

Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

Thanks for Saying

It’s been great to get so many positive notes and comments from residents about the Fourth of July fireworks display. This year, we kept it very low-key because of the continuing, low-level threat of COVID-19.

This was our 10th year of hosting fireworks, and I’m proud to say that they went off on time, without a hitch. This year’s display was more spectacular than last (It gets better every year!). We appreciate hearing all the positive comments that all of you share with us. We are already in the planning stages for year 11!

Real Estate Boom

It’s getting to be old news that local, regional, and national home sales are extremely strong. This is being fueled by historically-low interest rates and tremendous consumer demand. Mix in a robust demand for new home deliveries hamstrung by labor shortages, material shortages, cost increases in all materials, delayed delivery times on manufactured components, and long lead times on creating new home sites. We have what is best characterized as a seller’s market.

Resale home listings are at record lows (as of this writing, there are only five active resale listings, an all-time low) across the family of On Top of the World developed communities.

It is no wonder the communities are seeing record home sale prices, both new and resale. Year to date through May, 243 resale homes have been closed. With resale demand as high as it is in On Top of the World it’s likely we will accomplish closing 600 resale home listings in 2021.

On Top of the World Real Estate of Marion is leading the local resale market with 243 sales, reflecting the greatest listing and sales volume through May.

Looking at Marion County as a whole, total closed home sales through May was 4,261. Pricing in On Top of the World has increased approximately 15% year over year. Median time to contract is 55 days (percent change year over year is -27% decrease over 2020). For sale inventory is at 1.3 months, a very short supply.

Development Update

The SW 80th Street extension to the north of Candler Hills is completed, while the extension of SW 92nd Avenue connecting to Candler Hills and the new Ashford neighborhood is on schedule. This section, and other planned roadways, are all shown on the project site plan and sales map and was displayed at the Candler Hills Neighborhood Association meeting. SW 80th Street was extended approximately one mile west from the intersection of SW 90th Terrace to connect to the SW 92nd Avenue project for access to the future Candler Hills and Terra-lea neighborhoods. It is anticipated that the SW 92nd Avenue roadway will be paved in the next 60 days, weather permitting. Following paving, the roadway is planned to be landscaped similar to other major thoroughfares in and around the community.

The installation of a continuous six-foot chain link fence from the intersection of SW 92nd Avenue and SW 80th Street, with one break for the new Candler Hills gates, is continuing along the property boundary of Larkhill, Stonebridge, and Avalon neighborhoods, together with substantial landscaping. In addition, the construction gate-house and gates will be reinstalled as a temporary control measure for construction traffic while land development continues westward into the property. Please note, SW 80th Street roadway will remain a construction road, and as such, large trucks, concrete mixers, or earth-movers, may not see golf carts. Please refrain from using this road-

Entertainment

Expands on

The Town Square

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

Currently, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, The Town Square is a magnet for residents who enjoy the sound of music and love to kick up their heels to a good Polka, slow dance to an easy Sinatra, sing along to some old favorites, and to all those who simply enjoy a night out with friends.

By popular demand, three nights is now expanding to five!

Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 3, The Town Square will be playing pre-recorded music Tuesdays through Fridays and live entertainment on Saturdays. Saturday entertainment is as follows:

- Aug. 7: The BadKitty Band
- Aug. 14: Tim McCaig
- Aug. 21: George Dunham & Company
- Aug. 28: Mike Monetti

Events Manager Gary Pierre says that the beat will go on from 7 to 10 p.m. “We will be playing pre-recorded music that are favorites with On Top of the World residents. There will be a mix of pop, jazz, motown, and some very smooth shuffles from Elvis Presley, The Beach Boys, Miles Davis, Eartha Kitt, The Drifters, Frank Sinatra and, of course, Creedence Clearwater, to name just a few. The Town Square will be jumping five nights a week.”

But wait, there’s more! Beginning in September, live entertainment will expand to both Friday and Saturday nights. Additionally, on the first Friday of every month, along with live entertainment, The Town Square will host Food Truck Friday! Bring your appetite because Big Lee’s will be onsite Friday, Sept. 3, from 6 p.m. until food is gone! Big Lee’s is serious about barbecue and is looking forward to joining Mr. B’s Big Scoop in feeding the dance crowd!

Also on Friday, Sept. 3, the Kiosk will reopen offering beer, wine, sodas, and bottled water.

In September, pre-recorded music will continue Tuesdays through Thursdays.

So, what’s not to like – good music, food, drink and a good time with old friends and new ones. Mark these additions to your calendar and enjoy a night out on The Town Square.

For the latest information, please follow Circle Square Commons on Facebook at facebook.com/csc-townsquare. The events on The Town Square are free, open to public, and weather permitting.



Photo courtesy of Colen Built Development

A evening of dancing and entertainment at The Town Square at Circle Square Commons.

It’s a Woof in the Park

By Dave DeAngelis
World News Writer

Someone “back home” asked me, “What activities does On Top of the World offer?” The better question would have been, “What activities doesn’t On Top of the World offer?” For sure, we have an abundance to choose from, and dog socializing is one of them.

Presently, there are four dog parks – Veterans Park, SW 90th Street, Candler Hills, and Indigo East, where owners and dogs enjoy daily camaraderie and exercise (yes, throwing a ball counts). A fifth park will be coming to Weybourne Landing. The parks not only provide

socialization for the dogs, but also for their human escorts, some of whom make a few visits daily. After all, through our dogs, we are all ... best friends.

In the parks, there are two enclosures, one for small dogs, one for large dogs and yes, there are a few rules:

- Rule #1: “Take out” bags are provided for an obvious reason, and waste containers are also on site. Utilize both.
- Rule #2: Upon entering and leaving the park, humans holding a leash must be accompanied by a dog. Okay, dogs must be on a leash. Once in the enclosures, the dogs can release their humans and leashes.
- Rule #3: Dogs that don’t play well (aggressive) with others are not allowed in the parks.

Upon visiting the parks for this article, I was happily greeted by the canine inhabitants of the playgrounds. One did kinda, sorta, growl as if to ask for my resident ID, but he quickly became a camera ham. The parks are open to all residents, and even if you don’t have a dog, it’s fun to just watch them interact and chat with their owners.

Please note that the dog parks located at Candler Hills and Indigo East are for respective residents of those communities only.



Photo by Dave DeAngelis

A resident enjoying her time at one of the four (almost five) dog parks.

Is It Legal?

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SCAM ALERT: In the past three weeks, either my wife or I have received phone calls from the IRS, the Social Security Administration, the United States Marshall’s office, Amazon, my bank, and a caller who claimed to have found a credit card with my name on it, and she wanted to send it to me but needed “verification” that she had the right information. Uh huh. She was the only one who spoke to me. None of those agencies or companies will call you and none of them will demand money from you. I did not click on “number one.” Just hang up. So should you.

As for the credit card, it was, of course, in my wallet where I always keep it. The gal had some of my numbers, but I was not going to help her scam me by giving her more numbers. Just hang up.

Oh! And while I am speaking of hanging up, don’t be afraid to hang up on your grandson who is calling from this or that land to tell you he needs money because he was arrested for, well, for whatever. But we already know that one, don’t we?

Q. I have a homestead and Medicaid question. I need to apply for Medicaid for my aunt. I know that a homestead is protected from Medicaid and does not have to be given to the State of Florida or to the nursing home. Does that change if her homestead is on leasehold land?

A. No, it does not. The homestead protection against creditors’ claims and this includes a homestead be it on leasehold or not, is protected from Medicaid recovery claims. In a leasehold, you own the apartment, or home. The individu-

al unit is not leased—it is owned by whomever is listed on the deed to the property. The owner is entitled to all the homestead rights, such as the homestead exemption, the Save Our Homes Cap, and as I said, the creditors’ claims and Medicaid claims. I know there is confusion about this, but I do not, for the life of me, know why. The person listed on the deed, owns the apartment that has been built on that land. I can’t say it any other way.

Q. I’m a snowbird. I gave the key to my apartment to a neighbor so she could check on it from time to time. It turned out that she was using it as a place for a liaison. She denies it. Can I put in video cameras to catch her or them and prove what is going on?

A. Why don’t you just take away the key? As for your question, I may not be very smart, but I’m not crazy, which is why I am not answering you.

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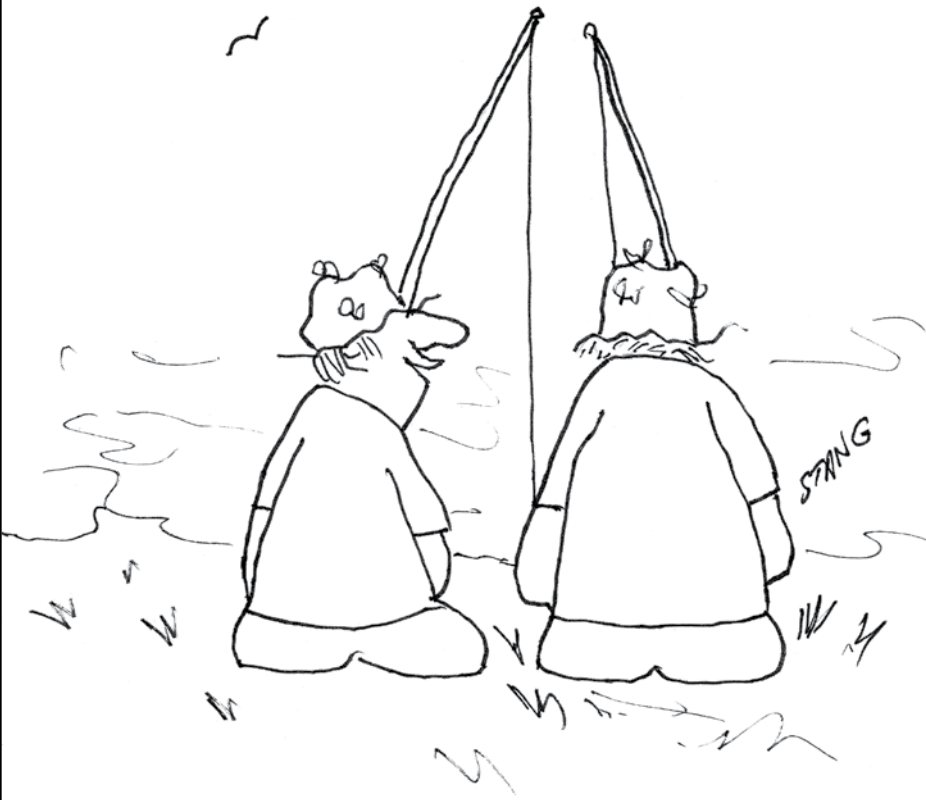
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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



Work is for those who don’t know how to fish.



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The lubber grasshopper, a destructive garden pest, will be discussed at the "UF/IFAS Extension Marion County: Who, Where, Why?" class Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Lifelong Learning

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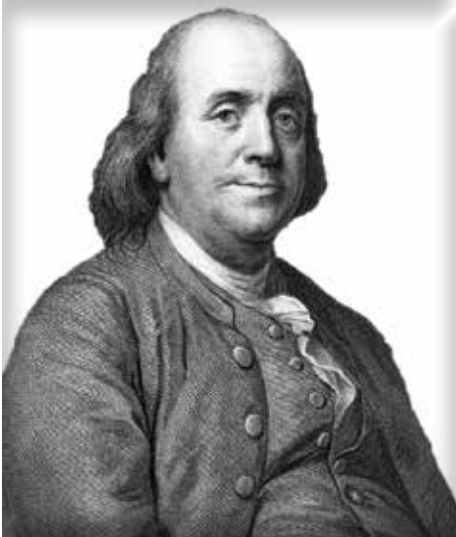
Ready to get back into the classroom? This month as school-aged children return to the classroom, it is also a great time for adults to return to the Education Center to learn new things. What is great about this latter option, is adult students get to create their own transcripts and learn for fun.

Gone are the days of needing to rise and shine before the sun comes up and catch a school bus at least an hour before the tardy bell. Now, students may arrive to campus in style, with even a coffee in hand. With more than 225 class choices this month, and none of the class times starting before 8 a.m., going back to the classroom has never been easier.

New to Florida and not sure what those weird looking bugs are that surround your plants? "Bugs in My Yard" is on Monday, Aug. 2 and Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon in Cypress Hall. The course will cover many of Central Florida's insects and pests. Learn how to identify and manage insects. Listen to the pros and cons of pesticides and alternative methods for controlling pesky bugs. Find out what bugs are good for your yard. Cost to attend this two-day event is \$11 for members and \$16 for non-members.

Did you know that Master the Possibilities partners with the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) to help educate Floridians on many important topics? For those wanting to learn more about this resource, join "UF/IFAS Extension Marion County: Who, Where, Why?" from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3 to hear about all the resources this extension office has available to county residents. Many covered topics include agriculture, landscaping, nutrition, healthy living, and conserving natural resources. There is no cost for members, and \$5 for non-members.

Dr. Don Wyman will be hosting "Benjamin Franklin: The First American" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Dr. Wyman will be discussing how he believes Benjamin Franklin was affected by a secret counter plot by the Massachusetts Bay governor to keep Americans from removing English control of the colonies. Learn how this event cost Franklin his political standing, reputation, and any hopes of concessions or compro-



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mise with the crown of England. Cost to attend this event in Live Oak Hall is \$11 for members and \$16 for non-members.

Instructor Billy Bass will be speaking about "The Era of Good Feelings from 1815 to 1828" Thursday, Aug. 19, in Live Oak Hall. This course will touch upon historical events of that period, which includes the emergence and growth of the United States. It will also help answer some questions: Why was there only one political party during this time? Why was it that no one opposed President Monroe? There has been mention that there was a corrupt bargain against Andrew Jackson; did that really happen in 1824? To find out the answers to these questions, register before this course fills. Cost to attend is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members.

For a complete list of courses this month, including art, health and wellness, and out and about, visit masterthepossibilities.org. Registration is available online 24 hours a day. To register by phone or in person, visit or call our main office at (352) 861-9751, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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way and instead use other multi-modal transportation routes.

As construction of these roadways is completed, the construction access gate house will be once again relocated to the periphery of the area under construction. In this way, On Top of the World can ensure the community always has a watchful presence over the active development portions of the property.

While SW 80th Street and this future SW 92nd Avenue roadway will eventually become part of the Marion County roadway network, it will be many years before either roadway connects to another county road. In function, these roadways will only serve the On Top of the World neighborhoods for the foreseeable future. The posted speed of the road will be consistent with surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The cabana grill and new restrooms to service the pool area at the Recreation Center are well past 80% completion. The pickleball court project is also advancing on schedule. Anticipated completion is September. Same time as all this is going, the softball field is getting a new dugout.

The installation of a 16" potable water main extended from SW 79th Street north to SW 63rd Street was completed. This project is part of the water main loop servicing Calesa Township. The cart path to Sholom Park and on to SW 63rd Street, connecting to the Calesa trail network is nearly completed. What is lacking is safety signage and installation of ribbon curbing (15% completed), overall, completion of this project is dependent on the weather cooperating while the curbing is formed and poured. I note that this has not been an impediment to intrepid bikers, runners, and others to trespassing into an active construction work area.

Clearly, the development company had a great deal on its plate with all these recreation projects. Forward looking projects are a facility for the Longleaf/Crescent Ridge neighborhoods and another facility to accommodate the new neighbor-

hoods planned for Candler Hills. We haven't put a design timeline to it yet as staff is still in the needs analysis and discussion stage.

Insurance Update

The fact that we are nearing the peak of the storm season is a strong reminder to all residents to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your home and contents is adequate. If you feel "lucky" and go without insurance or believe you can self-insure, please reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction (especially from fire) may well put you into debt.

If you live in Candler Hills, Weybourne Landing, or Indigo East, now is a good time to review your homeowner's insurance with your agent. Make sure you are insured under an HO3 form of coverage.

In the On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association, you will want to be covered under the HO6 form, as the residential structures as originally conveyed are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The event deductible remains at \$10,000 per occurrence for any event including wind/hail related damage. Named storm deductible remains at 3% of the loss. Named storm events are subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence such as a named storm. With respect to flood, earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association does have coverage in the event of damage to buildings from sinkholes. This coverage has a \$10,000 deductible. It is worth noting that sinkhole activity may occur in storm water retention ponds. This is not remarkable given the volume of water received and the concentrated weight imposed on the ponds in a very short period. The repair of such damage is a common expense of the Association and is not an insurable event since no structures were involved. Fortunately, repairs and recovery are very straightforward.

Direct your agent to write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Associa-

tion to cover unforeseen shortfalls in losses. It is never a bad idea to see if that "loss assessment coverage" component can be increased.

Content coverage may vary greatly depending what it is you wish to insure. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, fenestration (windows and doors) and cabinetry.

There may be a possibility that your carrier will offer a product called "extended protection" that in effect offers another layer to loss assessment coverage. It was pointed out to me by a local insurance agent that the carrier may require a letter from the Association stating that there are "no losses, unreported losses, and ongoing repairs" currently pending. We have drafted such a generic letter and posted it to OTOWinfo.com (click on Associations, OTOW Central then scroll down until you come to "Association No Loss Letter"). You may print this letter and provide it to your local agent.

Democratic Club

Dan Lack



Our next meeting will take place Thursday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV. Our speaker will be Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox. Supervisor Wilcox will talk about the voting law that was passed by the Florida legislature in the last session. He will also render his opinion on the national bill, H.R. 1 (The For the People Act).

We continue to support the Ocala

Be Mindful and Safe

Summer is a great time to get out and visit family and travel around. Whether you go a great distance or stay local, please be always mindful and aware of your surroundings. The greatest protector of your personal safety is you.

August is also the ramp-up to the busiest part of the storm season. If you are planning a trip, please make sure you have storm-proofed your home by removing anything on or around the exterior of your home that could become an object of destruction during a high wind event. This of course includes umbrellas, lawn furnishings together with chairs and potted plants to name just a small sampling of the hazards that are easy to overlook (we may see them every day and these items just "blend in").

Remember, that school resumes in mid-August in most counties throughout Florida. Be especially careful when driving near school zones. Have a safe summer!

Ritz Veterans Village so that we can show our appreciation to these men and women who sacrificed so much for us. The Ritz needs paper towels, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toiletries, pillows, towels and washcloths, shower curtains and canned and dry food such as spam, ravioli, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, spaghetti/meatballs, beef-a-roni, ramen soup/canned soup, saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, and cereals. Please bring your donated items to our meeting.

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

OneBlood Bloodmobile

Sara Sommer



The Big Red Bus® was at On Top of the World Monday, June 7. Twenty-four heroes took the time to donate blood. That means that up to 72 people's lives were helped. Great job!

With Labor Day coming up, there will be a great need for blood. There

is no substitute for human blood. Only you can help by giving blood as often as you can.

The next blood drive will be Monday, Aug. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bus will be parked in the Recreation Center parking lot. Please eat a good meal before donating. Drink plenty of water both before and after. Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Mark your calendar and see you on the bus.

Community Patrol

Erwin Fluss



While patrolling, we've noticed some garage doors are left open and unattended, even all night. Please keep your doors closed, especially after dark. On Top of the World is a very safe community. However, it is always better to err on the side of caution.

The Community Patrol is a group of resident volunteers dedicated to keeping our community as safe as possible. We are sponsored and report to the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and act as their "eyes and ears."

We invite you to join us. For further information, please contact Paul Altman at (860) 460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.

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The “dog days” of August have arrived, ushering in sweltering heat and humidity. On Monday, Aug. 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day is celebrated with another opportunity to visit Ms. B’s Ice Cream Shop at Circle Square Commons. Come celebrate at our library Monday, Aug. 9, for Book Lovers Day. As we have so many pet lovers, Thursday, Aug. 26, is recognized as National Dog Day to raise awareness of the thousands of dogs that need to be rescued, and encourages appreciation for family dogs, working dogs, such as service, rescue, and law enforcement dogs. Enjoy the summer fun with friends and family and stay cool.

Lawn Irrigation and Lightning

Each summer we have controllers that are affected by the summer lightning storms, so we advise all residents to check their controllers after each storm to make sure the programming is set as it should be. Lightning storms can surge power into the controllers affecting the program scheduling, thus causing the controller to malfunction, which may prevent the system from operating correctly.

August is also a good time to check the battery in your irrigation controller. Some of the newer controllers have a lithium battery with an expected 10-year life; however, some of the earlier controllers have a nine-volt battery, which needs to be changed periodically. We recommend if your controller has a nine-volt battery that you change it out, as this is important because the battery sustains the clock memory in the event of a power failure. The Hunter Pro C and Rain Bird ESP controllers do not need a nine-volt battery.

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 is closed for sanitizing. The entire area must be vacated while the 30-minute sanitation process is occurring. The time may vary a few minutes as a result of starting late due to everyone vacating Resident Services.
- Closed the third Wednesday of every month (Aug. 18), from noon to 1 p.m.

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. You may also submit your maintenance request on the website by clicking on the icon located conveniently on the top right corner of the homepage. 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.

After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members, please notify Resident Services first before contacting an outside contractor for repairs, such as roots in water lines, sewer backups, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc. If it is after normal business hours and you experience some manner of non-medical emergency, such as a backed-up commode, we ask that you please call (352) 236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

Yard Debris Schedule

We had a number of complaints on yard debris being set out at the curb either too early or too late, resulting in piles being left at the road. Please be mindful to place the debris out early in the morning of, or the night before your neighborhood’s scheduled pick up day.

- Monday**: Americana Village, Friendship Village, and Friendship Park (SW 97th St to SW 94th St)
- Tuesday**: Friendship Colony (SW 93rd Ln to SW 90th Pl)
- Wednesday: Friendship Colony (SW 90th St, SW 82nd Ter, SW 83rd Ave, SW 83rd Ter, SW

90th Ct, SW 89th Ter, SW 89th Ct Rd), Candler Hills, Stonebridge, Sanctuary, Larkhill, Indigo East, Stirling Meadow, and Weybourne Landing.

- Thursday: Williamsburg, Providence, Avalon, and Crescent Ridge III.
- Friday: Crescent Ridge I-II, Windsor, and Renaissance Park.

****Subject to change based on inclement weather. Due to volumes, pick-up may extend into Tuesday or Wednesday.**

Rule of the Month

Animal Waste: I am constantly asked to write regarding animals and their owners. If you are walking your dog(s), we know that odors and smells entice your animal to want to mark the spot. As a courtesy, when using an expandable leash, please keep your dog(s) along the edge of the roadway and off your neighbors’ lawns. 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. All feces must be picked up whether it is in your yard, your neighbor’s, the common property, or undeveloped property. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

WILDLIFE: We are also experiencing a large number of complaints regarding the feeding of wildlife. Please be aware that birdseed is allowed in Association approved bird feeders only. Tossing bread, birdseed, or any other type of food into your yard for the wildlife to eat is strictly prohibited. This practice creates a “food chain” in your neighborhood. The food left out attracts birds and squirrels, which attracts snakes and larger predators. Not only does it attract larger predators, but the damage that squirrels can do to porch furniture, garage screens and vehicle wiring is formidable.

The Association Rules state, “Animals ... All animal food shall be kept in proper storage containers, and stored in an interior location, so as not to attract wildlife. 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.”



Coyote feeding on food/water left outside in Americana Village. Tossing bread, birdseed, or any other type of food into your yard for the wildlife to eat is strictly prohibited.



Photo courtesy of Waste Management

A resident climbing up a recycle dumpster to put household garbage in the top as witnessed by a Waste Management employee. Climbing on or into a dumpster is strictly prohibited and very dangerous. Please do not place household garbage in recycle dumpster.

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Republican Club



Lizabeth Woodard

On Friday, July 9, the Republican Club’s president called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. An opening prayer was given by Brenda White. All veterans were asked to come forward to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A brief business meeting was conducted. Communication Chair Tom Hauck reported on items of interest:

1. AlertMarion is a free service by the Marion County Sheriff’s Emergency Management Department’s alert system which sends emergency alerts via text, email and voice messages.
2. File of Life is a free service which provides a card with medical information that first responders retrieve from a patient’s refrigerator door.
3. Free disposal kits for narcotics are available at all meetings.

Paul and Sandy Selesky, co-coordinators of Operation Shoebox, gave a brief update on a recent request for 10,000 ditty bags for the many U.S. Navy ships currently at sea. Each bag contains snacks, crossword puzzles, pen, paper, and a handwritten note thanking the receiver of the bag for their service to this country. The shipping expense for these bags is extremely costly. Paul and Sandy thanked everyone for their continued support of this important endeavor. They also encouraged members to volunteer their time to fill the bags for shipment to our men in uniform.

State Representative Joe Harding received a very warm welcome from the club members. He thanked everyone for their support during his election campaign. He was a constant presence at our meetings pre-Covid and hopes to attend more meetings with updates on his legislative activities. He shared many of the accomplishments from his first legislative session, and he answered many questions from the audience. In closing, Representative Harding introduced his wife and four children, as well as his Legislative Assistant Kennedy Starnes.

President Lizabeth reminded members that the scheduled guest

speaker of the Aug. 13, meeting is Sheriff Billy Woods.

After adjournment of the meeting, everyone was invited to enjoy cookies, coffee, and conversation.

Republican residents are invited to join our friendly, welcoming group to learn more about political issues, candidates, and current events – both locally and nationally.

For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at (518) 534-0201. Your call will be answered as soon as possible.



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State Representative Joe Harding, July’s featured guest speaker, welcomed by President Lizabeth Woodard.

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Photo courtesy of Herb Albinus

Herb Albinus, professional accordionist and musical entertainer, will perform Thursday, Oct. 21, at Park After Dark.



Photo courtesy of Muriel Anderson

Muriel Anderson will perform Thursday, Nov. 18, at Park After Dark.



Photo courtesy of The Dickens Carolers

The Dickens Carolers will perform Thursday, Dec. 16, at Park After Dark.



Finding Zen

Christina Shearer
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Sholom Park has partnered with Master the Possibilities Education Center to bring you an exciting new concert series this fall. Experience Sholom Park like never before at the Park After Dark World Tour Entertainment and Concert Series featuring live music and virtual views from around the world. This fall series includes stops in Germany, France, and England and it all happens on the Sholom Park stage.

We begin Thursday, Oct. 21, with an authentic German entertainment experience with professional accordionist and musical entertainer, Herb Albinus, complete with alphorn, pan flute, and yodeling. Become part of the event with an audience participation cowbell performance or show your strength in a traditional Bavarian stein holding contest. It's Oktoberfest in your own backyard ... without the beer.

The next stop is in France, Thursday, Nov. 18. Muriel Anderson, a talented composer and one of America's premier acoustic guitar-

ists, harp-guitarists, and the first woman to win the National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship will perform music inspired by her travels throughout the world including Paris and the French countryside. "Arioso from Paris" is an array of instrumental melodies recorded in Paris where the first true harp guitar was produced around 1773.

The final entertainment stop for the fall series will be throughout the United Kingdom Thursday, Dec. 16. Take a virtual walk on the streets of London and other popular cities in the United Kingdom and see the festive holiday lights and displays while listening to Christmas and holiday classics in four-part harmony with The Dickens Carolers dressed in traditional Victorian handmade costumes. No scooges allowed for this holiday experience.

In addition to the musical sounds and virtual views, if you register for a Park After Dark passport, you will also experience a taste of each country. Passport quantities are limited and the deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 30.

Visit SholomPark.org or Master-thePossibilities.org to register for the World Tour stop of your choice or for a Park After Dark passport that includes all three stops, before it's too late.

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We are now in hurricane season. Be prepared with your hurricane survival kit ready. Be sure to sign up for the latest updates and resident alert notifications on otowinfo.com, where you can also find a list of resources and links for all your hurricane preparedness needs.

Pools

Come and enjoy the beautiful outdoor amenities we have to offer. Pools are open every day from 9 a.m. to dusk. A resident ID is required for entry and exit. Please note no glass is permitted at any time in the pool area. 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 Commu-

nity Center pool is closed on the second Wednesday of the month. Please plan accordingly.

Happy Hour

Candler Hills residents come on down to The Lodge at Candler Hills and join us for Happy Hour every Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the ballroom. Guests will be permitted with a Candler Hills resident and guest fees of \$5 per person will apply. This is a bring your own beverage and snacks event with live entertainment! Entertainers are as follows:

- Aug. 6: Tim Hargis
- Aug. 13: Dave & Kenny
- Aug. 20: Deb & Tony T
- Aug. 27: Fred Campbell

Please note a Candler Hills resident ID will be required for entry into Happy Hour to avoid a \$5 guest fee.

Trivia*

Join us the first Monday of every month in the ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. with the next event being held Monday, Aug. 2. The cost is \$3 per Candler Hills

resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. There are cash prizes!

July 5

1: Lodgeicals; 2: Flying Moles; 3: Mystery Team.

Name That Tune*

Put your music knowledge to the test with “Name That Tune” Monday, Aug. 16, in the ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$3 per Candler Hills resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Girls Night Out*

Mark your calendar to unwind, catch up, and reconnect with neighbors and friends! Ladies, join us Thursday, Aug. 19, in the ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your favorite drink and we will provide appetizers and live entertainment with Tony Machicote. The cost is \$12 per Candler Hills resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by resident. Please note resident IDs will be required.

Kocktails & Karaoke*

Sing your heart out the fourth

Thursday of every month, with the next event being held Thursday, Aug. 26, with Charlie and Kathy in the ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring your own cocktails and enjoy singing, dancing, and clapping with other Candler Hills residents. Guest fees are \$5 per guest and a resident must accompany all guests.

2022 Bookings

Room reservations for 2022 are now being accepted for rooms at The Lodge at Candler Hills and Candler Hills Community Center. Room requests are done on a year-to-year basis and a Candler Hills resident ID is required. If you are planning an event, it is important to have all paperwork submitted to the office two weeks in advance. This gives adequate time to submit setups and guest lists to the appropriate departments.

**To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event.*

Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



We are well into our beautiful summer season here in Florida. Sunny mornings, frequently rainy afternoons, hot, humid and air conditioners running all day, every day. But we all love it, right?

We are so fortunate to be able to have our next event in the Recreation Center Ballroom Saturday, Aug. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. Our theme for the month will be “Dog Days of Summer.” Games for that theme will be Name That Tune, featuring songs of summer, a hula hoop contest, and limbo. A prize will be awarded to the winner of each game.

Tickets are on sale for \$2 per person on the Recreation Center veranda from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through Aug. 6. This \$2 will cover the cost of paper products, flatware, and beverages. Remember to bring your resident ID when purchasing your tickets and checking in at the event.

This is a potluck so please bring enough food to feed 8 to 10 people.

Make sure to label the bottom of your serving dish with your name to ensure you leave with the same dish you brought. We are asking people to bring food in the following categories, broken down alphabetically by last name: A-C side dish, D-K salad, L-S entrée, and T-Z dessert. Also, please write the ingredients of your dish on the 3x5 card you will receive when you purchase your tickets. Several of our neighbors may have allergies or other health issues that require them to know what is in their food.

Our event will finish at 6 p.m., which will give you plenty of time to go to The Town Square for the live outdoor entertainment, Circle Square Cultural Center for one of their shows, or any other entertainment. If you have any questions regarding tickets, please contact Linda Hansen at (352) 509-4967.

Friendship Connection is open to all residents of Friendship Colony, Friendship Park and Friendship Village only. Our events are scheduled on the second Saturday of every other month from 4 to 6 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering to help plan, setup, cleanup, or serve please contact Carron Janssen at (847) 529-6183 or visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave



On Saturday, June 26, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) held a drill and tabletop exercise at The Arbors. A virtual scenario was given to team members describing a tornado that struck a small town, causing heavy damage. The team was activated to help at the local middle school which was hit hard by the tornado.

Team members “arrived,” established an incident command (including a leader) and set up a medical treatment area. Teams were organized to go out and assess the injuries and damage, always working in pairs for safety. They then reported back to incident command, which forwarded the information higher up, and coordinated the activities of the teams.

Many injuries were presented. According to their training, team members assessed the injuries, rendered first-aid, and prioritized each injury in preparation for the arrival of professional first responders. Damage to the building

and a possible hazmat leak was also considered. All activities and recommendations were recorded by a designated team member and turned into incident command, which passed it on through appropriate channels for police, fire, medical and other responders.

All activities were carried out with the priority of “safety first” for the team members. The drill helped us appreciate the structure we had learned to use, as well as the many practical approaches we had at our disposal to mitigate and relieve distress and further injury, such as clearing the way for emergency vehicles to approach, prioritizing the most urgent victims for professional medical responders, calming victims, and so on.

You are always welcome to visit one of our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. To confirm the time and place, please contact Debra Snyder at (412) 443-2930. We’d be happy to have new members join in time for the next training course starting in October. For information on the course, please contact Beverly Case at (352) 812-8185.

Emergency Shelter for Persons with Special Needs

If there is a weather or other disaster situation that calls for sheltering, the Marion County Special Needs Program helps to aid in sheltering, evacuation, and transportation for registered special needs residents during disasters with the resources available within Marion County. For comfort and best possibility of care, however, residents are strongly urged to seek shelter with family and friends first.

Residents with medical needs such as nebulizers, oxygen, feeding tubes or Alzheimer’s disease are examples of medical criteria that are eligible for the registry. To register for the Marion County Special Needs Program, please fill out the application found at marionso.com/special-needs-program, or call (352) 369-8100 for assistance.



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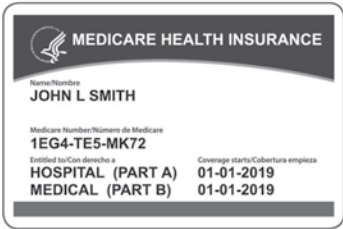
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August is one of the hottest months of the year. Stay hydrated especially during outdoor activities when temperatures and humidity can reach critical levels.

I have noticed an increase in new residents to the community. I would like to extend a warm welcome and I look forward to meeting you.

Activities sponsored by On Top of the World, and Indigo East Social Committee are back in full swing. Check the bulletin boards at the Indigo East Fitness Center and Indigo East Community Center for a listing of events.

Get fit and stay cool with water aerobics at the Indigo East Community Center pool Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The pool is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a

week and entrance is by resident ID card only. Be advised that sharing your resident ID with anyone is strictly forbidden.

The Indigo East Fitness Center and Fitness On Demand (FOD) rooms are great places to maintain physical fitness. The FOD room is dedicated to video assisted training at your convenience. There are many videos available via simple menu selection including strength, cardio, yoga, and flexibility training. The fitness staff has supplemented and continue to update many of the videos with their own training videos. Stop by the Indigo East Fitness Center office and register for a free fitness orientation which takes place the last Wednesday of each month.

Keep your dog fit too by visiting the dog park located on 79th SW Terrace Road. The dog park is open from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Please remember to clean up after your pet.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour will be held at In-

digo East Community Center every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us and have a good time dancing to live entertainment. This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest. Guests must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident. Resident ID is required. Bring your favorite cocktail and snacks. The upcoming entertainment schedule is as follows:

- Aug. 6: Guilly and The Girl
- Aug. 13: Shawn Ash
- Aug. 20: Kathleen Kane
- Aug. 27: Retro Express

Trivia*

Trivia is a fun game where you can challenge your neighbors and friends. Our next trivia night will be Monday, Aug. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. There are eight people per table. There is a \$3 charge per resident and \$5 per guest. Prizes are awarded for first, second, and third place. Bring your own refreshments and snacks.

July 12

1: Dogs of Indigo; 2: Polar Gators; 3: Cunning

Trivialists.

Karaoke

Our first karaoke was a huge success with 56 people in attendance; 16 of them chose to stand up, sing and entertain the audience.

Join us Thursday, Aug. 19, for another karaoke night at Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. You may sing solo or as a duet. This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest. Bring your own cocktails.

Social Hour

Social Hour will take place Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Indigo East Community Center. Come socialize with your neighbors and friends while you are listening to live music. Bring your beverage of choice and enjoy light hors-d'oeuvres (while supplies last).

**To register, visit the Indigo East Fitness Center office. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event.*

Indigo East
Social Committee

Janice Liberton



The Indigo East Social Committee kicked off their first fun event Wednesday, June 23. The happy hour social was attended by 112 residents who braved the rain to enjoy the evening. All had a great time!

The first ladies gathering took place Friday, June 25, at the Indigo East Community Center and was attended by 50 women. The theme was Fourth of July with patriotic decorations. There were two donated door prizes won by Brenda Nash and Sherry Garcia. The 50/50 winner took home \$95. The next gathering will be in September.

The next sponsored event will be an ice cream social Sunday, Aug. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. This event will be hosted by Sandy and Phil Mercurio and Stephanie and Jerry Komar. Tickets for this cool and fun event were sold during the month of July.

The festivities will continue with a Labor Day cookout Sunday, Sept. 5, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. This event is hosted by Melinda and Mike

Huser. The ticket price is \$10 per person. The menu includes grilled chicken breast sandwiches, cheddar macaroni salad, three bean and tropical fruit salads. Lemonade and iced tea will also be provided. Tickets for the cookout will be sold at the Indigo East Community Center Fridays, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13, and Thursday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets will also be sold at the ice cream social on Sunday, Aug. 22.

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

- Sunday, Oct. 31: Halloween costume party.
- Saturday, Nov. 13: Fall craft show.
- Saturday, Nov. 20: Catered barbecue.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7: Golf cart parade.
- Saturday, Dec. 11: Christmas dessert party.

As we are closer to these event dates, more information will be provided in this column as well as on the Indigo East Facebook page and the Indigo East email.

Bunco is the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 for residents and \$5 for guests. 50/50 tickets are available for purchase and the drawing is before the start of the bunco games.

Bingo is the fourth Monday of

each month at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$4 for each pack of 10 game cards. 50/50 tickets are available for purchase and the winning ticket is drawn before the games begin.

It may be August, but there are still about eight weeks left of summer to enjoy the sunshine and lon-

ger days. As a side note, Aug. 1, is Friendship Day. This might be a good time to reach out to all friends and touch their hearts with your thoughtful words of appreciation for their friendship. Have a wonderful August and as usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Williamsburg
Neighbors

Ginny Nardone



August is here and while many of us are still enjoying summer travel and other leisure activities, we will soon begin to think about fall with cooler temperatures and a renewal of our neighborhood social activities. Our Williamsburg planning group has been busy planning upcoming fall and holiday socials.

The fall social will be a special time for our neighborhood; we will once again be back together for an indoor social gathering after a long hiatus. Many new and interesting things have happened over the last year and in Williamsburg which included our welcoming the many

new neighbors who have recently joined us. Reserve Saturday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m. for the Williamsburg fall social as we enjoy food and fun activities to help us get to know our neighbors! Additional details will follow in this column and by email.

Our holiday party will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 16, in the Recreation Center Ballroom and will include a catered dinner, lots of holiday cheer and perhaps a few surprises as well. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

To keep our database and email list current it is important to receive additions or corrections in a timely manner. If you are new to Williamsburg and have not had your information added to the email contact list, or if your previous information needs to be updated, please call Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619 or Cathy Higginbotham at (352) 509-4266.

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Special Fitness Programs

In addition to The Ranch’s regularly scheduled fitness classes, be on the lookout for special programs hosted monthly.

In July, our pool was packed with members who took part in “Brain Power in the Pool.” This unique aqua class focused on combining brain-training drills with traditional shallow water exercises. The result was a workout for your body and brain cells!

Here is a peek at some upcoming special programs that you will not want to miss.

- Friday, Aug. 20 (9 a.m.): “Drum C.O.R.E.” (Cardio Outrageous Rhythmic Explosion) is an exhilarating class that transforms ordinary stability balls into dynamic drums! Join us for this high-energy workout fusing fitness and fun. Challenge cardio and strength as the bandleaders guide you through a workout that will have your drums and hearts pounding! Trade your tired workout for this unique, inspired experience.
- Tuesday, Sept. 21 (11 a.m.): “Peace, Love & Yoga” is an extended yoga class in honor of the International Day of Peace. This traditional Hatha practice will include guided meditation. Enjoy a peaceful experience that celebrates self-love and yoga.
- Saturday, Oct. 9 (8:30 a.m.): “Body Shock Boot Camp” will shock your body and up the intensity in this boot camp challenge. This class will be a hardcore, full-body workout mixing aerobics, resistance training, and speed elements. Train for endurance, strength, and power. This class has it all!
- Thursday, Nov. 4 (9 a.m.): “Floating Flexibility” will use the TRX Suspension Trainer, which is a brilliant tool for training flexibility. TRX provides balance support and offloads body weight; this enables the user to execute the movement more precisely, resulting in greater outcomes. This class will improve core stabilization, range of movement, and overall mobility; feel better and move better.

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It’s that time of year when many of us refer to August as the “dog days of summer.” In these hot and humid conditions, make sure to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July!

Recreation & Wellness Connections

The Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog is out! If you did not receive a copy of Recreation & Wellness Connections (July through December 2021) there are plenty of copies available at the Recreation Center or visit ontopoftheworldinfo.com/fitness/.

Pool Monitoring

Summer is in full force and what better way to cool off by dipping in one of our beautiful pools? This is a busy time of year with families visiting. Pool monitors will be on duty at the Recreation Center checking resident IDs and ensuring all guests are accompanied by a resident. An adult must accompany children and the swim time for children under 15 is from noon to dusk during the week with no time restrictions on the weekends at the Recreation Center, Candler Hills Community Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills, and Indigo East pools.

Please note that the pool rules are posted at all pool and spa areas.

Room Request, Club Guest Notifications, Deposits & Room Set-ups

Clubs planning events or meetings that will be hosting food, requiring special set-ups, and having guest participation must submit the proper paperwork two weeks prior to the event. Paperwork submitted after the two-week deadline is subject to non-approval.

Happy Hour

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

Happy Hour moves to the Recreation Center front lawn on the third Friday with a car cruise-in. Bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy live entertainment and a resident car show. Fresh Plates Catering will have a tent in place selling beer, wine, bratwursts, hot dogs, and hamburgers. In the event of inclement weather, Happy Hour will move inside the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The entertainment lineup for August is as follows:

- Aug. 6: Solid Gold (Ballroom); Debbie Owen & Tony T (Veranda).
- Aug. 13: Indigo Band (Ballroom); David Beaty (Veranda).
- Aug. 20: Dave Shepard Band (Front Lawn); Johnny Lobo (Veranda).
- Aug. 27: Red Gate Band (Ballroom); Take 2 (Veranda).

Resident IDs will be required for entry into Happy Hour; anyone not producing a resident ID will be considered a guest and guest fees are \$5 per person. Children under the age of 15 will not be permitted

to Happy Hour. Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed.

Line Dance Classes*

For fun and fellowship, join one of our dance classes! The following classes will be taught by Darelene Miller (darmiller222@gmail.com) at the Recreation Center every Monday beginning Sept. 13. The cost is \$10 per four-week class per month. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays. Line dance tickets will go on sale at the Recreation Center office starting Monday, Aug. 16. Choose your class according to your ability.

- Absolute Beginner (noon to 1 p.m.): This is an introduction to line dance and progresses into Absolute Beginner. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are taught.
- Improver Plus (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience is required as more intricate step combinations and rhythms are taught. Current popular dances are included. Improver is slightly easier than intermediate.
- Beginner Level II (2:30 to 3:30 p.m.): Dancers will build on their basic line dance knowledge through easier dances with different rhythms. New step combinations and dance patterns will be taught as needed. Some prior dance experience is required.
- Beginner Level I (3:45 to 4:45 p.m.): A complete season in Absolute Beginner is required with familiarity of basic line dance steps. Dancers have acquired some experience. Easy dances with some additional step patterns are introduced.

Ballroom Dance Lessons*

Instructor Butch Phillips encourages anyone interested in partnership dancing to participate. Singles are also welcome as we will rotate partners among all willing students.

Butch welcomes suggestions from residents regarding what dances should be taught. The three-week class is held on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and the cost is \$30 per resident per three-week class.

Classes will include step descriptions for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance with an emphasis on lead and follow skills and lots of practice to music.

On the last day of class each month, video recording equipment is encouraged to record what was taught that month.

The classes are as follows: August – Foxtrot; September – Cha-Cha; October – Waltz; November – Swing; and December – Two Step.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Aug. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music by Stan Preston. A cash bar and hors d’ oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. This event is free!

Insider’s VIP Horse Farm Tours*

Get an insider’s view of the “horse capital of the world” with a horse farm tour Fridays, Aug. 6 and 27. The tour includes close interac-

tion with horses and their handlers. The drive will be narrated and include history and fun facts about Ocala’s horse industry.

After the farm tour, enjoy a self-guided afternoon at the World Equestrian Center. Everyone will be able to dine (at your own cost) at one of the many restaurants of choice and tour the facility for two and a half hours. The cost is \$33 per person and includes transportation and tours. Please note that this trip requires a lot of walking! Farm stop locations are subject to change.

Tropic Trivia Night*

Trivia will be held Thursday, Sept. 2, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Come challenge your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon of mind-boggling, brain-taxing questions. Please note that there will be no trivia in August.

We will have groups of eight per team. Select a team name and prepare to have a fun time! Each team’s scores will be calculated and the team with the most points will win. There will be first, second and third place winners.

The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. A cash bar will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table. Please note that coolers, cups, or beverages of any kind are not permitted. A water station will be provided for all residents at no cost.

Cell phones are not permitted. Anyone found with a cell phone or using any type of electronic equipment including watches at their table during trivia will automatically disqualify the entire team (no exceptions).

July 1

1: 8 is Enough; 2: Bold & Brassy; 3: Gym Rats.

Get Acquainted Coffee

Meet your neighbors and receive information on fitness and recreational activities within our community at Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday, Aug.19, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 9 to 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided and representatives from different departments and clubs will give a presentation and answer questions. After the presentation, we will take a short amenity walking tour.

Open Mic Night

Nick and Fred will host Open Mic Night the fifth Tuesday of each month. Bring an instrument to play your favorite song with the entertainers or, if you can carry a tune, sing with the band. Socialize and

dance with your friends and neighbors. The event will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31. This is a free event. Please note beverages and coolers are not permitted. The Pub will be open for beverage purchases.

Club Fair

Find your club at the bi-annual Club Fair that will take Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. SPCA of Marion County will be selling doughnuts and coffee with all proceeds will going to the SPCA.

Registrations will be mailed out to all previous club presidents Monday, Aug. 9. If your club contact information has changed or you are a new club looking to bring in new members, please contact the Recreation Center office to be included in the mailing.

Community News

If you maintain a plot at one of the community gardens, please note that moth balls are not permitted in the gardens as they are highly toxic to humans and animals.

Please be advised that streaming or rebroadcasting of any copyrighted video content is not permitted at any On Top of the World facility without prior authorization from On Top of the World management. It is unlawful for any movies, videos and/or training videos that contain copyrighted content to be viewed without the appropriate licensing rights. On Top of the World does not hold valid licensing rights for streaming or rebroadcasting at our community facilities which could result in severe penalties should the unlawful viewing of copyrighted video content be discovered. If you would like to view a YouTube link or have questions related to streaming or rebroadcasting at community facilities, please email t_fields@otowfl.com.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Sept. 2: Tropic Trivia Night*
- Friday, Sept. 3: VIP Horse Farm Tour*
- Thursday, Sept. 23: Social Hour with Stan Preston
- Thursday, Sept. 23: Club Fair
- Friday, Sept. 24: VIP Horse Farm Tour*

**To register, call (352) 854-8707 x7533 or x7498. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to any event or trip. Events and activities that take place behind the gates of On Top of the World are for residents only.*

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Monday - Thursday

MORNING ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS	TIME
The Lodge at Candler Hills	SW 87th Cir.	8:35 a.m.
Providence	91st Cir. East - 91st Cir. West - Post Office	8:42 a.m.
Providence	90th St. - 92nd Pl. Rd. - 96th Ct. Rd. - 97th Cir.	8:47 a.m.
Avalon Post Office	Parking Lot	8:51 a.m.
Windsor East	94th Pl. - 94th Lp.	8:55 a.m.
Windsor West	95th St. - 95th Lp.	8:58 a.m.
Crescent Ridge 1 & 2	97th Lane - Post Office - 99th Ave. - 96th St.	9:01 a.m.
Recreation Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:04 a.m.
Americana Village	89th Ct. Rd. - Post Office - 85th Ter. Rd.	9:08 a.m.
Friendship Village	Post Office - 84th Ter. - 93rd St.	9:12 a.m.
Friendship Colony	83rd Ter. - 90th Pl. - 87th Ave. - 97th St.	9:16 a.m.
Friendship Park	97th St. - 94th Lane	9:20 a.m.
Friendship Village	89th Ct. Rd. - 92nd St.	9:22 a.m.
Friendship Colony	90th St. - Post Office	9:26 a.m.
Candler Hills Community Center	At Bus Stop Sign	9:31 a.m.
Indigo East Community Center	Parking Lot	Call one day in advance for pick-up
Exit Community		9:36 a.m.

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

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

AFTERNOON ROUTE	PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES
The Lodge at Candler Hills	1:15 p.m. Candler Hills Community Center
Crescent Ridge Post Office	1:38 p.m. Friendship Colony Post Office
Recreation Center	1:43 p.m. Providence Post Office
Americana Post Office	1:49 p.m. Avalon Post Office
Friendship Post Office	1:54 p.m.

AFTERNOON DESTINATIONS	ARRIVE	PICK-UP
Friendship Center	2:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Publix	2:05 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
Walmart Neighborhood Market	2:15 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
ALDI/Lowe's	2:19 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Save A Lot	2:25 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
Big Lots	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Beal's & Dollar Tree	2:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m.
Walmart	2:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.

*All times are approximate

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

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The Community Bus will be running according to schedule as long as the Governor's requirements are allowing. We continue to direct you to the www.otowfl.com, www.cdc.gov, and www.floridahealth.gov websites for the most current and accurate updates on socializing and transportation.

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A Long History of Charity Work

By Mary Purfeerst



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Women of the World Treasurer Peggy Janisch ready to sell 50/50 tickets.

The Women of the World club is back! Our mission and purpose this upcoming year is education and charitable work. Join us Friday, Sept. 3, at 12:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

Women of the World has a long

history of charity work in our community. Women of the World is one of the oldest clubs, which began 30-plus years ago. Our mission was, and continues to be, to educate and give back to the community through charitable goods and monetary donations.

Women of the World has new ideas, a new focus, and some new ways of achieving our commitment/goals. We have one standing and consistent charity for our year, which is Operation Shoebox. Our members make monthly donations of small and needed items to active-duty military members, stationed overseas.

There are also monthly charities where our members donate needed goods to local charities. Planned for our upcoming season are Ocala Domestic Violence Center, SPCA of Marion County, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village and Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, just to name a few. Our members are under no obligation to support monthly charities. We also have some exciting fundraisers planned as well as wonderful speakers and entertainment. Our meetings also include a light dessert and coffee. Pumpkin cookies anyone?!

So whether you've lived here a long time or are new to an On Top of the World, come to the Sept. 3 meeting to learn more about our focus, ideas and be a part of a fantastic group of women. Meet old and new friends who together will help our community and in return you get a good feeling of having helped. All women residents are invited to join Women of the World. Dues are \$15 and can be paid at our September meeting which will be at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Join us at 12:30 p.m. for an old-fashioned ice cream social and bring some cash to buy 50/50 tickets. Golf cart rides will be available for those needing assistance from the parking lot to the front door.

Together we can make a difference!

We Serve

By Gail Morris

We saw our Lions Club grow in June with the addition of new member Lorna Falthzik and a transfer from Birmingham, PDG Ken Vaudo.

If you are considering a service organization to spend your time with, consider our Lions Club. The Lions Clubs are the largest service organization in the world. We will be available at Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday July 29, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We will also be at the Club Fair currently scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23 in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

We have been as active as we could be during this past year of restrictions but as they are lifted, and suspended programs return, we are also gearing up to help. Estelle, our current chapter president, has been busy soliciting grants from Walmart in our efforts to provide food to hungry children of Marion County. We will assist Interfaith Emergency Services' Food-4-Kids program with donations of the items they need to feed over 1,875 children this coming school year. The school year will begin in Marion County Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Estelle also leads the way for our club with donations of items to AdventHealth Ocala's dedicated children's emergency department. Donations of socks, books, toiletries, and stuffed animals help to ease a child's discomfort when faced with an emergency room visit. If you would like to donate such items for this cause, please contact either Estelle Michelson at (352) 861-7358 or Gail Morris at (352) 317-4067.

John "Moses" continues his gathering of eyeglasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling from our drop off locations. One location is at Resident Services. His collection last month sent 228 pairs of glasses and 180 lenses to be repurposed.

We are planning a fundraiser in January 2022, so we can continue to serve our community. The preparations for a "Tacky Tea" are beginning. It's been a few years since our club had this type of fundraiser but it's all about the participation

by our residents. Have a wacky hat you want to show off? Keep your

eye on our club for further details.

If you know of someone in our community who is in need of an eye exam, eyeglasses or any sight issues that are beyond their financial means, Lions are here to help. We have an application process and

multiple ways to assist.

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. You can also contact Estelle Michelson, our membership chair, at (352) 861-7358 for more information.



Photo by Gail Morris

Estelle Michelson, president, with new members Lorna Falthzik and Ken Vaudo.

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Michigan Club



Nancy Meininger

So interesting to compare Florida temperatures to Michigan temperatures from up here in Traverse City, Michigan. We often have the same or higher daytime temps, and wind and rain – very much like our Florida home. However, the mornings and nights are awesome to be sure – long cool evenings in the 50s and 60s. I wear sleeveless during the day and my fuzzy fleece at night.

So far, I have learned that the Traverse City Cherry Festival, which is attended by folks all over the country, typically does not feature local cherries, but imports from other areas because their cherries ripen nearer the end of July. I also learned there are three kinds of cherries – deep red which are most popular, medium red which are also sweet, and white (yellow) which are grown to make into maraschino cherries for your Manhattans! They are dyed in the process. Did you know that?

We look forward to sharing our little jewel in Cedar Creek this summer with friends visiting from On Top of the World. Perhaps we will take them to stand on the 45th Parallel at the lighthouse at the tip of Old Mission Peninsula, out into Lake Michigan at Lighthouse Beach.

Amazing how much our Shih Tzu, Brandi, remembered from our last trip to this area three years ago. We meandered up to Hazaret Beach one sunny day, and as soon as we put her down her tail wagged happily, and she ran right to the water’s edge to dodge the waves!

Michigan Club will host many new members this fall at our first meet and greet Sunday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. in the Arbor Dance Studios I-III. Please bring pictures and tales to tell of your favorite Michigan places and we will do a brief show and tell about them all.

For more information about the Michigan Club, contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 554-0757.



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How Does the Internet Get to You?

You don't get the internet; you join the internet. In its simplest form, the internet is a network of networks hence the term world wide web. Your internet service provider (ISP) is just a small part in allowing you to join your neighbors and businesses on the internet.

There are points where different ISPs connect to each other called

points of presence (POP) or internet exchange point (IXP). This is where a streaming service (e.g. Netflix) will send your streaming data routed through your ISP and then through your modem/router to the device you are trying to consume that service with.

There are a few ways your ISP can connect you to the internet – dial-up, broadband wireless, cable modem, and fiber to the home (FTTH). The most common ways people are connected are through a hybrid fiber coaxial (HFC) system, and FTTH.

Your device (client) will connect to your modem or router. From there, it will go to your ISPs data center, which connects to the ma-

jor network backbone that is managed by some other government contracted entity. This backbone is connected in many and multiple data centers from local to regional and global. These centers are like highways that route your requested data.

For example, there is a small business in California that makes a product you like. You type in the web address for their website that may be hosted locally there or on a web hosting service somewhere in the country. You put the product in your online shopping cart and then enter your shipping and billing information. The company then receives your order and fulfills it even though they're on the other side

of the continent. That information will cross several data centers and then their individual ISP and in reverse order back to you.

The internet has more than four billion people and businesses connected on one mass network. With only being publicly available since the 1990s the internet has come such a long way from its humble beginnings where it was connected to just a few college labs. We are now working at speeds wirelessly through the air fast enough to bring high-definition video and audio or connecting loved ones over great distances with video calling. Even e-commerce is taking the place of traditional brick and mortar stores in only a couple decades.

Computer Club

Chris Kilbride



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

This month we would like to include tips for our residents since many may be vulnerable in the world of technology. Hackers take advantage of older software programs or operating systems by finding a security hole. Even though it may take a few minutes to check for and download the latest version, most of these vulnerabilities have been removed for your security and protection.

Scammers usually hack the security systems of big brand companies. If you had a password with that company, the hackers might now have your name, email, address, and password and often try to use that information and pass-

word on your other accounts. The key is to have a different password for all accounts.

The trick is to keep passwords organized and updated by using a trusted password manager site or having your own data file or secure notebook at home, which is not carried around in your pocketbook or wallet! Make a new email for yourself just for shopping online. Use letters and numbers with no reference to your name, birthdate, home address or initials, then that way you don't compromise your personal email.

When getting a suspected spam text message, don't click any links or give personal information, just delete it. Your phone should have an option to filter and block messages from unknown senders or spam. Check with your wireless provider for their tool or service to block calls and text messages. This website for the wireless industry ctia.org can help you learn about options from different providers regarding a list of call-blocking apps for various phones.

Reporting unwanted text messages can be done through the messaging app you use and be sure to

look for the option to report junk or spam. Before deleting a suspected text message, you could copy the message and forward it to 7726 (SPAM), or report it to ReportFraud.ftc.gov at the Federal Trade Commission.

iPhone users visit <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201229> for instructions on filtering and blocking messages. Android users have full instructions at <https://support.google.com/phoneapp/answer/6325463>.

Residents are welcome to join our club, with \$10 individual yearly

dues or \$15 per couple. The Contact page on otowpcclub.org or email otowpcclub@gmail.com will get you in touch with us.

Each Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m., members enjoy free online one-on-one instruction or in-person help sessions in the Hobby Building, discussing their PC or Apple computer, smartphone or tablet issues. Members may list on our website any computer related hardware for sale or to give away.

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

Texas Connection Social Club

Kathy Cornell



We are a club for residents who have a connection to Texas by being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason such as vacation, professional, competitions, etc.; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven't been to Texas (bless their hearts) are welcome too. We consider them honorary Texans by association.

Our focus is on gettin' together, jackin' our jaws and havin' fun. Most of our meetings are "bring a snack to share" type fare because our focus is more on the fun aspect. However, we have had chili cook-offs, pizza parties and a Texas style Oktoberfest. Our activities have included competitions like a poker run, Family Feud night, Texas themed trivia contests and even a Texas themed horse race.

We've been entertained twice by residents Kathy and Charlie Petrosky. The first time was a celebration in honor of Texas Independence Day and the second was with musical stylings appropriate for line and partner dancing. Our community's Dulcimer Group treated us to a playlist of Texas and country music they learned and prepared

especially for us.

Another fun night we watched videos of famous Texas comedians performing their standup routines. We've even ventured outside the gates and moseyed over to the Orange Blossom Opry to watch some of our favorite Texas singers perform.

Usually, our meetings are held monthly from September through May. Of course, this past year put a kink in any routine. We did manage a get-together in November to share tales of past Thanksgivings with a little fall trivia thrown in. February, we met for a trivia style presentation called "Texas Twosomes." Kathy and Chris Nastally generously offered to run a bocce night in March; that was great fun. In April we had a pizza party and played a game called "What Would You Do If I" that was fun and created a lot of laughs.

Since it looks like life is returning to normal, we will resume monthly meetings beginning Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Suites I-III at 6 p.m. More information about plans for food and our activity will be published in the September issue of the World News.

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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Resident canines and their human escorts enjoying a morning at the dog park.

Travel Toppers

Anne Parker



Travel Toppers has been here to serve residents for 30 years. We are a non-profit group administered by resident volunteers. We are willing to train new volunteers for escorting our tours or for taking trip reservations.

We are planning visits to the Suncoast Broadway Theater, formerly known as the Show Palace to see "A Christmas Story: The Musical" Saturday, Dec. 18. A leg lamp, pink bunny pajamas, a cranky Santa, and a triple-dog dare are just a few obstacles between Ralphie and Christmas. This musical captures the seasonal wonder with heart-felt hilarious songs, show-stopping dancing, and delicious wit. The cost of \$78 per person includes the bus trip, lunch, show, dessert, and all tips. Beginning Monday, Aug. 30, you may call the coordinator, Linda Hein, at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday) to reserve your spot. There are only 54 seats available.

We will also travel to the Suncoast Broadway Theater Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, to see "Ring of Fire" featuring the music of Johnny Cash. This portrait of "The Man in Black" features over two dozen of his classic hits including "A Boy Named Sue," "Folsom Prison Blues," and "Ring of Fire." This musical is performed by five actors, singers, and musicians who perform with 20 different instruments. The price will be \$78 per person and includes the items listed above. Reservations for this trip will begin Monday, Sept. 27, and will be limited to 54 persons. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday) for reservations.

Details on an additional trip to the Suncoast Broadway Theater for "Camelot" in May 2022 will be available soon.

We have planned a 13-day Denali Explorer cruise and tour that departs May 22, 2022. The six-day land tour includes Fairbanks, Denali Lodge, and McKinley Lodge. The seven-day cruise begins in Whittier with visits to Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and ends with a two-day tour of Vancouver. The

cabin prices per person with double occupancy include all fees and taxes, shipboard gratuities, transfers, motor coach to/from Tampa Airport, insurance, airfare, Vancouver hotel, Vancouver tour and Victoria's Butchart Gardens tour are MB mini suite with balcony, \$5,963; DB deluxe balcony cabin, \$5,708; BB balcony \$5,606; and interior, \$4,661. Contact Allan Rickards at (352) 390-3075 to book.

We are working with American Cruise Lines on an eight-day/seven-night cruise of the Columbia and Snake Rivers in October 2022. Retrace Lewis and Clark's expedition. Enjoy unique shore excursions, scenic landscapes, onboard experts, daily happy hour, lunch, and dinner including beer and wine, and two pre-cruise hotel stays in Portland, Oregon. Call Linda Hein (352) 861-9880 for estimated prices for balcony and non-balcony cabins. A few cabins for singles are available.

Do not wait to book the Alaskan or the Columbia and Snake Rivers cruises as the cabins available are limited and cruise prices are increasing.

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Genealogical Society

Peter Parisi



On Monday, June 21, Thomas MacEntee, a professional genealogist, gave an informative educational presentation on "Tracing Your New York Ancestors" via Zoom.

According to Thomas, he applies the same methodology to researching his New York ancestors as he does with other states and locales. The first thing you must do is have a good understanding of the history of the locale you are researching. What motivated your ancestors to leave their homeland and come to New York? Was it land speculation after the Revolutionary War, or did they work on the Erie Canal? Even the simple timeline dates will help in placing your ancestors in an historical context, thus allowing you to find more data and better analyze the data you do find.

You must build a research toolbox, either on your computer using an Excel spreadsheet or a genealogy Favorites folder in Windows Explorer. A research toolbox keeps track of your links to websites, genealogical articles, books, emails to relatives, so you can spend less time searching for resources you already reviewed.

Leave no stone unturned. When you think you have hit the proverbial "brick wall," consider whether you have done a reasonably exhaustive search of all available resources. Remember, only 5% of all records are currently online. You need to go to state, county and city archives, libraries, courthouses and repositories of churches and cemeteries to find records on your ancestors that are not online. Also, check with genealogy societies in the area that you are researching for infor-

mation they may have. With regards to New York, there are good records from the Dutch Reformed Church when New York was still a colony of the Netherlands until 1674.

Don't forget to cite your sources of all information that you have found.

Use a research log to track your work, both so you can analyze the data you have found and so you don't repeat research you have already performed. The research log will also help you determine what information you still need to find.

To see more in-depth information on our speaker presentations, contact Wilma Kelly at otowgens@gmail.com to join our club. Dues are \$20 per year for an individual and \$35 for a couple.

All of the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For those attending in person, we will be practicing social distancing. Wearing of masks is optional if you have been vaccinated. Members who want to attend remotely will be notified by email by our club president, Paul Belter, on how to access Zoom.

On Monday, Aug. 9, we will have an open genealogy discussion by the membership on genealogy issues or discoveries they have learned.

On Monday, Aug. 16, we tentatively have Thomas MacEntee scheduled, whose educational presentation will be "Facebook, a Tool for Genealogy Research."

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Friendly Visitor Club

Phyllis Silverman



Several residents have formed a club known as the Friendly Visitor Club and they work closely with the Senior Resource Foundation of Ocala. They are a club of volunteers who want to make a difference by being a visiting friend to you or your neighbor. They will read stories, play cards, games and visit with those in need. For more information, contact Phyllis Silverman at (678) 709-2605.

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Moonstruck Astronomy Club member Jim Shuman discusses binoculars with Larry Isenberg.

Moonstruck Astronomy Club



Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, July 8. Club President Jim Di Paolo presented two topics: the origins and atomic makeup of “cosmic dust” that appears throughout the universe, and an update on NASA’s Perseverance Mission to Mars. He also discussed the use of binoculars to observe the night sky, describing several types of binoculars, their parts and construction, and which sizes and powers are the best for astronomical observation. Several club members brought their own binoculars to explain how they used them on their own. Binoculars have also been added to the club’s

“lending library.” Di Paolo regretfully explained that the cancellation of the anticipated NASA webinar Thursday, June 17 was due to technical difficulties. NASA broadcast its webinar exclusively for club members Thursday, July 15 via Zoom. NASA scientist Les Johnson discussed two planned missions using “solar sails” as the propulsion system. A solar sail is a very large, very thin polymer sheet attached to a satellite that can be pushed by sunlight alone without need of any rocket fuel. Vice President Larry Isenberg discussed different kinds of “finder scopes” – the small low-power telescopes attached to a larger telescope to help a viewer aim the larger scope at a specific celestial body in the night sky. He brought an assortment of finder scopes to demonstrate their differences to club members. Isenberg also conducted

a lively discussion among members about what they personally enjoy about astronomy and being a member of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club. People volunteered a wide variety of responses – from enjoying meeting new people to wondering about the size and complexity of the universe. Following that discussion, John Bridges provided his customary overview of the July night sky, featuring the locations of the moon, the planets, the international space station, and several celestial objects of note throughout the month. Di Paolo reminded club members to watch for emails announcing evening observation sessions on any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky. Members are welcome to arrive and stay as they wish during the evenings. All sessions are held adjacent to the R/C flying field. On some occasions

they can last long into the nighttime depending on the appearance of interesting deep sky objects to observe. The club will continue to take precautions regarding the pandemic during observing events. Updated instructions will be provided in emails announcing each session. Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. All residents can join the Moonstruck Astronomy Club, and new members are welcome! Yearly club dues are only \$15 per year, and they include a subscription to the quarterly Reflector Magazine. Indigo East residents require a Gateway of Services pass to participate in the club. For information or club registration, please contact Moonstruck Astronomy Club President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com.

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Active Singles Club

Pat Jocelyn



In 8 B.C. the month of August was renamed to honor Emperor Augustus. The not-so-modest emperor chose that name because several of his most notable triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt, occurred during that month.

More recently, and on a different note, the whole month of August has been declared Happiness Happens Month by the Secret Society of Happy People. Members are urged to “recognize their happy moments and think about happiness in their daily life.”

Most Active Singles Club members would agree that we know

a thing or two about “happy moments” because of the pleasurable activities we’re continually sharing with one another.

During the past several months we’ve not only increased our membership, but we’ve added new activities and made new friends.

Case in point: One of our members posted a suggestion that interested parties show up to play ad hoc ping pong on Monday afternoons. What started out with just two participants has since grown to filling the tables with folks waiting to play. That wait time is not wasted however, because that gives those waiting in line a chance to chat and get to know one another better or catch up with not-so-new friends. It’s a win/win for all involved.

Another new weekly activity (weather permitting) is bocce ball. Like its counterpart ping pong,

each week more members are trying their luck at this relatively easy to learn game.

Bowling continues to be a popular pursuit and as with most of our activities, it’s the fun and socialization that makes the event a success more than the level of expertise exhibited. We’re also looking at initiating kayak and zip-lining excursions.

As we continue to investigate different and exciting ways to keep our membership actively involved and well ... “happy”, members are encouraged to bring new ideas to the table. Let’s continue to keep the word “active” in our singles club a reality.

Those residents who wish to join Active Singles Club can do so at any one of our monthly membership meetings. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Indigo East Community

Center. Remember to bring your resident ID with you.

We’re very fortunate to live the lives we live and have the friends we have; but others outside our community are not so lucky. If you’d like the opportunity to assist those who are in desperate need of our help, consider the following:

At each of our monthly membership meetings we collect canned foods, dry goods, and personal hygiene items for Interfaith Emergency Services. Just drop any of those items off as you enter the meeting, and we’ll get the items delivered. Thank you in advance for your help.

For more information about our club including how to join, contact us at activesinglesotow@outlook.com, visit us at otowactivesinglesclub.com or join us on Facebook (OTOW Active Singles Club). Remember, “We may be single, but we’re not alone.”

SWANS

Sandi Dickerson



The SWANS was established for single women in 2006. SWANS stands for Single Women’s Active Networking System. This group has provided opportunities for social interaction and support among its members for 15 years. Our motto has always been “SWANS are never alone.” We actively support each other during times of need. We also enjoy life here at On Top of the World through our many social events.

The Biloxi, Mississippi trip in June was a wonderful getaway. We stayed at the Beau Rivage, and it was beautiful. The rooms were very nice, and the food was excellent.

Right next door was the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Biloxi. It is interesting to look at all the performers’ costumes and instruments on display there. Most of us went on a trolley tour of Biloxi and learned lots of interesting facts about the history of the city.

Several members went down to

Gulfport and visited two casinos. Most of us visited the Scarlet Pearl Casino Resort in Biloxi. Being from Florida, I was surprised at the lack of beaches in Biloxi, especially since it is right on the Gulf of Mexico. Most seem to be manmade!

Seafood is the biggest industry in town and there are several wonderful seafood restaurants here to enjoy! Several of us came to the realization that we are not really gamblers, even a little! But the trip was still fun!

We do have lots of travel planned for the next few months. In July, some of us went on a mystery day trip. There was also a tour of the St. Johns River and lunch at the Blackwater Inn planned hosted by Karen Volpe. Both were interesting and fun!

The trip in September to Lancaster, Pennsylvania is full as is the Thanksgiving week cruise. There will be another mystery trip just for SWANS in October. Our trip to Daytona Beach, Florida is all set up for Sunday, Nov. 7 through Wednesday, Nov. 10, and there will be another trip to Biloxi over the Christmas holidays.

Many SWANS are getting together each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to play samba in the Arbor Ac-

tivity Center Large Card Room. We have reserved the room through December. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. Lois has stopped teaching samba for the time being, but will start again in the future.

Our membership continues to climb. We will increase the size of our appetizer groups after our Sat-

SPCA of Marion County

Melanie Vittitow



The SPCA is still here and still active even though we will not be at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market or have scheduled any meetings in August. We are looking for a new centralized meeting place and will let you know the location before our next meeting Thursday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. Mark your calendar right now, so you don’t forget.

As of this writing, we have one dog in foster care. He is a purebred English cocker spaniel whose humans are no longer able to care for him. He is a well-mannered nine-year-old and up to date on vet care. Call (252) 262-0985 if you are interested.

We still have a variety of cats. You can see them at SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com or call Paula at (352) 300-0172 for an appointment to meet them in person.

Do you have pets? Have you made arrangements for them if something happens to you? The SPCA has created a checklist of what you can do to ensure that your pets are cared for in your absence. First, you need to appoint a caregiver in advance and give them detailed instructions on your pets. Our checklist tells you what to post in your home and has suggestions on what type of information your caregiver might need. You can find the list on our Facebook page (Marion County FL SPCA), or visit SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com for a printable download. Go to the “resources” page on the menu. The download will be at the bottom of the page.

Would you like to be involved in helping the animals of Marion

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Dee Collier held the attention of an audience of over 80 members at The Lodge at Candler Hills as she portrayed Sabine Bonhoeffer Leibholz who was Dietrich Bonhoeffer's twin sister.

The Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger



With many new members in our midst, the Jewish Club has decided to hold an ice breaker at their regularly scheduled meeting, Sunday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV. This will be a great opportunity for newcomers to meet our wonderful core group and learn about many opportunities to get involved with club activities.

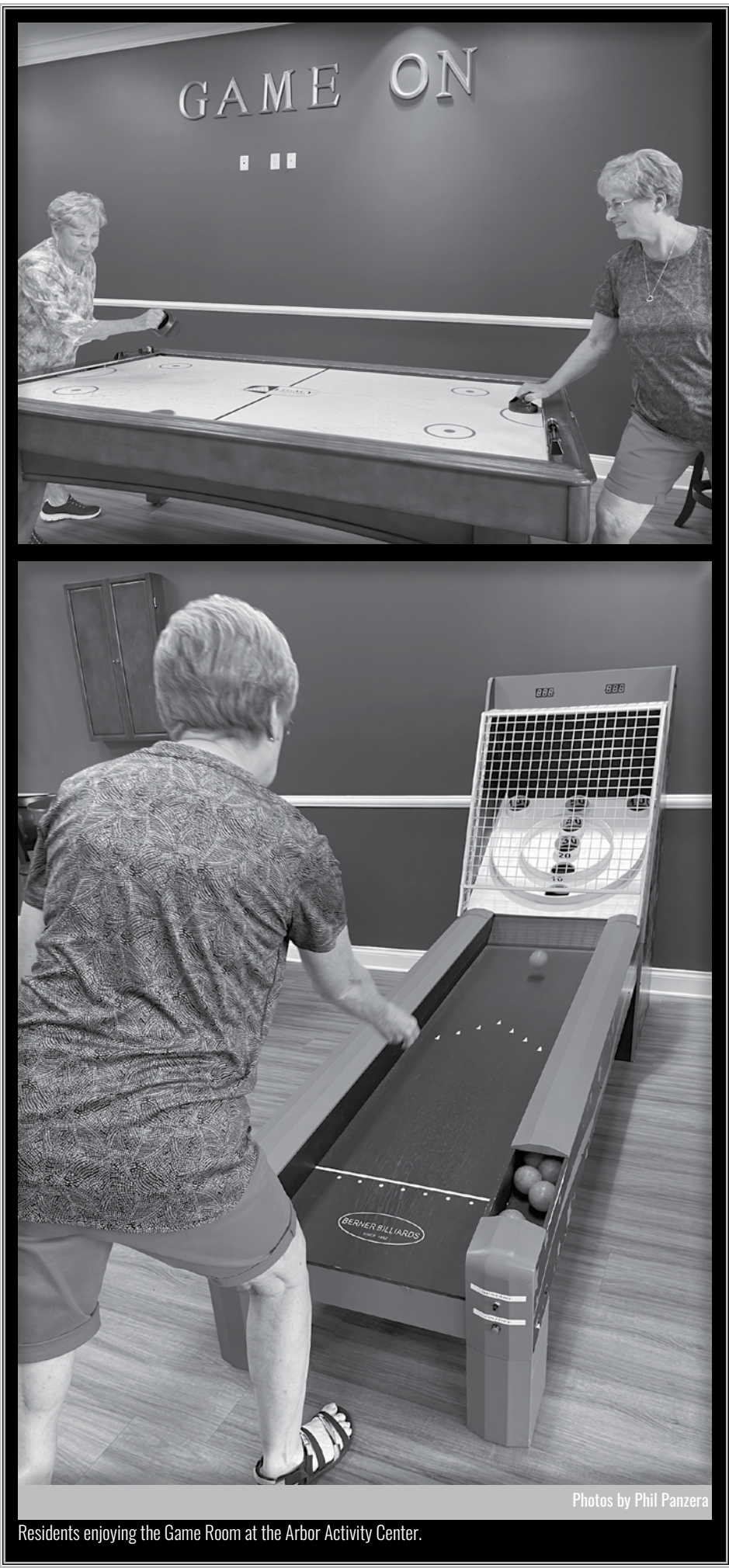
Sunday, Sept. 19, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., the club will hold one of its most popular events to open our fall season—the sharing bagels and lox. This meeting is particularly meaningful, being held during the Yom Kippur 10-day holiday. This meeting is restricted to members only.

Highlights of the fall season include a concert by Sheba, Grammy nominated Queen of the Mississippi Blues, a replay of our popular barbeque picnic, this year to be held at Veterans Park and a rousing Hanukkah party to wrap up the year. Details on these events will follow soon.

Diane Turkin heads up our Friday meet-up group which meets alternately at Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli and The Pub. The group shares a quick lunch and great conversation. Watch our Facebook page for

information on these weekly get-togethers. Reach Diane at (610) 308-0902.

The Jewish Club is open to all residents no matter what your religious affiliation. We are a social club that proudly shares our ties with Israel and its rich heritage. For more information about membership, contact Toby Burros at (352) 509-7845. For all other questions, contact Nancy Meininger at (352) 554-0757. The club Facebook page (The New Jewish Club of OTOW) is updated daily and has many opportunities for getting together with club members.



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Residents enjoying the Game Room at the Arbor Activity Center.



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A panoramic view of the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in the Hunan Province, China.

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine



The Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, located in the Hunan Province in south-central China, is noted for the many tall, pillar-like formations that are found throughout the park. These formations are a distinct hallmark of the Chinese landscape and are depicted in many ancient

Chinese paintings. Although the landscape looks like it might be a karst terrain (limestone) it is not. The rock is a quartz-sandstone mix. In a karst area, such as Florida, caves and strange rock shapes are the result of water slowly dissolving the limestone. The formations in this park, however, are the result of physical erosion, rather than water. In this case, water from snowmelt fills the cracks and crevices in the rock. When this water freezes, it expands, often breaking off small pieces of the rock. Over millions of years of this freeze and thaw process, you can get some very interesting results.

The park was recognized as China’s first national forest park in 1982, and it became a World Heritage Site in 1992. The 185 square mile park has proven to be a very popular tourist attraction that suffers from millions of visitors every year, mostly domestic, but also international tourists.

Access to the park is relatively easy. The government also has built several attractions to enhance the visiting experience. For example, there is the Bailong elevator, literally “hundred dragons sky lift.” It is 1,070 feet high, which makes it the world’s tallest outdoor lift. There actually are three glass elevators that can whizz you and 49 of your closest friends to the top of one of the peaks in Yuanjiajie in fewer than two minutes. Of course, you usually have to wait in line for up to two hours to get in the elevator for that two-minute ride. Alternatively, if you are really fit, you can walk to the top in about one and a half hours. If you are there with your kids, the unspoken challenge is to have them walk up while you ride up and see who reaches the top first.

The Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge, the longest (1,410 feet) and highest (980 feet) pedestrian glass bridge in the world, is another major attraction in the park. Thirteen days after the bridge opened, however, the crowds walking across it were so massive that the bridge had to be closed for “structural adjustments” that were necessary to make it safe.

Another extremely popular attraction is a 30-minute cable car ride through the towering formations to the top of Tianzi Mountain. Not only does this get you to the top of one of the pillars offering spectacular views, but you also get to take otherwise impossible photos on the journey up and back down.

For the hiking crowd, there are many hiking trails available in the park. These trails offer visitors options ranging from a simple walk along a babbling brook in one of the valleys to a two-hour hike on a slippery, 70-degree slope so narrow you can only pass someone else sideways. No thank you, says I. Give me the babbling brook!

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Native Plant Group

Ron Broman



Welcome! We’re glad you came. This is a teaching garden; so, let’s get started. We’d like to begin here with this shrub. She’s really very special. She’s endemic (restricted) to just a few counties in north Florida’s central peninsula. In fact, one of her common names includes our city’s name.

Take a look at this leaf. Now crush it between your fingers. It has a smell. Can you tell what spice it brings to mind? That spice is in her common name.

In the wild she’s usually found along wetland edges; but will acclimate to poorer soils and more open areas.

Because of weak stems, her overall structure tends to be a weeping rather than a more erect one.

Her “cousin” which is found in more habitats of north Florida, ex-

hibits showy, crimson red flowers. Our species, as you can see, has very small, two centimeters, yellowish white, almost closed blossoms. Her dark green, leathery leaves make a statement themselves.

Hardy, relatively pest free and evergreen are attributes that make this member of Florida’s native plant palate a wonderful addition to one’s garden, in our opinion.

So, with our brief visit to this garden at an end for now, it’s your turn, dear friend, to decide:

- 1. Where in the world grows this shrub?
- 2. What is her name?

When you’ve come to a decision, give us a call at (352) 861-4560. If you have figured correctly you might wish to have a small native your very own. Or you may just want to chat for a while. Being cooped up for what seems like an eternity makes us feel the need for conversation.

If you’d like to join members of our Native Plant Group as we maintain our projects, call that number too.

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Where in the world grows this native?



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Fourth of July tree at the Recreation Center.



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Monthly dance in July.

New Line Dance Season on the Horizon

By Nancy Carmack

As we take our summer break from classes, we are also thinking about the new dance season starting in September. We are looking forward to our new professional dance instructor, Darlene Miller, teaching our line dance classes beginning Monday, Sept. 13. She will be teaching four levels of classes. Please refer to Theresa Field's column to see the schedule for each class and instructions for sign-up. If you are a new dancer and are unsure of which class you should join,

just choose the one that you think would be right for you. You can always change to a different class if the one you have decided on is too difficult or not challenging enough.

Freddie Sharp, a resident teacher, leads the Intermediate class, which is the most advanced class in our community. That class will also start on Monday, Sept. 13, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II at 10:50 a.m. This class is free of charge.

Sheryl Bradley, also a resident

teacher, has free line dance classes Thursdays in the Arbor Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. This class is mostly country style music and dance. Her new season will begin Thursday, Sept. 2. The schedule is as follows: Improver/Intermediate at 10:30 a.m.; Beginner at 11:30 a.m.; and Absolute Beginner at 12:30 p.m. She also has a dance once a month on Fridays for all levels.

More good news is that beginning Tuesday, Aug. 3, The Town Square will offer pre-recorded music Tuesdays through Fridays and live music on Saturdays, from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays will offer music for line and pattern dancers. Beginning in September, live music will be offered on Fridays, and there will be food trucks avail-

able. This is an exciting change for all of us, and any updates will be in this column in the coming months.

Our Intermediate/Improver/Beginner II dancers had their monthly dance in July. We had a patriotic theme and had a wonderful night of dancing together after this long break. This dance is now on every other month schedule to share the same time slot with the Absolute Beginners and Beginner I groups.

If you've never line danced before, think about joining one of our groups. Dancing is great fun and wonderful exercise for both mind and body.

For detailed information, please contact Darlene Miller at (352) 259-3695, Freddie Sharp for Intermediate at (352) 387-7775 or Sheryl Bradley at sbradley057@yahoo.com.



Having fun and staying young at our Billiards and Game Rooms.

Game On!

By Phil Panzera
World News Writer

Tucked away at the far-left end of the Arbor Activity Center are two of our community's hidden amenities: a massive and well-appointed Billiards Room, and a Game Room with over 400 games available to enjoy and challenge your mind.

Do you have fond memories of laughter and competition in video game arcades when you were young? Do you remember the very first Pong game hooked up to the back of your television? Have you played darts in bars while tipsy? Have you run your fingers along the sawdust-covered shuffleboard table in your neighborhood tavern? Did you ever play bumper pool in your college rec center?

Were you ever piqued by not being able to reliably hit the "50" in skee-ball? Do you remember smashing the puck around on an air hockey table with your children, while marveling at their youthful reflexes? Did you ever sit around the kitchen table – parents versus kids – and test your memory with Simon?

These are all very real memories for me, and I'm sure, for many of you also. Well, every one of these memories and more is available for you in our Game Room. If you have visiting children, or especially grandchildren, it is a marvelous way to spend quality time with them.



Photos by Phil Panzera

For those of you who have been there, you may be wondering at my description above. Four hundred games? Really? Well, yes. The room has a two-player table console with 412 mostly vintage arcade video games.

Did you also experience the drive, intense concentration, and (yes) addiction to "beat" these video games? Did you stay past the time you needed to eat, or study, or meet someone, because you were sure on the very next try you would finally reach that next level of Ms. Pac-Man, Frogger, Tron, Donkey Kong, Galaga, Q*Bert or Tetris? All of these games, and hundreds more, are just waiting for you to futilely try again (as they dream their electronic sleep, smug at our puny human efforts).

Our Billiards Room is literally an unrecognized gem of our community, as few realize that it may well be the best billiards room of any se-

nior community in Florida. Before deciding to buy here I researched widely, and found nothing even remotely comparable.

The room sports 12 fairly new tables, in excellent condition, including a rare 10foot snooker table (found in no other community, I checked).

The Billiards Room has an active club, with leagues, tournaments, and social events. If interested, check out the separate Billiards Club column in this issue of the World News for more information.

Think you're too old to play games? Quite the contrary, as games are especially beneficial for seniors. They can relieve stress, improve brain function, boost creativity, keep you feeling young, and help you establish and improve relationships with others. If you haven't checked out these awesome resources, consider giving them a try.

R/C Car Club

Gene Mangold



Do you want to watch Ferraris, Austin Healeys, Corvettes or Ford GTs race right here at On Top of the World? If you answered “yes,” then come to the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. These beautiful 1:32 model slot cars are near exact representations of legendary racing vehicles. Just looking at the array of vehicles staged, ready to race is a show in itself.

The cars average five to six inches. Classes are touring (grand prix), open-wheel (formula one), and muscle cars. They all have tiny electric motors that propel them at fantastic speeds around the portable race tracks set up on tables. Two braids hang down, making contact with the track using 12 to 18 volts. The energy is transferred to the tiny motor in the car and controlled by a radio control handheld device. Each vehicle is electronically bound to a unique controller at the start of the race.

A keel near the car wheels attaches to slots in a raceway. They can switch between two lanes easily and vary their speed to make it around hairpin curves and winding stretches. There is a maximum of six cars in each race.

The race strategy is to go as fast as possible without flying off the track on a curve or changing lanes to pass the driver ahead. Like NAS-CAR®, drivers have to be careful about their time in the refueling

pits. These little cars use virtual fuel, and they must watch a displayed tabletop fuel gauge.

Four to six drivers stand in line with a controller in hand, and when the buzzer sounds, they’re off. Races usually have 15 laps and last four minutes or until a car is the sole remaining contestant left on the track. They are exciting to watch, and visitors can help put the cars back on the track during the practice heats, or drive the vehicles themselves when races are not in progress.

Slot racing has the advantages of being done in air-conditioned comfort, easy to get started with cars costing just \$60, and a fun thing to do. The slot car races are Tuesdays at 1 p.m., while the larger R/C cars are Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. at the car track. Membership allows racing the larger R/C cars as well as the little slot guys.

I went to a slot car race in July solely to take a photo for this column and got caught up in the excitement. Berrie Bossert and others warmly welcomed me as I opened the door. I was very impressed by the friendly and professional leadership of the race manager, Fred Penichet, so I ended up racing a car and having a wonderful afternoon. But I missed my nap!

June

Rage, four wheel drive truck, four-wheel drive buggy—Ken Berry; Two-wheel drive truck—Paul Altman; Novice—Ron Kaulfersch; Two-wheel drive buggy A—Dominic Papa; Two-wheel drive buggy B—Gene Mangold; Touring—Tom Newman; and stock GT2—Bob Herbst.

Call Fred Penichet at (914) 588-7293 for information about the R/C Car Club.



Photo by Dan Gaffin

Alex Fedele, Paul Daigle, Doug Nastally, Mike Betz, Doc Consuegra, and Bob Wroblewski.

R/C Flyers Club

Dan Gaffin



Meet the instructors of the R/C Flyers Club. These members freely give their time to each student pilot. The instructors love this hobby and want to share their enthusiasm, knowledge, and skills with anyone in our community who desires to learn.

Flight Instructor Coordinator Mike “Amazing Mike” Betz starts the training process for a new pilot by matching them with an instructor. Mike is also an instructor as well. Mike has been instructing with the R/C Flyers for two years and is also vice president of the club. Mike moved here about three years ago from the state of Kentucky and retired as a construction contractor. Mike also flies R/C helicopters and currently has 10 planes and four helicopters.

Doug Nastally has been around aircraft for many years. He was a flight instructor at Western Michigan University and taught flight training in Pontiac, Michigan. Doug then went on to become an air traffic controller and eventually an instructor for air traffic control. During his professional years, he also enjoyed R/C airplanes and trained pilots to fly these as well. In all, Doug has over 40 years of experience with standard aircraft and R/C aircraft. Doug became an instructor for the R/C Flyers eight years ago.

Paul Daigle is our newest flight

instructor; he began instructing for the club March 2021. Paul started flying R/C aircraft at the age of 14. Though he had periods in his life that he didn’t fly, he has 35 years of experience to bring to his techniques of instructing. Paul is a retired professional chef and owned a restaurant in Massachusetts. Paul is a real jokester and loves to have fun, especially, with the other pilots.

Alex Fedele started flying R/C aircraft at the age of 27 and was an R/C plane instructor in Massachusetts for over 15 years. Alex builds his aircraft from scratch using blueprints; an art that few still do. Alex prefers to fly gas or glow powered aircraft. Alex is a retired production engineer.

Doc Consuegra started flying R/C planes at the age of 61. Doc has previously been an instructor in other R/C aircraft clubs and started as an instructor with the R/C Flyers 20 months ago. Doc has a PhD in educational administration and taught and worked in this field until retirement.

Bob “Robo” Wroblewski started instructing in 1989 when he was a member of the Detroit Aero Modelers Club. Bob moved here in 2003 and has been an instructor with the R/C Flyers ever since. Bob enjoys building aircraft from kits. He currently has eight aircraft consisting of gas, glow and electric. Bob retired as an account executive for AT&T.

Ed Helinski is a winter month flight instructor. Ed was unavailable to interview for this column; he has returned to his summer home up north. We will welcome him back this fall.



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A few of the R/C slot car drivers.

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Call of the Wild Sports Club

Roger Bonifield



We’ve all heard the expression, “don’t count your chickens before they hatch,” but here in Florida, we also know you don’t plan on going fishing or, in this case, a club meeting, until you check the weather. We were excited to finally schedule our first club meeting back at our regular meeting room in nearly 18 months and what happens? Tropical Storm Elsa rolls through Ocala, and everything gets shut down. I just hope you weren’t one of the people who bravely showed up at the door wondering where we were. Good news is we are going to try it again in August. So, barring not much short of Armageddon, break out your hip waders, foul weather gear and lifeboats, and be there on that first Wednesday in August.

Everyone knows the population here at On Top of the World has been exploding recently, and ev-

eryone is checking out all the great amenities, clubs, and activities. So, for those of you new to the area, let me take a moment to introduce you to Call of the Wild Sports Club. Now over 100 strong, we are a group of men and women who love outdoor sports like fishing and hunting, and since most of us are new to Florida, this club is a great way to learn how to better enjoy those activities. Whether you want to search out one of those Florida 10-pound bass, track down a whitetail, or just share your past adventures, experience and knowledge with others, Call of the Wild Sports Club is the club for you. We host several activities from fishing trips to holiday dinners and of course, our famous fish fry. We also bring in guest speakers on topics all about Florida’s great outdoors.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. So our next meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 4, and is open to members and non-members. If you would like any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly at (352) 300-3601.



Photo by Athena Drewes

Table Tennis Club members.

Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



The Table Tennis Club is growing and so are the hours of play! We heard you and have increased the blocks of time for play. New additions include beginners’ singles on Thursdays, from 3 to 5 p.m.; women’s group play on Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon; and advanced singles play on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no instruction scheduled at either of the beginner singles or doubles club times. We are still working on how to manage instruction time for beginner club members. See below for the full listing of club hours.

We have added a Table Tennis Club Facebook group (OTOW Table Tennis Group). You will have to be approved after verification of membership to the Table Tennis Club. It is for members only and all Facebook etiquette rules should always be followed. We hope this will be a good way for members to communicate, set up play times, and share ideas. This is also a great way for beginner and club members to request instruction from our more advanced players and set up some private instruction time.

We are planning a “grand open-

ing” for members only on Saturday, Aug. 28, at noon at the Arbor Conference Center. This will be a great time for members to learn more about our club’s growth and future, to socialize, as well as to play! We hope you will join us for this fun time!

Hours of play are:

- Advanced singles: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Beginner’s doubles: Tuesdays, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Beginner’s singles: Thursdays, from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Doubles: Mondays and Tuesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m.; and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Singles: Wednesdays and Sundays, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Women’s group play: Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

We will have a Table Tennis Club table at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Recreation Center Ballroom. So please come on over and meet us. You can learn about our club and sign up! Dues are only \$5 through the end of 2021. Then annual dues start Jan. 1, 2022, at \$10 for the year. We will have applications and flyers with the hours of play available. We cannot wait to meet you and get you playing! For further information, contact Paul Stadterman at pstadterman@yahoo.com.



Photo by Captain Roger

“Oh no, it’s too big.” You don’t hear those words too often, but that’s what member Joe London said after catching this “over slot” snook on a recent fishing trip. Actual size and weight will be left for Joe’s story book.

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

- Aug. 3: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where everyone plays their normal round of golf, and we will flight you based on your handicap.
- Aug. 10: Individual Even Holes (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where everyone

plays their normal round of golf, and we use the scores on the even numbered holes towards the game.

- Aug. 17: Two Best Ball (The Links) is a team game where at the end of each hole the two lowest net score of the team will be recorded as the team score.
- Aug. 24: Team Scramble (The Links) is where everyone tees off, you pick the best drive, and everyone plays from there. You repeat this process till the ball is holed.
- Aug. 31: Three Blind Mice (The Tortoise & The Hare) 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 get back in.

I've been asked by many ladies, what are some good ways to improve their game? Golf clinics are a great place to start. They are full of information and give you some things to practice on your own time. Upcoming clinics include "Addressing the Slice" Saturday, Aug. 7, and "How to Improve Your Tee Shot" Saturday, Aug. 14. Please remember that you must register at the Candler Hills Golf Shop in advance if you want to participate. Clinics fill up fast, so if you see a clinic that you really want to take, please sign up sooner rather than

later.

"Get Golf Ready" classes are available and are for beginning golfers or returning players who need a crash course to get them back into the swing of things. The cost is \$99 for five sessions, and you will be in a group setting with other beginning players. So, if you know of anyone wanting to join the league but they don't feel like they are golf ready, or maybe you are new to the game and you want to improve yourself, then come by the On Top of the World Golf Shop and we will get you more information. These are great ways to improve your game and remember that you get out of it what you put into it so practice, practice, practice.

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Mark your calendar, ladies – the 2021 Solheim Cup is being played Tuesday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 6, at the Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio. This event is the biggest, most anticipated, international team event in women's professional golf.

The Solheim Cup is a biennial golf tournament for professional women golfers contested by teams representing Europe and the United States. It is named after the Norwegian-American golf club manu-

facturer Karsten Solheim that was a driving force behind its creation.

The inaugural tournament was held in 1990, and the event was staged in even numbered years until 2002, alternating years with the Ryder Cup (the equivalent men's event). As part of the general reshuffling of team golf events after the one-year postponement of the 2001 Ryder Cup following the Sept. 11 attacks, the Solheim Cup switched to odd numbered years beginning in 2003. Another reshuffle of team golf events took place in 2020 and the Solheim Cup will return to even numbered years in 2024.

The United States teams have won the cup the most times, with 10 wins compared with Europe's six. The current holders are Eu-

rope that won at the Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire, Scotland in 2019.

The Thursday league events for nine-hole ladies are as follows:

- Aug. 5: Individual Stableford in flights (back nine).
- Aug. 12: Course closed for maintenance; no event.
- Aug. 19: Three Clubs and a Putter (back nine).
- Aug. 26: Two Person Scramble (front nine).

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It's been a wet summer so far. Chicken Day was washed out in July, but all payments were applied to the August Chicken Day event unless members asked for a refund from Tournament Director Jerry Englar.

Remember to check your email regularly for league play updates, including further weather cancellations.

MGA membership stands at 325. Newest members include Kevin Jensen, Philip Shaw, Robert Cou-tu, Tim Beaty, Tim Clarkin, James

Gourlay, Kevin Thompson, Rob Coughanour, Paul Randles, Clayton Monry, Bruce Teachey and Mike Stone. Please welcome them all.

Mark these upcoming events on your calendar:

- Wednesday, Aug. 4: Chicken Day (The Links)
- Wednesday, Aug. 11: Quota Points with Candler Hills (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Tuesday, Aug. 17: Invited to Candler Hills
- Wednesday, Aug. 25: 2 Best Balls (The Links)

Individual Low Net
June 30/The Links

Flight 1: 67-Larry Gibson. Tie at 73-Joe Wilks, Terry Hubbart, Brian Wilder. Tie at 77-Russell Zile, Tim Clarkin. 78-David Butler.

Flight 2: 66-Ricki Plesea. Tie at 68-Dan Goggin, Neil Seaman. 69-Jim Weaver. 70-Jim Lefa-

ver. 71-Larry Manion. 72-Don Edmond.

Flight 3: Tie at 75-Joe Wong, Joseph Mandala. 76-Roger Sparks. Tie at 77-Mike Kurlakowsky, Rusty Rhodes. 78-David Johnson. Tie at 79-David Miller, Gregory Dyer.

Flight 4: 67-Jack Pozsik. 71-Ronald Grob. 73-David Hannasch. 75-Robert Dellapenna. 76-James Thompson. Tie at 77-John Snyder, Bob Barbee.

Flight 5: Tie at 75-Alan Theusch, Carl Zeiler, Mario Grosso. Tie at 76-Clay Norgan, Bob Gee. Tie at 78-Norm Hayworth, Norman Schulze.

Flight 6: 69-Loren Magsam. 71-Bill Searight. 72-Joe Polizzotti. 73-Charles Miele. 74-Douglas Coleman. 77-Nick James, Tary Bole.

Two-Man Scramble
June 23/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 64-Bruce Venslavsky and David Woi-tek. Tie at 65-Ken Zweiback and Jim Nicholson; Mark Beauchamp and Matt Raies; Dwight Weirich and John Snyder. Tie at 66-Rick Schriewer and Tary Bole; Charlie Taylor and Carl Zeiler; Mike Madura and Donald Wheeler. 67-Raymond Hendrix and David Hannasch. Tie at 68-Jim Le-faver and Paul Randles; Dennis McCourt and Ronald Grob; Kevin Thompson and Robert Cor-bett; Ruben Alvarez and Steve Houston; Larry Manion and Ralph Solvold.

Flight 2: Tie at 63-Mark Durso and Nick James; Ricki Plesea and Alan Theusch. 64-David Gar-land and David Wohlleber. 66-Rino D'amico and Paul Snyder. 67-Anthony Morris and Lance Davsko. Tie at 68-Neil Seaman and Paul Sil-liman; Larry Gibson and Bill Searight; Julian Hobby and Barry Barringer; John English and Thomas Kujawa; Charles Miele and Terry Hub-bartt; Joseph Mandala and Bob Marks.

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Golf

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We are in the dead heat of summer. Afternoon thunderstorms and high humidity are the norms for central Florida. This doesn't necessarily bode well for our afternoon golfers. If you like to play in the afternoon when the course is less crowded, please make sure to follow all inclement weather safety precautions. Here are some tips if you are caught on the golf course during a storm:

- Avoid open high ground and large trees.
- Avoid bodies of water.
- Seek shelter inside a building immediately.
- Remember that if you hear thunder, lightning is nearby.

As everyone is aware, pace of play and course difficulty are two main reasons for decline in new golfers. I'm sure you have all appreciated the "While Were Young" commercials produced by the USGA. This public campaign was created to address slow play on the golf course and create a more enjoyable game.

Please make sure you are monitoring your pace of play while on the course. A foursome should complete nine holes in no longer than two hours and 18 holes in no longer than four hours. Please help your fellow golfers and make sure your group is keeping track of their pace play.

Candler Hills will host Beat the Pro Friday, Aug. 6. The game is One Best Ball of Two Net versus the Pro's One Best Ball of Two Gross.

Registration is \$15 per player with the deadline being Tuesday, Aug. 3. Good luck.

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

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Aug. 6: Beat the Pro at Candler Hills Golf Club.
- Monday, Aug. 9 through Thursday, Aug. 12: Candler Hills closed for aerification.
- Monday, Aug. 16 through Thursday, Aug. 19: The Tortoise & The Hare closed for aerification.
- Saturday, Aug. 28: Short Course Challenge on The Links.

World Accolades

CANDLER HILLS: Gil Green, hole-in-one #13. Bob Springman, hole-in-one #17. Dennis McCourt, eagle #10. Mike Gleason, hole-in-one #5. Rick Lilly, hole-in-one #5. Chris Mark, eagle #12. Lisa Free shot best round ever 81. Brian Henderson, eagle #11. David Smerdon shot best round ever 89. Donna Smith, eagle #18.

THE LINKS: Joe Wilks, shot his age 69. Mary Jeannotte, eagle #1. Jannette Sheil, broke 100 for the first time.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Joe Wilks, eagle #14.

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you find yourself hitting a huge slice with a driver in your hands? A slice is when your shot curves hard from left to right for the right-handed golfer. Most times the slice will take you to places you do not want to be. You

say to yourself, "Why can't I get rid of this darn slice?" Well, here are some tips to ridding yourself of the dreaded slice.

- Check your grip. Each hand should form a V with your index finger and thumb. Each of the Vs formed should then point to your right shoulder (right-handed golfer).
- Make sure your ball position is off the heel of the front foot. This will help catch the ball on the upswing.
- Focus on a bigger turn back and through. Make sure you

Candler Hills Men's Golf

Terry Hoppes



We welcomed new members Clayton Mowry and Donald Otto.

One Best Ball Gross/Net June 22

-16-Joe Pruss, Dave Falcone, Bill McElroy, Paul Randles. -15-Tommy Lowe, Ken Zweiback, Mori Fierce, Tom Joy. -10-Mike Cunningham, Terry Sigler, Dennis McCourt, Clayton Mowry. -6 Joe Jingco, Rick Strynar, Jim Napierski, Bill Searight. Tie at -5-Tom Presnick, Rusty Zarrell, Tim Williams, David Nelson and Paul Rubly, Steve Thesman, Don Edmond, John Sullivan.

Best Ball - Two Man Teams June 29

A/B Flight: -8-David Clune and Joe Pruss. Tie at -7-Paul Sepulveda and Lyle Gave, Ken Zweiback and Donald Otto, Tom Presnick and David Vermilya, Dave Falcone and Mori Fierce, David Butler and Michael Brajer. C/D Flight: Tie at -9-Bill McElroy and Tom Joy, Hal Levine, and Edwin Viloria. Tie at -7-Edwin Ortiz and Terry Spurlock, Danny Ball and Paul

get about 80 to 90% of your weight on the back foot on your backswing and follow through all the way onto your forward foot on the downswing. You must finish your golf swing completely to help eliminate the slice.

- Focus on releasing the club head prior to impact. Feel the wrist in both hands turn over as you swing through the ball.

Work on these four tips at the driving range first to help develop the muscle memory needed to improve your slice.

Randles, Dennis McCourt and John Sullivan, Gilbert Green and Bill Searight, Mike Altomare and Rusty Zarrell.

Team Shamble - Best Three of Four July 6

-33-Donald Otto, Larry Smallwood, Robert Delapenna, Dutch Schulze. Tie at -32-Ken Zweiback, Dave Falcone, Brad Best, Bill Searight and Mike Kelly, Rusty Zarrell, James Dewey, Tom Joy. -30-Paul Sepulveda, Paul Rubly, Tim Beaty, David Nelson. -29-Russell Zile, Bob Hilton. Joe Wong, Marvin Brooks.

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Ballet

Eugenie Martin



On Top of the World is truly a varied community, with many, many different types of clubs and classes available to residents. As a dancer and dance teacher, I truly appreciate all the different types of dance classes offered. These include the ballet classes offered free by the

Ballet Club. Our classes follow the classical traditions of most ballet studios and companies in the world, including the steps, their order in class, and their names. People who wish to take our classes can do so without needing to travel outside the community or pay for classes. Although we do use classical ballet steps, some of our dances are not truly classical. We dance to "Simple Gifts" a traditional 19th century Appalachian song. Another expresses the lyrics in "Sunrise, Sunset" from the Broadway musical "Fiddler on

the Roof." One uses dance moves from the tango, and another uses jazz movements. It is all lots of fun. Our class schedule is as follows:
 • Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m.
 • Fridays: noon to 1:15 p.m.
 • Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 All our classes are held in the Arbor Conference Center Ballet Room, just to the left of the public restrooms. Newcomers are always welcome, and ballet clothes are not necessary to start. All you need are

exercise clothes, socks, and a bottle of water. All dancers must be inoculated or wear a mask. For information on our classes, please call me at (453) 854-8589. Happy dancing!

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



We hope that you are having a nice summer and the summer rains did not interfere with your activities. We did have many women who shuffled with us the entire summer. Several new players joined us. The rain did prevent us shuffling every so often. When we did shuffle the heat of the morning was not too bad, we had fans on and there was always a slight breeze. The final evening summer shuffle is Monday, Aug. 30, and the final morning summer shuffle is Wednesday, Aug. 25.

We will start our sixth season of ladies shuffleboard on Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 9 and 11 a.m. and Monday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. You will have a choice of when you want to play. We ask that you would arrive 15 minutes early so that we can choose who we will shuffle with, the position we play and the court we will play on. All women residents are invited to play; you do not need to know how to play. Basic rules with safety information will be provided. Indigo East women must have a Gateway of Services pass to shuffle.

After the final day of summer shuffle, we will have pre-registration and collect dues (\$10 for the season) on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 11:30 a.m., and Monday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. Dues are used for some equipment, if needed, pizza, trophies, and donations to Ocala Domestic Violence Center. We share equipment costs with the Shuffleboard Club.

Our board will remain the same as the past two years. An accounting of the monies we have is always available. We are looking forward to our new season and welcoming back to our seasoned shufflers and first timers. Happy shuffling.

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Softball

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Early morning at the softball field.

The sun, not many minutes from its rising, struggles to break through the clouds. Overnight showers are gone but Tropical Storm Elsa is just a few hundred miles away. The humidity is nearly oppressive.

Early morning at the softball field. The players are still 45 minutes from trickling onto the field for the first game at 8 a.m. Behind the scenes are tasks most ballplayers don't see.

Dave Rearick, as usual, is raking and lining the foul lines with white chalk. The field is already dragged smooth though portions are still sticky from days of rain. Rearick, playing here since 2018, is the Softball Club's primary grounds crew. He labors twice a week – at least – to get the field ready for the six teams competing in the summer league.

The league returned to the field in late June following a several-week hiatus forced by the replacement of old dugouts and construction of additional pickleball courts. When the work is complete there will also be paved parking and an improved road access.

This morning, Rearick was joined by a couple of softball board

members to help make certain the wet spots were raked out and warning cones posted in unusable areas. Board chair Jeff Thomas was helping, but it's almost always an early morning for Thomas on softball days. His daybreak duties include prepping the new dugouts with balls and other equipment to get the games rolling when play begins at 8 a.m.

Rearick puts the finishing touches on the foul lines, on-deck circles, and the coach's boxes at first and third base. He still has some clean-up and other duties before players show up.

The result of all this often-unseen effort is superlative softball and an On Top of the World amenity that continues to boost membership nearly to the point of bursting. Summer league is already 50% larger than last year. The club is anticipating as many as 10 teams competing in the fall and winter season. Softball is a grand success.

Pete Feliciano, the club's new-member manager, said registration for the fall league opens in early August. The season kicks off in mid-September and runs through Tuesday, Dec. 21. Prospective players can register at the softball field Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m. during batting practices. The club asks new players to participate in at least two practice sessions before Sunday, Aug. 15 to be considered a viable candidate for the season opener.

For more information about softball, contact Tom Sheridan at tomsheridan.FL@gmail.com.



Photo by Tom Sheridan

Dave Rearick lays down the first base foul line while Larry Burke works on home plate.

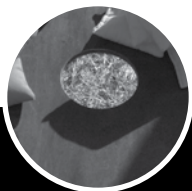


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Open play hall of fame couple, Marie and Bob Anderson.

Cornhole Club

Jim Russell & Bill Ballweg



OPEN PLAY: Open play cornhole is for club members who want to have fun, meet new people, be outdoors, exercise and improve their game by playing on a regular basis. While open play is not meant to be super competitive, we all have a desire to try to be the best we can. Just playing on a regular basis helps to accomplish that.

While our league players have medals awarded to the season winners, we have instituted a "hall of fame" to recognize open players who have accomplished some amazing feats. Currently, we have 12 players' names posted who have been able to toss five or more consecutive three-point bags in the hole during open play matches. The names are listed in the order they joined the list:

Seven in a row–Vince Stevens, Donna Hansen, Charles Lemme, Brenda Andrews. Six in a row–Joe Lawson, Jim Russell, Keith Hamilton. Five in a row–Amy Kuzo, Marie Anderson, Glen Richard, Bob Helf, Bob Anderson.

We had many members do four in a row and it's only a matter of time before a lot more names will be added to this list. Those with a keen eye will note that the name "Anderson" appears twice in the five in a row section. Marie takes great joy in the fact she made the list before

her husband Bob did. At this point, they are the only couple on the list, but several other couples are ready to join them very soon.

We play every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during the summer; and many of the league players use this as an opportunity to fine-tune their game since league play takes the summer off. Playing with experienced players is a great opportunity to learn and improve your game and these players are more than willing to help with tips they learned along the way.

So come play with our friendly group! Our advertised starting time is 7 p.m. but we often start earlier since we use a sign-in sheet. As soon as the first 20 players arrive and sign in, we use a chip draw to determine partners and begin play. We can accommodate up to 24 players at a time and all players who sign in will get to play.

LEAGUE PLAY: Currently, on summer break. Contact Bill Ballweg (waballweg@yahoo.com) for details or to sign up for men's, women's and/or mixed league play.

CORNHOLE CLASS: New to the game of cornhole? We offer a free one-hour basic training class to get you on the road to playing this exciting game being played everywhere, including on national TV (ESPN, NBC Sports and CBS Sports). Our next class will take place Friday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. at the cornhole courts located at the Veterans Park. Contact Bill Ballweg (otowcornhole@yahoo.com) to secure your spot in this class.



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Tennis



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It’s certainly been a Florida summer – hot, humid and afternoon rains. Please remember to stay well hydrated and know your limitations.

We had a terrific time at the last cookout and the tennis committee is already planning another social to give us a chance to get together outside of the tennis courts. I am also planning a trip to the USTA National Tennis Center in Lake Nona, Florida. This is the largest facility of its kind in the country with more than 100 courts and three different surfaces – grass, clay, and hard courts. Currently, many of the top

professionals in the country and many young hopefuls train here on a regular basis.

On a different topic, POP tennis is gaining a lot of popularity among residents who are looking for a way to get good exercise and have fun at the same time. I believe we have now between 35 to 40 players who enjoy playing it. If you are curious and would like to know more about it, come down to the tennis courts on Wednesdays or Fridays around 8 a.m. and you can be introduced to the sport.

Tennis Does Not Have to Leave You Exhausted

I knew a tennis club member that played tennis so hard that he had to go to bed after a few sets. There are plenty of players who play the same way. Why? Because they want to win. But at what cost?

On the other hand, I know a smart older gentleman with snow-

white hair who plays tennis nearly all day every day and is still bubbling over with vigor and verve at nightfall. At my own club, I know another gentleman in his 70s who can play on even terms with the average 35- to 40-year-old man.

These men simply play tennis as a game, not as a fight. They enjoy it. And they play well because they pace themselves well.

Sometimes I wonder about some of the highly successful businessmen I see around the tennis club. How much fun do they get out of life? They work at a terrific pace with jitters all day long. Then they come out to the club and instead of relaxing they play tennis at the same terrific pace. Jitters and pounding every minute they are on the court.

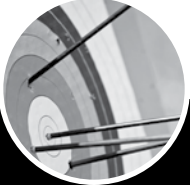
Tennis shouldn’t be a fight or a rat race. It should be fun and pleasurable. The greatest danger in ten-

nis for men in their 50s and over is their own competitive spirit. They still have that flaming urge to win in everything they try, and they can’t control it. It finally consumes them.

I hope you are the smarter type who conserves himself as well as his possessions. You can do it, you know. You can have a grand time at tennis, win your share of matches, and still not wear yourself out.

If you play it correctly, tennis won’t tire you any more than walking down the street. Maybe less. The same is true of any other well-trained tennis player or sport. A good athlete always looks effortless. Loose as ashes. Smooth and flowing as a dancer. Tennis won’t tire you if you loosen up and concentrate on being easy and rhythmic. Take time and use your head. Think about your form in every stroke. Make it smooth. You don’t have to exert yourself in hitting a tennis ball. See you on the courts!

Archery Club



Dee Dombach

Which On Top of the World club has its origins in the Paleolithic Era? The Archery Club! People have been using bows to fling projectiles at targets for a long time. Stone arrow tips found in the Sibudu cave in South Africa have been found in layers older than 60,000 years, according to an article published by the South African Archaeological Society. Archers have been depicted on cave walls and rock faces around the world for thousands of years. Survival depended on the

ability to hunt prey efficiently and effectively. Thankfully, we no longer need to hunt to survive, but archery might be deep in our collective unconscious.

Our equipment has evolved, but archery still comes down to a bow, a string, an arrow, focused vision, and a steady hand. Our band of archers get the same thrill and satisfaction as our distant ancestors when our arrows hit their intended mark.

The Archery Club has 158 members with a wide spectrum of experience and proficiency, from novices using club equipment through experienced archers who have been shooting for many years. Our members are encouraging all participants regardless of skill level, so no one should feel inadequate or out of place on the range. After your initial safety training and range orientation, you’ll be able to develop your skills and possibly acquire a new hobby – or passion.

This month we highlight member Floyd Scott, who has been shooting since the archery range opened about a year and a half ago. He is a great example of a person who has taken up the sport and progressed quickly to become a competent archer.

Floyd started out using club equipment, but quickly felt the desire to have his own. Floyd shoots with a Diamond Infinite Edge compound bow with sight, stabilizer, and 40-pound draw weight. Floyd also shoots with a Hoyt recurve bow

with 30-pound limbs and is shooting barebow – without a sight or stabilizer. Two very different types of equipment requiring somewhat different skills but still utilizing the same basic steps of shooting.

Floyd enjoys the feeling of self-satisfaction when “hitting what I aim at and the concentration it takes.” He also volunteers his time as part of the range maintenance crew, who take care of the targets

and stands, and keep the range looking good.

We welcome residents to come visit the range to see what we do and whether it might be something you’d be interested in trying. There are benches for you to sit on, or you can bring your own comfier chair. If you’d like more information about the club, please contact Bob Papirner at rpapirner@aol.com or Mark D’Addario at markdad06@gmail.com.

Co-Ed Recreational Softball



Sherry Winn

After a two month-plus hiatus for construction upgrades to the softball field, we’re finally back to playing co-ed community recreational softball Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Although some of our regulars are away for all or part of the summer, eight new players have joined our ranks in the first two weeks we’ve congregated. Feedback is very positive, especially since no one has even pulled a muscle!

We appreciate the field improvements done thus far by On Top of the World and praise Dave Rearick for his devotion in adapting any shortcomings until they can be completely resolved. The new larger dugouts provide plenty of space

for shade and team building. The Florida summer heat and humidity has shortened our playing time, but it is bonding us as sweat buddies and extended our social time after the games.

To anyone who is considering enhancing our group, please know that we are here to have fun, encourage mates of all levels of competence in a non-judgmental environment, challenging ourselves to resurrect suppressed skills or acquire new ones. Best of all, it’s free to join. We have extra equipment for loan, then can direct you to Jeff Thomas to acquire a secondhand glove at greatly discounted prices.

I will be away for the month of August. Joe Lawson will continue to coach, and other participants will carry out my duties. I look forward to seeing even more new and returning players upon my return.

Inquiries during August can be directed to our ambassador, Lisa Dragos, at (845) 206-3705.

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Candler Hills
Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



Early golfers carved their own golf clubs out of a length of wood. Craftsmen eventually started producing better equipment. The first recorded golf club commissioned was made for King James IV of Scotland. The craftsman who accomplished this was originally a

bowmaker but was named the royal club maker for his skills at making golf clubs. Golf has certainly evolved since then.
We welcome two new members to the league: Pam Brown and Michelle Otto. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them.
The league has participated in two Summer Survivor events. The first game was Best Ball of Partners, and the second was a Scramble. The Scramble was somewhat of a challenge as it occurred the day after Tropical Storm Elsa. We made

the best of a tough situation with a wet course and bands of rain from the tail end of the storm. It was demanding but we persevered. We look forward to two more Summer Survivor events over the next two months.
The Candler Hills LGA is open to all women residents. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.
Finally, stay safe, hydrate, believe, achieve and enjoy golf.

Scramble-LGA 9 Invited (Team)
June 3

Tie at 57-Christine Giza, Angelita Jingco, Beth Wolinsky, Carolyn Srorbl and Beverly Ovrebo, Rosann Ross, Marilyn Villani, Donna McCombs. Tie at 58-Roe Gromacki, Kate Beaty, Vicky Salyers, Mary Ann McCourt and Pamela Jones, Karen Curtis, Carla Kimball, Janette Sheil and Paula Lilly, Bertha Myers, Jan Christ, Donna Bombacher

Summer Survivor-Best Ball of Partners
June 10

Flight 1: 60-Christine Giza, Pamela Jones 64-Kate Beaty, Donna Smith 65-Maria Fournier, Lisa Free 66-Joy Benson, Bertha Myers. Flight 2: 59-Eileen Gustavus, Jan Christ 63-Carol Clark Tie at 65-Judie Anderson, Virginia Madura: Sandra Dechambeau, Janette Sheil: Peggy Shanfelt, Beth Wolinsky; Jonell Washburn, Toni Stevenson.

Two Best Balls of Four
with On Top of the World LGA (Team)
June 17

128-Maria Fournier, Susan Rhodes, Jean Hsu, Sue Fierce.129-Iro Lisinski, Mary Ann Livingston, Nancy Zielinski, Cynthia Gersten. 130-Sara Nunn, Pamela Jones, Ellen Brin, Antonia Varney. Tie at 131-Donna Smith, Peggy Ellenberger, Carla Kimball, Pam Brown and Toni Stevenson, Joyce Jones, Susan Yenne, Peggy Shanfelt. Tie at 132-Paula Lilly, MJ Strelec, Kate Beaty, Lynn Barber; Karen Curtis, Molly Lucieer, Janette Sheil, Jeanne Newman: Lynn Colomb, Sharon Johnson, May Chin, Donna Brunell. 135-Jonell Washburn, Jill Strey, Beverly Ovrebo, Terry Wilks.

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Ladies 18-Hole
Golf Association

Susan Yenne



High temperatures and humidity are leading causes of heat stroke, especially for those over age 50. Here are some tips to consider while golfing:

- If you're feeling dizziness, headaches, lethargy, or cramps, go home rather than finishing your round. Try to get cool as soon as possible.
- Carry a wet cloth to wipe down your face, neck, head, and arms often. Use each water station to rewet the cloth.
- Drink lots of water, particularly if you are not sweating. Avoid alcohol.
- Use a fan if you have one, especially on calm days.
- Find shade when waiting on the group in front of you.
- Consider playing a shorter game such as from the executive tees.

Ts and Fs Net (Individual)
June 22/The Tortoise & The Hare

Flight 1: 36-Linda Taylor. Tie at 37-Sandy Snyder, Christine Giza. 38-Beverly Ovrebo. Tie at 39-Lilly Gee, Lynn Colomb, Gail LaGrange. Flight 2: 36-Debby Wilson. 37-Iro Lisinski. 39-Peggy Wiechmann. Tie at 40-Kathleen Goodwin, Peggy Ellenberger. Tie at 41-Linda Blewitt, Pamela Jones, Marcela Nunez. Flight 3: 35-Lisa Free. Tie at 36-Nancy Zielinski, Jean Hsu. Tie at 37-Ellen Brin, Virginia Madura. 38-Molly Lucieer. Flight 4: 35-Debbie Zile. 37-Terry Wilks. 39-Geri Treppa. 40-Dee Howie. Tie at 43-Elena Sumpter, Sandy Dechambeau.

Ying & Yang Net (Team)
June 29/The Links

55-Debby Wilson, Jill Strey, Sandy Chase, 57-Beverly Ovrebo, Joyce Jones, Nancy Zielinski, Terry Wilks. Tie at 58-Gail LaGrange, Eileen Gustavus, Mary Ruffner: Maria Fournier, Joann Dellapenna, Peggy Borro, Gloria Cullins. Tie at 59-Mary Ann Livingston, Iro Lisinski, Debbie Zile: Sandy Snyder, Pat Lindstrom, Kathleen Mansfield, Geri Treppa: Lilly Gee, Susan Rhodes, Pamela Jones, Elena Sumpter.

Red/White/Blue
Three Best Ball Net (Team)
July 6/The Links

Tie at 150-Connie Norris, Jill Strey, May Chin, Pam Brown: MJ Strelec, Joyce Jones, Virginia Madura, Gloria Cullins. 156-Vickie Foster, Peggy Borro, Marcela Nunez. Tie at 159-Lilly Gee, Sharon Johnson, Sandy Chase, Sandy Dechambeau: Jane Hall, Eileen Gustavus, Beverly Ovrebo: Diane Boston, Christine McIntire, Roe Gromacki, Terry Wilks. 160-Maria Fournier, Deborah Martin, Nancy Zielinski, Linda Ryan.

Western Stars
Bowling

Susan Knorr



Western Stars strikes up the fun and spares no one!

Are you ready bowlers? The Western Stars bowling league's new season begins soon! We welcome all bowlers looking for some fun and opportunities to meet new friends.

Regardless of your bowling experience - even if you haven't bowled in 30 years - anyone can win in our league. We use a handicap system that makes it fair for all averages. Last year's top winners won in the last week of regulation play. This year promises to be filled with plenty of exciting competition between old and new friends too.

Due to safety restrictions, there was no banquet in April. We are hoping to change that this season and to get back to normal. We had a successful season.

Once again, we will be recruiting new league members. You can contact Susan Knorr at susieknorr21@aol.com or (352)304-8025 to sign up or get information. So, if you are looking to meet new friends while enjoying a couple of hours each week of exercise, then don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

We will hold a league meeting Thursday, Aug. 19, at 3 p.m. to go over all the details and to vote on league officers. The meeting will be held at the bowling alley at AMF Galaxy West Lanes, 1818 SW 17th Street, Ocala.

League play will be played weekly on Thursdays beginning Aug. 26 and will continue for 30 weeks until April 7, 2022. Practice begins at 2:45 p.m. and we start league bowling at 3 p.m. The coming year promises to bring more excitement and fun.

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New Dancin’
On the Top

Arlo Janssen



We are in the middle of summer season here in Florida, and Labor Day is our next big holiday event. We want you and our family of dancers to be safe, healthy, and enjoying the dance opportunities in our great community.

We had a great time at our first dance Saturday night, July 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The music was provided by Solid Gold.

Our next dance will be Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Recreation Center

Ballroom from 7 to 10 p.m. The music will be provided by Tony G and Debbie Owens for your dancing pleasure. Ticket sales will take place on Monday, Aug. 23, from 8 to 10 a.m. for club members in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Ticket sales for residents will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25. The costs of tickets are \$15 for residents and \$25 for guests. Please bring your resident ID when purchasing dance tickets. Decorations will follow an “Academy Awards Movie” night theme. The dress is business casual (no shorts, T-shirts, jeans, tank tops, or costumes).

A great big “thank you” to all those club members who volunteered to help with our past and

future dances. Our club provides dancing for everyone at all levels – ballroom, waltz, merengue, line, freestyle, slow, pattern dancing, etc.

The New Dancin’ On the Top Club membership cards are here and available for members and will be available at future dances. Preparations are under way for more dances later this year. Please watch for any future changes to our New Dancin’ On the Top calendar. Our club members are anxious to dance more!

Keep checking for published dance flyers that you will see on the bulletin board later this summer and early fall with these exciting themes along with ticket sale dates

for each of our dances. Resident IDs will be required at the time of ticket purchase and for entry into the Recreation Center Ballroom on our dance nights.

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 back-up 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.

Sidekicks
Western Dance

Paula Shira



Exciting news for Sidekicks and all dancers. The Town Square will now offer pre-recorded music Tuesday through Friday for the month of August, from 7 to 10 p.m. Live music will continue every Saturday and then be added to Friday nights in September. Partner dance and line dance music will be played on Wednesdays and Thursdays and

OTOW Favorites on Tuesdays and Fridays. Everything of course is subject to change as the community continues to grow and change.

We do not discuss dance etiquette often, but we urge you to pull out the June issue of the World News (also available at ontopoftheworld-news.com/ocala) and read the line dance column by Nancy Carmack on page 32C. Nancy is both a line and partner dancer and understands the importance of dance etiquette. We all want to dance, and no one wants to get in the way of other dancers. This column was a good explanation, complete with a diagram as we have ever seen about

where everyone should be on the dance floor depending on what type of dancing they are doing. There is room for everyone to enjoy moving their feet to the sounds of music.

Our next beginner partner dance class will begin Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 3:45 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The class will be taught by Roger and BJ Schwartz, Indigo East residents and two of our most experienced dancers. If you are interested in checking out partner dancing, please email otowsidekicks@gmail.com or visit pattern-dancers.wixsite.com/sidekicks.

The Club Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Recre-

ation Center Ballroom. Please look for the Sidekicks table. You can sign up for classes there as well.

There is always an opportunity to dance, just ask any Sidekick. Look for us on Wednesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting, on the outside ring at The Town Square as we dance around our line dance friends. If the dance looks familiar or if you just think it looks like fun (which it is), hop in the circle or next to one of the leaders and dance with us.

The Sidekicks circle is never complete without each and every one of you and there is always room for more.

Billiards
Club

Phil Panzera



We’re glad to see many new faces in the room. If you’re new, a very big welcome! Please ask anyone about joining our club, which will get you into club events, tournaments, leagues, social events, and our annual Christmas dinner.

We currently have 126 members, and we’re pleased to say almost 20 of them are women. Ladies don’t give a second thought to how well you play, even if you haven’t played in years, or can’t make two balls in a row. We have players at every level, with a ladies league (hoping to restart), and dedicated practice sessions with humor and camaraderie on Mondays and Fridays, at 9 a.m. Don’t be bashful; just come

on down, meet the group and have fun.

Dan has asked me to remind all members of our latest policy of covering all the tables again after play (even if in the morning; let’s just make it a habit, please). Covering the tables helps keep dust and moisture off the table, lengthening the life of the cloth, and improving playing conditions.

We also ask that you roll the cover (like a carpet) rather than folding it into a big square (like a bedsheet). Rolling the cover leads to much less surface area of the gray underside, which lies on the floor, and then transfers dirt onto the cloth. It is also easier to roll up (fold in thirds lengthwise first), and easier for you to unroll with just a toss. A win-win really.

PRO ADVICE: “I’ve never made excuses. I’m in condition every time I play. If I lose, then the other fellow played too well, or I just lost.” –

Seven-time world champion Irving (the “Deacon”) Crane.

This is a terrific attitude to have. Never dwell on a loss, or even a single shot you missed that you should have made. Pool is much more a “mental” game than people realize. Negativity about your game increases poor performance, and almost always leads to you playing worse. You missed, fine, you’re human; forget it, focus on the new lie of the balls, stay positive, and move on.

Anecdote of the Month

Kwai Chang Caine: “Why am I

not advancing in my technique, master?”

Master Po: “Have you seen the sunset when the seagulls fly flaming across the plain?”

Caine: “Yes, master.”

Master Po: “And the water from the waterfall hitting the rock without achieving anything?”

Caine: “Yes, master.”

Master Po: “And the moon reflecting on the calm water?”

Caine: “Yes, master.”

Master Po: “There’s your problem. You keep watching stupid crap instead of practicing!”

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New Guitar Group Forming

By B.J. Leckbee
World News Writer

Do you play the guitar? There's a small group of guitar enthusiasts in our community who have begun playing together on Thursday after-

noons in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. They're looking forward to seeing this group grow.

The two founders of this guitar

group, Jack Reilly and Alex Fedele, met after moving to On Top of the World. In short order they discovered they had something in common – both enjoyed playing the guitar. By word of mouth, they found a few others who felt the same way. All are convinced that there are more guitar players in our community who would enjoy making music together if only they could connect with each other. The Music Room is that place Thursdays, at 1 p.m.

The original members of the

group have varied musical backgrounds. Some had played guitars in their youth, then put them in a closet as they raised their families and worked to provide a good life for them. That was then – this is now. Now those guitars have been rescued from the closet, retuned, and are being played on Thursday afternoons.

Jack Reilly, who leads the Thursday afternoon sessions, has a more experienced background, as he performed with several classic rock and jazz bands in the Philadelphia area when time allowed.

The main objectives for this group are to play songs that will be chosen based on experience levels of those who join the group, and above all to have fun. The level of play within the group varies, but all can play chords to accompany the more experienced player. To ease the transition for those who recently dusted off their guitars, Jack brings with him a whiteboard which he uses to write the chords used for each individual song before play starts.

"We're looking for more people who can play at a certain level," Jack states. "Electric, acoustic or bass, all will be okay. Bring your own gear is the policy. The main thing we do is play songs and we try to match the experience levels of the players who show up. Ultimately this is about having fun and enjoying life."

Interested? Call Jack Reilly at (215) 840-8712 or Alex Fedele at (781) 831-3684. Or check out the action on Thursdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room.



Photo by B.J. Leckbee

Guitar enthusiasts are welcome to join the newly formed Guitar Group.

Annual Photo Contest Deadline Approaching

By Connie Filip

ShutterBugs would like to welcome our newest member, John "Lefty" Radosevich. Lefty and his wife, Diane, moved to our community in April from Harrisonburg, Virginia. They've found people here to be very friendly and love everything the area has to offer.

About 20 years ago, Lefty picked up a point and shoot, and since then has been hooked on taking photographs. He's since graduated to a Nikon D500 and enjoys taking photos of landscapes, birds, and animals.

Plus Lefty and Diane found they can combine his love for photography and her love of scrapbooking – it's a good team effort!

Sholom Park is one of his favorite locations. He says, "It's so relaxing and peaceful there. My wife comes along and settles down on a bench to read her book while I go off searching for my next photograph."

Last month, he captured "Hitching a Ride" at Sholom Park on a rainy day. He was standing in the shelter at the lake area and saw several turtles. He thought to frame a nice shot of a nearby turtle surrounded by raindrops in the lake. He was quite surprised when he got home and noticed this bright orange dragonfly perched on the jaw of the turtle!

Here are three tips for shooting animals – whether in your home, backyard or halfway around the globe:

1. Try to catch natural behavior – it's best if the animal feels unthreatened by your pres-

ence.

2. Look to capture qualities the animal is known for; maybe nobility, affection, or playfulness. There's a story waiting to be captured. Maybe it's just the simple joy of being alive.
3. Be ready for fast movement (check your shutter speed). And always think about the angle of the light. While normally the light should be behind you, you can experiment with side-lighting or backlighting to emphasize detail, texture, or form.

With those tips, now's the time to start shooting those photos for our annual photo contest. As in past years, members can submit up to three digital photographs by September, with a fourth in our special category – "unique mailboxes."

Club members' digital photos will be submitted to independent judges. The winners will be displayed here in the community in November for you to vote for your favorite in the people's choice award.

ShutterBugs has resumed our Tuesday meetings and field trips. Look for up-to-date schedule information at otowspc.com.

Want to learn more about digital? Stop by the Hobby Building Event Room for ShutterBugs' Tuesday meetings (second through fourth weeks) at 3 p.m. For more information contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or gsuuhley@gmail.com.



Photo by ShutterBug John "Lefty" Radosevich

Hitching a ride.



Photo by Joe Limanowski

Bill Eleazer at work.

Custom Painted Backdrops

By Paul Lewandowski

Model railroading is more than just putting some rolling stock on tracks and running them around a circle or an oval until the wheels wear away. Those of us who model in HO scale try to keep closely to the scale of "one real foot equals 87 HO feet." When you look down on the layout, you can see how we try to keep all items in the proper scale perspective.

Things become more difficult as you get down to the level of the layout and start looking across the "ground" instead of down onto it; you start to see the other side of the table. Most of us are adept at making buildings, roads, trees, et cetera, look somewhat real; but on the other side of that, there is often a blank wall.

Some layouts simply paint the wall blue or green and leave it at that. We wanted better, but none of the railroaders had what we considered enough talent. There are companies that make pre-printed backdrops for purchase that display countrysides, forests, oceans, towns, or cities; but such items are expensive on a per foot basis, and we needed to cover about 100 linear feet by about three feet height. Add to that, even the best of the backdrops looks like glued-on pictures.

What were we to do? We approached an on-site artist named Bill Eleazer and asked him if he knew anyone who would be willing

to custom-paint the backdrops for our layout. Bill said he would if we would supply the materials needed. After about one second of negotiation, we agreed. Bill would wait for us to build our trains on the table, then he would design a background that would complement the foreground and paint and install it for us. Bill painted the panels at home, then came back and installed them against the wall behind the layout. He often had to work in some weird positions to get the wall panels into position, but he got the job done.

To put it mildly, Bill has exceeded our wildest dreams for the detail and the beauty of the backgrounds on our layout. By the time you read this, he will probably have completed the panels all the way around the circumference of the room.

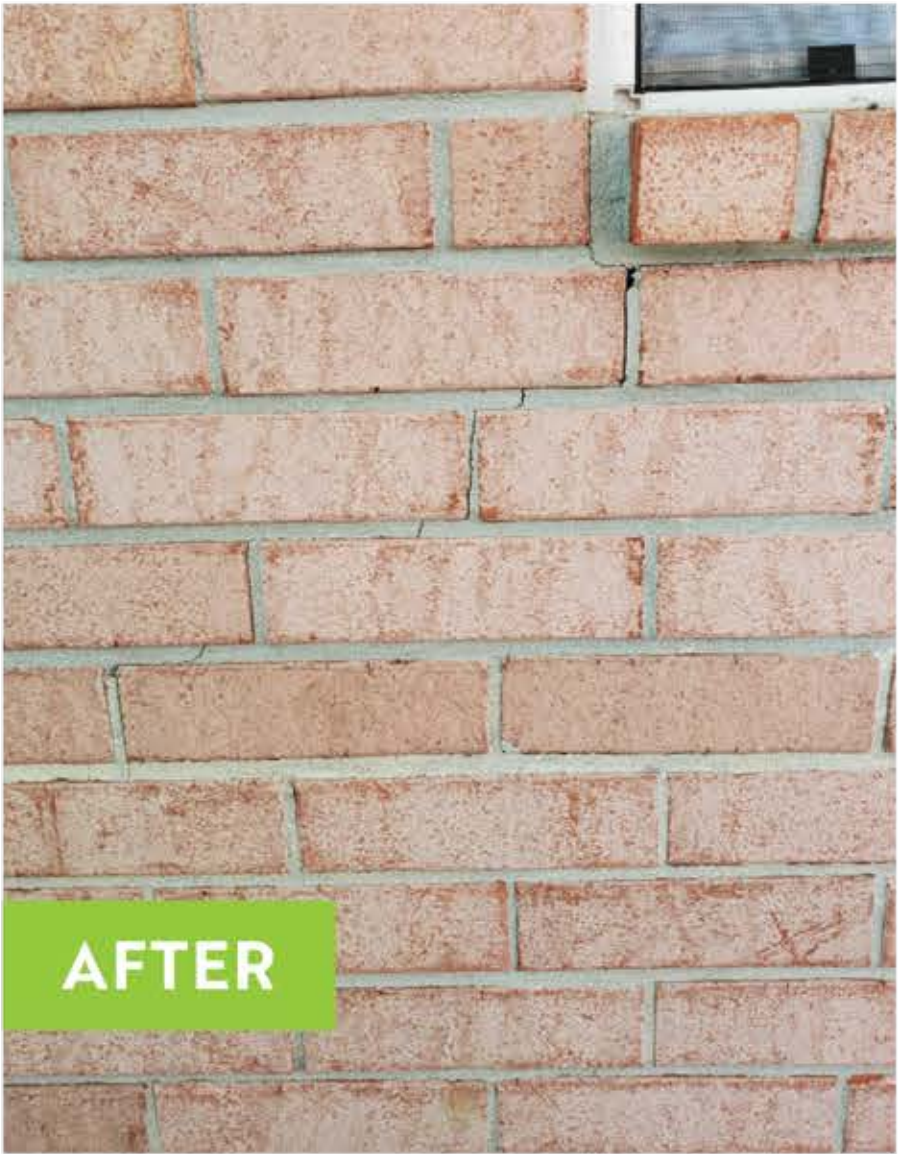
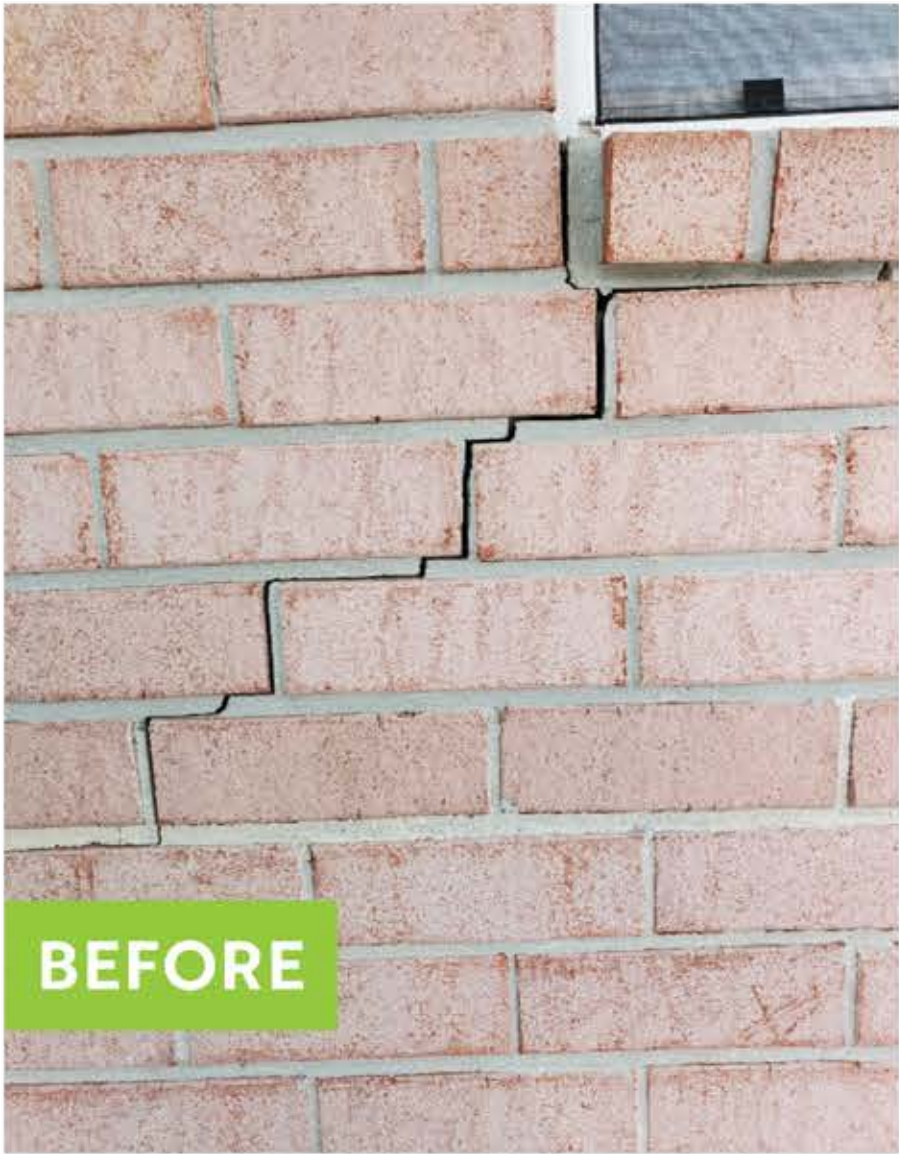
When you get the opportunity to visit our layout, please be sure to study the beauty of the background paintings so skillfully produced and mounted so our layout could look as good as it does.

Thank you, Bill Eleazer!

For information on joining our club, call Jim Lynam at (352) 861-2822. Our club schedules run sessions every Friday (except holidays) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Train Room. Club business meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month (except holidays) at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

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Fun with Golf Carts

Janis Holte-Pavlatos



A patriotic-themed golf cart parade was held Saturday, July 3, to celebrate our country’s 245th birthday. 34 golf carts decorated in red, white, blue, flags and streamers were in the parade led by George and Valerie Ostrom (club administrators).

Fun with Golf Carts’ goal is to celebrate, bring joy to residents and gather donations for charities. We love when residents cheer us on! The donations are distributed to Stuff the Bus, Operation Shoebox, Interfaith Emergency Services, Project Hope, and various animal shelters. Charlie Calhoun, moderator, distributes the donations to the various charities.

It did rain on our parade, but it did not dampen the spirit of the participants nor the enthusiastic residents cheering us on. We saw raincoats and umbrellas, but we also saw smiles, waving hands and a few pups along the way.

The highlight of this parade was our drive through the grounds of Bridgewater Park. Residents were out under the huge overhang staying dry, waving flags, smiling and calling out to us, “Thank you for coming.” Heart-warming was the

prevailing feeling after that delightful part of the route.

Next came the safe crossing of SW 80th Avenue and into Indigo East. We merrily honked and drove through much of Indigo East and then safely crossed back over SW 80th Avenue.

The afternoon of that same day, 35 club members had a barbecue and potluck at the Veterans Park pavilion. Yup, more rain, which challenged the guys who were lighting the briquettes and the challenge continued to keep them lit long enough to cook the burgers and hot dogs. Thank you, Gary Null and Alan Verrier, for cooking. There was food for an army!

Many members helped with setup and breakdown. Kudos to all who so willingly helped.

Check out our Facebook page (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts). There are numerous photos and videos of the event to see as well as news for future events.

Our next parade will be Saturday Sept. 4, gathering at the Recreation Center parking lot at 9:45 a.m. with departure at 10 a.m. We will have a potluck at the Veterans Park pavilion that same day from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish that corresponds with the first letter of your last name: A-D–meat; E-I–vegetable; J-M–pasta; N-Q–dessert; R-U– potato; and V-Z– fruit.

Mark your calendar and see you on Sept. 4!



Photos by Janis Holte-Pavlatos

Thirty-four golf carts participated in the patriotic-themed golf cart parade Saturday, July 3.

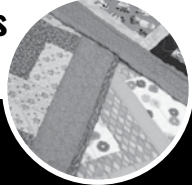


Photo by Gail Schultz

Unexpected surprises!

Sunshine Quilters

Donna Boyajian



Quilting is an art form that can be traced back to medieval times. The word “quilt” is linked to the Latin word “culcita” which means bolster/cushion and was used by the English in the 13th century. The layers in a quilt are held together by a basic running stitch.

Back in the day, prior to the invention of the sewing machine, this stitching was done by hand. It can be very basic in its nature or more decorative and fine. Women often gathered in a home, or a meeting/church hall and worked quilts together. These gatherings were referred to as quilting bees. Hand quilting might be considered by some today as a lost art, but it is a creative outlet that interests Ginny Fairhurst.

Ginny was born and raised in Maine. She moved several times living in other east coast states and Puerto Rico. She and husband George sold their home in Maine and spent the next five years RVing before buying a home here in 2017. She knew in the seventh grade that she wanted to work in an office. She attended a business college and did just that until she retired.

Ginny does not have a favorite quilting pattern or project. She likes to try new things and says, “I’m not

too creative, I need a pattern!” She enjoys watching Missouri Star Quilt, YouTube and scanning Pinterest for ideas and she gives her Janome and Brother machines a workout.

Her interest in quilting was inspired by her aunt, who raised her. “My aunt quilted her entire life. Everything she did was by hand.” That love of quilting has motivated Ginny to also learn the art of hand quilting.

Recently, the top of an unfinished table runner appeared at one of our club meetings. It was hand pieced and a parade of animals had been hand appliquéd on. After a couple of weeks, one club member took it home. She stitched a simple pattern on the bottom and completed the “sky” with metallic thread to resemble stars. The finished project was then shared with the club.

Ginny was astonished when she saw it. She hadn’t known what to do with it, so she had donated it. In an ironic twist of fate, it had been one of her aunt’s unfinished projects! So, the table runner found its way home, completed!

Ginny enjoys the friendliness and helpfulness that the Sunshine Quilters bring but she especially enjoys the people. She says, “It is a pleasure to see and work with them all.”

Interested in joining in our fun? Please stop by the Hobby Building Art Room on Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. to check us out and to meet Ginny. For more information, please call Lisa at (610) 304-1273.

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Bingo

Nancy Grabowski

Bingo was successfully welcomed back in June. Large crowds filled the Recreation Center Ballroom, which enabled us to reward each winning call of “bingo” with \$50, four out of the five weeks. We anticipate the turnout to continue as seasoned veterans and new residents join us each Wednesday evening.

The 70/30 raffle tickets are sold from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Winning tickets receive \$20 each and are pulled at 5:45 p.m. Record numbers in June enabled between 26 and 34 winners each week. Ticket prices are set at three for \$1 or 10 for \$3.

Bingo cards are sold for \$1, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sales stop at 5:40 p.m. to allow the money to be readied for the lucky winners. You must show resident ID cards to purchase tickets; the ID cards can be used to sign in guests for the games and access the downstairs restrooms, too.

There are 20 games played at every session. The 10th game is a cover-all minus one, anywhere on the card. The 20th game is a cover-all with a guaranteed payout of over \$120; \$10 is added each week if there is no winner. The number of players dictates the winning purse of the other eighteen games. A brief intermission is called between the 10th and 11th games.

Bingo is governed by Florida State Gaming Rules. Players must be at least 18; no younger visitors are allowed to stay throughout the course of play. There is no beer, wine, or alcohol allowed on the gaming floor. A violation of that rule jeopardizes our ability to have bingo. We could be shut down and heavily fined plus incur a heavy penalty before being reinstated. Please help us prevent this from happening; restricted beverages can be consumed in the Pub or on the veranda. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks are allowed at the tables.

We place everyone’s safety above all else. We remind you to enter and exit the building safely; don’t walk down the center of the driveway and be aware of traffic in the parking lots. In the Ballroom, please don’t tip the chairs to save a seat as it’s a potential tripping hazard.

Our bingo volunteers work hard to make sure bingo happens. We arrive early to set up and stay late to clean up. We appreciate the help you provide as well as the friendly smiles and kind words. We continue to look forward to seeing you at bingo!

Bridge

Monday Afternoon

By Carol Johnson

June 7

1: Jack & Barb Heller; 2: Bill & Linda Ryan; 3: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 4: Phyllis Silverman & Gayle Taylor; 5: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.

June 14

1: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 2: Linda Curtiss & John Ryan; 3: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 4: Rad D. & Bernie Kelly; 5: Joan Lord & Craig Ford.

June 21

1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 3: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 4: Judy Mackowiak & Rick Saffol; 5: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown.

June 28

1: Bill & Linda Ryan; 2: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Joan Lord & Judy Mackowiak; 4: Gayle Taylor & May Block; 5: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.

July 5

1: Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 2: Bill & Linda Ryan; 3: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 4: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 5: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Debbie Quinn

June 2

1: Rick Saffol; 2: Bernie Kelly; 3: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

June 9

1: Debbie Quinn; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Shirley Stolly; Cons: Betty Morris.

June 16

1: Shirley Stolly; 2: Marlyn Valchin; 3: Al Kremer; 4: Rick Saffol; Cons: Lucy Malloy.

June 23

1: Craig Ford; 2: Debbie Quinn; 3: Betty Morris; 4: Joan Lord; Cons: Mary Bloch.

June 30

1: Nancy Lustenberger; 2: Shirley Stolly; 3: Marlene Floeckher; Tie at 4: Pat Quinn & Marian Hotz; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

June 3

1: Gayle Taylor; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Pat Quinn; Cons: Joseph McKeown.

June 10

1: Bernie Kelly; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Ric Saffol; Cons: Debbie Quinn.

June 17

1: Ric Saffol; 2: Craig Ford; 3: Joseph McKeown; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

June 24

1: Craig Ford; 2: Gayle Taylor; 3: Joseph McKeown; Cons: Bernie Kelly.

Thursday Night

By Pam & Jeff Bell

June 18

1: Dave Cavagnaro; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Charlie Budd.

June 25

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Debbie Martello; 3: Jim Magoon.

July 2

1: Jackie Nuccio; 2: Ilene Casper; 3: Andy Nuccio.

July 9

1: Bernard DiGregorio; 2: Jackie Nuccio; 3: Ilene Casper.

Chess Club

Walt Lamp

The Chess Club is back and playing the game enjoyed by so many. Our players range from experienced to those interested in the game. We welcome all experience levels. We are here to help you improve your game no matter your level of play.

The Chess Club is not new although we recently got it going again. I joined in 2007 when I first moved here. We had a large group back then and over time, due to personal circumstances, some had to drop out. Now that safety restrictions have lifted, we are able to resume play.

We play every Thursday, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Room II. Sometimes we start earlier and/or end later, depending on the status of the game in progress. If you are interested in playing chess, please call me at (352) 854-9378.

Pinochle

Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

June 1

1: Edith Kolb; 2.: Marion Hotz; 3: Karen Hotz.

June 8

1: James Tomaszek; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Pat Noel.

June 15

1: Bob Hoerr; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Marion Hotz.

June 22

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: James Tomaszek; 3: Ed Casper.

June 29

1: Andy Nuccio; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Edith Kolb.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

June 18

1: Dave Cavagnaro; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Charlie Budd.

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Poetry

Linda Toner



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The things I do,
While you are out.

I vacuum and mop
All the floors.
Put the bucket away,
But wait, there's more.

I wash the laundry,
Just one of my chores.
I don't know why,
But it's a bore.

I dust the furniture
I water the plants.
I wish just once,
You'd not say, "I can't."

It's all my fault,
Because I didn't speak up.
When we first married,
And divided things, but.

I was in love,
And it wasn't a sacrifice.
I wanted everything,
Clean and nice.

We're retired now,
You can do your share.
How it gets done,
I don't care.

You don't clean,
The way I do.
I must bite my tongue,
And keep quiet, true.

You clean one week,
I'll clean the other.
If you miss a spot,
I won't bother.

But either way,
The chores get done.
It's time to get together,
And have some fun.

Poetry

John Kinser Hall



Someone is Watching

We have pondered to the depths to think out
what is true.
Some spend their lives in thought, God's mes-
sage to pursue.
Have you ever wondered why; the stars shine in
the night?
Is it God's way of saying, we're always in his
sight?
For those of us who question, how much he
really sees.
It doesn't take a telescope, to bring us to our
knees.
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behold.
To see how very small we are, yet let our faith
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View from
the Library

Linda Barilli



“A Whisper in the Dark, Twelve Thrilling Tales” by Louisa May Alcott can be found in the Treasured Classics section of the library. Yes, Louisa May Alcott wrote thrillers, three dozen in all. They were published anonymously or under A.M. Barnard. She did not want to be recognized as the author of these stories; she liked being known for the books that she penned in her real name. This book is labeled Tc at the top of the spine and A at the bottom.

“Forgotten Science, Strange Ideas from the Scrapheap of History” by S.D. Tucker is strange indeed. In search of cures and understanding the human body, experiments had been done in the past in which the results did not justify the means.

It is a good example of the saying “truth is stranger than fiction.” Taking this book in small measure, we come to understand how medical science has achieved so much in the century that we now live in. “Forgotten Science” can be found in nonfiction labeled 507 TUC.

“The Stranger in the Woods, The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit” by Michael Finkel is a national bestseller. It tells the tale of Christopher Knight who disappeared in 1986. He lived in the woods of Maine for the next 27 years.

But the controversy is, was he a true hermit or a thief? Everything he owned had been stolen from nearby homes and a camp near his living spot in the woods. He was able to survive through bitter cold winters with ingenious ways to keep from freezing.

Many professionals give their opinion of his state of mind and the reason for doing what he did. Christopher Knight was captured during one of his raids on the nearby camp. He faced jail time for the invasion of private property and for stealing. This book surely is food for thought. It can be found in non-fiction labeled 978 FIN.

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Happy
Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



Summer is a time of celebration. Did you realize that there is something celebrated each day of the year? A recent Google search of national celebration days for August revealed multiple items being celebrated every day. Here are a few – just in case you needed a reason to celebrate (smile).

- Aug. 1: Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs and National Friendship Day.
- Aug. 4: National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day.
- Aug. 8: International Cat Day.
- Aug. 16: National Tell a Joke Day.
- Aug. 20: National Lemonade Day
- Aug. 25: National Banana Split Day.
- Aug. 31: National Eat Outside Day.

Happy Hookers celebrates every Monday when we gather

Theatre
Group

Richard Rosen



Like many other clubs, the Theatre Group had to close shop March 2020. As a result, we were unable to perform our April 2020 production of “Snippets.” During the last few months, we held refund events at the Arbor Conference Center for people who had purchased tickets to “Snippets.” For those of you who didn’t take advantage of these refund events, you can either apply your tickets to next spring’s show,

to work on our handcrafts and enjoy each other’s company. Happy Hookers is open to all residents. We meet year-round on Mondays, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room. There are no dues, agenda nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needle-pointing, card crafting, embroidering, and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that’s never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

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

If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.

“Musical Comedy Tonight” or have your tickets to “Snippets” refunded. In either case, you must bring your “Snippets” tickets to a scheduled Theatre Group event when we begin in the fall. This will include meetings and ticket sales for next spring’s production. Specific dates and times will be announced in next month’s column.

For those of you interested in being part of our talented, and dynamic ensemble, please contact Richard at upstage111@yahoo.com.

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Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



Good news, fellow stampers! Hopefully we are back to meeting in person by the time you read this column.

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 Penny 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 Penny Douchinett at pennydouchinett@gmail.com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Until then, keep on stampin'!



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Art Group

Elizabeth Wales



Watercolors. We all remember toting our little metal Prang paints with us on the first day of school, along with our new pencils, crayons, and lined paper. It is my assumption that few of us knew where those Prang colors originated, nor did we care.

What we also probably don't know is that watercolors have been around almost as long as humans! They were placed inside caves by primitive people and many of these images still exist. They applied water-based pigments with their fingers or sticks. Colors were derived from herbs, minerals, berries, or ashes.

The ancient Egyptians used papyrus paper to apply paints, but also decorated tombs and public spaces with watercolors. The Chinese have an ancient tradition of using silk or handmade papers, applied with fingers. During the Middle Ages, European monks used water-based paints to decorate the books they elaborately made.

Not until the late 18th century were special papers produced exclusively for watercolor painting. By the late 1870s artists' societies promoted watercolor and brought it to America where many American artists found their voices in watercolor as it became commonly

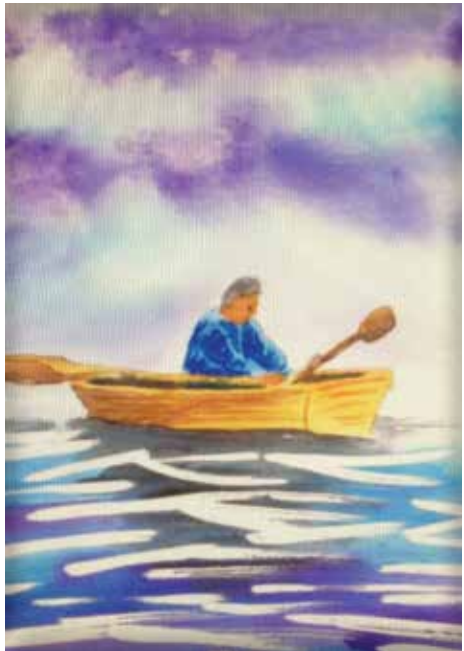
available.

The importance of the "Prang" name is that Louis Prang, a Prussian immigrant in 1850, felt the need to make watercolor available to all school children. He approached the American Crayon Company with his ideas, and soon the Prang paints were a reality. They are still available today, and a staple in schools.

The one thing we did not have in public schools was proper painting paper. The thin, almost transparent, and inexpensive paper we used was reduced to a wavy mess with the application of water, so most of our creations didn't last, as you may remember. Although a bit more expensive, the proper paper for a lasting painting in watercolor is 140-pound pressed paper, available at most big box stores. Even better is 300-pound, but not practical for practice, as it is even more expensive. If you have grandchildren visiting this summer, the fun of painting could make some terrific memories for you and your family!

Also this month is the exhibit of the Art Group's works, presented inside the Master the Possibilities lobby until the end of August. Stop by and view the theme we are presenting, "On Top of the World."

If you like to practice art in any form, please join us in our regular week's schedule. We meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the Hobby Building Art Room. You can also find us online at ocalaarts.org.



Photos by Elizabeth Wales

Two different styles of watercolor painting: "Rowboat" by Steven Shipley, and "Boats in a Row" by Tim White.



Photo by Mary Jury

Any stained-glass design is possible from artisan Mary Jury, including satisfied customers Jim and Cindy Gay who commissioned their side door panels.

Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride



The Artistic Crafts & Gifts group is currently on summer break until Tuesday, Sept. 7, but we are still selling throughout the summer! Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of all our virtual vendors with a wide variety of quality items for sale. Feel free to connect with any crafter during 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 craft show in the fall.

This month we feature the background of Mary Jury. Thirty years ago, Mary took a continuing education class for six weeks in stained glass and learned how to be an artisan.

Taking time to meditate and gather new thoughts gives her inspiration. There is also a thrill when Mary sees one of her commissioned projects making her customers happy.

Some of her supplies when making Tiffany-stained glass projects include bevels, blobs, and decorative soldering, just to name a few. Right now, Mary is busier than ever, working on a commission basis. Currently, she is working on an abstract window side-light panel

and a navy circular bevel. One of her best sellers is stained glass cardinals.

Mary and her husband moved here in 2018 after her husband's career in the U.S. Marine Corps and the federal government. Their last duty station was in Jacksonville, Florida where he retired from the military and got a job at Fleet Readiness Center SE and retired once again.

After getting her undergraduate degree from Jacksonville University, Mary built a career in the non-profit arena. She worked for Daniel Memorial, PACE Center for Girls, Volunteer Jacksonville and BASCA (Building Abilities for Special Children and Adults). Then after coming to Ocala, she worked for Kids Central and Marion Senior Services. At most places, she held the position of development director (or something similar), raising nearly \$4,000,000 over 20 years. She appreciated the chance in her life to be able to give back and help others.

The beauty of working on a commission basis is that Mary can make just about anything a customer asks. Having attended craft shows at Indigo East, most of her business is from repeat customers, word of mouth and posting her finished projects on our website and Facebook.

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How did it get to be August already? I had to see if there were any interesting facts about August. We all know in the northern hemisphere, August is considered to be the last month of summer.

August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February. If you are like me, you are running to your calendar to check that fact out.

For grandparents of younger children, August is getting-ready-for-kindergarten month. You will see hints on how to prepare the child for this new adventure. You will also see the stores advertising back-to-school supplies. This is just a little fun August information.

We had new singers come to the group. This month, I want to introduce you to Ed Lamoureux. Ed and his wife, Kathie, came to one karaoke night back in 2020. We are happy to say that when we resumed karaoke, they were back, too. I asked Ed to share something about himself. Here is what he had to say:

"When I entered high school, I learned two things. First, that an a capella choir consisted of 25% boys and 75% girls. I thought that was a pretty good ratio. Second, choir was worth a full grade point

every year. I joined and stuck with it all four years of high school and earned four of the credits needed to graduate while learning the basics of posture, breathing, etc. For the next 55 years, all my singing was performed in the shower and garage. We moved to another community in Florida that had karaoke every Sunday evening. We attended once and I was hooked. We moved to On Top of the World in February 2020, just in time to attend karaoke once. I'm glad it's back and I hope to participate frequently."

We have a faithful member in Ed. He found us in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room. We meet the first and third Mondays of the month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Maybe you will join us. All residents are welcome.



Photo by Steve Warren

Ed Lamoureux.

Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



Excitement is building as we prepare for our fall program scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. Our fall director is Michael Nagy and he selected the music for this program.

We still plan to begin rehearsals Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room at 9 a.m. Throughout the summer we will have more details and news as the program progresses.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents with a resident ID or Gate-

way of Services pass. This is a great opportunity to perform music and make new friends.

The future is looking bright for the Concert Chorus. It's a great time to sing. If you are a member, or want to be a member, start vibrating your tonsils and exercising your voice. If you love listening to music, sharpen your ears and get ready for some great holiday music.

We are seeking a director for our spring program entitled "Hooray for Hollywood." This will be a delightful opportunity to sing or hear some of your favorite show tunes, ballads and maybe a few new songs to whet your appetite. Stay tuned.

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 fall and spring. Contact Mary Ann Majni at (954) 557-8176 or email flmam68@aol.com for more information.

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Debbie and Greg McDowel at Original Karaoke.

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Ron Fulton, Joe Wood, George Bausewein and Bob Schmitt is prone.

The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



There are no words to adequately express how The New Pretenders feel about performing once again. If we could paraphrase a song or two, we might sing “Anticipation,” “We’re So Excited,” or even “Joy to the World” with Jeremiah the bullfrog!

Our new show is guaranteed to knock your socks off! We invite you to join us on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, or Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. Your part is easy: head on up to the Recreation Center Ballroom, sit back and enjoy! Of course, you are welcome to sing along, tap your toes and applaud, applaud, applaud! We are encouraged to further heights by the sounds of our audiences’ approval.

Prior to our performances, tickets must be purchased. Ticket sales will begin Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, in the Recreation Center Ballroom, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. Troupe

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Look for us at the Club Fair in September, also. Who knows? Can we entice you to get up on stage with us? Ask us how to become a member of this fantastic troupe. For more information, talk to any of our members or call Nancy Grabowski at (352) 209-4699.

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