air and gas balloons have been utilized for adventure, the arts, scientific experiments, space explorations along with warfare and espionage. The story of ballooning is told throughout the museum in interactive exhibits, historic facts, presentations and changing exhibits.

Want to learn all the facts of ballooning? Then this is the place to



Photo by Bob Woods

An inside peak at the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum.



Finding Zen Sholom

Christina Shearer info@sholompark.org

Sholom Park may be closed to the public but behind the iron entrance gates, it's business as usual for the park maintenance team. Weeding, planting, mowing - there's so much to do to keep the park looking beautiful.

The maintenance team is using the current closed circumstances to their advantage by doing some spring cleaning at the park. Pressure washing more than two miles of concrete walkways is difficult to do without disturbing the peaceful and quiet walks of our park attendees. Pruning large and low hanging branches can also be a challenge and a safety concern when the park is open to guests.

There's nothing like swimming with the koi fish. With more than 200 koi and other wildlife populating a 600,000-gallon pond, cleaning and maintenance is a must. We reduced the water level so the pond liner could be cleaned, inspected and repaired. No koi fish were harmed in this process.

The fading winter annuals were removed to make room for new, bright and colorful summer annuals - impatiens, salvias, pentas and zinnias. We look forward to reopening, when the time is right, so we can share the beauty and peaceful surroundings of Sholom Park with you again.

Please note that Fun at the Park Music and Art scheduled for Sunday, May 3, has been cancelled. Visit sholompark.org or follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.



Citizens **Emergency Response Team**

Rocky Pizzarrello

Because of federal, state and On Top of the World guidance, your CERT team will not be meeting until an "all clear" is given. The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Emergency Management Operations (which we fall under), has additionally disbanded all volunteer programs to ensure compliance with health guidelines.

When we say CERT, there are two distinct things that we are talking

- 1. CERT, the club, falls under Homeland Security and MCSO; and
- 2. Each of the members has been trained and graduated from the CERT program.

Does not meeting mean that CERT members stop being CERT members? While we cannot perform as a club under MCSO, unless activated; as trained members of the community, we cannot ignore our training. To be certified for CERT, each person goes through a class covering first aid, search and rescue, firefighting, emergency preparedness, etc. We are from all walks of life. Some have years of experience as first responders and have saved countless lives; others received medical training in the military or medical profession. The vast majority of us, however, last had medical training in the Boy/ Girl Scouts or in a high school class.

Why CERT training? As previously mentioned, in an emergency

situation, the quicker someone with training and knowledge starts helping, the more probability there is of recovery. The CERT training will not make someone a first responder. That takes years of training. It will however be able to make a trained citizen react and start helping until a legitimate first responder gets to the scene.

Think of the Boy Scout motto, "Be prepared." Someone who has completed CERT training can apply pressure on a wound, clear an airway, and with additional training, perform CPR; whether it is a family member, neighbor, or just being in the wrong place at the right time. (Note, On Top of the World has dozens of Automatic External Defibrillators strategically placed around the property for CPR.) While CERT members may not be protected by DHS unless activated, attempting to save a life by a trained person is covered by Florida's Good Samaritan laws. CERT training counts as training!

During the hiatus, CERT will be communicating by email to work on tabletop exercises, to help our neighbors in the event that an emergency (think early - hurricane) comes ashore before the quarantine is lifted. As training emphasized, preparing for an emergency is more mental than physical.

We pray that everyone stays safe and healthy, and this time is used to draw each other closer to the persons who mean the most to us. When reactivated, we will start meeting again, and use the experience to learn how to better protect ourselves, our family, neighbors and community.



Photo by Brian DeVane

Sholom Park's maintenance team offloading new summer perennials to be planted in the park.

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Democratic Club

Dan Lack

In an attempt to keep meetings going, one of our club members suggested meeting online so we tried an online board of directors meeting. Due to technical difficulties, only two out of eight board members were able to fully participate with audio and video.

Speakers will be scheduled once club meetings resume. Visit otowinfo.com for the latest updates about club meetings and other important information from On Top





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of the World. We hope to meet again Thursday, May 28.

Other great sources of accurate information are floridahealth.gov and cdc.gov.

We normally 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

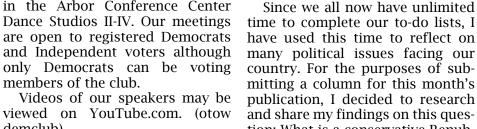
viewed on YouTube.com. (otow demclub).

We continue to support the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us. They are currently in extra need of masks, detergent, anti-bacterial soap, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, bleach and Lysol spray. Please use the contact information below if you can help.

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

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tion: What is a conservative Repub-According to the website classroom.synonym.com, there several factions of the Republican Party. Most Republicans do not fall under just one faction or the other. Listed below are these factions and a few of the ideologies associated

with them:

Republican Club

Lizabeth Woodard

- Cultural conservatives believe in the preservation of traditional American culture - both at home and abroad. An example of their belief is protecting English as the national language.
- Fiscal conservatives are concerned with money as it relates to the activities of the government. They believe in of government. In order to balance the national budget, they want less government spending and fewer government-run programs, such as healthcare and other entitlement programs. They also believe in the privatization of many government programs. A neoconservative believes

in low taxes, not only to help citizens keep more of their money, but especially in an effort to stimulate the economy. They believe these efforts help to reduce the need for public assistance for U.S. citizens and to help businesses provide more jobs for workers.

- A paleoconservative believes in national isolation, which includes closing borders and halting U.S. military intervention of foreign countries. They also disapprove of entitlements for illegal immigrants. Family and religion are also highly valued by this group.
- A social or religious conservative has a strong belief in Christianity, which influences their political leanings. They believe in the sanctity of life, school prayer, the Equal Rights Amendment and the importance of family. They fear the threats of liberal ideologies and the moral decay of society.

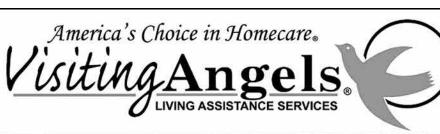
In general, conservatives believe in small government, low taxes, less government spending, and Second Amendment rights. Do you identify with one or more of these groups? a smaller, less intrusive form If you are so inclined, please share your views on this subject at our next meeting.

> 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 guestion will be answered as quickly as possible. In the meantime, stay well, safe and positive.



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As You Slept

As I lay beside you and watched your face in sleep. The wonder of your dreaming, what secrets you must keep.

Just then your lips began to move, I knew it was a kiss. So, tempted to awaken you, this moment of sweet bliss.

Resisting these temptations, for what was next to be. A smile became apparent, almost a laugh in glee.

When your slumber was so deep, expressions told it all. You even said my name out loud, a gentle loving call.

Then I drifted off to sleep, and saw you waiting there. This dream we found together, the loving that we share.



Community **Patrol**

Erwin Fluss

How many of us have felt a little more comfortable when shopping at Publix or other nearby shopping plazas when our watch car passes by? How does that happen? Community Patrol members volunteer on and off the premises to keep you as safe as possible. This is a function of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and On Top of the World.

This service can only work with volunteers. Our community has grown and more than doubled in size since the Community Patrol started 15 years ago. We had 75 members and approximately 5,000 residents; now we have 35 mem bers for a population exceeding 12,000 residents.

The point is we need volunteers to donate four hours a month to this effort to be effective. Please consider volunteering your time to help us, yourselves and others.

For further information, contact Paul Altman at (860) 460 7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.

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Our potluck dinners will resume the second Monday in October. The schedule for our next season is as follows: October, December, March 2021 and May 2021.

The potlucks are a great place to meet your Avalon neighbors. We do not have dues and our structure is relaxed. There are no assigned seats, but we do like to seat new residents with current residents. We were all new once and really enjoyed the chance to meet other Avalon residents. There are special name tags to identify new residents and we encourage current residents to take time to introduce themselves to our newcomers.

Our goal is to provide a comfortable space where we can meet our neighbors in a relaxed atmosphere and share an evening getting to know people. It is incredible to have so many people, from all walks of life, here at On Top of the World with experiences and stories to share.

We start setting up at 5 p.m. with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are always appreciated to help set up and clean up. We are responsible for leaving the room clean, trash taken out, and everything left as nice as we found it. This is another way to meet new

people while working together. Our potluck is held at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Our reminder signs will be up at our mail area the weekend before

the Monday event.

Please feel free to call Sherry Whitmer-Hall at (913) 638-9256 with any questions, suggestions, or ideas for speakers, games or activities. We hope to see you this fall.

Have a safe summer.



Indigo East

Janice Liberton

Greetings to all of our Indigo East "family" of neighbors.

The current Indigo East Social Club events calendar is on hold. Several functions are postponed and will be rescheduled. Upon approval from On Top of the World, a new calendar will be published with rescheduled dates. Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

Speaking of calendars, how about celebrating/honoring a themed event every day during the month of May in the comfort of your own home? I managed to find these May "holidays" on nationaltoday.com.

- May 1: Batman Day and May
- May 2: National Brothers and Sisters Day.
- May 3: National Paranormal Day.
- May 4: Star Wars Day.
- May 5: Cinco de Mayo; Na-
- tional Hoagie Day; and National Teacher Day. May 6: National Nurses Day
- and International No Diet
- May 7: National Tourism Day. May 8: National Have a Coke Day.
- May 9: National Moscato Day (yes, I'll have a glass of Moscato, thank you).
- May 10: Mother's Day.
- May 11: National Eat What You Want Day.

May 12: National Limerick

- May 13: National Apple Pie
- Day and National Fruit Cocktail Day (apple pie, please). May 14: National Buttermilk
- Biscuit Day. May 15: International Day of
- Families and National Choco-

late Chip Day.

- May 16: National Armed Forces Day and National Mimosa Day.
- May 17: National Walnut Day. May 18: National No Dirty Dishes Day.
- May 19: National Chocolate
- Cake Day (yum). May 20: National Be a Million-
- aire Day. May 21: National Waitstaff Day.
- May 22: National Maritime Day.
- May 23: National Taffy Day.
- May 24: Indianapolis 500 (postponed to Aug. 23).
- May 25: Memorial Day. May 26: National Paper Air-
- plane Day. May 27: National Sunscreen
- May 28: National Hamburg-
- er Day and National Brisket May 29: Learn About Com-
- posting Day. May 30: National Mint Julep
- Day (yes, please). May 31: National Macaroon
- Day and National No Tobacco Day.

There are many more national celebrations during the month of May. Some of the other events are: National Barbecue Month, National Egg Month, National Pet Week, National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month, National Strawberry Month, and National Women's Health Week.

Many of the days during May are fun and silly. However, some are serious and if they act as a reminder to you, please call your doctor and schedule the necessary medical exams you need.

As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood! Have a great May.

LOST OR FOUND A PET?



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.

There will not be a potluck dinner in May. Hopefully we can resume in June. Watch for more information in the June edition of the World News and in "The Happenings." If we resume with the potlucks in June, the date to put on your calendar is June 30, at 5:30 p.m. and the theme will be "French cuisine." 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.

The spring dinner dance has been rescheduled for Friday, June 19. Tickets should go on sale in late May. Watch for more information in "The Happenings." If you cannot attend the rescheduled event and have already purchased tickets, please contact John Bain at (804) 677-5664 to obtain a refund.

The golf cart scavenger and barbecue has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17. Watch for more information in future World News columns and in "The Happenings." 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 Candler Hills neighborhoods still need ambassadors.

Some future events to look forward to:

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

12. The 2020 speaker series is as fol-

lows thus far:

- Monday, May 18: Pat Gabriel from the SR200 Coalition regarding what is going on around us (watch for information in case this is cancelled).
- Monday, Sept. 14: Doug Hart from Seniors vs. Crime Proj-

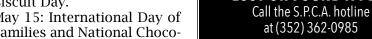
New residents of Candler Hills can log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email in order to learn about events and activities. Currently 1,215 residents receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 869 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents.

If possible, the next Candler Connection board meeting will be held Friday, May 8, at 2:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any Candler Hills resident is welcome to attend.

Stay healthy and safe. I hope to see you at these events and around the neighborhood!

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ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

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Residents take time out of a busy trip to New Mexico to have a group photo taken at the beautiful White Rock Overlook. Behind the group is White Rock Canyon gorged out of the terrain by the Rio Grande River. The overlook is almost 1,000 feet above the river.

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Science Museum

By Bob Woods World News Writer

A group of residents recently visited Santa Fe, New Mexico. The group headed northwest of the state capital traveling through some beautiful country containing rugged mountains and mesas heading for the Bradbury Science Museum. The museum is situated high on a mesa with just one narrow, curvy road in and out. The museum is the main public facility for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (owned by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration).

The museum was founded in 1953; early exhibits included artifacts and documents from World War II Manhattan Project (once declassified). A couple of exhibits include full size models of the atomic bombs - Little Boy and Fat Man.

There are approximately 60 interactive exhibits tracing the history of the World War II Manhattan Project, highlighting the laboratory's current and historic research projects related to defense of our nation along with modern technology. Displayed are research projects related to national security, nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship and many other research fields.

Some recent additions to the museum's collections are exhibits about the history of supercomputers, the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center along with Los Alamos' contributions to the Mars Science Laboratory nanotechnology, algae biofuels, and high explosives.

The Los Alamos National Laboratory utilizes a staff of almost 10,000 encompassing the highest concentration of individuals with doctorate degrees in the world. The museum provides a window into the lab's use of science and technology to protect our nation and support world stability.

Over the years, attendance grew and grew to where the facility became inadequate. The museum had been housed in many locations and then in 1993 the museum moved to its present location to accomodate over 80,000 visitors yearly.



Active Living

Theresa Fields (352) 854-8707 ext. 7530 t_fields@otowfl.com

Spring is in the air with summer quickly approaching. Triple-digit temperatures will be here before you know it. As we are under a Governor's Executive Order to stay at home other than for essential services, many of you are staying active by taking daily walks, biking and golf cart rides while practicing social distancing. Please remember to stay hydrated.

Please continue to follow otowinfo.com, cdc.gov, floridahealth. gov for the latest updates.

Postponed Trips & Events

During these challenging times,

we have had to cancel many of our planned trips and events through the month of May. The goal is to keep our residents and employees safe so that we can resume normal business operations in the near future. Please note that refunds are being processed for all events and trips that were purchased through the Recreation Center office for the months of March through May. Once the office has reopened, residents will be notified on the procedure that will be in place to obtain these refunds.

Delayed Projects

A number of projects have been delayed such as the train room, horseshoe pits/cornhole at the Veterans Park, and pickleball courts. We will move forward with these projects as soon as possible. As a result of delays, the closure of the

sincerely thank our residents for your cooperation, understanding and patience.

Recreation Center pool is post-

poned until after Labor Day. We

Appreciation Note

We would like to recognize and give a heartfelt thanks to a few of our residents who got together and made masks for some of our residents and office staff. Bev Cox, Valerie Ostrom, Janice Evans Zelenka and Pat Peters contacted our office and stated they would like to donate the masks to help protect our staff. Thanks to all residents who are helping to keep our community

Help us by continuing to work together, stay safe and maintaining social distancing! Stay strong and remember we are all in this to-

Bunco for Babies

The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26, at The Lodge at Candler Hills. If you already pur-

Tickets were \$25 and include

All tickets have been sold, but



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When The Ranch Reopens!

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is eager to reopen our doors so that you can both recharge and relax. These last few weeks have presented many new challenges, most of which have profoundly influenced our daily routines. We know you are anxious to get back to the fitness center, as well as seek out salon and spa treatments. Rest assured that the cleanliness you have come to expect at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa has been elevated to support the health and wellbeing of our members, customers,

and employees. In the event of re-opening the fitness center with physical distancing requirements, we have a plan to accommodate such measures! Our three fitness studios and indoor pool provide us with the opportunity to provide up to four group fitness classes simultaneously. The equipment on the fitness floor has been spaced appropriately as well. We will keep you moving and do our very best to keep you safe.

The salon and spa present similar distancing challenges but rest assured that we will meet them to keep you and our service providers safe. Our initial goal is to reach out to clients who had appointments canceled due to the closure. We will do our best to get those customers scheduled for services as soon as possible. Once those clients are booked, we will fill any available openings on the schedule.

Due to the variety of services we offer at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa we may reopen in stages, consistent with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, Florida Department of Health and other state and local governmental agencies. Please keep an eye on our website RanchOcala.com and our Facebook page facebook.com/ theranchfitnessspa/ for the most recent updates.

By Michelle Malsch

chased a ticket, please hold onto it.

lunch, cash prizes for the bunco game categories, and numerous door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held as well. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Please note that tickets are nonrefundable. All ticket proceeds have been donated to the March of Dimes.

a waiting list will be generated in the event of unused tickets as the event draws near. If you would like your name on the waiting list, please call Micki at (352) 615-2790. All proceeds benefit the March of Dimes March for Babies.

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Windsor West	95th St. – 95th Lp.		8:58 a.m.
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Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign		9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd Post Office	85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office – 84th Ter. – 9	3rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. – 90th Pl. – 87th	Ave. – 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. – 94th Lane		9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. – 92nd St.		9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St Post Office		9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign		9:31 a.m.
Exit Community			9:36 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advan	ce for pick-up

PICK-UP LOCATIONS

MORNING DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Freedom Library	9:42 a.m	12:40 p.m.
Jasmine Square	9:50 a.m	12:35 p.m.
Dillard's//Kohl's	10:00 a.m	12:25 p.m.
Sam's Club	10:10 a.m	11:15 a.m.
Home Depot	10:15 a.m	11:25 a.m.
Ollie's	10:18 a.m	11:30 a.m.
Paddock Mall	10:22 a.m	12:15 p.m.
Walmart	10:27 a.m	11:45 a.m.
Target	10:37 a.m	11:50 p.m.
Hobby Lobby/Shady Oaks Shopping Center	10:47 a.m	12:00 p.m.
Gaitway Plaza	10:52 a.m	12:05 p.m.

Return to On Top of the World to begin drop-off/pick-up for the afternoon run.

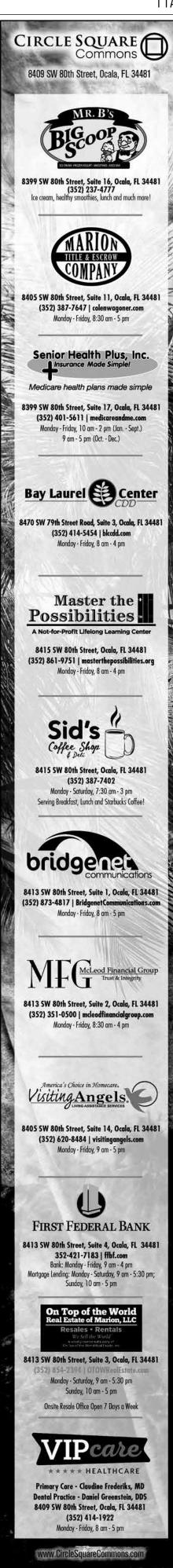
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The Lodge	1:15 p.m	Candler Hills Community (Center 1:20 p.m.	
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m	Friendship Colony Post Of	ffice1:25 p.m.	
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m	Williamsburg Post Office	1:28 p.m.	
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m	Avalon Post Office	1:33 p.m.	
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.			
AFTERNOON DESTIN	ATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP	
Friendship Center		2:00 p.m	4:10 p.m.	
Publix		2:05 p.m	4:15 p.m.	
Walmart Neighborhood Market		2:15 p.m	4:25 p.m.	

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

www.otowinfo.com, www.cdc.gov, and www.floridahealth.gov websites for the most current and accurate updates on socializing and transportation.

The Community Bus will be running according to schedule as long as the Governor's requirements are allowing. We continue to direct you to the



Grand Cayman Island

By Bob Woods World News Writer

all resorts. It is approximately four in 1670. times the size of Circle Square Ranch and has countless tourist destinations, plus it is one of the only countries that has no income tax, no capital gains tax or any wealth tax making it a popular tax haven. This island's government has focused on boosting its economy via tourism and offshore finance. This island nation, the Grand Caymans, has historically been a tax-exempt destination.

The Cayman Islands National Museum is located in the center of George Town, the island's capital within a few steps from where cruise ships tender passengers ashore. The museum is dedicated to the preservation, research and display of all aspects of Caymanian

The museum opened in 1990 but its heritage can be traced to the 1930s when a local resident began collecting Caymanian artifacts as a hobby. In 1979, the island's government purchased this resident's collection and it now encompasses a major portion of the museum's collection. Presently this little museum contains over 8,000 items and artifacts ranging from simple coins to a 14-foot catboat.

The museum is located in the island's longest standing public building and one of the oldest buildings on the island which at one time was the home of the island's first post office, courthouse, and jail. The museum also contains artifacts, documents, art collections and photos allowing the visitor to better understand the political and judicial systems, social movements, seafaring history, trade, and economic environment of the island.

The Cayman Islands, as we know them today, discovered by Christopher Columbus in May 1503 during his final voyage to the Americas. Columbus named the islands "Las Tortugas" because of the large numbers of turtles on the islands. Decades later the island became known as the Caymans after the caimans that are present on the islands. England took control of the

This little island is a resort of Cayman Islands along with Jamaica

An interesting little tidbit - in February 1794, Caymanians rescued the crews of a group of 10 merchant ships including HMS Convert, during an incident that has since become known as the Wreck of the Ten Sail. The ships struck a reef and ran aground during rough seas. Legend has it that King George III rewarded the island with a promise never to introduce taxes as compensation for their generosity as one of the ships carried a member of the king's own family. While this remains a popular legend, the story is not true. The island is a popular destination for both snorkeling and scuba divers as there are all kinds of reefs around the island. One of the main

attractions is Seven Mile Beach which has been named as one of the "Ultimate Beaches" by Caribbean Travel and Life. Other Grand Cayman tourist at-

tractions include Hell, which is a group of short, black limestone formations in an area roughly the size of a football field. There are many versions of how Hell got its name, but the most common is "This is what hell must look like."

Another popular attraction is the controversial Cayman Turtle Center which raises endangered sea turtles for meat. The center also releases a percentage into the wild. Tourists can kiss, hug, and pass

around young sea turtles. Those who wish can take a swim with the bigger turtles. The center has been billed by some as a rare opportunity to come in contact with the endangered green sea turtles which are a migratory species whose numbers are declining because of egg poaching, habitation degradation and being entangled in fishing nets and lines.

Grand Cayman is the largest of the Cayman Islands which are a British Overseas Territory in the Caribbean. George Town is the capital and home to the Cayman Islands National Museum which is dedicated to the Caymanian heritage. George Town is also a major cruise ship port. There is much to do and see in Grand Cayman, a beautiful Western Caribbean port of call.



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Cayman Islands National Museum.

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Spreading Cheer

By Bob Woods World News Writer

At the end of March, residents living in the "looper" section of Providence (SW 93rd Loop) decided to spread some cheer with a mini golf cart parade.

Before, during and after the parade, all golf carts, some even decorated, kept a minimum of six feet from one another and traversed around various neighborhoods. Many honked their horns, cheered and waved as onlookers stepped out on their front porch to wave and cheer back.

The "looper" parade was such a hit that other neighborhoods decided to do the same thing.

The parade(s) received such positive support from onlookers. What a wonderful way to spread cheer and hope!



Photo by Bill Leon

"Looper" golf cart parade in March.

What tree stands behind Janice Puta, Ron Broman and **Melanie Vittitow?**

Where Stands This Tree?

By Ron Broman

easy to get new photos printed right now; so, we decided for our May plant puzzle to use an old (previously used) one.

Instead of focusing on the friendly faces in the photo, or the tools or flowers in front, we'll look at the partial tree in the background.

Although I have several favorite Florida native trees, this one is toward the top of the list. She's a rather small tree. For her species, the leaves are not conspicuously spiny. Her bright red berries peak around Christmas time. These berries, contrasting with the light green leaves and bristle tipped leaves, sometimes cause folks to call her Christmas berry.

Now here are a couple of clues to her location and her identity. She's a member of the Aquifoliaceae family. (I'll bet you had as much trouble with that one as we did.) The members of the Native Plant

It's time to get creative. It's not Group planted her somewhere in On Top of the World.

Those members are taking a photo break from our monthly maintenance "parties." Melanie Vittitow, Janice Puta, Yvonne Beckman, Margitta Claterbos and Bill Shampine are the "regulars." Others, like yourselves, join us from time to time.

When we're back on schedule, able to breathe fresh air and be closer than six feet from each other, we'll see you on the fourth Wednesday of each month at about 8:30 a.m.

So that brings us to "Where in the World Grows this Tree?" In addition, as a bonus, what is its Name? So far, we haven't had to wait for the third call, so search and research away! Call us at (352) 861-4560.

It's glorious to grow native! Stay well!

What is a Stupa?

By Bill Shampine

I recently watched a television - none of these things are random. show on the Boudhanath stupa, located in Kathmandu, Nepal. I thought it was fascinating, so decided to write about it. But first, what is it? A stupa is a mound-like or hemispherical structure that contains Buddhist-related relics and is used as a place for meditation. A stupa typically will contain the bones or ashes of Buddhist

There are a lot of myths surrounding the history of when the Boudhanath stupa was built. Some people believe it was first built during the 5th century A.D., right after the demise of Lord Buddha. However, evidence suggests that the current stupa structure probably was built in the 14th century after the devastating ravages and destruction caused by the Mughal

The Boudhanath stupa, a UNES-CO World Heritage site, is one of is one of the most sacred sites in Tibetan Buddhism outside of Tibet. Its importance increased significantly after the 1959 invasion of Tibet by the Chinese, because many Tibetans went to Kathmandu when they fled their homeland.

Although there are some cultural differences among stupas around the world, they all are relatively similar. This is because every physical aspect of the stupa has a symbolic religious meaning. For example, the base, dome, square harmika, spire, and pinnacle represent the five elements of earth, water, fire, air, and ether (the universe). The number of levels, the number of steps in the entrance, the number of niches in one of the walls, the overall shape of the building and all of its components, the decorations, the flags

Every year the stupa gets repainted in a massive day-long ceremony. The white color is a lime wash, which is lime powder mixed with water. After the dome is "painted" white, then saffron water is used to put the decorative lotus petal pattern on the dome. This part of the process takes an extraordinarily skilled person. The artist takes a bucket of the red colored saffron water and slings it in a sweeping motion that causes the water to fly in an arc. He slings the water from both directions and may have to sling more than one bucket full from each side. The end product must look smooth and relatively neat.

He puts 16 arches onto the dome, and each one must be approximately the same size, height, and shape. All of this is done by a man slinging water from a bucket, an amazing feat. On a side note, the largest stupas in the world, and the saffron used to make the red color is the most expensive spice in the world. It is costly because of the very labor-intensive harvesting process. It takes 20 hours of labor to pick 200,000 saffron stigmas from 70,000 crocus flowers in order to produce one pound of dried saffron.

In April 2015, Nepal suffered a major earthquake that badly damaged Boudhanath stupa. As a result, the whole structure above the dome, and the religious relics it contained, had to be removed. At a cost of \$2.1 million dollars, the stupa was renovated and reopened in November 2016.

So, the next time you are in Nepal, stop by Kathmandu and visit the Boudhanath stupa. You will be amazed at the splendor of it.



Photo by Nabin K. Sapkota

Boudhanath stupa Kathmandu, Nepal.



Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell

A common question around here is "Where are you from?" You might think you can tell we're Texans by our twang or drawl. Some of us have lost our accent because we had to leave Texas long ago. There are, however, some tell-tale clues that you might be talking to a Texan. I know I'm a prime example of some of these because my non-Texan friends and family have pointed them out – many times accompanied by laughter. We generally talk slow (and sometimes loud), so you should be able to pick up on some

of these.

Texans tend to emphasize the first syllables of words. For example, we may say, "UM-brella" rather than "um-BRELL-a" or "IN-surance" rather than "in-SUR-ance" or "HOtel" instead of "Ho-TEL."

In classic Texas speech, there are a good number of letters you don't need. You can get rid of 'em. There's a case in point right there. Dispense with the "th" in them. Just say 'em." We eliminate all the g's on the -ing endings. So if you're wantin' to tell if you're talkin' to a Texan you won't hear those g's.

Texans like to use metaphors. Why describe things plainly when you can describe them using a mix of animals, nature and funny objects? For instance, the saying "all hat and no cattle" is a nicer way to

say that someone is all talk. We have favorite phrases such as "If it was a snake it would've bit ya" for an item hidden in plain sight. Another favorite is "This ain't my first rodeo," meaning I've been around a while or I have experience.

We also make up words or change the meaning of words. For instance, "tump" is a verb which refers to something being overturned; kind of a combination of tipped and dumped. "Quit horsing around or you'll tump over your milk." "Fixing" doesn't mean repairing, it means preparing. So, you are "fixin' to" go to the store. (Don't forget about the dropped g's.) Incidentally, the "fixin" could also refer to food. "I'm gonna ordere have a reight all the fixin's "

der a burger with all the fixin's."

Then there is the linguistic faux

pas that always gets a hoot from my non-Texan kin-folks – "might could." For us it's a better way of saying "might be able," as in "We might could go to the dance on Friday night."

This is just a small sampling of clues you can use to spot a Texan. If you're a Texan reading this and saying to yourself "that don't apply to me" don't have a conniption. (For you non-Texans, that's a fit, or getting all worked up over something.) I know some of these clues don't necessarily apply to all of us. After all we're from a really big state with many different regions. But I bet whatever part of the state you're from you'll have your own unique "Texanisms." You'll be able to tell by the look on the faces of the non-Texans around you!



Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow

The Southern Club's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 22. As of this writing, it is unclear whether there will be meetings in May but if there are, then here is the information.

This will be our last gathering of this club season. In place of our potluck dinner, the club will furnish the meal. We will be having an indoor picnic, complete with hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and cookies. As usual, you bring your own plates and utensils and the club supplies the coffee, tea and lemonade.

After dinner, we will be choosing officers and committee chairs for next year. Since we didn't have

a meeting in March or April, we will be nominating and voting at the same time. Therefore, each member needs to be consider what position you would like or how you are willing to help. Remember that without a board, there is no club. You can contact the board if you want more information on the duties of each office. I will send an email to all members before the meeting to get a count of how many will be attending or to let you know if it is cancelled. If facilities are still closed at the end of May, we will carry this over to the first meeting next year.

Since this is a working meeting, we will not be inviting guests this month, but we hope anyone considering our club will join us when we reconvene in September. There will be a column in the September issue of the World News to remind you of the date and time.

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



Women of the World

Mary Purfeerst

Happy May to all. We're hoping everyone is healthy and safely at home.

The annual Fashion Show and Luncheon were postponed, along with our monthly charity donations. The best way to find updated information concerning our future meeting dates is our Facebook page – Women of the World – otow. We will be posting all future announcements regarding closures as well as future dates. If you do not have a Facebook account, please contact our president, Gail Curione at tomsdoe1103@aol.com or (954) 907-7468. We also have our telephone tree and email communication chairs. We will do our best to keep our members up to date. We would like to thank Mr. Colen and everyone at On Top of the World for their judgement and actions. The Colen family's vision extends to all

of us and we are always grateful. Projecting ahead – I would assume our next meeting will be in September. We do not meet in the summer due to so many of our members being snowbirds. That being said, please check our Facebook page as stated above, and/or contact our President Gail Curione. We will continue to have a monthly column in the World News.

"Not knowing takes the pressure off." Will it be a pleasant surprise or learning opportunity?

"Not knowing saves time." We don't know what will happen; instead of keeping up, spend time relaxing.

"Not knowing fosters learning." Most of our growth comes from pain; and learning how valuable the experience has been.

"Not knowing brings the joy of surprise." We don't want bad news, but what about the surprise call from a friend?

"We have no choice." But we can change a lot; we can devote more energy to how respond and what we learn.

Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

The club's annual summer break has begun. Our regular meeting

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schedule will resume in September. As this meeting season closes, I want to share a few changes in club leadership.

Nancy Bolte, who has served as assistant chair for the past two years, has decided to step down from this position. Many thanks to Nancy for her help in organizing special events such as the 20th

anniversary luncheon, activities for our monthly meetings and keeping our name tags and sign-in process in order.

Linda Pinney will assume the assistant chair position. Linda and her husband, Gunnar have been club members for two years. Linda, who is a fabulous Scandinavian cook, comes to her new position

with many creative ideas for fun activities for upcoming meetings. I look forward to working with her.

All residents of Scandinavian descent are invited to participate in club activities. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Arbor Conference Center. For more information, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.





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Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

Monday, March 16, Thomas MacEntee, gave the educational presentation, "The Genealogy Do-Over. A Year of Learning from Mistakes" via a webinar.

According to Mr. MacEntee, in December 2014, after a year of planning, he decided to toss out more than 20 years of genealogical research and start over. His reason for this was the seven deadly sins of a sloppy genealogist:

- 1. Not developing a plan to find ancestors.
- Not following genealogy standards.
- Not tracking his research and what records he already had
- Not citing sources and noting where he found them.

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and hardware. Our otowpcclub.

org website will give lots of great

lyn French who joined the club

around 10 years ago and raised

her hand to be membership chair.

This was when Bill Torzsa first

became president and there was

a refresh of mostly all board posi-

tions. After several years, she went

on to become secretary, and then

turned to treasurer for these past

three years. She felt comfortable

This month we highlight Mari-

information about our group.

Computer Club

Chris Kilbride

5. Not discriminating between good and unreliable sources.

Not keeping his paper and

digital records organized. 7. Not sharing his research responsibly with others.

Since he started his initial research, much has changed in the areas of genealogy research methodology. He now realized the need to collect facts and track them properly, including the use of source citations and analyzing evidence and proving facts.

He developed his new plan, the eight successful virtues of a reborn genealogist:

- 1. Creating a Genealogy Plan: Whether on paper, a digital document or in your genealogy software, create a plan for your search.
- Embrace the Genealogical Proof Standard: Use a reasonably exhaustive search, an accurate citation of sources and an analysis and correlation of the collected informa-

3. Use a Genealogy Research Log: Tracking your research is important to keep track of which resources you have used; you can then go back to it after several weeks or months.

- Cite Your Sources: Citing material gives credibility to a fact while proving a connection. Determine the reliability of your evidence.
- Analyzing Data Before Using Data: Look at each document and determine whether it proves or disproves each research question. A source is original if it is the first written statement, photograph or recording of an event. It is a derivative if it is a copy. The information is primary if it is recorded by an eyewitness or participant in the event. It is secondary if it is supplied by someone not present at the

6. Capture and Organize Content: Determine a naming convention for your files and remain consistent.

- Share Your Family History: Share your information with other relatives. You may receive new information from
- Stay the Course: A genealogy do-over is a huge undertaking but continue to move forward.

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

Our meetings normally take place at 10 a.m. on the second Monday and third Monday of the month in the Hobby Building Event Room. However, because of the current situation, all meetings at On Top of the World meeting facilities are cancelled until further notice.

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with this segue because of her love for numbers and previous career's bookkeeping background. Marilyn helped organize the club's successful yearly luncheon events at the Golden Corral which had been in both the spring and fall. We ap-

plaud Marilyn for stepping up to

the challenge and filling any need

on the board to keep our club functioning smoothly.

As she hails from Mount Vernon, New York, her past career included being office manager for the International Chemical Workers Union with about 1,500 in their membership. Arriving at On Top of the World in 1998, she has seen so many changes.

Marilyn still enjoys working in Excel spreadsheets for financial matters, singing in the choir, scanning the internet, and keeping up with friends through both email and Facebook. Having traveled Europe on six different tours,

she loved visiting castles, and was thrilled to ride camels in Luxor, Egypt on one vacation.

Her most precious memory was dancing to The Blue Danube waltz while traveling on a long ship on the Danube river cruise. She feels that keeping involved in groups and using her apps frequently has been a successful combination to staying fit in her retirement.

All residents are welcome to ioin 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., we offer free online help sessions. Members may discuss their PC or

Apple computer, smartphone or device issues for one-on-one instruction.

Recent monthly presentations were about iPhone tips, StoryWorth writing your own life's story book, making a Shutterfly photo book, Google Drive and apps, Apple watch, digital estate planning, identity theft and passwords.

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

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

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



Here's a little something to tempt your palette. The first recipe may be served as an appetizer and the second one as a side dish.

Cheesy Brown Bites

- 2 8-ounce packages crescent rolls 1 pound bacon, cooked and crum-
- 2 8-ounce packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onion Unroll dough, side by side, press

all seams together. Combine bacon, cream cheese,

onion and pepper. Spread over dough and top with shredded cheese. Roll dough from the long side

into a tube shape. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate one hour. Unwrap, cut into slices and place onto a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake at 375 degrees until golden brown.

Note: a can of drained crab meat can be substituted for the bacon.

Dill Potato Salad

- 2 pounds small, red potatoes, cut into wedges
- 2/3 cup chopped sweet onion 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup plain, low-fat yogurt 3 tablespoons minced, fresh dill
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper

1 10-ounce package frozen tiny peas, thawed and drained Cook potatoes until tender, drain. Set aside.

Mix onion, mayonnaise, yogurt, dill, mustard, and seasonings. When well-combined, add potatoes and peas. Toss gently to coat. Cover and chill at least two hours.

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The 100 Grandparents were not able to read to the children at Romeo Elementary for the past two months. We, however, received a virtual report from Principal Suzette Parker on what they are doing for their students.

Melinda Sutherland

Romeo Elementary began a distance learning platform Wednesday, April 1, so teachers have been working very hard to make personal contact with each and every family. So far, they have been pretty successful. Teachers, families and

students are all working together to adjust. They are experiencing the growing pains associated with learning something new, but they continue to support each other through it.

Additionally, there are six school buses visiting community neighborhoods delivering breakfast and lunch, free of charge, to our students. In one day, they handed out 402 meals alone and have plans in case more are needed in the future.

School board member, Beth Mc-Call, and Interfaith Emergency Services have been working to continue to deliver food backpacks to the school for the neediest families. At this time, Romeo Elementary supplies food backpacks to 17 families made up of 62 children!

Romeo Elementary and the Public Education Foundation of Marion County are working together to get school supplies into the hands of our families who need them. The school has checked out over 100 laptop computers to families without access to e-learning opportunities. Paper-based packets are also being supplied for students who would rather take advantage of that learning platform.

The staff at Romeo Elementary are amazing and we try to help them through the 100 Grandparents as well as our community by collecting much needed items. So just a reminder to keep saving the items listed below throughout the

Donations of gently used cloth-

ing, new underwear in unopened packages, shoes, art and craft supplies, buttons, pull tabs, bicycles and helmets. When the school year starts back up in August, contact Evelyn Holiday (352) 237-0304 or Janet Fragapane (352) 861-1575 to schedule a pick-up or leave on their porches: 8880-C SW 94th Street (Friendship Village) or 9791 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge II). You can, however, donate anytime to the backpack program by sending a check in any amount made out to Dunnellon Food-4-Kids Inc., P.O. 262, Dunnellon, FL 34430 (on memo line write backpack program).

On another note: Janet Fragapane has retired from writing our column. Melinda Sutherland will be fulfilling that position.

Lions Club

Gail Morris

The following information was received by all members of the Lions Club from District Governor

Buddy Wells Sunday, March 29: "Good morning. The On Top of the World Lions Club has reorganized with new officers with the help of PDG Estelle and about 16 members of the club. Members of the Lions Club have made the decision that this club is worth saving and I agree.

They have met and here is a list of the officers for the rest of the year: President Gloria Nelson; Vice President Charmaine "Charlie" Hassett; Secretary Tracey Hodge and Membership Estelle Michelson (no change); Treasurer (to be announced).

Lion Estelle will be taking a back seat and only working on membership. The new year will be decided

Thank you for your support and

understanding."

The nomination committee met Friday, March 13 to complete the slate of officers to fill the positions vacated until July 2020 and asked Dottie Cook to consider being treasurer. The nomination committee will be working with members to provide a slate of officers to the membership once clubs resume meetings.

The officers appointed by the District Governor: Gloria Nelson, Charlie Hassett and Tracey Hodge met Tuesday, March 17 at Estelle Michelson's home to continue the business of the Lions Club as meetings had been suspended.

Club members worked individually at their homes to sew face masks to donate to West Marion Community Hospital.

Our membership is looking forward to resuming their efforts once meeting restrictions are lifted.

The Lions Club normally meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 5 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Contact our membership chair, Lion Estelle Michelson at (352) 861-7358 for information about our club.



The Michigan Club has rescheduled our popular Coney Island picnic for Sunday, Oct. 4, at 5 p.m. at the pavilion. Tickets which were purchased for the April picnic will

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be honored. If you signed up to bring a dish, please plan to bring that dish to the fall event. If you need a ticket, they are available for \$5 per person; please contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.

The Michigan Club meets monthly from October through April in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. In addition to the potluck format, speakers and activities are often part of the program.

Club members come from all points in Michigan including the upper peninsula. There is no membership fee to join. We exchange memories, recipes and favorite places to visit.

The meeting schedule for the fall following the picnic includes November with a salute to Frankenmuth, Michigan, known worldwide for its chicken dinners, hence a chicken dinner meeting where we provide the chicken, the members bring the sides. In December, the club will participate in the annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade and will have holiday music to entertain members at the dinner.

In January 2021, we will learn about new developments in our area and how they will impact our everyday lives. February 2021 is a Valentine's Day-themed meeting to love your Michigan/On Top of the World neighbors with a storyteller performing. In March 2021, we will have fun with an Irish twist, lots of jokes and songs and Irish shenanigans. April 2021 is the scheduled Coney Island picnic of 2021 and end of the club season.

If you are from Michigan or have gone to school or vacationed there, you are welcome to attend our meetings. If you have any questions, please call Judy Wagnitz at (352) 509-7509 or Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.



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The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its first online meeting Thursday, April 9. A total of 22 club members "attended" the meeting from their homes using their own computers and phones. They conducted the regular business of the club, observed the club's new website, enjoyed fun facts about astronomy with Larry Isenberg, toured the current night sky charts with John Bridges, and learned



As the Jewish Club prepares for its new season, we are reviewing many of the wonderful activities planned but need to reschedule:

- Annual hamburger/hot dog barbecue picnic at the outdoor pavilion.
- Lunch/dinner bunch meetings.
- A day caravan to visit the historic home of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, author of "The Yearling," near Gainesville, Florida with lunch.
- · A day caravan to the Library of Judaica at the University of Florida with lunch.
- · A bus trip to Tampa Bay Downs and lunch.
- A live presentation by the JC Purim Troop of a play about the ancient tale of Haman from the Book of Esther, circa 500 B.C.
- · A Passover teaching Seder presented by the board.
- Elections of the new board with a boxed lunch from TooJays and a trivia challenge.

Our season is usually filled with fun activities open to all residents. We meet the third Sunday of the month (September through June) at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV at 1 p.m. For information about the club and how you can join, please call (410) 935-2625.

about two new comets in May from club President Jim DiPaolo. Club members appreciated the new format for an online meeting and thanked club President DiPaolo for all the work he had put into developing the linkages.

Regarding the two comets, the first one to be visible through binoculars is Comet C/2017 T2 (panSTARRS). It will only reach ninth magnitude by the time it orbits closest to the Sun Monday, May 4, so it can't ever be seen by the naked eye. But its path through the constellations of Cassiopeia, Camelopardalis, and Ursa Major (the Big Dipper) will allow it to be seen using birdwatching binoculars from Ocala throughout the month of May.

The second comet has a chance to be much more visible and spectacular. Comet C/2019 Y4 (ATLAS) will traverse a similar line across the heavens in May, coming brightest as it nears the Sun Tuesday, May 31. Comets are notoriously unpredictable, and Comet ATLAS may break into pieces before it gets that far in its orbit, thereby reducing its brightness. But if it doesn't break up, it has the chance of being as bright as Venus at night, with a

good-sized tail visible to the naked eye. Greater detail about the exact positions of these two comets each night in May can be found at moonstruckastronomyclub.org/.

via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions will allow for an open sky and owners of telescopes are willing to set up for others to see interesting celestial

And don't worry; the comets will not come anywhere near the earth as they travel their elongated elliptical orbits around the sun and back out to the far reaches of the solar system! This will be our only chance to see either one in our lifetimes.

Excitement about astronomy will continue here when the R/C flying field and car track re-open. That's also the location for the Moonstruck Astronomy Club's evening observations of the heavens. Observing sessions will be announced

via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions will allow for an open sky 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.

Club meetings are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For now, they will remain online. Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15. For information or club registration, please contact club President Jim DiPaolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com.



Photo by Jim DiPaolo

A screen shot of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club's Zoom meeting in April.



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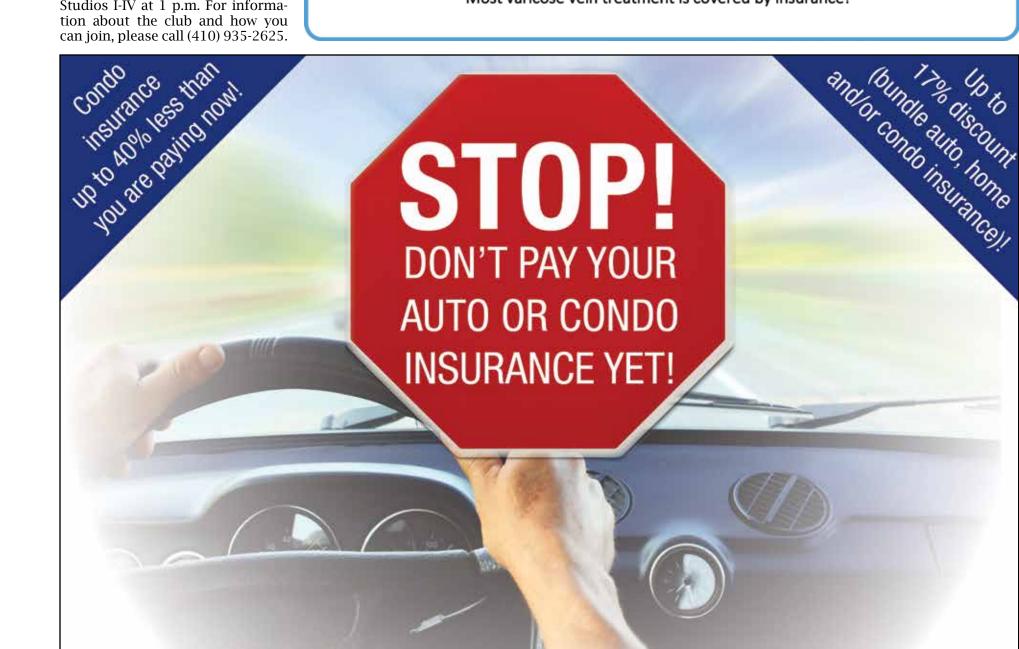
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Active Singles ASC

Jane Parker

Active Singles Club (ASC) is for all single residents. We are single, not alone! This slogan has never been put to the test more than since March. ASC provides a friendly environment to expand your social circle and make new friends. Once we are able to meet again, come to group events and be comfortable knowing that other singles will be there and be happy to see you.

Here is a sample of ASC activities: club meeting, happy hour and game night take place monthly; wallyball is every Saturday; and golf scrambles and hiking are ongoing. ASC hosts events and many will be rescheduled once our lives get back to our "new" normal.

This month, we are spotlight-



Singles Club

Sally Wall

We look forward to meeting again! Hopefully, our next meeting will take place Thursday, May 14. All members will be notified either by email or phone call regarding the upcoming meeting in May. Normally, the May meeting is our last meeting for the season, in which new officers are installed. If we don't have a meeting in May, it was the board's consensus to install the officers at our meeting in Septem-

We will continue to email/call with club business updates until we are able to meet again. The board will be meeting monthly during the summer months to set up next season's schedule. Stay well!

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ing George Schmitz who moved here from Silver Spring, Maryland in June 2018. George serves as the ASC president for Indigo East. He assists the club with scheduling Indigo East events such as pool parties, game night and the very successful New Year's Eve party. George likes ASC because he meets nice, friendly people. He enjoys all the fun the group has dancing, hiking, and meeting for happy hour. George enjoys living in Indigo East because it is a very nice clean community. George has very friendly neighbors and he mentioned the houses are well built.

George lived in Silver Spring, Maryland from 1950 to 2018. At age 17, George joined the U.S. Navy and started as a sheet metal apprentice. George worked at the Navel Ordinance Lab, later known as the Naval Surface Warfare Center. George was able use his artistic talent, honed at the American University. His favorite art medium is pen and ink drawing. George retired after 33 years as the exhibits officer and art director of the graphics department. George's second career after his U.S. Navy retirement lasted 27 years as the owner of a kitchen design and cabinet business.

His hobbies include Corvettes. His interest began in 1962 when he bought his first one. He now owns two - the 1962 and 1999 models. George has a gas and oil collection including gas pumps and signs. George travelled Route 66 through many states which led to his Route 66 memorabilia collection. George's Maryland house holds the bulk of his collections.

George is one of the interesting people you will meet at ASC. If you want to find out more information, please consider attending a meeting. Information requests are also accepted at activesinglesotow@ gmail.com

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Sandi Dickerson

March was an unusual month for the SWANS. Several trips/events were canceled but we look forward to when they get rescheduled! Here's a recap of a few events that took place in March.

Breakfast out was hosted by Linda Heenan Saturday, March 7. Fifteen ladies met at the Eggs Up Grill. The food was tasty, the service was excellent, and the atmosphere was pleasant. We will definitely return

Dinner out was held Thursday, March 12 at Chili's and hosted by Jean Duda. We had two ladies stop at our large table and ask how they could become part of our group! They thought we were having so much fun that they wanted to join! We always enjoy ourselves at Chili's.

March's lunch out was canceled. You tried Carol! Thanks to Linda and Jean for hosting during March and to Carol for trying! Great job all of you!

Some of our appetizer and dinner in groups continued to meet in March. This was the last month for

may need to occur.

Join the meeting video.

those groups. Since our March 21

meeting was canceled, our fearless

leader, Lois Nix, collected informa-

tion from all of our members and

has compiled new appetizer and

dinner in groups. These have been

sent via email to all members who

expressed an interest in being in a

group. We hope to meet with our

each group to be the first person

to host so I am sure you will have

heard from that person by the time

several activities that have been

planned for many months. Our an-

nual outing to Daytona Beach is

quickly approaching. We hope to

be in Daytona Beach from May 15

through 18. Our next picnic, hosted

by Kathy and Sandy, will be com-

ing up on Saturday, May 23. We

are keeping our fingers crossed

that both of these events will oc-

cur as planned. Lois will keep you

informed about any changes that

join the SWANS at any time! We al-

ways welcome new members and

new ideas! As a SWAN, you are nev-

er alone! Stay healthy and smart

about your activities! If you are in-

terested in joining us, please con-

tact Lois Nix for more information.

Please remember that you may

We are all looking forward to

Lois has asked one member of

new groups sometime soon!

you read this!

- Join the meeting audio.
- Now you are participating in the Toastmasters meeting.

Do you want an invitation to see what a meeting is like? Contact Pam Winter at (908) 229-1694 or pamela.winter.dtm@gmail.com to get an invitation to an online meeting. Our next meetings are Wednesday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 27, at 8:30

What will you see? A meeting with two or more speeches on fascinating topics, table topics which are very short answers to impromptu questions, and evaluations of the speeches and the meeting. It's a lot of fun and comradery.

Anybody can join us. We even had a Toastmaster from Las Vegas, Nevada join our meeting. Come visit us and see what a difference Toastmasters can make in your life!

Talk of the World

Toastmasters -

David Wesenberg

By now residents know that club events including Talk of the World Toastmasters events were cancelled including the Speech contest and several in-person meetings. However, this has given our Toastmasters an opportunity to try a new way of meeting and it has been a lot of fun.

We are using Zoom on the internet to conduct meetings. How does it work? Just follow these steps on your computer or smartphone:

- An invitation email is sent with direction how to sign on to Zoom and our meeting.
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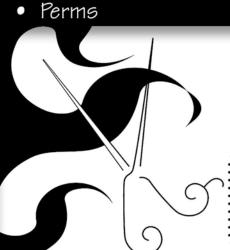
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I have talked to a number of travel professionals concerning future cruises and most agree that the cruise ships will start up again slowly. Most believe prices will rise while some believe prices will drop or remain the same. Only time will

Bob Woods

So far, I have two cruises planned for 2021. One departs in February for an 11-night Panama Canal and western Caribbean cruise. The next cruise departs in May for a sevennight Bermuda extravaganza. There is no time like the present to book one or both of these cruises. Now, if you book either cruise make sure, at the time of booking, that your deposit is fully refundable for any reason. It would be advisable, if you desire trip insurance, to take it out just before final payment.

A little bit of good news. Over the past few years some folks traveling with the club have asked me to write a book about the club's excursions and cruises. I sat down at my computer and have typed up a chronological book on the club's trips. It has been proofread by a lady who has taken many of the club's trips. Now I have to find a publisher.

You can view or download the flyers for the two mentioned cruises for 2021 by going to the club's website at bobwoodsontheroadagain.com or call me at (352) 854-0702.

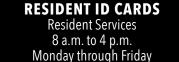


This is certainly not the way we wanted to end our season; we cancelled our last two meetings and did not go on any rallies. However, on a positive note, we already have three rallies in the works for next

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 23. Hopefully we will be able to gather as a club by that time. If not, we will keep vou posted on events as best we

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

We hope everyone stays well and has a great summer.





Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

SPCA of

Paula Gajewski

Marion County

Travel Toppers invites you to join us for these fun excursions. If you see a trip of interest, check your calendar for conflicts before making your reservation. Then make a note of when the event will open for booking.

The spring trips to Mango's Tropical Café on May 2 and for the Father's Day St. Johns River cruise on June 21 have been cancelled. These have been rescheduled as indicated below.

There is still time to sign up for the seven-day trip to the 2020 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta if space is available. Contact Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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

The SPCA is still actively work-

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ing - behind-the-scenes. We still

answer calls and step up to help

in our Facebook fundraiser. Our

activities in May are canceled. If

you feel you can help us, there are

members accepting pet food do-

nations (made in USA) and we can

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out with veterinary bills.

blow, 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. A trip to the 36th annual Craft

Fair in Mount Dora is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24. This event features over 350 of the best crafters in the country. Currently the bus is scheduled to leave On Top of the World at 8 a.m. More information including price and the coordinator's name will be available in the future on our website.

Reservations have been made for "A Christmas Story: The Musical" and lunch at the Show Palace in Hudson for Christmas Day. This play featuring a leg lamp, pink bunny pajamas, a cranky Santa, and a triple-dog-dare are just a few obstacles between Ralphie and Christmas. More information will be available for this trip later in the

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Our featured pets are Romeo and Panchito. Romeo is a senior cat at age 10 and 10 pounds. He is a true Himalayan with a docile personality. His swagger is in his peke-face with the one lower canine protruding.

Panchito is a kitten at eight months old and barely 7 pounds. He has adapted quickly to the indoor life.

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coach arrangements made with year. Mayflower Tours. This trip will include sightseeing in the Old Town Tropical Café and Dinner Show in of Albuquerque, evening balloon Orlando has been set for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021. Dinner includes ap-

petizers, salad, choice of three entrees, dessert, and coffee or soda. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. The bus will depart at approximately 3:30 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The price, contact information, and other pertinent details will be available on our website later in the year.

> The rescheduled Father's Day 2020 trip to Sanford, Florida to enjoy a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee will occur on June 20, 2021. A delicious meal will be prepared fresh onboard and served at your table. Meal selections, price, contact information, and other pertinent data will be posted in a future column.

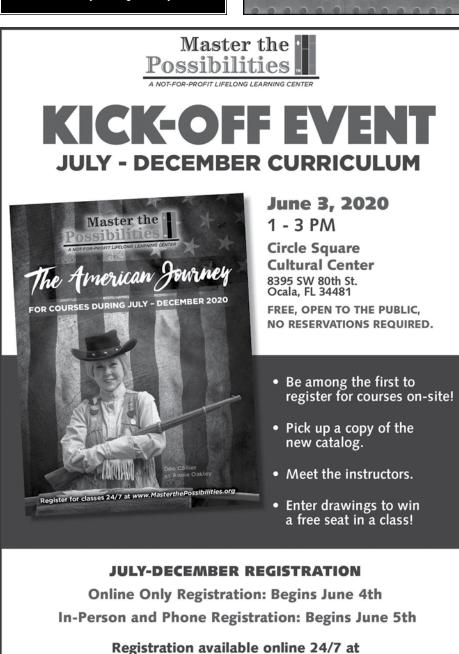
The rescheduled trip to Mango's

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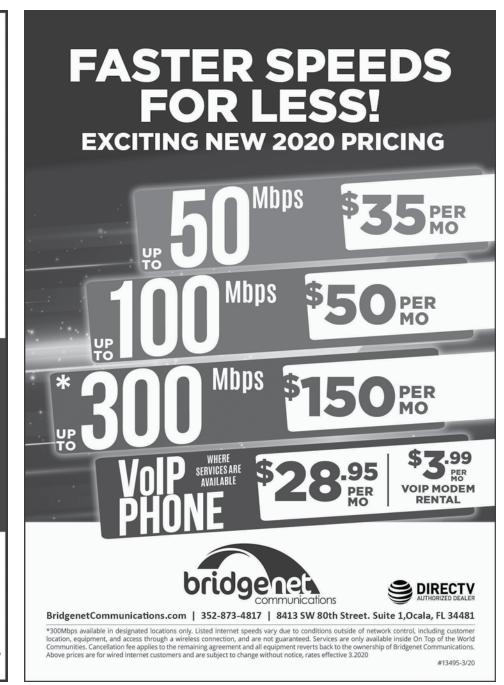


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Recreation

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Dreaming of Bass and Big 'Ole Deer? By Roger Bonifield

to hunt? Or do you just like being around other like-minded individuals reminiscing about past outdoor adventures? If any of the above apply to you, then you need to spend some time with the folks from Call of the Wild Sports Club.

Whether you are new to Florida like me, or a salty old sea dog that has been around these parts for some time, you will enjoy the company you meet. In addition to sharing information about Florida's unique fishing and hunting regulations, or that favorite fishing spot, we have a number of other activities to enjoy. From social events 3601.

Do you like to fish? Do you like like our annual fish fry and a fall potluck dinner, we also help members put together in-shore fishing trips with local captains, work with the Recreation Center office to plan deep sea fishing trips, or just help set up simple shore fishing outings.

We typically meet the first Wednesday of every month from noon to 2 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. However, our May meeting has been cancelled. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 3. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at (352) 300-



Photo by Roger Bonifield

Bob Kuebler with a nice four-and-a-half-pound Orange Lake

Build, Build, Build

By John Workman

We are currently all settled in our homes with little outside activity. However, the R/C Flyers have another part of our hobby that lends itself to the isolation ... building! I've sent out queries about what the members are filling their time with and have a good selection to tell you about.

A unique project by Rick Tracy is a flight simulator cockpit enclosure resembling what full scale pilots use in their training. Note the wheel type control and dashboard full of instruments. This is a lot different from the simple simulator that we use to practice flying our models that uses a model transmitter for control. This is quite an elaborate facility.

Other projects by R/C Flyers are the usual airplanes under construction. Professor Marty Hoffert and Don Wright are rebuilding a 56" span Rutan LongEZ, a homebuilt design for private pilots. Dick Rose is finishing his giant-scale P-51 Mustang, lacking some pieces that have been delayed by shipping is-He is painting and detailing this 18-month construction project.

Further from completion, Tom

Czikk is working on a big SBD Dauntless dive bomber and Jerry DeLuyck is continuing work on his TBM Avenger torpedo bomber, both of which are excellent examples of the scale builder's art. Charlie Smith is working on a 1972 Sig Cadet trainer, a classic trainer that a lot of us learned to fly when we started. I am working on a kit from the early 1980s, an SBD Dauntless of only 64" wing span.

Other non-aircraft projects include David Alchin's scratch built Carlo Riva 1970 Super Ariston boat and a 1/8 scale 1936 Mercedes Benz True Roadster, John Bitzberger built a CNC foam cutting machine (using both Lowe's wood and shelf slides and online sourced controls and equipment), and Ted Pope made a forest of trees for his son's Z gage model railroad layout.

As you can see, the R/C Flyers continue to be a busy bunch. I can only guess at the projects that were not made known to me. We have a lot of fun both together and apart. I look forward to the time when we sues. Likewise, Alex Fedele is fin- are not limited in our contact with ishing his giant-scale F4U Corsair. each other and seeing and hearing about what we have all been doing. Until then, stay safe.

Shuffleboard Season Comes to an End

A great turnout for the Spring Shuffleboard Tournament.

Homemade flight simulator cockpit built by Rick Tracy.

By Walt Lamp

the 33rd shuffleboard season. The 34th season is scheduled to begin in September.

Normally, a summer session would be scheduled in May. But nothing is definite as of right now. Our end of the year pizza party has

This will be the last column for been cancelled. Our last two tournaments were also cancelled.

Photo by Rick Tracy

On the morning of Saturday, March 14, we held our long overdue doubles tournament with 28 players, put together once again by John Gayso. We had four different parts to this tournament. First,

they were divided into yellow-black teams. In this round, they had three 20-minute sessions to see who would move on. Four players won and advanced to the third part. They won all three of their opening sessions.

Ten other players participated in a shootout to see which four would advance to join the other first four selected. These players had to win at least two out of three opening sessions to qualify. The remaining eight would be broken down into four two-player teams. The two

teams that lost were eliminated leaving four players to join in the final round. The final round began with four teams, then down to two and then the final match. And the winners of the final match were Dottie Migiaccio and Rick Vogel. All eight final participants won a cash prize with the two winners getting the biggest prize.

March

Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher/Jane Boy-

Thursday a.m.: Bob Durst/Shirley Lindsay.

The Villages Senior Games, which is the first of two competitions leading to the National Senior Games in June 2021, has been postponed. They were scheduled to run in April. This county level competition would then lead to the Florida state games in St. Petersburg in December and then to the nationals. In case there are residents who would like to compete when the games resume, I'll include the information in this column.

Have a great summer!



Photo by Annette Hodges

Spring Shuffleboard Tournament winning team: **Rick Vogel and Dottie** Migliaccio.



Photo by Annette Hodges



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The Importance of Social Distancing.



Social distancing is currently the most important factor we can control in the COVID-19 outbreak. According to the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, everyone should avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people while engaging in recreational activities such as walking, biking, running or any other type of outdoor excercise.

The 6' Wave.



Just because we are social distancing does not mean we cannot be neighborly. Actually, we encourage it! Check in on your neighbors and say HELLO...just keep your distance. Practice what we like to call the 6' Wave.

Throw a Patio Party - By Yourself!



Have a party while your neighbors have their own patio party! Go out to your patio, play some tunes, sing some karaoke and grill up some BBQ, while your neighbor does the same from their patio.

Don't mingle though, but have fun from afar. Take a selfie and send it to PatioParty@otowfl.net.* We'll post the pictures at OTOWPatioParty.com so you can see your friends!

Would You Like to Play a Game?



Who says you cannot have fun in quarantine? On Top of the World has just rolled out a fun community game called Stride and Seek Challenge!

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Monday Afternoon Bridge

Shirley Stolly & **Carol** Johnson

March 2

1: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 2: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.; 3: Herb & Phyllis Silverman; 4: Gayle Taylor & Pat Golgart; 5: Dave Cunningham & Dan Hall.

March 9

1: Joan Lord & Cindy Brown; 2: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Mike Meirick & Linda Yuen; Tie at 4: Pat & Debbie Quinn and Gayle Taylor & Marge Starrett.

Tuesday Night Dup Bridge

Marie Fiorillo

March 3

North/South 1: Paul Pinter &

Mah Jongg



Mary Ehle

Here it is the beginning of May already. I hope everyone has the 2020 card, and I hope you are getting a chance to get acquainted with it. There is a wonderful website that you can put on your computer and play for free for 14 days. If you like it you can then sign up monthly for a fee. It will not let you make a mistake. It is super for a new person so they can learn the game. You can choose to play with real people or robots. Try it once and you will be hooked. Give me a call and I will help you get online so you can play anytime. Stay well and jokers to you until we meet again.

Hand Knee & Foot Cards

Larry King

The first quarter of the year 2020 has ended with eleven players making the final cut Saturday, Feb. 29.

We have been playing in small groups and recording wins/losses. Results should be emailed to Larry at kingcL22@cfl.rr.com. The L before 22 in my email does not have to be in uppercase. If you only play against one person, you can have the result recorded. Send the result to me at the above email address.

The requirement to make the finals was to play 10 or more games during the quarter and at minimum, two of the games had to be in March.

Five players made it across the finish line with Wendy Kakolowski winning with a 76.9%-win rate. Sherry Kremer placed with a 70%win rate and Danny Tirro showed with 62.5%-win rate.

All tournament play was reset to zero and the second quarter started Wednesday, April 1.

LEASH LAW Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Gayle Taylor; 2: Dan Hall & Jeff Bell; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

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

March 10

North/South Caryl Rosenberger & Jack Heller; 2: Paul Pinter & Gayle Taylor; 3: Linda & Bill Ryan.

East/West 1: Barbara Heller & Barbie Trebilcock; 2: Bob Durst & Paul Reidinger; 3: Linda Yuen & Bettirae Woodruff.

Friday Morning Pinochle

Mary Hannon

March 13

1: Herb Katz; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Mary Hannon.

Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

The Bunco Babes Social Group is postponed until further notice. Please refer to the World News for updated information when the group can meet again.

The March of Dimes Bunco for Babies fundraiser luncheon has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26. Please hold on to your ticket. The location and time are the same as printed on your ticket.

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

scheduled game. 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 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

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Cornhole Club

Jim Russell & Bill Ballweg

OPEN PLAY: Many of our Cornhole Club membership gathered at the picnic pavilion Saturday, March 14 to enjoy our second annual picnic. The weather cooperated, providing us a beautiful day to enjoy great food, have some fun and win prizes by playing cornhole related games. Thanks to all who pitched in to help in getting the pavilion ready for the event and thanks to everyone who brought a side dish or dessert and some chips and extra cups.

A bit of an update on where we might be playing cornhole in the future: A decision by management to resolve the issues with the new horseshoe pits at the Veterans Park has been made and it will entail reconfiguring the horseshoe pit layouts by removing five of the 10 pits. This is an important step for our cornhole play since we will be playing at the same complex as horseshoes. Management indicated during a March 16 meeting

that this renovation would be done quickly so our hope is that we will be able to play at Veterans Park in the foreseeable future. I'll keep everyone up to date via email on progress once the renovations actually begin.

If you or any of your friends and neighbors would like to play cornhole in our fantastic new facility, please contact Jim Russell, open play facilitator at jimrussell44@ outlook.com or (352) 861-6355.

LEAGUE PLAY: The Undertakers started the season with the theme "we will bury you" and they managed to achieve that goal by again taking home the first place medals in the men's doubles league. To secure their third consecutive championship they used a combination of skill coupled with mind games such as surrounding the court with tombstones prior to each match. The Dirt Bags (Rick Dikeman and Dwight Weirich) put up a good fight but faded down the stretch and finished in second place. The winter season was competitive and a great deal of fun for all of the participants. If you are interested in playing competitive cornhole, contact Bill Ballweg, league play king (aka facilitator) at waballweg@vahoo. com or (404) 207-5268.



Photo by Robin Ballweg

Men's doubles championship team The Undertakers – Bill Ballweg and Bob Helf – showing off their first place medals



The second quarter meeting of our club has been cancelled, and our next meeting will be held in early July. The annual nine-ball tournament will also be deferred to a later date.

Tip of the Month: There are many things you can do to still enjoy pool while home and keep your game sharp as well. There are two basic components of pool which you can work on, the physical and the mental.

The physical part of pool boils down simply to muscle memory and timing, to develop the sine qua non of billiards: a consistent, repeatable stroke. You can keep your stroke from fading away slowly by just practicing it at home.

Use your kitchen table, or any surface the approximate height of a pool table, about 30 to 31 inches. Place a ruler on the table, or stroke over any straight line, and make sure your stroke is straight and true. You can also stroke through a water bottle on top of a washcloth. Envision your stroke as the pendulum of a grandfather clock, and move back and forth at a consistent speed, slowly building up the pace.

While the pendulum analogy works well laterally, if your elbow remains still the cue tip will rise and fall; this is not correct, despite what you may see at professional level! Your elbow must lift and drop very slightly so that your cue remains level throughout the entire stroke. For us mere mortals, this is the only way to ensure you hit the cue ball precisely where you are aiming. It also helps greatly to video yourself, or practice in front of a mirror.

The second physical aspect to practice is timing. In my opinion the single most important mechanic is a slow pullback on the last stroke. We all do this well with slow shots, but many of us rush, jerk



Mexican Train Chicken Foot

Barbara & David Lee

To everyone in this amazing group – Mexican Train Chicken Foot – you have truly touched our hearts and not many words are needed other than thank you. Dave and I decided to end the group. We have enjoyed each and every one of you. We will see you around the community and always cherish our fun moments. Please feel free to keep in touch, and we thank you all for all the support. You may contact us at leegiraffe@bellsouth.net or (770) 394-7533.



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and poke with harder shots (which is exactly why they are so much less accurate!). So, practice a slow last stroke, and then a firm forward motion. It takes getting used to, but if you do it hundreds of time at home you will see your accuracy improve dramatically when you get back to the table.

To work on the mental side of your game, YouTube.com has many invaluable resources. Watching professionals play can be a solid learning experience, if you pay attention. Watch their shot selection, their stroke, their pre-shot routine, the pace of the cue ball, position paths, when they choose to play safe, and even how many warmup strokes they take (which will be more than you do, and there's a vital lesson right there).

There are also countless instructional videos that can really help. I recommend the sites of Dr. Dave, Sharivari and Tor Lowry. Keep your mind and body engaged with pool, just for a short while each day, and when you play again it will be like you never left.



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This month, I will focus on golf accidents that may feel like a penalty applies but isn't.

Have you ever accidentally hit your ball while taking practice swings in the fairway? Did you ever run over your golf ball while searching the rough for it? Have you ever dropped the ball before you actually got in position to take the drop?

Believe it or not these types of accidents happen all the time, and that's where the confusion sets in as to whether a penalty should be assessed. We are going to discuss a few of those areas that will not cause your score to increase with penalty strokes no matter how much you feel like they should.

The first situation we will address is on the tee box. You have teed your ball up and you are beginning to address it and you accidentally cause the ball to fall off the tee. Momentarily, you feel embarrassed and pause to consider if this is actually a stroke and what should you do about it. Fortunately, there is no penalty if you accidentally cause your ball to fall off the tee since you did not make an intentional swing at it.

The second situation is one we have all done at one time or an-

other. You run over your ball while looking for it in the rough. As summer nears, our rough can be quite challenging and difficult to find your golf ball. In the process of searching for your ball you actually run over it with the golf cart. Good news – there is no penalty for that!

If you or your playing partner or another cart accidentally causes your ball to move while searching for the ball, there is no penalty. You will need to replace the ball in its

original lie as best you can. A third situation is you are getting ready to take a drop of free relief from a cart path and the ball accidentally falls out of your hand before you were ready to take your knee-height drop. You immediately get all nervous about the situation, but you can relax and breathe a sigh of relief as there's no penalty. Pick your ball up and proceed to take your proper drop.

As many of you know, golf is a game of integrity and we always strive to do the right thing with regard to the R&A and USGA Rules of Golf. Should you ever have any questions or need further clarification ask one of the professionals on staff to assist you. You can also go to USGA.org and ask a specific question and someone will get back to you with the answer.

We are looking forward to seeing all our ladies back to golf real soon.

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

Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Russ Smith

As we move into the month of May, the LGA-9 schedule will continue to be on hold.

To help occupy your downtime, I want to give you some practice tips to work on while you are at home. I want to focus on putting, and how to improve the consistency in your stroke. Start off in front of a mirror with a dry erase marker and take your putting stance. Look at the mirror and draw a line with the dry erase marker from your forehead to your chin on the mirror. Now with your putter start taking several practices strokes while looking at the line on the mirror, the goal here is to not move your head while making your stroke. The biggest tendencies with a poor putting stroke are to sway your body side to side with the putter rather than moving your shoulders to make the proper stroke.

If you're still struggling to not move your body then set the putter aside and put your hands together and make your stroke without the putter, you should start to see your shoulders moving and nothing else. Remember that this drill is helping to fix a bad habit, but bad habits are not fixed overnight so you need to practice this drill in front of the

mirror several time a day in short intervals to help create new good

Now that you can confidently make your stroke without moving your head and body the next thing to focus on is the tempo of your stroke. The faster your tempo the further the ball will roll, and the opposite is true when you have a slower tempo the shorter the ball will roll. Try practicing these at home on the floor if you have carpet or use a rug if you don't.

To take it a step further take four quarters and place them at different distances in a straight line and putt to them in order from shortest to longest, once you feel comfortable with the different distances the next thing you will want to do is work on recalling this information at will. Just like on the golf course you only get one chance, so you have to make it count, so pick one of the distances and hit your putt if it's within a putter head of the quarter then you retained the muscle memory. Here is where we simulate the course by walking away for a few minutes and come back and pick a different distance from the one before and putt again. Remember that the more you practice the better you will get and learn from your mistakes by recalling information from your last experience. I hope that these couple of tips will help you with your spare time and please be safe and I hope to see you all back on the course soon.



Here's a salute to all Men's Golf Association members for their pa-

tience as we plan resumption of league play. In fact, it's been suggested that we replace shaking hands with a friendly salute from now on. Removing your hat and shaking hands after a round of golf is one of the most traditional moments in all of sports. But health experts say the old tradition needs to be updated.

Fist bumps and elbow bumps have been replacing handshakes on the pro tour this year. A tip of the hat or a round of applause could do the

But with an abundance of veterans at On Top of the World, a respectful and patriotic salute might be the healthiest solution. In any case, we urge you to think of fresh alternatives to shaking hands.

The following are the tentative events on the MGA calendar. Watch your email for further updates.

REPLACEMENT CAR DECALS

Resident Services 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday Bring your car, resident I.D., auto registration and \$10.

- Wednesday, May 6: Chicken Day (The Links)
- Tuesday, May 12: On Top of the World invited to Candler
- Wednesday, May 20: Individual low net (The Tortoise &
- The Hare) Wednesday, May 27: Three

Best Balls (The Links) The 2020 MGA top 20 winners so

far (from GolfGenius.com):

1: Brian Wilder; 2: Vince Dellapenta; 3: Larry Manion; 4: Mike Wathen; 5: Mike Benes; 6. Ralph Solvoid; 7: Joe Polizzotti; 8: Rusty Zarrell; 9: Lance Davsko; 10: Norman Schulze; 11: Howard Atherton; 12: Rusty Rhodes; 13: Bob Barbee; 14: Ricki Plesea; 15: John Parnau; 16: Ken Zweiback; 17: Jerry Englar; 18: Charlie Taylor; 19: Anthony Morris; 20: Kevin Hammonds.

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Golf

May is officially here and so are the summer temperatures. Here are some tips to beat the summer heat and stay hydrated on the course. Drink plenty of water. Each golf course has a water cooler every four to six holes, so please be sure to use them. Eat a few bananas to keep your potassium levels up to prevent cramping. Also be sure to wear a hat and put on sunscreen. We all know how damaging the sun

can really be. In May, Candler Hills Golf Club will host the annual World Memorial Day tournament Monday, May 25 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be two best balls of four and you may create your own foursome. The cost is \$15 per player.

Golf is a wonderful game that we all love but don't forget about the most important part of golf safety. If not careful, you can get injured in a variety of ways on the golf course. Here are some safety tips to help you in case of an emergency:

- Always call 911 first in emergency situations.
- Make sure to carry a mobile device in case of emergency.
- On Top of the World and Candler Hills scorecards have Golf Shop phone numbers and addresses in case of emergency.

All Golf Course restrooms have addresses in case of emergency.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 23: Par 3 Challenge on The Links
- Monday, May 25: World Memorial Day tournament on Candler Hills.

World Accolades

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Doug Trondsen. Congratulations!

Golf Tip of the Month

Flexibility is the key to a successful golf swing, which leads to a lower handicap. Increasing flexibility has many benefits to the golf swing; increased swing speed, an increase in range of motion, creates a more fluid swing and promotes overall better health. Here are a few drills you can do from the comfort of your home to increase flexibility and improve your game.

SHOULDER STRETCH: Hold a golf club above your shoulders and extend arms. Feel the stretch throughout your shoulders. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds.

BACK AND LEG STRETCH: Bend over at the hips and touch your toes. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds.

HIP FLEXORS: This will help stretch your hips, legs and torso. Begin in a forward lunge position and raise your arms over your head. Keep your head up and stretch. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds.

Add these stretches into your daily routine and in about a week you should start to see the benefits on the golf course.



Renee Aden

March certainly "came in like a lion" this year. The winds and cooler weather in the beginning of March were a challenge. Tuesday, March 10, the Candler Hills league members were invited to a Member/Guest Invitational with the On Top of the World 18-hole league. We would like to thank the On Top of the World ladies for a great day of golf followed by lunch, prizes and a silent auction.

Our league did not play Thursday, March 12, because the Ocala Open was taking place at Candler Hills Golf Course. Some members of the league volunteered to help during the tournament. It's a great opportunity to meet some of the young pros and watch their golf skills with their full swing and putting. These young people were very polite and thankful for the volunteers and their chance to play in the Ocala Open.

Because all the golf courses are closed, we will have to ease back into playing again and stay physically healthy for the day the courses reopen. When we get back to playing, please remember to post your scores on the day that you play. Put the USGA GHIN app on your phone and record your score that same day. By posting your score on the day that you play, there may be an

adjustment to your score because of "conditions."

With the new World Handicap System, posting every day is the best way to ensure that handicaps are accurate and up-to-date. Remember, if you play by yourself,

you cannot post a score. The leagues' and the On Top of the World-wide handicap committees' have been put in place to review and help. In addition, the equitable stroke control has changed. The maximum hole score will be a net double bogey. That means that you will have to know the number of handicap strokes that you are allowed per hole. If you need more information, see the USGA site or talk with one of the pros.

So much has changed since that first week in March, but we will get through this as a community, state, and country. Remember that a diamond is just a chunk of coal that did well under pressure!

Low Gross/Low Net March 5 Low Gross

Flight 1: 78-Shelly Karsnitz. Flight 2: 81–Connie Norris.

Flight 3: 94–Jonell Washburn. Flight 4: 98-Carla Kimball.

Low Net Flight 1: Tie at 71-Donna Smith, Su Freeman.

Flight 2: 72-Angelita Jingco. 73-Maria Fournier.

Flight 3: 73-Lynn Barber. 75-Toni Stevenson.

Flight 4: 69-Beth Wolinsky. 78-Gail

Banavige. 79-Laurel Rohrer.

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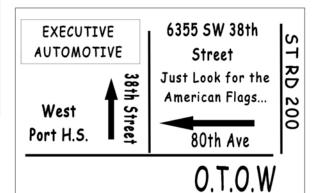
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Ladies 18-Hole Golf Susan Yenne

Hey, we're more than just golfers. Make your best guess and then look for the answers at the bottom of the column. Hint: They are all members of our league.

- 1. Who was the U.S. amateur bowling champion in 1978?
- Who went to the state gymnastics meet senior year and placed fourth on the balance beam?
- Who was a cheerleader and 3. twirled fire at homecoming?
- Name at least three league

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- members who had their first hole-in-ones in 2019?
- Who set the record for the 600-yard dash (Presidential Fitness Award) in 10th grade - then threw up and spent the rest of the day in the nurse's office?
- 6. Who met her husband while bowling "duck pins" - a game she played for 10 years?
- 7. Who was the roving fielder on her softball team when it won the Dade County trophy (she was in her 20s)?
- Who was a medal-winning swimmer in her pre-teen years?
- Who lettered in four sports in college - field hockey, basketball, track and softball?

- 10. Whose indoor soccer team lost so many games that they switched to softball - and became winners?
- 11. Who won a hula hoop contest at her friend's birthday party when she was 10?
- 12. Who high-jumped four feet to win her sixth-grade competition?
- 13. Whose team scored an eight ender during a curling competition?
- 14. Who was MVP field hockey, MVP basketball. MVP softball and senior athlete of the year?
- 15. Who was a downhill skier and avid snowmobile rider?

Email me vour greatest feats for the next column - susanihne@ gmail.com.

Best Ball of 2 Net March 10/The Links

Flight 1: 61-Robbie Limoges, Paula Lilly. Tie at 64-Nancy Zielinski, Pam Carpenter; MJ Strelec, Diann Addis. Tie at 66-Linda Taylor, Judie Ander-

Flight 2: 58-Angelita Jingco, Mary Jo Lock. 61-Yulan Cho, Bertha Myers. 62-Debby Wilson, Kate Beaty. Tie at 63-Mary Ann Livingston, Lisa Free; Marlena Laclair, Marsha Guth. Flight 3: 59-Margaret Hudacik, Patty Schwinn. Tie at 60-Iro Lisinski, Toni Stevenson; Rosemarie O'Neil, Beth Wolinsky. 61-Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Davsko. Tie at 62-Bonnie Bunce, Lynne Thesman; Sandy Case, Bail Banavige.

Flight 4: 60-Linda Ryan, Karen Curtis. Tie at 61-Sue Fierce, Jonell Washburn; Laurel Rohrer, Susanne Sigler; Rosann Ross, Netti Turbyfil. 62-Kathy Zunica, Carol Clark.

ANSWERS: 1. Bobby Wiener; 2. Linda Taylor; 3. Lilly Gee; 4. Peggy Ellenberger, Molly Lucieer, Antonio Varney (Others?); 5. Beverly Ovrebo; 6. Lynn Barber; 7. Sandy Chase; 8. Connie Sol; 9. VaDonna Hall; 10. Susan Yenne; 11. Molly Lucieer; 12. Peggy Ellenberger; 13. Robbie Limoges; 14. Ellen Brin; 15. Betty McNeeley.



Photo by Gene Mangold

Traxxas Ford GT stock class.



R/C Car Club

Gene Mangold

NASCAR On Top of the World? You bet! The NASCAR cars use a steel tube chassis with a wheelbase of 110", have a 900 horsepower gas engine, weigh 3200 pounds and travel at 200 miles per hour, while the R/C Car Club cars use a nylon

polymer tub chassis, with a wheelbase of 10.1", have a 0.5 horsepower electric motor, weigh 3.2 pounds and travel at 35 miles per hour.

Both NASCAR and the R/C Car Club use Chevrolet, Ford and Toyota bodies. The stock class car is commonly referred to as the Ford GT class as that is the default body when you purchase one. Most drivers choose to use the Ford GT body, while a few are using the Chevrolet, Toyota and Cadillac.

Tom Seitz, our last year's vice president, did extensive research for alternative stock cars. He reduced the selections down to three candidates, putting the long list of specifications on a spreadsheet. Tom presented his findings to the board and the membership. Ultimately, Tom recommended the Traxxas Ford GT and the club approved.

Tom like so many others are key to the success of the car club. He brings his analytical skills to the club and helps the club choose the best car and other technical issues when they arise. Tom's professional career spans many decades, working as an officer of ship operations for the U.S. Navy and after the military as manager of maintenance and engineering for Georgia Power and Light nuclear plants.

Four hobby shops were asked by Tom to bid on a stock car. The one in Gainesville was selected based on price, quality and other factors from the spreadsheet that Tom developed. The store gives the club a significant discount for cars and parts and keeps many different colors and parts on the shelves. Last count of the number of Ford GT purchased by members was 30.

Not to leave out our other hobby shops, there are two in Ocala. They provided our club members with most of the other cars and parts. They all do a wonderful job and are most anxious to help. Please shop local so we can keep these non-online folks in business.

Currently, club members are busy buying new cars, rebuilding existing ones, tuning and doing preventative maintenance in the interim. Members are also watching YouTube.com's large library of R/C car maintenance and racing videos. When races begin again, they will be on Thursdays and Sundays at 1 p.m.; monthly meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building. Please be safe.

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Our March monthly dance was a blast. We all wore green and celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Several dances were danced to Irish music and all had a great time.

umn, we do have a new playlist for OTOW Favorites at The Town Square. It has been decided to postpone the new list until we all have time to get back and to refresh the new dances on the list. When everything reopens, we will continue

the current music until dancers are ready for the change.

I hope all are practicing and reviewing all the line dances we have learned this season. It's a good way to get some exercise and keep both body and mind fit. In 2003, The New England Journal of Medicine reported that dancing helps prevent dementia. Dance was the only physical activity that benefited the brain. The need to learn and As I mentioned in the April col- remember numerous dance movements produced a constant and very beneficial challenge to thebrain.

We hope to be resuming all activities soon! Until then stay safe and healthy.



Photo by David George

Upper level line dancers wearing their green.



The softball field just got a much-needed update.

On Top of the World landscape crews completely re-did the irrigation piping and controls to keep the softball field in great condition. more information about joining the Crews working under golf course superintendent Brant Fletcher dug up and reinstalled older lines and replaced the decade-old system for controlling the flow.

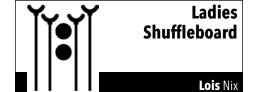
The result, Fletcher told Softball Club's board of directors at an early April meeting, provides more water, more coverage and much better ability to handle the job of keeping the field in superb shape for when play resumes following the shutdown.

The field will be ready when the summer season kicks off in late May or early June, depending on when outdoor activities are reopened. Softball, a sport gaining popularity in On Top of the World, plays all year around. The winter season puts six intramural teams in competition; summer season boasts four. Registration to join a summer team is under way. For league, contact tomsheridan.fl@ gmail.com.

The club's new board of directors met following the election of new members Joe Buckner and Pete Feliciano. The pair joins incumbent members Jeff Thomas, Dave Rearick and Tom Sheridan who were reelected in March balloting. The board renewed Thomas' selection as board chair.



On Top of the World crews replace irrigation pipes at the softball field.



The season of 2019-2020 has been a season of many interruptions. Because of these interruptions we will not be having our yearly tournament, as things stand now, we will also have to cancel our luncheon with our sponsor.

On Top of the World will be getting our new courts in order. They have ordered new score boards; the benches are already in place. We

will be volunteering with the mixed club with the moving of our equipment from the old shed down to the new, actual date has not been put in place; we will let you know via email. I hope you will help.

We will be shuffling through the summer months. If all goes well we will start summer shuffle Wednesday, June 3, starting at 9 and 11 a.m. All women residents are welcome to shuffle, so come and join us.

We hope you are all well! Have a good summer. We will start our regular season Wednesday, Sept. 2. Happy shuffling!





Tennis

(352) 387-7539

Appreciate life and be nice to your fellow tennis players! We play tennis for the fun and health of it. It keeps our bodies physically fit, minds sharp and emotions in check. When you are on the courts give it 100%, win or lose, it doesn't really matter; remember that of all the matches played today, half of the players will lose. You may lose a set or a match, just wait for the next time.

On a related subject, I know that we have missed out on some social activities and it is important to maintain our bonds as a tennis community, therefore, when it becomes possible again, we can organize some potlucks, tennis meets, barbecues or some other fun activities. Until then, try to exercise, eat a sensible diet, solve some crossword

puzzles and get a good night's rest. This month, I would like to highlight good balance, shot preparation, use of space and manipulating your opponent.

Tennis Tip of the Month

As seniors have become more active, many of us play tennis well past our 60s and 70s, making it enjoyable, rewarding and truly a lifetime game. I see balance as a fundamental skill. Balance is the ability to maintain equilibrium either at rest or while moving.

Getting your opponent off balance is key to winning in senior tennis. While warming up for a match, be sure to check out how well your opponent moves to wide balls or balls hit right at them. This way, you can plan ahead when the match starts as to where to serve, hit returns and hit volleys.

When we move on the court, it is important to give ourselves enough room to swing, volley or smash. Try not to make this an emergency. Plan ahead, making the necessary adjustments not only to your opponent's strengths, but to the spaces available to you to direct your ball. When charging the net to reach and return a short ball, remember to take something off your stroke.

Conversely, when scrambling to-

wards the baseline to return a lob over your head, remember to add something to your stroke. The momentum of your body moving forward will add power to your stroke, and when you move backward, away from the net, it will subtract power from your stroke.

When we watch a tightrope walker moving across the suspended wire he is engaged in dynamic balance; when we're readying ourselves to return a serve or to serve, this is static balance. Try to get your center of gravity over your base of support, which is your comfort zone, and try to move your opponent out of their comfort zone, to force weaker, less effective shots.

Another element that helps manipulate your opponent is disguise. If you can fake or make a shot look different for a split second, you can force your opponents out of their comfort zones and make it easier to anticipate weaker, less effective shots. If you can make your opponent reach for balls, this opens up a lot of possibilities. Most players get off balance if they have to move outside the width of their shoulders, so a ball hit low or wide forces them outside of their base.

Try to read your opponent's serve and return patterns as you prepare to receive. If your opponent has a hard first serve, you and your partner may choose to play back on or behind the baseline to get your return in play. If you are missing your returns try changing your position up, back or to the

Communicate, communicate, communicate. Regardless of the level of play communication with your partner is vital. Support your partner. Help each other forget the bad shots and move into here and now. Know the strategy and game plan. Share information on the strengths and weaknesses of your opponents. And finally, as a general principle, every effort should be made by you and your partner to control the position on the court, moving forward. This can be gained with good returns and a good position on the first volley. Always try to hit to the opponent who is further back or to the weaker of your opponents. Hopefully, I'll see you on the courts soon!



Pickleball

Tom West

As all of our members are aware, the courts are closed. We look forward to having fun in the Florida

To keep our members aware of recent changes to the board of directors we now have Erik Cambier as our president; Andy Woods is vice president; Sue Olson is treasurer; and Shizuka Campagna, Gordon Thom, Dave Phelps and myself round out the board. We will strive are very amenable to the idea, parto perform our duties to the best ticularly since more and more of

of our abilities and always listen to what our members want for the club. Future elections and nominations will be run fairly and if there is anyone who wants to be considered for any positions on the board please step up.

While we have this down time, we are currently considering ideas from our members to make the club better. The board has recently been in contact with Engage Sporting in Oxford, Florida to ascertain the availability and costs associated with their organization traveling to our facility in the future to offer training clinics, rating clinics, and even demonstrations. They

our members are traveling to their facility anyway.

We also hope some of our more advanced players like Bob Zangmeister, Dave Phelps, Ron Edwards, and Randy Schmid will again offer to run practice drills for our members as they have done in the past. These drills are a fantastic way to improve your skills in a fairly short time. When done in conjunction with the training classes run by Herb Katz and Tom Roach new players can make the transition to intermediate players much quicker.

As with any sport, getting proper training from individuals more knowledgeable than yourself is the way to play better. The beauty of this sport is that you get out of it what you put into it. If a member is more interested in the social aspects of the club rather than the competitive side, there is ample opportunity for that style of play as well.

In closing, I want to remind all members that this is your club. We welcome all ideas and will try to make happen what we are able to. Things go easier with help. Don't be afraid to offer your assistance to people like Eduardo Huertas when he is running tournaments. Remember, the more help we have, the more things we can accomplish together. This increases the amount of fun activities for our membership and doesn't burn out the people who are constantly volunteering.



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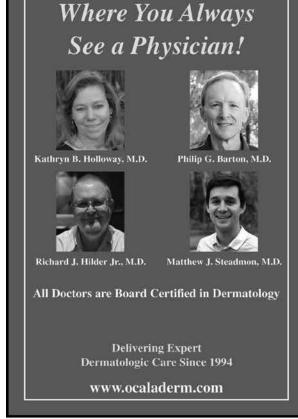


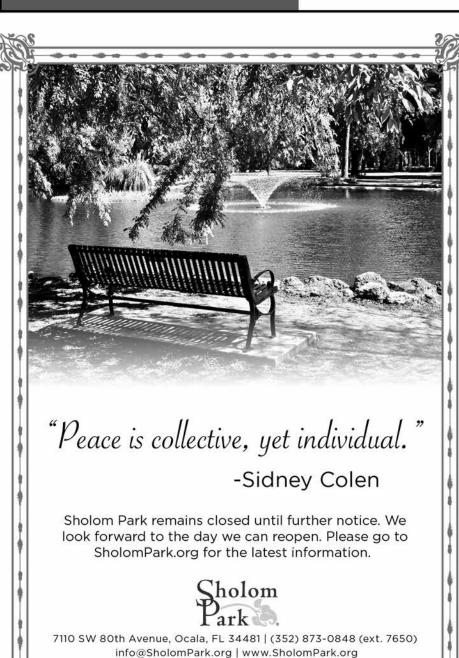
Western Stars Bowling

Susan Knorr

Western Stars Bowling strikes up the fun and spares no one! As you know, our season was cut short and the banquet was cancelled. Your secretary and her loving husband were put to the task to figure out the final stats for the season. As of this writing, I just got ahold of the bowling alley and they are assuring me that I will have the final stats shortly and have everything completed by the end of April. Since our league doesn't have the bowling software like some of the other leagues, we are at the mercy of the

alley for these figures. Next month, there will be another column with all the winners and prize categories listed. Thinking and praying for you all to stay









Archery Club

Leslie McCormick

Hello club members! Are you using your training bands to work on the proper techniques for shooting a recurve? The steps are:

- 1. Stance.
- 2. Nock.
- Hook and grip.
- Set (posture/alignment).
- Set-up (raise bow).
- Draw to load,
- Anchor.
- Transfer to hold.
- 9. Expand/aim. 10. Release/follow through.
- 11. Feedback.

You can also go to YouTube.com and search for "National Training System Steps of Shooting" for additional guidance. Work on getting ready for shooting at the range!

Congratulations to Bill Millican for his first place in the 70-plus compound, finger shooter class in the NFAA SE Sectional Indoor Championship (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky) that was held in March. Bill and Jerry Hoppe also competed in the FAA State Indoor Championship that was held at the same time with Jerry shooting in the 60-plus compound freestyle class (with release).

Don Southard worked at the twoday event and had two roles. The first was to make sure that every archer was always safe. Don also ran the timing clock which was mostly automatic and buzzed archers to the shooting line, buzzed to shoot and then buzzed to stop shooting. The format for the weekend was five arrow ends, 12 ends for each round. Each archer had four minutes for each end. Don also worked with cubs, youth and new shooters on how to score a target using the rules set up by the NFAA, FAA and USA Archery and especially enjoyed the children.

It appears at this time that the next state event will be the FITA Shoot in September in Newberry, Florida. FITA is the Federation International Target Archery association and they set the standard for world archery across the globe. Bill says what that means is that the competition is in meters and that they will shoot a lot of arrows.

Jerry is ready to travel and has plans to shoot in Yankton, South Dakota and Darrington, Washington, in addition to the state shoots. The current 2020 fall schedule leads up to the Florida Senior Games in December, held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. All events are tentative as schedules are being moved around. These events are fun to attend as spectators. And we look forward to having more members compete in local/state events in the future!

Speaking of events, planning for the club's first competition -"Shoot the Bull" - will soon be un-

FITNESS SCHEDULE ===

May 2020							
	Recreation Center Group Wellness						
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
7:00 AM	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise	Oxycise		
8:00 AM	Dance Party	Strength & Stretch	Warrior	Strength & Stretch	Warrior		
8.00 AW	Denise	Jonathan	Jessica	Jonathan	Maureen		
9:00 AM	Strength & Stretch	Brain Power	Chair Yoga	Brain Power	Strength & Stretch		
9.00 AW	Tucker	Cammy	Julie	Jessica	Tucker		
10:00 AM	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body		
10.00 AW	Tucker	Kathy	Kitti	Kathy	Tucker		
11:00 AM	S.O.S.	Move to Improve	S.O.S.	Move to Improve	S.O.S.		
11.00 AW	Larry	Larry	Ingrid	Jessica	Larry		
11:00 AM	Zumba® Gold		Zumba® Gold		Zumba® Gold		
Ballroom Location	Kitti		Kitti		Nichole		
12:00 PM	Get Fit While You Sit		Get Fit While You Sit		Get Fit While You Sit		
12.00 PW	Kitti		Kitti		Maureen		
1:00 PM		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*			
4:00 PM				Guided Meditation			
4.00 FW				Sandra			
5:00 PM		Intro to Hatha Yoga		Yoga			
5:00 PW		Kathy		Sandra			
Recreation	Recreation Center Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM: Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM: Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM						

* Fitness center orientations and balance assessments are free. Please call (352) 854-8707 Ext. 7534 to reserve your spot

Arbor Fitness Center Group Wellness							
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
7:00 AM	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN		
7.00 AW	Fitness On Demand	Fitness On Demand	Fitness On Demand	Fitness On Demand	Fitness On Demand		
8:00 AM	OPEN	STRONG	OPEN	STRONG	OPEN		
8.00 AW	Fitness On Demand	John	Fitness On Demand	Ingrid	Fitness On Demand		
9:00 AM	Yoga	Rise & Recharge	Yoga	Rise & Recharge	Yin-Yoga		
9.00 AW	Julie	Tucker	Linda	Tucker	Renu		
10:00 AM	STRONG	STRONG	STRONG	STRONG	STRONG		
10.00 AW	Kelly	Tucker	Linda	Kelly	Roger		
11:00 AM	Boomer Beat	Dance Aerobics	Boomer Beat	Dance Aerobics	OPEN		
11.00 AW	Cammy	Jessica	Jessica	Denise	Fitness On Demand		
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN		
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1:00 PM			Fitness Orientation*				

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Arbor Conference Center							
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
	Qi Gong	MAC Fit		MAC Fit			
8:00 AM	Art	Tucker		Tucker			
	Studio I-III	Ballet Studio		Ballet Studio			
	Tai Chi			Qi Gong			
9:00 AM	Art			Art			
	Studio I-III			Studio I-III			
				Intro to Tai Chi			
10:00 AM				Art			
				Studio I-III			

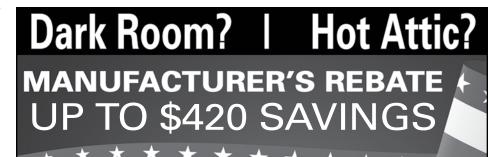
Arbor Fitness Center Indoor Pool							
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming		
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open		
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk		
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water	Shallow Water	Deep Water	Shallow Water	Deep Water		
9:00 - 10:00 AW	Fitness Class***	Fitness Class***	Fitness Class***	Fitness Class***	Fitness Class***		
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open		
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming		
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	AquaAerobics	Open	AquaAerobics	Open	AquaAerobics		
1:30 PM- 8:30 PM	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Open	Water Volleyball 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Open		

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derway and will include all levels of experience. Stay tuned!

A reminder to club members that GroupWorks is our method of communication. Updates on the upcoming range opening, club/ committee meetings and the election of officers will be sent to your email as soon as we have any information to share.

For questions on new member applications or any other club questions, please contact Bob Papirner (acting president) at rpapirner@aol. com or Leslie McCormick (acting vice president) at llmccorm74@aol. com. Archers at any level of experience are encouraged to join!





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Shakespeare's Birthplace

By Bob Woods World News Writer

William Shakespeare's birthplace, situated in the historic community of Stratford-upon-Avon in England, is a restored 16th century half-timbered house right on Henley Street. During Shakespeare's time, this street was the main thoroughfare in Stratford and now the street is closed to all traffic except pedestrian traffic because of the influx of tourism. Thousands upon thousands of tourists visit this location along with Anne Hathaway's cottage yearly.

Today, the house is relatively simple but during the time Shake-speare was born the house was considered a substantial building. The house was constructed, which was typical of the times, in wattle and daub around a wooden frame. William's father was a glove maker and wool dealer and the house was divided into two sections, one for his business and the other is where the family lived.

The ground floor consisted, as in most early houses of the time, of a large parlor with a large fire-place. There was generally a room over the parlor on the second floor, which was probably a bedroom for the children but more than likely this was where William was born in 1564. William was the eldest of eight children.

The exact date of William Shakespeare's birth is not recorded but is celebrated around the world on April 23. Shakespeare's baptism is recorded in the parish at Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon on Wednesday April 26, 1564. Back in those times, baptisms generally took place within three days of birth and no later than the first Sunday after the birth. Since three days between birth and baptism, April 23 has come to be the day celebrated as his birthday. Consequently, William Shakespeare passed away 52 years later on April 23, 1616.

Regarded as the greatest writer in the English language, William Shakespeare was an English poet, playwright and actor often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon." Bard is defined as poet. The extent of his writings included 39 plays, 154 sonnets, two long poems and other verses. William's plays have been translated into every major language of today.

Shakespeare spent long periods of time in London producing and acting in some of his plays but often traveling three days back to Stratford-upon-Avon. During this time, William married Anne Hathaway and the couple had three children.

The family home was left to William but at the time William had purchased another house down the street from where he was born and

did not want his family's house, so he leased it for years as did all his children. Eventually, the house fell into disrepair until the 18th century when notables visited the birthplace, including such people as Charles Dickens and Sir Walter Scott

Interest in the property increased when the house was put up for sale in 1846. American showman P.T. Barnum wanted the house and his desire was to ship the dwelling "brick-by-brick" back to the United States. Upon hearing this, the Shakespeare Birthday Committee later becoming the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust along with Charles Dickens' help, purchased the property. Once the trust acquired the property, restoration work proceeded.

Today, the trust has a building with museum next to Shakespeare's birthplace and visitors wanting to tour the birthplace traverse through the building before entering into the house through the back door.

Shakespeare's writings fall into four main categories – comedy, history, tragedy and poetry. The most famous of his plays are categorized as tragedies, such as Hamlet, Julius Caesar, King Lear, Macbeth, and Romeo and Juliet.

Shakespeare's monument still stands inside the Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon. The monument does not bear his name but an epitaph carved into stone:

"Good frend for lesus sake forbeare To dig the dust encloased heare Bleste be the man that spares thes

Bleste be the man that spares the stones

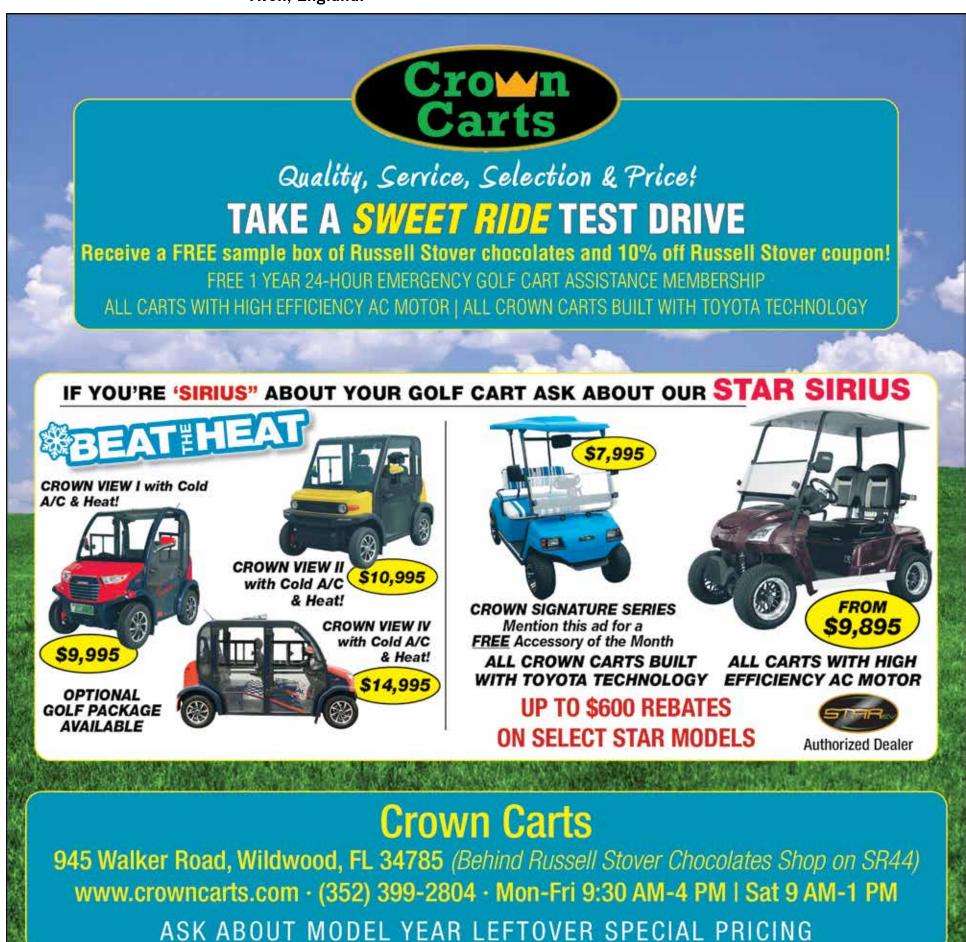
and curst he who moves my bones."

(Translated: "Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear / To dig the dust enclosed here / Blessed be the man that spares these stones / And cursed be he that moves my



Photo by Bob Wood

William Shakespeare's birthplace is located in the historic community of Stratford-upon-Avon, England.





New Dancin' On the Top

Arlo Janssen

Mark your dance calendar for Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Automatic will provide the music for your dancing pleasure with the theme of "A Night at the Movies." The stage will be closely matched with our theme, and our tables will be colorfully decorated for this fall dance. The dress is casual, but no T-shirts, tank tops, shorts or jeans should be worn. Coolers are not permitted.

The next dance is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, with music by Danny and Johnny. Our New Year's Eve dance is now set for the Recreation Center Ballroom with Retro Express on Thursday, Dec. 31.

A great big "thank you" to all those club members who have volunteered to help with our dances in the past and our future dances. Our club provides dancing for everyone - ballroom, waltz, meringue, line, 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 fall and winter 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 and on into 2021.



Sidekicks **Western Dance**

Carla Magr

Although we haven't been dancing, we are coming to the traditional end of the dance season when we usually go on an abbreviated schedule. We certainly had a wonderful time this year.

Our last party scheduled at the end of April did not happen, but our coordinators are hoping to be able to have some dances over the summer, and probably a party as well. You know it's hard to keep a Sidekick off the dance floor for

As soon as there's any information to share, you'll be receiving it. In the meantime, everyone please stay safe, well and have a good summer. Happy trails and God bless ...

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Ballet Club

Eugenie Martin

New Circle

Squares

Dotty Huston

I hope this finds all our residents doing well. In the absence of our classes, I decided to write about the history of ballet.

Other than folk dancing, I believe that ballet is the oldest form of dance in the world. It was born in the 1500s as part of the early Italian theater first performed outside of the church. Named "balletto" it was taken by Caterina diMedici to the court of France, when she married Henri II of France. For the next several hundred years, the dance

form, renamed "ballet" became a very important part of the activities of the French court.

In the late 1600s and early 1700s, King Louis 14th considered ballet the most important talent of courtiers he respected and trusted. All of the courtiers were men, of course, since no women were allowed to dance in early ballet. Louis was called "Le Roi Soleil" or "The Sun King" because he appeared in an all-night ballet just as the sun

French ballet until the time of the French Revolution. Then, they were dressed in diaphanous flowing gowns with soft shoes on their feet and trained to do dances backing the revolution and helping make

was rising. Women were not allowed in the

houses are - windows/furniture polished and clean closets. Then there is the honey-do list that the

honeys could never find time for. I don't know how many square dancers were dancing but in the beginning of April, a caller in Australia (on the internet) prompted you to dance with your husband and three phantom couples. It made a square and lots of laughs, because those other phantom couples kept making mistakes.

Our next dance at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III is Wednesday, Oct. 7 with "Hot Rod"

able. Because ballet became so firmly

the political changes more accept-

entrenched in France, almost all terms we use are in French. The two we generally keep in Italian are "ballerina" plus musical terms such as "adagio" and "allegro." legro" means "quick" and we add French to it to make it small, "petit allegro" or large, "grand allegro."

Once we are able to resume classes, our schedule will be as follows in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room:

> Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Fridays: noon to 1:15 p. m.

Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15

For more information, please call (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!

Barngrover caller. The big Honeybee Swing dance will take place Saturday, Oct. 17 in the Recreation Center with Jerry Biggerstaff as caller from Marion, North Carolina and Loretta Hanhurst as cuer. Ocala Twirlers will be back as soon as it's safe to do so.

Keep that beat in your feet and smile on your face. As the miracle of nature wakes to life the sleeping spring. May the miracle of dancing in your heart rich gladness bring!

For information, call Dotty Huston at (352) 502-6789. God bless you all. Lots of yellow rocks.



During this downtime, we went

for walks, bike rides and then rode

our golf carts around the commu-

nity. We visited neighbors from

the street, called them, they came

out and sat in chairs by the garage

door and we enjoyed each other's

company. We read books and did

puzzles. Not to say how clean our

Wellness Beyond Walls

Get in touch with your senses! Consider new ways to bring wellness into your life. Engaging your sensory system is a vital component of wellbeing. Here are some tips to keep you connected to wellness beyond the walls of the gym.

FIT TIP #1: Head outside when you wake up, focus on your surroundings while stretching the body upwards, downwards, and side to side. Repeat until your mind and body feel awake and invigorated.

FIT TIP #2: Around lunchtime, choose a destination and walk with purpose. What do you see? What do you smell? What do you hear?

FIT TIP #3: Around bedtime, sit in a comfortable spot with your eyes closed and focus quieting your mind of thoughts. Breathe deeply, exhale fully, and allow your body and brain to relax. A restful mind will help you settle into a good night's sleep.

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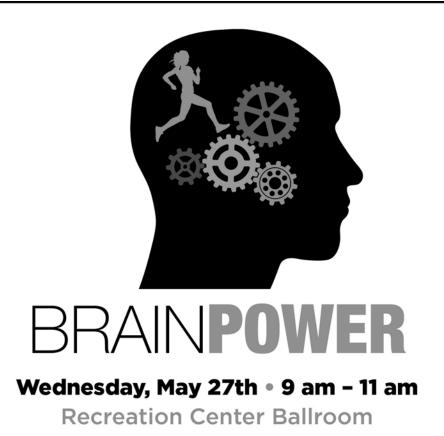


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Pitching In & Making a Difference

By Ray Cech World News Writer sewing since her mom first said, nity are doing just that. One such "C'mon Bev, would you like to give it a try?" She did, and she's been sewing ever since.

In any crisis, there are the those who rise to the occasion and make

Resident Beverly Cox has been a difference. Many in our commucall to action is being demonstrated by a group of ladies - Beverly, Pat, Valerie and Jan. When they heard of the shortage of face masks in our community, they got together and decided they needed to make a difference.

First, they researched what materials were vital in a mask - cotton fabric, special lightweight interfacing, and bands that would hold them securely on. Amazon was the natural go-to supplier. As the ladies put their sewing skills to work, they posted on Facebook - very quickly, neighbors began dropping off additional supplies. The trio of sewers found that they could make about 50 masks a day, and as of this writing about 800 have been sewn and distributed. Along with individual recipients, their masks have been given to The Club at Candler Hills, the Recreation Center office, Bridgewater Park and several other local businesses.

The masks are free and can be found on Beverly's porch at 8706-C SW 95th Street. While Beverly, Pat, Jan and Valerie are making masks available for free, residents picking them up have been leaving small donations. "The thank you notes, however," says Beverly, "are what warms our hearts the most."



As a member you can look for-

ward to working on the new layout.

The needs for building a new lay-

out of the size the club has involves

just about every skill set anyone

has, from electronics, to painting,

to carpentry, to industrial design,

to lighting, railroad history, and a

Buy a locomotive (new or used

from \$50 to \$300 or more) or a

dozen other skill sets.

Residents are sewing and donating masks.

Give Model Railoading a Try

scribe to?

By Gerald Mucci

All of us have some down time right about now. There are many reasons to consider the Model Railroaders as a fascinating diversion. Here are a few:

A segment of the railroad hobby involves monitoring how modern railroads accommodate commerce, the segment known as "rail fanning." Activity of rail movements is an indicator of the activity of American industry and how our nation recovers from our recent shutdown. Online, "Railway Age" reports on this.

Consider picking up a copy or subscribing to one of the several model railroad magazines to become more familiar with the hobby. These include "Model Railroader", "Model Railroad Hobbyist", "Classic Toy Trains", "Garden Railways", "N Scale Railroading", "O Gauge Railroading", "Railfan and Railroad Magazine" and several others. Order a copy online and see what tickles your fancy.

The model railroad hobby is something new to learn about to break up your day.

When you join, you can text, call or email other members to discuss topics like: trains they had growing up; what sort of layout do they have now; what they plan to do on the new expanded club layout; and what train magazines do they subfavorite commodity or business emblazoned on the side) to operate on the new layout. There is plenty of room to bring your own rolling

stock.

Take time to learn about digital coding of model locomotives. The computerized digital controls on these things are amazing. The volume and type of sound of horns, whistles, brakes, steam, diesel engines, coupling and a myriad of other actions as well as speed and braking can be controlled from a wireless hand held remote. Now is as good a time as any to construct an HO scale building for

car, cattle car, crane car - with your

couple of cars (box car, reefer, flat the new club layout. Kits are available at the hobby shop just west of On Top of the World.

Get help and ideas starting the layout you've always wanted to build in your spare room. A club member is ready to and anxious to answer questions and guide you if you choose to build a layout in your home.

The next train club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, at 9 a.m. at the Arbor Activity Center Card Room III. The Model Railroaders are always welcoming new members. Email President Jim Lynam at lynamj1946@gmail.com or me at gfmucci@yahoo.com with any questions or to confirm meeting times.



Photo by Gerald Mucci

Logging operation on an "O gauge" layout.

A Flair for Art

By Elizabeth Wales

"I can't draw a straight line" is how Pat McNulty always described herself. Somehow this didn't fit the narrative of her college major of interior design. Last month the spotlight here was on her husband Russ, who creates his amazing marquetry pieces while Pat sits across from him during our sessions. This month we focus on her.

Pat's flair for art took hold when her children were small and she discovered the very popular tole painting, which made great gifts for teachers. While Russ created the items in his workshop, Pat painted and gifted them to any and all takers. This jump-started her interest in canvas painting, which she then took up with a flair for flowers, and she became a certified Bob Ross floral painting teacher. From there she moved on to china painting, having seen a delightful tea set that piqued her interest. This be-

gan a 20-year exploration of porcelain painting. Luckily Russ was able to build shelves to hold Pat's everexpanding collection of china!

Finding On Top of the World in 2013, the couple is especially drawn to the wood shop and meeting rooms for the Art Group. Pat now draws copious wonderful flowers of all kinds, and colors them meticulously with pencil. There is no

doubt she can draw a straight line! While they will have gone back north for the summer by the time you read this, we await their return next fall, and cannot wait to see what this amazing couple will tackle next. When the Hobby Building reopens, we will meet Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Hope you can stop in and see us or join in the fun. Be sure to check out our members at ocalaarts.org.



Photo by Elizabeth Wales

Pat McNulty of the Art Group.

View from the Library

Linda Barilli

If you are sorry you missed the movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" then you will be happy to know that we have the book that the movie was based on, "The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers" by Amy Hollingsworth.

Dr. Ore taught Fred that "Evil would like nothing better than to have us feel awful about who we are ... but Jesus wants us to feel good about God's creation within

accept who we are and grow from there. "All that matters are your motives. God will lead the way." Silence was important to Mr.

Rogers. Once in the East Room of the White House he asked for a half a minute of silence to "think about someone who helped you become who you are." He believed that every person leaves a part of themselves behind. "Fred was Mother Teresa in a cardigan." This book is labeled 791HOL.

us." This would give us a different

insight when looking at our neigh-

bor; we would be able to see the

greatest treasures of life was to

Fred believed that one of the

good in them and not their faults.

Ove became an orphan at 16. Fortunately, his father taught him everything he knew about fixing engines. This became Ove's greatest asset. Subsequently, Ove strongly felt that he could judge a person by the car they drove.

Backman takes place in Sweden.

At age 59, Ove finds himself out

of work, a widower, someone who

only sees things in black and white.

He feels totally disconnected with

the world around him.

Ove stoically pulls through many unfortunate happenings throughout his life. But losing his wife brought him to the breaking point. More than anything, Ove misses

"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick holding his wife's hand, her smile and the way she giggled. He becomes even more judgmental and grumpy than he had always been, taking it out on everyone and everything around him, until finally he feels that he cannot go on.

After a number of failed attempts to take his own life, Ove begins to find joy by helping two "hooligans," spending time with his new neighbors, and hesitantly bringing a beat-up old cat into his house.

As sad as this story is at times, you just have to laugh at the humorous way it is told. This book is in hardcover fiction labeled FIC-BAC.



Rubber Stamp **Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr

We look forward to our meetings resuming soon! However, for now, I find myself enjoying the time to make as many greeting cards as I

In March and April, I made a cute Easter card featuring a wooly baby lamb, on a swirly white background. I made several of the cards and varied the sentiments inside to suit the recipient. I also created several April birthday and anniversary cards. I also started some for May. I may find myself ahead of the calendar for the first time since I joined this club over 10 years ago!

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

Our group is open to all crafters beginners or those more experienced. One or two people do a presentation each month. The group

normally meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. There are basic supplies that are needed, such as a trimmer, glue, scissors, and card stock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by

your imagination!

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



Photo by Linda Lohr

Easter card by Linda Lohr.



Well, our new "normal" has prompted the club to do things a bit differently. Many of us are working on items at home: sewing up quilts, creating animal pillows, and tying the quilts. We don't know how long it will be until we can meet in person again, but we will be ready with our donations!

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. When we resume meeting, please stop by our hive on any Thursday in the Hobby Building Art Room, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. We would be happy to show you our creations made with love for the children. You may find our club is just what you have been looking for to round out your

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.

Be safe and stay well!





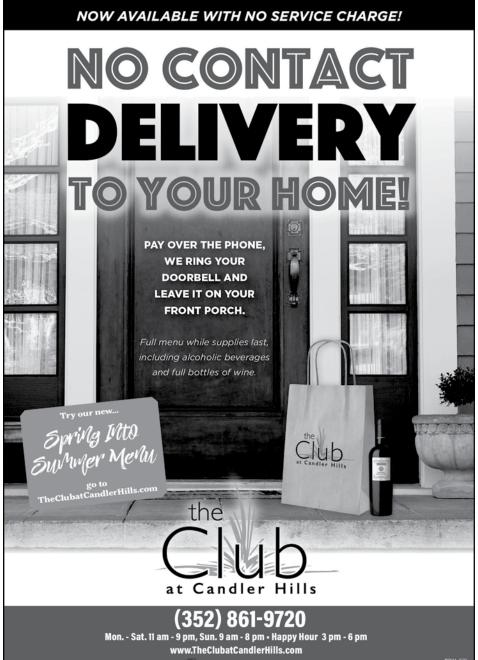
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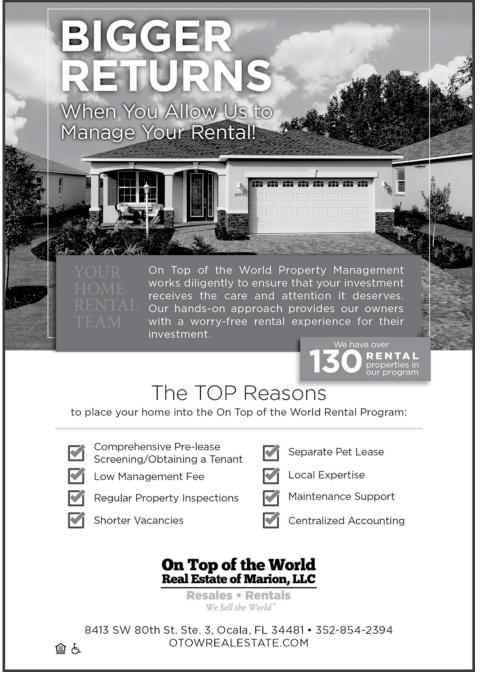
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Happy Hookers hopes that everyone had a blessed and safe Easter. While we have not met physically, our group continues to work on all of their many and varied projects. Here's what some members shared recently:

- "Working on a variegated blue, green and white baby blanket for charity. Once that is finished, I plan to do something for me - make some eyeglass cases."
- "Crocheting a multi-colored lap robe using pink, yellow, green and white yarn that has been donated to our group."
- "Crocheting a hospital shawl for charity in grey."
- "I have managed to finish a crocheted pair of socks that I started a few years ago, and I have finished the baby blanket which is for my first great grandchild."
- "Knitting hats."
- "I've been working on crocheting baby shower items in mostly pinks and white, doll dresses, and blue beanies for the HatnotHate anti-bullying campaign thru Lionbrand. I also decided to start crocheting another shawl."
- "Finishing up a white baby blanket for charity. My next project will be a multi-colored blue, turquoise and brown lap blanket for an adult using donated yarn."
- "Crocheting a blanket for myself using bright colors orange, green, yellow - which will be for my guest room."
- "After much practice I have learned how to make a rectangle granny square!'
- "Working on a multi-cabled afghan in a dark heathered

Unfortunately, our spring concert was cancelled. Hopefully, we

will be restarting in the late sum-

mer to prepare for our winter holi-

day concert, which has always been very popular. While we are focused

on our health, residents should be encouraged to sing in the Concert

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David Wesenberg

grey for our step-granddaughter."

- "Knitting a raglan sweater in variegated earth tones with some turquoise for a friend's new baby.'
- "Knitting sweaters for my soon-to-be granddaughter. Have made one in white and one that is a turquoise pullover with button opening on one shoulder. The most recent is a four-color cardigan in lavender, off white and two pinks."
- "Crocheting a baby blanket for charity using a recently learned stitch called the lark's foot. The blanket is being done in turquoise, white and a variegated yarn of blue, white and light green."

You can certainly see that we are busy!

Our Happy Hookers group is open to all residents. We normally meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda or penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back.

What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328.

If you have yarn, books, tern knitting dles, 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-

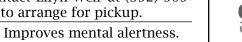
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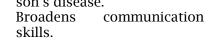
- Boosts confidence.
- Increases ability to appreciate singers.
- Brings you and your lover closer together.
- Discover how to listen care-
- Improves the skin.

In addition to health benefits, in a world with so much to learn, singers gain knowledge of written music, music theory, and the whole

Many residents have returned to the world of vocal and instrumental music after busy carreers and are re-experiencing the joy of singing and playing music. Take the plunge and join us! Contact Mary Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@

4355 to arrange for pickup.





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Chris Kilbride The Artistic Crafts & Gifts week-

ly craft show takes place Tuesdays at the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to noon. Visit Artistic-Crafts.org for a glimpse of what you'll find each Tuesday.

This month, we feature the background of Marion Brenon who has been doing crafts since the age of nine, when she would weave potholders and sell them to neighbors for a nickel. By the age of 12, she learned how to do needlepoint and embroidery, where those items were gifts or an occasion project for someone at a low cost.

As a young child, her mother had done some beautiful crochet and knitting projects, but even though she tried hard, she was just not interested. Later in life she worked with plastic canvas making tissue boxes, ornaments, etc. and would give those as gifts or sell them to co-workers at a small cost.

While on vacation in Vermont 15 years ago, Marion came across a button bracelet in a unique little store. The store owner encouraged her to try making them once she got back home. So, she did. After 15 years and hundreds of bracelets later, she still loves making them. Each bracelet takes approximately 30 to 50 buttons hand sewn on elastic. Now that's a lot of buttons!

She does buy a lot for special projects; however, she's been blessed to have people donate them

too. With a love of thrifting, estate and tag sales, that's where she also finds them. Her husband Dennis is her biggest fan and supporter who also searches for buttons and has been known to help cut buttons off thrift store clothing.

Marion and her husband began their life in paradise in 2015 after she had retired from a career as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor and he was a firefighter.

Newly expanded ideas include bedazzling items like letters, crosses and signs with buttons, lace, ribbon and jewelry. That's a lot of fun to make too. When people ask why she doesn't sell online her answer stays the same — she loves seeing the faces of the person buying her crafts. It's the personal contact that keeps Marion going.

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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Photo by ShutterBug Pam Schmitt Special category first place: Torii Arch.



Photo by ShutterBug Connie Filip Special category second place:

Gateway to the Sea - Corfu.



Photo by ShutterBug Dave Schultz Special category third place: Sholom.

ShutterBugs **Photography**

Connie Filip

ShutterBugs proudly presents our special category winners from our photo contest.

The subject of this category was "gates.'

Pam Schmitt took her first-place photograph of a torii arch at the entrance to a large Japanese garden at Wickham Park in Manchester, Connecticut. A torii arch is a traditional Japanese gate often found at the entrance of a Shinto shrine. It symbolically marks the transition from the mundane to the sacred. She noted that she was practicing

using some of the special features and practice! on her camera for the first time that day. This one used the selective color setting.

My second-place photo was taken in Corfu, Greece. It's a beautiful island in the Ionian Sea; you can see the influence of Venice preserved in its architecture. The water surrounding the island is crystal clear and vivid blue.

The third-place ribbon was taken by Dave Schultz. Sholom was the product of a photo composition class in which he participated. He followed many of the photography rules that he learned that day when he took this photograph.

For our next contest, the special category subject will be "old tombstones." Photos are entered in September - so get your camera out

Plus, here are three great tips to improve your smartphone photos:

TAKE TIME TO FOCUS: Normally we pick up our smartphone and snap a picture (try snapping it by using your volume key). This relies on auto-focus. You can improve your photo by selecting your focus area. All it takes is a tap to the screen. Tap on where you want the sharpest focus in your photo and see the shift to that area. Your subject will be in perfect focus, while everything else will be less in focus.

EXPOSURE: Need your photo to be brighter or darker? Adjust your exposure by dragging your finger up/down the screen (for my Android, on the right side). You'll see a sun icon with a vertical bar pop up. Then slide your finger up

or down the bar to manually adjust the exposure.

ZOOM WITH YOUR FEET: Sure, you can use the zoom feature to take that picture, but you'll lose quality. The fuzziness in zoom photos is from the slight movement of your hand, which is heightened in telephoto shots. So, get out into your environment. Explore, and notice what you see up close!

Have fun trying out these tips and maybe by looking at all those icons, you'll discover something else new to you!

For up-to-date schedule information, visit otowspc.com.

For more information contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or guhley@cfl. rr.com.



Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

We have had some extra time for indoor activities. It got me to thinking. Very often when I ask, "Are you going to sing?" I get different responses. Some say, "Do you want to empty the room?" Others say, "I only sing in the shower." I have never gotten someone to ask, how can I practice, then come and try to

I did some thinking and have a few pointers for you.

- 1. You can go to YouTube.com. Search the name of the song (type karaoke after the title).
- With a Little Help From My Friends" karaoke. When the search results come up, you need to decide which artist you want to use. Personally, I like the Beatles version. Click on one of the songs and sing with the music. The words change color on the screen as you are singing.

For example, type "I Get By

- Suppose you do not have a specific song in mind but a singer you enjoy. For example, type Patsy Cline karaoke. The search results give you a list of her songs in karaoke. Select the one you would like
- "What if I do not remember the melody?" You just need to search for the song with

the artist singing it. Sometimes you see the song listed with lyrics. If you select that song, you can sing along with the singer because the words will be there. Once you are comfortable with the melody, go to the karaoke version.

Now I am wondering. How many non-karaoke singers will try this? I hope when we get back in session someone will say I am ready to try!

Remember what happens in karaoke stays in karaoke unless it gets posted on Facebook!

When we are able to return, we meet the first and third Mondays of the month in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come any time in be-



Photo by Kathy Petrosky

Charlie is confused.



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The New **Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski

Think back to Friday, Feb. 7; imagine it's 7 p.m. and you're sitting in the Recreation Center Ballroom anticipating the beginning of "An All-American Road Trip." The New Pretenders band is in place, the lights grow dim and it starts! A full evening of entertainment that is astounding in so many

The picture that you now have in your mind is actually captured by The New Pretenders photographer, Lennie Rodoff. Lennie brings her talents to light through the eye of her camera's lens. Each month, we share an example of her work with you with our column.

You might wonder how this New York-born, Marylander transplanted in Florida started her photographic journey. This is Lennie's

response: "We were bitten by the travel bug and began the first of many long trips around the United States. I discovered the joys of digital photography. I could take thousands of photos and not have to wait for the film to be developed."

"We have been to 49 states, and most of Canada, and each trip was unique. We've been to the Iceberg Festival in Newfoundland, saw polar bears and northern lights in Manitoba, about 45 national parks and who knows how many state parks. I firmly believe that anywhere you go, there is always something to look at. It helps to take many photos so you can relive the excitement and joy when you return home."

We also have another avenue to record our programs for future referral. The actual performances are caught through the talents of our videographer, Darryl Kenyon. He was born in New York and spent some years in South Carolina, then returned to New York state before retiring in Florida. Upon retiring,

he also took an avid interest in videography.

Darryl and Kathy, his wife, love to travel, mostly in the United States. This year included a trip to Alaska followed by their first trip to Europe with stops in London and a week in Spain. Darryl likes to bowl, play shuffleboard and pickleball. Naturally, all of these interests help to hone his skill and sharpen his eye!

Darryl has worked with The New Pretenders for the past four years. He magically melds all three shows

into one perfect CD, thrilling us all with the moments to re-live again and again. You can view clips from the program on Darryl's YouTube. com channel and see for yourself how creative he is with his camera. While you're there, he has about 3,000 videos including a streetby-street trip around our community and about 50 different bands from The Villages. Get ready to be amazed.

We are so pleased to have Lennie, Darryl, and their talents in The New Pretenders family.

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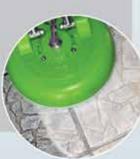
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Joe Furfaro, Fran Allen, Nick Lagattuta, Joel Kurtz, Doug Ensley, Nancy Kibler and Tom Miller.



Photo by Leslie Miller Ken Russell, Randee Gore and Mark Miller will rock the house with "I've Got Rhythm" in "Snippets" Nov. 21 and 22, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.



Theatre Group

Richard Rosen

The Theatre Group will be performing its dazzling musical theatre review, "Snippets" Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. If you already purchased tickets for April show, they will be good for the new dates. No need to tell us anything, just go the show and enjoy.

The April 4, ticket is now good for Nov. 21, while the April 5, ticket is good for Nov. 22. Times remain the same. Ticket sales will resume in early October. If you need any further information regarding tickets, please call Donna at (352) 857-

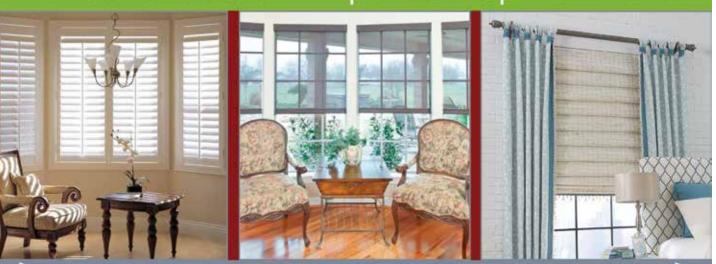
8165. Again, our program will have favorites from musical classics such as Kiss Me Kate, Cabaret, The Fantasticks, Titanic, Damn Yankees, and Gershwin's Crazy For You. This is going to be a dynamic musical theater presentation, and well worth the wait!

For general information on the Theatre Group, please contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com or (561) 235-6791.

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