

## Community News

**Kenneth D. Colen**  
Publisher

### About That New Toy

On Top of the World has robust R/C clubs. Over the years, it has expanded from radio-controlled airplanes (R/C Flyers) to radio-controlled cars on a track (R/C Car Club), and even into drones (R/C Drone Club).

I mention this to remind residents that drones may not be flown over private property, neither may they photograph neighboring properties. In Florida, we have the Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act. Flights over private property first require permission of the property owner. Typically, On Top of the World Communities does not grant permission, either privately or commercially, of any drone usage over On Top of the World and affiliates owned properties.

Any drone operator must first notify and obtain consent from neighbors prior to any attempt to operate a drone, including the capture of photographs over their homes and properties.

Really the only appropriate place to operate a drone is at the R/C flying field. This is a great group of people who are very welcoming of new people.

### Walking Your Dog(s)

Candler Hills, Indigo East, and On Top of the World are undoubtedly one of the most pet friendly places I've seen. I've often wondered if dogs and cats outnumber golf carts! Truth be told, we have some fantastic places to walk dogs. Please avoid the Longleaf Pine Trail with your four-footed friends as they can damage the habitat and wildlife.

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

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

### Construction Update

Construction is really busy in On Top of the World. If it feels like there is work being done everywhere you turn, it's because there is! From small commercial driveways near SR 200 to large earth moving projects and the beginning of Calesa Township north of Sholom Park on SW 80th Avenue.

Plans are underway over in Weybourne Landing to permit a pool and cabana, in advance of a clubhouse. In On Top of the World (Central) at the Recreation Center, permitting for a new cabana pavilion has been submitted to the county. This will feature a large covered area as well as restrooms convenient to the swimming pool.

In the area south of SW 94th Street Road, sales have been brisk within the new community of Longleaf Ridge. Longleaf is situated adjacent to the Longleaf Pine Trail and will have additional access to the newly rerouted trail via a trailhead from the neighborhood. This community features the Premier and Carriage style homes you are ac-

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## Veterans Day Ceremony

By Phil Panzera  
World News Writer

A moving and patriotic ceremony was held on Veterans Day at the Veterans Park. With over 100 people in attendance, Charlie Calhoun emceed the ceremony. Charlie is the president of the Veterans Club, one of our community's largest clubs, with 125 members.

The ceremony consisted of a sequence of lowering and then raising the U.S. flag and the flags of the five U.S. military branches, which encircle our nation's flag at the Veterans Memorial. There were speeches by Charlie Calhoun and Don Poulán, a U.S. Army veteran, along with a minute of silence in honor of our fallen.

Charlie eloquently said, "We are here today to honor our service members past and present for their sacrifices and courage, and their commitment to honor, duty and country. They have made this world a better place."

He went on to say, "The service members we honor today come from all walks of life, but they share several fundamental qualities. They possess courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty and integrity."

Ed Sobolewski, a member of the Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars State Honor Guard, had the honor of raising the U.S. flag. After the flag-raising, Don Poulán, a member of the Veterans Club, thoughtfully added, "It's not really about what we say, but the question is what we do to honor a veteran? Keep the remembrance of past veterans alive in telling their stories to our young, so we never forget."

"Veterans Day is a good time to remember our freedom, which is not guaranteed. It is protected by the men and women in our armed services. Our country's greatness is built on the foundation of our veterans' courage and sacrifice."

After the ceremony, Ann Parker



Photo by Phil Panzera

### Flag-raiser Ed Sobolewski at the Veterans Day ceremony.

spoke about a Blue Star Families program which awards eagle lapel pins to veterans who served during the Vietnam era, and dozens of pins were passed out to veterans attending the event. Blue Star families are those with an immediate family member in active military service, and Ann is a past president of the national organization.

Ann also talked about the Wreaths Across America program, a charity that places red wreaths across veteran graves nationwide. On their website, you can make a tax-deductible donation to sponsor one or many wreaths, or you can designate a wreath for a specific person or family member.

The Veterans Club set up over

100 veteran photos, mounted on stakes, and lining the sidewalks. The nice display was reminiscent of the photos placed daily at the base of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. If you'd like to have your photo included in next year's ceremony, send it to charles-calhoun.cc@gmail.com.

The Veterans Club does an outstanding job supporting local charities, schools and other organizations. This year they've raised over \$20,000, and thousands of pounds of food, clothing, supplies and books. If you're interested in joining, please call Charlie at (352) 556-6004. If you've served, it's a beautiful and heartwarming way to give back.

## Let's Rock 2021

By Jo Salyers and Gary Pierre

To say that 2020 has been a crazy year, would be an understatement. The important thing though is how we all move forward in 2021 and beyond, to provide live entertainment in the safest manner possible. Let's all agree right up front, every day brings new challenges for all of us to figure out how to navigate our lives. What we say and decide today, may change tomorrow. So, please bear with us!

Meanwhile at Circle Square Cultural Center, as we move into 2021, things are slowly starting to loosen up a bit regarding the ability for performers to book dates, travel and entertain again. For the entertainment lineup, we will be releasing dates throughout 2021 as things open up and acts become available. There are always a lot of variables in booking performers,

but now that has been multiplied, times 10! Not to mention, but I will, masks are going to be a requirement at every show for the foreseeable future.

You will see elsewhere in the World News, the somewhat solid (at this moment) lineup for 2021. There are a couple of new twists to the lineup in 2021. WIND-FM is holding their "Rock the World" series (March through October 2021) at Circle Square Cultural Center. The series holds something for almost everyone ... and brings some interesting contemporary performers here. For these shows, the seating will be set up with two seats vacant, between two reserved seats. Seats are reserved, with ticket prices at \$15 or \$30 (per person plus tax).

Another new entertainment op-



portunity is Habitat for Humanity of Marion County bringing Cote Denoath to the Circle Square Cultural Center stage Saturday, Jan. 22. Cote is a very well-known Elvis performer! Ticket prices are from \$15 to \$100 for VIP seats/reception. Concert proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Marion County. For this concert only, doors open at 5 p.m. with the show's opening acts starting at 6:15 p.m.

As we developed the lineup for 2021, for the one large act, we have booked country star, Tracy Byrd. Additionally, we have booked some of your favorites, including Stayin' Alive, 7 Bridges and many more! A new show this year is Top of the World: A Carpenters Tribute.

As a result of this year's hardships, we have witnessed businesses unable to survive. A support business to the entertainment industry is online ticket systems, and, unfortunately, the ticket system we have used for many years has become a casualty. Recently, we found out that we had to make a change to a new system. As of Dec. 1, you will notice that the ticket process will look different. The box office will continue to be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday. To order online, you may still use CSCulturalCenter.com. You will have questions and that is okay! Call (352) 854-3670, and we will walk you through the process. If the phone is busy, leave a message and we will call you back.

On behalf of the entire team at Circle Square Cultural Center and Circle Square Commons, we appreciate your patronage over the years and look forward to seeing and being with you all in the future!

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# Wreath of Grass Award

By Jordan Litherland

On Top of the World's Director of Golf Maintenance Operations Andrew Jorgensen was awarded the most prestigious award from the Florida Turfgrass Association back in August 2020, the Wreath of Grass. This award honors members who have had an outstanding commitment to the turfgrass industry throughout their careers.

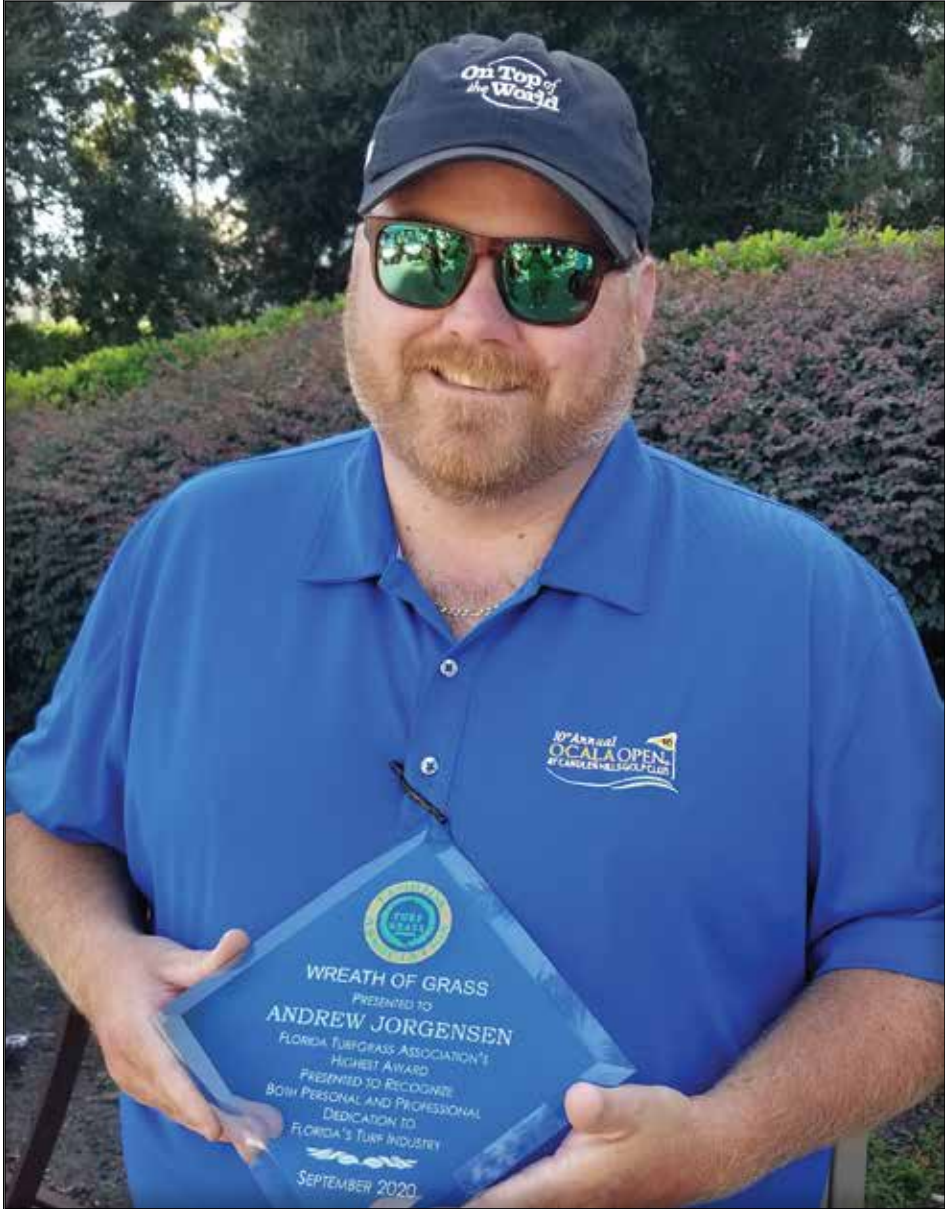
Jorgensen, a Florida Turfgrass Association member and past president, spent the morning in Orlando, Florida, to receive his official award and be recognized for his achievements.

Despite his already notable success with the Florida Turfgrass Association, Jorgensen is involved locally and serves with Leadership

Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership as the vice-chair. He also serves the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agriculture Sciences Plant Science and Research and Education unit in Citra, Florida advisory board.

When Jorgensen can't be found around the golf course, he is wherever help is needed. He benefits all residents who utilize our golf courses due to his commitment to excellence and turf maintenance details.

On Top of the World is grateful to have Andrew Jorgensen on our staff and ask's everyone who sees him in the coming weeks to congratulate him on his notable honor!



Director of Golf Maintenance Operations Andrew Jorgensen.

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And miss those we should

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Looking out for a neighbor, extending a hand

It's a very odd Christmas, the gifts are a few  
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customed to seeing in Avalon and Crescent Ridge, as well as a limited number of Estate homes, being offered for the first time in Meridian Preserve neighborhood area.

The extension of SW 80th Avenue from SW 90th Terrace (Candler Hills entry) west to future SW 92nd Avenue, has been completed.

Work has begun on improving the first 1,500 feet of SW 92nd Avenue to open up another new neighborhood of TerraLea. This improvement will also provide Candler Hills with another gated entry onto SW 92nd Avenue.

Concurrent with this, 6-foot chain link fencing will be installed beginning at the intersection of SW 92nd Avenue and SW 80th Street and progressing south along the westerly boundary of Candler Hills,

then south running past the Avalon neighborhoods, and terminating at the intersection of SW 94th Street (the new RV and storage facility). Viburnum will be added on the roadside of the new fence to provide a continuous green buffer along the roadway and lots. Viburnum is a rapid grower that gets rather large and will eventually obscure the fence, just as it had along the Indigo East neighborhoods. It is an excellent visual buffer as well as greatly attenuates noise.

As land development progress-

es in this new neighborhood, the plan is to develop sequentially in smaller parcels as opposed to mass grading of the entire parcel. Although this is a costlier method, we believe the benefit of reducing the land area exposed to the potential for wind-borne erosion outweighs the added cost.

Opportunities to meet new neighbors and to experience new amenities are on the horizon. I am also aware that this level of activity brings with it the bustle of workers, the occasional traffic detour and, at times, what must seem like a parade of contractors eager to start their day. We endeavor to go about our work with efficiency, cleanliness and safety in mind. As we progress through these projects and move on towards future tasks, I hope you enjoy these new additions as much as you do those that are already in operation.

Water Conservation  
Reminder

Southwest Florida Water Management District and Marion County reduces watering to one day per week at the change of daylight saving time. Over the cooler months, this should be no cause for concern with lawns dormant (brown!). After March, when lawns again warm from dormancy, some hand watering may be advised. If you need assistance resetting your irrigation controller, please visit otowinfo.com and refer to the Homeowner Information tab under Resources, or contact Resident Services to arrange assistance.

LEASH LAW

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.



2020 HOLIDAY HOURS

	Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24)	Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25)	New Year's Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31)	New Year's Day (Friday, Jan. 1)
Accounting	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
Arbor Fitness Center	6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED	6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED
Bridgenet Communications	8 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED	8 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED
Candler Hills Golf	7 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	7 AM - 3 PM	8 AM - 2 PM
Circle Square Cultural Center	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
The Club at Candler Hills	2 PM - 7 PM	CLOSED	11 AM - 8 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED
Resident Services	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
Indigo East Fitness Center	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
The Lodge at Candler Hills	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED
Master the Possibilities	9 AM - Noon	CLOSED	9 AM - Noon	CLOSED
On Top of the World Golf	7 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	7 AM - 3 PM	8 AM - 2 PM
On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion (Resales)	9 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED
The Pub	CLOSED	CLOSED	11 AM - 6 PM	CLOSED
The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa	7 AM - 2 PM NO FITNESS CLASSES	CLOSED	7 AM - 2 PM NO FITNESS CLASSES	CLOSED
Recreation Center	Office - 8 AM - Noon Fitness 6:30 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED	Office 8 AM - Noon Fitness 6:30 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED
Sales Center	9 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 3 PM	CLOSED
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Pressures . Reset T.P.M.S systems if Needed.

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All Around Our World

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To say the least, 2020 has been a challenging year and I suspect many of us are ready to see this year out on Thursday, Dec. 31! In the meantime, I hope you are able to take pleasure in this wonderful time of year and enjoy being with family and friends whether in person, Zoom, Skype or a delightful phone call during this holiday season.

Association Meetings

Indigo East and Candler Hills Neighborhood Associations will have their annual meetings Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 9 a.m. for Indigo East, and 2 p.m. for Candler Hills at Circle Square Cultural Center. The annual meeting for the On Top of the World (Central) Owners' Association will be held Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m. in Circle Square Cultural Center.

Tasty Rewards Loyalty Card Program

Restaurant Partners (RPI) manager, Jay Shiffer, advised that there is a new Tasty Rewards loyalty program at all three restaurants: Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli, The Club at Candler Hills and The Pub. Loyalty cards can be picked up at any of the three restaurant locations and must be swiped prior to payment. Guests receive \$5 off every \$100 spent and each restaurant has other perks during the year for members. To sign up, you must provide a verified email address and a phone number. Couples can share the same card. The Tasty Rewards program is not valid with Fresh Plates Catering.

Holiday Lighting and Decorations

We are looking forward to brighter spirits, and a festive looking community this holiday season. Please keep your neighbors in mind as you are decorating. Decorations may not be placed in the common areas and may not be unsightly, offensive or out of character for the community. Holiday lighting and decorations are permitted so long as the lights and decorations do not constitute a nuisance or a safety hazard for the neighbors or maintenance personnel. Colored bulbs in low voltage light fixtures and building mounted fixtures are not allowed. Rope and tube lighting are only allowed during the holiday season.

We ask that if you put out holiday decorations, you position them in such a way they will not be placed in areas where they can



be damaged by or prohibit work by the Parkway maintenance workers. We all love getting into the holiday spirit and seeing the lights and decorations of the season. Lights and decorations need to be removed by Friday, Jan. 15, 2021.

Guest Passes

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

Resident Services

Please note the Resident Services office holiday schedule:

- Thursday, Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to noon.
- Friday, Dec. 25 (Christmas): Closed.
- Thursday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve): 8 a.m. to noon.
- Friday, Jan 1, 2021 (New Year's Day): Closed.

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the following restrictions:

- Closed daily, from noon to 12:30 p.m., for sanitizing.
- Closed the third Wednesday of every month (Dec. 16), from noon to 1 p.m.
- Lobby is limited to six residents at a time.

- Social distancing of six feet and face masks are required.

Residents needing to utilize Resident Services at Friendship Commons may continue to contact the office by phone, (352) 236-OTOW (6869), or email us at [otowservice@otowfl.com](mailto:otowservice@otowfl.com) in lieu of visiting. We are experiencing higher than normal volumes and appreciate your patience. Be assured, your call or email will be returned as soon as possible. Resident Services is now located in Friendship Commons, Suite 500, and new resident orientations are by appointment only in Suite 200.

Homes Under Construction

We ask that all residents please stay out of construction areas and homes that are under construction. Not only is it a potential safety hazard, it is also considered trespass-

ing. Even if a house is empty and no trades are working on site, please stay off the property. We also ask that you not enter any of the homes under construction, regardless of their state of completion.

American Flag

A number of questions have arisen regarding American flags with modifications of colored stripes. A few residents have reported flags which the reporter found to be offensive. Please note the flag rules of the community are provided at [ontopoftheworldinfo.com](http://ontopoftheworldinfo.com). Any flags out of compliance with Community Rules will be addressed. Management will be starting with those that have already been reported and then extend out to the balance of the community. For your convenience, the flag rules are found at the above link in the Rules and Community Standards, Exhibit B, Architectural Review Board Planning Criteria.

Living in Harmony

Misunderstandings or disputes can occur between neighbors when we live so close together. I ran across the following article on a community association website and I thought it would be appropriate to share.

"If your neighbor behaves in a manner that fails to meet your expectations and makes you angry, the only way you are going to really resolve the situation is not by creating an even wider distance between yourself and them (anger), but by making a choice to get closer and put forth an honest effort to remedy the situation "together."

Effective communication can only occur when there is a process of two-way listening. Anger prevents us from honestly listening to anything but our anger. When we transform our expectations and reduce our opportunities to get angry, we put ourselves in a position to make better choices about how we relate to the people around us and, in turn, how they relate to us. When everyone works together, anything is possible!"

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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I was fortunate enough to be invited to attend a Live2Lead conference recently where many dynamic speakers were presenting virtually. I had a notepad and pen in hand and was ready to write down great words of wisdom to bring back to our Master the Possibilities team to share. As I was sitting there listening, two very interesting things happened back-to-back. The first, I found out the title of this year's conference was one of the theme ideas for our next curriculum catalog.

The second item was what resonated with me the most. Here I was listening to a New York Times

Best-selling author who has accomplished much in his life. When asked what his greatest words of wisdom would be, Craig Groeschel replied, "Always be a student." Wait, did I hear him correctly? Did he just say to always be a student?

It was at that moment my mind went racing. My thoughts drifted away from the conference and to Master the Possibilities, where we have amazing talent helping teach students daily. Our wonderful faculty of more than 200 people not only help spread learning and skill-sets, many of them are students here themselves. Could it be these individuals have already learned what Groeschel was trying to teach this current audience? What can our team of faculty and staff do to make sure the quality of our learning experiences is top-notch? How can the team learn just as much from the students, as the students

do from the classroom?

It was then that I heard Groeschel say something that brought my attention back to the conference, "Always find a place to add value." That is something Master the Possibilities can meet daily. Through listening, supporting, and providing invigorating classroom content, our team can find a place to add value in our classrooms with each class. That is part of our mission here at the Education Center. We are truly here to add value to the daily lives of every person who takes advantage of our program.

This month alone, we have more than 190 learning opportunities.

Please note that "The Life of Amelia Earhart" was rescheduled to Friday, Dec. 11. Seats are still available, but registration is required.

Take an interactive class Thursday, Dec. 10, and kayak down the Silver River while instructor Lars

Anderson speaks about and shows students first-hand the plants, animals, archaeology, and history of this river. Enjoy a NASA Missions video presentation of "Galaxy of Horrors: Terrifying Real Planets" Monday, Dec. 7. Those who attend will take a tour of some of the most mind-blowing destinations of our galaxy, including a real cosmic cemetery galaxy, gamma rays, and dark matter.

For a complete list of December events, visit our website at [masterthepossibilities.org](http://masterthepossibilities.org), or call the office 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at (352) 861-9751.

Interested in learning something that is not yet part of our curriculum? Let us know! Our team will research the feasibility about adding it to our class line-up for more continual learning moments.



**Republican Club**  
**Lizabeth Woodard**

Greetings! The Republican Club was very active during the month leading up to the recent presidential election:

On Friday, Oct. 16, many members attended the Trump rally at the Ocala International Airport.

The club sponsored a flag-waving event Saturday, Oct. 24. This event was coordinated in conjunction with the Republican Clubs of Oak Run and Stone Creek at the Friendship Shopping Center throughout October.


Club members participated in a truck and motor parade Saturday, Oct. 24. Chairman Glen Fiorello of the Republican Club of Marion County coordinated and implemented this event.

On Election Day, a contingent of supporters with flags once again gathered at the Friendship Shop-

ping Center to encourage people to vote.

On Friday, Nov. 13 the Republican Club held its second meeting since February in the Recreation Center Ballroom. President Liz encouraged the membership to focus on efforts towards the upcoming mid-term 2022 elections. The main thrust of the meeting was to allow members to share their thoughts on the recent election results. Everyone conducted themselves in a positive and thoughtful manner.

Fellow Republican residents are invited to join our friendly, welcoming group to discuss political issues, candidates, and current events – both locally and nationally. When guest speakers are once again allowed to participate in On Top of the World activities, we will invite speakers to help increase our knowledge in all areas related to Florida and national political subjects of interest. For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at (518) 534-0201. Your call will be answered as soon as possible.



**Back at The Ranch**  
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**Open House**

January 2021 will be open house and member appreciation month at The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa! Stop by anytime for a tour or one of our special events. We have membership specials and lots of exciting fitness opportunities to help you kick off the New Year. Here are some of the things we have lined up, and residents are invited to some as well!

New members in January will have the initiation fee waived; this is a \$35 savings!

Our members commit to their health, not a contract. There is no long-term contract at The Ranch. You can manage your membership on a monthly basis. We also have a variety of options to participate in fitness activities and classes such as discounted daily rates for residents and class passes that enable a deeper discount on daily rates.

The Ranch provides state-of-the-art fitness technology with a full line of Nautilus One strength equipment. We also have Startrac Free Runner treadmills with superior cushioning and responsiveness. And a fully-equipped free weight

area.

Our robust group fitness programming includes a wide variety of classes including; cardio dance, Zumba, barbell, TRX, spinning, yoga, water aerobics and more!

We are highlighting our appreciation for our members in January by hosting some special fitness events and residents are invited! Please join us for these fun-filled, high-energy opportunities to kick off 2021:

- Saturday, Jan. 16: Outdoor Zumba Jam in The Ranch's parking lot at 10 a.m. (residents welcome).
- Wednesday, Jan. 20: 5K Fun Run (or walk) at 8 a.m. (residents welcome).
- Saturday, Jan. 30: Super Circuit from 8:30 to 10 a.m. (members only).

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Sholom Park

Finding Zen

Christina Shearer  
info@sholompark.org

On Friday, Oct. 30, Sholom Park kicked off their new Sunset Cinema series sponsored by Palm Chevrolet. Approximately 100 guests enjoyed a family-friendly movie under a clear sky and full blue moon. One event guest stated, "The large outdoor movie screen and sound system created a 4D experience."

Several other guests expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation for hosting this fun after-hours movie event at the park. Sholom Park strives to be a park that everyone can experience and enjoy. In addition to being a peaceful park for your daily walks and meditation, we offer several educational and entertaining events throughout the year. Sunset Cinema and Park After Dark are exclusive after-hours events that require advance registration to help limit the number of guests. Both events have been well re-

ceived by the surrounding communities, so registration fills up quickly. Our next Sunset Cinema will be Friday, Dec. 18, featuring Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" with a special guest appearance by The Grinch. Park After Dark is hosting "A Sholom Park Christmas Carol" Thursday, Dec. 17, featuring the classic film, "A Christmas Carol." Enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate while getting into the holiday spirit with a pre-movie musical performance by mezzo- soprano Emily Heumann and composer, Eric Heumann.

Make it a "December to Remember" with Jessica Pinkowski at our educational L.E.A.F. Series Friday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m. Learn mind and body techniques to help you "be present" with friends and family this holiday season. If you or your business would like sponsor a Sholom Park event, please feel free to contact us for information at [www.sholompark.org](http://www.sholompark.org). Your sponsorship or in-kind donation will help us continue hosting educational and entertaining events for the Ocala community. All donations are tax deductible.



On Friday, Oct. 30, Sholom Park kicked off their new Sunset Cinema series.

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**Indigo East Social Committee**

**Janice Liberton**

Please remember the Indigo East Social Committee golf cart parade, hosted by Harold Brouillard and Bob Hutson, is Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning at the Indigo East Community Center. There were so many creatively decorated golf carts in last year's parade, we look forward to seeing even more decorated golf carts this year.

The first year of winter holidays in Florida may seem so awkward to some. My husband, Tom, and I left New Jersey Dec. 27, 2010 with 40 inches of newly fallen snow on the ground and drifts much higher. We drove down, instead of flying, and were glad we did since everything was at a standstill. I-95 was reduced to one lane in each direction and it was truly a winter wonderland. Tired men and women were still snow plowing the roadways and they were finally making progress since the falling snow had stopped. We had to slowly take the trip down, so on our way down, we stopped overnight in several states and enjoyed the holiday sites in each state.

The snow finally disappeared as we headed farther south and once we arrived in Florida, everything seemed so awkward. Lawn Santas seemed out of place, the temperature was near 70 degrees and Santa was still dressed as if he were at the North Pole. It tickled my fancy

to see snowmen on green grass in weather that should have evaporated them. It was New Year's Eve and instead of celebrating with family and friends enjoying my tradition of a Chinese smorgasbord party, I was eating baby back ribs at a popular restaurant. We later ushered in the new year by ourselves with no fanfare. Looking back, I would not have changed those events for anything in the world.

In crazy 2020, some of us may have to enjoy the holiday at home. As awkward as it may feel, the holidays can still be enjoyed. Perhaps, with the help of Zoom or Facetime, seeing and talking to family and friends, the spirit of the holiday can still fill our hearts. Decorate, dress up, cook your favorite holiday meal, bake those cookies, use the fancy dishes and silverware, it is still the holiday. Why not invite Indigo East friends to celebrate with you? It's your house, you make the rules. Just let your guests know in advance what to expect when they celebrate with you. Enjoy the holiday to the fullest.

I have made several telephone calls to various places to see what holiday displays and sights were available this year, but I did not have much luck. If you do not want to take advantage of the displays at Disney World, or anything Disney related, there are still areas in Marion County that will be decorated, as well as holiday scenes throughout many neighborhoods.

The Indigo East Social Committee and I wish you a very happy Hanukkah, merry Christmas and happy Kwanzaa. As usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.



**Citizens Emergency Response Team**

**Joe Moia**

Well November is over, and we can all breathe a collective sigh of relief because hurricane season is over. Whether you believe it's luck, providence, or our choice of geography let's be thankful, we could be living in Louisiana!

Yes, enjoy your good fortune but don't become complacent, there are still things that need updating:

- Water in plastic bottles should probably be checked every year.
- Gasoline even with an additive will only last a year.
- Food in your pantry should be checked for expiration dates and the integrity of the packaging.
- Have your car serviced or check it yourself and try to keep the tank always half filled. One never knows when you may need it.

- Check your batteries, if they were in a flashlight make sure they haven't leaked, and they are still working.
- Check your air conditioner/furnace, it's not the best time to have it serviced during the change of season or during an emergency.
- Visually check the integrity of your windows and doors. Are they leaking air or water?
- Replenish your emergency cash. Besides an emergency, it may come in handy if you forget your significant other's anniversary, you can pretend you planned on taking them out to an expensive dinner.

Okay, we end with a little humor, but we need to be serious about being prepared. I know there are a lot of things I may have left off this list ... if you think of them do them!

CERT meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Hobby Building at 9 a.m.

For information, contact Joe Moia at joemoia@att.net. For MERT, contact Sue Gribbins at sue.grib@yahoo.com.



**Democratic Club**

**Dan Lack**

In the past, I devoted my December columns to a review of our guest speakers during the previous 11 months. That would make this a very short column because after our annual trivia contest in January, we had only one other in-person meeting in February when we met representatives of the Democratic primary candidates for president. But the year was not wasted.

Many club members were active during the election season while making phone calls, mailing post-

cards, driving in the Ridin' with Biden caravans, making financial contributions, demonstrating responsibly along State Route 200 while wearing masks and social distancing and then finally voting.

We had two online meetings. We met Barbara Byram, the Democratic candidate for our Florida House district during one online meeting and we presented the slate of candidates for our 2021 board of directors at our online meeting last month - Dan Lack, president; David Hypke, vice president; Lynn Miller, secretary; Jill Carel, treasurer; and Glenn Cohen, Evelyn Koffroth, Mark Miller and James Stormer, director positions. The election will take place in January 2021.

The Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV is reserved next year for our club meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. We will meet then and there again when it is safe to do so.

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. The Ritz is in need of paper towels, toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toiletries, towels and wash cloths, shower curtains, peanut butter and jelly, canned food and dry food. Club members will receive "where and when" information via email.

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

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### Candler Connection

Debra Keirn

The Christmas holidays are upon us and it is a time for celebration in spite of the fact that all of us want to see 2020 move on. Whenever I do go outside the perimeter of On Top of the World, I can hear holiday songs echoing throughout each of the stores and eating establishments. It is a joyous time of year.

The Candler Connection Social Committee has nothing to report. All planned social activities have been postponed.

For those of you who are new to Candler Hills, let me list some of the yearly activities planned by the Candler Connection: annual spring dinner dance; two ice cream socials; monthly potluck dinners; annual golf cart rally and scavenger hunt; annual picnic; and holiday party.

All of the above activities are great ways to meet your neighbors and to get to know them a little bit better. Unfortunately, we did not have this opportunity in 2020, but we are looking forward to 2021 and are very hopeful that some of the activities can resume.

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

The 2020 speaker series has also been cancelled. The speaker series committee has some ideas for future presentations, but they cannot schedule anything until further notice.

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 1,253 residents of Candler Hills receive "The Happenings."

The Candler Connection Facebook group has grown to more than 892 members. This Facebook group is a good source of information for Candler Hills residents.

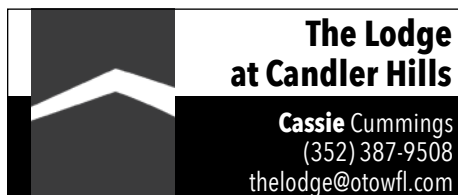
Richard Steinfeldt has a "new resident" presentation on Facebook to welcome new residents of Candler Hills. You can access this presentation at steinfeldt.com/news/online.pdf.

The Candler Connection board meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

I want to thank each and every Candler Hills resident for your patience during these challenging times. Face masks and six feet of distancing are still a very important protocol.

I miss all of our activities and hopefully 2021 will be the year whenever we can resume our fun times. Hope to see you all around the neighborhood. Please stay healthy, safe and happy holidays to each and every one of you and to your families.

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### The Lodge at Candler Hills

Cassie Cummings  
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thelodge@otowfl.com

It's finally the holiday season. As we wrap up the end of this year, I have some important information for our Candler Hills residents.

2021 room request bookings are now ready for pickup. The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center room request meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. Residents with booked and approved events will need to call (352) 387-7490 to reserve a seat prior to attending the meeting, as seating will be limited. Residents not attending the meetings will be denied approval for any 2021 room request.



### Indigo East

Nora Dominguez  
(352) 387-7372

December is special. It is a month filled with so many holiday festivities. This is a time to forget all the struggles of the past year and look forward to a better, brighter new year. Little by little things are returning to a semblance of normal. Guests are now allowed in all Indigo East outside pavilions and venues. Residents are encouraged to book pavilion events while maintaining six feet of social distancing. If the six feet of social distancing cannot be observed, you must wear a face mask. Face masks must be worn inside any facility.

All pools are open to full capacity again and social distancing is still in effect in the pool area. I would remind you that both pools in Indigo East are heated during the colder months.

There are garden plots available at this time. There is no charge for a garden plot but all rules for its

We are now accepting 2022 room request bookings. These bookings will not be approved until late summer of 2021.

Holiday hours for The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center are as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 24: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 25: Closed.
- Thursday, Dec. 31: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2021: Closed.

Standard operating hours for The Lodge at Candler Hills are Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Lodge at Candler Hills and the Candler Hills Community Center pools are open daily, from 9 a.m. to dusk.

The Annual New Year's event held at The Lodge at Candler Hills has been cancelled this year.

Although indoor events are still cancelled until further notice, outdoor activities are available. The Candler Hills Community Center pool has a hot tub for you to enjoy during chilly winter days. The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center are both equipped with heated outdoor pools. Please remember to bring your Candler Hills resident ID to use the amenities, and guests are welcome with a Candler Hills resident.

Please take note of our monthly pool cleaning schedule closures:

- The Lodge at Candler Hills pool is closed on the last Wednesday of the month.
- The Candler Hills Community Center pool is closed the second Wednesday of the month.

I want to wish you all happy holidays as we look forward to 2021!

use must be followed to retain the plot. Please stop by the Indigo East Fitness Center office where a plot will be assigned, and the rules explained.

The fitness staff has added new videos in the kiosk at the FOD (Fitness On Demand) room and include: Dance Fit 3, Boomer Bit 5, Strong and Steady 3, Dance Fit 4 and Boomer Bit 4.

The 2021 room request bookings are now ready for pickup. We have two meetings scheduled for this month at 2 p.m. - Monday, Dec. 14 and Tuesday, Dec. 15. You will need to contact the Indigo East Fitness Center office to reserve a seat prior to attending the meeting as

seating is limited. Please note that residents not attending the meetings will be denied approval for any 2021 room request.

Holiday facility hours are as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 24: Both facilities are open 8 a.m. to noon.
- Friday, Dec. 25: Both facilities are closed. Pools remain open.
- Thursday, Dec. 31: Both facilities are open 8 a.m. to noon.
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2021: Both facilities are closed. Pools remain open.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

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Bryan Cerutti

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### On Top of the World NEWS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Windsor luminaries.

Photo by Yvonne Beckman



## Williamsburg Neighbors

Ginny Nardone

The heat of the summer and early fall has finally given way to cooler, more comfortable weather. The outdoor amenities are now fully open and many more of us are outside enjoying various activities.

A new outdoor activity is being planned for Williamsburg residents as well; a golf cart scavenger hunt is on the horizon. Resident, Dave Hawkins is organizing a morning of neighborhood fun, friendly competition, and cash prizes. The scavenger hunt will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, with registration at 9:30 a.m., instructions and list distribution at 10 a.m., return by 11:45 a.m., and winners announced at noon. The hunt will begin and end at the Williamsburg social lot at SW 91st Circle East. The registration fee is \$10 per golf cart (one to four people per cart) and all fees collected will be divided for cash prizes for the top three winners. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Dave Hawkins at (954) 257-3182 or [drhawk88@hotmail.com](mailto:drhawk88@hotmail.com). Grab your golf cart, wallet, face mask, and a friend and join the Williamsburg scavenger hunt!

Looking ahead to 2021, the Williamsburg annual meeting will take place in January and most likely will be a Zoom meeting. The number of indoor meeting participants is still limited at this time. Meeting details and updates will follow in early January.

If you are new to Williamsburg and have not had your information added to the email contact list, or if your previous entry needs to be updated, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



## Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss

As we approach the holiday season, the shopping areas are busy leaving opportunities for mischief. It's a good time to remind everyone of some safety tips.

In these areas be cautious of your surroundings. Stay in well lighted areas, walk cautiously to and from your destination and have your car keys in hand as you approach your vehicle. Always, always lock your car; even in On Top of the World. Never leave valuable property in your car that can be seen. Avoid using the phone as you walk and always believe someone may be watching for an opportunity to do no good.

The point of this is to remind you to stay alert and focused.

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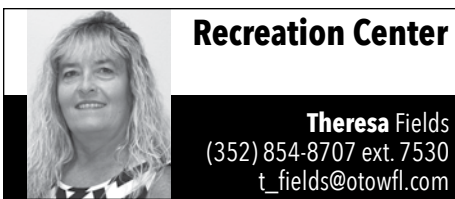
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'Tis the season at On Top of the World with twinkling lights and bright decorations seen throughout the community. Many of us may not travel this year due to safety concerns, but remember we are one big family here at On Top of the World and we will keep the community festive and help bring joy to all our residents.

### Community Safety Protocols

As we continue in Florida's Phase 3, our community safety protocols remain in place to properly distance at six feet, wear face masks in all indoor facilities (recommended outdoors), minimize the number of persons gathering, and keep hands washed/sanitized. Protocols are posted at each facility location. Please take the time to review.

Guests are now permitted at all outdoor facilities including pools and whirlpools. Tag and estate sales may resume.

On Top of the World has opened to full capacity at all outdoor sports facilities, pavilions, pools and game room. Restaurants have returned to full capacity as well. We will continue to carefully monitor the key COVID-19 metrics for Marion County and specific zip codes for On Top of the World.

Currently, the trend is increasing infection rates. Please continue to take responsibility for our personal safety and compliance with all safety protocols. Additional information regarding facility openings to full capacity, events starting back and guests in private venues will be considered in the near future if trends continue.

Please note that this means all outdoor sports complexes are open to 100% capacity as long as your group can maintain the six feet of distancing. Face masks are recommended but not required outdoors.

All indoor venues are still limited, as no changes have been made at this time. If you are planning on using a facility, please remember to book the facility through the Recreation Center office prior to use. Residents are responsible for their own personal safety and for compliance with the safety protocols for each location. Keeping our residents and employees safe will remain our focus.

### 2021 Room Request Booking Meeting

Your 2021 room request bookings are now ready. We have two scheduled meetings this month for residents to attend and pick up their copy of the approved bookings. The dates for the meetings will be Wednesday, Dec. 16 or Thursday, Dec. 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom at 2 p.m. You will need to call Maggie at the Recreation Center office at (352) 387-7533 to reserve your seat prior to attending, as seating will be limited. Please note that residents not attending the meetings will be denied approval for any 2021 room request.

We are now accepting 2022 room request bookings. These bookings will not be approved until late summer of 2021.

### Holiday Hours

- Wednesday, Dec. 24: Recreation Center Fitness Center, 6:30 a.m. to noon. Recreation Center office, 8 a.m. to noon. All classes canceled.
- Thursday, Dec. 25: All facilities closed.
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Thursday, Jan. 1, 2021: All facilities closed.

The following pools will be open on Christmas Day: Recreation Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills, Candler Hills Community Center, Indigo East Community Center and Indigo East Fitness Center. Any concerns with the pool(s) should call (352) 236-6869.

### Line Dance Classes

Many considerations have been made for your comfort and safety as line dance classes resume. Due to mandatory class size restrictions, the largest classes have been split into two sessions. All Monday classes will be 50 minutes long to allow time for entry and exit. These changes will be adjusted as restrictions are lifted. Each class will start at a slow pace as we regain our physical and emotional energies and recover from nine months of "stay at home" time.

Classes are held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Face masks are required, and temperature checks will occur before each class. Please sign up well in advance of your dance class, as no passes will be issued on Mondays prior to class. Maggie will be handling all registrations and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. (Please remember gathering is not allowed in the Recreation Center lobby.) All classes are progressive September 2020 through June 2021.

### Mondays

Beginner Level 2 (2:10 to 3 p.m.): Prior dance experience needed. Higher level beginner plus dances taught. New patterns taught as needed.

Beginner Level 1 (3:15 to 4:05 p.m. and 4:20 to 5:10 p.m.): Dancers know basic steps and patterns learned in Absolute Beginner and are ready to move on to more. Easy dances with additional step patterns taught.

### Tuesdays

Improver (1 p.m.): Dance experience required for this class. Current, popular dances are taught that include easy intermediate dances.

Beginner Level 2 (2:15 p.m.): Prior dance experience needed. Higher level beginner plus dances taught. New patterns taught as needed.

### Community Bus

The community bus is running by appointment only with limited seating. The bus runs Monday through Thursday with a morning and afternoon run. The times and destinations have temporarily changed to Aldi, Publix, Lowe's, Bealls, Big Lots, Sav-A-Lot and Super Walmart. You can make reservations by calling the Recreation Center office at (352) 387-7533. Please note that the bus will not run Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

### Community Pavilions

Please keep in mind that to guarantee your use, pavilions at the Veterans Park, Recreation Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East, require prior booking by calling the Recreation Center office at (352) 387-7533.

### Craft Show

The weekly Tuesday craft show, hosted by Artistic Crafts & Gifts, is back. It will be held every Tuesday in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are looking for a special gift for someone this would be a great opportunity to check out what the crafters have made.

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#### Tuesday\*

Friendship Colony (SW 93rd La to 90th Pl)

#### Wednesday

Alendel  
Candler Hills  
Friendship Colony (SW 90th St, 82nd Terr, 83rd Ave, 83rd Rd, 83rd Terr, 90th Ct, 89th Terr, 89th Ct Rd)

#### Wednesday (cont'd)

Indigo East  
Larkhill  
Sanctuary  
Stonebridge

#### Thursday

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## The Bird Woman

By Elaine Morrison  
World News Writer

Is it a coincidence that the soft lilt of her Georgia accent somehow matches the sweet sounds of the songbirds she has studied over the years? Perhaps. But nevertheless, that is exactly the experience of many a bird woman listener, as she shares her knowledge and experiences with presentations at Master of the Possibilities lectures and innumerable Master Gardener events throughout Marion County.

Native born Floridian, Helen Ogren moved to Georgia with her mother and stepfather while a very young child. She completed her education there, graduating from Georgia State University with degrees in English and art.

Her interest in nature began when as a youngster growing up on a farm, after World War II, she tended a victory garden with her mother, growing their own vegetables and always having eggs and a “chicken for the pot.” Her mom was also a “dead eye shot,” and rabbit and squirrel were often on the menu.

But her need to escape from some domestic pressures is what compelled her to get into the woods and it was there she began watching and taking detailed notes of her observations of birds and other forest creatures.

Her professional path took many twists and turns, taking her from graphic designer for stationery, to working, also in graphics, for the Atlanta Army Depot where she needed Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) clearance, to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), yes, that very CDC so much in the news these days.

“We provided the artwork for the agency’s publications, including drawings, photos and font sizes.” Helen was at the agency when a mysterious disease having «something to do with monkeys» was being analyzed and after a long period of time, a treatment for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) was developed.

A single mom, Helen has one daughter, Helen was a co-grade mother with Coretta Scott King, whose son, Marty was in her daughter’s class. Helen remembers Martin Luther King, Jr., running the popcorn and cotton candy machines for many school functions. At this time, she became involved with her daughter’s scouting program and took an interest in the environment, developing an understanding about the many needs necessary to keep it healthy.

Her last job was at the U.S. Gypsum Company where, having gone back to school, she was a personnel and safety superintendent. She sometimes worked three shifts, giving training classes. Her interest in fair employment practices had her going back to school for some law courses, and she became successful in settling some work-related disputes.

Married to a professor of paleontology, Helen now added an interest of fossils to her already impressive list of accomplishments.

When the marriage ended, and with her daughter grown, Helen became a volunteer for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where she participated in surveying breeding birds in the field. “This helped gain insight into the type of species and the count, which we noticed through time was decidedly declining, from a cacophony of sound to very little.”

There are specific times for the counts, one three weeks before Christmas to one week after the New Year, and another for migrating birds in October. There is a window of time for breeding birds, some nests are exposed while others are hidden. Identification is made mainly by sound. She laments the decrease in many populations.

Helen is a member of the Audubon Society and served on the board and as president. She also was a member of the Georgia Ornithological Society and has participated in

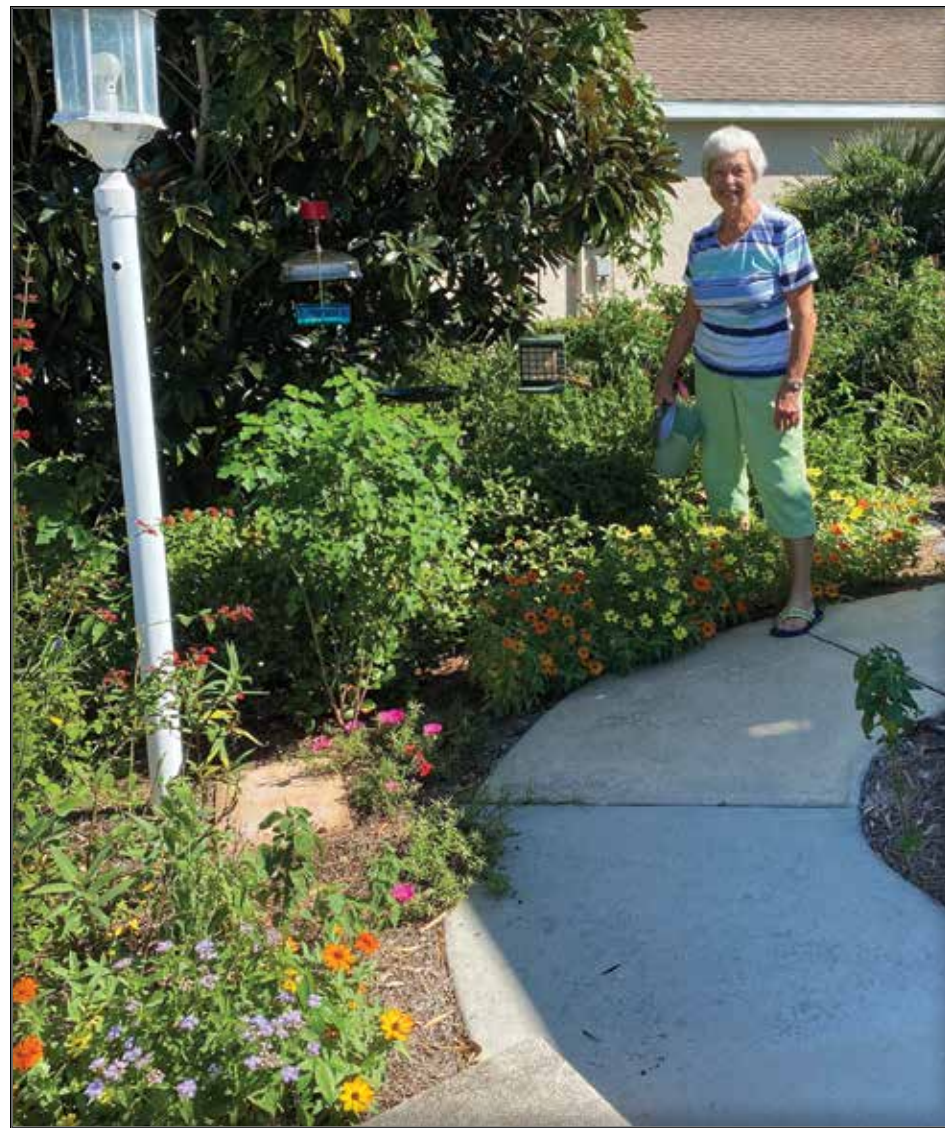


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### Helen in her garden(s).

pelagic (sea) trips to observe birds that only come on land to nest.

She has taken many exciting and educational trips to Africa to see the great wildebeest migration and the Falkland Islands where she spotted a type of robin never before seen at that altitude. In Costa Rica, the elevated boardwalks allowed her to see right into the nests in the treetops.

Intriguing information about hummingbirds being descendants of swifts, a fact arrived at by studying their feeding practices, to know the name of Florida’s largest butterfly, the giant swallowtail, a species that uses citrus trees as its host, comes tripping easily off Helen’s tongue. To take a walk with her is an education in learning the name of a plant or flower or a bird she happens upon.

“Native plants are necessary to be host plants, pretty colorful flowers are just eye candy,” says Helen who is on a crusade for people to be more educated about their gardening.

A member of the Southern Club, one wonders about the cacophony of sounds emanating from a meeting of that particular group. Helen is scheduled to give a Master the Possibilities lecture this January via Zoom on one of her favorite topics – backyard habitat. Don’t be surprised if she speaks passionately about the passionflower, which is used by both the zebra longwing and gulf fritillary butterflies, each using a different side of the plant to deposit their eggs on ... information that certainly is strictly for the birds.

## Tikkun Olam – Fixing the World, One Good Deed at a Time

By Nancy Meininger

These challenging times left Kimberly’s Center for Child Protection, Ocala’s center for abused and neglected children, short of donations they had counted on to get them through the fourth quarter of 2020.

That was until Charlie Calhoun got wind of it. A director of the Jewish Club, Charlie knew this was the club’s chosen charity. He also knew a fashion show had been under discussion as a way to raise funds for this year’s donation. That was un-

til the brakes were put on all club meetings.

As president of the Veterans Club, Charlie and his wife, Fran, took on this “Mitzvah” for the sake of the children. He armed himself with fellow veterans to muscle the donations to where they were meant.

His promotion, done by a flyer he designed, traveled by word of mouth, emailed to the Jewish Club membership and posted on Facebook, brought in \$1,010 cash plus a van full of supplies needed by the charity. This donation far exceeded the club’s last effort last year.

Charlie was not surprised. He has held several successful collection drives here in our community including one this spring for Interfaith Emergency Services, which also reaped great returns.

Perhaps the “C” in Calhoun stands for “caring” because it seems whenever there is a need, you’ll find Charlie and Fran in the midst of getting the job done. In Judaism, it’s called a “Mitzvah” putting others ahead of self for the general good. That does indeed describe Charlie and Fran.



Photo by Charlie Calhoun

Charlie Calhoun of the Jewish Club presenting the donation check to Kimberly’s Center for Child Protection.



We are still Zooming at our meetings and with proper social distancing and masks in person at the Hobby Building Event Room.

We began November with honoring our veterans by presenting flags on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Tucker Hill Cemetery located in Ocala on Martin Luther King Blvd. Lion Moses Morris recruited a fellow veteran, Bill Halcomb to assist with flag placement.

In December, we will again honor those veterans with the "Wreaths Across America" project. The Lions Club will also be providing wreaths at the Veterans Park at that time.

We met Tuesday, Nov. 10, to discuss business of the chapter and voted to distribute our quarterly donations to Lions Club International, Florida Lions Foundation, North Florida Hearing Aid Bank, North Florida Eye Bank, Interfaith Ministries, and Florida Center for the Blind. We are committed to sustaining assistance to those in need.

The November meeting gave members the opportunity to so-

lidify the dates for assembling the Thanksgiving baskets. We are able to provide for 16 families in need at Dunnellon Elementary school. We assembled all the meal items in the baskets, and Publix graciously donated the turkeys. They were delivered to the school for distribution Monday, Nov. 16.

We are continuing our community outreach by decorating our Toys for Tots tree. Our Toys for Tots tree collection site is in the lobby of the Recreation Center Ballroom. Please come by our tree and take an ornament with a child's age and gender, then return the age appropriate toy, unwrapped, to the tree. We will be picking up the toys daily until Dec. 15. Thank you in advance for your generosity in spreading some holiday cheer, especially at these difficult times.

If you know of someone who is struggling financially and is in need of an eye exam or glasses, please contact our Lions Club. We have an application process for such services.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, come to the Hobby Building Event Room. We social distance and wear masks. If you would like to join us, please contact Estelle Michelson, our membership chair, at (352) 861-7358.



Margitta Claterbos and Bill Shampine at the Gumbalimba Preserve in Roatan, Honduras.



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

This month we feature Margitta Claterbos and Bill Shampine. Margitta was born in Hamburg, Germany, just before the beginning of World War II, and Bill is - are you ready for this - a native Floridian. Born in Jacksonville, he moved to Ocala in 1946. Even after traveling all over the world, he and his wife decided to return to Ocala to retire.

Margitta came to the U.S. in 1966, on a freighter for a one-year visit to explore the U.S. She decided to stay and earn her U.S. citizenship.

Both Bill and Margitta moved to On Top of the World (separately) in 2001 and formed a life partnership bond years ago.

Margitta grew up speaking German and after high school, decided to specialize in foreign languages - English, French and Spanish. She worked and studied in London, Paris and Barcelona to hone her language skills. Bill keeps trying to teach her Southern, but that seems to be a more difficult language for Margitta to master. Margitta has historically used PCs, but after a major computer crash a few years

ago, her two sons convinced her to switch to a Mac. She was a member of the Computer Club from 2005 through 2009, dropped out in order to care for her then husband, then returned over a year ago when she learned that the club now had some expertise to offer Mac users. She also uses a smartphone occasionally, and an iPad constantly.

Bill worked as a hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey for 43 years, which took him all over the country and the world. He and his family lived in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for six years, and later worked with Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians in the Middle East Peace Process for 12 years. As a scientist, outside of using the big IBM 360s maintained at headquarters, his first hands-on experience was when he bought an Apple II Plus while in Riyadh. It was an 8-bit machine with a maximum of 64 KB of RAM and cost \$1,200 in June 1979. Much later, he needed to learn FORTRAN. Always a PC user, Bill is pretty comfortable with computers, having paid close attention when IT support worked on any problems. He usually spends many hours on his computer every day using Word, Excel and PowerPoint. He also uses assorted software working with his tens of thousands of photographs and continuing his decades-long genealogical research.

All residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us. Hope to see you on Saturday!



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Flag presentation at Tucker Hill.



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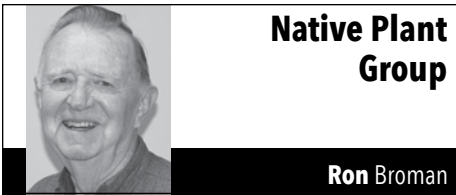
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Ron Broman

Back in October 2012, you may recall, this tree was featured here. If you don't remember, no problem, neither did I; and I had to check the scrapbook record that Betty keeps.

As far as I can tell there are only two of this species planted and growing in our community. One is here in our garden of weedin'. The other is for you to locate if you wish to play the game of where in the world grows this tree? If you find another that's a bonus.

The authors of "The Native Trees of Florida," Erdman West and Lillian Arnold, comment this way - "Named for its habitat, [which] is mostly limited to the water courses of western Florida, although it ranges as far east and south as the drainage basin of the Suwanee River. It is the only Florida representative of a group of trees widely known for their soft, peeling bark. The branchlets are so slender and flexible that they move readily in air currents and cause the shining foliage to glisten in the sunlight." How's that for a beautiful description?

This Florida tree can reach up to 50 feet with a trunk up to two feet in diameter. Her staminate (female) flowers are catkins which droop usually two to three inches long and are formed the previous fall. Her pistillate (male) flower parts are about 1/3-inch long, erect and appear below on the same twig.

Photo by Ron Broman

Where in the world is the other one of these?

Gil Nelson, in his "Trees of Florida," states: "No other Florida tree has the combination of doubly serrate nearly triangular leaves and scaly bark."

We have enjoyed watching our beautiful member of this family grow and mature; and invite you to visit the garden of weedin' Please call (352) 861-4560 to arrange a time.

Now it's your turn to locate the other one. One big hint: it's very near the Longleaf Pine Trail. Call the same number when you find her and be ready to receive your very own native plant. Now you may wish to identify this tree with a name, either common or botanical or both. Have at it! I find it a challenge but also enjoyable.

Last month's tree, by the way, was a sycamore.

We continue to maintain the SW 94th Street circle, Longleaf Pine Trail and arboretum and welcome your help. The second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. we walk the trail, laboring to keep it safe and beautiful, and on the fourth Wednesday (same time) we work at the circle. Come join us and feel the joy of growing native!



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## Women of the World

Mary Purfeerst

Happy December to all of the women of On Top of the World! Did you blink? No, I didn't submit any columns for October or November, simply because nothing has changed with our status of the club. I hope this finds you all looking forward to the holidays and a new and improved 2021.

We have had two resignations from the board - Gail Curione has resigned as president and Michelle Kettlewell has resigned as second vice president. As per our by-laws, Amy Waller, our first vice president, has assumed the president's duties.

Looking forward to next year, we will need to have a meeting to present and install a new board. We are hoping for June 2021, that On Top of the World has more relaxed rules and regulations for us, and that more than 50 of us can gather for a meeting. At that time, we will need to have names to go forward. Please consider taking an office and participating in any way you can. On Thursday, Nov. 12, Amy Waller and Peggy Janisch met with the Hospice of Marion County executive board member and charitable gift officer, Cindy Moody, with a check for \$5,096.23.

This is the amount we had collected from the Luncheon/Fashion Show, minus the requested refunds on ticket sales. I'm hoping to have a picture of the presentation for the

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January newspaper.

We would also like to ask anyone who has any Women of the World property, to please contact one of us, so that we can collect the items and put them in our storage unit that On Top of the World has provided for our club. We need to take a complete inventory of everything that we have in order to move forward with any purchases that need to be made. Again, this is not going to happen anytime soon, we are just trying to get organized.

Our major push and event planning will be June 2021. Again, we are hoping to have a meeting with as many women as is allowed, not only by On Top of the World, but also by the State of Florida.

The board of the three of us will meet in January 2021 and at that time, will create a list of officers and chair people needed for the club. That will make it easier to see what is needed and the requirements for each office or chair. This will be posted on our Facebook page and in this monthly column.

If you are now a chair of one of the areas, i.e. Operation Shoebox, golf cart transportation, communication, Rags to Riches, etc., please let me know if you are willing to continue to serve, or if you are not. Either way, please contact MaryPurfeerst50@hotmail.com or peggyjanisch@yahoo.com or (352) 256-7317. Thank you to the ladies who have responded to our Facebook plea, you're the best!

We do still have our Facebook page, but we do not have a website. If anyone has expertise in setting one up, we could certainly use your talent. Many of our members do not utilize Facebook. I am also working on an email that will be utilized for contact. Thank you for being out there, for being interested and staying healthy.



## Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

On Monday, Oct. 19, Peggy Jude, a professional genealogist, gave an informative educational presentation, "DNA: Using the Tools - Understanding Thru-Lines, Clustering and Theory of Relativity and How These Tools Help in Moving your DNA Research Forward" via Zoom.

Peggy noted the first concept is that your DNA is measured in centimorgans. The more centimorgans you have with a person, the closer the relationship. Whether you use Ancestry, 23 and Me, My Heritage or Family Tree DNA, they all have tools embedded in their programs to help you find both your ancestors and your living relatives. You can, also, download your results to Gedmatch, which includes results downloaded from all of the above sites.

She cited website tools to include:

- Notes - Keep records on contact with a suspected relative.
- Tags - To mark direct ancestors, military veterans, etc.
- Filter and Search - Narrow down your thousands of matches to maybe just first, second and third cousins. Stopping at second cousin will eliminate three-quarters of your matches related to you through your great-grandparents.
- Relationship Calculators - How are you related to this match? E.g. first cousin once removed (1C1R) and the lineage from one ancestor to another.

To use Ancestry Thru-Lines, which links your tree to other peo-

ple's trees, you must have an ancestry account, have a three to four generation family tree on ancestry.com that is public, and you must have had an ancestry DNA test and have linked your ancestry DNA results to your tree. Thru-Lines will suggest common ancestors that might connect you to your matches and possible additions to your tree.

Our speaker also directed us to other methodologies, such as the Theory of Relativity and clustering.

My Heritage uses technology called the Theory of Family Relativity which uses family tree information and historical records from various sources to find and display a common ancestor for matching individuals in their DNA database. The disadvantage is that they only update their databases a couple of times a year.

Another form of genealogy research is called clustering. This research strategy involves identifying your ancestor's collateral relatives, including siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins with your ancestor's surname in order to identify who they might have been related to in the cluster and may also include neighbors who might have interacted with your ancestor who can potentially reveal key details about your ancestor.

We will continue to conduct our meetings using Zoom. Members will be notified by email from our club president, Paul Belter, on how to access the meeting.

On Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, there will be a regular business meeting, followed by an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, Donna Cunningham, our education coordinator, will give an educational presentation "Church Records" and how to find them in your genealogical research.

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## Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone

Our club is still not able to hold in-person meetings, but that will not keep us from sending Christmas wishes to our friends and neighbors. The following holiday greetings are in the language of our forefathers and represent the heritage of our club members.

- Glaedelig Jul - Danish
- Hyvää Joulya - Finnish
- Gledileg Jól - Icelandic
- God Jul - Norwegian and Swedish

Have a safe and happy holiday season, and a very happy new year; I am sure we will all be happy to turn the calendar page to 2021! For more information about the Scandinavian Club, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

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**SWANS**

**Sandi Dickerson**

November was a very busy month for the SWANS! Our meet and greet events are a real hit! As of now, we have eight groups of six who will be meeting once a month on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. These ladies are really enjoying each other's company. We continue to adhere to CDC guidelines while still getting out and catching up with old friends and meeting new ones!

Don't forget to get together to celebrate your birthdays when they come around. Call each other and get together! Even now, we are all keeping busy.

Several of our ladies are playing shuffleboard with Lois and Sally. Many of the women are still getting together to play pickleball, samba, mahjongg, and various other card and/or board games.

Turnpike Mike's has worked out so well we are now forming groups to attend some of the nightly specials. We had three different groups go for lunch during October and had three different dinner groups in November. We are keeping our groups to no more than 10 women. There is plenty of room at this restaurant! Get in touch with Lois if you are interested! Our trip to Daytona Beach took place Nov. 8, through Nov. 11. It was a relaxing and enjoyable trip!

Our Christmas party will take place Saturday, Dec. 19, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV at 2 p.m. Mark your calendar as this event is always lots of fun! For many years now our Christmas charity has been the Women's Crisis Center. We will be collecting for them again this year. Last year, we gave gifts and necessities for 51 children and women at the center. Our members are always so generous that we hope to top that this year! You will receive more information about both of these activities soon.

You may join the SWANS at any time! We always welcome new members and new ideas! The SWANS have been active for the past 15 years. We continue to be supportive of each other. Our motto is "SWANS are never alone!" The SWANS provide a great opportunity to meet other single women with similar interests.

Stay healthy and be smart about your activities! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lois Nix for more information.



**Active Singles**

**Jane Parker**

Active Singles Club (ASC) was created for single residents. We are single, not alone! The board plans to reopen activities when On Top of the World is fully reopened. ASC members enjoy many activities including membership meetings, pool party, Interfaith breakfast, golf cart decorating/parade, and the New Year's Eve party.

For December, we are spotlighting Bob Holmes who lives in Friendship Colony. Bob moved here in 2016. Bob grew up in Long Island, New York. A kid from the south shore growing up on water, he surfed, fly-fished, loves rock and roll, and drove fast cars.

He began working on cars in his early teens. He made money drag racing his cars after making modifications to increase their speed.



**What's Cookin'**

**Nancy Grabowski**

We're rushing into the busiest time of the year and it never seems to fail, a last-minute delight is needed. Here are two, easy-peasy crowd pleasers!

**Chocolate Crackles**  
*Yields 3 dozen*  
1 package fudge brownie mix, 13 x 9 pan size  
1 cup flour  
1 large egg, room temperature  
1/2 cup water  
1/4 cup canola oil  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
Confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, beat brownie mix, flour, egg, water and oil; stir in chocolate chips. Let stand 30 minutes.

Place confectioner's sugar in a shallow dish. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls into sugar and roll. Place two inches apart on parchment paper or greased baking sheets. Bake eight to 10 minutes or until set. When slightly cooled, roll again in confectioner's sugar, place on rack

His love of cars was the reason he started his first job at 14 by sweeping up a car dealership's parking lot. Bob became the owner's protégé and he worked his way up from floor sweeper to mechanic to service writer to service manager and ended his career as dealer principle at many of their dealerships. By then, the company owned several dealerships and became one of the New York area's largest car retailers.

His love of rock and roll led Bob and friends into Manhattan to clubs and he saw many of the 60s best musicians perform. He was able to combine fly-fishing and music when he went to Woodstock and fished before and after the concert. Bob was able to see several concerts in the New York area or when he was traveling on vacation.

He worked part-time as a ranger at a park well-known for trout fishing. Many interesting people are enthusiasts. He fished with Charles Kuralt, and many bands included a day fly-fishing as part of their

and cool completely. Store covered.

**Chocolate Mousse**  
1/2 cup butter  
4 ounces chocolate chips  
4 eggs, separated, room temperature  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Melt chocolate and butter together, set aside. Beat egg yolks with 1/2 cup sugar until the eggs are thick and light-colored. Beat in chocolate mixture.  
Beat egg whites with two tablespoons sugar until stiff. Fold into the chocolate mixture, combine gently. Chill in refrigerator at least three hours before serving. A small dollop of sweetened whipped cream and chocolate shavings can top this dessert for a festive touch.



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contract for their tour when in the New York area. Another aspect of being a park ranger was serving on New York State's search and rescue team. He spent time in the Adirondack mountains and was called to the 911 site the evening of September 11th and worked there for the next 60 days.

He does not have a bucket list because he has already done everything that he would put on a list. He has traveled to six continents while shooting pistol professionally in either competition or benefit matches, hunted throughout the US, owned several boats, regularly fished the "canyon" in the Atlantic, and vacationed at many lovely destinations.

Bob is one of the interesting people you will meet at ASC. If you want to find out more information, please consider attending the first meeting held after the restrictions are lifted. Information requests are also accepted at [activesinglesotow@gmail.com](mailto:activesinglesotow@gmail.com)



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The Tatra Mountains, part of the Carpathian mountain chain in Eastern Europe, create a natural border between Slovakia and Poland. Today, both Slovak and Polish sides are protected as national park land.

This portion of the border between Slovakia and Poland has been in dispute since 1770 when the Austrian army captured the Polish portion under the guise of providing protection against the Black Plague. The Austrian Empire later sold the land to a wealthy Hungarian, who then sold it to an even wealthier Polish count in 1889. An international court made a ruling in 1902 that settled the disputes - until 1919.

At the end of World War I, the new borders for Poland and Czechoslovakia were established, and the dispute was reenergized. The border issue continued to be a slow-burning fester for years until it heated up again at the end of World War II when the spoils of war modified many historic land boundaries. Slovakia and Poland signed a treaty in 1958 that created a border decision that still stands today.

The historic border disputes over the years made it very difficult for visitors to enjoy the national parks, particularly for hikers. To cross a border, you had to pass through an official border checkpoint, but hiking trails often would meander back and forth across the unmarked border. This was a serious issue because being caught crossing the border illegally, even if it was an accident, meant a possible fine and jail time. The problem disappeared, however, after the European Union was formed and the Schengen Area was created. The Schengen Area is comprised of 26 European countries that have officially abolished all passport and other types of border control among the Schengen States at their mutual borders.

The alpine landscapes of the Tatra Mountains are covered by emerald-green forests with dramatic vistas, steep peaks, sharp rocks, deep gorges, and pristine lakes. The hundreds of lakes contain crystal-clear water that is an eye-popping

turquoise color. There is a complex and extensive biosphere, so, as you hike in the forests, you will see a wide variety of plants and animals.

Two of the great features of the parks are their accessibility and relative scarcity of tourists. These mountains tend to be off the “beaten path” typically taken by tourist. If you go in the winter time, you will find dozens of ski resorts to choose

from, and unlimited, snow-imbued scenery. During the summer, you will find hundreds of hiking trails. These trails are at all levels of difficulty, so you can choose the ones that meet your level of skill and endurance. For the more sedentary, there is a funicular cable car in Zakopane that will take you to the top of Mount Gubalowka (3,674 feet) for some spectacular views. If you

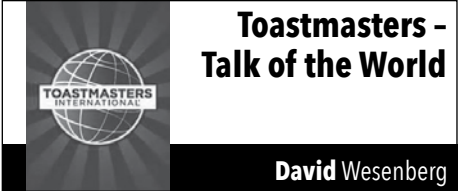
want to go even higher, you can take a cable car located in Kuznice that will take you to 6,430 feet at the top of Kasprowy Wierch.

Over all, the Tatra Mountains offer you a lot, with the further blessing of relatively few other travelers crowding the area. Did I mention that Polish wine is quite good?



Photo by Marta Boron

Some mountain huts available for rent in the Polish part of the Tatra Mountains.



This month, we will meet via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 9 and Dec. 23. Our theme for December is “Diversity.” We have some pretty exciting and interesting speeches that are worth seeing and listening to. They include “Grin and Bear it” by Pam Winter (motivation); “A Man with a Plan” by Dave Wesenberg (vision); “Pursuit of Excellence” by Nancy Wil-

son (club excellence); “Night Before Christmas” by Rob Vlacancich (gestures); “Art of Mentoring” by Leona Vlacancich (motivation); and “Listening to Execute” by Dave Wesenberg (listening).

If you would like to join us via Zoom to see and hear these speeches, contact David Wesenberg at [dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com](mailto:dpw@mastersoftwareinc.com) or (217) 280-4454 for instructions to join the meeting.

As Toastmasters, our members learn something every meeting. For example, we knew very little about Zoom, which allows us to meet while on our phones, tablets and computers from home or as we

travel. Now we know much more. We see a window into each member’s life and experiences expanding our own knowledge from what they have learned. Finally, we prepare to share our experience with others outside of Toastmasters. For example, our member Patricia Wagner has delivered Ted Talks on “Heart Centered Gratitude.”

Do you want to share your experiences and learning with others? Do you want to learn from the experiences of others? Join us on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m. and share.

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Birders' Beat

Debbie Sherer

The Birding Group has decided, after thoughtful deliberation, to suspend all birding trips until further notice. Also, Marion County Audubon has cancelled the Christmas Bird Count for this year. We will resume group bird trips once it is safe to do so. Please read the World News to learn when we plan to resume monthly birding trips.

In the interim you may be interested in courses taught by Norm Lantz, our resident bird expert. Norm will offer one general bird identification class and four one-session classes, each on a single bird family. These courses will be available at Master the Possibilities January to April 2021.

We realize this news is disappointing for those who enjoy bird watching with the Birding Group so we are suggesting birding alternatives to consider. The first sug-

gestion is Ocala Wetland Recharge Park at 2201 NW 21st Street, Ocala. This 60-acre park has a 2.5-mile walking path that facilitates observation of many species of birds. Information about this park is available at [www.ocalafl.org](http://www.ocalafl.org). Tuscawilla Park at 829 NE Sanchez Avenue, Ocala, is another alternative. Each of these birding locations is about a 30-minute drive from On Top of the World.

A third idea, closer to home is observing birds in our neighborhood as you walk or drive your golf cart. A member of our community, Susan Pulling (Mrs. Parker Robinson), has started a Facebook page called "OTOW Birds" where you can list birds that you have seen and learn where other residents have seen birds. All residents are welcome to join and no birding experience is necessary.

If you are new to On Top of the World and want to participate in the monthly bird walks, when we resume them, please send your email address and phone number to Margitta Claterbos at [mclaterbos@gmail.com](mailto:mclaterbos@gmail.com).



Photo by Tom Murray

Barred owl.



Travel Toppers

Anne Parker

The Travel Toppers board decided for the safety of our residents to cancel all remaining 2020 trips. Please visit [traveltopperstours.com](http://traveltopperstours.com) for updated information regarding 2021 trips.

We are excited to tell you about a great cruise Travel Toppers is planning Oct. 31 through Nov. 7, 2021, on the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas leaving from Port Canaveral, Florida. The ports of call are St. Johns, Antigua; St. Thomas, USVI; and Royal Caribbean's private island, Coco-Cay. Interior cabins are from \$1,295 per person. Ocean view cabins are from \$1,425 per person; ocean view balcony cabins and boardwalk balcony cabins are from \$1,545 per person. Central park balcony cabins are from \$1,465 per person. All of these rates include the cruise, all

taxes, fees, shipboard gratuities, roundtrip motor coach transportation and travel protection insurance. Third and fourth passenger rates are available upon request. A \$500 per cabin deposit will be required to hold your cabin, and the final payment will be due on Aug. 2, 2021. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to reserve your space.

The trip to Mango's Tropical Café and Dinner Show in Orlando that had been set for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, will be postponed to a later date due to safety concerns. The price, contact information, and other pertinent details will be available on our website at a later date.

The rescheduled Father's Day 2020 trip to Sanford to enjoy a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee will occur 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.

Remember, these trips are open only to residents and their guests.

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Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger

The melodic sounds of the Dulcimers Group will ring in the holidays for the Michigan Club Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m. at the pavilion. Members are asked to bring lawn chairs and arrange their seats to socially distance around the pavilion which will act as the stage for the Dulcimer Group. A group carol sing is planned during the program.

The holiday concert was arranged by Carolyn Abramovich, a member of both clubs.

Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift marked boy or girl which will be given to Kimberly's Center of Ocala, a home for abused and neglected children.

In regard to our October Coney Day, it may have been because it was Halloween, or the fact that Michigan State University won over University of Michigan that afternoon, but it was downright spooky how quickly the grilled Coney Island hot dogs disappeared that day. It seemed the 50 members in attendance could hardly wait to wrap their fingers around the buns and take a bite of the popular meat with coney sauce, onions and mustard – so popular in that state.

Great care was taken to serve the food plated by gloved and masked servers. Guests were handed bagged cookies, bagged silverware and their plates and given a choice of bagged chips and Vernors ginger ale.

The yoopers (upper Michigan folks) and trolls (those who live in lower Michigan below the Mackinac Bridge) visited with friends they hadn't seen in months while resident Harry Boyajian sang live popular 60s to 90s music. People remarked he was so good; they did not realize he was not playing records but actually singing live!

For more information about the Michigan Club, contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.

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### ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas in Texas

‘Twas the night before Christmas, in Texas, you know  
Way out on the prairie, without any snow.  
Asleep in their cabin, were Buddy and Sue,  
A dreamin’ of Christmas, like me and you.

Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of their bed,  
For this was Texas, what more

need be said,  
When all of a sudden, from out of the still night,  
There came such a ruckus, it gave me a fright.

And I saw ‘cross the prairie, like a shot from a gun,  
A loaded-up buckboard come on at a run,  
The driver was “Geein” and “Hawin,” with a will,  
The horses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.

“Come on there Buck, Poncho, & Prince, to the right,  
There’ll be plenty of travelin’ for you all tonight.”  
The driver in Levi’s and a shirt that was red,  
Had a 10-gallon Stetson on top of his head.

As he stepped from the buckboard, he was really a sight,  
With his beard and moustache, so curly and white.  
As he burst in the cabin, the children awoke,  
And were so astonished, that neither one spoke.

And he filled up their boots with such presents galore,  
That neither could think of a single thing more.  
When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,  
He asked in a whisper, “Are you really Santa Claus?”

“Am I the real Santa? Well, what do you think?”  
And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.

Then he leaped in his buckboard, and called back in his drawl,  
“To all the children in Texas, Merry Christmas, you-all.”

Merry Christmas from the Texas Connection Social Club. We hope to see you in 2021.

If you have a connection to Texas and would like more information about our group and to get on the email list for club news and notifications, please contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com. Our connections to Texas are defined by being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for vacation, competitions, or for professional reasons; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven’t been to Texas are considered honorary Texans by association.



Every state typically has at least one fascinating place that goes unnoticed by many visitors and often residents. In Rhode Island the Gilbert Stuart Museum is just one

such treasure. Nestled in Saunderson on 23 acres with a beautiful millpond and stream with gardens and hiking trails surrounding it, you can take a step back in time to visit the restored and furnished home of the family of Gilbert Stuart.

Stuart’s restored birthplace is an 18th century gambrel-roofed workingman’s home furnished with period antiques. It is a show-

place for reproductions of Stuart’s works. Walking about the property you see the water being diverted from the millpond turning a huge wooden waterwheel that was used to grind locally grown tobacco in colonial times. Adjacent to Stuart’s birthplace is another gristmill dating to 1757 that was used by local farmers to grind their whitecap flint corn into corn meal for the famous Rhode Island johnnycakes. It is fascinating to watch the water flow through the sluice gate and turn the 8000-pound white oak waterwheel.

a swelling and discomfort around the mouth. In one report it was said that before the sitting the president had a new set of dentures made of hippopotamus ivory that were too large and clumsy, giving the uncomfortable appearance to Washington’s mouth seen in the Stuart portrait. Another report indicated that at the time of the sitting Washington’s face was so sunken from the lack of facial support provided by poorly fitted dentures that Stuart used cotton in Washington’s mouth to bulk up his cheeks. While the artist promised to give the original canvas to Martha Washington he did not do so. The original portrait was eventually obtained by the Boston Athenaeum.



Our club just returned from a rally to the San Carlos RV Resort in Fort Myers, Florida. What a time we had! The campground is located right on Hurricane Bay. Many of our campers were right on the water. We saw dolphin, blue heron, anhinga and lots of egrets. We met on the first morning for coffee, tea, bagels with all the toppings and dough-

nuts. We enjoyed each other’s company for three hours. We all spent time on Sanibel and Estero Islands, enjoying the beaches and restaurants. We met a few days later for a “non” potluck dinner, meaning everyone brought their own dinners and drinks. We had such a good time, we talked and laughed well into the evening. We already booked this resort for a rally in October 2021.

If you own any type of camper and are interested in our club, please contact Donna Seay at talltaletravelers@gmail.com or (516) 578-8655.

The most recognized of Gilbert Stuart’s works is his portrait of George Washington. Stuart started the painting in Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1796 and portrays Washington at age 65. It was an oil on canvas and it depicted only Washington’s head and neck. Washington is dressed in a black velvet suit with a white lace jabot at the neck, with his powdered hair pulled back into a queue ornamented with a ribbon rosette. The rest of the painting was unfinished. Stuart not only used this model for many replicas, but it became the model for the engraving used for the U.S. \$1 bill; but in mirror image of the original painting.

Interestingly, a look at the facial structure of Washington notes

I am looking forward to when we can get together as a group again over lunch at a nearby restaurant to reminisce and share memories. If you lived or worked in Rhode Island and want to be included on the email list for notifications, please send your email information to judith.parisi@gmail.com.

In the meantime, we can connect to Rhode Island through Facebook groups – “Grew Up in Rhode Island” and “Rhode Island Then and Now.” Members of these groups post the most amazing photos both current and historic, including some fantastic scenes of sunsets over the water.

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In its monthly Zoom meeting Thursday, Nov. 12, Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Jim Di Paolo reviewed the club's successful observing session on the evening of Nov. 2. Almost 25 club members were treated to great views of the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn through six different telescopes set up by club members Ed Hayes, Larry Isenberg, Russell Martin, John Bridges, and Jim Di Paolo. Members also got a tour of the evening constellations and a chance to learn more about the members' telescopes. During the Zoom meeting, Di Paolo also discussed Asteroid 2000 W107 and reminded members about the meaning of a "blue moon."

The November meeting also included presentations by other club members. Club Vice President Larry Isenberg shared some sketches of Mars drawn by club member Norman Stringfield and he spoke about "The Five Easiest Celestial Objects to Observe with a Small Telescope."

Jim Shuman continued with the second of four PowerPoint presentations on how astronomers have found the distances to celestial objects throughout history, this time focusing on the distances to nearby stars first determined accurately in the 1800s. And John Bridges presented his monthly tour of the night sky, pointing out interesting objects to observe throughout November.

Two special opportunities are anticipated in December: the Geminids Meteor Shower on the night of Monday, Dec. 14, and the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on Monday, Dec. 21. The Geminids Meteor Shower holds great promise for observing in 2020 because the sky will be particularly dark with no moonlight that night. Meteor trails can be observed throughout the evening in the eastern sky. And Jupiter and Saturn will appear almost side-by-side in the sky throughout December, coming seemingly closest to each other on the winter solstice.

Several new members have joined the Moonstruck Astronomy

Club recently and excitement about astronomy continues to build here. Regular club meetings are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For now, they will remain online.

More evening observing sessions will be announced to members via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions 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 near the R/C flying field and last into the evening, depending on the conditions and on the prospect of seeing specific targets as they cross the night sky. Until further notice, participants must wear face masks and maintain social distancing throughout the time they are at the observing session. Other instructions and safety precautions will be provided in the emails announcing each session.

Any resident can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15 per year, which includes a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. For information or club registration, please contact President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com.



Swampy's Restaurant on the Rainbow River was the site of the first outdoor gathering for the Jewish Club since early 2020.

Members met on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. outdoors at the river's edge for a late lunch/early dinner arranged by the club's second vice president, Myra Post. Social distancing was practiced, and masks were called for.

Because January 2021 is the start

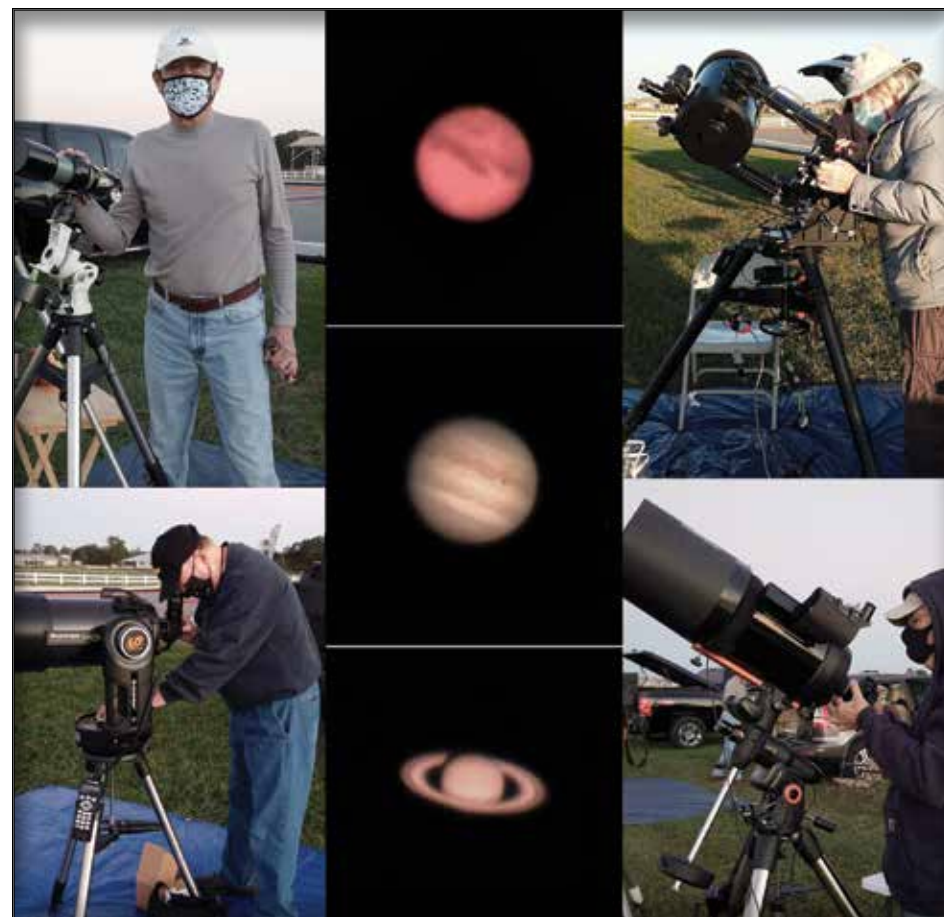


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**Astronomy Club observing session Nov. 2 – Larry Isenberg (upper left), Russell Martin (lower left), Ed Hayes (upper right), John Bridges (lower right) with images of Mars (center top), Jupiter (center middle), Saturn (center bottom).**

of the new club year, the Jewish Club has called for nominations or volunteers to fill some board positions. Former president, Nancy Carp has resigned. A formal ballot with position descriptions and nominees will be emailed to the membership with a return date requested on or before Friday, Dec. 18. The new board will be presented via an email announcement by Monday, Dec. 28.

The Jewish Club plans to schedule open air gatherings until leadership deems formal indoor meetings are appropriate.

A community-wide collection drive for needed items and funds for Kimberly House of Ocala, home

for abused and neglected children, was a huge success. The drive, spearheaded by Charlie Calhoun who reported the collection in the name of the Jewish Club, netted \$1,010 cash plus a van full of requested items. Kimberly House is the adopted charity of the Jewish Club.

For information about the club, which is open to all residents regardless of faith, contact Len Elsner, first vice president, at (631) 807-5688; Myra Post, second vice president, at (352) 861-9223; Nancy Meininger, corresponding secretary, at (352) 554-0757; or Charlie Calhoun, member at large, at (352) 556-6004.

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## Having Fun Horsing Around

By Elaine Morrison  
World News Writer

Clip, clop, or clink, clank ... what comes to mind when you read those descriptive words? If your answer had the word horse in it, give yourself a 10. For the clink, clank sound is exactly the one horseshoe players want to hear when they throw their shoes and hit a metal spike from either a 40- or 30-foot distance.

I recently had a horseshoe and cornhole tutorial from resident Joe Lawson, who had never played the games all the years he lived and worked in Los Angeles as a building inspector for the L.A. school district.

The game of horseshoes was brought to America from England, most likely during the Civil War period. It could easily be played in everyone's backyard, at little or no expense, using discarded horseshoes and any pole or stake to throw them at.

Regulation courts are 40 feet long between the poles, with exceptions made to throw from 30 feet for women and certain handicaps. The spike is in the center of a sand-pit, but many courts use clay, particularly in tournament play.

The horseshoes weigh between two pounds six ounces and two pounds 10 ounces and have a six-inch opening with the ends varying in weights. The player stands to the right or left of the court, behind a red line, and throws on the diagonal. The game is won when

21 points has been obtained, a ring-er earns three points, a lean, two points and anything landing six inches from the spike receives one point

Each player gets two shots and plays individually, with another player determined by picking a numbered and colored chip..

The travel team participates in tournament play which has some different regulations, and plays teams from Beverly Hills and The Villages in Tri-County Tournament play. Two years ago, they were victorious and won the coveted championship and almost repeated the feat last year.

Cornhole is played on all cement courts adjacent to the horseshoe courts and play consists of throwing a square shaped one pound bean bag into a six inch hole that is cut into the center of two foot by four foot angled wooden boards positioned 27 feet apart on each end of the court. A player gets three points for getting the bag in the hole and one point for landing on the board. The game is won when the player gets 21 points.

There are many opportunities for players to come to the courts in the Veterans Park to play, with scheduled games for horseshoes on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and tournament play on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Open cornhole games are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. There are



Photo by Joe Lawson

### Horsing around at the pits.

also mixed up and mixed games on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Currently there is talk about holding games at night, as the courts are equipped with lighting.

You can contact Joe Lawson at [softballjoe46@gmail.com](mailto:softballjoe46@gmail.com) for more information.

Joe is not the only member of his family to learn and enjoy something new since moving to On Top of the World. His wife Nancy has been able to fulfill her girlhood dream of taking dance classes and is particularly enjoying her sessions in ballet.

## Scoreboard Queen

By Tom Sheridan

Sherry Winn has the best seat in the house. Box seat. Right behind home plate. Shady. Better than a skybox.

But all this comfortable access comes with a price: She has to work for it.

Winn is the scoreboard queen of the Softball Club. She manages the big electronic scoreboard beyond the left field fence that keeps players and spectators informed of runs, outs, strikes and balls.

She directs that vital operation from the aptly named "Sherry shack," a canopy equipped with a chair and table. Handling the scoreboard twice a week for up to three games a day "is a big commitment," she said. "But it's rewarding. The guys have been very supportive; they treat me like a queen."

Getting involved in softball was normal for Winn. She said that before she "married into On Top of the World in 2018," she played on a women's team at nearby Summer-Glen. Sherry and husband Tom live in Candler Hills.

There's more. Winn is also the organizer of the co-ed recreational softball group that meets each Saturday morning.

She's proud of how Saturday games have developed. More than 30 men and women have been attending weekly. "I want it to be a community-based recreational activity," she said. "People can network. They can bring visitors." No set teams, no pressure, she said, just fun. Winn said she's grateful that several men's league players help with coaching, equipment and

more.

Winn also brings other benefits to the ballfield. The Canada native is a trained emergency nurse who's practiced her skills in both countries.

In October, the six-team intramural men's softball league welcomed back its non-resident players when On Top of the World allowed guests to rejoin activities. A dozen or so non-resident players have long helped flesh out community teams. Even with a sharp increase in new resident players - a nod to the burgeoning construction in On Top of the World Communities - the club is pleased to have its veteran non-resident "ballfield brothers" back.

New players from On Top of the World are always accepted. Games are played Monday and Wednesday mornings. A general practice/skills assessment for new players is held each Thursday morning.

The league will close out the

fall season with a holiday break Wednesday, Dec. 23. The winter season will begin with exhibition games the week of Jan. 11, 2021 with the season opener Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. The spring/summer season runs from May to September.

Softball Club board chair Jeff Thomas has been nominated to the Florida Half Century Softball Association Hall of Fame, a statewide group of senior players. In addition to playing at On Top of the World, Thomas has been an FHC member for 25 years.

The final list of players to be inducted will be announced next year. He said, "It's an honor just to be nominated and I'm excited about the possibility of becoming a Hall of Fame member."

For information about softball at On Top of the World, contact [tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com](mailto:tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com).



Photo by Tom Sheridan

Sherry Winn rules the scoreboard from her post in the "Sherry shack."



On Tuesday, Dec. 8, a box will be located on the first tee to collect items for the Marion County Senior Services, our annual charity event. Please donate personal care items (such as lotion, shampoo, toothpaste), organization items (such as note cards, calendars), fun items (word search books, puzzles), other items (picture frames, hats, pet toys, batteries).

Some temporary rules, until further notice:

- You can place your ball outside a footprint or stroke divot in a bunker - no closer to the hole, still within the bunker.
- Nearest point of relief and lift, clean and play is allowed on the following Tortoise & The Hare holes: #9 on the slope up the green, #10 down slope just past the 150 post, #12 on the up slope to the green and muddy areas in the fairway, #13 valley and

up slope to the green, #14 on down slope near executive tees, #18 on slope on right side of fairway just past executive tees.

If you need a league shirt, please see Russ Smith in the Golf Shop.  
**Stableford Individual Net Oct. 20/The Links**

Flight 1: 38-Diane Boston. Tie at 34-Gail LaGrange, Shelly Karsnitz, Vadonna Hall, Gretchen Normandin. 33-Linda Taylor.  
Flight 2: 40-Vickie Noltensmeyer. 38-MJ Strelec. 36-Bobbie Wiener. 33-Angelita Jingco. 32-Joy Benson. Tie at 31-Connie Norris, Peggy Ellenberger.  
Flight 3: 36-Christine McIntire. 34-Connie Sohl. 33-Peggy Borro. Tie at 32-Peggy Wiechmann, Iro Lisinski. 31-Linda Blewitt.  
Flight 4: 37-Liz Pruss. 36-Sandra Dechambeau. 35-Ellen Brin. Tie at 34-Donna Brunell, Nancy Zielinski. 31-Margaret Hudacik.  
Flight 5: 38-Sandy Chase. 33-Sue Fierce. Tie at 32-Geri Treppa, Antonia Varney. 30-Carolyn Cummings. 28-Susan Yenne.

**Low Gross/Low Net Oct. 27/The Tortoise & The Hare Gross**  
Flight 1: Tie at 80-Shelly Karsnitz,

Christine Giza. 85-Vadonna Hall. Flight 2: Tie at 88-Lynne Dickson, Yuhlan Cho. 92-Bobbie Wiener. Flight 3: 91-Christine McIntire. Tie at 93-Judy Graham, Angelita Jingco. Flight 4: Tie at 93-Peggy Wiechmann, Virginia Madura. 97-Pamela Jones.  
Flight 5: 101-Kathleen Mansfield. 103-Geri Treppa. 108-Dee Howie.

**Net**  
Flight 1: Tie at 73-Gail LaGrange, Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 76-Mary Jeannottee, Diane Boston.  
Flight 2: 73-MJ Strelec. 74-Gretchen Normandin. 77-Joy Benson.  
Flight 3: 74-Iro Lisinski. Tie at 75-Connie Sohl, Pat Lindstrom.  
Flight 4: Tie at 74-Liz Pruss, Nancy Zielinski. 78-Sandra Dechambeau. Flight 5: 75-Antonia Varney. 78-Lynn Barber. 79-Debbie Zile.

**Low Gross/Low Net Nov. 3/The Links Gross**  
Flight 1: 75-Gail LaGrange. Tie at 79-Christine Giza, Vadonna Hall. Flight 2: Tie at 83-Bobbie Wiener, Peggy Ellenberger. 90-Vickie Noltensmeyer.  
Flight 3: 87-Peggy Wiechmann. Tie at 91-Debby Wilson, Lilly Gee, Connie Sohl.  
Flight 4: 92-Nancy Zielinski. 95-

Sharon Johnson. 98-Jean Hsu. Flight 5: 93-Terry Wilks. 96-Sandy Chase. Tie at 102-Dee Howie, Kathleen Goodwin.

**Net**  
Flight 1: Tie at 71-Gretchen Normandin, Yuhlan Cho. 72-Mary Ann Livingston.  
Flight 2: 70-MJ Strelec. 74-Susan Rhodes. 75-Angelita Jingco. Flight 3: 71-Linda Blewitt. 76-Katie Schriewer. 77-Judy Graham.  
Flight 4: 75-Molly Lucieer. Tie at 78-Virginia Madura, Pat Lindstrom.  
Flight 5: 74-Debbie Zile. Tie at 75-Joan Gerbo, Linda Ryan, Lynn Barber.

**Red, White and Blue Nov. 10/The Tortoise & The Hare**  
Flight 1: 54-Yuhlan Cho. 59-Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 60-Vickie Noltensmeyer, Linda Taylor, Lynne Dickson.  
Flight 2: 54-Linda Blewitt. Tie at 55-Peggy Wiechmann, Katie Schriewer. 56-Debby Wilson. Tie at 61-Connie Sohl, Peggy Borro.  
Flight 3: Tie at 55-Joyce Jones, Ellen Brin. 56-Pamela Jones. 58-Nancy Zielinski. Tie at 59-Liz Pruss, Virginia Madura.  
Flight 4: Tie at 55-Geri Treppa, Lynn Barber. Tie at 60-Susan Yenne, Sandy Chase, Linda Ryan.



The Candler Hills LGA-18 has now been playing for several weeks. What a pleasure it is to reconnect with ladies whom we have not seen for months.

The safety protocols have enabled play to continue and everyone has adapted to the guidelines. The contactless scoring method in place makes the tallying of the tee sheets more accessible. Though it is a new system, it facilitates easy and safe recording.

Presently, all general gatherings for our league are on hold. It is

hopeful that, in 2021, we can proceed with special events that previously occurred.

Since the general meeting was cancelled, the board will be contacting each member via email to vote on four topics. They are as follows:

1. Change of league dates to a calendar year.
2. Terms for board members.
3. Membership structure and dues.
4. Change in by-laws.

Details for these topics can be found in the recent email sent from our president Saturday, Nov. 7.

Cooler weather has been more prevalent, and it is an enjoyable time of year to play golf. The Florida sun is still strong so please don't forget to keep using sunblock to protect your skin from the sun's

intensity.

We welcome two new members to our league. They are Lisa Free and Sandy Snyder. Please give them a friendly welcome. We look forward to playing with them.

The league is open to all residents. Anyone interested in joining should contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

Finally, be careful, stay safe and believe, achieve and enjoy golf.

**Low Gross/Low Net (Individual) Oct. 22 Gross**

Flight 1: 74-Shelly Karsnitz. 81-Christine Giza.  
Flight 2: 92-Angelita Jinco. Tie at 93-Mary Jo Lock, Joann Dellapenna. Flight 3: 94-M. Kay Budd. 97-Toni Stevenson.  
Flight 4: 100-DeAnne Green. 104-Anne Dahlen.

**Net**  
Flight 1: 74-Donna Smith. 75-Connie Norris.  
Flight 2: 74-Virginia Madura. 77-Maria Fournier.  
Flight 3: 75-Carla Kimball. 77-Kate Beaty.

Flight 4: Tie at 74-Ilyong Dicus, Joann Delmar.

**Lucky Fours (Individual) Oct. 29**

Flight 1: 42-Sara Nunn. Tie at 45-Shelly Karsnitz, Pam Carpenter.  
Flight 2: 41-Angelita Jinco. Tie at 43-Connie Norris, Paula Lilly. 44-Eileen Gustavus. 45-Joy Benson.  
Flight 3: 42-Virginia Madura. Tie at 43-Carol Clark, Carla Kimball. 44-Iro Lisinski.

Flight 4: 35-Ilyong Dicus. 40-Beth Wolinsky. 41-DeAnne Green. 43-Joann Delmar.

**Nose/Ones (Individual) Nov. 5**

Flight 1: 34-Donna Smith. 35-Sara Nunn. 39-Christine Giza.  
Flight 2: 35-Iro Lisinski. 36-Virginia Madura. Tie at 37-Angelita Jinco, Maria Fournier. Tie at 38-Joy Benson, Virginia Combs.  
Flight 3: 33-Toni Stevenson. 35-Rosann Ross. 36-Carol Clark. 37-Carla Kimball. Tie at 38-Pamela Jones, Vickie Foster.  
Flight 4: 32-Ilyong Dicus. 36-Joann Delmar 37-Beth Wolinsky. 38-Suzanne Sigler. Tie at 39-DeAnne Green, Mary Ann McCourt.

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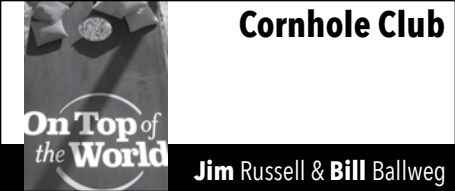
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**OPEN PLAY:** The Cornhole Club has seen steady growth throughout the summer months as On Top of the World continues to expand with new homes and neighborhoods being constructed at an amazing clip. Our open play format allows for up to 24 players at a time and we currently play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

We sometimes have more than 24 players arrive to play but we have a system that allows all players an opportunity to get their three games played in a timely manner. Utilizing a sign-in sheet, we begin play as soon as the first 24 players register. Although our advertised starting time is 2 p.m., we may begin play by 1:30 p.m. or sooner. As additional players arrive and sign in, they begin their games as soon as a court opens up.

Using this system, all players get to play, and we still finish up at about 3 p.m., which is the time we would normally finish if we started at 2 p.m.

We have had as many as 36 players sign in and everyone got to play without experiencing long waits. As the club and community continue to grow, we'll add additional days and times as needed. Got questions? Contact Open Play Facilitator Jim Russell at jimrussell44@outlook.com or (352) 861-6355.

**MIXED UP LEAGUE:** The fall league offered some major changes to our league structure and some things stayed the same. To gain more participation in the men's league we changed to all-encompassing and changed the name to mixed up league. By allowing members of both sexes, the league ballooned to eight teams and created a new experience for all involved. What did not change was the dominance of the Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) who completed their fifth straight league championship and did it by going undefeated. Finishing in second place was Icy Hot (Charles Lemme and Vince Stevens) who finished hot as their team name implies.

**MIXED LEAGUE:** The mixed fall league provides equal excitement as witnessed in the spring season. Like the spring, with two weeks to go there were the same three teams battling it out for the championship with only one game separating the teams. Unlike the spring, the final results changed, the Cornhuskers (Robin and Bill Ballweg) who folded the final two weeks of the spring season were able to fend off the second place finisher Teachers (Donna Hansen and Joe Lawson) and the third place finisher Tossers (Bob Helf and Angela Ward) by one and two games respectively. Special call out to the Vteam (Vickie Foster and Vince Stevens) who made a late season charge to fin-



Photo by Jim Russell  
**Fall mixed league champions Robin and Bill Ballweg.**  
ish a very respectable fourth place with a 14 to seven record.  
Congratulations to all of the mixed teams that participated in the fall season, the quality of play was excellent and a great deal of fun by all.



R/C car racing is back in full swing for our winter season, which began Nov. 1. Our big news is that after a number of months and cooperation with and from the On Top of the World project staff, the club received our long-awaited metal replacement shade coverings for our trackside tables, along with a long-planned expansion of our driver's stand. The coverings replaced canvas units completely destroyed by a freak storm earlier this summer and are similar in construction to small car ports. The stand can now safely handle six drivers separated by partitions, in full compliance with community safety protocols. Many thanks to Theresa, Jerritt, Bill and the rest of the On Top of the World crew for all your work and efforts!

Our winter schedule has us racing on Thursdays and Sundays, at 1 p.m. until April 2021. Our next business meeting is Monday, Dec. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV and will see the election of new club officers for 2021.

As of this writing, the club has 97 members and growing. Come visit us on race days and enjoy great action, spills, and even acrobatics (occasionally and always unintentional!). It's a great, life-long hobby that allows you to participate on a number of levels, based on your skill, ambition and purse. Our members range from novice to expert, and classification and vehicle types assure everyone of balanced competition. Any questions feel free to contact me at (914) 588-7293 or fredpenichet@msn.com. Hope to see you trackside soon!



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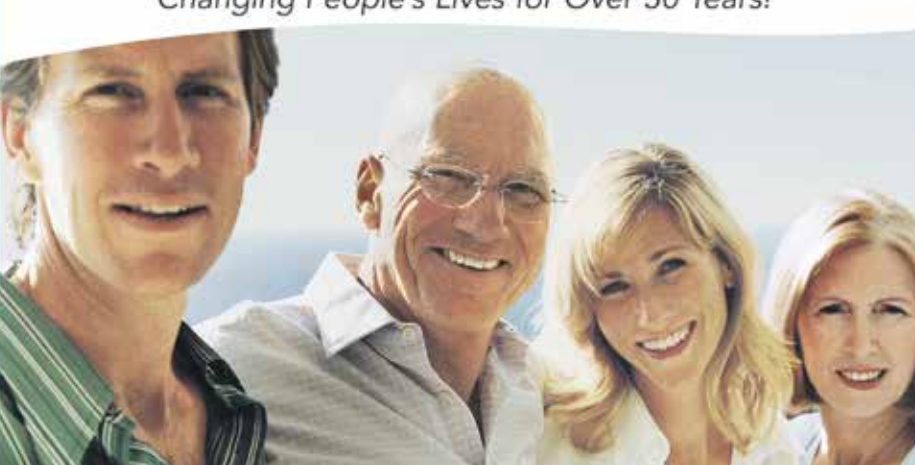
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We are back, thanks to the efforts of Denise and Matt, and their development of safe and friendly rules for our group to play golf again.

We welcomed the following new members: Joe Baumgartner, Mike Campbell, Steve Gersten, Bob Jahnke, Bill Maxwell, Ed Ortiz, Joe Pruss, Bill Searight, Brad Best, George Brombacher, Dwight Johnson, Ron Klouse and Don Jones.

We would also like to thank Julian Wachs, Joe Damiata, Jr. and Mike Deahl for their many years of service on the board. They retired in November, but I am sure they will miss the meetings and lively discussions.

Danny Ball, Bill Wignall and Edwin Viloria have been appointed to replace the three retired board members until they can be formally elected when we are able to hold our annual meeting.

Individual Quota Points  
Oct. 20

Flight 1: +1–David Steel, Mike Deahl. 0–Larry Smallwood. -2–Bill Locke. -3–Bob Jahnke. -4–Bill Wignall.  
Flight 2: -1–Charlie Taylor. -2–Mike Altomare. -3–Joe Jingco. -4–Hal Levine. -5–Mike Cunningham.  
Flight 3: +2–Steve Gersten, Robert Dellapenna. 0–Ken Zweiback. -1–Joe Wong. -3–David Nelson. -4–Tim Beaty.  
Flight 4: +4–Bill Searight. +2–Edwin Viloria. +1–Ed Ortiz. Mike Campbell.

Special congratulations to Dave Steel who shot a smooth one under par 71. Not too shabby!

Low Net Blue Tee & White Tee  
Flights  
Oct. 27

Flight 1: +2–Tom Presnick. +4–Bill Wignall. +5–Thomas Lowe  
Flight 2: +1–Virgel Jajalla. +3–Rusty Zarrell. +6–Mike Altomare, Mike Cunningham, Joe Jingco.  
Flight 3: -1–Joe Wong. +1–Robert Dellapenna. +4–Tim Beaty, Mark Monk. +5–Gilbert Green, James Dewey.

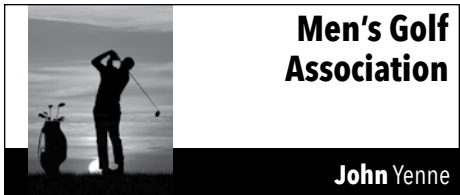
Flight 4: +1–Brad Best. +4–Sam Fox, Edwin Ortiz. +5–Edwin Viloria.

Individual Stableford  
Nov. 3

Flight 1: 37–Lonnie Page. 34–Mike Deahl. 33–Bill Wignall. 32–Virgel Jajalla.  
Flight 2: 39–Dennis McCourt. 37–Rusty Zarrell, Ken Zweiback. 34–Mike Cunningham, Bill Maxwell, Gene Francisco.  
Flight 3: 41–James Dewey. 35–David Nelson. 34–Brad Best. 33–Joe Wong. 30–Tim Beaty.  
Flight 4: 37–Joe Baumgartner. 36–Edwin Viloria. 35–Bill Searight. 33–Frank Eposito. 29–Tim Kennedy, Mike Campbell.

Low Net  
Nov. 10

Flight 1: -2–Gene Moff, E Tom Presnick. +2–Robert Jahnke, Bill Lock, Mike Deahl.  
Flight 2: -4–Mike Cunningham. +3–Bill Maxwell. +4–Rusty Zarrell.  
Flight 3: -5–Robert Dellapenna, E–Mark Monk. +1–Ken Zweiback, Gilbert Green.  
Flight 4: -1–Mike Campbell. +2–Edwin Ortiz. +3–Frank Eposito, George Brombacher.



Contactless scoring has been a big success for the Men's Golf Association (MGA) after months of suspended play.

In several weeks of league play, MGA members have reported few problems with the Golf Genius mobile app scoring system that reports scores to the Golf Shop without having to submit a paper scorecard.

The current membership is 279. Please welcome our newest members: Ric Strynar, Russ Zile, Ron Grob, Robert Anderson, Steven Gersten, Paul Haughey, James McCormack, Michael Ball, Joe Baumgartner, Joe Moenter, James Thompson, Dave Wohlleber, Jim Kurlapski, Greg McDowell, Ron Nichols, Gerald Cunha, John Hartney.

Individual Low Net

Oct. 28/The Tortoise & The Hare  
Flight 1: 72–Joe Moenter. 74–Joe Wilks. Tie at 75–Russell Zile, Brian Wilder, Rick Schriewer, Paul Haughey. Tie at 76–Bill Manny, John English.  
Flight 2: 70–Bruce Venslavsky. 71–Roger Sparks. 72–Dale Budd. 75–Gregory Dyer. 76–Dan Goggin. Tie at 77–Mike Madura, Gary Hassett.  
Flight 3: 71–Robert Anderson. 72–Steven Sarkozy. 74–David Hanasch. Tie at 75–David Wohlleber, Joe Wong. 76–Bob Barbee. Tie at 77–Larry Manion, Paul Snyder, Howard Atherton.  
Flight 4: Tie at 71–David Johnson, Leonard Ruble. 73–Bob Marks. Tie at 75–Ralph Solvoid, Tom McHaffie. 78–Charles Crenshaw. Tie at 80–Jon Jackins, Vince Dellapenta, Norm Hayworth.  
Flight 5: 72–Barry Barringer. Tie at

73–Joe Baumgartner, Charles Miele. 74–Norman Ft Schulze. 75–Joe Polizzotti. 76–Douglas Coleman. Tie at 77–Mike Driver, Thomas Kujawa.

2 Best Balls of the 4  
Nov. 4/ The Links

120–Steven Sarkozy, Neil Seaman, Tom McHaffie and Ralph Solvoid. Tie at 127–Larry Manion, Paul Haughey, Jim Kurlapski and Norman Schulze; Brad Weirick, Mike Madura, Michael Cunningham and Alan Theusch; Ken Zweiback, Jim Weaver, Vince Dellapenta and Harris Bloch. Tie at 129–Roger Sparks, Terry Hubbartt, Paul Snyder and Douglas Coleman; Rick Schriewer, Joe Jingco, James McCormack and Loren Magsam; Gary Hassett, Charles Lundberg, Bob Marks and Nick James; Dale Budd, Russell Zile, Leonard Ruble and John Bauer. Tie at 130–Charles Crenshaw, Rudy Normandin, Mike Ball and Barry Barringer; Dan Goggin, David Miller, John Snyder and Charles Miele.

Individual Blind Hole

Nov. 11/The Tortoise & The Hare  
Flight 1: Tie at 36–Larry Gibson, Russell Zile. Tie at 38–Jerry Englar, Greg McDowell, Bill Manny. 39–Jim Weaver. 40–Brian Wilder.  
Flight 2: Tie at 34–Dan Goggin, Neil Seaman. 35–Dennis McCourt. Tie at 36–Rick Plesea, Dale Budd, Rusty Zarrell. Tie at 37–Gary Hassett, Dale Clarke.  
Flight 3: Tie at 36–Larry Cordill, Joe Wong. 37–Gregory Dyer. Tie at 38–James Thompson, David Hanasch. 39–Brad Weirick. Tie at 40–Robert Anderson, Bob Barbee, Roy Coombes.  
Flight 4: 35–Leonard Ruble. 36–Norm Hayworth. Tie at 37–Carl Zeiler, Tom McHaffie. Tie at 40–Charles Crenshaw, David Garland, Joseph Mandala, James McCormack.  
Flight 5: 30–Douglas Coleman. 31–Barry Barringer. 35–Joe Polizzotti. Tie at 36–Charles Miele, Loren Magsam. Tie at 39–Mike Driver, Thomas Kujawa.

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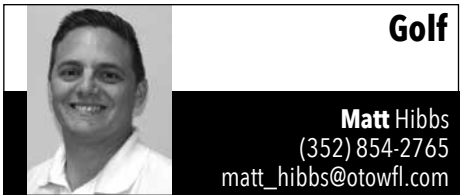
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The holiday season is upon us and the golf staff would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays. We hope to resume all tournament play and golf clinics January 2021. We will kick off the season with our annual Jekyll & Hyde Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 on both The Links and The Tortoise & The Hare. The inaugural Snowflake Open will follow Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, on Candler Hills Golf Course. Please contact either Golf Shop for more details. Our golf staff needs the assistance of all golfers and residents on several fronts. In order for Andy

Jorgensen and his staff to provide perfect playing conditions, all golfers need to fill their divots with sand and fix ball marks on the greens. When putting, please be sure to lift your feet and not shuffle across the greens. It is your responsibility as golfers to help maintain these beautiful golf courses. The golf staff would like to remind everyone to register or renew your golf membership for 2021. If you're renewing your membership or considering joining for 2021, please contact Trudy Foster at (352) 854-2765 with any questions. We encourage everyone to register early in December because the membership office will become very busy the closer we get to Jan. 1, 2021. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **World Accolades**  
**CANDLER HILLS:** Tony Morris,

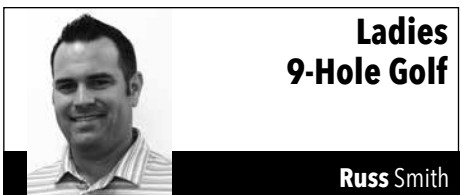
eagle #18. Dan Gill, shot personal best 72. **THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Larry Manion, hole-in-one #8. Jim Hart, hole-in-one #8. **THE LINKS:** Cynthia Tenorio, hole-in-one #6. David Garland, eagle #3. Congratulations to all for these fine accomplishments. **Holiday Hours**

- Thursday, Dec. 24: Both golf clubs close at 2 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 25: Both golf clubs closed.
- Thursday, Dec. 31: Both golf clubs close at 3 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2021: Both golf clubs close at 2 p.m.

**Golf Tip of the Month**

You hit your second shot in a greenside bunker. You need to get up and down to save par and win the match. You step up to the shot,

dig your feet in and take a swing. Next you look up to see the ball sailing clear across the green. Does this sound familiar? This is a common mistake that all golfers make. Most are defeated before they even set foot in the bunker. Bunker shots should be easier than any other shot in golf. The reason being is you're not actually trying to hit the ball. When hitting a greenside bunker shot you should open your stance and club. Swing a little harder than a typical shot from the same distance and try and hit an inch behind the ball. Never decelerate your swing. This will allow your club to dig into the sand forcing the ball to pop out nice and soft. Next time step in that bunker with confidence, trust the shot and win the match.



Ladies 9-Hole Golf

**Russ Smith**

As we continue to move forward under challenging circumstances, I want to commend the LGA-9 for the great job they've done in the first month back. We appreciate everyone's patience through this transition and are happy to be getting back to normal. We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time. As we move into the month of December, the LGA-9 schedule will be on the following Tuesdays:

- Dec. 1: Lucky 4's where everyone plays their normal round of golf and we use the

scores on the par 4s towards the game.

- Dec. 8: Low Net where everyone plays their own ball, and your handicap will be deducted from your total score.
- Dec. 15: One Best Ball is a team game where at the end of each hole the lowest net score of the team will be recorded as the team score.
- Dec. 22: Even Holes where everyone plays their normal round of golf and we use the scores on the even numbered holes towards the game.
- Dec. 29: Low Gross where everyone plays their own ball and there is no handicap, but players are flighted based on handicap.

Remember you will receive notifications from Golf Genius to sign up for Tuesday's play a week in

advance. You will sign up through Golf Genius as before, cut off day and time is Sunday, at 10 p.m. for the Tuesday event. You will be notified on Monday as to the course and hole you will start play from. You must be at your starting hole by 8:45 a.m. to allow the captain to collect money for weekly game. An air horn will signal the start of play (do not tee off until you hear the air horn). We will continue to follow a Better Lie Rule for Sand Traps. If your ball comes to rest in a footprint or ball divot within the bunker, you may move your ball no closer to the hole. Ball must remain in bunker. While we are on the topic of rules here are two that came up over

this past month. When a ball is hit out of bounds it is to be played as stroke and distance, which means if you hit it out of bounds you must go back to the previous spot with penalty and hit again. The next rule that has been brought up is lost ball, if you hit a ball and cannot find it, you only have three minutes to look and then you need to go back to the original spot and re-hit with a penalty. We understand that as we continue to move forward there will be a lot of questions about the league and if you have any issues using the new GHIN App or Golf Genius App, please feel free to stop by the Golf Shop and we will be happy to help.



Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

**Denise Mullen**

We invite any new ladies who prefer to only play nine holes to participate in our Nine Hole Play Day on Thursdays at Candler Hills Golf Club. Tee times start at 9 a.m. You will need an established handicap to participate. We play many different formats; some are individual events in flights and others will be team events. Congratulations to Virginia Bayless on your birdie on hole #5 during a recent Play Day. Welcome to Nick Schwander, our new assistant golf professional at Candler Hills. Nick came here from Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was the merchandise manager for The Prairies Golf Club. He has extensive background in club fitting and is also available to re-grip your golf clubs should you need that service. Nick is an avid sports fan who played golf, hockey and lacrosse in high school and lettered in all three sports. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a major in communications and minor in psychology. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself next time you are around the Golf Shop. Did you know you can have self-confidence even when you play

poorly, even when you screw up, even when you fail? Self-confidence is a skill that you learn and practice. There are three key skills of a self-confident golfer.

1. You have the ability to trust yourself. You make decisions and keep your word to yourself. This builds the trust you need to be confident. When you start to question your decisions, doubt comes in and doubt is the opposite of confidence.
2. You are willing to experience any emotion (to include fear of failure). Realizing emotions are harmless and that you have your own back will empower you to hit the golf shot needed, regardless of the outcome.
3. How you think about yourself will shape your confidence. It's the words you say to yourself, the thoughts you are thinking and the way you treat yourself that will either generate good confident thoughts or derail your confidence. It doesn't have to be done perfectly for you to feel confident.

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### Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix

We are in our third month of shuffling and with the cooperation of all the ladies following the safety guidelines, we are all well. Outside activities can now play to full capacity. Our board met and we felt that we should continue playing on every other court which gives us close to six feet of distancing; masks are optional. If the choice was to use all 10 courts masks would be mandatory.

When presented to the members they all agreed to use every other court. We will continue to hand out numbers one to 20 to the first 20 members who arrive on Wednesdays for 9 a.m. play and again for 11 a.m. play. Mondays at 5:30 p.m. has a lighter number of shufflers and we play under the lights.

Many of our ladies are buying their own equipment and are practicing during the club's off time. On Top of the World is working on getting equipment out so that all residents and their guests can

play. The rules for playing on the courts are posted on site. No open toed shoes at any time. The playing schedule of the clubs is on the bulletin board and in the telephone directory. The mixed and ladies only leagues are open to all residents. Indigo East residents must have a Gateway of Services pass. Our dues are \$10.

Shuffleboard is a fun game with skill and technique methods. So, come on down and join us; you need not know how to play.

In October we had four winners for first place, winning eight games out of 12; second place had 10 winners who won seven out of 12; and for third place six winners who won out of 12. The 30 plus had many who accomplished 30 or more totaling 14 winners. You go gals!

On Wednesdays alone we have 40 women who shuffle. Monday nights many of the ladies shuffle just for practice. They are serious to learn the game. It is so rewarding to hear the excitement and laughter, see the friendships that have formed beyond the court. We have come a long way in five years. We have a total of 59 paid members at this time and are still growing. So, join us. Happy shuffling.

But, introduction to shuffleboard is still being offered. It is held the second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come down to these courts. We will go over rules, scoring, safety and the basics of shooting the discs. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

#### October Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Nick Dreimiller, Joe Bartosh & Charlie Lentz/Vicki Lentz. Tuesday p.m.: Lou Fisher & Wayne Scales/ Jane Boyer. 30 Club-Dottie Migliaccio & Florentina Pannacchi-one.

Thursday a.m.: Phil Werner/Annette Hodges.



### Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sherry Winn

It seems Co-Ed Community Recreational Softball has finally found our niche - Saturdays at 9 a.m. is working.

The greatest bunch of people are gathering at the softball field to enjoy this active sport for our men and women, singles or couples of all ages and capabilities. Countless expressions of "we're having so much fun" echo not only across the field but throughout the week as our enthusiasm draws ever more interest. The relaxed and evolving style of play seems to meet everyone's needs. Weekly rearrangements of teams have developed camaraderie, personal support and new friendships even off the field. Many of us socially-distance mingle after the game which usually finishes about 11 a.m.

Speaking of the game, after a warmup, we play two to three innings of five outs or once through the batting lineup with strikes and balls very casually monitored. Thereafter balanced teams are created, and we play a full team game. By the way, now that On Top of

the World has reopened to visitors, if you have family visiting, bring them along to join in.

This month we had the privilege of an impromptu batting clinic by Jed Blair from Stone Creek that introduced us to different batting styles between slow pitch and baseball. We learned some invaluable techniques to improve our hitting. Thanks, Jed, for sharing your passion, experience and training with us beginners.

Again, this would not be successful without the tireless direction of our coach, Joe Lawson. He provides batting direction and encouragement and also relaxed umpiring to keep score behind the plate. Thanks to Dave Rearick for preparing the field. Jeff Thomas acquires and sells some used equipment at cost and also thanks to various members of the men's softball league that have stepped up to provide direction and leadership. My heart is indebted to you all for assisting me to facilitate this dream of mine.

Feature player of the month is Chris Lopez who hit an in-the-park grand slam.

Come check us out. We'd love to see and/or include you. Spectators are a joy as well.

For further information or inquiries, please contact me, Sherry Winn, at (315) 528-8499.



### Shuffleboard

Walter Lamp

The shuffleboard season continues to move along past November and into December. The actual weekly competition, both the regular game and Ten-Pin, continue to provide fun and skill for one and all. But, other aspects of the year are still on hold. Our social off-the-court get togethers are not being held, due to social distancing concerns. And our extra competition tournaments, outside the regular schedule, are being held up.



### Horseshoe League

Joe Lawson

Years ago, when all of us were younger, we played horseshoes in our yard, or when we went camping. We would drive the stakes at 40 feet or just step it off. We spent hours playing every other boy or girl who thought they could beat us.

Now, we are a bit older and playing horseshoes, we play and tell

stories about the good old days or what's wrong with the world but mostly about how good we used to be. We meet people that have similar stories or tall tales of their own.

Come join us each Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Park. No shoes needed except on your feet as we supply the shoe for playing. We have players willing to help you with improving your game if you are like all of us when we started and had not pitched shoes in 40 years or more. Come join us. We need to hear some good new stories we have not yet heard.

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**R/C Flyers**

**John Workman**

Another year is ending, and the R/C Flyers are still growing. The roster as of the first of November counted 170 members with two prospective new members attending the November meeting. The meeting was again held at the flying field so that we could properly distance from one another. The main order of business was the nominations for officers for the coming year. The current officers were all renominated, a testament to the membership's satisfaction to their stewardship during the past difficult year.

Nominated were Carl Schneider for president, Mike Betz for vice president, Gary Springer for secretary and membership, Kamala Dudas for treasurer, Wayne Nelson and Richard Bridges for safety officer, Tom DiSanti for field marshal, and Doug Wilder, Don Wright, and Steve Dudas for two positions as

at-large directors. Paper ballot voting will be held at the December meeting. An unusual aircraft has made an appearance at the field last month. Ted Pope has begun bringing out his new Antonov AN-2 biplane that he has spent the last year building. The Antonov is known as the largest single-engine biplane ever built. It had a 60-foot wingspan and was capable of flying at an incredibly slow 25 miles an hour. In a good breeze it could literally be flown “backwards.” Top speed was something over 100 miles an hour. The Soviet Union built over 30,000 examples as it was found to be incredibly useful as a crop duster, cargo hauler, paratroop transport, and for whatever other use could be found. Ted’s model has a 10-foot wingspan and it also flies incredibly slow. In fact, if he adds too much throttle it wants to point its nose straight up. Ted has a bit of trimming and adjusting to do to eliminate that trait. It is an impressive sight to see it flying circuits around the flying field. Well done, Ted!



**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.

The 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.

The Bunco for Babies fundraiser luncheon for the March of Dimes will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021. Please hold onto your tickets. The location has been changed to the Arbor Conference Center; the time remains the same as printed on your tickets.

For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. Stay safe and be healthy until we meet again!



**Mah Jongg**

**Mary Ehle**

Happy holidays! Stay safe. I really miss all my friends and can't wait until we can come together again and play our games. In the meantime, I am going to issue you all a mission – play the game with a spouse, friend or online. If you don't know where to find the game, call me. Then see if this month you can make every hand on the left side of the card. Next month we will try all of the middle of the card. Then in February 2021, we will try the right side of the card. Now you will still have time to catch all the ones that you miss before the new card comes out. Let me know how you are doing and what secrets you uncover. Until then, jokers to you.

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Tennis

Jorge Privat  
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I would like to wish our tennis family a wonderful holiday season and a great year of tennis in 2021!

Getting ready the right way to return a ball is critical in starting a point.

The Ready Position

1. Face forward with your racquet in front of you, one hand on the grip, and the other on the throat. Bend your knees slightly; let your head bend very slightly forward. Do not lean forward or bend at waist. Let your shoulders drop, but lift your body from the belly.
2. Bend your knees deeper. See the knees as an elevator to the ball; they take you down so you can get your racquet behind and below the ball.
3. Flex your knees more. You need to be able to get the top of your racquet behind and below the ball so you can hit five feet over the net.
4. Now, flex even more. This deep flex will allow you to return very low volleys and half volleys without bending your back.
5. Move your feet farther apart to create a broader base. Keep your back erect, tuck your pelvis in under your body and keep your body aligned over your feet not tilted forward or backward.
6. Let your knees soften while you sink into your center point
7. Shift your weight first to your right foot, then to your left foot, keeping the back erect, and bending the knees with each shift.

Practice skipping forwards, backwards, sideways and diagonally in order to feel light on your feet.

The Crossover First Step

The first step to the ball is the single, most critical bit of footwork in tennis. Many players step towards a ball coming to the side with the foot closest to the ball, like basketball players do. However, the quickest way to move laterally in tennis is by pivoting slightly on the foot closest to the ball, and then taking a long, crossover step with the foot farthest from the ball. This crossover first step gets your weight, center of gravity, and momentum all headed in the right direction. Many of us automatically do the slight pivot, but not the crossover. The crossover must be practiced until it becomes automatic.

Back Court to Volley

Many people are reluctant to come to the net because they aren't sure exactly how to get there. You start from the back of the court taking bigger steps to get to the ball, and then shorter and shorter steps as you get closer and closer to the net. You can have your partner hit a short ball to you, and you use that ball as an approach shot and move forward skipping towards the net. Hit a volley and move forward, until you can put the ball away. Alternate with your partner until you feel comfortable approaching the net.

Think of the court as a hot griddle. You don't want to stand flat-footed on the griddle, so move your feet continuously and rhythmically to stay ready to return the next ball.

The Split Step

This move prepares you for quick volleys and service returns. The split step begins with a little two-footed hop you do the instant before your opponent hits his/her shot. The purpose is two-fold: First it gets your body in motion before your mind can paralyze it by thinking about where to go. Second, the hop is followed by a pivot and crossover step that propels you to either your forehand or backhand side, ready to meet the ball.

See you on the courts!



Call of the Wild

Roger Bonifield

Well, we have nearly made it through another year, and to say it is one we will not soon forget is a major understatement. Normally meeting up every month, we were able to get together just three times this year, including an informal, outdoor meeting and small cookout just last month, however at the writing of this column, our December meeting is yet to be determined. I am certain things will improve, and we will get rolling again soon, stay tuned.

Despite the lack of regular meetings however, a number of members were able to get out on the water for some successful fishing trips, and a couple members were able to score nicely in the woods this fall by harvesting a good deer or two and wild hogs. I, and a couple other members, had a great day on the Gulf of Mexico in October with a local charter captain doing some inshore flats fishing, while a few others brought in a boat load of red snapper, grouper and other fish. While not able to have regular meetings, our club website has been our primary tool in keeping in touch with each other, planning events or just keeping track of what is going on. We have a number of ideas for ways to get together in the future, from mini or micro meetings, to other outdoor shore fishing trips, and as soon as the capacity in our regular meeting room is loosened up a bit, we will get back to our regular schedule. I just encourage everyone to maintain your patience and stay healthy.

This is actually a great time to get more involved with Call of the Wild Sports Club, as it is our election time, and I promise you, not near as crazy as the one we just went through. We are looking for a number of people to fill positions from president to secretary.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and you all have a blessed holiday season.

If you would like to get involved with the club, or just learn a little more about what we do, please feel free to contact me directly at (352) 300-3601.

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**Fitness Happenings**  
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Happy holidays from the On Top of the World fitness team! We have some exciting health and wellness programs planned for the New Year. This month's column is dedicated to highlighting the fitness programs planned for January and February 2021. All of the activities listed below are in addition to our regular fitness class schedule. The fitness class schedule can be found in the monthly World News or at [otowinfo.com](http://otowinfo.com). Check out these fun-filled, fitness events to boost health and happiness in 2021!

- THURSDAY, JAN. 21, 2021:** Wellness walk at Sholom Park at 9 a.m. Join the fitness team from On Top of the World for a wellness walk in beautiful Sholom Park. We will venture around the large loop through the enchanted forest, which is approximately three-quarters of a mile. Meet at the pavilion.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 26:** TRX Training Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. TRX suspension training is a safe and efficient way to exercise. TRX Training Day provides you with an opportunity to try it under the guidance of a personal trainer free of charge! Sign up at the Arbor Fitness Center for 15 minutes with a trainer on this day.
- FEBRUARY 2021:** Wellness Around the World program for the entire month. Get ready for a wellness adventure around our world! Pick up your "Wellness Passport" from either the Recreation Center Fitness Center or the Arbor Fitness Center and get started on your expedition. Each passport encourages

FITNESS SCHEDULE					
December 2020					
Recreation Center Ballroom					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Chair Yoga* Maureen		Chair Yoga* Haley		Chair Yoga* Renu
10:00 AM	Balanced Body* Dennis		Move To Improve* Larry		Balanced Body* Dennis
11:00 AM	Strength & Stretch* Tucker		Zumba® Gold* Kitti		Strength & Stretch* Tucker
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Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM					
Recreation Fitness Center orientations and balance assessments are free by appointment only. Please call 854-8707 Ext. 7531 to schedule.					
Arbor Conference Center (Dance Studios I, II, III)					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Yoga* Radha			Yoga* Kathy	
*Face masks are mandatory					
Arbor Fitness Center Pool					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 AM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 AM	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Deep Water Fitness Class***
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Open
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Closed for Cleaning	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class***	Aqua Aerobics Club
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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you to engage in the many wellness opportunities at On Top of the World. Each time you partake in an activity on your passport, it is recorded, and you are on your way to winning prizes! A detailed explanation of the Wellness Around the World program will accompany your passport.

4. **FEB. 2 THROUGH MARCH 11, 2021:** Lean & M.E.A.N. is a six-week course that can help you shed unwanted pounds! Lean & M.E.A.N. is a "healthy weight" support group that meets weekly and dedicates time to both education and exercise. Trainers

Kelly Braley, Jessica Pinkowski and Cammy Dennis will lead weekly sessions. They will address topics such as nutrition, exercise and sustainable lifestyle change. The cost is \$25 to join, please see fitness attendant at the Arbor Fitness Center to register.

5. **TUESDAY, FEB. 9:** Outdoor Zumba Jam at 9 a.m. We are turning the Arbor Fitness Center rear parking lot into a dance floor! Take the "work" out of workout by joining this amped up outdoor Zumba Jam! Our team of instructors will inspire you to swing, sway and strut in this

dance stylized, calorie-burning dance party.

In addition to the above, we have free orientations available for the Recreation Center Fitness Center and Arbor Fitness Center. We also have free balance and posture assessments. For an orientation or assessment, please call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7638.

All of these activities will be abiding by social distancing. Indoor activities will require a mask and outdoor activities will require a mask when six-foot distancing is not possible. For more information about any of these events, please call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7532.



**Bocce**  
**Micki Malsch**

This is how we roll! League play is Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Face masks are mandatory for league players.

Dues are \$5 per player and cover the cost of liability insurance. This entitles you to play as many times as you want when league or open are played. Any league representative can give you the form to fill out and collect your dues. Open players are required to pay dues.

Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and the numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Restrictions have been lifted and all six courts are being utilized.

Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play. Teams are determined by the luck of the draw. This is your chance to watch and learn or play, however as a new player, once you have played with the league on three occasions you will be expected to join the league and sign a Release and Hold Harmless consent form.

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

All are welcome to watch and learn or play. Until we roll again ...



**Fit Tips**  
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**Debunking Aging Myths**

As we age, many of us buy into the notion that our bodies become less capable of exercise. Here are three common myths that I will debunk. You will see that exercise is

not only good for older adults but also critical for maintaining function and independence.

**MYTH #1:** Older adults cannot make significant muscle gains. This is false; numerous research studies prove that adults in their 70s, 80s and yes, even 90s can increase both muscle strength and muscle mass with a weight-training program.

**MYTH #2:** An existing health condition will prevent you from exercising. This is false; on the contrary, exercising can actually im-

prove and help with existing health challenges such as arthritis, diabetes, heart conditions and more. Always check with your doctor before starting an exercise program.

**MYTH #3:** Exercise leads to injuries and falls. False! The right exercise program will allow you to exercise safely and provide increases in strength, which will reduce the likelihood of falling. Keeping your muscles and joints strong is the best defense against falling.

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**New Dancin' On the Top**

**Arlo Janssen**

The New Dancin' On the Top officers wish you the best for the holiday season. Please stay safe and well for the start of 2021. We want you to enjoy dancing when it returns in full force to our great community. Please watch for any changes to our New Dancin' On the Top calendar. Our annual New Year's Eve dance scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 31, has been cancelled.

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

The new membership cards are here and being updated for 2021. Lots of preparation is going on for our 2021 dances. We are excited to be able to dance again.

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the bulletin board later this winter 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 into the great new year 2021.



**Ballet Club**

**Eugenie Martin**

All autumn, our ballet classes have continued four times each week. I usually teach on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Suzanne Sheraga usually teaches on Saturdays. Our classes follow the same basic progression, but the exact steps and combinations we do vary from class to class. First, we do a set of standing stretches, which loosen and move our bodies from neck to toes. That stretch is our own invention, and we find it is very good for mature bodies. Then, we follow a

traditional ballet class.

First, we do 45 minutes of exercises holding on to a barre, and this section is simply called "the barre." It includes classical ballet combinations from slow to fast. After the barre, we dance in the center of the studio, and progress from slower dances to faster ones, including some turns and low jumps. The class is finished with a "reverence"- a slow dance, which ends in a curtsy, giving thanks to the teacher, the dancers and the audience, if there is one.

A newcomer could worry that a ballet class is confusing, with all that it entails, but new dancers just stand behind a more experienced dancer and follow them. We also look at ourselves in the mir-

ror while we are exercising, doing the barre and dancing in the center. That helps learn the steps and gain balance. The group is very friendly, and the more advanced dancers help newcomers as much as possible. We have a lot of fun, and many friendships are created among dancers.

Our classes are held four times each week at the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. The schedule is as follows:

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

For information on our classes, please call me at (352) 854-8489. Happy dancing!



**Sidekicks Western Dance**

**Paula Shira**

Sidekicks is happy to announce we will be starting a weekly beginner partner pattern dance class Tuesdays, at 4 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This class is open to resident couples. Indigo East residents must have a Gateway of Services pass to join in the fun. Roger and BJ Schwartz, from Indigo East, are experienced dancers and instructors will lead this class. As of this writing, we are limited to 50 people in the ballroom so we will be taking reservations for this class. No experience is necessary to join this class.

Sidekicks dancing is partner or pattern dancing. We dance a fixed pattern on the outside edge of the dance floor. You may have seen us dancing at Happy Hour or at The Town Square. Newer dancers are encouraged to position themselves

in the circle with more experienced dancers in front and behind them so if they are not sure of the pattern they can watch and pick it up from the dancers around them. There are no mistakes in pattern dancing, there are only variations. Sometimes the variations are so good we incorporate them into the dance for everyone.

Our returning dancers have been back in the ballroom dancing for several months. The ballroom is well marked with green tape to allow for social distancing while we dance, and it works well. We have a lot of fun dancing together and even manage to make dancing, while wearing a face mask, an adventure. We dance to all types of music but typically use modern country music.

We love holidays so for our Halloween dance, we used music like "Thriller" and "Monster Mash" and each dancer received their own Halloween-themed face mask. Our December holiday dance later this month will be more of the same.

If you are interested in giv-

ing partner dancing a try, please email otowsidekicks@gmail.com or call Paula Shira at (772) 359-4183 for information or a reservation to join the class. The reservation system is on a first come, first served basis until we reach the ballroom limit of 50 or the limit is lifted.

If you would like to preview some of our dances, visit patterndancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks. Click on the "Dance and Video Tab."

We hope to see you in the circle Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at 4 p.m.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a safe and healthy happy 2021 to all.

Remember, dancing is not only fun ... it is good for you. Dance every chance you get and dance as if no one is watching.



**Line Dancing**

**Nancy Carmack**

It's hard to believe that we are already preparing for the Christmas season. Although this has been a challenging year, we are so grateful that we still have been able to dance in spite of the restrictions that are necessary to keep everyone safe.

Although Marilyn will not be able to have her annual ice cream social for the line dancers, she will definitely have us dance to Christmas music. Examples are: Silver Bells, Blue Christmas, Feliz Navidad, and even Boot Scootin' Boogie to Alvin & The Chipmunks! Dancing to music that is different from what we normally dance to is a lot of fun. Many of the dancers wear sparkly attire during the month of December to add to the festive feeling.

Line dancing is done to many different rhythms including the original country music that was so popular in the early years of line dancing. These rhythms include cha chas, waltzes, nightclub style dances, rock and roll, polkas, and the list goes on.

When weather permits, we are dancing at The Town Square on Thursday nights starting at 6 p.m. to our recorded favorites. We hope to have a new playlist in the beginning of the new year.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed holiday season.

For detailed information on classes, please contact Marilyn McNeal for Beginner and Improver classes at (352) 804-1546 or Freddie Sharp at (352)387-7775 for the Intermediate class.



**Women's Softball**

**Annette Bunck**

Women's softball will resume weekly beginning Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Get ready to have some fun and some exercise.

Ladies come out and join us. Even if it has been a long time since you last played, we welcome one and all. If you can't run, we can get a runner for you. We will social distance and masks are encouraged.

For any questions, please call Annette at (352) 615-2882. Hope to see you in 2021.

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Happy holidays everyone! It seems an appropriate time to take a moment to reflect on those things we should all be thankful for, but all too often ignore in the bustle of our everyday lives.

This year has caused tremendous upheaval in the lives of many Americans, yet most of us here have some savings, and we don't have to worry about getting laid off. Let's be thankful.

Sure, our bodies don't work near as well as they used to, but there are others in worse shape, physi-

cally or mentally, and we should be thankful for what we do have. Appreciation and a positive mindset for what blessings we have left are keys to staying in good health (and vice versa).

Take billiards for example. When we play our aging bodies often send us unpleasant reminders that playing in a tournament downtown from late afternoon until 2 a.m. is no longer a gentle walk in the park.

We realize that we just can't play as well as we used to (or, more likely, as well as our minds fancifully "think" we used to). We are over the hill, and we are discovering that life is not so bad on the other side. It has its joys, and our community is a great place to live. We can finally relax a bit. For many years, each of us have tried to play as best we

could. We have not won big tournaments, or maybe we've never even competed in one.

But in our finest hour, we played inspired, magical pool. That hour may have only lasted twelve minutes, or one miraculous rack, but boy, did it feel good. For some, we were never more alive than with a cue in our hands. It was our paint brush, our racket, our camera, our three-iron, our guitar.

That is really what a cue is: destiny in your own hands. Embrace it; appreciate it; and be thankful, for as long as you can.

Some players say goodbye to the game. They think that playing poorly is worse than not playing at all. I understand and respect that, but my choice will be different. I am going to play until I can't lift a

cue anymore. If I must stop playing billiards, I'll still read about it, and watch it, and let others create the magic for me. Until then, I'll be thankful.

On a practical note, Rich Deschenes asked me to remind everyone that it's time for 2021 dues. Anyone wishing to vote in the January election of officers must be a paid member. If you haven't already, please include your email address so you can receive club updates.

As much as we all want to get back to normal, there will be no Christmas party this year. We pray that 2021 will bring a return to normalcy for the room, and the many friendships we all enjoy. We hope everyone has a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.



In my later years I have discovered something - it's all in your perspective. I was talking to a friend and fellow pickleball player recently and he was really down. He was lamenting the fact that his game is starting to suffer with age. This person is a really talented player, but he said he felt like his game was starting to slip away. I could see it was really bothering him and I wasn't sure what I could say to make him feel better. I mean,

let's face it, most of us can't do now what we could do 10 years ago. I can't do what I could do five years ago. That comes with age and there isn't anything that will beat Father Time. Except maybe we don't have to beat him. Whatever your level in this game I guarantee you that it will deteriorate eventually. So what?

I'm not saying that you shouldn't strive to play the game as best you can, and you shouldn't try to increase your playing level if that interests you. I am saying that most of us aren't going to make the Olympics at this stage in life and that is okay. Examine your motives for playing pickleball.

I personally want to sweat more

than anything else and find exercise boring. I like the interaction with people who have become my friends and the laughter that spending time on the courts generates. I don't understand anyone who gets an attitude because they think they are superior players. Because you won't always be. Being a great player and \$10 might get you breakfast at the diner.

So your perspective is the key. Be grateful that we are able to play in an environment that is pleasant with people who want to play the game with us. Have fun and laugh out there. Be careful and do the things that will keep you healthy as long as possible so we can keep this party rolling. Stretch before playing

and don't push yourself if you get an injury. Stay hydrated and wear eye protection. A good friend of mine always says the advice of "listen to your body." Sound wisdom indeed.

In wrapping this up I would like to mention that many of our members are playing in tournaments outside of our club. Currently we have our shoot out tourney going on but we would like to hear from our comrades who are playing at other places so we can give them a pat on the back. If you feel like letting your fellow club members know how you did in competition somewhere else let me know and we will put it in the column for posterity.



Our members join the other outdoor clubs in welcoming the cooler weather! It is such a treat to be able to get out to the range mid-day.

Our Halloween Shoot was enjoyed by 19 archers. The top finishers in the full round were: 134-Charlie Dove 5X, 133-Jerry Hoppe 8X and 126-Mark D'Addario 2X.

In the half round the top finishers were: 132-Tom Weiss 5X, 125-Patty Hoppe 5X and 113-Bob Papirner.

The full scores are posted at the range. It is great to see members who are new to archery get out and enjoy themselves at the club shoots.

The fall league is underway with 11 teams, each with two archers. This is a 10 week league that wraps up late December. The league is a mixed group: ladies only, guys only and ladies/guys. Results are posted each week at the range.

Have you noticed that the club has made it to the big lights of Ocala? We are featured on the digital billboard on SR200 and recently Colen Built Development marketing team did a video at the range as part of their Resident Life series. Check us out on YouTube!

Some of our members continue

to compete at state or regional tournaments. Bill Millican, Jerry Hoppe and Don Southard spent a windy and rain soaked weekend at the Florida State Field Championship that was held at Gator Bowman in Gainesville, Florida. They had to shoot 250 arrows for a score over two days. Although they are always shooting for their best personal scores, they represented the Archery Club and always hope to outshine archers from The Villages!

If you are interested in the sport of target archery, we have a weekly safety orientation and archery basics session each Wednesday for new members. For further information on membership and to sign up for an orientation session contact Leslie at llmccorm74@aol.com.

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## Uncertainty

By Joanie Ford

Sometimes, you just don't know what will happen next.

In regard to art and creating, you have choices when you start a project. You can design your work with good compositional rules, mix paint the best way as you know it, and carefully brush the paint on, creating form. You can shade the object, remember the light source, and paint carefully.

But sometimes that gets a little boring. After all, don't we usually enjoy life with a little adventure and excitement?

In my art practice I am starting some new things, one of them is encaustic painting. Basically, by simple explanation, it is heating wax and putting it on a board, and then mixing some color with it. But I am uncertain how it will turn out. Uncertainty comes with the unknown, it is a vital part of making art. Starting something new, how are we to know what will come of it? Is it going to work?

I tread carefully in this new landscape of encaustics, reading and experimenting. Trusting my inner guidance and the knowledge that I have to get me through this new experience. I am taking a risk, and with that comes an element of surprise and a little fear.

We have uncertainty all around us, in finances, medicine, economics, ecology and science. We are faced with uncertainty daily, just tune into the news!

What if I learn to accept the "I don't know" of this new way of painting and embrace this new opportunity that may be full of mystery, excitement and unlimited opportunity? Then, as I work on my new creation it will be a fun, exciting and the unknowingness will vanish.

I think we can look at our uncertain times that same way. Like

my art project, I need to take time to reflect on the process, and not push myself - but let it flow. I need to look carefully at the work, and stop when I see something I love, and then appreciate it. I need to move past shame, of not knowing how to do it, or expecting too much of myself. Lovingkindness, and a big breath.

As I am painting, I need to allow things to happen. This painting is a process, a process of layers and layers of paint and wax.

Our lives are like that also! The uncertainty of this life allows us to look afresh, to look for the small moments of beauty, to be kind to ourselves, and not to push. Our brains are wired to react with fear, but we can choose to stay positive. We can take that fear and change it to wonder. We can focus on what really matters.

What really matters is an important concept I had forgotten. Right now, in this project "what really matters" is not the end process, but it is the process itself.

I have begun, with uncertainty, the new wax painting process. I have the supplies; the dedicated space and I have overcome some obstacles. As it happens with new uncertain things, I become frustrated. I re-evaluated and put on more wax. I watched the wax melt and move under the heat of the hot gun, then I decided I was done. The artwork was inspired from the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville. In the bamboo section there is a sign and a small bridge, maybe you can recognize it. I changed the symbol on the sign to the Japanese peace symbol. When I put the final coat of wax over it, it became smeared, and I was not expecting that. Oh well, it's all part of the uncertainty of trying something new.

## Novice Photo Contest Winners

By Connie Filip

ShutterBugs are proud to present our novice winners from this year's photo contest.

Thanks to all the ShutterBugs who entered their photos and to the readers who checked our website to see them.

You have two ways to see our photos. First, you'll find all our entries on our website's front page. Just visit otowspc.com.

Or take a moment to stop by the Master the Possibilities lobby. All our ShutterBug contest winners are being displayed during the month of December.

Dale Rubin took the novice class honors with her first-place photo a swift winged skimmer dragonfly. Dale found her subject in the Avalon community garden. She says it took 25 shots or more to get "the one."

Do you like the way she was able to freeze the dragonfly's wing movement and blur the background?

Here's some tips to make this technique work for you. Take your camera off that "safe" automatic mode and move the dial to "shutter priority." That means you tell the camera that shutter speed is the most important thing. Then make sure you're shooting at 1/1000 of a second or more. One of the benefits of using this mode is that by selecting a fast shutter speed, it narrows your depth of field. In other words,

it will isolate your subject, focus your viewer's attention on it, and blur everything else.

Laura Lasky found this great horned owl in the same spot on Longleaf Pine Trail for days last April. Laura is new to our community and also active in the Unique Birders Club. While she's been hoping to see him there again, so far, he's been haunting other areas.

Dave Schultz rounds out our novice winners with his third-place victory garden bouquet. These very special zinnias were grown by Dave in his garden at the Veterans Park here in our community. Dave thought his zinnias would make a good subject for an entry because they're so colorful.

I had to ask: how did you create your black background? Dave replied "I have a piece of black fabric that I placed over our coffee table and shut out as much light as I could. I moved around the table taking shots from all angles and changed the camera setting."

Keep in mind that there's lots to see on our recently updated club website at otowspc.com. You can view our members galleries, along with our past year's photography contest winners, or find updated schedule information.

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



Photo by ShutterBug Dale Rubin

Swift winged skimmer dragonfly.



Photo by ShutterBug Laura Lasky

Great horned owl.



Photo by ShutterBug Dave Schultz

Victory garden bouquet.



Model Railroaders Club holiday display.

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**Model Railroaders**

David Cranmer

The Model Railroaders are pleased to announce that the club will once again provide a holiday train display at Master the Possibilities. The self-operating display will be available for viewing starting at noon Monday, Dec. 14 through Tuesday, Dec. 22. This year's layout will feature both steam engines and diesel engines pulling the passenger cars and moving the freight. If you wish to dust off your Lionel engines and rolling stock, bring them in and run them on our modular layout!

The club is excited to be hosting its eighth annual holiday open house Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day in the Hobby Building Train Room. (Adherence to On Top of the World safety rules will be enforced.)

This is our first opportunity to share the progress club members have made in the past few months to turn an empty room into a vibrant model railroad layout. Club members will have multiple trains running continuously. There will be passenger trains, freight trains, work trains, and yard trains all running throughout the city and countryside.

The club encourages you to visit us at both the Lionel holiday display at Master the Possibilities, as well as our open house on the Tuesday and Wednesday after Christmas in the Hobby Building! May your present under the tree result in a train running around the tree! Happy holidays to everyone!

The Model Railroaders Club is always looking for new members and you are welcome to join us. The layout is located in the Hobby Building Train Room. Club members work on the layout during the week and run trains on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m.

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One of the 50 Christmas stockings donated by the Sewing Bees.



Well, the hive is still buzzin'! We are so happy to be meeting in person and seeing our friends again! Everyone wears a mask and one person sits to a table, but it is working well. Several people are still working at home to add to our inventory. Slowly, our agencies are opening up and we are able to make the donations.

Currently, Kimberly's Center for Child Protection and Kids Central are not yet open. But the following agencies are open: Marion County Public Schools Homeless & Needy Children Program, Marion County Children's Alliance, Head Start, and a new-to-us agency called Alpha House. This last agency is dedicated to young mothers and children in need.

Alpha House has requested items for infants and very young children. We do have fabric for those types of quilts, as well as material to make "dolly" blankets. These blankets are used by children to put their dolls or action figures

down for a nap while the children also nap.


While much of our fabric is donated, our major cost is for the batting. Like many clubs here, we depended on the proceeds of Rags to Riches to supplement our treasury. With the loss of those proceeds, we are currently requesting donations to be monetary so we may continue to purchase the batting needed for the quilts.

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

Please contact Kathy Nardone at (352) 300-3063 or Marsha Schneer at (813) 920-3487.

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## Sunshine Quilters

Lyn Timm

The Sunshine Quilters would like to wish you all a joyous and blessed holiday season. We continue to be busy making baby blankets, bibs, pillowcases and quilts that we donate to the Alpha House and Marion Senior Services.

As quilters, we like to make our holiday gifts. We are lucky to have many talented members who share their knowledge. Connie taught us how to make a burlap tree wall hanging that many of us will use to decorate our front doors. Donna

taught us how to make fun hot pads with flamingos, Christmas trees or chickens on them. Lisa taught us how to make beautiful table runners for every holiday and season.

Our membership continues to grow and we are so glad to have an opportunity to meet other women who share our passion. Last month, we welcomed Vicky and Sally.

We meet Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. Please contact Lisa Augustine at (610) 304-1273 for more information. No matter what your level of sewing is we welcome you with open arms! One-on-one mentoring is available for those just starting out.



## Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel

Happy Hookers continues to meet separately, and our group continues to work privately on their projects. However, even apart, we were able to accomplish a charitable donation.

In October, we received a request to make lap blankets or shawls as holiday presents for Bridgewater Park residents. I am happy to report that in November a dozen blankets, made by members of our group, were donated!

We are hoping that our group will be able to get together in 2021. Until then, please know that our group hopes that everyone has a merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the

Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agendas nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back.

What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group 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, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.



## Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride

The Artistic Crafts & Gifts' Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon each week. Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of what you'll find each Tuesday and includes the listings of our virtual vendors. Feel free to connect with any crafter throughout the week if you find something you would like to purchase. All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website.

This month we feature the background of Sharon King, who loves all crafts. Volunteers at her local Girls Club taught her to crochet when she was in the second grade, and she took sewing in junior and high schools. Sharon believes that if you start with a simple project, it gives you courage to try the next craft. She loves working with customers to develop customized gifts. There are so many things she would not have tried if not for her customers' requests like flamingo wreaths, silk flowers and a friend's wedding dress. You never know what she will have on her table! Sharon and her husband Steve moved here in 2014, and she joined the Artistic Crafts & Gifts group in 2015.

Another featured artist is Ken Russell, a retired teacher and administrator from Norfolk, Virginia, having moved here in 2019 from Atlanta. His love for the creative process goes back to his childhood when it seemed he was always drawing or creating something.

Over the years Ken has worked in various media including painting, sculpture, pen and ink, mixed

media, stained glass, and pencil. His designs were often being displayed in local art shows, small galleries and a coffee shop.

His creative journey has now brought him to a most recent interest - pencil drawings. Although he has had no formal art training; with the challenge of trying something new, pencil drawing has opened a whole new world of discovery.

Manipulating pencil leads from very light to very dark, including the challenge of shading, texturing, and detail are most satisfying. His subject matter ranges from the quiet beauty of nature to the deep emotions of old human faces.

Ken's prints are high quality digital copies of the originals. They are printed on 100 pound poster stock and come matted and backed, ready to frame. He has sized the prints at 16" by 20" for standard frames.

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.



## Poetry

John Kinser Hall

## Dream Play

Have you ever thought, of movies in your mind?

The screens, we close our eyelids that let the films unwind.

How scripts are written every day and play while we're asleep.

How we become the mighty giants or ants beneath their feet.

Some people think there's meaning behind each picture show and waste their lives in wonder, not knowing where to go.

If you give much thought to this, don't lose your precious sleep.

Just live life, as each day breaks, don't think it out so deep.



## Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg

Concert Chorus activities are still suspended. However, this is a great time to think about singing with the chorus when we can meet and begin preparing a concert. We are all hopeful that will be very soon.

Singing is a lot of fun; especially with others. As soon as the suspension is over, join us and find out for yourself. Contact May Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@aol.com for more information.

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The Rubber Stamp Club would like to thank Betty Rollins, a new Avalon resident, for her generous donation to the club. Betty posted to Facebook that she was giving away her scrapbooking supplies. One thing led to another, and Ellie Richards, Kathy Hoefer and I needed three vans to gather up all the fantastic supplies. We've been sharing them with other stampers, and we are all so thankful for her generosity!

Unfortunately, our club has so many members that we are not allowed to meet in the Event Room as of yet. Until then, we are all working on cards at home for our own use. Some of us participated in a card swap which was a lot of fun. So much talent in our group!

Let's hope we can soon meet in person!

Anyone can be a presenter – and

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

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

For information on any class or for general information, contact Kathy. 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'!

Merry Christmas and happy 2021!



“Mystery of the Magi, The Quest to Identify the Three Wise Men” by Dwight Longenecker delves deep into ancient scripts and the Old and New Testaments to determine if the three magi, as described in Matthew’s gospel, were fact or fiction.

In the mid-17th century, scholars began to question the historical accuracy of the Bible. Then, in 1946, the Dead Sea scrolls and advances in archaeoastronomy gave us a fresh look at the ancient world. In trying to identify the magi, Longenecker places them in Northern Arabia, near the cave where the scrolls were discovered. He brings us into Petra and the surrounding Jewish settlements of that era, describing the bond of the exiled Jews and the banished Persian magi.

Matthew was a Jew writing for Jews. His Hebrew collection of sayings was compiled perhaps as early as A.D. 40 (10 or 20 years after the death of Jesus Christ). Most likely, the story of the magi originated with people close to the actual events and was preserved in later

Christian communities.

So much research has been documented in this small book. You will feel as though you have been lifted off your comfy reading spot and are now in the presence of Abraham’s sons and descendants.

There are a vast number of details presented in this book. You will certainly be spellbound and intrigued. Labeled 270 LON.

“Guide to Wine, an Introduction for Beginners” by Fiona Sims is an easy, enjoyable read. Fiona has hints on how to savor the flavor of each style of wine; how to pair food with wine; and how to use it in cooking. She has added a chapter on the countries that produce their own particular wine and the process they use. Chag Sameach! Happy holidays! Labeled 641 SIM.

If you love happy endings, then you will enjoy Robyn Carr’s “Bring Me Home for Christmas.” Denny and Becca were high school sweethearts. Then Denny’s mother passed away, he went away to war and came home a different man, leaving Becca drifting in a world of uncertainty. But time is a great healer. Denny finds his place in the world and Becca decides to go to that place to see if the Denny in her heart is still the man she wants to spend her life with.

Robyn Carr’s books can be found in hard and soft cover fiction.



Swap card by Ellie Richards.

Photo by Linda Lohr



The Theatre Group refunds for the cancelled April production of “Snippets” was a great success in October. To serve our snowbirds and others who missed the refund days, we are refunding again at the Arbor Conference Center Event Room Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please bring your purchased tickets with you for your refund check.

The Theatre Group recently met to discuss plans for our next production whenever conditions permit. As it stands now, we will present part of the “Snippets” pro-

gram that was cancelled last April, as well as some exciting new material. We are also hopeful that the fabulous tap dance company will be joining us for our new production. As with everything else these days, we can’t get started until we get the “all clear” to resume our stage activities. Keep checking this column for updates.

For those of you who are new to the community and have an interest in theatrical performance, we will be recruiting new members to our talented ensemble as soon as we can. Also, I will be teaching a theatrical appreciation and performance class called “Life Upon the Wicked Stage” during the winter term at Master the Possibilities.

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Santa Charlie.

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Karaoke Friends

Kathy & Charlie Petrosky

Christmas is fast approaching; so let's think about some fun things to do with songs and friends.

"Name That Tune" is a fun activity. Have slips of paper with a Christmas song on each slip. Put them in a Santa or elf hat and have someone select a slip. They can only sing four da da da da's to the melody. They have to see who can name that tune. Use easy songs like "Jingle Bells" or "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" or "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Have fun with it.

If the group does not want to sing, here is another "Name That Tune" idea. Describe the song and see who can guess the title. Some questions ask you to give lyrics from the song. Here are a few examples. The answers are below the questions. No cheating!

1. Quadruped with crimson proboscis.
2. 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. without noise.

3. Minuscule hamlet in the far east.
4. Exuberance directed to the planet.
5. Homosapien of crystallized vapor.
6. A dozen 24-hour yule periods
7. It's fixing to appear extremely similar to Dec. 25.
8. In a "Holly Jolly Christmas," the lyrics tell us to have a cup of what?
9. Who are the only two reindeer mentioned in the lyrics of "Here Comes Santa Claus?"
10. In the song "Winter Wonderland" exactly how will you frolic and play?

1. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer;
2. Silent Night;
3. O' Little Town of Bethlehem;
4. Joy to the World;
5. Frosty the Snowman;
6. The Twelve Days of Christmas;
7. It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas;
8. Have a cup of cheer;
9. Vixen and Blitzen;
10. The Eskimo way.

There are so many different types of Christmas songs out there - country, traditional, religious, children, rock, pop and so many more. Why not find a few and create a playlist for Christmas Day? Keep the music going.

As we end 2020, have a song in your heart.

## 'Bunco for Babies'

By Michelle Malsch

The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021. The location has been changed to the Arbor Conference Center. The time will remain the same as posted on your tickets. Please hold onto your tickets as they will be honored at that time.

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

Tickets are \$25 and include lunch, cash prizes for the bunco game categories, and numerous door prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be held as well. Doors open at 10 a.m.

All tickets have been sold at this time; however, I have started a waiting list as tickets do sometimes become available at the last minute.

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

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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski

Despite the uncertainties of our times, the calendar relentlessly moves on. We turn the page to December and because ours is a musical family within the community, The New Pretenders plan to challenge you with some musical trivia. Are you ready?

If you remember the old game show, “Name That Tune,” you might have an advantage with our quiz! While we can’t do it with notes from the song, we’ll use notes about the song. Here we go!

- Two songs, two words each, two colors, one special day.
- A family member, a four-footed animal, home, transportation.
- Clay object, four-sided, game.
- Gift list, missing dentition, lisp.
- Destroyed organ, guitar substitute, serene evening.
- Osculation, parents, mistletoe.
- Guidance system, fog, leader.
- Christmas list, extravagant gifts, wishful thinking.
- Cruel, despicable, green.
- Gospel and secular, 1865, six-word title.
- Jack Frost, yuletide carols, eskimos.
- Snowin’ and blowin’, dancin’ and prancin’, mix and a-mingle.
- Party hop, mistletoe, new old-fashioned way.
- Servicemen’s wish and/or dream.
- Corncob pipe, button nose.

Answers: 1. Blue Christmas, White Christmas; 2. Grandma Got Run

Over by a Reindeer; 3. The Dreidl Song; 4. All I Want for Christmas is My Two-front Teeth; 5. Silent Night; 6. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus; 7. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer; 8. Santa Baby; 9. You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch; 10. Go Tell It On the Mountain; 11. The Christmas Song (aka Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire); 12. Jingle Bell Rock; 13. Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree; 14. I’ll Be Home For Christmas; 15. Frosty the Snowman.

Some other trivia for the players:

- “Up On the Housetop” is the second-oldest secular holiday-based song, written in 1857. It was based loosely on Clement C. Moore’s poem, “The Night Before Christmas”. What’s the oldest secular song? “Jingle Bells,” of course!
- “Here Comes Santa Claus” inspired Gene Autry, the singing cowboy, to write this song after he rode his horse in the Hollywood Christmas parade. He pronounces the jolly old elf as “Santy Claus.”
- “Let There Be Peace on Earth” was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for “outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life.” It also received a Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. It was originally written in 1955 for the International Children’s Choir whose youth represent a host of nations.

The New Pretenders hope “Let There Be Peace on Earth” will bring each of us a holiday filled with hope and the promise of a healthy, happy new year!



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# A Photography Lesson at Sholom Park

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

It appears that Sholom Park is becoming an epicenter for some very interesting and engaging events. The venues vary widely; from lectures on bats, birds, and insects to movies and live music.

On Friday morning, Oct. 16., the audience was treated to a lecture on landscape photography by me – Ray Cech. The beautiful landscape of Sholom Park and how to capture it through your lens – whether with camera or smartphone was the topic.

One of the more important techniques for capturing the scene, was to get the camera as low as you can by either kneeling or even lying down and aiming about one-third of the way into the scene. This helps to bring out the depth of your landscape and invites the viewer of your finished photo to step right into the scene. Setting the aperture of your lens at f16 will also add to depth. Using leading

lines like walkways, trailheads, and even streams, also helps to give depth to your photo.

The time of day to shoot scenes is also critical. Do you want shadows, puffy clouds, a gray overcast or a vibrant, “dazzling” effect? To enhance color, or to accentuate clouds, add a circular polarizing filter to your tool bag. If you don’t yet have one, try holding your polarized sunglasses in front of your lens — you can get some interesting results using this simple trick.

The presentation wrapped with a question and answer and then a drawing for a couple of photography magazines. Everyone was also given a three-page handout on general photo tips and how to improve their landscape shots, whether of Sholom Park, or Yosemite Park.

Follow Sholom Park on Facebook or visit [sholompark.org](http://sholompark.org) for all upcoming events.



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Sholom Park.

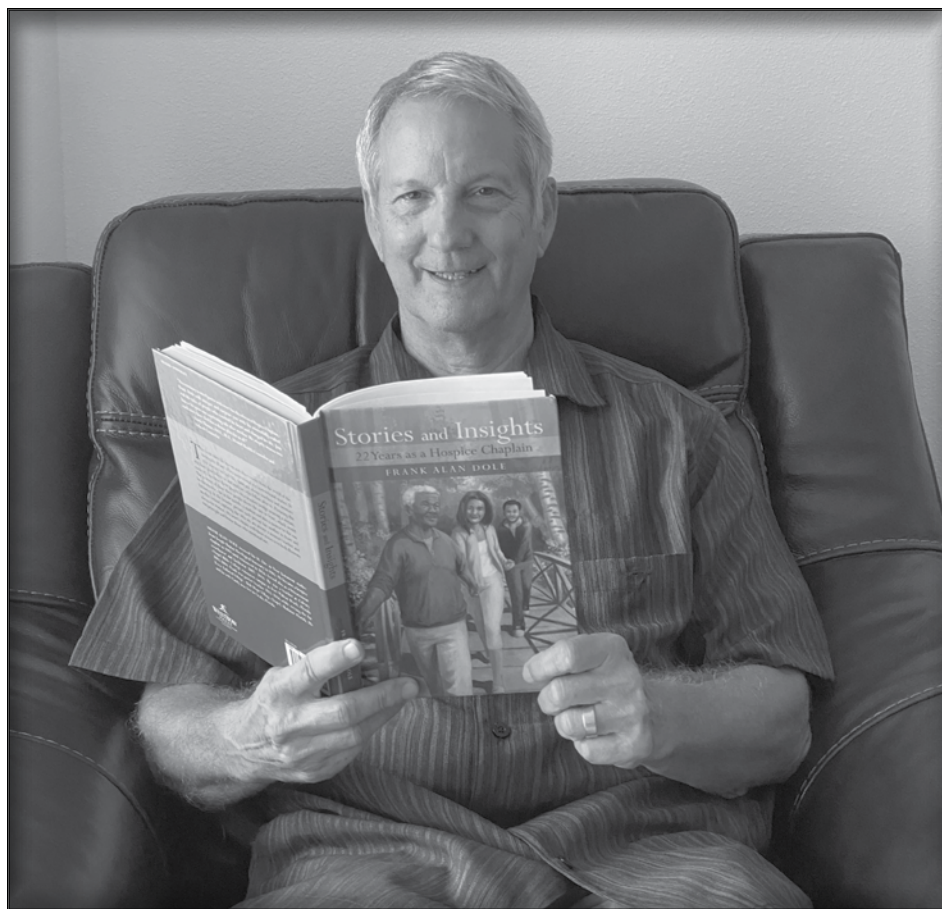


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Resident and author, Frank Alan Dole.

## Stories and Insights

By Ray Cech  
World News Writer

Resident, Frank Alan Dole, is the author of “Stories and Insights. 22 Years as a Hospice Chaplain.” In it, he shares stories of hope, love and rejuvenation.

“It is the choices that we make, and the attitudes that we adopt, that gives focus, meaning and purpose to our lives,” says Chaplain Frank Dole.

Originally from Fleming, New Jersey, Frank joined the U.S. Army and spent three years serving our country. He then attended the Uni-

versity of Alabama to study special education with a concentration on working with hearing impaired children. His first challenge in education was teaching at-risk students in Corpus Christie, Texas. But after a little more than a year, Frank Dole received his calling. In 1985, he attended and received his master’s degree from Temple Baptist Theological Seminary, studying New Testament theology.

With his Christian training now driving his goals, he moved to Niceville, Florida, where he contributed his talents to the talent development program at the Rocky Bayou Christian School. He also founded the Bluewater Personal Cleaning Service which catered to residential and commercial properties. After eight years, Frank Dole and his wife, Cindy, moved to Fort Walton Beach where he served as hospice chaplain and taught at Calvary Chapel Bible College.

From 1994 until his retirement in 2016, Frank Dole continued to serve as a hospice chaplain. He was also pastor and teacher at the Air Force Enlisted Village — Bob Hope Village Chapel. During this time, for more than nine years, he also served as a bereavement coordinator and facilitator.

His experiences working with hospice patients were profound. In his book, “Stories and Insights, 22 Years as a Hospice Chaplain,” he shares, with great heart and inspiration, life lessons that all readers are sure to come away with. He tells us that everyone, in some way, is a mentor and teacher, and — always a student.




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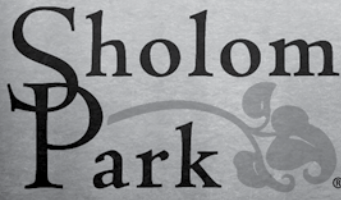
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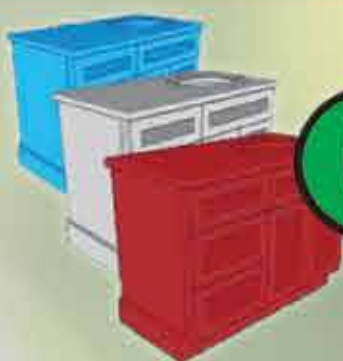
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