

## Community News

**Kenneth D. Colen**  
Publisher

The longer I live, the more convinced I am that every year will be stranger than the last. That said, 2020 was exceptional in so many ways. I meet and talk to a great many people in the course of a month. My takeaway is that people are tired of restrictions, but wary of infection. The two ideas seem at odds with each other. My other takeaway is a belief that "it has to get better in 2021." There is no guarantee to this unless we all work to make it so in our respective neighborhoods and communities.

There can be a great deal of shared experiences about life in each community. COVID-19 should never be one that is shared. This is why management has reached out to the Florida Department of Health in Marion to try and arrange an onsite vaccination program in the community. At this writing, vaccines are not available. We will continue to work with the County and other avenues to bring onsite or nearby vaccinations to our community.

Face it, we are all in this viral stew together and want a way out. The end goal is to survive and get back to some semblance of normalcy in our social and spiritual lives. I believe each of us has a tie to our community and need to work together to keep On Top of the World one of the safest and best active adult master planned communities in Florida.

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association fiscal 2021-2022 operating budget begins in March. Remember that Wednesday, Feb. 17, is the board of directors' annual budget meeting at Circle Square Cultural Center, at 10 a.m. Residents may join by registering with Webcast as well. Information on how to join by Webcast will be included in the meeting materials that will be mailed.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 will be mailed out in early February. Each new fiscal year presents its own considerable challenges. Your board is pleased to report that, despite significant work done around the community, the increase in community service fee is anticipated to only be a moderate increase.

Besides budget matters, the board will be considering a modification of the Finance Limitation Rule that allows a portion of permanent home improvements to be considered in refinancing requests.

### Community Updates

On Top of the World has received final approval from Marion County to install a traffic signal at the intersection of SW 80th Avenue and SW 63rd Street Road. This new signal should help manage the flow of traffic around Calesa Township more efficiently. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled with the county for late January. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the county will have issued the final permit and construction can proceed.

As a part of these traffic improvements, Marion County will be holding workshops with the Board of County Commissioners and hosting public outreach meetings over the next several months to discuss the details and timing of the project. Exact time and dates have yet to be set. They will be offering both an in person and virtual meeting to accommodate safety protocols.

As the County publishes their schedule, we will pass that information along to our residents so that those interested may participate in public comment.

Work is well underway on the two newest phases in Candler Hills of the Ashford and Balfour neigh-

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Photo courtesy of SOF Missions

**Dr. Damon Friedman and Resiliency Project warriors.**

## The Continuous Journey: Operation Helping Heroes

By Kinley Rogers

On Top of the World and Shield of Faith (SOF) Missions are partnering together again to present the second annual Operation Helping Heroes Charity Golf Tournament Saturday, Feb. 20. The tournament will take place at Candler Hills Golf Club, and all proceeds will benefit SOF Missions and their goal to raise awareness for our nation's military veterans.

SOF Missions has been working overtime to reach as many warriors as possible, and thanks to those efforts, SOF Missions was able to serve 300% more warriors through their treatment programs and the Resiliency Project.

The Resiliency Project provides personalized treatment plans for military veterans struggling with

post-traumatic stress and lasting combat effects. The Resiliency Project encompasses the four components of psychological, social, spiritual, and physical health. USAF Combat Controller Brad Mauzy was a wounded warrior who struggled mentally and physically after his time serving, "You lose empathy, compassion, caring, and love that your family expects from you because you have gotten used to turning it off. This was a survival mechanism that you used when you were in operating mode."

After discovering SOF Missions and participating in the Resiliency Project, Brad stated, "The physical, mental, and spiritual issues needed to be addressed, but I felt the real change when the spiritual founda-

tion was re-established. SOF Missions is an organization that focuses on mind, body, and spirit."

You have the opportunity to make a difference for warriors like Brad by participating in the second annual Operation Helping Heroes. There are several ways to get involved - sign yourself or a team up to play a round of golf, encourage your business to become a sponsor, or simply donate. All sponsors will attend an exclusive dinner on Friday, Feb. 19, with Dr. Damon Friedman, a retired Lt. Colonel in the Special Forces community and decorated combat veteran, and the SOF Missions team. To sign up or learn more, please visit Operation-HelpingHeroes.com.

All proceeds raised will go to SOF Missions to support their objective of saving our nation's heroes. The journey is never over - it's continuous.

Thank you to our 2021 platinum sponsor, First Federal Bank. We thank First Federal for their ongoing support of Operation Helping Heroes and our military veterans.

## Fairies and Gnomes Return

By Christina Shearer

Sholom Park is excited to announce its second annual Fun at the Park Gnome and Fairy Festival Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. Join us as we welcome back the gnomes and fairies to Sholom Park with an afternoon of live mystical music, interactive and enchanting entertainment and a magical marketplace with creative merchants and fantastical fares. Attendance will be limited to respect social distancing guidelines. Come experience the whimsical world of fairies, gnomes and other mythical creatures at Sholom Park!

Enjoy the mystical sounds of The Mystic Celts, a six-piece Celtic band, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Sholom Park stage. You can also enjoy traditional Irish step-dancing performances by the Irish Echoes.

Do you believe in fairies? Experience the magic of make believe and imagination as you search high and low for hidden fairy doors in the enchanted forest. Read a story about the fairy that lives behind each magical door. The good luck gnomes will be hiding throughout the park as they watch over and protect the creatures that live there.

After searching for the hidden fairy doors and gnomes, be sure to make your way down Fairytale Lane to the pergola where you will find our very own Fairy Godmother. Experience enchanting tales and fantastical stories of fairies, gnomes and other mythical creatures.

The magical marketplace will be filled with merchants selling mys-

tical merchandise, whimsical services, and fantastical fares. Shop for handmade trinkets, jewelry, art and more with local merchants. The Early Learning Coalition will be sponsoring a variety of fairy friendly activities and magical arts and crafts. Let your creativity shine with Ocala Rocks Official while designing your fairytale-themed garden rock.

Last but not least, let your fairy tale fantasies come to life in the whimsical world of fantasy. Meet unicorns, Lily and Lancelot, or get up close to Skippy the Dragon, a 20-foot long smoke breathing dragon. It will be a magical day for the

young and young at heart.

Experience the magic of make believe at Sholom Park Sunday, Feb. 21. Attendance will be limited to respect social distancing guidelines. You can purchase a parking ticket in advance to guarantee your event entry or pay cash at the gate, if space is available.

For more event details or to purchase your parking ticket in advance, visit Sholompark.org or the Sholom Park Facebook page. Ticket prices are \$10 for VIP parking in advance (excludes Eventbrite processing fee); or \$15 at the gate (cash only); and \$5 general parking in advance (excludes Eventbrite processing fee); or \$10 at the gate (cash only).

Sholom Park is located at 7110 SW 80th Ave, Ocala, FL 34481. For more information on the Fun at the Park, call (352) 873-0848 or visit SholomPark.org.



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**Sholom Park 2020 Fun at the Park Gnome and Fairy Festival.**



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Is It Legal?

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**SCAM ALERT:** For those of you who might be wire-transferring funds, it is critically important that you be extra-extra careful in doing so. Scammers are always on the lookout for wire transfer information. They are continually searching through the internet for the names of realtors, attorneys, financial planners, and other folks; and from there to contact information for folks who need to wire funds or who are to receive wired funds. Scammers also continually search social media systems such as Facebook and Twitter, but many others as well.

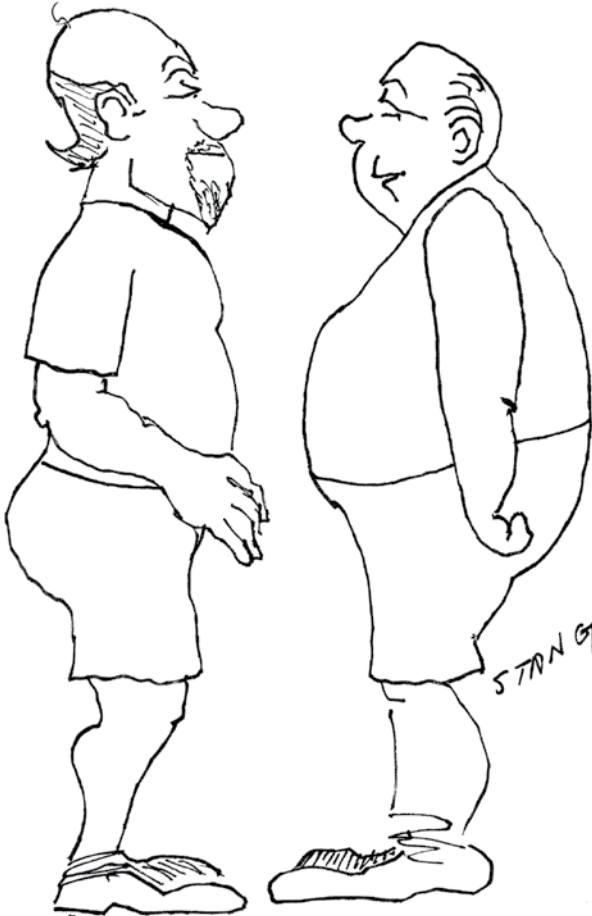
According to a recent article in the Florida Bar Journal, "Both the frequency and the financial im-

pact of cybercrime are increasing at alarming rates." In 2000, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) established its Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). You can access its online portal to report suspected internet criminal activity at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). IC3 also seeks to increase awareness by issuing periodic public service announcements.

The best way to arrange for a wire transfer is to speak directly with whomever is to initiate the wire transfer. Get wire instructions from that person and confirm them verbally. Then, do not for any reason accept a written change to the instructions without a verbal confirmation from the wire transfer agency. The most prevalent form of cybercrime is phishing, vishing, smishing or pharming, which involve unsolicited emails, texts or telephone calls that appear to come from legitimate sources. They all seek personal information or mon-

GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Only the mediocre are at their best.

ey. Here's one thing you can do. You can automatically doubt any and all emails, texts, and telephone calls that ask for money or that seek personal information. Just do not reply or if it's a caller, hang up. I'm sorry but that's the way it is these days and we all best understand that.

**Q.** When is it better to have a will rather than a trust? I had a lengthy discussion with a financial planner about this and she said a trust is always better.

**A.** Whether it is best for someone to have a trust or to have a last will and testament depends on the specific facts that each person or couple have. Your financial planner may have plenty of information about you that enables her (or him) to tell you what is best for you. But I have no idea how she (or he) can conclude that it is always better to have a trust. How would the financial planner know that without having specific facts related to each person's needs?

**Q.** Can you explain a ladybird deed and tell us what you think of them?

**A.** A ladybird deed (the legal term is "enhanced life estate" deed), allows the person creating it (the grantor) to transfer title to real property but still retain the right to use it, pretty much as he/she wants. Think of it as similar to transfer on death method for banking and brokerage accounts. The owner of a property conveys it to, say, his or her children (they are called remainder persons) but then reserves a life estate to himself or herself. Then, there is language in the deed which allows the grantor to sell, convey, mortgage, encumber the property without the joinder of the remainder person or without even his or her knowledge. So, you transfer the property by deed, but you keep the right to do whatever you want with it so long as you are alive.

Results: Avoid probate, preserve homestead benefits, possible Medicaid benefits as well; and upon death, the remainder person gets a step-up in basis, which can be a huge income tax advantage. So, I like them. However, there are disadvantages, and you must understand this before you decide to use this method of estate planning.

Some disadvantages: If the per-

son to whom the property is transferred passes away before the grantor, there might well have to be a probate of that person's interest. A second disadvantage is that if the person to whom the property is transferred has something catastrophic happen to him or her, then it might be messy trying to straighten that out. It could also be messy if the remainder person has judgments that have been recorded in the public records.

If the plan is to transfer a homestead to remainder persons, I try to get folks to step back and think about that. Why? In Florida, your homestead is the single most protected asset a person can have. Perhaps, it is best that for that one asset just to be left alone. I urge folks to take all steps possible to avoid probate. I readily admit that. Yet, perhaps, for this one asset, your homestead, you should at least step back and think about it and, of course, speak with your attorney before doing anything.

Understand that a ladybird deed is a complex estate planning method, and it should be carefully thought through before using it.

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Have you purchased your ticket yet for February's Park After Dark at Sholom Park? Master the Possibilities has a few seats left for the Mi Amore at the Park, where couples will enjoy a musical duo of string music under the night sky. This will be a wonderful way to share a special moment with your significant other, while listening to beautiful music and enjoying a sweet treat under the stars in the gorgeous Sholom Park. Cost to attend this Thursday, Feb. 18 event is \$15 per person.

Other than Valentine's Day, February is known for Black History Month, as well. This month's curriculum at Master the Possibilities includes courses that help promote the significance of this month and how black history helped shape the world in which we live.

Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. is one of the individuals who made a significant impact. He became the first African American to reach the rank of four-star general in 1975 when he assumed command of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), among other achievements. He is famous for his inspirational speeches and amazing loyalty for his country. He received more than 25 military awards and was named honorary national commander of the Arnold Air Society in 1971. Come hear instructor DL Havlin give a historical presentation of this amazing pilot Wednesday, Feb. 3, in Live Oak Hall from 11 a.m. to noon. Cost to attend is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Participants have

the option to attend this course in person, or virtually.

Vanessa Fuller-Brown will be leading an art class Tuesday, Feb. 16 through Thursday, Feb. 18, in The Highwaymen Style of painting with the fan brush. Participants will receive inspiration for personal paintings through viewing various paintings of the 26 African Americans who formed the Highwaymen group. These individuals were self-taught painters and painted beautiful iconic landscapes during the mid-1950s. Cost for this three-day 12-hour workshop is \$105 for members and \$110 for non-members.

Emmett Coyne will be presenting "Slavery in the American Experience" Fridays, Feb. 5 and 12, at 1:30 p.m. In this two-class date presentation, Coyne will be speaking about the allowance of slavery by America's Founding Fathers and the impact it has placed on our culture today. Cost to attend this event is \$2 for members, and \$7 for non-members.

There are approximately 200 courses scheduled for in-person or virtual learning this month. For a full listing of all Master the Possibilities events for February, visit our website at [www.masterthepossibilities.org](http://www.masterthepossibilities.org).

For help with registrations, or to ask questions about course content, please call (352) 861-9751 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

For individuals who may be new to On Top of the World, welcome to the community! Our team looks forward to meeting you and helping you create your student account, so you may start taking advantage of the plethora of lifelong learning events here. We will also be happy to give those who have not seen the new addition of classroom space a tour of the facility. Feel free to stop by during office hours.



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borhoods. Estate Series homes will be located in a new community just west of Candler Hills called Terra-lea. Stay tuned to the World News for future updates on the community design.

## Accomplishments of Note

The national econometric firm of RCLCO, Inc., specializes in consulting with developers of master planned communities (MPC). Each year they compile a ranking of the top 50 MPCs. I am pleased to report that On Top of the World Communities, LLC, made #40 on that list of national ranking.

## Trending Real Estate Values

The strength in the local home resale market continues to reflect not only the general economic recovery in the nation and region, but also diminishing supply of listings and distressed properties throughout the nation. A recent report I read seems to point to mortgage rates bottoming out at about 2.65%. However, supply of new housing stock is lagging, and fewer new listings are coming to market, so a housing shortfall is expected to drive prices higher. New household formation is impacted because of the total debt load many millennials face.

According to the Ocala Marion Board of Realtors statistics for the first 11 months of 2020, in Marion County new sales volumes decreased -8.6% over the same 11-month period in 2019. The average home sale price was up 10.01% for that same period. Interestingly, cash sales were also up 10% over the same period.

From where On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion sits, we continued leading the market in resales for 2020 at 30.96% of the resale market. The number of resale transactions in all the On Top of the World neighborhoods increased by 16% over 2019. The change in average home resale price in On Top of the World was also up 16.54% compared to 2019.

## Winter Weather &amp; Shrubbery

Once the weather decides whether it wants to be winter or summer, the management company will decide when to start mowing again or service equipment for the coming growing season! Actually, it has been a typical winter, fluctuating between short cold snaps and warm periods.

I keep holding out hope for a very chilly February for only one reason: the cold knocks back pest populations that get into the landscape, limits the food supply for rodents (depressing the population), and gives a pleasant reminder of why most people moved to Florida in the first place.

So, if I get what I have asked for (unlikely as that is) ... what to do with shocked and droopy plants in your landscape beds? The original plantings installed in your neighborhood at the time of construction were selected for their cold and drought hardiness. Sudden and severe cold weather may cause some plants to brown and leaves to curl.

Do not uproot plants affected by the cold. They will surprise you with their recovery. Sometimes we are too quick to prune frost damage from plant material shortly after cold temperatures have gone but we need to be careful. Pruning plant material too soon can cause plants to want to flush back out creating more problems when the next frost or hard freeze hits. Wait

one to two weeks after the cold damage has occurred then look to prune back your plants. Central Florida generally experiences one cold snap with light frost between March 15 and Easter, so be forewarned.

## Safety Tips

If you are using a space heater, make sure it is well away from any combustible object. Avoid overloading an electrical outlet with appliances, extension cords, and especially a space heater. Overloading any electrical outlet can be a sure prescription for a fire.

Proper service on your heating and air conditioning systems (HVAC) is a must do. Improperly operating heat strips (on reverse cycle units/heat pumps) can malfunction and may become a fire hazard. These need to be checked by a licensed and insured air conditioning and heating professional, ideally prior to the cooler weather, but after a chill is a strong reminder as well.

Like to conserve electricity? February is a good time to clean out your dryer vent pipe. Lint can become clogged in the vent pipe, reducing dryer efficiency (so that's why it takes an hour to dry a 20-minute load!). Even more to the

point, collected lint can become a fire hazard!

Cleaning is not complicated. Moving the dryer may be the hardest part. Disconnect the vent hose from the dryer and the wall vent. Use a vacuum cleaner to suction the vent hose, or you may choose to replace the vent hose entirely. Use the vacuum to suction the wall vent as well. If you've never done this before, the vent pipe may need a top-down cleaning.

Above all, have a functioning fire extinguisher in your kitchen! Read the instructions and be ready to use it, especially on a grease fire.

## Highly Unusual Excitement

Rumors are swirling about a recent high-speed chase Saturday, Jan. 9, through a portion of On Top of the World. Rumor is that the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) was chasing a management company employee. Liar, liar, pants on fire! The fact is that the chase involved an employee of a contractor who made poor choices after a routine traffic stop. It is unfortunate that such things happen in an otherwise peaceful community. Such things may happen.

Many thanks to Cpl. Eli Serrano for arresting the man without further incident.

at 4 p.m. We will have a barbecue. Cost will be \$5 per ticket, which must be purchased in advance.

Currently there are safety restrictions put in place by On Top of the World. As of this writing, we are only allowed 50 people per event, which is the reason purchasing your ticket in advance is necessary. Once 50 tickets are sold there will be no others available unless restrictions change. Ticket sales will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, Wednesday, Feb. 24, and Friday, Feb. 26 outside the Recreation Center Ballroom. If you cannot buy your tickets at these times, please contact Linda Hansen at (352) 509-4967. Due to the current seating restrictions of two people per table, please bring your own tables and chairs. We will be using the pavilion tables for food.

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

More information will be available in the next edition of the World News. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, set up, clean up, cook, or serve, please contact Carron Janssen at (847) 529-6183 or visit our Facebook page at Friendship Connection-OTOW.

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### All Around Our World

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Hopefully the cooler weather was a nice change for most of you. The weather has been consistently cooler this year since mid-November. This can be a good change in that it can help reduce landscape pests and other challenges in the spring.

Groundhog Day is celebrated on Feb. 2, we are looking forward to Super Bowl IV on Feb. 7, and Valentine's Day on Feb. 14.

### On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association Budget Meeting

Just a reminder that the board of directors meeting for On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association will be held Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. at Circle Square Cultural Center, also viewable on Webcast. The budget will be reviewed for the upcoming year.

### Resident Services

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

- Closed daily, from noon to approximately 12:30 p.m., as lobby must be clear for sanitizing.
- Closed the third Wednesday of every month (Feb. 17), 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 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. As a reminder, Resident Services is now located in Friendship Commons, Suite 500, and new resident orientations are by appointment only in Suite 200.

### Warranty Leasehold Estate Deed

When you purchase a home in the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, the ownership interest in your property is conveyed through a Warranty Leasehold Estate Deed. The deed provides for full ownership rights in your new home and land for the term of your lease. Since you possess full ownership rights to the property, you pay real estate taxes on your home. So, for example, you do have a right to let your neighbor know your property is not the common area of the community.

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While we know dogs like to do their business wherever they choose, it is not okay to allow your pet to wander through yards. If your dog does do his/her business on a lawn incidental to a walk, promptly clean it up. It's all part of being a good neighbor.

### Ocala Open

The Candler Hills Golf Course will host the Ocala Open once again this year. The event will be held Wednesday, March 24, through Friday, March 26, with a Pro-Am Tuesday, March 23. The event will showcase the Candler Hills Golf Course and will highlight some of the world's best men's professional golfers while benefiting local charities, Hospice of Marion County, Inc., and Interfaith Emergency Services. You will not want to miss this — come out and be a spectator and enjoy watching exciting golf.

### Hiring Outside Vendors

If you are planning on making any changes to the outside of your property, whether it be landscape or any structural changes to your home (e.g. room addition), please remember to visit Resident Services to obtain a list of vendors who have a current certificate of liability on file. A modification request cannot be completed until your selected vendor has provided proof of insurance and is listed in the database. Documents required before an outside vendor is permitted to work within On Top of the World Communities include:

- A Certificate of Liability showing the vendor has at least \$1,000,000 in liability coverage.
- Workers Compensation coverage, (or exemption certificate if you have no employees).
- At least \$500,000 bodily injury insurance for auto insurance (or \$300,000 if it is a personal vehicle as opposed to business).

For the certificate of liability, On Top of the World Communities, and its affiliated entities, should be listed as the certificate holder with our address of 9850 SW 84th Court, Suite 500, Ocala, Florida 34481.

### Golf Carts, Pedestrians & Backyards

We have received a number of complaints this month from residents whose properties back up to the golf courses. Reminder that golf cart and pedestrian traffic should stay on designated paths or golf course property. Please do not enter the private property of resi-

dents to either walk or ride across.

### Trash Disposal Reminder

For those who do not have curbside collection, household trash should be disposed of at one of the many disposal areas located throughout the community. We do ask that if a container is full, be it a single stream recycling container or a compactor, please do not set the recycling or trash on the ground around the container. Please take it to another location within the community or bring it back after the container is returned.

"White goods" should be disposed of only in the "white goods" area at the SW 90th Street disposal location. Contractors working for residents may not dispose of items in the community, they must dispose of refuse or debris elsewhere. We ask that you please put only household garbage in the compactors. Recyclable material should be placed in the appropriate recycling containers provided.

We want each resident to keep this community looking beautiful, and I am sure you do as well.

### Rule of the Month: Pets and Animal Waste

We receive many complaints regarding violations of the animal rule within the community. I wanted to take this opportunity to address this topic once again.

While outside of residential units, all animals must be kept on

a leash or other restraint and must be accompanied at all times by the owner or custodian. Animal feces must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly by the owner or custodian of the animal. It is the responsibility of the owner or custodian to pick up immediately no matter the location - your own lawn, the neighbor's lawn, the common area or a vacant lot. If feces are left, it makes for very unpleasant conditions for other residents and the maintenance crews. You may also refer to the Marion County Leash Ordinance Section 4-10: Control of Animals.

We have received a few calls recently asking me to remind everyone who walks their dog that, as a courtesy, when using an expandable leash, please keep your dog(s) along the edge of the roadway and off of your neighbors' lawns. In order to avoid your dog(s) going potty in someone else's yard, you may want to dally a little longer in your own before starting your walk.

Please also note, that Rule 3 Animals states, "Any feeding, excluding approved bird feeders, intentional or otherwise, of any wildlife, including, but not limited to coyotes, feral cats and migratory waterfowl, is strictly prohibited. This includes feeder stations, broadcasting feed, or otherwise making readily available food (including salt licks) that would be attractive to these forms of wildlife."

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Did you remember to cut back on the frequency of watering the landscape with the onset of the cooler winter weather? Even though current restrictions allow once per week watering, depending upon the community you live in your grass and plants may not need to be wa-

tered as frequently. Many factors should be taken into account before reducing the run times. How long have you lived at the location? Is it a new home or has it been there for longer than one year? If your landscape is older than one year, reducing run times gradually in small increments, is the best way to decrease run times. Small increments will keep you from creating a severe problem if you don't add enough water. If you do too much at once, waiting on the next run day could cost you your

landscape. Research conducted by the University of Florida indicates that during the shorter, cooler days of winter, grass and plants are growing slowly or not at all. During this time, their need for water is greatly reduced from the long, hot days of summer. Many people never change their automatic sprinkler system to compensate for this change and water is needlessly wasted. Remember Sunday, March 14, we go back to daylight saving time, so don't forget to reset your

clocks and set your irrigation timers back to twice per week watering. Check your system out monthly and make sure it is functioning properly. Spring is a great time to hire an approved contractor for irrigation system checks. Checks should include ensuring your timer is functioning, watering times are sufficient to provide half to three-quarters inches at each application, rain sensor operation, and a check of the system for leaks and adjustments.

Florida Statutes 373.62 mandates that if you have a contractor check your system, they must ensure you have a rain shut off device or other interrupting device/switch on the irrigation system. If there is no interrupting device or switch on the system, or it is inoperable, the contractor needs to either repair it or replace it and bring it to an operational condition before completing other work. Make sure you have a functioning rain sensor on your irrigation system.

February and March typically brings some late season cold blasts from the north. Don't forget to cover up your backflow preventers on the irrigation system when freezing temperatures are in the forecast. Using a heavy blanket should be sufficient but if you want, Resident Services sells a back flow preventer cover.

Crape myrtles are easy to grow and produce a profusion of flowers in many different colors during the summer months. Some crape myrtles are trained into trees while others are grown as shrubs. There are even dwarf varieties and new cultivars that are resistant to powdery mildew. The flower clusters appear only on new, soft wood. They open gradually from bottom to top. If first blooms are removed after they fade, a second bloom may occur.

The best time to prune the crape myrtle is late winter/early spring. This provides the new growth required for summer bloom. The plant is also dormant at this time making it easier to shape. There are many studies to suggest the proper pruning method for crape myrtles, but the studies do not show conclusive evidence that one way is better or worse than the other. The method I propose for residents to follow is the "pencil pruning" method. Basically, you trim all branches smaller than a pencil.

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There is no substitute for human blood. Only you can save a life. Come be a hero Tuesday, Feb. 2. See you on the bus.



**GOOD NEWS TO SHARE?**  
Email [otownews@otowfl.com](mailto:otownews@otowfl.com) with your idea(s). If approved, a World News writer will be assigned.

Only good news about the community, a club(s) or a resident(s) will be considered.





The Avalon neighborhood has had social potlucks for many years. But 2020 did not allow for large gatherings/meetings like our potlucks.

We were finally allowed to have a catered get-together in December 2020, at the Veterans Park. It was a beautiful day, and we had a sizable group. Jersey Mike's catered the event, and everyone had a good

time. We handed out questionnaires to determine interest in continuing Avalon Social Club meetings.

The results were positive. Having a scheduled place/time that residents could meet new and current residents to share information, get to know their neighbors, and learn more about our community was something they wanted.

We mentioned that we needed a volunteer to help organize and run the group. I have found myself over-committed and there aren't enough hours in a day for me to do everything I would like. Fortunately, Jan Lindell, a new resident, has stepped up to organize and run

the Avalon Social Club. She will do a wonderful job!

Jan would like to add, "I am very excited to be taking over the Avalon Social Club. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact me. I can be reached at iamgolferjan@gmail.com or (847) 951-9711. I am putting together a database with members' information. I will be sharing more information about upcoming Avalon Social Club events in this monthly column. We will also have an email of our own: Avalonsocial-club@gmail.com.

"I hope to build our club to be fun, even during current restrictions. We will be practicing social

distancing and wearing masks. Soon we will have our first event.

I know that Avalon 6 has their own group, but I would like to invite anyone living in all of the Avalon neighborhoods to join us. I would like to bring us all together.

"If anyone knows of a new neighbor, please let me know so we can welcome them to our Avalon group.

"I will always be open to new ideas or suggestions. Please let me know of any fun events you would like to add to our list. We want our neighborhood to be known as the "fun and friendly group" in On Top of the World."



Happy Valentine's Day to all! February has long been a transitional month for me; the holidays are over, all the goodies have been eaten, and we now set our sights on the end of winter. The recent laughter yoga party helped us to relax

and have an afternoon of pure fun. Now we are eager to move on to the coming months and to our upcoming community activities.

Planning is underway for two outdoor activities for our neighborhood, a tag sale in early March and a brown bag version of our annual picnic. The tag sale will be held Saturday, March 6, Williamsburg residents, with items to sell, are invited to participate; sale sites will be set up at individual homes. Each tag sale must be registered

and approved by Resident Services at Friendship Commons. Residents may visit Resident Services to complete and submit the tag sale form by Wednesday, Feb. 10. If you are interested in selling items at the sale, please call Len Elsner at (631) 807-5688 or Dee Vadnais Null at (314) 882-7264 for more information.

Tentatively the picnic will be held in late March, and it will be a BYO (bring your own) everything gathering. As plans are finalized,

more detailed information will be shared with residents. As we move through 2021, we hope to have a fall social and the holiday party depending what protocols are in place in a few months.

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.



Laughter yoga party in Williamsburg.

Photo by Jerry Nardone



It may be our shortest month but let's make it a memorable and happy one!

Instead of telling you everything the Veterans Club does for fellow veterans, families and the community, I would like to find out what you want us to do for you and the community. Please text, call (352) 556-6004 or email me at plantitwo@yahoo.com with suggestions and requests. This is a new year and a chance to create a new future.

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

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### Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton

Happy February to all Indigo East neighbors. They say time goes by quickly and here we are already entering the second month of 2021.

The month of February, though a short month, is jammed packed with holidays and commemorative days. Listed here are a few significant dates to remember:

- Feb. 1: Black History Month begins
- Feb. 2: Groundhog Day
- Feb. 7: Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 12: Chinese New Year (year of the Ox)
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15: Presidents Day (Lincoln and Washington)
- Feb. 15: Singles Awareness

Day  
• Feb. 16: Mardi Gras Day  
• Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday  
For more interesting, serious, and silly celebrations, please visit [calendar.com](http://calendar.com).

As the story goes, St. Valentine's Day was established by the Catholic Church under Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. It was in remembrance of two or three men, each named Valentine, who were martyred Feb. 14, in different years. This Christian day eventually replaced the pagan festival of fertility named Lupercalia, which was held Feb. 15. In the 14th and/or 15th century, St. Valentine's Day became associated with romance. There are many legends regarding the development of Valentine's Day, however, the actual story still remains a mystery.

Here are a few tidbits regarding the Valentine's Day romantic symbolisms:

**CUPID:** Cupid, son of Venus, the

Goddess of Love. This winged, mischievous little angel can always be seen with a quiver of arrows. Legend has it that anyone who gets hit with one of Cupid's arrows would fall in love with the first person they saw. Interestingly, none of his victims can actually see the arrows. It's only when they fall in love that they realized that they had been shot.

**CHOCOLATES:** Since ancient times, chocolates have been associated with sexual powers and fertility.

**GREETING CARDS:** With an estimated one billion valentine greeting cards sent out annually, Valentine's Day is the second largest card-sending holiday of the year, after Christmas. The first valentine was published in 1849 by Esther Howland of Worcester, Massachusetts. Hallmark offered Valentine's Day Cards in 1913 and began producing them in 1916.



### Indigo East

Nora Domínguez  
(352) 387-7372

February is one of our cooler months here in Ocala. Please take advantage of the beautiful walking trails, workout at the Power Park or enjoy the heated pools here in Indigo East.

Many residents have already received or will be receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. Safety protocols have not changed and are still in place at all amenities. Indoors – six feet of social distancing, wearing face masks, and using hand sanitizer. Outdoors – six feet of social distancing and wearing face masks if social distancing is not possible. We continue to monitor daily cases and any changes to these safety protocols will be posted on [otowinfo.com](http://otowinfo.com).

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I would like to remind you that the Indigo East Fitness Center building is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. all week. The Indigo East Fitness Center pool is open 8 a.m. to dusk. The Indigo East Community Center is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the pool is open 9 a.m. to dusk.

Welcome to all new Indigo East residents! You will be happy to know that in the near future we will be bringing entertainers to

perform outside of the Indigo East Fitness Center pool area. Once restrictions are lifted, we will have happy hour every Friday at the Indigo East Community Center with music. Some happy hours will be associated with a theme, which allows those to dress up according to that theme.

Once again, I would like to thank all the residents for your cooperation during these trying times. I hope you have a wonderful February.



### The Lodge at Candler Hills

Cassie Cummings  
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We are already in the second month of 2021 and all doing our part to keep each other safe. Many residents have already received or will be receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. Safety protocols have not changed and are still in place at all amenities. Indoors – six feet of social distancing, wearing face masks, and using hand sanitizer. Outdoors – six feet of social distancing and wearing face masks if social distancing is not possible. We continue to monitor daily cases and any changes to these safety protocols will be posted on [otowinfo.com](http://otowinfo.com). We

look forward to when we can safely begin planning some much-needed fun activities.

Here at The Lodge at Candler Hills, we are looking forward to planning a weekly happy hour every Friday, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Candler Hills residents. More details to come.

We are now accepting 2022 room request bookings. These bookings will not be approved until late summer. Candler Hills residents can stop by the office to see me and schedule any club meetings or events.

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

Although indoor events are still cancelled until further notice, outdoor activities are available. The

pools at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center close at dusk.

Please note the Candler Hills Community Center pool is closed until Monday, Feb. 15 for renovations. The pool at The Lodge at Candler Hills remains open for our residents.

Please remember to bring your Candler Hills resident ID to use the amenities, and two 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 will be closed until Monday, Feb. 15 for renovations. Scheduled cleaning will resume on the second

Wednesday of the month.

We would like to welcome any new Candler Hills residents as we look forward to meeting you and help you enjoy the amenities in the safest manner.



### Democratic Club

Dan Lack

We hope to start meeting in-person again in the spring. Meanwhile we continue to accept new members. Just send us your name, address, phone number, email address and a copy of your Gateway of Services pass (if applicable).

Because there are no dues, we determine your interest in remaining a club member by your attendance at one or more of the last three meetings of the year or by your email/phone call expressing your desire to remain a member. Since there were no in-person meetings after February 2020, there was no change in anyone's membership status this year. Democratic clubs and the Democratic Party continue to be vital forces, so please join us.

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. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toiletries, towels and wash cloths, shower curtains, peanut butter and jelly, canned food and dry food are needed. Club members will receive "where and when" information via email.

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Raise the Bar Weight Loss Program

In the last few weeks of 2020, 19 Ranch members took on the challenge to “Raise the Bar” and participated in a weight loss program. What a positive way to finish out a crazy year that was fraught with obstacles and challenges to stay active and keep fit.

The “Raise the Bar” weight loss program ran for eight weeks under the direction of Personal Trainer Linda Denno. Linda has a great deal of knowledge, experience and success in helping people lose weight. Linda organized a comprehensive approach to weight loss focusing on nutrition, exercise and behavior change. Participants in “Raise the Bar” had two private coaching sessions, participated in a group workout and had the opportunity to attend a seminar on sustainable behavior change.

Here is some advice from expert Linda Denno on how you can achieve your ideal weight and maintain it.

The Ranch: Linda, you are a personal trainer and specialize in working with people one-on-one. Why did you create a program that is specifically for a group of people?

Linda: Reaching for big goals, such as weight loss, is a lot more fun with a group. In addition, research shows that you will likely find more success if you’re train-

ing with your peers and not going it alone.

The Ranch: How was the experience of coaching in a group setting different than personal training?

Linda: The behavior modification class gave the participants the opportunity to voice their shared successes and struggles, and the group workout encouraged fun team building exercises. Those dynamics just don’t happen in one-on-one settings. In addition, the two private coaching sessions allowed each participant to focus on individual goals and obstacles. Together we designed solutions to overcome any roadblocks to success. This program offered the best of both worlds, individual guidance and group motivation.

The Ranch: Describe some of the successes you witnessed throughout the eight weeks of the “Raise the Bar” weight loss challenge.

Linda: There were so many positives that came out of this program. Highlights would include an average weight loss of two pounds per week for participants, learning how to prepare healthy meals, replacing fast food with nutrient dense foods, peer support, and reports of more energy and discovering their waistlines again!

The Ranch: What is the best advice you can give someone looking to improve his or her health and wellness in 2021?

Linda: If you haven’t been able to successfully lose weight on your own, consider joining a weight loss

program that fits your lifestyle. You will have the motivation, accountability and support of your team leaders and peers to cheer you on and reach you goal!

The “Raise the Bar” weight loss program is one of many fitness opportunities available to Ranch members. If you are not familiar with our group fitness classes, state-of-the-art fitness floor, warm water pool, or our personal training team, please stop by anytime for a tour of The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa! We have our open house through February; by taking a tour you will be provided with a one-day pass for yourself or a friend and when you join this month, we will waive your initiation fee (\$35 value).



Participants of the “Raise the Bar” weight loss challenge.

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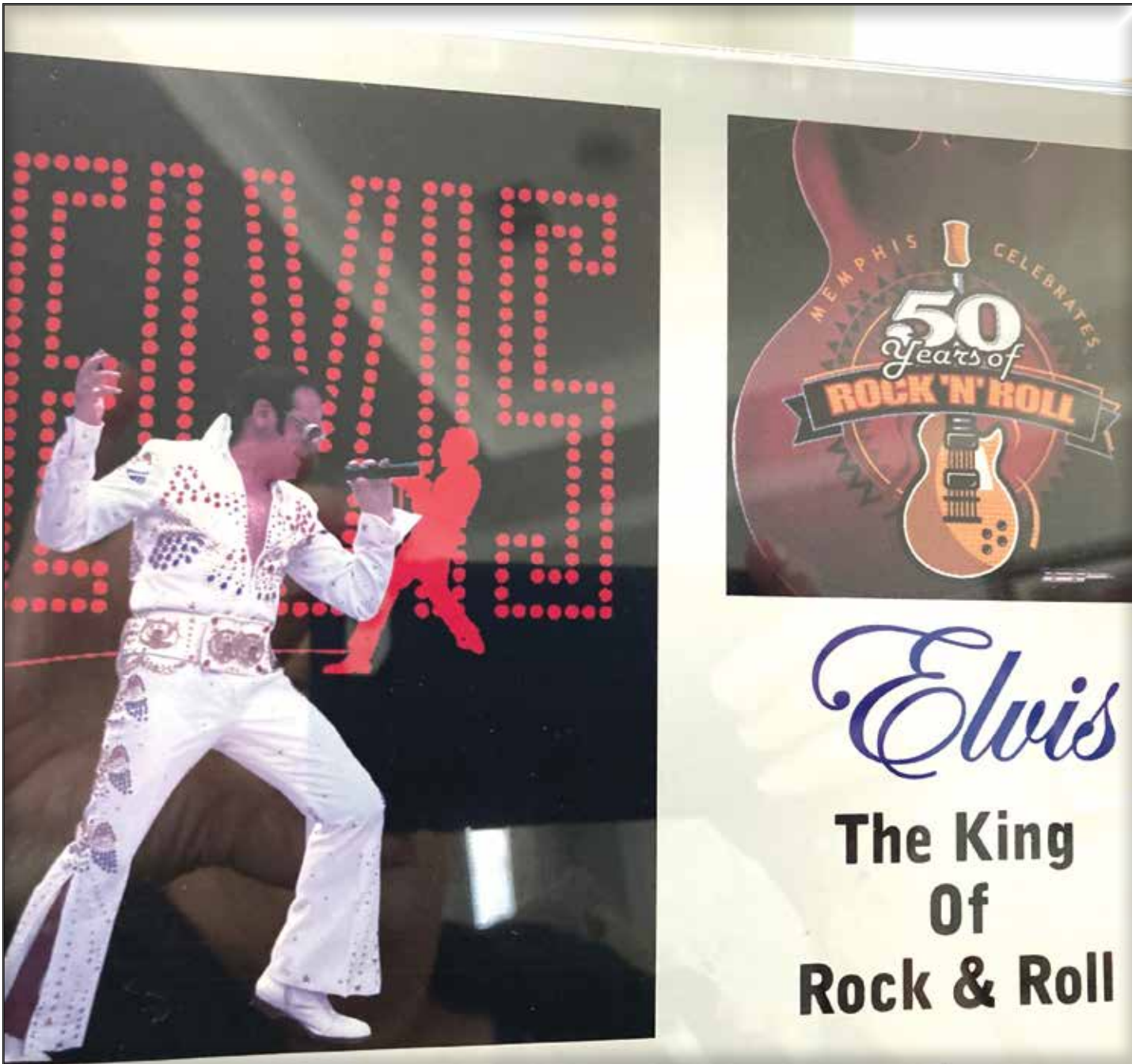
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Elvis tribute.

Photo by Dominick Caligiuri

**Republican Club**

Lizabeth Woodard

Greetings and happy new year to you all. It is always nice to welcome a new year but seeing 2020 end was gratifying to say the least.

On Friday, Dec. 8, 2020, the Republican Club celebrated the holidays with catered food, gift baskets and a special Elvis tribute. Yes, Elvis was in the house! President Lizabeth had a very brief business meeting, which included an opening prayer by Brenda White and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. President Lizabeth gave a brief announcement regarding the nomination of new club officers, the renewal of the club charter, and future activities of the coming year. Gary White spoke briefly about the trip he and his wife took to Washington, D.C. in October to support President Trump.

After enjoying a delicious dinner of submarines, fried chicken, raw vegetables, and pizza, as well as cookies and coffee, the 2001 Space Odyssey began playing as Elvis entered the room. The Club Treasurer Dominick Caligiuri preformed songs from the Elvis Hawaii Concert with “Ku-U-PO,” “Welcome to My World,” “Teddy Bear” and many other popular Elvis songs. Hawaiian leis were distributed to the audience as he sang.

Another special treat was the raffle of six gift baskets prepared by the club membership chair Alice Caligiuri. Each basket was filled with items comprised of wine, kitchen sundries, snacks, teacup and teas, and baking goods. Gary White donated two special Trump coins to be raffled as well.

Many members donated non-perishable food items for distribution to a local food pantry. We all know of the importance to help the greater community, especially during these difficult times.

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, 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.

**Community Patrol**

Erwin Fluss

We would like to thank our members who support the Community Patrol. They include drivers who provide a watchful eye, scribes and those who periodically set up the speed limit radar signs. Talking about speeding, there was an old radio program, which started partially, “Who knows? The shadow knows.” So be cautious and drive within the speed limit; there may be a deputy nearby.

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This year is already flying by with many of us anxious to get things back to some type of normal. Many of us are hoping there will be light at the end of the tunnel soon!

Many residents have already received or will be receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. Safety protocols have not changed and are still in place at all amenities. Indoors – six feet of social distancing, wearing face masks, and using hand sanitizer. Outdoors – six feet of social distancing and wearing face masks if social distancing is not possible. We continue to monitor daily cases and any changes to these safety protocols will be posted on otowinfo.com.

Guests are permitted at all outdoor facilities including pools and whirlpools. Tag and estate sales have resumed (must be registered with Resident Services). Indoor facilities are still closed to guests, and this includes the billiards and game room.

On Top of the World has opened to 100% capacity at all outdoor sports facilities, pavilions, pools and game room. Please note that at this time you must provide your own equipment when using the outdoor sports area due to the safety protocols. Restaurants have returned to full capacity as well with guests only being permitted on the outside veranda at The Pub, and inside and outside at The Club at Candler Hills.

Each one of us needs to continue taking personal responsibility for our own safety and compliance with all safety protocols. Remember to monitor otowinfo.com for additional information regarding facility openings to full capacity, events starting back, and guests in private venues. Hopefully, we will start to see numbers start to decline in the upcoming weeks and months.

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.

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

#### Community Updates

We are working on activities for the upcoming year and we will start announcing them once we have been cleared. When we are able to reopen in the upcoming months, we will be adding happy hour to The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East Community Center every Friday night along with the happy hour that is held at the Recreation Center.

#### Line Dance Classes

Marilyn McNeal will be retiring from teaching line dance classes

to spend more time with family. In February, she will teach free classes for the first two weeks. A monthly pass will not be required but each dancer must show a pass from a previous month to finish this season. New dancers are not eligible for these classes that started in September 2020. Registration will be opened again for the new season that will start in September with a new, professional line dance instructor.

The following changes will continue through the second half of February and through Monday, May 24. The rest of this season is without charge. Patty Hainzl will take over the Absolute Beginner class. Kathy Petrosky and Rose O'Rourke will teach Beginner Level II and the Improver classes. Kathy Cornell will take over the Beginner Level I class. All Monday line dance class times remain the same as presently

scheduled. These competent instructors have graciously committed to finishing out the season for Marilyn.

Note from Marilyn, "Thank you all dancers for the best nine years of my 30-year dance career! It's been a privilege to be your line dance instructor and to dance with you. We've had so much fun together and I will truly miss each of you. But at this time, I know this is the right decision for me. Thanks for the wonderful memories. It's been a blast!"

#### 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.

#### 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 contacting the facility offices.

#### Events

Please note that the Home Improvement Expo has been cancelled for 2021.

#### Pool Closure

Please note that the Candler Hills Community Pool will be closed through Monday, Feb. 15, for renovations. The pool at The Lodge at Candler Hills will remain open. Please plan accordingly.

#### Craft Show

The weekly Tuesday craft show, hosted by Artistic Crafts & Gifts, is back. It is 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.

Stay safe and continue to monitor otowinfo.com for the latest updates.

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## The Planetary Conjunction

By Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its first meeting of the year Thursday, January 14, via Zoom. Club president Jim Di Paolo expressed gratitude and excitement about the club's highly successful observing session Monday, Dec. 21, 2020. Approximately 60 people attended the session, including guests who had yet to join the club.

At the meeting, Di Paolo showed several photos taken at the observing session depicting the party-like atmosphere for the main event – the planetary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which occurred by chance on Winter Solstice. Several club members even donned celebratory costumes for the event. Masks and social distancing were observed throughout the session.

Four club members set up their own telescopes for the event – Jim Di Paolo's 9.25" and John Bridges' 8" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescopes, Larry Isenberg's 3" refractor, and Russell Martin's Special Edition 70mm Spiratone Spotting Scope he also used 34 years ago to view Halley's Comet in 1986.

New member Kathie McDonald also demonstrated the ease with which she used one of the club's lending library telescopes – a 5" reflector. In addition to viewing the moon, club members were awed to see both planets in each telescope's field of view, including clear looks at Saturn's rings as well as the four most prominent moons of Jupiter – the same ones that Galileo first observed four hundred years ago. In all, it was one of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club's most successful and highly attended events.

At the January meeting, John Bridges also provided his monthly update on the January night sky, featuring moon phases, planetary positions, SkyLab transits, and constellations to observe. Jim Shuman presented a short PowerPoint on the recent data release from the European Space Agency's GAIA sat-

ellite project. And Jim Di Paolo culminated the meeting with "The Top 10 Astronomical Events to View in 2021" – meteor showers, planetary conjunctions, and eclipses throughout the upcoming year. Di Paolo indicated that observing sessions for these events could provide the same kinds of excitement

as members experienced in December 2020.

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club has welcomed several new members in recent months, and excitement about astronomy continues to build. Regular club meetings are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For now, they will remain online.

Evening observing sessions are announced to members via email in the afternoon of any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky. Sessions begin after dark near the flying field and last

into the evening. Until further notice, participants must wear face masks and maintain social distancing throughout the time they are in attendance. Other instructions and safety precautions will be provided in 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.



Photos by Jim Di Paolo and Larry Isenberg

**A composite of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club's successful Dec. 21, 2020 viewing party of the moon and the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.**

## Where in the World Grows This Tree?

By Ron Broman

It was March of 2017 when this photo first appeared in the World News. Poetry was the medium of information delivered. Not much substance, but a lot of fun. If you recall my attempt at "bardism" you are truly ahead of the game in this edition of "Where in the World Grows This Tree?"

Now, as this planet ventures out into a new year, we share this pic-

ture again, with more details about that beautiful tree species. We've made this decision for several reasons, so please bear with us.

First, it's almost spring, finally (sigh!). The author of the Trees of Florida, Gil Nelson, relates, "In the spring, this tree produces masses of delicate red flowers that offer the first splashes of color to late winter woodlands. Flowering is

quite short lived but is followed immediately by a profusion of two winged, scarlet red seeds that hang in clusters from the naked limbs.

Second, it's rapidly approaching Valentine's Day, and Nelson makes the point that, "Even the tips of the newly unfolding leaves are red." Not many tree species, let alone Florida natives, can make that seasonal boast.

And third, the leaves of this species exhibit a shape that simply gives her name away, "Shallow lobes, with its flowers, fruit, petioles and leaf veins all red." In the fall, they turn an even deeper red.

Finally, Gill offers that, "She

is our most common member of [this] family;" preferring to inhabit wet areas of Florida from about the Tamiami Trail northward.

There are several of these trees in our community. Find one, call me at (352) 861-4560, with its whereabouts (and name if you care to, common and/or botanical) and win a native.

Join us in the Native Plant Group as we continue to maintain our projects; the SW 94th Street circle, and the arboretum and Longleaf Pine Trail which were featured on the front page of last month's World News. We will love to meet and share with you what it means to grow native!



Photo by Ron Broman

Where in On Top of the World grows this tree?

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### What's Cookin'

Gary Uhley

With just the two of us, a ham leg is out of the question, but a slab of ham? Perfect! Grocery stores sell individual slabs.

So now to "dress" it up ... I took

a small can of pineapple tidbits, heated them up, added a cup of brown sugar, a tablespoon of butter, and some cocktail cherries. Poured it over the ham steak, and oh my goodness!

Do you want those classic "grill marks?" Sure, you do - dry the ham first, otherwise you're just steaming it on the grill. Now, I usually wipe it with a light coat of olive oil too. Yum!



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Dress up a slab of ham for dinner.



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Rabbi Jossi Hecht of Chabad House of The Villages.




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**The Jewish Club**

Nancy Meininger

Who was Haman and what did he do? Find out at the pavilion Sunday, Feb. 21, when the Jewish Club meets for their monthly get together at 1 p.m. Take home a bag of Hamantashen to celebrate the holiday of Purim!

Purim is the Jewish celebration commemorating the victory of the Jewish people over the evil Haman, King Ahasuerus' prime minister during his reign in the Kingdom of Persia during the fifth century BCE. The heroes of the story are Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordechai.

The plans of wicked Haman are thwarted through the bravery of Esther and Mordechai, and the Jewish people are saved by defending themselves against their enemies.

The celebration usually consists of reading the book of Esther aloud; giving to charity; sending baskets of food to friends; and dressing up in costumes of the Purim characters (like Halloween!).

Rabbi Jossi Hecht will give his insights into the meaning of Purim during our gathering on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. outdoors at the pavilion behind Recreation Center. Gathering with social distancing and a maximum of 50 attending will be practiced.

Contact Rick Carel at (352) 316-9946 or Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757 with any questions.

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**Lions Club**

**Gail Morris**

The Lions are still Zooming and meeting in person with social distancing and face masks. We are now meeting in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room the first and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Members participated in “Wreaths Across America” by laying a wreath at Tucker Hill Cemetery and then hung wreaths at the Veterans Park memorial. This is a tradition that has been established to honor our veterans during the winter holidays.

Although I don't have the total of toys provided at this time, we were delivering toys to the Toys for Tots collection site once a day. Thank you all for your support of this project; the response was wonderful. We know the children appreciate your generosity.

Lions Clubs are both local and international. We are pleased to be members of such a great humanitarian organization. Just as a note of interest, in November and December 2020 alone, Lions Club International Fund provided \$235,000 dollars in emergency grants for flood relief in India, Brazil, Italy and Sri Lanka; tropical storm relief in Colombia; typhoon relief in the Philippines; and earthquake relief in Greece.

In our local community, if you know of someone who is struggling financially and is in need of an eye exam or eyeglasses, please contact our Lions Club. We have an application process to provide for such services.

Our Lions Club welcomed new member Gary Hassett and we are looking for more new members. We are a small club, and we would welcome new members with new ideas and plans to improve our impact on our community.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, come to the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. Come check out our club. Further information can be obtained by contacting Estelle Michelson, membership chair, at (352) 861-7358.



Veterans Park “Wreaths Across America” with Lions Estelle, Tracey, Gail and Moses.

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## Genealogy Society

Peter Parisi

Do you know why you have a surname (family or last name)? Until the 13th century, most people only had a first or given (personal) name. The use of surnames became universal in Europe during the 1400s and 1500s except in Scandinavian countries, where surnames didn't become standardized until about 1900.

European surnames are classified under five categories:

1. patronymics - forming of a surname from the father's given name or sometimes metronymic, less frequently from the mother's given name;

2. occupational name;
3. location (toponymic) name;
4. nickname; or
5. ornamental name.

Occupational names include Smith, Miller, Farmer, Thatcher, Eisenhower (iron worker). Location names derive from the name of a country, city, county, village, hamlet, farm, homestead, mountain or a river from which they came. "Monte" in Portuguese means "mountain." Some surnames were based on appearance such as "Schwarzkopf" (someone with dark hair) or "Short." Ornamental names include "Morgenstern" (mornings star) or "Safire" (sapphire).

In Ireland and Scotland, King Henry VIII anglicized the Gaelic surnames. The common prefixes to anglicized surnames were "Fitz," "Mac" or "Mc" meaning "son of" and "O" meaning "descendant of." In Italian, a common prefix used is "de" or "di" meaning "son of."

Because most people were illiterate until the late 1800s, the spelling of the surname varied because civil registration clerks and religious clerics spelled the name as it sounded when people came to register births, marriages or deaths. Thus, after 500 years, there are many variants of the original surname.

Today, in most western countries, the surname follows the first name. In some cultures, such as Hungary, Romania, Bavaria, Austria, South India, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and China, the surname is placed first, followed by the given name. In most Spanish speaking countries, the custom is to have two surnames, the first surname denotes the father's family, and the second surname denotes the mother's family. Normally, only the father's surname is passed on to the children. However, in Portugal and Brazil, the surnames are reversed,

where the first surname denotes the mother's family, and the second surname denotes the father's family. Both the father's surname and the mother's surname can be passed on to the children.

All of the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. Members will be notified by email from our club president, Paul Belter, on how to access the Zoom meetings.

On Monday, Feb. 8, there will be an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, Feb. 15, Melissa Barker, a certified archives manager and public historian, will give an educational presentation on "The Home Archivist: Preserving Family Records Like a Pro."

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## Computer Club

Chris Kilbride

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](http://otowpcclub.org) website will give lots of great information about our group.

This month we feature Jill Carel who lived most of her life in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania before moving here in 2015. Her careers were

quite diverse and interesting. After completing her bachelor's degree in psychology, she worked for municipal government for 37 years, with some years as a library assistant, pension counselor, social worker, and finally as an administrator in emergency medical services (EMS). Her first boss in the EMS office introduced her to the wonders of DOS, WordPerfect, and Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheets. That is when her love of computers began.

She developed public education materials, reports, memos, signage, and a newsletter. In Lotus and eventually Excel, she really enjoyed the details of managing the annual EMS grant funding, including work in the database program and Publisher.

Because of her interest in psychology and spirituality, she published a quarterly newsletter called "Self-Empowerment" for 25 years. At its height, she had approximately 300 readers. For many years she wrote, printed, collated, stapled, folded, address labeled, and stamped them herself. She eventually bought an HP Officejet Pro 8610 all-in-one color printer, copier, and scanner.

Jill joined our club in September

2020, considering her use of an HP laptop, iPhone and iPad, including issues and challenges that come up with them, plus the questions about Wi-Fi, router, etc. She has enjoyed attending the Saturday meetings on Zoom, hearing about various tech-wise issues.

This year she and her husband Rick took a "holiday selfie" photo in their courtyard and used Publisher to design a holiday greeting postcard. They had a quantity printed at PIP Printing downtown, who did a great job. The lucky recipients were very pleased with their personal greeting card.

Over the last year, Jill feels she has probably spent a little too much time on email, Facebook, Word With Friends game, and Zoom - but overall she is grateful for the ways that she has used technology to stay connected and informed.

All residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on [otowpcclub.org](http://otowpcclub.org) or email [otowpcclub@gmail.com](mailto:otowpcclub@gmail.com) will get you in touch with us.

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**Active Singles**



**Pat Jocelyn**

The last few months have certainly been a challenge for most of us. Thankfully, one of the pleasurable constants throughout these challenging times is the wonderful friendships we've cultivated in the Active Singles Club. Those of us who have been members for some time had months, if not years, to nurture those friendships. More recently we've found creative, albeit limited means of staying in touch while continuing to look out for one another's safety.

Imagine, however, if you are single and moved to On Top of the World Communities in 2020; or because of life's circumstances you found yourself recently single? It's got to be quite a challenge to make new single friends.

That's where our members come in. If you know any single residents who have recently moved in or are newly single, encourage them to join our club. They may not be able to engage in our many activities that are now on hold, but we can certainly include them in our mailings, or they can enjoy our other types of communication.

In the spirit of meeting new club members, we will be introducing some new members each month via this column.

Meet Garry Gerlach. The Kentucky transplant has lived here since 2006. The Providence resident said he has made many friends since moving here and they have been a Godsend.

Active Singles Club gives us the opportunity to meet other singles; singles who can quickly become fast friends; and singles who like the same fun activities we do. That's what Garry is looking forward to. He enjoys playing golf several times a week but is eager to meet other like-minded singles who will take part in new activities with him.

Like most of us, the 2021 board is looking forward to once again participating in the many activities we've enjoyed in the past. Although we may not know when, we do know in time, we will be together again sipping a cocktail at our monthly happy hour, enjoying cookouts, hiking, day tripping and dancing as a group until our legs give out at the Friday night dances. Until then, stay safe. We may be single, but we are not alone.

Our Meet-up account will expire Tuesday, March 30. Please join us on Facebook by searching - OTOW Active Singles Club. For more information about our club, including joining the club, contact us at [activesinglesotow@outlook.com](mailto:activesinglesotow@outlook.com) or visit us at [otowactivesinglesclub.com](http://otowactivesinglesclub.com).

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**SWANS**



**Sandi Dickerson**

Let's hope and pray that 2021 will be a healthier and happier year! We hope all our members continue to stay healthy. The SWANS are fortunate that our members continue to follow through with the philosophy of our mission. That mission is to support single women. We continue to keep in touch and network by adhering to CDC guidelines while socializing with our friends! On Saturday, Jan. 2, 16 SWANS attended a performance of the Black and White Stallions at Grand Liberti Farm right outside Williston, Florida. This was our second trip to the farm, and it was enjoyed by all. We will plan another trip once we are back to our normal lives so many more SWANS will have the opportunity to see this spectacle. After the show, we enjoyed dinner at the original Ivy House in Williston.

**Travel Toppers**



**Anne Parker**

Travel Toppers is proud to celebrate 30 years of service by volunteers who have arranged many trips for residents and guests. During this time, Travel Toppers has arranged day trips to destinations such as Tampa, Orlando and Mount Dora, overnight trips to Callaway Gardens, and cruises at the best possible cost to our residents. Please visit [traveltopperstours.com](http://traveltopperstours.com) for updated information regarding upcoming trips.

We are excited to tell you about a

Comfort food at its finest! Carol Berta put this trip together for us and I understand she is working on another outing! Be on the lookout for that information soon! Thanks so much, Carol!

Since our lunch trips to Turnpike Mike's turned out so well, we thought we would try another venue in January, so we made plans to have lunch at The Salted Brick. Lunches are limited to 10 women each time. The servers wore masks and social distancing when possible.

Some future events we have planned are our March meeting when we will setup new appetizer and dinner in groups. We will also, hopefully, begin our breakfast, lunch, and dinner out groups for each month. Our annual trips to Daytona Beach Shores in May and November have been set up. A bus trip to Amish Country and Hershey, Pennsylvania with Laura Kane Travel is planned for September. A Thanksgiving cruise is planned in November, again with Laura Kane Travel, to Cozumel and Grand Cay-

man. Our members continue to network and support each other while being careful to wear our masks and sanitize our hands!

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

great cruise Travel Toppers is planning Oct. 31 through Nov. 7, on the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas leaving from Port Canaveral, Florida. The ports of call will be Philipsburg, St. Maarten 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 re-

quired to hold your cabin, and the final payment will be due Monday, Aug. 2. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 to reserve your space.

The Father's Day trip to Sanford to enjoy a three-hour cruise down the St. Johns River on the Barbara Lee will occur Sunday, June 20. 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.

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**World Traveler**

**Bill Shampine**

I always have been fascinated by the hundreds of prehistoric paintings found in the Lascaux Cave located near the village of Montignac in the Dordogne region of southwestern France.

Who found the cave? In September 1940, an 18-year-old boy and his dog were walking around in the neighboring hills. The dog, bless his pea-picking heart, was running around and fell into a deep hole. Oops.

Wanting to get his dog back, the boy came back to the hole the next day with three friends. They widened the opening and discovered that the hole actually was the top of a 50-foot-deep shaft. Crawling down this shaft and into the cave, they found one very happy dog, and were amazed to see hundreds of animal paintings on the walls!

The next day, the boys told their teacher about their discovery; an action that started the process of excavating and cataloguing the cave. By 1948, the cave was ready to open to the public.

There are close to 6,000 images, mostly of large animals, scattered throughout the cave complex, and covering the interior walls and ceilings. The evidence indicates the huge cave was never occupied but was used only for the paintings.

Now, let's think about this for a minute. This is what life was about 17,000 years ago. There were no stores to buy life supporting supplies; no water except what you bring in; no clothing except what you made; your primary food was bigger than you, and all you had available to kill it was a sharp stick. Life was tough! Even with all of these traumatic difficulties you faced, you still are compelled to enter a huge cave system with an animal-fat-burning hand lamp, and paint pictures of the big animals you are trying to kill, hopefully before they kill you. The artists applied the colors with their fingers or by blowing pigment onto the wall with a hollow bone. This went on for millennia.

Also amazing is the fact that many of the pigments used for

"paint" are not found anywhere near the cave, so they had to be imported. The artists had to use any surplus items they may have had to barter for their art supplies instead of for food, clothing, or weapons.

Why would someone do that? Not to mention when did a person have the time to go into a cave and paint an animal instead of going on a hunt to feed himself and his family?

The dominant animals depicted are horses, deer, and aurochs (huge bull-like animals), but there

are many other animal images on the walls. One of the most famous images is that of the *Megaloceros giganteus*, a predecessor of the moose. Standing up to six feet seven inches tall at the shoulder, this animal is bigger than a horse and about the size of a modern-day moose.

The original cave was closed to the public in 1963 when it became clear that the 1,200 people visiting the cave every day were causing irreparable damage to the paintings. The damage was not a vandalism

issue, but was caused by the residual carbon dioxide, heat, humidity, and other contaminants from the visitors. These things left in the air subsequently promoted the growth of fungi and lichen that damaged the paintings. Since the cave was closed to visitors, several exact reproductions of the cave have been made to accommodate the thousands of tourists who wish to witness this amazing treasure. I certainly would love to go there!



An image of a *Megaloceros giganteus* (giant deer) drawn between 17,000 – 15,000 B.C. in a cave discovered in Lascaux, France.

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We continue to man our table at the Thursday morning Circle Square Commons Farmers Market as well as keeping a presence at the crafts fair Tuesday mornings in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We ad-

vertise available pets for adoption and accept donations at these two venues. Stop by and say hi!

Sisters can be fabulous in a happy home ... Lily and Mika are just nine months young and a well-mannered pair for your enjoyment. These playful kittens enjoy chasing, cuddling, and sleeping in each other's arms. They have been spayed, microchipped, and are up to date on vaccines. The girls have been residing in a foster home, so they are familiar with the rules. Lily seems slightly smaller in stature than Mika. To tell them apart, you must notice Mika's beauty mark (black spot to the left of her mouth). Their coats are gorgeous and are very healthy.

Contact SPCA of Marion County today to meet the girls at (352) 362-0985 or [spca.marion.county@gmail.com](mailto:spca.marion.county@gmail.com). Please visit [www.spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com](http://www.spcaofmarioncounty.weebly.com) to download the adoption application. Don't wait any longer! They are waiting for you!



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**Toastmasters –  
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David Wesenberg

This month, we will meet via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24. Our theme for February is “responsibility.” We have some pretty exciting and interesting speeches that are worth seeing and listening to.

We welcome new member, Rick Wesenberg. Rick was previously a member of Toastmasters in Titusville, Florida. He recently retired from NASA as a physicist and sys-

tem engineer. Welcome Rick!

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

Individuals join Toastmasters for a variety of reasons. Yours truly joined to improve the quality of technical leadership and communication as physicist, software engineer and consultant. Another member joined so he could speak with confidence at his garden club. Some may just want to know more about how to successfully run a club or group where they have become officers.

Many of our members have already had successful careers/accomplishments and love the fellowship and chance to talk about their lives and what they have learned in life.

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



**Michigan Club**

Nancy Meininger

Have you ever been to a sand sculpture festival on one of our beaches here in Florida? If so, you know the thrill of watching the artisans bring to life dramatic three-dimensional figures from mere water and sand.

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feature historical figures, story-book characters and epic landmark events which will leave you with memories to last a lifetime. Add to that broomball, comedy skits, sleighrides, a queen coronation and a population of students loving this good old-fashioned fun. Last year's winner was called “Discover what shines from prehistoric times.”

Coming up Sunday, March 7 is our early St. Patrick's Day celebration filled with jokes and puns and leprechauns. This year, to stay safe, we will have it at the outdoor pavilion. Start time will be 4 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs to sit out and enjoy visiting with your Michigan friends! Please wear face masks to protect others and well as yourselves.

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**Texas Connection  
Social Club**

**Kathy Cornell**

The start of a new year usually gets us thinking about the future. But since we are still in pause mode, we're going to reminisce about past club activities that happened in February. It should bring back fond memories to our members and give new folks an idea of the brand of fun they "might could" experience in Texas Connection when things get back to normal.

For February 2018, some of us moseyed over to the Orange Blossom Opry. Folks noticed our Texas fashions and especially our signs that spelled out "OTOW Texas Club." Our outing was to hear the Austin-based band Asleep at the Wheel. These phenomenal musicians and fantastic singers treated us to some great country western and Texas music such as "Miles and Miles of Texas" and "San Antonio Rose." Lead singer Ray Benson entertained us with funny stories and even juggled for us!



Photo by Kathy Cornell

Texas Connection Social Club members at Orange Blossom Opry.

Though February is considered the month of love, for our 2019 meeting we took the opposite approach and played Family Feud but with some twists. Each person wrote their best guess to match "the random survey of 100 people." After tallying their total individual score, it was revealed that to make this an actual Family Feud (and introduce a Texas element), half the group was now in the Reese family and the other in the Townsends. The Reese-Townsend feud was legendary in Texas for lasting nine years. The family who won our feud was then determined by which one had the player with the highest individual score.

"The Texas Connection to the Oscars" was our February 2020 theme since our meeting fell on Academy Awards night. A trivia style presentation revealed our many connections. The statue itself is actually named for a Texan, Oscar Pierce. Lovely Texas ladies who have an award include Sissy Spacek, Sandra Bullock, Rene Zellwegger, Debbie Reynolds and even Joan Crawford. Good ole Texas boys who have a golden boy for their mantle include Tommy Lee Jones, Jamie

Foxx and Forest Whitaker. And it wouldn't be "Alright! Alright! Alright!" if we didn't mention Matthew McConaughey. Many movies set or filmed in Texas have earned awards. Newer ones are "No Country for Old Men," "Boyhood" and "Apollo 13." Terms of Endearment and Tender Mercies from the 80s were big winners. And we can't forget classics like "Hud," "Giant," and of course, "The Alamo."

If you have a connection to Texas and this sounds like your kind of fun, please contact us. We welcome the opportunity to share more information about our group and get you on the email list for club news and notifications. Contact Kathy Cornell at (352) 300-3729, (352) 562-2801 or kcornell54@cfl.rr.com.

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## The Stories on the Flying Field

By Gene Mangold

"We have an odor of horses in the cockpit today!" said the captain of a Boeing 727 as he brought the big plane into a shallow ascent upon leaving the Ocala airport. He said to the co-pilot, "Now take the controls but make a slow careful turn and bank not more than 15 degrees, we have a load of the finest

thoroughbred horses and we don't want them to lose their balance. There are 18 horses today, three across and in six rows so easy on the control stick."

The co-pilot said, "We better turn off the seat belt light so those cowboys can tend to them as we have some turbulence ahead."

The captain said, "I will dial in our destination to Lexington, Kentucky and try to avoid it. You know Lexington is where they will train these young horses."

These are just some of the entertaining stories told every day at the R/C Flyers flying field. With 173 members there can be no end to them. Members have a full range of experiences from technicians, physicians, airline pilots, a NASA director, U.S. Armed Forces, engineers, U.S. letter carriers, gas meter repairmen, and teachers. The binding force is their love of flight.

Many have had pilot's licenses, and all enjoy flying their radio control airplanes, helicopters, and drones. The flying field was relocated in March 2000 and is a world-class R/C field, unique to a planned community like ours. Judging from the many visitors who come to watch, it is not just the pilots who were attracted to On Top of the World, it is people who love community activities and free air shows.

Captain Jim Ellis is a tall handsome man; many know him for his gregarious personality on Fridays at the Recreation Center happy hour. He retired from Eastern Airlines with 27 years, another six with AirTran, and a few flying horses. Jim was drawn here by the wonderful R/C flying field. He saw a full-page ad in a model airplane flying magazine about our community and the airfield and moved from Lexington, Kentucky.

After Jim made a baby soft landing, he said to the co-pilot, "You know you will have to have your uniform cleaned if you are going to those fancy bars uptown tonight as you have that beautiful aroma of racehorses."

The field is open from dawn to dusk every day. There are now eight pilot stations and soon a manicured grass runway parallel to the existing 600-foot asphalt strip. Not only does Jim have fun at parties, flies big planes with horses, flies R/C airplanes, but now his love in life is the care and feeding of grass. If you think the golf greens are beautiful, wait until you see the new grass runway next spring that Jim has adopted.

Come out to the flying field to watch and picnic, follow the signs going west on SW 94th Street past The Arbors. For more information, call Carl Schneider at (864) 344-7220.



Jim Ellis with his Eastern Airline model.

Photo by Gene Mangold

## Record Growth for Softball's New Season

By Tom Sheridan

Softball players opened the club's winter season in January, celebrating unprecedented growth that boosted the league to a record eight teams!

Team rosters have increased to nearly 100 players, also a record. The new players come from booming home sales in On Top of the World Communities and a very successful recruitment effort among current residents.

The league offers competitive softball year-round. The 30-game winter season, which began in mid-January, will conclude in April. Spring/summer play will run until September when the fall season opens.

Board of director chair Jeff Thomas said he was pleased with

the growth of the league. "We are glad to be able to provide this recreational opportunity to residents. We have one goal," he said, "and that's to provide softball as an avenue for friendship, exercise and competition."

Community leaders also have noted the sport's mounting popularity. The club's board has been working with On Top of the World management and recently received approval for new covered dugouts at the field. Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of February. There is also ample bleacher room for spectators offering residents the best free sports entertainment in town.

Even with the expanded team operation, games continue to be

played Mondays and Wednesdays with four games each day. But in an effort to stay on schedule, each game is limited to 75 minutes. Please note that there are strict safety protocols in place.

With the new season comes new teams and managers. And new nicknames. They are: Team One, the Responders, manager Buddy Scott; Team Two, the Vaccines, manager Steve Gregg; Team Three, the Codgers, manager Jerry Weage; Team Four, the Sluggers, manager Bill McElroy; Team Five, the Gravy-train, manager Mike Manus; Team Six, the Dreamers, manager Dave Clune; Team Seven, Semper Fi, manager Ron Hamil; Team Eight, the Power Outages, manager Rick Bourquin.

The club also has local businesses as sponsors whose support covers the cost of uniforms and related expenses. Sponsors are Ford Lincoln of Ocala, Dentistry at Bridlewood, Ocala Golf Carts, Hilton Automotive, STM Golf Carts,

Fletcher Plumbing and Downtown Chiropractic.

To better handle the growth, the club's board of directors has introduced new procedures for welcoming new players into the league. The process, run by board member Pete Feliciano, asks prospective players to attend at least two practice sessions before being assigned to a team. The sessions include a skills assessment involving board members and current team managers and takes place following the regular Thursday morning batting practices.

The league welcomes players of all skill levels and ages. The goal is to determine new players' abilities in an effort to balance the relative strengths of teams. Thomas said this improves the competitive nature of the games and helps reduce the possibility of injury to new players.

Softball at On Top of the World is a great sport. For more information, contact Tom Sheridan at tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com.



Outfielder Dave Rearick goes to his knees to successfully snag a pop fly during a December 2020 game.

Photo by Tom Sheridan





Who was the winningest golfer in our league in 2020? Nancy Zielinski with 123.05, according to the player league standings in Golf Genius. Rounding out the top 10 were Mary Ann Livingston, 106.75; Sandy Chase, 105.75; MJ Strelec, 103.75; Pam Jones, 96.25; Shelley Karsnitz, 87.25; Yuhlan Cho, 79.75; Debby Wilson, 78; Diane Boston, 77.5; and Linda Taylor, 76.25. Check out the site to see how you did. All members are listed, along with the number of league games each played. Match play started Monday, Jan. 25. Watch the bracket board in the members lounge to see how every-

one is doing.  
**O.N.E.S. Individual Net  
Dec. 15, 2020/The Links**  
Flight 1: 33-Gail LaGrange. 34-Diane Boston, Tie at 36-Christine Giza, Sandy Snyder. 37-Lynne Dickson.  
Flight 2: 33-Mary Ann Livingston. 34-Gretchen Normandin. Tie at 36-Marlena LaClair, Peggy Borro, Bobbie Wiener.  
Flight 3: 34-Peggy Ellenberger. 36-Ellen Brin. Tie at 37-Pam Jones, Virginia Madura; 38-Peggy Wiechmann.  
Flight 4: Tie at 34-May Chin, Liz Pruss. Tie at 36-Iro Lisinski, Sandy Chase. 37-Kathleen Goodwin.  
Flight 5: 34-Mary Ruffner. 37-Antonia Varney. 38-Debbie Zile. 39-Kathy Zunica. Tie at 40-Linda Ryan, Geri Treppa.  
**Rudolph's Revenge Odd Holes  
Dec. 22, 2020/**

**The Tortoise & the Hare**  
Flight 1: 36-Sandy Chase. 37-Mary Ann Livingston. 38-Bobbie Wiener. Tie at 39-Susan Rhodes, Gretchen Normandin.  
Flight 2: 31-Peggy Ellenberger. 35-Christine McIntire. Tie at 36-Peggy Borro, Katie Schriewer, Marlena LaClair, Judy Graham, Virginia Combs.  
Flight 3: 32-Lilly Gee. 34-Iro Lisinski. 35-Virginia Madura. Tie at 36-Jean Hsu, Ellen Brin.  
Flight 4: 33-Mary Ruffner. 36-Sue Fierce. Tie at 37-Antonia Varney, Vickie Foster. 38-Lynn Barber.  
**Lucky 4 Individual  
Dec. 29, 2020/The Links**  
Flight 1: 47-Lynne Dickson. 49-Mary Ann Livingston. Tie at 51-Bobbie Wiener, Gail LaGrange. 52-Gretchen Normandin.  
Flight 2: 44-Virginia Combs. 47-Peggy Ellenberger. 48-Eileen Gus-

tavus. 49-Susan Rhodes. 50-Peggy Borro.  
Flight 3: 41-Katie Schriewer. 43-Nancy Zielinski. 46-Linda Blewitt. 47-Pam Jones. 48-Ellen Brin.  
Flight 4: 48-Liz Pruss. 51-Dee Howie. 52-Jean Hsu. Tie at 53-Joan Gerbo, Sandy Chase.  
Flight 5: Tie at 45-Linda Ryan, Kathy Zunica. 46-Debbie Zile. Tie at 48-Susan Yenne, Vickie Foster.  
**Shamble 2 Best Ball  
Jan. 5/The Links**  
119-Beverly Ovrebo, Iro Lisinski, Bobbie Wiener. 121-Diane Boston, Maria Fournier, Eileen Gustavus. Tie at 123-Mary Jeannotte, Joann Dellapenna, Pam Jones, Kathleen Goodwin; Christine Giza, Connie Norris, Lilly Gee, Susan Yenne. Tie at 124-Mary Ann Livingston, Peggy Ellenberger, Peggy Borro, Sandra Dechambeau; Linda Taylor, Marlena LaClair, Liz Pruss, Dee Howie. 125-Gail LaGrange, Lisa Free, Ellen Brin.



The Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association welcomes 2021 with hopes for a safe and healthy new year. The same protocols will be in effect, allowing for the continuation of the league. With secure measures for play in place, some special golf events have been planned. The League Championship will occur Thursdays, April 15 and April 22. Another occasion to which we can look forward is a Scramble Thursday, June 3. The Scramble will be a combined event of the 18-hole and nine-hole Candler Hills ladies leagues. There are

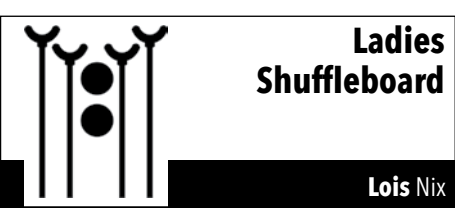
other exciting things happening which will be noted in the future. Special play with the On Top of the World ladies 18-hole league is always fun. There will be two reciprocal events with Candler Hills going to On Top of the World Tuesdays, March 23 and May 11. Conversely, On Top of the World will be visiting us at Candler Hills Thursdays, June 17 and Sept. 16. These rounds of golf are always enjoyable, and we look forward to playing with them. We welcome three new members to our league: Roe Gromacki, Teri Stecker and Anita Nutt. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them. There will be a general membership meeting in the spring. No date has been selected yet so please be on the lookout for that.

We would like to thank Carla Kimball as outgoing secretary on the board and thank Kate Beaty for stepping into that position. Golf has a long history. An interesting fact to note is that golf balls were originally made of feathers, actually boiled goose feathers, that were stitched up in a leather sack. Good thing we don't have to use those today. The winter weather has poked its head up here in Florida. We must be aware of how we dress and what snacks and drinks to bring in order to maintain a proper comfort level. Be careful out there. The Candler Hill ladies 18-hole ladies league is open to any resident. Please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com if you wish to join. Finally, stay safe and believe,

achieve and enjoy golf.  
**1-2-3 Best Ball Team  
Dec. 17, 2020**  
-17-Virginia Madura, Christine Giza, Sandra DeChambeau, Vickie Foster. Tie at -11-Sara Nunn, Virginia Combs, Jean Hsu, Beth Wolinsky; Kate Beaty, Angelita Jinco, Lisa Free, Anne Dahlen; Shelly Karsnitz, Eileen Gustavus, Pamela Jones, Sue Fierce.  
**Lucky Fours Individual  
Jan. 7**  
Flight 1: 40-Shelly Karsnitz. 41-Deborah Martin. 42-Sandy Snyder 43-Beverly Ovrebo  
Flight 2: 39-Angelita Jinco. 41-Sara Nunn. Tie at 42-Lisa Free, Mary Jo Lock, Eileen Gustavus.  
Flight 3: 40-Beth Wolinsky. 44-Iro Lisinski. Tie at 45-Jonell Washburn, Kate Beaty.  
Flight 4: 40-Gail Banavige. Tie at 43-Carol Clark, DeAnne Green. Tie at 45-Renee Aden, Sue Fierce.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Birthday, wedding or anniversary announcements may be emailed to otownews@otowfl.com by the 12th of the month.



**Ladies Shuffleboard**  
Lois Nix

The shuffleboard courts were resurfaced starting at the end of December 2020 continuing into January. We started shuffling again

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Monday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 9 and 11 a.m. 13. Currently, we only play every other court; this gives us enough distance between players. When restrictions are lifted, all courts will be played on; until that happens, we will continue to give out tickets to the first 20 women who join us to play. Masks are optional. Shuffleboard is open to all women residents. No firm decision has been made about our tournament in March. Paul Hodges teaches how to

shuffle the second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. Because we lost shuffling time in December 2020 the scores are lower: six ladies won five games; two won four games; and one won three games. 30-plus: 34-Kathleen Safillippo; 32-Marsha Lau; and 31-Sally Herrick. Check the bulletin board for the names of the first, second and third place winners. Hopefully, starting this month we will be able to shuffle as scheduled. Stay safe everyone. Happy shuffling.

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Bob Helf and Vickie Foster, winners of the first annual cornhole most valuable player award with award namesake Jim Russell (center). Photo by Bill Ballweg



Three years ago, I was living in Atlanta and anxiously awaiting the completion of my home. While waiting, I would read the World News to find activities and clubs to join when we moved here. I still remember the delight when I first read the cornhole column and about the new club Jim Russell had established.

The fruits of Jim Russell's passion for cornhole and many hours of development and management have grown the Cornhole Club to 120-plus club members. Cornhole members have a choice of open play and, for those who enjoy

competition, league play. League options include mixed, women's and men's leagues. To show our appreciation for Jim's painstaking efforts, we have established a new most valuable player (MVP) award for the league's top cornhole player named after our founder - Jim Russell.

To win a league championship is exciting and represents hard work and skillful play; but to be awarded the MVP award, the winner, which is based on league peers vote, is the ultimate complement of an individual's abilities. The outcome of the vote for the first MVP award turned out to be somewhat of a surprise, a tie between Vickie Foster and Bob Helf.

Vickie is a relatively new player in the league but has distinguished herself as a tough competitor who can be best described as a friendly

easy going individual off the courts but a tough competitor on the courts.

Bob Helf is a long-term league player and is considered the "superman" of men's and mixed league play. He is far and away the most talented and skilled player in the league. After competing against Bob, I can assure you he is far superior to Superman as he has no weakness; heck, I have seen him eat Kryptonite for lunch.

Congratulations to both Vickie and Bob, our winners of the first MVP players award.

**MIXED LEAGUE:** Unlike previous seasons the 2020 holiday season was a bit anticlimactic as the Teachers (Donna Hansen and Joe Lawson) taught the rest of the league how to win the league championship as they quickly took the lead and finished with an excellent record of 14

to one. Finishing in second place were the Rejects (Vickie Foster and Rick Dikeman). Congratulations to all of the players who participated in the mixed doubles league.

**MEN'S LEAGUE:** The men's 2020 holiday season featured some new teams and players in the league, but unfortunately finished with the same results. The Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) managed to secure their sixth straight winning season with an overwhelming finish. Congratulations to all of the players in the men's league; we played in some very tough weather but managed to play and have a great deal of fun.

Our winter season is in process, but soon we will be planning for our spring season. If you have interest in playing in any of our leagues (mixed, men's or women's), contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com.

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### Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Denise Mullen

As we embrace a new year and everyone is diving headfirst into their new goals and resolutions to make certain that this year will be the best ever, how do we stay the course to ensure we accomplish this?

No matter what has rocked the boat for you in the last few months or even the last year, there is no reason to not get yourself back on track. It may not be the start of a new year every day, but every day is an opportunity to start something new.

If you are looking to get back into your golf routine, why not attend some of the monthly clinics we offer? You can stop by the Golf Shop and get the schedule for the year and pre-register for any of the topics that are of interest to you. If short game is an area of need for you to improve, Saturday, Feb. 6 will address chipping and Saturday, Feb. 13 will address pitching.

During the colder months, the golf course shows more imperfections due to the grass not growing and all the cart traffic we are experiencing due to single riders. Please be aware of your driving habits and traffic patterns. It is best to scatter and not all enter the grass off the cart path at the same point. Remember to use the 90-degree rule as much as possible instead of

driving down the center of the fairway. You do not have to return to the cart path, you can travel over to the rough and go forward and then come back out to your ball.

Once you arrive on the green, please take a moment to repair ball marks, even if you did not produce one. A repaired ball mark will heal much faster and provide a smoother surface to putt on.

Are you noticing unraked bunkers? Did your ball land in a footprint? Not everyone has a rake in their cart. Should this happen to you, simply lift your ball out of the footprint and place it no closer to the hole in smoother sand with no penalty. After you have executed your shot out of the bunker, please rake the area that was not previously raked in addition to your own

area that you hit from. In case you do not have a rake and would like to purchase one, we sell them at Candler Hills Golf Shop.

We invite any new ladies who prefer to only play nine holes to participate in our 9-Hole Play Day 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.

Please feel free to contact Nick (nick\_schwander@otowfl.com) or myself (denise\_mullen@otowfl.com) with any and all concerns or questions you may have. Candler Hills Golf Shop phone number is (352) 861-9712.



### Ladies 9-Hole Golf

Russ Smith

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

- Feb. 2: Low Net where everyone plays their own ball, and your handicap will be deducted from your total score.
- Feb. 9: Three Blind Mice is a fun game where the Golf Shop will pick three holes to not count towards the team score. The twist is you won't know the three holes until you finish your round.
- Feb. 16: Team Scramble is where everyone tees off, you pick the best drive, and everyone plays from there. You repeat this process until the ball is holed.
- Feb. 23: Low Net is where everyone plays their own ball

and tees off from the black tee box and your handicap will be deducted from your total score.

Now that we are in the month of February, I want to remind everyone that your shop credit will be expiring at the end of the month. Please make sure to stop by the Golf Shop and the staff will let you know how much is in your account and help you with any purchase.

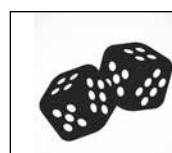
We continue to get great feedback about the mobile app. If you have not downloaded the app or have any questions about how to set it up, please call me or come by the Golf Shop and I will be happy to help.

I have been getting questions about the pace of play. A good rule of thumb is to keep up with the group in front of you. If you find yourself falling behind, make sure to use ready golf to catch back up. For those of you that have never heard of ready golf, it simply means be ready to hit when it's your turn. Instead of sitting in the cart watch-

ing everyone else hit their shot, you can be at your ball trying to figure out the yardage and what club to hit so when it's your turn you will be ready.

Now I know last month I talked about out of bounds, but please remember if you hit your ball out of

bounds into a resident's yard you need to consider your ball gone. The residents' yards are private property, and you are not allowed to drive your golf cart or walk into any of them. We ask that everyone please respect each other's property.



### Bunco Babes Social Group

Micki Malsch

This is how we roll! League play is Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Masks or face coverings are mandatory for league players. Please make sure if you are getting substitutes for your team, they must have a mask or face covering.

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 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. Mandatory social distancing is in effect for open bocce, masks or face coverings are recommended. Social distancing guidelines will affect the number of players per court.

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 ...

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**U-Boats: So Close to Home**  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021 | 1 - 2:30 PM

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**From the Mayflower to King Philip's Indian War**  
Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 1 - 2:30 PM

November of 2020 marked the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims landing in Plymouth and establishing the first permanent colonial settlement in the New World. Crucial to their success was the friendship of Wampanoag leader Massasoit. Ironically, Massasoit's son Metacomb, also known as Philip, went to war with the colonies to try and regain their tribal land. This war, known as King Philip's War, had the highest casualty rate per capita of any American war, including the Civil War. The war was also the first major war in America.

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## Golf

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Now that the stress of the holiday season is behind us, we can move forward and get back to some normalcy. The start of 2021 should be an exciting and eventful time.

Candler Hills will be hosting the annual World Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament Friday, Feb. 12 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The format will be couples alternate shot. The cost is \$15 per player for awards and prizes. The Club at Candler Hills will have food and beverage specials concluding play. Please register in your respective Golf Shop.

Candler Hills will host a Cleveland demo day Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are in the market for a new set of golf clubs, do not miss this opportunity.

With March right around the corner, we are proud to announce the

return of the Ocala Open. The 2021 Ocala Open will be held Wednesday, March 24 through Friday, March 26, at Candler Hills Golf Club with a Pro-Am scheduled for Tuesday, March 23. The benefitting charities will again be Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services. For more information on the 2021 Ocala Open visit OcalaOpen.com.

The On Top of the World staff would like to remind everyone to return all range balls and baskets to the respective Golf Shop after use. Please do not take these items home with you, keeping these items in circulation avoids us from having to continue to purchase new equipment. This in turn helps keep range prices minimal. Also, to maximize the use of the grass on the driving range please keep your divots in a linear pattern. This will help keep the driving range in better condition. We appreciate your understanding.

Last reminder – all shop credit expires Sunday, Feb. 28. Any credit won in February will not be post-

ed to your account until Monday, March 1. It's time to shop!

## Upcoming Events

- Friday, Feb. 12: World Sadie Hawkins at Candler Hills Golf Club with 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Saturday, Feb. 20: String Event at The Tortoise & Hare with 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Saturday, Feb. 27: Animal Golf at Candler Hills Golf Club with 9 a.m. shotgun.
- Tuesday, March 23: Ocala Open Pro Am at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Wednesday, March 24 through Friday, March 26: Ocala Open Charity Golf Tournament at Candler Hills Golf Club.

## World Accolades

**CANDLER HILLS:** Rean Morse, eagle #9. Ken Reeves, hole-in-one #17.

**THE LINKS:** Mike Benes, hole-in-one #14. Neal Davis, eagle #14. Carl Zeiler, eagle #9. Rudy Normandin shot his age 3 times.

**THE TORTOISE & THE HARE:** Jeff Earle, Hole-in-One #13. Dwight

Weirich, eagle #5. Bob Flynn, hole-in-one #13.

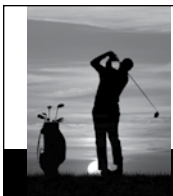
Congratulations to all!

## Golf Tip of the Month

You're on the way to breaking 80 for the first time and you drive the ball in the fairway bunker on the 18th hole. I know how everyone hates the dreaded fairway bunker shot. Here are some tips to ensure you shoot your best round ever.

1. Make sure to hit the ball first. Unlike a greenside bunker you need to hit the ball first.
2. Take one extra club than you would from the fairway and slightly grip down on the club.
3. Play the ball back in your stance.
4. Dig your feet into the sand just enough to build a solid foundation.
5. Take a three quarters swing. You want to keep your body still to ensure a good solid strike.

Follow these five tips to improve fairway bunker play and gain the confidence you need to break 80.



## Men's Golf Association

John Yenne

Don't forget to pick up the new Men's Golf Association handbook for 2021 in the Golf Shop. The handbook is free, and it includes league information, eligibility and conduct rules, a rain policy, and an explanation of the games we play.

One change in the handbook this year is naming the members of the Handicap Committee. They include Men's Golf Association (MGA) president, Charles Crenshaw (oversight responsibility); and tournament directors, Jerry Englar, Brian Wilder, and Roger Sparks.

The league continues to operate under restrictions, although the handbook reflects normal operating procedures.

Our popular monthly Chicken Day event is still on hold until further notice. Once it is considered safe for large numbers of people to gather together, we will restart it.

The association has 292 members. Please welcome the newest: Ruben Alvarez, Philip Moherek, James

Tolson, Michael Kelly, David Butler, Don Edmond, Michael Lane and Dwight Weirich.

Mark these upcoming Wednesday events in your calendar:

- Feb. 3: Scramble (The Links)
- Feb. 10: 2 Man Team 1 Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Feb. 17: Individual Low Net (The Links)
- Feb. 24: Shamble (The Tortoise & The Hare)

## Individual Low Net Dec. 30, 2020/The Links

Flight 1: Tie at 72-Bill Manny and Ricki Plesea. Tie at 73-Brian Wilder, Steven Rudolph and Russell Zile. Tie at 74-Anthony Morris, Joe Moenter and Joe Wilks.

Flight 2: 71-Rudy Normandin. Tie at 73-Gregory Dyer and Roger Sparks. Tie at 74-David Miller and Rusty Rhodes. 75-Dennis McCourt. Tie at 77-Bob Barbee, Rusty Zarrell and Larry Manion.

Flight 3: 70-Howard Atherton. 71-Carl Zeiler. 72-Norm Hayworth. 74-David Hannasch. 75-Brad Weirick. Tie at 78-Robert Dellapenna, David Woitek and Tom McHaffie.

Flight 4: Tie at 74-Vince Dellapenna and Leonard Ruble. 76-Clay Norgan. 77-Bob Gee. Tie at 78-Ronald Grob and Bob Marks. Tie at 79-

John Sutherland and Joe Baumgartner.

Flight 5: 67-Tom Cummings. 68-Mike Driver. 72-Tom Neville. 73-Norman Schulze. 74-Thomas Kujawa. 75-John Bauer. 77-Paul Douchinett.

## Team Scramble Jan. 6/The Links

Tie at 59-Jim Lefaver, Ken Zweiback, David Garland and Joe Wilks; John English, Robert Anderson, Leonard Ruble and Ron Nichols. 60-Jerry Englar, Rusty Zarrell and Norm Hayworth. Tie at 61-Russell Zile, David Miller, Bob Janssen and John Hartney; Jim Weaver, Greg McDowell, Tom McHaffie and Bob

Gorman. Tie at 63-Joe Polizzotti, Gary Hassett, Ralph Solvold and Joe Moenter; Steven Rudolph, Dan Goggin and Al Slach; Larry Manion, Dale Clarke, Paul Snyder and Loren Magsam. Tie at 64-Roger Sparks, John Parnau, Joseph Mandala and Mike Driver; David Hannasch, Rick Strynar, David Wohlleber and Ed Hoppa; Thomas Laclair, Bob Barbee, Ronald Grob and Paul Douchinett. Tie at 65-Steven Sarkozy, Jeff Rothwell, James McCormack and Alan Theusch; Charlie Taylor, Raymond Hendrix and Clay Norgan; Rusty Rhodes, Mike Ball, Robert Dellapenna and Bob Marks.

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Photo by Susan Yenne  
**Joe Hilchey can make nearly anything from a piece of wood.**

# Tuesday Crafters

By Susan Yenne  
World News Writer

On Tuesday mornings, 32 crafters become businesspeople at the craft show organized by the Artistic Crafts & Gifts in the Recreation Center Ballroom, selling scarves, jewelry, ornaments, placemats, bookmarks, cards, facemasks, wood products such as Samba boards, kitchen tools, wine stoppers, dolls, paintings, pottery, knitted items – and lots more.

“We have 32 tables and a waiting list,” said Rene Beck, coordinator for the group that has existed since the early 1990s. “We each do our own craft at home and bring them up to sell.”

The one thing they need more of is buyers. On a Tuesday before Christmas 2020, shoppers were more abundant but still outnumbered by sellers. To compensate, the group has gone online at ArtisticCrafts.org, where the crafts are available to see and buy.

Joe Hilchey, a carpenter and cabinet maker his entire career, makes anything and everything from wood. At the woodshop, he’s the one who will take on custom orders and repairs. He also participates in the annual Toys for Tots program,

making many wooden toys each year.

His hobby isn’t really a money-maker, “We all tend to make just enough to keep the hobby going.”

Lorraine Erikson said she’s been knitting “all my life.” She used to have a store where she would teach, repair high-quality sweaters, read patterns – “and do that finishing work no one likes to do.” Her table had a variety of items such as scarves and hats.

Reba Pressley’s table changes with the season. Her Christmas wreaths will become Valentine’s Day wreaths, then St. Patrick’s Day wreaths. Her snow globes also will change.

Mindy Silberstein also adjusts for the season. She loves doing decoupage, but now includes a lot of jewels to make things “detailed gift items” such as ornaments. “When you’re a crafter, you invest any money you make back into it. So, it better be fun.”

John Ford recently started selling Samba, card and domino boards – and was surprised how well-received his boards have been. Yes, there are a lot of game-players in the community.

Vera Mangold, who taught herself to paint using books, has added a new craft to her table – pottery – a skill she has learned and is practicing at Master the Possibilities. “We have it all here, don’t we?”

**Friday, February 19, 2021**  
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**Rene Beck leads the Artistic Crafts & Gifts group — and makes scarves.**

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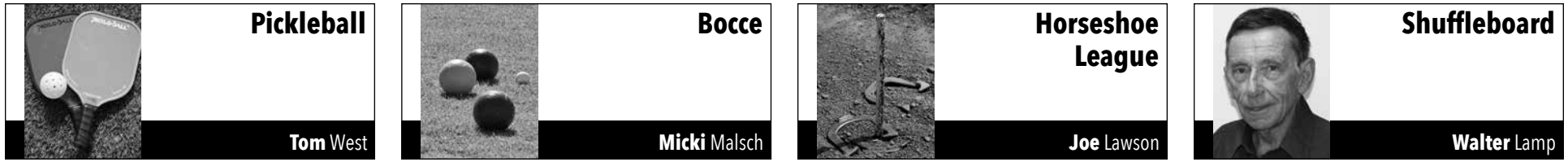
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Our annual meeting transpired last month at Circle Square Commons and it was a success. The new slate of club officers is President Andy Woods, Vice President Dave Phelps, Secretary Bill Bender, Treasurer Shizuka Campagna, Directors Herb Katz, Jim Sipe and Dave Woitek. I would like to welcome and thank the members of the board for volunteering to help the club and do the necessary work to keep things running smoothly for our members.

The winner of the club logo contest was Leslie Latto. Her design was voted on and chosen by the members and Leslie was the recipient of the award for the contest. Thank you to all our members who submitted a design to be considered. It was a close vote, but our members have spoken and while all the designs were wonderful, there could only be one winner.

One thing all members should be aware of is that a motion was introduced at the annual meeting to eliminate rally scoring on our courts and utilize conventional scoring. This motion was passed, and conventional scoring will be used on all courts as of Monday, Feb. 1. All our members are urged to help one another make this transition and teach the members who need help with this way of scoring. It really is very easy and most of our members are already using it.

If courts are crowded players can play games to seven instead of eleven to help alleviate wait time.

For a more in depth look at what else was covered at the meeting members can go to our website at [TPC@pickleball.plus](mailto:TPC@pickleball.plus) and click on the DOCS tab. Look at the bottom of the page for 2020 board of directors and you will see the minutes of the meeting. If you haven't been on our website yet it really is worth a look.

In returning to the new board of directors, there was the first meeting of the new board Friday, Jan. 8 and there are some duty assignments to make our members aware of. Vice President Phelps will also be event director and I am now chairperson of the events committee. I look forward to organizing some fun activities for the members and please don't hesitate to tell me what your ideas are for things you want. We will try to make it happen as long as we can get participation. Herb Katz is our training director coordinating all education and training events. Dave Woitek is our equipment director managing our ball supply, court side equipment, and adjusting net height.

In closing I would like to say thank you to all the members who encouraged me to write these columns during my time on the board. It has truly been a privilege and I know you will be just as encouraging to Andy Woods as he writes these for the members in the future. Stay safe and see you on the courts.



I am hoping to see and play with you all in 2021. We don't have word yet about when it will be, but I am sure we will all be thrilled to get together again.

How many of you have won the challenge I gave you last year? Who has made all the hands on the 2020 card? I still have a few to get and they just seem to not come my way. Keep trying. It is good practice. I know of one person who has won them all. Can you guess who?

Jokers to you until we can all get together again.

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

This is how we roll! League play is Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Masks or face coverings are mandatory for league players. Please make sure if you are getting substitutes for your team, they must have a mask or face covering.

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 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. Mandatory social distancing is in effect for open bocce, masks or face coverings are recommended. Social distancing guidelines will affect the number of players per court.

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 ...

The Horseshoe Club members are happy to welcome several new players to the Veterans Park horseshoe pits. We started league play Tuesday, Jan. 5 with 10 players. At the Veterans Park, we have five pits that will accommodate a total of 20 players. Come join us or stop by Thursdays and cheer for our travel team as we battle other retirement communities in the Tri-county Horseshoes Tournament. If anyone would like to join us, we play each Tuesday, at 10 a.m. with the travel team playing Thursdays, at 10 a.m.

The travel team is made up of six players who play six players from the other communities, both home and away. Our travel team was runner-up last year but were the champs in 2019, and we are looking forward to being on top again this year in this 11-team tournament.

Our Thursday home games (for the travel team) are Feb. 4 against Del Webb #2; Feb. 11 against The Villages White; Feb. 25 against The Villages Blue; March 4 against The Villages; and March 11 against Recreation Plantation. Feb. 18 and our last game will be away. We end it all with a fun tournament and banquet.

In 2019, we all posed for our picture with the champion plaque and noticed that it said, "On Top of the World 2019 Tri-County Champion Horseshow." I really didn't think we all looks like horses in the picture. Well, we did get a new plaque.

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

Shuffleboard is back! After a three-plus week repair break on our courts and some rainouts in December 2020, players like me got some time off. Jan. 10 was the first day of competition again. The courts were leveled off for the second time, new topping added and then left to dry and settle. Now they are all set to go again.

I'm writing this to let everyone be aware, we are indeed playing again. With restrictions still in place, come outside and try something new! If you want to just watch and then practice on your own, come on down. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 854-9378.

Don't forget, our instructional class is a great place to start. Introduction to shuffleboard is offered on the second Saturday of the month at the new courts at 11 a.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the game, we invite you to come down to the courts at the Veterans Park. We will go over the rules, scoring, safety and the basics of shooting the disc. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

**December 2020**  
Tuesday p.m.: Mario Migliaccio/Dottie Migliaccio. 30-Bill Weir.

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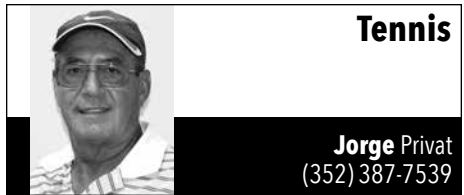
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Tennis

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We are in the middle of winter, as long as the sun is out and there is little or no wind and the courts are dry, we should be able to enjoy a nice game of tennis.

Hopefully, we will be able to structure the program better with more activities once restrictions are lifted. If there is admission to college tennis at the University of Florida, we could travel in our own vehicles once we know their schedule of play. Not certain about organizing potlucks, or grill days, but we remain optimistic about these things.

In the meantime, we will try to reinstate “ladder day” on Thursdays so that we can have a more competitive play for everyone.

The Serve

“Your serve is only as good as your toss.” Therefore, concentrate on having a consistent toss, so you can find the ball in the spot you want every time.

- The Toss: You will vary your toss according to the serve

- you are hitting.
- Footwork: How you position your feet and push off the ground will determine how and where your ball travels.
- Trophy Pose: Look closely at a tennis trophy and memorize that position. You should look like that when you serve.

The realities of tennis force us to make certain adjustments, before and even in mid-serve.

- Adjust your position along the baseline to serve to your opponent’s weak side. Either more to the left or more to the right of the center of the base line.
- Adjust your toss for kick serves, slices and flat serves; in front of you for flat serves, above your head for a kick serve, more to the side for slice serves, or to compensate for sun or wind.
- Adjust your swing path. If in the middle of the swing the wind blows, or you want to change the direction of your serve.
- Adjust the racquet head at contact to vary direction, height, spin, pace and depth. The angle of the racquet head should change for kick,

- slice, etc. You may also pause or continue with the racquet swing.
- Adjust your grip. For the most part you will want a relaxed grip and arm rather than a tight grip.
- Adjust the bending of your legs. You should have some flexion as the toss goes up to aid in your power, but this will depend on your flexibility and personal strength.

Rotation on the serve will vary depending on the player’s stance, flexibility, swing path, and serving intentions. As your toss goes up you start the coiling, gathering energy and when the right arm whips forward, the left arm acts as a decelerator by coming to the side or across your body stopping there.

Transferring weight into your serve requires rhythm and timing. Start with your weight on both feet, followed by one step into the court if your swing is that forceful. To start transferring more weight into your serve, start with your weight on your back foot before going into your service motion, or start with your weight forward, then rock your back foot before going forward into your serve.

There are several ways to complete your weight transfer. But es-

entially, it is all a transfer of kinetic energy. First, you push down on the ground, the ground pushes back to your legs, up to your hips, up to your upper body all the way up to your arm and out to the ball.

As we know, the swing has many factors – grip, swing path, strike zone and point of contact being the major ones. There are three basic options:

1. Flat serve is the most direct, straight and strong, like the baseball pitcher’s fast ball.
2. A slice is a curve ball, curving left from a right-handed server. When it hits, it often skids and stays low.
3. A kick serve is more difficult, but it often has a dramatic effect, diving sharply and kicking to the left of the returning player, like a pitcher’s screw ball.

The continental grip is the most popular for the normal slice and flat serves. But, for kick serves a back hand grip usually works best.

Swing path rhythm is crucial as you begin your back swing. Start slowly, pulling your racquet back and moving into your trophy pose, then quickly crack the whip. Slow, slow, quick.

See you on the courts!



Fit Tips

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Standard American Diet = S.A.D!

The standard American diet might literally be making your body and brain sad. The typical western diet is high in sugar, unhealthy fats and sodium. All of these in excess can be harmful to your health. Poor nutrition and excess calories are likely to result in weight gain, health risks and low energy. Here are some tips to get sugar, unhealthy fats and sodium under control. New year, new nutrition plan, new you!

**FIT TIP #1:** Ditch the sweet drinks – sodas, energy drinks, sports drinks and fruit drinks contribute to approximately 44% of the sugar in the American diet. To help reduce your sugar intake, be mind-

ful of your food but also your beverages. Try substituting flavored seltzer water or add a dash of fruit juice to your water.

**FIT TIP #2:** Focus on healthy fat – experts recommend that your daily intake (based on a 2,000-calorie diet) of healthy fats to be approximately 20 to 30% of daily calories. That amounts to about 45 to 75 grams of healthy fats per day. Avoid saturated fats, look for lean animal and dairy products and bring on the plants! Almonds, walnuts, olive oil and avocados are great sources of healthy fats.

**FIT TIP #3:** Eat in, and go low sodium – according to the American Heart Association, about 70% of the sodium we eat comes from packaged and restaurant foods. To control the sodium in your diet, avoid processed foods and dining out. Invest more time in preparing your own meals and snacks. Bold flavors are a great substitute for salt; try using garlic, herbs, spices, citrus juices and vinegar.



Candler Hills Men's Golf

Terry Hoppes

We welcomed new members Dick Gromacki, Lyle Gave, Marty Brown, David Fosdick, Bryant Giffin, Jim Kurlapski, Bill Mengele, Phil Moherek, Robert Springmann, Norman Schulze, Don Edmond, Thomas Nutt, David Butler, Bill Cline and Fredric Strynar.

Quota in Flights

Dec. 15, 2020

Flight 1: 0–Marty Brown. -1–Billy Scholp. Tie at -2–Robert Jahnke, Virgel Jajalla, Larry Smallwood.  
Flight 2: 2–Rusty Zarrell. Tie at -1–Mori Fierce, Mike Altomare. -2–Ken Zweiback.  
Flight 3: 4–Joe Pruss. -2–Brad Best. -3–Richard Ross. Tie at -4–Robert Springmann, Danny Ball, Joe Wong.  
Flight 4: Tie at -3–Frank Esposito, Edwin Vilorio. 1–Bill Searight. 0–

Mark Monk. -3–George Brombacher.

As far as his quota, Joe Pruss played very well.

Blind 9

Dec. 22, 2020

Flight 1: -4–Bill Lock. -1–Bill Wignall. Tie at +1–Marty Brown, Tony Morris, Thomas Lowe.  
Flight 2: +1–Ken Zweiback. +2–Charlie Taylor. Tie at +4–Mike Altomare, Virgel Jajalla.  
Flight 3: +1–Hal Levine. +3–Robert Springmann. Tie at +4–Tim Beaty, Joe Jingco, Robert Dellapenna.  
Flight 4: +2–Mark Monk. Tie at +3–Frank Esposito, Edwin Vilorio. +7–Sam Fox.

Stableford

Jan. 5

Flight 1: 35–Dave Steel. 34–Bill Wignall. Tie at 32–Bill Lock, Thomas Lowe, Joe Schuberth, Mike Deahl.  
Flight 2: Tie at 35–Ken Zweiback, Mike Cunningham. Tie at 34–Dick Gromacki, Lyle Gave.  
Flight 3: 37–Joe Jingco. Tie at 33–Robert Springmann, Tim Beaty. 32–Hal Levine. Tie at 30–Dennis McCourt, Andy Bulloch, Gilbert Green.  
Flight 4: 35–Edwin Vilorio. Tie at 34–Mark Monk, Brad Best. 33–Frank Esposito.

Low Net

Jan. 12

Flight 1: E–Bill Wallenstein. +1–Marty Brown. Tie at +2–Paul Sepulveda, Bill Wignall.  
Flight 2: -2–David Fosdick. +1–Rusty Zarrell. Tie at +2–Bill Maxwell, Charlie Taylor. +3–Mike Altomare. +4–Michael Brajer.  
Flight 3: -1–Robert Springmann. E–Joe Jingco. +1–Dave Miller. +3–Richard Ross. +6–James Dewey.  
Flight 4: E–Bill Searight. +2–Brad Best, Dutch Schulze. +3–Frank Esposito. Tie at +5–Edwin Vilorio, George Brombacher, Mark Monk.

David Fosdick gets the nod for the round of the day relative to his handicap.

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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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Arbor Conference Center (Dance Studios I, II, III)

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Yoga* Radha			Yoga* Kathy	

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Arbor Fitness Center Pool


TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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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		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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### New Dietary Guidelines for Americans

Federal officials launched the new U.S. Dietary Guidelines Dec. 29, 2020. The guidelines for Americans are updated every five years. The timing of this publication is perfect as many of us are looking for nutritional guidance after life altering behaviors in 2020. Many people confined to homes have decreased activity and turned to comfort foods during this challenging time. This type of lifestyle change is likely to result in weight gain, a phenomenon referred to as the “quarantine 15.”

The broad strokes of new dietary guidelines are exactly what you would imagine. They encourage Americans to increase nutrient dense foods and cut back on sugar, sodium, saturated fats and alcohol. Nutrient dense foods are high in nutrients (vitamins, minerals and other health promoting components) and typically lower in calories. They also have little added sugar, fats and sodium.

Specifically, the dietary recommendations for sugar consumption are 10% or less of daily calories, and alcoholic beverages to be limited to two per day for men and one per day for women. The report notes, “The preponderance of evidence supports limiting intakes of added sugars and alcoholic beverages to promote health and prevent disease.”

For the first time, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines provide a “full life-span approach.” Each chapter high-

lights the unique, nutritional needs throughout the different stages of life. Older adults are classified at 60 years and older. Older adults are at a greater risk of chronic diseases and changes in body composition (decreased muscle and bone mass, coupled with weight gain). Due to these factors, it is especially important for older adults to adopt a healthy dietary pattern along with an active lifestyle.

A key underlying message of the new guidelines is to “make every bite count” and remember that it is never too late to make dietary improvements. For a complete review of 2020-2025 U.S. Dietary Guidelines, visit [dietaryguidelines.gov](https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov).

If you are seeking more education, motivation and accountability to improve your personal nutrition plan, I would recommend participating in this year’s Lean & M.E.A.N. (Motivation, Exercise, Accountability and Nutrition) program. This six-week course meets weekly on Tuesdays from Feb. 2 through March 11.

Lean & M.E.A.N. is a weight-loss support group that dedicates time to both education and exercise. Trainers Kelly Braley, Jessica Pinkowski and Cammy Dennis will

lead weekly sessions. This program will address topics such as nutrition, exercise and sustainable lifestyle change. Gain the information and tools you need to successfully lose weight and/or maintain a healthy weight.

The cost for the program is \$25; interested residents can sign up at the Arbor Fitness Center. Social distancing will be in place and masks are required. For more information, please call (352) 854-8707 ext. 7638.

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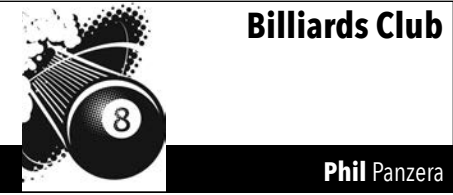
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In January, we had an important meeting of the Billiard Club, electing officers for the coming year. The meeting was very well attended, and there was keen interest and questioning from many club members. Our usual quarterly meetings have been restricted during the past year, but we will try and get the meetings back to a more normal basis as the community and safety concerns allow.

Dan Newby was elected as president, and Rich Deschenes was elected as vice president. Penny Wilson resumed the post she has

long held as second vice president, representing the interests of our ladies. Joe Amigiore continues as the club's treasurer, and Phil Panzera was elected as secretary.

We especially thank Rich Deschenes, Kathy Covino and Bob Stubbs for their service as president, second vice president and secretary in 2020.

In January, the club started another session of its in-house league. The league will run through May and has 12 teams of two people each. The league is open to both men and women, and teammates are drawn by random lottery.

The competition consists of two sets of eightball and nine-ball. After 11 weeks - when each team has played every other team - the 12 teams will be divided into two divisions, and then playoffs will be

held. This format gives all players a hopeful chance at the brass ring.

Please note that while the league is playing on Tuesdays, from 1 to perhaps 4 p.m., the room will be at full occupancy per current restrictions, so no watchers or non-league players may be present until the league is over.

Annual dues times were due in January. If you haven't plunked your hardly-budget-busting \$5 per year dues into the blue box yet, please consider doing so. While dues are voluntary, it is the honorable thing to do, and the dues are used for a very good purpose for room supplies and maintenance. Club dues are also the ticket of admission for club social events and voting.

As fewer people are playing now during these unusual times, our

normal methods of communicating about club events in person and from room signs has been severely curtailed. As secretary, I will therefore be trying hard to compile as complete and current an email list as I can.

If you did not receive an email from the club Monday, Jan. 11, you are likely not on the club email list. If you do wish to receive information about club meetings, leagues, tournaments, pizza parties, the annual Christmas dinner and other events, please send me an email at rocketceo@gmail.com and I'll make sure you're included. Thanks.

**TIP OF THE MONTH:** I just read an interesting scientific study, which concluded that playing pool on a regular basis helps in keeping your memory alive. I wish you all a great 2018!



2021 started off with a bang! 19 archers participated in our New Year's Eve club shoot which had three divisions. The top three finishers in each group were:

Compound: 276-Mark D'Addario. 275-Charlie Dove. 258-Paul McGluckin.

Barebow: 150-Sam Scarbrough. 125-Tom Roach. 119-Mike Bantz.

Recurve with Sight/Fingers: Tie at 237-Tom West (2X) and Patty Hoppe (2X). 178-Pete Tomaselli (1X).

The format for the club shoot was 20 yards and Vegas colored target faces with three arrows per end, 10 ends for a maximum of 300 points. The same format is being used for the Vegas Target League that started on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and is running for eight weeks with both compound and recurve archers.

A second league for recurve archers only launched on Saturday, Jan. 9, with 13 shooters and 2 divisions: barebow or recurve with sights. They are shooting at 10, 20 and 30 yards and this league is running for five weeks.

Some members are participating in both leagues but regardless of when they want to shoot, or which

groups they want to join, the goal is to have fun!

Our first club meeting in 2021 was held outdoors at the range to allow all members to attend. This was our first full club meeting since March 2020. Various membership, treasury and general updates from the board were provided. Key new topics included getting more ladies out to the range events, the proper way to keep your bow within your space at the shooting line and what the club is doing to get optimum use out of our targets. We completed our 2021 membership renewal cycle for dues, and we have over 115 members and continue to grow monthly.

If you are interested in the sport

of target archery you are welcome to stop by the range and see what we are all about. We have 16 sets of club equipment for members to use. New members attend a required safety orientation and archery basics session and are then ready to get out to the range. If you would like membership information, you can contact Leslie at llmccorm74@aol.com.

Our club shoot is Saturday, Jan. 30. Members can register at 9:30 a.m. and shooting starts at 10 a.m. We hope to have a good turnout.

As always, thank you to our volunteers. We have a quality range operation because of their help.

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GOOD NEWS TO SHARE?

Email [otownews@otowfl.com](mailto:otownews@otowfl.com) with your idea(s). If approved, a World News writer will be assigned.

Only good news about the community, a club(s) or a resident(s) will be considered.

## ‘Bunco for Babies’ Fundraiser

By Michelle Malsch

The fifth annual Bunco for Babies fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 27. 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, please check back with me two weeks prior as sometimes tickets become available.

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

Please make sure to check the World News for updated information regarding this event.

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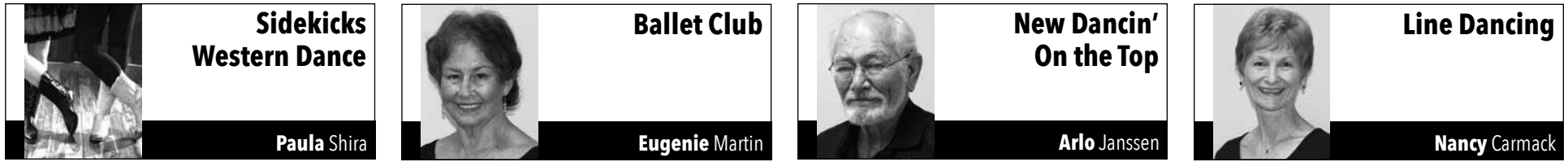
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Welcome to February! Our beginner class is off to a great start. We have a full class of 50 with a stand-by list. The dance is being taught by BJ and Roger Schwartz.

Our newest Sidekicks have learned dance etiquette, which is basically stay out of the way of the line dancers and free dancers and dance on the outside ring of the dance floor. Most dancers in this community are great when they see a line of partner dancers coming and move out of our way if they are on the outside edge of the dance floor. Sometimes we weave in and out of dancers, but everyone makes it work.

They are working their way through several dances, starting with Rimrock Dreams, then moving to 16 step and an all-time club favorite, Texas waltz. By the end of the dance season our beginners will be ready to dance at The Town Square, happy hour and of course with the entire club.

Our main group is dancing the second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Feb. 9 and 23). Our beginner group is dancing weekly.

We are already making plans for our year end party and will post the details when the party plans are finalized.

Sidekicks has a private Facebook page for members so if you are a member and you use Facebook, please look for Sidekicks Partner Dance Group. There are a couple of trick questions (not really) before you are admitted to the group. We share a lot of information on Facebook, but we also communicate by email. If you have any questions, please email otowsidekicks@gmail.com.

Watch for us on the outside ring of The Town Square on the week-ends. You might see a large circle with all of us doing the same dance or you could see us break up and do different dances to a single song. We encourage our dancers to listen to music and get up and give a dance a try.

The priority of Sidekicks is to have fun and we sure do have a lot of fun dancing together. If we learn some dances along the way, even better. The Sidekicks circle is never complete without each and every one of you and there is always room for more.

Please stay safe, follow all the protocols in place, and dance every day.

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

Happy mid-winter to all! The cooler weather makes exercise more inviting, doesn't it? Many people ride their bicycles, and others take long walks, as do some of my dancers. However, I prefer walking behind a food cart in the supermarket. Sometimes I walk faster than others, and have to say, "beep-beep," like roadrunner, or "pardonnez-moi," like the Muppet, Miss Piggy. When waiting for checkout or delicatessen service, I often do "releves," which involves rising up on the balls of my feet, ballet-style.

Of course, ballet is my favorite exercise, which is why I, and the other members of the Ballet Club, do it. We get to dance to beautiful music after a long warm-up. We wear pretty leotards and skirts, and many of us try to match our masks to our outfits.

Our four weekly classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room. To get there, just drive around the pool areas to the building at the back. The Ballet Room is just to the left of the public restrooms.

Starting this month, our Friday class will be a beginner/technique class. We will have a more basic, slower barre section of the class, and will stress individual steps and how to do them properly. This might be a good time to begin class, if you are considering it.

- Here is our weekly schedule:
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
  - Fridays (beginner/technique): noon to 1:15 p.m.
  - Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Beginners are always welcome, and no ballet clothes are necessary to start, just stretchy exercise clothes, socks, a mask and a bottle of water. For more information, please call me at (352) 854-8589. Happy dancing!

The winter season is upon us here in Florida and spring is just around the corner. We want you to be safe and well. We want you to enjoy dancing when it returns in full force to our great community.

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

The New Dancin' On the Top club membership cards are here and are available for our club members. We are preparing for dances later this year; however, there will be no Valentine's Day dance. Please watch for any future changes to our New Dancin' On the Top calendar. Our club members are set and ready to do more dancing this year!

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

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.

We are looking for volunteers to backup Jack and Jean as president and Donna as secretary/communication. Please call Jean or Donna if interested. The New Dancin' On the Top Club is open to all residents.

Keep on dancing into the great year of 2021.

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February is here, and all dance classes are back in full swing, as well as our Wednesday practice sessions. Over the holidays most of us took in many more calories than usual, so dancing is a wonderful way to burn off some of that excess we took in over the past couple of months. Of course, Valentine's Day is coming up, so more discipline is needed with all that chocolate enticing us! Just keep in mind that dancing is one of the best exercises for both body and mind.

We really wish that we could be planning a monthly dance to celebrate; however, since we still have many necessary restrictions, we are still on hold with those dances. We will keep everyone informed as to when they will start up again.

As of this writing, a new set of dances will be starting very soon Thursday nights at The Town Square. Many of the old dances were kept, and new ones added. The list of dances was made with all levels of dancers in mind, so everyone can dance. If you haven't attended one of these nights, think about coming out to join us. It is truly a lot of fun to be outdoors and dancing with all of your friends.

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

Stay healthy. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

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## Watercolor Painted Faces

By Elizabeth Wales

Hopefully many of you were able to view the semi-annual exhibit that the Art Group displayed in the lobby of the Master the Possibilities building for the month of January.

One of the contributors, Louise Kaufman, has been a member of the Art Group for several years now. When she is not at work creating the wonderful works of art, she and her Wheaton Terrier, Jake, can be seen roaming around Americana Village, smiling at the world and greeting neighbors.

She hails from a family of professional artists, all with many years in the business of making and selling artwork. Though single, this delightful lady is never alone; she has herself surrounded by many watercolor painted faces! She finds her subjects in photos from fashion magazines or real life, as in the portraits she paints of her grandchildren. Louise's home is a magical place to visit, with many walls adorned with her beautiful pieces.

Even in the confines of restrictions, the Art Group can still practice in the sizable Hobby Building Art Room. Our scheduled times are Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m.

We know that our community is adding new residents every week, so please be advised that if you are interested in joining this little group, we welcome you to do so. Our coordinator, Anne Merrick, can answer any questions you may have. Her contact information is (352) 732-0706, or [gaeanne@earthlink.net](mailto:gaeanne@earthlink.net).

You may also find us at [ocalaarts.org](http://ocalaarts.org). There you can see members and their various forms of artwork. Our group is very informal, and yet some members have extensive training and will gladly help when needed. Just bring your mask and own supplies. Hope to see you soon!



Photo by Elizabeth Wales

Louise Kaufmann's wall.

## Diverse Creativity

By 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](http://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 con-

nect 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 and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month, we feature the background of Cherryl Sullivan, who

moved here with her husband John in 2019. She wanted to get involved in all the activities, but within Artistic Crafts & Gifts she was right where she needed to be, at a table selling her handmade products. She was excited to be surrounded by so much local talent. She has been a regular vendor since the craft show reopened after restrictions were lifted.

Having worked for Cobb County government in Marietta, Georgia in

human resources, years later she was hired as assistant to the chief deputy clerk. With several of the staff becoming pregnant throughout the years, she started making heirloom baby blankets. It got to be a popular gift from her, until co-workers started asking her to make blankets to give to friends. It was now time to create Che Custom Designs.

In high school, Cherryl fell in love with sewing, as her mother sewed and taught her so many skills. With such a desire to create, it eats at her when she's idle. When friends ask her to make something, she then designs her own pattern for it. She taught herself to embroider, upgrading to one of the better sewing machines with lots of decorative stitches.

Some things Cherryl loves to make are baskets, rugs, stuffed animals, tea towels and golf towels with embroidery on them. There are blankets of all kinds, scarves, and retro skirts made by taking old skirts or blue jeans and recreating them. Dog beds, dog jackets, big breakfast nook cushions, large and small purses are a few of her other items. We will be seeing some diverse and creative items being made by this talented lady.

For those who have never visited on Tuesday, please take an hour and go by and see the wide variety of quality items for sale. Cherryl is now part of our virtual website also, so you can see hers and everyone's crafts even if you can't get to the weekly show. Any vendor can make arrangements with you to purchase items throughout the week.

If you have your own artistic endeavor you wish to sell, please contact us through our website [ArtisticCrafts.org](http://ArtisticCrafts.org) where our coordinator Rene can answer all your questions.



Photo by Cherryl Sullivan

Artistic Crafts & Gifts vendor Cherryl Sullivan displays a wide variety of her handmade products.





**The New Pretenders**

Nancy Grabowski

We continue down the path of 2021 with many questions still unanswered. Our troupe is more than anxious to resume our activities and can't wait to entertain you. However, we cannot confirm any dates currently.

A ton of the past columns have detailed the people and work surrounding The New Pretenders. Organizations of all types need support from many sides and ours is no exception. We have recognized our audiences, our team who is committed to the finest performances, our spouses, friends, and our behind-the-scenes workers. There is one more group that we acknowledge with sincere thanks.

The group we wish to recognize includes Theresa Fields, Maggie Richards, and Nora Dominguez. Without these ladies, we would be unable to function. Each works with us to secure dates, places for practices, meetings, and shows.

Theresa is the program manager, having held that position since 2008. Prior to that, Theresa worked in various departments starting in 2004. She is a native of Texas, arriving in Florida as a child. She enjoys meeting people from all over and coordinating the clubs, facilities, activities, events and trips keeps her mind strong! Her bright outlook is a positive for our community as it grows.

Maggie is the first smile you see as you enter the Recreation Center. She is always busy yet finds the time to answer questions and meet the needs of any who arrive on her doorstep. Maggie has worked in different locales including The Arbors. She can be spotted at Happy Hour quite often and has a flair for decorating the theme nights when called upon. When she's not hard at work, you just might spot her working out in the gym ... she's like the Energizer bunny!

Nora is the epitome of a people person, having worked in a variety of positions here for the past 10 years. She has grown with her efforts and considers this the best job she's had since leaving her homeland, Colombia. There she



Theresa Fields, Nora Dominguez, George Brush, and Joe Wood.

Photo by Nancy Jennings-Fair

was a supervisor of the largest travel agency in South America.

As a child she visited this country and fell in love with it while visiting family in the Ocala area. This hard-working gal, proud of her Latin roots, became an American citizen in 2012. Nora is easily found at the Indigo East Fitness Center with

her ever-present smile which lights up any room!

We would be remiss if we didn't include native Floridian Jerritt Weaner and his amazing maintenance staff, too. Jerritt, most likely, is the most "behind-the-scenes" staffer in our community, arriving here in 2005. Jerritt is skilled

in maintenance, construction, and most importantly, problem-solving! He and his crew have built a dressing room, literally, out of thin air for us!

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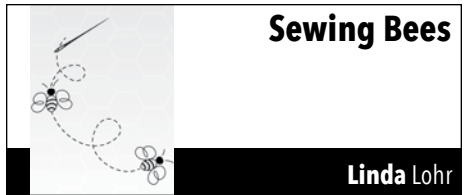
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The Sewing Bees returned to the hive Thursday, Jan. 7. After a month off, it was great to be sewing again. We had several donations of material which was sorted for various types of quilts.

Several of us sewed quilts, some matched material for quilts and others tied the quilts which keeps them nice and neat. We now make quilts for infants and doll blankets for their dollies and action figures.

For the year 2020 we made: 30 children's quilts; 20 infant quilts; 82 Christmas quilts; 48 pillows; 223 stuffed animals; 392 totes (for the children to carry their quilt and other possessions); 58 doll blankets; 25 ditty bags (small toiletries are also provided by the Bees). The total is 878! Quite a lot of work with a reduced sewing crew. Congratula-

tions to all those involved.

We've had many wonderful donations of material and we thank each and every one of our donors! Currently we are in need of funding to purchase the batting needed for our quilts. Donations can be mailed to me at 8387 SW 84th Loop or they can be dropped off any Thursday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. Thank you in advance.

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

Please contact Kathy Nardone at (352) 300-3063 or Marsha Schnee at (813) 920-3487 with any questions or concerns.



Photo by Linda Lohr

Detail of a donated quilt



Photo by Linda Lohr

Swap card by Jean Jarmel.



Well, 2021 has begun and hopefully we will be able to meet in person in a few more months.

The opening up of rooms to two persons per table is a big start towards gathering again. As we share all our supplies, our group is not quite ready to offer presentations. But we look forward to having new members when the time is right.

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.

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.

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

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



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**Theatre Group**

**Richard Rosen**

As we patiently wait for restrictions to be lifted, our theater community stands ready to resume activities and performances as soon as possible. The Theatre Group will be welcoming new members into our fold as soon as we get the green light to go. We are planning for another musical theater revue

featuring some of the material we had planned to employ in our 2020 scheduled “Snippets” program as well as some exciting new songs and production numbers.

In February, Master the Possibilities will offer a theatrical appreciation and performance course entitled, “Life Upon the Wicked Stage.” If you would like to gain insight and skills into the exciting world of theater, this is the course for you! The highlight of the class will be either a virtual or live performance showcased by our course members in June.



**Concert Chorus**

**David Wesenberg**

Concert Chorus activities are still temporarily suspended. We hope to be back for winter 2021. This is a great time to think about singing with the chorus when we can meet and begin preparing a concert in September. We are all hopeful that will be the case.

Our fall concerts focus on music for the holidays. Sharing familiar songs, and introducing a few new

unfamiliar songs, is great fun for our wonderful audiences and great fun to sing.

Our spring performances are typically based on a musical theme and include show tunes and popular music that audiences know well. Some are challenging to sing which is half the fun in preparing for them.

Singing is always a lot of fun! Especially with others. Join us and find out for yourself how much fun it is to sing and prepare our musical programs in the spring and fall. Contact May Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or flmam68@aol.com for more information.



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### Husband

It gives me joy to see you smile  
You know I love you, all the while,  
You show your love in a different way  
By all the little things you do each day.

You encourage me to be myself  
You care for me in sickness and health  
I can't believe how you changed my life  
I am so grateful to be your wife.

Walk with me and hold my hand  
Let us travel together across the land  
With love and trust we stay together  
Husband, friend, our love is forever.

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### Evening Love

Sure, I see the wrinkles, and lines upon your skin.  
They only show that time has passed, now I look more within.  
They show the years of happiness, that you have given me.  
Of all the moments we have shared and all those, yet to be.  
When we are walking, hand in hand, I see a bruise or two.  
I think of all the work you've done, those little things “say you.”  
With pleasure I remember, most days, in all these years.  
The cards, gifts, smiles you give, all bring me happy tears.  
The music, that we love so much, may be from yesterday.  
Yet time stands still, for both of us, when all those old songs play.  
Now as the evening shadows fall, we hold each other tight.  
“Oh,” to be as youthful, as we were, on that first night.

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**Sunshine Quilters**

**Karen Luther**

Come join the Sunshine Quilters! We welcome anyone interested in quilting or trying your hand for the very first time. One-on-one mentoring is available to all interested. We meet each Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as well as our weekly sit and sew Wednesdays, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room.

Our monthly club meeting is



**View from the Library**

**Linda Barilli**

“Queen of the Waves” by Janice Thompson is a rich/poor girl “fairytale” story that takes place in England in the early 1900s. Part of the story takes place on the Titanic. This is an easy read with some inspirational elements. It can be found in hardcover fiction.

“The Samurai’s Garden” by Gail Tsukiyama is told by Stephen, a young Chinese man who was attending the university when he became ill with tuberculosis. It is 1937, Stephen is sent to recuperate in Tamua, a coastal city in Japan. He soon realizes that there are other hardships surrounding him. He is living in a time plagued by leprosy and war. The perfect family he grew up in is not what he believed it to be. But he finds peace when he visits the leper colony and meets a woman who was shunned by her lover because of her affliction. He also discovers tranquility in the samurai garden. This book can be found in hardcover fiction.

“Love @ First Site” is a novel by Jane Moore and delves into the world of online dating. Jess is 34 years old with no prospects of marriage. She has a close relationship with her sister and wishes she could have the life her sister enjoys with a husband and two children. Jess also has a circle of fabulous, supportive friends. One of these friends signs Jess up on a dating site. It becomes a little chaotic. Does she find Mr. Right? This is a funny book full of witty observations and can be found in hardcover fiction.

“You Don’t Lose ‘Til You Quit Trying” by Sammy Lee Davis (with Caroline Lambert) is a true story about a man’s love for his country. In his senior year, Davis joined the U.S. Army. In March of 1967 he boarded a plane for Vietnam. He was 20 years old.

He heard explosions and saw flashes as the plane prepared to land at Tan Son NHUT airbase. He was assigned to the 19th Replacement Battalion at Long Binh, home of the largest ammunition depot, which was blown up three days after his arrival.

Davis was eventually assigned to Battery C out of Tan Tru. On Nov. 18, Base Cudgel in the Mahong Delta was overrun. Davis was wounded but managed to get other soldiers to safety.

He was brought to the Third Field Hospital in Saigon and then to Camp Zama in Japan. Due to his medical issues, his Purple Heart was pinned to his pillow. In November 1968 he received his Congressional Medal of Honor. Davis and his wife travel with the Moving Wall and he is an active member of the Last Patrol. This book is labeled 959 DAV.

As the wife of a Vietnam veteran who never talks about the past, this is a must read for wives whose husbands have served. To all veterans, thank you for your service.

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generally held the second Tuesday of each month. The Sunshine Quilters’ focus is on supporting Alpha Center for Women and Marion Senior Services, as well as learning new sewing techniques, working on our own projects, and socializing among members.

To recap 2020: 39 quilts, nine burp cloths, four table toppers, and one chair robe were donated to Alpha Center for Women. Forty-four quilts, two lap robes, three pillowcases, and eight bibs were donated to Marion Senior Services. Various technique classes were taught throughout the year with limited members in-house and Zoom reach-



**Happy Hookers**

**Jan Spielvogel**

Happy Hookers continue to meet separately and work privately on their projects. As always, we are anxiously waiting for the time that we will be able to bring our group together.

If you are looking for a project, Bridgewater Park let us know that they have a need for lap robes and shawls year-round.

Happy Hookers is open to all residents. When we are able to meet as a group, we will meet year-round Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back.

What we do have is a large group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that’s never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers

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We celebrated the end of 2020 welcoming our new officers, a new schedule of classes, and hopeful enthusiasm of filling our club room

with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions, 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 Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.

to capacity with members and sewing machines!

January classes consisted of a wine coaster class taught by Mary Jo Walsh, log cabin block taught by Lisa Augustine, and club members’ sale of stash and unused items.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, kicks off with Sheree Johnson teaching a needle holder class. Block of the month as well as a class on how to make a strip block are on the upcoming schedule.

For more information about the Sunshine Quilters, contact Lisa at (610) 304-1273.

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**Karaoke Friends**

**Kathy & Charlie Petrosky**

We are a month into 2021 with hopes of returning to our karaoke this year. Safety comes first.

With February we have patriotic songs and love songs for Valentine's Day. Let's examine Valentine's Day with a few questions.

1. Is Valentine's Day the biggest card sending time of the year?
2. What country celebrates love on the 14th day of each month?
3. What is the name of the first poem to mention Valentine's day?
4. What type of tree did the jailer's daughter plant to commemorate the death of Valentine?

**ANSWERS:** 1-No, Christmas

surpasses this day. 2-South Korea celebrates love the 14th of every month. Look this up and you will find February 14 only the women give a gift. Each month there is a specific item to be given. 3-In his 1382 poem "Parlement of Foules", Geoffrey Chaucer made a reference to Valentine's Day as a time when "every bird comes there to choose his mate." 4-After Valentine's execution, the jailer's daughter, Julia, planted an almond tree with pink blossoms near his grave.

Love songs have been around for centuries and can be found in the histories and cultures of most societies. Some have researched why musical tastes differ. They believe music tells you a lot about someone's personality. Researchers claim:

1. Your musical taste is influenced by your parents.
2. Your favorite love song is associated with an emotional experience in your life.
3. The music you enjoyed in

your 20s you will enjoy listening to the rest of your life.

4. Most often, introverted individuals favor sophisticated music and/or meaningful lyrics. As a result, it's very easy to see why most classical music fans might be introverts.

In May 2020, "I Will Always Love You" was the pick for top love song of all time.

Here are some songs you may want to look up. You can listen to them or sing them: "This Magic Moment" by the Drifters; "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Brothers; "Stand by Me" by Ben E. King; "At Last" by Etta James; "Let's Stay Together" by Al Green; "God Only Knows" by the Beach Boys; "Be My Baby" by the Ronettes; "Something" by the Beatles; "Wonderful World" by Sam Cooke; and "My Girl" by the Temptations.

We are hoping 2021 has us able to meet again. Until we can meet again, keep a song in your heart!



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

Our first-place winner, Phyllis Hlavac, says she took this photo on Martha's Vineyard Island. Fog was predicted that morning as her group trekked out to the lagoon in the dark. She says it was gorgeous and the beauty of this moody scene only lasted a few minutes until the sun rose. She was so happy to be in the right place at the right time.

Our second-place winner, Castle Geyser was taken in Yellowstone National Park, not far from Old Faithful. It was taken just after sunset on a cold, crisp, clear evening. The beautiful colors in the sky appeared after the sun slipped below the horizon. Notice how they are reflected in the pool below the geyser. Once again, the colors last only a few minutes so you have to be ready.

Tom Murray won both the third-place award in advanced as well as the people's choice award. The sunset colors he captured were spectacular against the rugged Maine coastline. He remembers taking at

least 10 exposures while the sun went down.

Tip of the Month: Our advanced category winners show us that timing is everything. The best photos are often taken near sunrise or sunset. You'll find beautiful colors and haunting moods at that time. With the sharp brightness of daylight, we see things as they are and lose the emotional impact that you see in these photos.

To take sharp, clear photos like these, it's best to use a tripod. When light is low, the camera must use a slower shutter speed. Any camera movement will result in a fuzzy or blurry photograph.

ShutterBug's month-long February exhibit in Master the Possibilities' lobby is by Dennis Phillips. Dennis began his photographic work with black-and-white film. Back then, color was selectively added in an editing process called tinting. He says of his display, "Adding color to a picture is like adding sugar to coffee. It just makes it sweeter." His display will have limited color or be in black-and-white so that "they may speak to you like the taste of black coffee." Come and enjoy!

Keep in mind that there's lots to see on our 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 gsuahley@gmail.com.



Photo by ShutterBug Phyllis Hlavac

Sailboat sunrise.



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Castle Geyser.



Photo by ShutterBug Tom Murray

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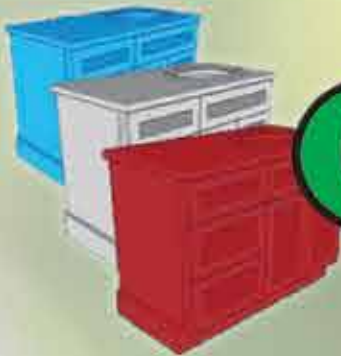
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