

Community News

Kenneth D. Colen

Annual Association Meetings

December begins a cycle of annual meetings for the various neighborhood owner associations. This is the schedule and location for the respective meetings:

- MASTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET ADOPTION: Tuesday, Dec 7, in Live Oak Hall at 10 a.m.
- WEYBOURNE LANDING ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET ADOPTION: Tuesday, Dec. 7, in Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m.
- INDIGO EAST ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET ADOPTION: Wednesday, Dec. 8, in Circle Square Cultural Center at 10 a.m.
- CANDLER HILLS ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET ADOPTION: Wednesday, Dec 8, in Circle Square Cultural Center at 2 p.m.
- ON TOP OF THE WORLD (CENTRAL) OWNERS ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Circle Square Cultural Cultural Center at 10 a.m.

Matters of general interest to your community, an update on recreation and meeting facilities, how the board of directors functions through the setting of policies and through the review of the projected budget for the coming year, and any legislative changes affecting your community will be among the topics discussed at each annual meeting. There will be a question-and-answer period following the main body of each meeting.

Construction Updates

As this beautiful, wet summer slips into a very dry fall, the ramp up for the season is moving into full gear. From the property management perspective, any rain-delayed work in the community is caught up and getting lawns and landscaping ready for what little winter we enjoy around here is the current chore.

Home sales across all communities are moving along at a very good pace. Move-in ready homes continue to be very popular. Demand remains strong, despite the many challenges we are facing in this catch-up economy. It is old news that supply chains are in disarray. Even though Colen Built Construction sources as much domestic product as possible, we find that most raw materials are imported, thus a frequent bottle neck in delivery.

Sales continue with a lottery system. Lots are released in blocks that align with delivery capability. This method has certainly constrained growth, but it is the best way to assure that home construction avoids supply bottlenecks to the greatest extent possible.

Longleaf Ridge is going full bore on construction of new homes in Phase III. Longleaf Ridge Phase IV is turning dirt, utilities, and soon roads. This is the last neighborhood to offer a limited number of Estate Series homes fronting on The Links Golf Course. Premier and Carriage Series homes are also available in this gracious, maintenance included neighborhood.

The newest neighborhood in Candler Hills is Ashford. Sales of these Premium Estate Series homes have been strong. Site development work will bring us a total of 341 Estate Series homesites in Ashford when completed. Much of the underground work is completed in the first phase and we expect paving to proceed.

The cabana at the Recreation Center is complete but getting the certificate of occupancy is dependent on final site grading. The 11 new pickleball courts are also well underway and forecasted for opening in December.

Sales continue at a brisk pace in

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MCA's Vision Award

By Ray Cech World News Writer

Sunday, Oct. 11, was a day at the Ocala Civic Theatre that celebrated



Photo by Ray Cech

Kenneth Colen receiving MCA's Vision Award by Vice President Regional Government and Community Relations Manager Dorothy Pernu from Duke Energy Florida.

Annual Food and Toys for Tots Drive

By Vanessa Andujar

This holiday season, On Top of the World Communities is not only partnering with the local not-for-profit organization, Interfaith Emergency Services (IES) but also the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

On Top of the World is IES's designated "Bring the Harvest All Year Long" food drive champion for the months of November and December. Residents and employees have always been very generous in donating large amounts of non-perishable food items and various sundries during the annual food drive. A donation of 7,062 pounds of food was given in 2020. With this in mind, we are asking again this year for any help you can lend. This year we have set up a goal to collect 10,000 pounds of food.

As you can see by the following message, the need has never been greater:

"In spite of the challenges that the pandemic brings to our community, Interfaith continues to provide for basic needs of those who

have the least. In addition to providing food, shelter, clothing and other necessities, our prescription medication program is now aiding people who fall victim to the pandemic. Another area of expansion has been for those chronically homeless; those who have lived without shelter for many years. In time for Christmas, Interfaith will take ownership of an apartment complex where some of our friends who are handicapped and have been homeless for over a decade will finally have a place to call home. We couldn't have this impact on people in dire situations without the support from our local community. Thank you again, On Top of the World Communities, for being such a great partner and sharing your blessings with those less fortunate. We at Interfaith Emergency Services wish you all a blessed holiday season with good health and lots of happiness."

Karla Grimsley-Greenway Executive Director Interfaith Emergency Services The following staple food

the 14th annual Marion Cultural Alliance's (MCA) Applaud the Arts. The awards ceremony was kicked off by Ocala Civic Theatre's Artistic Director Katrina Ploof and MCA's board member, Lisa Midgett. Their welcoming remarks were followed by the presentation of awards. Community Curator Laurie Zink followed with a recap, via video, of the historical success of Horse Fever 20/20.

Ms. Zink was followed by the announcement of this year's cultural grant awards. Then, a very surprised Kenneth Colen was called to the dais.

Colen Built Development's President Kenneth Colen was presented with the Vision Award by Dorothy Pernu in recognition for his generous time, contributions and understanding of the importance of art in the Ocala community.

When asked later what the award meant to him, Mr. Colen responded, "I'm certainly not the first person to recognize that art is as necessary to human existence as oxygen is to life. Creativity is an extension of the human soul. It not only elevates human consciousness, but it can also elevate the community that it supports."

He went on to say, "It is deeply gratifying that Ocala and Marion County have the vibrant art scene that it has, be it live theater, music, graphic arts, or sculpture, and more. This community is making a name for itself and being recognized for the great quality of life that we have. Art plays a very important role in contributing to this."

Following Mr. Colen's award, the awards ceremony was brought to a close and the more than 60 guests gathered outside for a champagne brunch. Along with the bubbly, creative and delicious tapas were served by several of Ocala's finest restaurants. The day was a fitting tribute to the arts of Ocala.

and hygiene items are needed:

Food Items

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Boxed dry pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Spaghetti sauce
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)

Hygiene Items

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Feminine products

This year there will be two "Drive By & Drop Off" days - Thursday, Nov. 18, and Thursday, Dec. 2. The "Drive By & Drop Off" will take place at the Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This two-day event will allow you to drop off non-perishable food and hygiene items without leaving your vehicle.

If you are unable to donate on the "Drive By & Drop Off" dates, donation boxes will be placed throughout the community for your convenience. The food drive will take place Monday, Nov. 15 through Monday, Dec. 13.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the local area. The Toys for Tots drive will run through Monday, Dec. 6 with donation boxes conveniently located throughout the community.

Your donation of any of the above-listed items would be of great help. Please place your item(s) in one of the collection boxes listed below.

Let us join together in making this a successful effort and showing the caring community On Top of the World is especially for those in need!

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GOLDEN OLDIES HUMOR

By Stan Goldstein



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It's always duller just before the yawn.

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Is It Legal?

Colen & Wagoner, P.A.



A client of mine who reads this column, asked me to provide a list of my “favorite” (he meant my worst) scams. I hate them all. They are designed to steal your money. The reason I write “scam alerts” is I know how terrible they can be. If I had to select one scam, I guess it would be the internet romance scam, because it targets the most vulnerable among us – lonely men and women seeking to find someone with whom they can connect. These are brutal. Some folks who get snared in them, can’t seem to get themselves free. It doesn’t matter that they’ve been warned by children or friends. They might even know they are being scammed. Yet, they cannot let go. We want to believe someone loves or cares about us. Age is no barrier to being scammed out of money through the internet romance scam.

SCAM ALERT #1: The certified copy of deed scam works like this. You buy a property and close on it. At some point after the deed’s been recorded, you get a letter from some company that scares you by saying that to protect your property you need a certified copy of your deed. Cost? A couple hundred bucks. Maybe the letter skips right over the certified copy and simply says you need a copy. Cost? Less than a couple hundred bucks but more than you should ever think of paying. Friends, you never need a certified copy of your deed. For that matter, you don’t need a copy because you will have the original. If you want a copy, go ahead and do it.

SCAM ALERT #2: You get a letter that says, “We’re in your area and we are a highly honorable roofing company and there may be something wrong with your roof. We’ll inspect it free.” Inspect for free? Uh huh. Take a pass on this one. If you think you have a roof issue, start with your customer service at your condo association or HOA. Ask friends. Check with the Better Business Bureau. Check anywhere but not with the company that sent you a letter like that.

SCAM ALERT #3: You get a call from “Susie.” The one’s I’ve got are always from Susie. Hmmmm. I wonder if she ever heard that great Everly Brothers song, “Wake Up Little Susie.” They’re both gone now, but they were great, weren’t they? Well, I digress. Anyway, Susie says she’s been trying to reach you to let you know your warranty has expired. Interestingly, she doesn’t get around to mentioning which warranty has expired. Do not return the call.

Q. My wife and I would like to name our attorney as trustee and personal representative for our estates. Our financial advisor wants that job. What do you say?

A. Let’s put aside whether you should name your attorney. That’s up to you. However, if your finan-

cial advisor says to appoint him for those capacities, and if he is not a child or close relative who you absolutely trust, you might want to re-think your relationship with her/him. Also, he’d best check with his underwriter who might tell him he can’t do it.

Q. My significant other and I have two children, each are from our previous marriages. He is 91 and in great shape. I am 72 and in so-so shape. We’ve been together for 15 years. Neither of us have any contact with our children. We were both married to someone else when we began our relationship. We do not want any of the children from either side to get anything. Our home and everything are in both our names jointly. We are thinking of charities, but neither of us have wills and such. We can afford them; we just don’t want them. And we are not fond of lawyers. We both read your column so I thought I would ask for your thoughts.

A. My thoughts about what? There are so many thoughts from which I can choose. Well, I will select just one. If you do not have wills, then at the time of the passing of the survivor of you, the children or descendants of the last to survive will probably inherit everything. I say, “probably” because I don’t know if either of you are married. If so, then a spouse may also have an interest in what you have. I can tell you this. You know those lawyers with whom you are not fond? Well, depending on the size of your estates, at some point in time, you are gonna make a couple of them very happy.

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Weybourne Landing. Weybourne Landing Phase 1A is approximately 90% sold and Phase 1B is nearly 76% sold. Construction of Phase 1C has commenced. Despite supply disruptions, the pool and cabana continue to near completion. We are waiting on as-built certification from the civil engineer to be submitted to Marion County for review and acceptance. The pool is now finished, and the final paperwork is at the Florida Department of Health in Marion County. Suffice to say, we are close. The pavilion is waiting for final trim plumbing and door hardware.

The final Clubhouse plans have been submitted to the Marion County Building Safety Department, but we are several weeks out for their review to be completed. Once a permit is in hand, construction can commence. I am still not at the point where I am comfortable making predictions for completion of any commercial or recreational building.

Out and About

Hopefully by now, many of you have had time to take your bike, golf cart or changed up your walking pattern to include the new multimodal path along SW 80th Avenue to Sholom Park. It is a very nice addition to our community. Please remember that golf carts may not be operated in Sholom Park.

A Generous Community

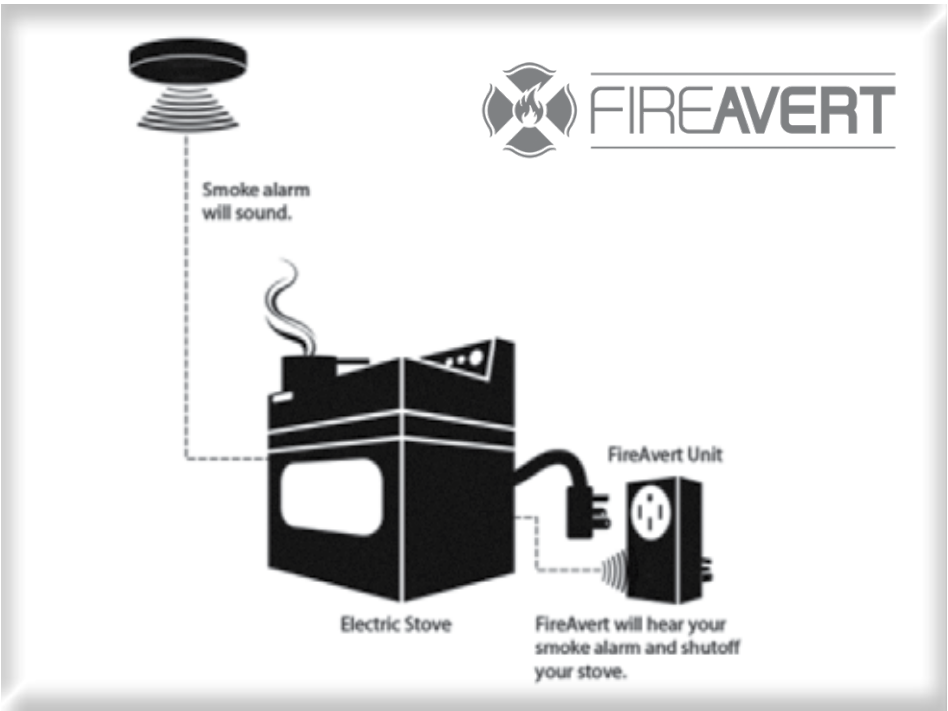
Once again, the On Top of the World family of communities are ramping up their legendary generosity as the annual food drive to help stock the pantry at Interfaith Emergency Services is kicking off on Monday, Nov. 15. For many years, residents and employees have donated enough non-perishable food items to the pantry to fill a 34-foot box truck completely full, and then some! I'm hoping we can beat the giving of prior years.

Many projects that benefit the Marion County community have been initiated and supported by residents of the On Top of the World family of communities. There are also closer to home examples of kindness: The residents

who prepare meals for a sick neighbor, or help the recently widowed, are examples of the everyday caring mindset of so many residents. Your generosity doesn't stop there.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention some of the community resident organizations that so generously engage in making the Marion County community better:

- Democratic Club: Ocala Ritz Veterans Village.
- Fun with Golf Carts: Interfaith Emergency Services and Marion County Sheriff's Office.
- Lions Club: Arnette House, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, AdventHealth emergency room, Florida Center for the Blind, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Lions Club International, North Florida Lions Hearing Aid Bank, North Florida Lions Eye Bank, and Interfaith Emergency Services.
- Republican Club: Operation Shoebox and Vets Helping Vets.
- Sewing Bees: Alpha Center for Women, Arnette House Inc., Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center, Head Start Program, Marion County Public Schools Homeless & Needy Children Program, Kids Central, Kimberly's Center for Child Protection, Marion County Children's Alliance, and Reddick-Collier Elementary School.
- Sunshine Quilters: Alpha Center for Women and Marion County Senior Services.
- The New Pretenders: Domestic Violence/Abuse Center, Hospice of Marion County, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, and Food-4-Kids Backpack Program.
- Veterans Club: Interfaith Emergency Services, Operation Shoebox, Vets Helping Vets, Stuff the Bus, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Project HOPE, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, VFW Veterans Village, VFW 4781 Honor Guard, American Legion Post 354, Marion County Humane Society, SPCA of Marion County, Ocala Blue Star Mothers and Dunnellon Elementary School.
- Women of the World: Operation Shoebox, Arnette House, Domestic Violence/Abuse Center, Helping Hands, Pub-



lic Education Foundation, SPCA of Marion County, Stuff the Bus and Hospice of Marion County.

Keeping the Holidays Safe

Entertaining friends and family around the holidays may be one of the high points of the season. We at Colen Built Development and On Top of the World wish everyone a wonderful season and want you to enjoy a safe time, so we offer the following thoughts provided by the Colen Built Development Safety Director Daniel Childress:

It is worth remembering certain basic tips for both fire prevention and how to deal with a sudden fire:

- Never throw water on a grease fire. Smother it with baking soda, salt, or a tight-fitting lid. If you don't have a lid, you can quickly wet a hand towel, wring it out and carefully lay it over the grease fire.
- Stay in your kitchen while cooking, otherwise turn the stove off.
- Keep any material that can catch on fire away from your stovetop.
- Do have a residential fire extinguisher rated for grease/oil within reach in your kitchen. This is always the preferred method for fire control. Having more than one fire extinguisher is recommended. Have a backup in case the first fire extinguisher fails.
- Do install a smoke detector in your kitchen if you do not

already have one. Change the battery every six months.

- Have an escape plan and never go back inside a burning home. Practice your home fire drill.
- Do install a FireAvert device. This ingenious life saving device shuts off the power to your stove whenever the smoke detector alarms. When the threat is resolved, turning off the circuit breaker to the stove and then turning it back on again resets the device. The device is available for purchase online (see image).

LED "candles" provide a great alternative, but if you do insist on the real deal, please "candle with care":

- Keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Blow out candles when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Avoid use of candles in bedrooms where you may fall asleep.

Smoking safety:

- If you smoke, smoke outdoors only.
- If you smoke indoors, stay alert, especially if drowsy or taking prescription medications.
- Never smoke in bed.

Home heating and electrical safety:

- Only plug one heat producing appliance (coffee maker, toaster, space heater) into a receptacle outlet at time. Never plug a space heater into a power strip! Never!
- Remember to turn portable space heaters off before bedtime or leaving a room.
- Keep anything flammable at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Make sure that the electrical outlet that you are using is a "GFCI" (ground fault circuit interrupter) if you are using an electrical appliance near a sink or water (i.e. handheld hair dryer).
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are in good working condition, are not across doorways or under carpets.
- Check electrical cords to make sure that they have a ground.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on lamps and fixtures.

Final Thoughts

Set aside for a minute that this has been another trying year – from dangerous weather events to the non-stop pandemic. It is always worthwhile to pause for a moment, take a step back and consider all the positive events and blessings that have happened and continue to be happening in our lives. Taking stock and being grateful for all we do have, even in the worst of times, is a very positive thing to do. It can change your entire outlook. Breathe, smile!

From myself and the entire management staff, we wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

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The holiday season is here and so is the much-appreciated cooler weather. This is the month for family and friends to gather for Thanksgiving festivities. I am sure that will include lots of delicious food, fellowship, and fun. It is typically a season of togetherness, and I look forward to spending time with my family and friends. I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Veterans Day

To honor Veterans Day, at 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, a 15-minute flag raising ceremony will be held at the Veterans Park Memorial. A ceremony will follow at the Recreation Center at 11 a.m. Captain Ken Puckett of the Merchant Marines will be the main speaker, the invocation will be held by the attending chap-

lain, and a Grammy winning singer will perform as well. Attendance is open to all residents.

We also want to remind you that the Veterans Park Memorial bricks are still available to purchase at Resident Services in Friendship Commons or the Recreation Center office. The bricks are sold for \$30 each plus tax. Each brick will note the branch of service and include three lines for engraving purposes such as name, rank, military honor or other.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 a.m. as daylight saving time ends.

This is also a good time to check your smoke detectors for proper working order, and your irrigation timers as you may now water once a week. At this time of year, half to three-quarters of an inch of water at each application is typically enough. We recommend you monitor your lawn and adjust accordingly.

Villa and townhome owners,

where watering is controlled by Parkway Management, we ask that you report any irrigation problems to Resident Services as soon as possible. The watering schedule can be found at OTOWInfo.com under FAQs.

Golf Cart Permit Reminder

Just a reminder that golf cart permitting for 2022-2023 started in October at Resident Services. If you were unable to make it to your assigned day in October, registration is now open to all in November and December. In accordance with Association Rules and Regulations, all golf carts in the community must be permitted. The new decal for 2022-2023 may be acquired at Resident Services, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. barring inclement weather.

Resident Services

Please note that the Resident Services office is closed daily at noon to sanitize the lobby, and the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Nov. 17, this month. Resident Services may be reached by phone: (352) 236-OTOW (6869); email: otowservice@otowfl.com; or in person by visiting Suite 500, in Friendship Commons.

You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. Visit OTOW-Info.com, click on Maintenance Request on the top ribbon and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting.

Please note the Resident Services office holiday schedule:

- Wednesday, Nov. 24: 8 a.m. to noon.
- Thursday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving): Closed.
- Friday, Nov. 26: 8 a.m. to noon.

Bicycle and Walking Safety

Please keep in mind, at this time of year, it is darker much earlier in the evening. Be sure to wear reflec-

tive clothing when out bicycling, walking, or jogging. Also, ensure your bicycle has a light and reflectors attached for your safety. And most importantly, please stay on the multi-modal paths intended for this use.

Lamp Posts

A friendly reminder to all residents, please keep your lamp post clean and replace bulbs as they burn out. Make sure the light sensor is clean and not covered by debris. If the lamp posts are all in good working condition, it is another helpful way for our walkers, bikers, and joggers to be seen when they are out and about after dusk and before dawn. This is also most helpful for emergency vehicles in search of an address. Also, please do not put colored bulbs in the lamp post. This is against Community Rules and alters the visibility that the lamp is intended for.

Winterizing Your Lawn

Please refer to OTOWInfo.com by clicking on the Homeowner Maintenance tab on the left-hand side to view the month-by-month maintenance calendar and tips for a healthy lawn. You will find information on winterizing your lawn and protecting your irrigation back flow in extreme cold temperatures for Florida.

Rule of the Month

HOLIDAY LIGHTING: With the holidays quickly approaching, just a quick reminder to everyone that holiday lighting and decorations are permitted so long as the lights and decorations do not constitute a nuisance. Colored bulbs in low-voltage light fixtures and building-mounted fixtures are not allowed. Rope and tube lighting are only allowed during the holiday season. Lights and decorations may be added no earlier than the second weekend in November and removed no later than Jan. 15.



The annual Holiday Fest will take place Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Holiday Fest

By Linda Meyer

Get your holidays off to a great start! The annual Holiday Fest will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom Wednesday, Dec. 8. We start at 6 p.m. with homemade cookies provided by our generous residents. This goes along with hot chocolate and coffee. This is a free event for residents! It's going to be a fun filled evening! So, come and enjoy an evening of entertainment with your friends while munching homemade cookies, and drinking hot chocolate and coffee.

Our entertainment will include, the Dulcimer Group, a Hanukkah story, and The Dancing Jewels just to mention a few. There will also be the annual favorite sing along of the "12 Days of Christmas" – southern style!

If you would like to contribute cookies, please deliver them to the Ballroom between 3 and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

For more information about the Holiday Fest, contact Linda Meyer at (973) 809-3338 or linda_a_meyer@yahoo.com.

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Can you believe it? The holidays are fast approaching!

We have another wonderful month filled with new and exciting things to look forward to. As a friendly reminder, daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Happy Hour

It's 5 o'clock somewhere! Every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m., we are excited to have Candler Hills residents and their guests join us for an evening of dancing, singing, and socializing with friends and neighbors. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks and we will take care of the rest. A resident ID will be required for entry and guest fees are \$5 per person. Entertainment is as follows:

- Nov. 5: Solid Gold

- Nov. 12: Rock Solid
- Nov. 19: Take 2
- Nov. 26: Tim Hargis

Social Night

Join us Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Ballroom for two hours of easy listening music by Tony Machicote. Bring your own beverage and snack. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors.

Name That Tune*

For all our music lovers, we are going to put your music knowledge to the test with "Name That Tune." Join us Monday, Nov. 15, in the Ballroom from 5 to 7 p.m. and bring your own beverage and snack to enjoy. Resident IDs are required. The cost is \$3 per Candler Hills resident and \$5 per guest attending with the resident. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Friendsgiving*

Tuesday, Nov. 23, gather with your friends and family to be thankful as we celebrate Friendsgiving together. Bring your favorite dish and beverage to share, while Fresh Plates Creative Catering will provide turkey, ham, and gravy. Enjoy

live music by Prestine Allen as you dine. Resident ID is required. Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by resident.

Lobby Lounge Music

Join us Monday, Nov. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. for live entertainment by Paul De Ritter Duo. Come mingle with friends in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Bring your own beverage and enjoy light music getting you ready for the holidays. This is a free event for Candler Hills residents and their guests. Please note resident IDs will be required.

New Year's Eve*

Tickets are on sale for our annual New Year's Eve party in the Ballroom Friday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Evening attire (black tie optional) is required.

Enjoy live entertainment by Automatic. The menu is as follows: Plated mixed green salad, assorted artisanal breads and sweet cream butter, chef carved prime rib of beef with au jus, chicken breast with white wine caper sauce, butter-whipped mashed potatoes, and chef's selection of seasonal vegetables. Dessert includes chocolate

mousse and brownies shooters.

There will be two cash bars. You may not bring your own alcohol to this event.

Ticket prices are \$75 per resident and \$85 per guest attending with resident. Guest tickets will be a two-ticket maximum per household.

Community News

Due to the holiday, Cocktails & Karaoke is cancelled this month.

Due to low attendance, trivia night has been cancelled. Thank you to all the residents who supported this event.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, our facility hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Thursday, Nov. 25, all facilities will be closed. The pools will remain open from 9 a.m. to dusk.

I would like to wish everyone and their families a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

**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 the registered event.*

Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



November brings us Thanksgiving Day, turkey time and a wonderful time to celebrate with friends and family.

Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 5:30 p.m. will be the final potluck dinner of 2021 (Italian night) at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Please prepare your dish for 10 to 15 people and label it for people with dietary issues. Residents with last names beginning with A-I should bring main dishes, J-R side dishes or salads, and S-Z desserts. \$1 cost per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, decaf coffee, and snack items. You

must RSVP to Deb Keirn by phone or text (814) 571-7908 or by email to arthurkipdeb@verizon.net. Attendee limit is 190. Entry will be by reservation only.

The holiday party/dinner dance is Saturday, Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Tickets go on sale Tuesdays, Nov. 9, 16, and 23 at Candler Hills Community Center and Thursdays, Nov. 11, 18, and 25 at The Lodge at Candler Hills. The cost is \$ 27 per person, which includes dinner catered by Royal Oaks (entrées include roast beef with cabernet sauce and chicken Romano) and a night of dancing and socializing. This price may change so watch for pricing in "The Happenings" email. This is a bring your own beverage (BYOB) event. Let's eat, drink and be merry.

The next speaker series, chaired by Doug Dahlen, will take place Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills with Glenda Thomas of Marion Senior Services.

Questions regarding the Ambassador Program should be directed to Amy Waller at abwarnp97@aol.com.

Casino and movie night are being considered for January or February 2022. More information will

follow in "The Happenings" email and this column.

If you are a new resident of Candler Hills, log onto candlerconnection.org and fill out the form to receive "The Happenings" by email. 1,488 Candler Hills residents receive this e-newsletter to learn about events and activities.

The Candler Connection Facebook group has 1,250 members. This closed Facebook group is also good source of information.

The Candler Connection board is expanding from nine to 11 members in January 2022.

The annual meeting will be at The Lodge at Candler Hills Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at 1 p.m. The nominating committee will announce the seats open and will have a listing of candidates who are interested in serving on the Candler Connection board. If there are more candidates than seats available, a written secret ballot will be conducted.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. Any resident of Candler Hills is welcome to attend.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and see you around the neighborhood and at future Candler Hills events!

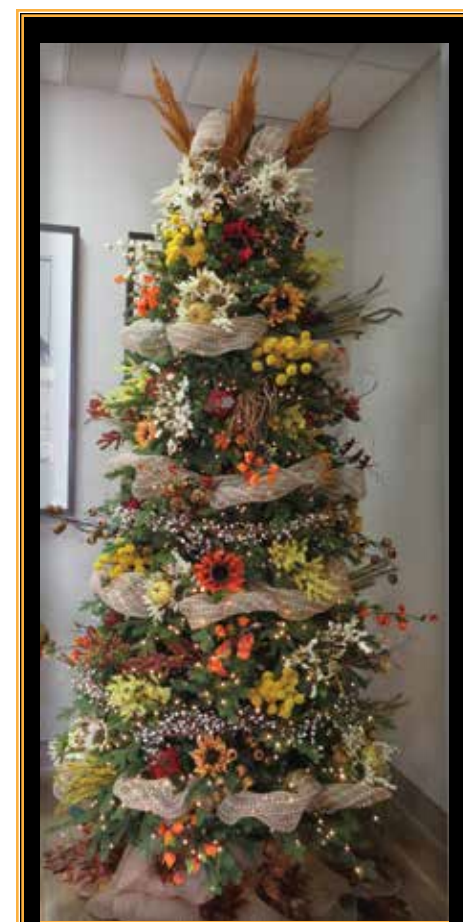


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Crescent Ridge Happenings

Lynne Salzer



Crescent Ridge neighbors had another nice gathering Sunday, Oct. 10. Our tailgate theme brought some of our neighbors out in team colors, hats, and shirts for Kansas City, Green Bay, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit, Tampa, and more. We also had a wide variety of tailgate-themed food choices.

More importantly, we spent time with neighbors and met new friends. If you haven't made it out yet, try to join us next month! We meet at the Veterans Park pavilion. Our time is backing up an hour with the shorter daylight hours.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 6

p.m. please bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to a food pantry. Personal hygiene, paper and cleaning products are also needed. Let's help others in need.

Our holiday celebration will take place Sunday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. Bring a gift of \$10 to \$15 in a gift bag to swap if you would like to participate. As always, bring a dish to share for about eight if you like. Bring your own drinks and chair. Small donations to help cover paper plates and plastic cutlery are gratefully accepted.

Connect with us via Facebook (OTOW Crescent Ridge Neighbors) or send an email to Carol Lewis at crescentridgenhn@yahoo.com. This email address will be used exclusively for activities and reminders. You can also check the postal center bulletin board for information.



Photo by Lynne Salzer

Tailgaters had a great time socializing with their neighbors.

Williamsburg Neighbors

Ginny Nardone



Although 2021 has been a bit different in many ways, we still have much to be thankful for. As we begin the month of November, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. Whether you choose

to gather with family or friends, or are simply having a quiet day; enjoy the holiday.

As we look ahead to December, plan to attend the Williamsburg holiday party Thursday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Royal Oaks Caterers will provide a two-entrée buffet featuring roasted sirloin of beef with cabernet sauce, chicken Romano, salad, sides, dessert, and coffee. The Pub will supply a cash bar. Linda Jones and her party planners will

transform the venue into a festive holiday scene. Be prepared for lots of holiday fun, a 50/50 raffle, and special door prizes!

Tickets for the party are \$20 per person and will be on sale from Monday, Nov. 1 through Thursday, Dec. 2. This year's ticket sellers are Carmel Kessler (336) 253-1250, Ruth Santman (407) 497-3346, and Kathy Stroot (812) 878-8209. Call to order your tickets today!

The Williamsburg trivia team reported they had a fun afternoon,

and their first team effort was quite successful. If you would like to join the team as a regular or a substitute, email Jean Monroe at sf8uxh@cfl.rr.com. Play will resume in January.

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.

Newcastle Social Committee

Sherry Bright



Welcome to the inaugural news column from the Newcastle Social Committee. We are a small, but active, neighborhood with an energetic social committee. We are looking forward to a few fun events through the end of the year and already planning for the upcoming new year.

We are looking forward to our Progressive Appetizer Walk Around Newcastle Sunday, Oct. 31. Thanks in advance to all the neighbors who provided delicious food and snacks for all to enjoy! Special thanks to Pat Morrison and Bea Keleman for making our Newcastle entrances so festive.

Look for information coming

soon on our Facebook about an upcoming November wine tasting.

Our holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 5, at The Lodge at Candler Hills with a theme of "The Gift of Neighbors." The party will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with appetizers and dinner catered by Brick City Catering. Music will be provided by DJ Tim Hargis. Please bring your own drinks and we'll provide ice buckets. A holiday centerpiece contest will be held during the party with a best in show award. Contact Nancy Monaghan at (352) 572-7281 to get involved!

At the holiday party, we will be accepting donations in support of the Teddy Bear and Blanket Charity sponsored by the Florida State Troopers. Bring new teddy bears and blankets (from receiving size to twin bed size) to the party in a closed plastic bag to protect from the elements.

For tickets, please contact Jan Christ at (315) 868-6826.

With Veterans Day approaching, we'd like to take a moment to recognize all our Newcastle veterans. Residents can honor all veterans at the Veterans Day ceremony in the Recreation Center Ballroom Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

Finally, we have a February Valentine's Day party in the planning stages. More details to follow soon.

Newcastle residents, if you would like to be included on our email list or to verify that you are on the list, please call Sherry Bright at (860) 287-9232 or Meg Kajewski at (540) 272-2247. For up-to-date Newcastle news and upcoming events, we encourage you to join our Facebook group (OTOW Newcastle Neighbors).

OneBlood Bloodmobile

Sara Sommer



The Big Red Bus® was here Monday, Oct. 4. I want to thank the 26 heroes who took the time to give. That means you saved 78 lives. There is no substitute for human blood. It can only come from you. There is always a great need, too.

The Big Red Bus will be parked in the Recreation Center parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6. This will be the perfect time for you to get in the holiday spirit by giving the gift of life. See you on the bus.

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Indigo East

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November weather in Florida is usually cool and dry. Hurricane season is over by the end of the month, but it doesn't mean the chances are eradicated completely. Despite the cooler temperatures, both Indigo East pools are heated and available for a refreshing swim or water walk throughout the winter months. This is also a great time for walking on the excellent Indigo East walking trails. Walking is probably one of the most recommended exercises for incredible benefits to mind and body. As a reminder, bicycles are not allowed on walking trails.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is held every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Indigo East Fitness Center veranda (will move indoors to the Indigo East Community Center during inclement weather). This event is free to Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest (must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident). Everyone is invited to bring your own refreshment and snacks.

Upcoming entertainment is as follows:

- Nov. 5: Kathleen Kane
- Nov. 12: Take 2
- Nov 19: Fred Campbell

Nov. 26: Rock Solid

Social Hour

Social Hour will be held in the Indigo East Community Center Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. and will feature music by Tony Machicote. This event is free to all Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest) (guest must be accompanied by an Indigo East resident).

Trivia Night*

Trivia will be held Monday, Nov.8, in the Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest attending with resident. Monetary prizes are awarded for team winners. Bring your own beverages and snacks.

October

1: Cunning Trivialists: 2: Brainiacs: 3: Ready Eddie.

Feast Day*

Join us as we celebrate Feast Day Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. It's that time of year when we gather with friends and family to be thankful! Bring your favorite dish to share; and Fresh Plates Creative Catering will provide turkey, ham and gravy. Enjoy live music by Prestine Allen as you dine. Tickets are \$12 per resident and \$15 per guest accompanied by a resident. Bring your favorite beverage.

Karaoke

Monthly karaoke will be held at the Indigo East Community Center

Thursday, Nov. 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. Feel free to sing solo or in a group. There is a lot of talent. This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest attending with a resident. Bring refreshments and snacks, if desired.

Community News

We are sorry to announce that the New Year's Eve celebration has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Maureen McCabe is the Indigo East personal trainer. Everyone has unique health needs and wellness goals. Maureen is here to assist you with designing an exercise routine that is just right for you. She also teaches water aerobics and provides a free fitness center orienta-

tion the last Wednesday of every month. Register for this orientation at the Indigo East Fitness Center office.

Upcoming holiday hours are as follows:

- Wednesday, Nov. 24: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 25: Closed.

Holiday hours will be posted on the front entrance of all Indigo East facilities. Monthly activity calendar flyers are available in both Indigo East facilities.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

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

Indigo East Social Committee

Janice Liberton



2021 has flown by and only a couple of months remain until we usher in a new year. Until then, Indigo East residents can enjoy and participate at the following Indigo East Social Committee events:

- Sunday, Oct. 31: Halloween party, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center.
- Thursday, Nov. 4 through Saturday, Nov. 6: Indigo East Social Committee board elections. Residents may vote in person at the Indigo East Community Center or by email to janiceliberton@gmail.com. Please check the Indigo East Facebook page and email for information updates.
- Saturday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Craft Show at the Indigo East Community Center.
- Saturday Nov. 20: Catered barbecue, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7: Golf Cart Parade, lineup before 6 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center. Start time is 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 1: Christmas Dessert Party, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Indigo East Community Center.

Most of the above events are ticketed events. The ticket sale dates and times will be posted on the Indigo East Facebook page and email.

It takes many hands to hold a successful event. The Indigo East

Social Committee and event hosts appreciate help from volunteers. Whether setting up, serving, or cleaning up after an event, volunteering is a great way to meet new neighbors and make new friends.

This year, Thanksgiving falls Thursday, Nov. 25. Here are some interesting Thanksgiving facts:

- In 1692, the first Thanksgiving was celebrated over a three-day holiday.
- Turkey was not served at the first Thanksgiving.
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday Oct. 3, 1863.
- Harry Truman was not the first president to pardon a turkey. He was given a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation, and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let the turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.
- There are four towns in the U.S. named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.
- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.
- Butterball's Turkey Hotline answers more than 100,000 turkey cooking calls each November and December.
- The Thanksgiving tradition of football began in 1876 between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL football games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920,
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was in 1924.
- In 1927, the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon was Felix the Cat.
- Balloons replaced live animals from the Central Park Zoo.
- The oldest and most famous Macy's float was Tom Turkey. Tom and I wish our neighborhood "family" a very happy Thanksgiving. No matter what your plans involve, keep it happy. Safe travels to those visiting family and, as usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.



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The holiday season has arrived, and this means festive decorations, shopping trips and the wonderful aroma of hearty food pouring from the ovens. If you are traveling during the holidays, please be safe. Also, daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 a.m.; don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Line Dance Classes*

For fun and fellowship, join one of our dance classes. It is medically proven that the best activity combining physical and mental effort at the same time is dancing.

The following classes will be taught at the Recreation Center every Monday. The cost is \$10 per four-week class per month. Your monthly pass includes practice sessions on Wednesdays. Please note that the Absolute Beginners I and Beginner Level I classes are full.

Choose your class according to your ability. The instructor is Darlene Miller, and she can be reached at darmiller222@gmail.com.

- Absolute Beginners II (5 to 6 p.m.): This class has been added since Absolute Beginner I is full. Basic line dance steps and simple step patterns are used in dances at this level.
- Improver Plus (1:15 to 2:15 p.m.): Dance experience is required for this class. More intricate step combinations and rhythms are used in dances at this level. Current popular dances are included. Improver Plus 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.

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.

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: November – Swing; and December – Two Step.

Tap Dance Classes*

Come have some fun with tap instructor Penny Berton. She is patient, caring, creative, and is a great choreographer. No experience necessary. She will start with the basics, and you'll find yourself

progressing quickly. Join the class, bring tap shoes (or hard-sole shoes) and awaken your love for tap.

Classes take place Tuesdays, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Intermediate is at 2:15 p.m. and Advanced is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person per month for a four-week class.

Beginner Broadway Dance Class*

Do you love musicals? "Chicago," "A Chorus Line," and "Grease" are just a few of the musical routines you will learn. All choreography will be inspired and styled after those foot-stomping favorites. This is a seven-week session with no experience needed.

The cost for the two-month class is \$42 per resident. Any comfortable shoes can be worn (no sandals, please).

Classes are Fridays, in November and December, at 1:30 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Dance Studios I-IV.

Tropic Trivia Night*

This event is sold out for the remainder of the year.

October

Tie at 1: Factoids and Firm. Tie at 2: Gym Rats and Happy Hours.

We did not have a third place since there were two ties. Congratulations to all the teams.

Social Hour

Come join us for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors Thursday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy light entertainment with Reese Norris. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (while they last) will also be provided. Resident IDs required for entry and guest fees apply. This event is free.

Open Mic Night

Nick and Fred return for an Open Mic Night the fifth Tuesday of the month. Bring your instrument and play your favorite song with the entertainers or if you can carry a tune, sing with the band. It will be a lot of fun socializing and dancing with your friends and neighbors. The event will be held Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Recreation Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a free event. Please note beverages and coolers are not permitted. The Pub will be open for beverage purchases.

ShutterBugs Photo Exhibit & Reception*

The ShutterBugs Photo Exhibit begins Sunday, Oct. 31, in the Recreation Center Ballroom and will run through Sunday, Nov. 28. There will be a reception for all of the photographers Tuesday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Reservations are required to attend this reception.

Happy Hour

Join us every Friday in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. and outside on the veranda from 3 to 6 p.m. (new time).

The monthly Cruise-in Happy Hour has ended for the year and will return Friday, March 18, 2022. More information to come.

- Nov. 5: Indigo Band (Ballroom); Dave & Kenny Due (Veranda).
- Nov. 12: George Durham Band (Ballroom); Retro Express (Veranda).
- Nov. 19: Bad Kitty (Ballroom); Rear View Mirror (Veranda).
- Nov. 26: Crossfire (Ballroom); Johnny Lobo (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 into Happy Hour.

Golf Cart Parade & Holiday Celebration

Calling all clubs and residents with golf carts! Join us in the Holiday Golf Cart Parade Saturday, Dec. 4. Let's make this year's parade the biggest and best our community has ever seen! We will be awarding prizes for the following categories: most creative, funniest, most festive, and most original.

There will also be a trophy awarded to best in show (golf cart representing a club). The trophy will be inscribed with the club's name and year to be displayed at a facility within On Top of the World after the Holiday Celebration. In 2020, the Veterans Club won best in show.

The parade will showcase decorative golf carts, classic and antique cars, R/C airplanes and cars, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Fire Rescue along with Santa Claus. The parade will start at the Recreation Center parking lot at 2 p.m. and will circulate through parts of the community and ending at The Town Square in Circle Square Commons. The judging of the golf carts will take place at The Town Square at approximately 4 p.m. by a panel of selected judges.

From 4 to 8 p.m., the Holiday Celebration with live music and food trucks will take place at The Town Square. Please follow Circle Square Commons on Facebook (@cscowntown-square) for more information.

Register your club or golf cart at the Recreation Center office. For more information, call (352) 854-7533.

New Year's Eve Celebration*

Celebrate the end of another year and the beginning of 2022 with friends at the Recreation Center Ballroom Friday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Doors will open at 7:45 p.m.

Appetizers, a full dinner buffet, party favors, champagne toast in a souvenir flute and entertainment by Rhythm Express will be provided for the evening.

Menu includes plated mixed green salad, assorted artisanal breads and sweet cream butter, chef carved prime rib of beef with au jus, chicken breast with white wine caper sauce, butter whipped mashed potatoes, and chef's selection of seasonal vegetables. Dessert includes chocolate mousse and brownie shooters.

Evening attire (black tie optional) is required, no outside alcohol allowed, and two cash bars will be provided. Seating is limited.

Tickets are \$75 per resident and \$85 per guest attending with resident. Guest tickets will be a two-ticket maximum per household.

Community News

We are excited to announce that new fencing has been installed with electronic scanners at the Recreation Center pool.

Resident IDs will be required for entry into the pool and guests must be accompanied by a resident for entry.

The Pub will now offer NFL Sunday ticket! Come see your favorite game on one of nine TVs available during the NFL season. The Pub will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with Happy Hour draft beers from 1 to 7 p.m. and special drink prices from 2 to 5 p.m. The full menu will also be available. Come join the fun and support your favorite teams.

For residents booking facilities for events, meetings or parties, please note that setups are required two weeks prior to the event. Our maintenance crew will be setting up facilities for events and as a safety precaution residents and guests will need to vacate the facility until setup is complete. Failure to vacate the room could result in setup not being completed.

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Please note that the community bus will not run the week of Nov. 15 and Thursday, Nov. 25; please plan accordingly.

Holiday Hours

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

- Thursday, Nov. 25: All facilities closed.
- Friday, Nov. 26: Normal facility hours. All fitness classes cancelled.
- Friday, Dec. 24 & Dec. 31: Recreation Center Fitness Center hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All fitness classes cancelled. The offices at the Recreation Center, The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East Fitness Center will be closed.

All facilities will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Stay safe and be observant to safety protocols.

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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.
Olkie'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		
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.ocg.gov, and www.floridafairhealth.gov websites for the most current and accurate updates on socializing and transportation.		

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Veterans Day

By Phil Panzera
World News Writer

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony will begin with a 15-minute raising of the flags at the Veterans Park Memorial Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8 a.m. The ceremony will then continue at 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This specific time represents the Armistice Day signing which ended World War I precisely on the eleventh month, eleventh day and eleventh hour of 1918.

The indoor ceremony will include some local veteran speakers, and the West Port High School JROTC. The Dancing Jewels will also put on a skit, and there will be a bake sale to raise funds for Operation Shoebox, a charitable program which sends care packages to overseas military personnel.

This event is free for all residents to attend.



Photo by Phil Panzera

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony will take place Thursday, Nov. 11.

A Giving Club

By Anna McGonigal

For anyone new in the community, attending a Women of the World (WOW) meeting is a perfect way to meet your neighbors while becoming involved in a great community organization. New faces are always welcome at meetings.

On Friday, Oct. 1, Women of the World enjoyed a very entertaining as well as informative meeting. Following the business portion of the meeting, our speaker, Pat Gabriel, from the SR200 Coalition provided a detailed update to all the changes planned for SR200.

One example is the construction occurring across from the Freedom Public Library. In addition to the construction of 2,200 homes in phase one, there will also be a Publix and 135,000 square feet dedicated to medical and other general office space. This example only touches a small portion of what Marion County is planning for the SR200 corridor.

Following Pat's informative speech, Women of the World were entertained by Penny Berton and her On Top of the World Broadway dancers. A fabulous performance was given by our resident dancers which included several dance numbers to various Broadway show tunes. We are so fortunate to have these talented women living in our community.

We were blessed to have in attendance a founding member of the Women of the World organization, Ruthann Briggs. Ruthann served as the president 35 years ago and shared with me the history of their first fashion show. Ruthann said,

"We had 20 members at that time, five of us modeled and the rest clapped." This season, the fashion show will be held March 16, 2022, at Circle Square Cultural Center. The benefitting charity will be Hospice of Marion County. More details to come with tickets available for sale in January 2022.

Operation Shoebox was our featured charity in October. There were so many donations from the members that two cars were needed to transport the items to their headquarters. A huge thank you to all who donated items.

For November, the featured charity is the Arnette House, which is a facility that takes care of children in the foster system. In November, members will pick a name of a child in the foster system off a tree, purchase a gift and return the gift during the December meeting.

Women of the World is always welcoming new members. The next meeting will be Friday, Nov. 5, at 12:30 p.m. Women from every community are welcome to attend any meeting and become members. The meetings are held at The Lodge at Candler Hills Ballroom; you do not need to live in Candler Hills to become a member. The speaker for the November meeting is Outreach Communities Director Cindy Moore of the Arnette House.

If there are any questions about our organization, please feel free to reach out to First Vice President Betty Thayer at (352) 361-1313 or Secretary Anna McGonigal at (267) 421-9962. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.



Photo by Jim Di Paolo

Astronomy Club Officers Larry Isenberg, Jim Di Paolo, and John Bridges at the Club Fair.

Evening Observations in Autumn

By Jim Shuman

The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 14, in the Hobby Building Event Room. Club President Jim Di Paolo announced that the club's presence at the Club Fair was very successful, creating considerable interest among residents and raising membership to a new high of over 70 people. He also highlighted the next NASA webcast Thursday, Oct. 21 – a presentation about the launch of the James Webb telescope. Later in the meeting, Di Paolo gave a fascinating presentation about the Virgin Galactic space program. Following a successful manned spaceflight with four passengers in May, Virgin Galactic is developing further commercial options for humans aboard the company's VSS Unity Spacecraft.

Vice President Larry Isenberg held a discussion among club members to develop their "astronomy bucket list" – a combined list of celestial objects members wish they could observe in the coming months and years. Isenberg explained that once the list is developed, the club will keep tabs on the number of members who have successfully observed the items on the list. The list will become a part of the club's permanent records.

Club Secretary/Treasurer John Bridges provided an overview of the October night sky, featuring the locations of the moon, the planets, the international space station, and several celestial objects of note throughout the month. Club members enjoy Bridges' information-packed monthly updates, which inspire them to spend time watching for astronomical objects on their own, either using their own binoculars or one of the club's loan-

er telescopes. He added that club members can hope for better nighttime observing conditions as the autumn climate in Ocala becomes drier.

Di Paolo showed photos of the club's first observing session in months Monday, September 27. Attendees were able to observe the solar system's two largest planets – Jupiter (and its moons), and Saturn (with its rings). Several people remained later at the session to see views of some deep sky objects as well.

Di Paolo added that club members should watch for emails announcing more evening observation sessions in the coming weeks and months. Sessions will be announced on any day that weather conditions allow for an open sky and club members are willing to set up their telescopes to share observations. Members are welcome to arrive and stay as they wish throughout the evenings. All sessions are held adjacent to the R/C flying field.

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 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 Services pass to participate in the club. For information or club registration, please contact President Jim Di Paolo at moonastroclub@gmail.com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomy-club.org.



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Sandra Selesky from Operation Shoebox with donations collected by Women of the World and friends.



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Genealogical Society

Peter Parisi



On Monday, Sept. 20, Pat Richley-Erickson also known as “Dear Myrtle. Your Friend in Genealogy” gave an educational presentation, “Women Are from Venus” on finding your female ancestors.

Pat said finding your female ancestors can be challenging. Early U.S. census records only listed the number of males over 16, males under 16 and the total number of females in the household, without listing any names or ages. It wasn’t until the 1850 census that the names, sex, and ages of everyone living in the household were included in the census. This included free whites and free blacks.

A woman was only known as Mrs. Walter Johnson or Mary Johnson, thus the maiden name would not have been referenced. If her husband was naturalized prior to Sept. 27, 1906, the woman may or may not be mentioned on the record which granted her derivative citizenship by marriage. Her only proof of U.S. citizenship would be a combination of the marriage certificate and her husband’s naturalization record.

Prior to 1900, if the father passed away, his children were considered orphans and the court had to approve a legal guardian even though the mother was alive.

Further research of birth, baptismal or marriage records may list the names of the woman’s parents so that you can find her surname.

Also look up witnesses to the husband’s will, her husband’s military pension records or his naturalization records which might list the wife’s surname.

On Thursday, Sept. 23, the Club Fair was held in the Recreation Center Ballroom. We would like to thank Wilma Kelly and Joanne Leigh for setting up the great display with the genealogical records on them. Five people signed up as new members and many more took applications, saying they would come to a meeting with their application.

If you are interested in obtaining more detailed information on finding information on your female ancestors, consider joining the Genealogical Society by contacting Wilma Kelly at otowgens@gmail.com. Dues are \$20 per year for an individual and \$35 for a couple.

All the following meetings take place at 10 a.m. We do not know whether the following meetings will be in person at the Hobby Building Event Room or via Zoom. Members will be notified by email by our club President Paul Belter.

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

On Monday, Nov. 15, Lorraine Sandeen and Connie Bourneman of the FamilySearch Affiliate in Ocala will demo the Family Search portal upgrades, cover what you can access from the affiliate that is not available online, and discuss how the Ocala volunteers can assist with your research.

Visit us at otowgens.shutterfly.com.



Photo by Paul Kelley

The Genealogical Society table at the Club Fair Thursday, Sept. 23.



Photo by Paul Nistico

Brown pelican.

Birders’ Beat

Debbie Sherer & Jim Shuman



On Thursday, Nov. 18, the Birding Group will travel to Cedar Key, Florida. We will meet at 7 a.m. in the parking lot of Friendship Center outside the SW 99th Street gate (where Roses is located). Jim Shuman, leader of the walk, will give written directions to the carpool drivers for all stops including lunch. He will also provide his cell phone number to all drivers. The group will leave at 7:15 a.m. The drive to the first stop will take about an hour. For drivers, it is wise to keep up with the group but please do not think the cars must caravan.

Cedar Key is a relaxed island community located on Way Key, the largest island in the “Cedar Keys” along Florida’s Gulf Coast. The Keys make up one of the oldest federally protected bird and wildlife refuges in the United States, ideally suited to a vast range of migratory and shore birds. When Florida’s first railroad connected the Keys to the East Coast, the area became a major supplier of seafood and timber products to the Northeast.

The first birding and restroom stop on the trip will be at the Cedar Key Shell Mound Park (the park) a few miles outside of the village. The park features a short (1/4 mile) interpretive trail around a shell mound created by groups of Native Americans over 1,500 years ago. Signs along the trail provide an ex-

cellent introduction to early Native American life in the region, as well as opportunities to see warblers, catbirds, and other passerines.

The park also has a boardwalk with an observation platform that can provide excellent views of white pelicans, skimmers, avocets and numerous other shore birds. Jim will have a spotting scope to share. Be certain to listen and look in the roadside areas for Nelson’s, swamp and seaside sparrows. According to the local birding pros, those species are here but it requires patience and luck to spot them.

The second stop will be at the fishing pier adjacent to the Marine Research Facility near the #4 Bridge at the outskirts of the village of Cedar Key. This is another great spot to view wading birds, pelicans, and possibly raptors.

The third stop will be Cemetery Point Park on Gulf Boulevard in Cedar Key. The boardwalk there can provide a shore bird bonanza featuring oystercatchers, spoonbills, pelicans, and other wading birds. In the cemetery itself there are additional possibilities to see warblers, flycatchers, and thrushes.

The fourth stop will be at Tony’s Restaurant in Cedar Key for lunch (famous for Tony’s clam chowder). Downtown Cedar Key is filled with interesting shops and sights and birds! Shopping is tempting and will be discussed during lunch. Some groups may decide to stay after lunch to spend time in the town, while others may return. If you wish to go with us, please contact Margitta Claterbos (mclaterbos@gmail.com).



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Lions Club

Gail Morris



Welcome back to all our snowbirds. We’re glad you are back to enjoy our winter weather. On Top of the World has many things to do, places to go, activities to participate in throughout our community, and our Lions Club has several upcoming events for your consideration.

Our Lions Club is no stranger to the very busy end of the year events. We have several events planned, and when you read this at the end of October, we’ll be just days away from gathering food items to help provide meals to our less fortunate neighbors. We are supporters of Interfaith Emergency Services, pro-

viding food, housing, and clothing to those in need in Marion County. The Food-4-Kids program is back in motion for more than 1,500 hungry children with their backpack program.

The Lions are working now to provide a holiday meal with all the fixings to 25 families in need as identified by the liaison person at Dunnellon Elementary school, which is a Title I school located in one of our most disadvantaged areas, and to veteran families.

Also on our agenda for the next few weeks, our Lions Club will be decorating our Toys for Tots tree the day after Thanksgiving with tags for boys and girls of various ages. Please come and take a tag, then return the unwrapped present to the tree for pick-up and delivery to the Toys for Tots location in Marion County. We thank you in ad-

vance for your participation; your generosity is most appreciated. Please note the date the gifts must be returned to the tree to allow for distribution to the children.

January will be the start of a new year and we’re already planning for “Tacky Tea” to be held Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, in the Recreation Center Ballroom. “Tacky Tea” is going to be a fun afternoon of resident designed and modeled hats. We are currently working on our categories for those hats and the afternoon tea menu, so please look for our column in December for the specifics on the event including the tickets and time of the event. We will be raising funds at this event for our continuing support of the Arnette House, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, AdventHealth emergency room, Florida Center for the Blind, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Lions

Club International, North Florida Lions Hearing Aid Bank, North Florida Lions Eye Bank, and Interfaith Emergency Services.

John “Moses” continues his gathering of eyeglasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling from our drop off locations, one of which is in Resident Services. We also will be accepting them at our meetings.

If you know of someone in our community who is need of an eye exam or glasses 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.

Our meetings are 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, membership chair, at (352) 861-7358 for more information.

SPCA of Marion County

Kathy Kluge



Thanksgiving is around the corner and can be a fun time to bring family and friends together, make special recipes, and share the holiday with our beloved pets. But it can also carry some hazards for them. Fatty foods are hard for animals to digest. Poultry bones can damage your pet’s digestive tract. And some sweets contain ingredients that are poisonous to pets.

Here are some tips and guidelines to keep your pets healthy and safe during the holiday:

- Keep the turkey on the table. Eating turkey or turkey skin, even a small amount, can cause a life-threatening condition known as pancreatitis. Many foods can be poison-

ous to pets including onions, raisins, and grapes. If you want to share a special holiday treat, consider making or buying a treat that is made just for them.

- No pie for your pooch. Chocolate can be toxic to pets. An artificial sweetener called xylitol used in gum and sugar-free baked goods can also be poisonous to pets.
- Put the trash can away where your pets can’t get to it. Dispose of turkey carcasses and bones as well as strings, bags, and packaging, in a tightly secured trash bag placed in containers outside.
- Be careful with decorative plants. Some flowers and festive plants can be toxic to pets. The ASPCA offers lists of plants that are toxic to both dogs and cats; but as a rule, keep pets away from all plants and table decorations.

Quick action is needed if you believe your pet has ingested something he shouldn’t have. Call your veterinarian or local vet emergency clinic immediately. The ASPCA has a Poison Control Hotline – (888) 426-4435. Signs of pet distress include sudden changes in behavior, pain, vomiting or diarrhea.

If you are traveling with your pet this Thanksgiving, keep the following in mind:

- Loose pets inside vehicles can become a dangerous distraction for drivers. Unrestrained pets can become hazards if there is an accident. Proper restraint whether with a pet safety seat belt or confined to a crate just makes good sense.
- Consider taking shorter trips with your pet. This can reduce stress and anxiety prior to a longer one.
- Be sure all ID tags are securely attached to his collar and

that they have your contact information, especially your cell number.

- Update your microchip registration and pet license with current information and add the name and number of an emergency contact.
- Never leave pets unattended inside vehicles.

The SPCA of Marion County has a table at the Circle Square Commons Farmers Market every Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., except the third Thursday of each month when we have our meetings. Our meetings are held at Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street.

We don’t have any dogs available for adoption right now, but we do have cats. If you want more information about cat adoptions, call Paula at (352) 300-1072. Also, if you have a pet in need, please contact us. For more information, visit us online at SPCAofMarionCounty.weebly.com. If you have a question, call us at (352) 362-0985.

Tall Tale Travelers

David Cranmer



The Tall Tale Travelers RV Club is starting a new season of events with new leadership. At our October meeting, we elected a new slate of directors: David Cranmer, president; Wolfgang Langer, vice president; and Kemp Howland and Alli-

son Cranmer as co-secretary.

We welcome the many new members who have joined us since September.

Our thanks to Wayne and Nancy Siewert for being the “wagon masters” for our October Rally at Ft. Myers Beach.

The club is open to all residents interested in the RV lifestyle. Whether you drive a motor home or a tow a camper – or you’d like to know more about RVing - please join us. Membership is free. Our

next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Please note the new time and date.

Club members will be scheduling rallies throughout the upcoming year at RV resorts that are of interest to members. Rally activities may include area tours, shopping, dining, boating, hiking, and fishing, as well as other social activities. In addition, members may join others in informal “buddy camping” trips to area campgrounds. Past rallies in-

cluded watching rocket launches at Cape Canaveral and dolphins swimming in Ft. Myers Beach.

The Tall Tale Travelers RV Club is always welcoming new members. Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Contact club president David Cranmer at talltaletravelers@gmail.com. For more information, visit us on Facebook (OTOW Tall Tale Travelers).



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What makes a home a smart home? At its most basic definition, it comes down to automating tasks and chores in your home using devices and networking them together. There are many ways to configure these tasks and how your home operates based on the technology ecosystem and foundation you desire.

There are a few areas you can focus on for your smart home – do

you like to entertain, is it for convenience, or is security something important for you? There is no exclusion if you want to focus on all three features available to you in some capacity. Many companies offer whole systems to cover every inch of your home with technology, such as Amazon's Alexa, Google's Home Nest, or Samsung's Smart systems. Usually, there is one central hub that is needed to connect to your wireless network in some fashion that will allow a set of devices to work together such as a set of smart light switches or smart door locks.

There are a plethora of devices that can make life easier, from your basic smart speaker with an AI assistant to an automated elec-

tric lawn mower that works on a schedule to mow your yard. To entertain, you can set up a series of speakers and lights throughout your home that can vary in brightness and color to set the mood for dinner dates or parties. For security, you can have smart lights and cameras inside your house as well as a smart garage door control, and smart locks. It all depends on what you're willing to invest into your smart home and what features matter most to you.

With the right implementation, your smart home can enrich your life in many unexpected ways. There's nothing like waking up and telling my system good morning and it responding with my

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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.

You may not have considered it but having your own website might be a wonderful and helpful thing to have. You also get to control whether 20 people or millions get to see it.

Whether you already have or want to make a Google Gmail account, check out one of Google's apps called Sites. This might be your solution to displaying photos, transferring files, sharing family stories and videos all in the privacy of your own domain. Start by going to sites.google.com and clicking the plus sign to begin a new blank page. Take the tour to familiarize yourself with the features in this simple layout.

One of the best things is being able to collaborate with family or

friends. Invite others to edit the site with you, the younger generations might speed up your learning curve, while you provide the family history.

Before you publish, think about a domain name. Google offers this free website, but you'll have your domain name after a string of Google wording. If you prefer something more in line of your unique name dot net, dot com or several other dot choices – then a domain name purchase will be about \$20 each year and you own it.

When you are ready to publish, just email your new website link to the select few in your family or group. There is an option to assign each person as either an editor or just a viewer. Be sure to check the box "Request public search engines to not display my site" – that way it remains private on the internet. Otherwise, web crawlers each night grab every word of every website and post it on the internet. That's why when you search for an item, a gazillion choices pop up.

It won't matter if you are designing your website using Apple or PC devices. Your website will also be formatted automatically to look good when viewing on a smart-

phone, tablet, or computer.

Try a weebly.com free website with more features but still easy to design, or if you are selling items, try squareup.com/us/en for their free website.

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!

Travel Toppers

Anne Parker



Travel Toppers Tours would like to welcome our new vice president, Linda Welty-Cohen, and our new coordinator, Sharon Stetson.

The trip to the Suncoast Broadway Theater Saturday, Dec. 18, is wait list only.

We will travel to the Suncoast Broadway Theater again 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 is \$78 per person and includes the bus trip, lunch, show, dessert, and all tips. Reservations for this trip are limited to 54 persons. Call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday) for reservations.

We are planning a trip to the Just for Laughs Dinner Theater Feb. 19, 2022, to see "Natalie Needs a Nighty," a classic comedy, just right for winter. The cost is \$78 per person, which includes show, buffet lunch, transportation, and tip for the driver. Call Gail Ambrose (954) 614-0898 for reservations beginning Monday, Nov. 1 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday).

The eight-day/seven-night cruise of the Columbia and Snake Rivers with American Cruise Lines is 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 information on available cabins. Currently cabins in categories A and AAR are sold out. There are very few single cabins. Category AAL cabins are still available as of this writing.

There are several trips in the planning stages. Please check our website for updates. These include a Mount Dora shopping trip for either February or March 2022, a trip to the horse track in either April or

May 2022, Mango's Tropical Cafe in either March or April 2022.

A brochure will no longer be published; the best way to get up-to-date information is to visit travel-topperstours.com. Information regarding our trips is also published in the South Marion Citizen. If you have suggestions for future trips, please contact any officer.

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Scandinavian American Club

Ginny Nardone



Greetings fellow Scandinavians! This is one of those years when the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays collide with our monthly fourth-Tuesday meetings. As we have done in the past, we will combine two meetings and have our holiday luncheon on a date between the meetings.

Our holiday luncheon will be Wednesday, Dec. 8, at noon and will be held at Bella Cucina in Oak Run. We will feast on a holiday buffet with salad, glazed ham, potatoes, green beans, dessert, coffee, and iced tea. You won't want to miss this holiday party including a 50/50 raffle and special surprises.

So, save the date and be prepared to enjoy good food, a chance to get to know our new and returning members and a lively celebration. Complete details will be sent to members by email.

For more information about the holiday luncheon or the Scandinavian American Club, please contact Ginny Nardone at (352) 304-8619.

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What's Cookin'?

Gary Uhley



Peach Honey-Glazed Grilled Chicken

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons minced shallots
- 3 large shallots, peeled and halved
- 3 fresh peaches, pitted and chopped (canned works too)
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons snipped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 bone-in chicken pieces
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

In a medium saucepan, melt one tablespoon of butter over medium heat. Add the garlic and shallots, cooking about two minutes. Stir in the chopped peaches, water, honey, and vinegar. Bring to a boil, reducing heat. Simmer uncovered until peaches are soft, about 10 minutes. Let cool slightly, transfer to a blender, and blend until smooth. Stir in thyme, salt and melted butter.

Prepare the grill for indirect heat. Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Place skin side down, for about 25 minutes. After turning the chicken, brush with some of the glaze. Continue grilling and brushing with the remaining glaze, until slightly charred. Serve with the remaining glaze.

Rhode Island Group

Judy Parisi



Perhaps one of the most iconic statues is the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial depicting six Marines raising the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima. We had the opportunity to visit this memorial on our way back to Florida this year. While just a few men are seen in the statue, it represents the heroic and courageous effort of over 60,000 Marines, and thousands of Seabees, sailors, and airmen supported by an armada of ships and swarms of warplanes in their battle against the Japanese Imperial Army.

The statue was originally completed in plaster and then cast in bronze. The casting process took nearly three years. After the parts were cast, cleaned, and finished they were reassembled and brought to Washington, D.C. where they were bolted and welded together. President Eisenhower in 1954 dedicated the memorial to all Marines who have given their lives in defense of the U.S. since 1775. The base of the memorial is engraved with the name of every major battle of the Marines since their founding by the Second Continental Congress as the Continental Marines to augment naval forces in the Revolutionary War.



Photo by Judy Parisi

A stirring reminder.

As we commemorate Veterans Day it is important to remember the sacrifice of so many.

What is the Rhode Island connection? The sculptor of the statue was Felix de Weldon, who lived for a period in Newport, Rhode Island. De Weldon was born in Austria but naturalized in the U.S. in 1945. He served in the U.S. Navy and began work on the monument after seeing the Pulitzer Prize winning photograph by Joe Rosenthal of the Associated Press of the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945. It involved nine years of work until its completion in 1954.

In 1951, de Weldon bought Beacon Rock Estate in Newport, which included six acres of oceanfront land overlooking Brenton Cove, with a 22,000 square foot mansion. Unfortunately, later in life, de Weldon encountered financial hardship and family tragedy. Beacon Rock was initially commissioned in 1887 by Commodore Edwin Morgan, cousin of J.P. Morgan.

If your travels take you to Rhode Island, you may want to drive along Harrison Avenue in Newport to glimpse the former de Weldon estate, and then further on to Brenton Cove to enjoy the beautiful scenery. Of course, while in Newport you may want to consider the tempting opportunities for seafood – lobster, clam cakes and chowder and, the state dish, calamari.

Our Rhode Island Group met in October for a lunch. More information will follow in the next column. If you are from Rhode Island or worked there, consider becoming part of our group. We meet periodically for lunch to reminisce. To be added to our email list, please email judith.parisi@gmail.com.

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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Michigan Club

Nancy Meininger



Our October opening meeting was attended by over 60 Michiganders who brought a great buffet of Michigan favorite foods. We learned how many members spent their summer vacations up in the mitten state. Then, in a table-to-table competition, had a round of Michigan trivia and learned a lot about all we did not know about our state!

Wear your team colors for our tailgate meet and greet Sunday, Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II. Bring your favorite Michigan football food and dress so we know which team you support (green and white or blue and gold) Hint, hint ... the rivalry is on!

This year, we are extremely lucky to have a talented female vocalist in our midst who will entertain us with a special collection of favorite hits. This talented young lady from Windsor is Linda Sisco. Welcome to the club and to center stage, Linda!

There will be a 50/50. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage. This month is a tailgate potluck of your favorite Michigan foods. Bring a dish to serve at least eight. Last names starting A-G bring a vegetable dish or salad; H-N bring a dessert; and O-Z bring a main dish.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Michigan Club, please call Nancy Meininger at (352) 342-9757.

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New York/
New Jersey Club

Gloria Nelson



The New York/New Jersey club is off to a great start. Our presence at the Club Fair helped us to meet and greet many folks from New York and New Jersey. Some of our new members are new to On Top of the World and some have been here a while and looking forward to meeting new friends and neighbors at club meetings.

Our club is primarily a social club with a fun activity planned for every meeting. We are very receptive to new ideas suggested by our members. Our September meeting included a round of miniature golf with prizes for the lowest score. We also had lots of time for socializing. Some folks have met others who went to the same college and one person met someone who went to the same elementary school.

There is a real opportunity to make a new friend when lives have things in common. We are all transplants to On Top of the World and it's great to meet some "old" friends for the first time.

Our meetings take place at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. They are held in the Hobby Building Event Room. As of this writing, our meeting date for November had not yet been decided. However, please feel free to contact Brian McDonald at cp12065@gmail.com or (518) 253-2046 for exact November meeting date.

Our December Christmas party meeting will take place Thursday, Dec. 23. Hope to see you there.

Texas Connection
Social Club

Kathy Cornell



Last month we celebrated the State Fair of Texas. Now in its 135th year it is the largest in the United States, attracting three million visitors annually. At 24 days in length, it is also the longest running fair in the United States.

Our fair is known for its "anything can be fried" type of food. It's the culinary equivalent of the stunts that come after hearing "hold my beer and watch this!" Though chicken fried bacon and Texas fried pecan pie weren't on our menu we did have fair favorites corn dogs, corn on the cob, roasted chicken legs filling in for turkey legs, kettle corn, cotton candy and lots of other treats representing the annual agriculture and livestock competitions.

It's fun to go to the fair to check out the people, places, and products. Each table competed as a team in a silly but fun game of Seen at the Fair. For example, what is The Lone Star Cougar Club?

1. A group of wildlife preservationists.
2. A bunch of women who prowl the automobile building looking for a boy-toy.
3. A club for Mercury Cougar car owners.

What's your answer?

Since 1952 the most recognizable "person" at the Texas State Fair would be Big Tex, a 55-foot-tall cowboy figure. Tex has the job of making announcements in a voice that's a combination of Gary

Cooper and Santa Claus. Those who had been to the fair were our "Texpers" and competed with their best imitation of Big Tex's welcome. Each bellowed "Howdy, folks! This is Big Tex!" By popular vote, Pat Casey was the winner. You wouldn't know he was a Brit. He had the deep voice, Texas drawl and disjointed delivery that Tex is known for.

Our next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 14, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Suites I-II. Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. You may arrive any time after 5:30 p.m.

This will be a "bring a snack to share" type gathering, so please contribute a hearty appetizer, dessert or other goody for the group and bring a beverage for yourself.

We'll be collecting dues of \$10 per person for returning members and new folks who want to join. There will be a little membership form to complete.

Tickets for the 50/50 drawing are \$1 each. The money from dues and the 50/50 is used for expenses such as paper products, game supplies, prizes, compensation for outside entertainers and club provided food for special occasions.

Our activity will be a Texas-style Family Feud game. Each table will be a team tasked with coming up with the most popular answer to a question from a "survey of 100 Texans."

If you have a connection to Texas and are looking for some Texas style fun, please contact us. We would love to tell you 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.

Southern Club

Melanie Vittitow



I'm happy to announce that the Southern Club is back! We met last month to elect a new board so we could continue as a club. We have a new president and a new meeting day.

Bob Czopek is our president and the first Tuesday of the month will be our meeting day. Therefore, our next meeting will be this coming Tuesday, Nov. 2.

For those of you who have never heard of us, let me fill you in. Don't let the word "southern" worry you. We won't hold it against you if you were not born in the South. Since you now reside in Florida, you have become an honorary southerner!

The Southern Club is a social club. We meet once a month for a potluck dinner, short meeting, and social time. We have speakers or entertainment and just enjoy getting together with friends. Southerners are known for their hospitality and

friendliness, and we try not to disappoint.

Our meetings take place in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. The dinner starts at 5 p.m. so we ask people to come between 4:30 and 5 p.m. to check in, find a place to sit, and get your drinks. The club furnishes coffee, tea, lemonade, ice, and cups. You will need to bring plates and eating utensils.

As I stated above, we normally have a potluck dinner but this time the club will furnish refreshments to welcome our new friends. Just bring your smiling faces. This won't be a dinner, but we still need to know how many people we will be serving, so if you think you want to come meet and check us out, we ask you to contact us so we can get a count - (352) 857-8765 or bobczopek@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting new people and welcoming back all our returning members. If you want to join, the dues are \$10 per person for the club year, which runs through May. One reminder from management: bring your resident ID card, since only residents and authorized renters are allowed to participate in sponsored activities.

My name is Melanie Vittitow and I am the membership/communication chairperson. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (352) 873-8690.

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World Traveler

Bill Shampine



Today, we are going to Cappadocia, a region in south central Turkey, that has been populated at least since the Hittite-Assyrian city of Kanesh, 4,000 years ago. It is geologically unique, and if you visit there, you can sleep in a cave and enjoy a hot air balloon ride.

Hundreds of thousands of years ago, the region was completely covered by thick layers of volcanic ash. Over time, the ash turned into tuff, a relatively soft form of rock.

With the passage of even more centuries, the weather eroded the soft tuff leaving some truly fantastic formations. The most dominant geologic features are called “fairy chimneys.” These “chimneys” are cone-shaped rock formations that stand as much as 130 feet tall (about as tall as a 12-story building). Because the rock was soft enough it could be carved relatively easily, people living in the area began to carve caves in the fairy chimneys for their homes.

Although the region is remote, it has been ruled over the centuries by various groups, including the Hittites, Assyrians, Persians, Alexander the Great, Romans, Byzantines, Armenians, and finally the Turks. From the 7th to the 10th century, the many Christian residents were subjected to increasing levels of persecution. The region’s isolation helped protect them, but, for additional protection, they began to dig underground to create unique hiding places.

During this period of persecution, the Christians carved several

huge underground cities, including one that housed as many as 30,000 people. The complex, labyrinthine passageways in these cities, some of which are almost ten levels deep, helped make them secure. With their narrow passages connecting several levels, you might think of them as resembling the tunnels in a hamster cage.

The most popular spot to visit in Cappadocia, is the Göreme Open-Air Museum, a World Heritage site with the best collection of chapels and living quarters, most dating to around the 11th century. Other sites include the castles in Uchisar and the underground cities in Kaymakli and Derinkuyu.

If you go there, you must stay in one of the cave dwellings that has been converted into a boutique hotel. These hotels feature hamams (Turkish baths), rock-cut arches, walls patterned with volcanic color-banding, and panoramic terraces overlooking the incredible valleys. The other must do, is to take a ride in one of the hundreds of hot air balloons that soar into the sky at sunrise. The vast number of balloons alone makes for an impressive vista, but the money shot comes with the landscape. The balloons ride the winds while you slowly float above the historic cave dwellings and the deep valleys of the incredible landscape; all the while snapping pictures of a lifetime.

Finally, for the hardy, there are many hiking trails that traverse the area where you can walk for miles through beautiful, fantastic rock formations.

Did I mention that Cappadocia’s wine industry dates to the Hittites, some 4,000 years ago? You just might enjoy sampling the fermented form of the Anatolian grape.



Photo by Broken Inaglory

One of the amazing houses carved into a “fairy chimney” in Cappadocia, Turkey.

The Jewish Club

Nancy Meininger



From bagels and lox to insider information from Pat Gabriel, president of the SR200 Coalition, on building projects all around us; to break fast after the High Holidays where friends shared like family; to a private concert by talented, deep south Mississippi Blues queen, Sheeba – the fourth quarter of 2021 has been electrified for the Jewish Club.

Members have come together to learn, share, and care for each other and those in need. We have collected over 200 pounds of food and over \$100 in cash so far, presenting it to the Interfaith Emergency Services.

Our much-anticipated annual barbeque will take place this month under the guidance of Mal and Connie Press. The site is Veterans Park at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. This is a member-only event. Members must have their tickets designating hot dogs, hamburgers, or veggie burgers from the grill with all the trimmings. Desserts are member potluck. Bring your favorite beverage, lawn chair and side table or card table. Wear comfortable shoes and a sun hat. Golf carts are encouraged. Parking is limited except on-street parallel parking west of

the park.

Meetups are every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Sid’s Coffee Shop & Deli. Join Diane Turkin for these small group get-togethers for coffee and conversation. Lots of things are in the works. Your ideas are always welcomed. Bring them with you!

Our 2022 board election will take place in December. What board position would you like to fill? Needed are high energy idea people willing to pitch in and help us grow. Watch for ballots coming out soon. Get ready to submit your name!

Sunday, Dec. 19, is also our Hanukkah party; complete with entertainment by Harry Boyjian, vocal artist from the Theatre Group. More details on this to come.

For the most up-to-date information about events and the club, check our Facebook page (The Jewish Club of On Top of the World) or call Nancy Meininger at (352) 554-0757.



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Pat Gabriel spoke to the Jewish Club about new development along the SR200 Corridor.

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'Sarge' Keeps the Ballgame Going

By Tom Sheridan

Doug Neely doesn't exactly run the Softball Club's games like a drill sergeant.

But he could.

Neely, who wears a bright yellow shirt as the league's chief umpire; spent years as a drill sergeant in the U.S. Army – a position known for its demanding attention to detail, and also strict and instant obedience to orders. Softball, however, isn't quite as regimented.

In his usual post behind home plate, Neely probably could act in that manner; but his relatively soft-spoken demeanor and command presence usually gets the job done. That's despite the fact that softball players sometimes can be as hard to manage as herding cats.

Neely grinned and said, "I just put the fear of God into 'em. Just like I did in the Army." It's not likely that concern over getting struck by a bolt of divine lightning does the trick, though. "It's the threat of ejection that really works," he said. It's ironic that even with his drill-sergeant background, Neely still winces at the occasional cuss word on the field.

Softball at On Top of the World is a friendly but still competitive sport and, regrettably, tempers do flare on occasion. It's worth noting each player in the league signs a code of conduct once a year that forbids aggressive and abusive behavior and unduly coarse language on the field. Despite occasional violations, Neely hasn't yet had to tell a player,

"Drop and gimme 10 (pushups)!"

Softball is a family affair for Neely; and his wife Sherry serves as one of the league's scorekeepers. The couple moved to Indigo East in 2020 from the Nashville, Tennessee area. Neely brought a background as a player and umpire of both baseball and softball to his role as

chief umpire.

The club is always looking for additional umpires. Training is available.

The Softball Club offers men residents year-round play in three seasons. The current fall season runs through Dec. 22 and the winter season will kick off after the holidays. The fall season has eight teams competing in games on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Community growth, the return of the snowbirds, and outreach to new members are likely to boost the league to at least 10 teams in winter.

The league welcomes new players regardless of skill level. Because of the unprecedented increase in players, the club has begun a new process to bring recruits into the league and onto teams. A program, designed and run by several players asks potential players to commit to at least a series of information, rules and skills assessment sessions before being assigned to a team. The league tries to balance all teams to assure great competition.

For information about softball, contact tomsheridan.fl@gmail.com.



Photo by Tom Sheridan

Chief umpire Doug Neely, right, signals two outs as Andy Cheyne prepares to bat.

Horseshoe Classes

By Joe Lawson

The Horseshoe League would like to welcome all our new members from several of our horseshoe classes. We had a great turnout.

If you would like to improve your game, we go through the six basics of pitching horseshoes:

1. Grip.
2. Stance.
3. Your footwork.
4. Pendulum swing.
5. Follow-through.
6. Timing and rhythm.

Our next training classes are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 12, at the

Veterans Park. Here, you'll learn the basics of horseshoes and then practice with the help of one of our veteran players. If interested in attending, please email Joe Lawson, president, at softballjoe46@gmail.com. Come join us!

We started our winter session league and play every Tuesday, at 9 a.m. at the Veterans Park. There is no cost to join the Horseshoe Club and you may get your picture in the World News.

A special welcome to several new players: Matt Rains, Joe St. John, and John St. Louis.



Photo by Joe Lawson

Horseshoe training class at the Veterans Park.

Pickleball Champs

By Bill Bender & Tom West

Twenty-four players participated in the Top Pickleball Club's first September competition event. Having run out of daylight, a three-way tie was declared for first place for John Smit, Rick Stark, and Tom West. Second place tie was Joel Weaver and Dave Woitek. Third place was won by Leslie Latto. A special thanks to Ed Richey and Irene Duncan for stepping in as substitutes. We trust everyone had a good time!

On Sunday, Sept. 26, we had the make up mixed doubles tournament that was rained out previously. After 11 grueling games, the

results are as follows:

1: Cindy Kozlowski and Randy Schmid. 2: Vickie Cornell and John Smit. 3: Laurie Martyniak and Tom West.

Special thanks go out to Thad Campbell and Rick Stark for pitching in and helping. We know everyone enjoyed themselves.

We want to begin reporting a "tip of the month" in our column. This month's tip is regarding retrieval of a ball that goes onto another court. Proper etiquette tells us that we should never enter another court. If your ball goes onto another court, you should:

1. Call out (loudly), "Ball on

court."

2. Raise your hand to show others where the ball should be sent.
3. Wait for the player on the other court to return the ball to you.

Be aware that whenever you enter another court, you are creating a safety hazard for both that other player and for yourself. When we are playing, the only other person who we know is on our side of the court is our partner. So, if another player enters that space, there is a collision risk.

I know we think we are avoiding "bothering" the other player when we enter their space to retrieve our ball, but please consider the safety risks and practice the above. We all need to do everything possible to

keep ourselves and our fellow players safe.

Proper etiquette and important safety items are explained in our pickleball orientation class. These sessions are specifically for residents who want to learn about the fastest growing sport in the world, which includes over 440 club members right here. Just show up on any Monday, at 10:30 a.m. or the first Saturday of the month, at 10:30 a.m. with plenty of liquids (to avoid dehydration), wearing your tennis or court shoes, and we will provide the rest. We recommend that you not purchase paddles before taking the lesson as our instructors will guide you in choosing the proper equipment. In one hour, it will be abundantly clear to you if this sport is for you.



Pickleball champs.



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Members Athena Drewes, secretary, and Shizuka Campagna at the Club Fair.
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Members Lynn Dickson and Jim Swift, treasurer, at the Club Fair
Photo by Athena Drewes

Table Tennis

Athena Drewes



Thank you for coming out to the Club Fair and stopping by our table. It was a pleasure to meet many of you and share our enthusiasm for table tennis! There was a wonderful turnout of interested prospective players and we had many new members sign up on the spot! Our fun table tennis motif tablecloth (sewn by Susan Swift), and mini-table tennis table, net and paddles caught everyone's eye! It was a fun time and such a wonderful way for residents to learn about all there is to do here. Our club was glad to be one of the many ones represented in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Many of the people stopping by told us they hadn't played since childhood, or so long ago, that they may have forgotten how to play. But all remembered the fun time they had playing, and a desire to rekindle that interest. We have beginners' play time Tuesdays, from 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursdays, from 3 to 5 p.m., which allows you to gently get back into the sport with others at a similar level.

You can try out singles play or doubles, re-learn some of the rules of the game (some of which have changed over the past 10 years), meet our members and spark that love of table tennis! Before you know it, you will have mastered the basics and those old moves and

skills will be back! The rules of the game, different from pickleball and tennis, are simple and easy to master. The player (except for the initial serve) must allow a ball played toward them to bounce once on their side of the table before hitting it and must return it so that it bounces on the opposite side at least once. A point is scored when a player fails to return the ball. Play can be fast and demands quick reactions. Each person serves twice, and the game is played until a score of 11 is reached. Come and try it out! You will be surprised how easy it is to play, and how much fun! Special thanks to members Paul Stadterman, Jim Swift, Lynne Dickson, Shizuka Campagna, Thomas Roach, and Arlene Watts for sitting at the table, meeting, and greeting all of you! If you have any questions about our club please contact Paul Stadterman, director president, at ptstadterman@yahoo.com. Factoids: The name "ping-pong" was in wide use before the British manufacturer, J. Jaques & Son Ltd, had it trademarked back in 1901. "Ping-pong" then came to describe the game played using, the rather expensive, Jaques' equipment. Consequently, the other manufacturers began calling the game table tennis. Jaques sold the rights to the "ping-pong" name to Parker Brothers, in the U.S., in 1920 and Parker Brothers enforced the ping-pong trademark. As a result, the various US ping-pong associations had to change their names to "table tennis" from the trademarked term! Come play table tennis and have some fun!

Cycling Club

Dennis Baker



Like bicycling? The newly formed Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club has formed to encourage cycling and to facilitate connection and communication for residents and guests interested in friendship, fun, and fitness through cycling. The club is off to a great start with about 40 members listed in the first two weeks.

Our community is home to many cyclists of all skill levels and experience, from avid and accomplished cyclists to wannabees. All are welcome in the club, and all are sure to find friends with compatible cy-

cling interests and abilities. Club members "muster the wheels" each Tuesday and Saturday, at 8 a.m. at the Power Park (SW 90th Street across from the Dog Park). From there, individuals, small groups, or larger groups depart for rides of various lengths and speeds based on interests. Club information is routinely posted on Facebook (OTOW Chat Room). If you are interested in cycling, come join us on Tuesday and/or Saturday mornings, or contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net.

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Candler Hills Ladies 9-Hole Golf

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How about the United States winning the 43rd Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits! That golf course presented many challenges for the players. Wind was certainly a factor and presented one of the biggest challenges when it came to hitting the green.

One of the biggest differences between professionals and amateurs is how they approach the shots to the green. Next time you watch an event on TV or attend one in person, watch the player's mannerisms, watch where their eyes are looking when they have a greenside bunker to hit out of or short pitch and chip shots. If you are paying close attention, you will see that they are rarely looking at the hole. Most amateur players are always fo-

cusing on the hole.

A player's success with their short game will come from their ability to read a lie, pick a spot for the ball to land and then have it roll out to their intended target. The spot a player picks out is critical in getting the ball to be close to the hole or in the hole. Amateur players, as well as new golfers, may look at where they want to land the ball, but they will turn their attention to the outcome, the hole. This will thus result in the ball flying by the hole and possibly into a bunker or area off the green.

Now the confidence has gone right out the window and the thinking too much sets in and the tension level goes up and the player becomes frustrated with her game. The player will then try various techniques to improve, only to decelerate and try and control the golf club more, which will leave the ball in an undesirable lie.

Here are a few helpful tips to change your approach for a better outcome to overcome the anxiety on your short shots:

1. When you arrive at your ball, check your lie, the conditions of the day (wind, wet, no grass, high grass) and where the hole is.
2. After determining where you would like to land the ball so it will end up close to the hole, keep in mind that rarely do short shots fly into the hole. They land and then roll out toward the target. The best short game players use the ground more than the air. Ground time is easier to control than airtime given the practice routine you implement.
3. Select the club that you have confidence in to hit to your target.
4. Test the lie by taking some practice swings and getting a feel for your stroke.
5. As you set to the ball, focus on the spot you wish to land the ball and continue to have that spot as your focus.
6. Commit and execute the shot.

Step 5 is the step that is most important, and you should really practice this. When you practice it do not even look at the hole. I like to use a three-foot circle around the hole instead of the hole and you should see some improved results because you practiced them.

We offer Golf Clinics at the beginning of each month here at Candler Hills Golf Club. Pick up a copy of our schedule and be sure to register in advance by stopping by the Candler Hills Golf Shop and pay or provide a membership clinic voucher to participate.

Your LGA-9 Thursday play day events are as follows:

- Nov. 4: 2 Best Balls Net on Par 4s/ 1 Best Ball Net on the Par 3s & 5s (Back 9)
- Nov. 11: Even Holes (Back 9)
- Nov. 18: Team Stableford (Front 9)

Please feel free to email or call Nick (nick_schwander@otowfl.com) or myself (denise_mullen@otowfl.com) with any and all concerns or questions you may have. Candler Hills Golf Shop phone number is (352) 861-9712.

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

- Nov. 2: O.N.E.S Individual Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where everyone plays their own golf ball, but we only use scores from holes that begin with an O, N, E or S. In other words, only holes one, six, seven, eight and nine count as your score.
- Nov. 9: Team 1, 2, 3 (The Links) is a team game consisting of a Best Ball format. On the par 5s, the team score will be one best ball. On the par 4s, the team score will be two best balls, and on the par 3s, the team score will be three best balls.
- Nov. 16: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where everyone plays their normal round of golf with all ladies flighted, based on current handicap index.
- Nov. 23: Florida Scramble (The Links) is a standard

scramble format with a unique twist. Everyone tees off, you then select the best ball position to be used for the next shot. The player whose ball is selected sits out this shot, so only three players will be hitting the next shots. This process continues on each shot until the ball is holed out. The only time all players hit shots is off the tee box.

- Nov. 30: 3 Best Balls (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where each player plays her own ball with three of the four players' score used as the team score.

Great news! The weather is starting to get a little cooler and will only continue to get cooler as the year comes to a close. With that being said, that means more and more golfers are starting to come back from their summer destinations to enjoy their winter destination down here. When the golf courses start to get more action on them, they tend to show more wear and tear due to the cart travel and amount of play per day. It is vital during those times that we work together to help ensure our golf courses stay as "healthy" as possible, so that we can all enjoy them together. The best way to do that is

to keep cart travel to the cart paths, when able, and in the rough as much as possible. We also need to make sure we fix our divots and ball marks, so that the rest of the players can enjoy the courses as much as we do.

Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



The Men's Golf Association Cup Challenge is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov. 18. MGA members should watch their email for details as the time draws nearer. Our 2022 membership drive will launch during December's Chicken Day. Dues are \$10 annually. The membership currently stands at 345.

Please welcome our newest members: Kevin McGuinness, Bob Rickett, Bill Lewis, Steve Skonecke, Bill Scaringe, John K. Johnson, Wayne Zarfos, Bill Bingle and Garfield Gray. Mark these upcoming events in your calendar:

- Wednesday, Nov. 3: Chicken Day (The Links)
- Wednesday, Nov. 10: Any 4 Clubs (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Wednesday, Nov. 17: Cup Challenge Day (The Tortoise & The Hare)
- Thursday, Nov. 18: Cup Challenge Day (The Links)
- Wednesday, Nov. 24: Individual

Low Net 2 Best Balls

Sept. 29 / The Tortoise & The Hare
124-Mike Mackowiak, Garry Gerlach, Mark Beauchamp, Thomas Norris. 126-Jim Lefaver, Bigelow Robinson, Donald Wheeler, Bob Marks. 127-Art Lagrange, Dennis McCourt, James Thompson, Thomas Kujawa. Tie at 128-Russell Zile, Don Hamlin, Ralph Solvold, Bob Rickett; Raymond Hendrix, James Gourlay, Dwight Weirich, Alan Varney. 129-John English, Dale Clarke, Jim Kurlapski, Paul Silliman. 130-Rusty Rhodes, Anthony Morris, Joseph Mandala, Randy Rosewicz. 131-Brian Wilder, Joe Wong, Jim Nicholson, Michael Stone. 132-Brad Weirick, Jack Pozsik, Ricki Plesea, Paul Randles. 133-Larry Gibson, Don Edmond, Dennis Dobosh, George Brombacher.

Chicken Day Scramble

Oct. 6 / The Links

Tie at 61-David Wohleber, Kevin McGuinness, Robert Coutu, John Bauer; Mike Madura, Ricki Plesea, Paul Silliman, William York. Tie at 62-Gregory Dyer, Larry Gibson, John Owen, Larry Chase; Rusty Zarrell, David Woitek, Paul Snyder, Steve Becker. 63-Brian Wilder, Bob Flynn, Leonard Ruble, Bob Janssen. Tie at 64-Steven Thesman, Tom Fragapane, Dwight Weirich, Mario Grosso; Dan Goggins, David Schaefer, Mike Lane, Roy Harvey; Joe Polizzotti, Bigelow Robinson, Howard Atherton, Mark Durso. Tie at 65-Jerry Englar, Kevin Thompson, John Sutherland, Thomas Kujawa; Larry Manion, Rick Strynar, Mike Kurlakowsky, Thomas Norris; James Thompson, Greg McDowell, Jerry Chase, Rino D'amico; Don Edmond, Dick Emmons, Jim Kurlapski, Paul Randles; Anthony Morris, George Isaac, Matt Raies, Tary Bole; Jim Weaver, Daniel Gill, Joseph Mandala, Ronald Grob; Roger Sparks, Dennis McCourt, Bob Barbee, Norman Schulze.



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Golf

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The fall season is officially upon us, and the holiday season is right around the corner. This time of year is meant to be spent with family and friends. Thanksgiving is just weeks away so remember to be thankful for what this wonderful world has given you. I am thankful for my family and friends. I feel truly blessed and have learned that anything can happen so don't take life for granted.

We will be holding our seventh annual Member/Member golf event Thursday, Nov. 11 and Friday, Nov. 12, at both The Links and Candler Hills Golf Club. The format will be four-ball stroke play with 85% of your handicap being used. Registration fee is \$35 per player. Please contact either Golf Shop for more

details.

Golf course etiquette is an important element in the game of golf. Many books have been written regarding golf course etiquette. These are the unspoken rules that show respect to your fellow golfers. Here is a short list of the most common broken rules.

- Avoid Slow Play: Be ready to hit when it is your turn.
- Golf Course Maintenance: Be sure to fill all divots with sand and repair all ball marks.
- Walking in Golfer's Line: Never walk in a golfer's line before they putt.
- Lost Ball: If you suspect your ball is lost hit a provisional or second ball.
- Talking on Your Cell Phone: Be courteous to other players and keep cell use to a minimum.
- Playing Music Too Loud: Please be aware of your surroundings and turn down the music.

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World Accolades

THE LINKS: May Ann Livingston, eagle #16.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE: Jim Le-faver, hole-in-one #13.

CANDLER HILLS: Ed O' Leary, hole-in-one #17. Bob Baker, hole-in-one #13.

Congratulations!

Golf Tip of the Month

How many of you swing out of your shoes, fall backwards, and watch the ball sail to the right and

out of bounds? If this sounds like your golf swing, then balance is the key to improvement.

Here are a few tips to maintain proper balance throughout your swing.

1. Widen your stance. By widening your stance, you are giving yourself a bigger base which helps you return the clubface to a square position at impact.
2. Do not overswing. If your tendency is to try to swing as hard as you can each time, then more than likely you will lose your balance. A good balanced swing looks graceful and effortless.
3. Maintain a good finish. Try to hold your finish after every swing. I like to teach my students to hold the finish long enough for someone to snap a picture. Ensuring you hold your finish longer will improve your balance and ball striking.

Candler Hills Men's Golf

Terry Hoppes



We welcomed new members Kevin McGuinness, Ed Bischoff, and Bill Scaringe

Best Ball Net A/B and C/D Flight Sept. 14

Flight A/B: -10-Bill Wallenstein, Bill Gurbisz, Tie at -8-Larry Smallwood, Brian Gauthier and Mike Kelly, Ray Christ and David Fritz, Lyle Gave and Joe Schuberth, Charlie Taylor.

C/D Flight: -11-David Nelson, Rex Heitz. Tie at -8-Robert Dellapenna , James Dewey and Hal

Levine, Donald Wheeler and Mori Fierce, Tim Williams. -7-Joe Wong, Bob Hilton. -4-Sam Fox, Joe Jingco.

Stableford Best 2 of 4 Sept. 21

94-Dave Falcone, Billy Scholp, Joe Wong, Donald Huston

Tie at 90-Mike Kelly, Virgel Jajalla, Dave Miller, Danny Ball and Bill Gurbisz, Bill Wallenstein, Gilbert Green, Jim Kurlapski. 87-Bill Wignall, Michael Cunningham, Bill McElroy, Brad Best. Tie at 84-Gene Moff, Rusty Zarrell, Don Edmond, Ken Zweiback and Joe Schuberth, Joe Pruss, Robert Dellapenna, John Sullivan and Paul Rubly, Lyle Gave, Dennis McCourt, Dutch Schulze and Stephen Bussey, Randy Kajewski, Joe Jingco, Dennis Huber.

Individual Quota in Flights Sept. 28

Flight 1: +4-Dave Falcone. +2-Kenneth Franks. Tie at -1-David Butler, Mike Kelly, Lonnie Page and Stephen Bussey. -2-Mike Mackowiak.

Flight 2: +10-Paul Rubly. +4-Michael Cunningham. Tie at -1-David Clune, Virgel Jajalla and Terry Sigler. -3-Paul Sepulveda.

Flight 3: Tie at +2-Mike Altomare, Dennis McCourt and Don Edmond. +1-Bill McElroy. Tie at even-Tim Beaty and Mori Fierce. -2-Gilbert Green.

Special congratulations to Paul Rubly for three birdies in a row and a total of five birdies in the round!

1 Best Ball Gross/ 1 Best Ball Net Oct. 5

Tie at -12-David Clune, Ed Bischoff, David Nelson and Michael Cunningham, Michael Brajer, Rex Heitz, Tom Joy and Ken Franks, Paul Rubly, Joe Pruss, Brad Best. -10-Stephen Bussey, Rusty Zarrell, Gilbert Green, John Sullivan. -8-Larry Ketterwell, David Fosdick, Joe Wong, Dennis Huber. -7-David Butler, Bob Hilton, Ken Zweiback, Sam Fox.

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Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association

Susan Yenne



Christine McIntire had her first hole-in-one Thursday, Sept. 30, at Falcon’s Fire Golf Club in Orlando, Florida.

A strong wind and elevated greens compelled her to use a driver on the 110-yard, par-three 15th hole. Friends Sharon Jonson and Mary Ann Livingston couldn’t find her ball until they looked into the hole. Whooping and hollering brought others to the celebration: Ellen Brin, Peggy Ellenberger, MJ Strelec and Vickie Noltensmeyer.

Also scoring a hole-in-one was Gail LaGrange Friday, July 16. She used a six iron on hole five on The Links to make her fourth hole-in-one. Witnesses were Deborah Martin, Debby Wilson and Connie Norris.

The Veterans Day lunch will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, after golf in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. Cost is \$11 for a chicken dinner and 14 door prizes. 50/50 tickets will be sold. Thank you to Peggy Weichmann’s committee of Donna Brunell, Dee Howie, Joyce Jones, Vickie Noltensmeyer and Margaret Hudacik. A business meeting with election of officers will take place after the lunch.

**Low Gross, Low Net
Aug. 24/The Tortoise & The Hare
Gross**

Flight 1: 79–Sandy Snyder. 84–Christine Giza. 87–Linda Taylor.

Flight 2: 91–Lilly Gee. Tie at 96–Iro Lisinski, Donna Isaac.

Flight 3: 99–Kathleen Mansfield. 101–Peggy Benedict. 103–Virginia Madura.

Flight 4: 96–Sandra Dechambeau. 105–Pam Brown. 111–Gloria Cullins.

Net

Flight 1: 69–Beverly Ovrebo. 73–Connie Norris. 79–Diane Boston.

Flight 2: 76–Virginia Combs. 78–Linda Blewitt.

80–Marcela Nunez.

Flight 3: 76–Liz Pruss. 80–Jane Hall. 82–May Chin.

Flight 4: 79–Debbie Zile. 80–Carolyn Cummings. 83–Elena Sumpter.

**Random Ribbon, 2 Best Balls
Aug. 31/The Links**

137–Jill Strey, Joyce Jones, Deborah Martin, Liz Pruss. 138–MJ Strelec, Katie Schriewer, Kathleen Goodwin, Rosann Ross. 140–Vadonna Hall, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Peggy Wiechmann, Gloria Cullins. 144–Christine McIntire, Mary Jeannottee, Sharon Johnson, Dee Howie. 145–Linda Taylor, Peggy Borro, Susan Yenne, Pam Brown. 146–Christine Giza, Lilly Gee, Iro Lisinski. 147–Lynn Colomb, Linda Blewitt, Kathleen Mansfield, Elena Sumpter.

**Low Gross/Low Net (Individual)
Sept. 7/The Links
Gross**

Flight 1: Tie at 79–Sandy Snyder, Linda Taylor. 81–Christine Giza.

Flight 2: 85–Lilly Gee. 87–Virginia Combs. 88–Vickie Noltensmeyer.

Flight 3: 86–Peggy Wiechmann. 93–Linda Blewitt. 95–Mary Ruffner.

Flight 4: 92–Liz Pruss. 94–Susan Yenne. 96–Pam Jones.

Flight 5: 98–Gloria Cullins. 102–Terry Wilks. 103–Debbie Zile.

Net

Flight 1: 70–Gail LaGrange. 73–Maria Fournier. 74–Diane Boston.

Flight 2: 71–Kathleen Goodwin. 72–Joyce Jones. 76–Katie Schriewer.

Flight 3: 71–Iro Lisinski. 77–Nancy Zielinski. 80–Christine McIntire.

Flight 4: 72–Jane Hall. 73–Pam Brown. 78–Virginia Madura.

Flight 5: 75–Donna Brunell. 76–Elena Sumpter. 83–Sandra Dechambeau.

**2 Best Balls, Black Tees, Team Net
Sept. 14/The Links**

Tie at 125–Diane Boston, Donna Isaac, Liz Pruss, Linda Ryan: Jean Hsu, Katie Schriewer, Valerie Smith, Gloria Cullins. 127–Jill Strey, Connie Sohl, Bonnie Bunce, Debbie Zile. 128–MJ Strelec, Lisa Free, Jane Hall, Jan Christ. 129–Ellen Brin, Mary Ann Livingston, Terry Wilks, Mary Cunningham. 130–Vickie Noltensmeyer, Joann Dellapenna, Mary Ruffner, Carolyn Cummings. 132–May Chin, Joyce Jones, Kathleen Goodwin. Member-Member Scotch Twosome

Sept. 21/The Links

Flight 1: 70–Christine Giza, Diane Boston. 72–Deborah Martin, Connie Norris. 73–Vadonna Hall, Mary Ann Livingston. 74–Lynne Dickson, Valerie Smith.

Flight 2: 68–Kathleen Goodwin, Marcela Nunez. 72–Vickie Noltensmeyer, Peggy Wiechmann. 73–Peggy Ellenberger, Ellen Brin. 75–Christine McIntire, Sharon Johnson.

Flight 3: 72–Peggy Benedict, Donna Isaac. 74–Jill Strey, Sandy Chase. Tie at 77–Margaret Hudacik, Donna Brunell: Linda Blewitt, Molly Lucieer: Joyce Jones, Dee Howie.

Flight 4: 76–Kathleen Mansfield, Terry Wilks. Tie at 77–Linda Ryan, Joy Gerardi: Nancy Zielinski, Carolyn Cummings. 78–Pam Jones, Jane Hall.

**Aces Wild Net (Individual)
Sept. 28/The Tortoise & the Hare**

Flight 1: 69–Beverly Ovrebo. 70–Lisa Free. 71–Connie Norris. Tie at 72–Christine Giza, Sandy Snyder.

Flight 2: 66–Virginia Combs. 69–Jill Strey. 73–Eileen Gustavus. 74–Nancy Zielinski. Tie at 75–Peggy Borro, Connie Sohl.

Flight 3: 65–Jane Hall. 70–Molly Lucieer. 71–Betty McNeeley. 72–Pam Jones. Tie at 74–May Chin, Jean Hsu.

Flight 4: 71–Debbie Zile. 72–Suzanne Weirick. 77–Peggy Benedict. Tie at 78–Liz Pruss, Vickie Foster.

**Florida Scramble
Oct. 5/The Links**

Tie at 70–Jill Strey, Lilly Gee, Rosann Ross, Vadonna Hall: Deborah Martin, Christine McIntire, May Chin, Debbie Zile. Tie at 71–Vickie Noltensmeyer, Connie Sohl, Molly Lucieer, Jane Hall: Christine Giza, Mary Ruffner, Linda Flewitt, Donna Brunell. Tie at 72–Jean Hsu, Marte Dobosh, Mary Jeannotte, Elena Sumpter: Beverly Ovrebo, Ellen Brin, Susan Rhodes, Suzanne Wierick: Lynn Barber, Virginia Combs, Pam Brown, Sandy Snyder.



Christine McIntire had her first hole-in-one.

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Call of the Wild Sports Club

Roger Bonifield



Wow, it’s November already, and for a few of us, that means heading out into the forest in search of that wild turkey for the big family dinner, but for most of us that forest is known as Publix. Whatever the case, fall in Florida is prime hunting season for many challenging species, and if you are trying to figure out what your quarry might be, Call of the Wild Sports Club is the place to be. We have members who work hard to keep us up to date on all the hunting seasons and provide information on all the various shooting sports available in the area.

And if fishing is your thing, it’s another wow. With the cooler weather, comes cooler water temperatures and the fishing is really turning on. The inshore specked trout bite is really hot right now, and just offshore, gag grouper is showing up in good numbers. Over the next several months, whether you are fishing from shore, near shore or offshore, the variety and number of fish is going to keep improving.

Bass and crappie fishing will also be improving significantly over the next few months. Gotta love it, and unlike where I came from a few years ago, you don’t have to drill a hole in the water to go fishing.

We are also planning some special party boat fishing trips as a club, and in combination with the Recreation Center office. Stay tuned for more information on that.

In addition to all our outdoor activities, we also have several social events throughout the year, like our recent annual picnic. In December, we have our holiday dinner, and hopefully, this spring we will finally have the comeback of our great fish fry.

There couldn’t be a better time to get involved with Call of the Wild, because this December we will be electing a new slate of officers and board of directors to head us into 2022. So that gives even new members the opportunity to get involved, share your ideas, and help determine the direction of the club.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room, and all are welcome. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 3. If you would like further information, please feel to give me a call at (352) 300-3601.

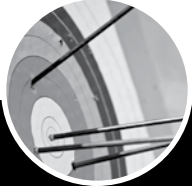


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Over 40 members and guests enjoyed some great food, conversation and even a little fishing at our annual picnic at Fort Island Trail Park.

Archery Club

Dee Dombach



Qi Gong is a 4,000-year-old system of breath and energy work designed to cultivate and refine the body, soul, and spirit. A Qi Gong movement called “drawing the bow and letting the arrow fly” mimics an archer’s movements but is performed slowly and with deep concentration.

The practice begins with one arm pulling back as if drawing a string and the other stretching forward as if holding the bow, eyes following the index finger and thumb held in an “L” shape, then repeated side to side. It’s said to strengthen the heart, lungs, and eyes, promoting healthy vision, clarity, intention, and ease. The practice calls on our heart’s intention to draw inspiration and use clear, steady vision in our lives.

As archers, we focus on a small spot 10 to 60 yards away, coordinate

our stance, posture, arm movements, breathing, and focus. When everything feels right, the moment before release is quiet and calm. Many people feel that archery itself is a meditative practice.

Members of the Archery Club participate for many reasons, and derive benefits based on their own personal reasons. Members practice as much or as little as they want and may choose to compete on- or offsite or just practice for their own personal satisfaction.

One of our members, Tom Weiss, often found practicing at the range, is the focus of our member spotlight this month.

Tom, a native Pennsylvanian, retired after 22 years serving our country in the U.S. Navy and worked for Stihl after that. He shot recurve archery in high school at a local indoor range and never shot again until moving here, when some friends suggested he join them in the Archery Club. He purchased a compound bow online and learned the basics, then upgraded his equipment and saw his accuracy improve.

Tom finds that the most chal-

lenging part of archery, like most sports, is consistency in following all the steps to make a good shot, repeatedly. The most satisfying part is when you can repeat the proper process, shot after shot, and you can see the results of your hard work reflected in your scores.

This past summer, Tom set a goal of trying to qualify for the National Senior Games to be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in May 2022. He competed in two warm-up tournaments over the summer and in the Georgia Golden Olympics in September. Tom finished second in his age group and met the qualification

standards.

Tom says, “Though there is great satisfaction watching yourself improve, I firmly believe the greatest benefit that I have received from joining the Archery Club has been the people I have met. They have the expertise from years of experience and are always more than willing to help, with advice, equipment set-up, and proper archery techniques.”

If you may be interested in finding more information about the club, please contact Bob Papirner at rpapirner@aol.com or Mark D’Addario at markdad06@gmail.com.

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Tennis

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The cooler weather is here, and we are going back to 8:30 a.m. start time for play.

By now, another barbecue is behind us with the opportunity to socialize, share some food and drinks with the members of the tennis community. Soon we will be organizing a trip to the USTA National Training Center in Lake Nona, Florida. Perhaps we can book a couple hours of court time and see how it feels to be a part of an even larger tennis community, and, if we are fortunate enough, maybe we can watch some of the pros honing their skills.

To the tennis players who joined us in the last couple of months, a big welcome to you.

POP tennis is growing rapidly and for this reason we are expanding play to Mondays, as well as

Wednesdays and Fridays.

I am looking for volunteers to see if we can get back to meeting with Stone Creek at least once a month.

Tips to Improve Your Game

1. Stay Balanced: A great shot in tennis doesn't depend only on racquet head speed or precise contact. If you're not balanced, you're more likely to hit a poor shot. Club players don't think about balance often enough. When you hit the ball, your legs should be evenly spaced, and your knees bent. Your center of gravity – think belly button – should be over the halfway point between your two feet. When you have an excellent sense of balance and control over your center of gravity, as gymnasts do, you'll have more control over your body and less tendency to rush. No matter how a difficult a position, you can manage to be in control of the shot.
2. Catch, Not Punch: When learning a forehand vol-

ley, it's better not to think "punch the volley" because this will lead to a straight jab that most likely will send the ball into the net or out of the court. I prefer to say, "catch the ball," like a first baseman would on a low liner or a bouncing throw. The racquet face needs to be open, and the arm should start bent and finish with some bend. It shouldn't be straight unless you have to reach for the volley. This prevents players from swatting or slapping and makes them hit the ball cleanly. Think of it as a directional shot where you penetrate through the ball with your wrist.

3. Triple Vision: "Watch the ball!" Players hear this all the time, and it is good advice to a point. I think it's nearly impossible to see the ball touching your strings. What your teaching pro means is you shouldn't jerk your head around when you swing. Keep your head stable, while

you pay attention to more than the ball. The best athletes have what I call triple vision. They watch the ball, their opponent, and their intended target, all at the same time. You concentrate on the ball, but periphery vision can tell you where your opponents are and where your target should be.

4. Loosen Your Wrist: If you watch quarterbacks throwing the ball, you will notice their wrist loosen and snap downward when they release the ball. Your wrist must be the same way on a serve. If you keep your wrist firm while serving, you'll lose power and create tension in your arm, which might lead to injuries, including tennis elbow. If you keep your grip and your wrist loose, you'll accelerate through the ball, hit it harder or apply more spin. Hold the handle just enough to keep the racquet from flying out of your hand. See you on the courts!

Shuffleboard

Walt Lamp



We had our 35th anniversary party at the Veterans Park Saturday, Sept. 11. This was our first social gathering in a long time. It was very well attended from our membership. There was cake, ice cream and drinks. A fun time was had by all.

At the party, it was decided that we would once again start to plan tournaments. In 2019, we had four tournaments and we are hoping to duplicate that again. Joe Batosh volunteered to help with the planning. We are looking forward to

fun competitions, cash prizes and putting on display the players' skills. We will tell you of all dates and tournaments when they are set up.

September Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Charlie Lentz and Nick Dremiller/Vicki Lentz. 30 Club-Linda Myers, Mary Lamp, Joe Batosh and Vicki Lentz.

Tuesday p.m.: Henry Erikson/Barb Daughtry. 30 Club-Jim Vail, Moe Gauthier, and Bill Weir.

Thursday a.m.: Gib Mattson/Annette Hodges. 30 Club-Jim Vail.

We had many more members join the 30 Club this month. What is the 30 Club? This is when a player scores 30 points or more in one round (only four shots). Any total of the seven, eight, or 10 boxes, adding to over 30 qualifies. This

is a rather difficult task, especially with an opponent, hoping to knock some of your discs out. Of course, your shots must land in the right box.

Introduction to shuffleboard is offered on the second Saturday of the month at the courts at 11 a.m. and is taught by Paul Hodges. If you are interested in learning the game, we invite you to the courts at the Veterans Park. We will go over the

Ladies Shuffleboard

Lois Nix



Fall has arrived, which makes shuffling in the evening a delight.

rules, scoring, safety, and basics of shooting the puck. Open-toed footwear is not permitted.

Visit otowshuffleboardclub.com! It includes the history of the game, pictures of current players, instructions, rules to play the game, club officers and more. So, if you are interested in the game, check it out.

For more information, you may also contact our president, Jane Boyer, at (352) 509-7142.

Still warm on Wednesday mornings, but before we know it, we will be wearing jackets and gloves. Our season has started with a membership of 54 women, playing at our three sessions – Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9 and 11 a.m.

We had a table at the Club Fair in September. Quite a few women stopped by to inquire about our club. We handed out copies of safety issues and hints about how to shuffle. Some of these women are now shuffling.

We are always open to new members. If you have never shuffled, not to worry, we will show you and then you will become a happy shuffler. We are a fun group of women, who enjoy shuffling so much that many have purchased their own equipment. The courts are available for practice (check the schedule to see if courts are reserved for clubs prior to play). If you do not have your own equipment, equipment is available in a storage bin on the side of the storage building.

We had our luncheon with our sponsor, and he presented club shirts to our new members. Thank you, Michael, for your years of support.

September

11-Dee Caple. Tie at 9-Sandy Welch and Nancy Altman.

Happy shuffling. Be safe.

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Fitness Happenings

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Healthy Brains and Bodies

November is “healthy brains and bodies” month at On Top of the World! Optimal aging requires that we pay specific attention to behaviors and activities that support both physical and emotional health. I encourage you to seek out activities that enrich your life with exercise, social time, intellectual challenges, and spiritual fulfillment.

We have two exciting events this month that will do just that. Join us for our “Brain Fair” and the “FLEX Challenge” to support keeping your brain sharp and your body strong.

The “Brain Fair” will be held Friday Nov. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You can stop by any time during these two hours to experience a host of brain stimulating activities. The room will be transformed into a giant circuit of brain games and activities. Exercise is vital for our bodies, but it is just as important for our brains. The “Brain Fair” will provide cerebral stimulus including memory challenges, sensory activation, lateral thinking and cognitive drills. A fun-filled event that will get your brain cells fired up!

The “FLEX Challenge” is going on now at the Arbor Fitness Center. FLEX is the consumer application of the Fitness On Demand (FOD) virtual fitness programming. Virtual fitness is a service that allows users to access instructors and trainers online. As you may know, we have FOD at the Arbor Fitness Center, which enables you to select from hundreds of virtual fitness classes. With FLEX, you can use FOD at home or take it with you everywhere you go on your smart device!

Due to the convenience and flexibility, the virtual fitness market is growing rapidly and On Top of the World is leading the way. FOD has many different types of classes to choose from including World Class Active Aging workouts led by On Top of the World trainers.

The “FLEX Challenge” will allow you to get the FLEX app for free! All you have to do is pick up a punch card at the fitness desk and complete five FOD workouts at the Arbor Fitness Center. Each time you do an FOD workout, the Arbor Fitness staff will punch your card.

Fit Tips

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Check out these fitness facts! Exercise is critical to aging well, unfortunately many residents do not know where to start, or what to do. I am here to help you make exercise more enjoyable and to help you reach your desired goals. Orientations are provided free of charge every Tuesday, at 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center Fitness Center, and every Thursday, at 1 p.m. at the Arbor Fitness Center. To make an appointment for an orientation, please call (352) 854-8704 ext.7534 for the Recreation Center and ext. 7638 for the Arbor Fitness Center.

FIT TIP #1: Losing just 10% of your body weight has a tremendous effect on your overall health. At this reduction of body weight (if you are 200 pounds this would be a 20-pound weight loss) you will likely see a measurable improvement in your blood pressure, blood sugar and even cholesterol levels.

FIT TIP #2: Strength training exercises are critical for aging bodies! Cardiovascular health is very important, but you also need to include resistance training to keep your muscles and bones strong. We can combat an age-related muscle loss by doing strength exercises such as lifting weights and using the strength machines. Shoot for twice a week to keep those muscles strong and capable.

FIT TIP #3: Physical activity enhances your mood and overall emotional well-being. Take advantage of our beautiful community and fall weather by brining your activity outside. Studies prove that exercise has a profound, positive impact on depression, anxiety, and ADHD. Walking, biking, and hiking are great ways to boost your exercise and energy outside of the gym!

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9:00 am	S.O.S. DENISE	Dance Aerobics CAMMY	S.O.S. LARRY	Dance Aerobics DENISE	S.O.S. GIB
10:00 am	Balance Body JESSICA	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body KITTI	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body INGRID
11:00 am	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI	Brain Power CAMMY	Move To Improve SUE	Brain Power JESSICA	Get Fit While You Sit KITTI
11:00 am <small>Recreation Ballroom</small>	Dance Aerobics LINDA		Zumba® Gold KITTI		Dance Aerobics DENISE
1:00 pm		Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
4:00 pm				Guided Meditation SANDRA	
5:00 pm		Intro Hatha Yoga KATHY		Yoga SANDRA	

Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM
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ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am	Yoga SANDRA	Boomer Beat JESSICA	Yoga MAUREEN	Boomer Beat CAMMY	Yoga SANDRA
10:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	Yoga SANDRA	STRONG LINDA	Yoga MAUREEN	STRONG JOHN
11:00 am	Yoga MAUREEN		Yoga TRISH		
1:00 pm		Posture Assessments*		Fitness Orientation*	
2:00 pm	Balanced Body L2 GIB		Balanced Body L2 QUINCY		

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ARBOR FITNESS CENTER INDOOR POOL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 am	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
7:00 am	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
8:00 - 9:00 am	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk	Water Walk
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10:00 - 11:00 am	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Closed for Cleaning 10:30 - 12:30 pm	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming		Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
12:30 pm	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Aqua Aerobics Club
1:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**				Deep Water Fitness Class**
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
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Larry Fryer quietly at work.

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Broadway dance group performing "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Women of the World meeting in October.

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R/C Car Club



Gene Mangold

The mouse in the house. Wonder why we're talking about a mouse? Visitors refer to the car track as the Disney World resort of On Top of the World. It is where senior girls and boys go to play with R/C cars. It's also known internally as Disney World because of the complexity of the sensors, amplifier computer, printer, computer race program, generator, mike and speakers, and a maze of electronic and electrical wiring.

On a hot afternoon in August – "bang" – all this equipment got fried by lightning in a thunderstorm. Who did we call? Well, we reached the mouse in the little white house – Larry Fryer. He spent 25 years maintaining those fantastic rides in Orlando, so he's incredibly experienced and the perfect person to head up fixing the R/C track. Larry spent the first years at Disney as a front-line technician and the second half planning maintenance work. Prior to joining Disney, he was a small business owner of an engine repair shop.

Larry talked about one experience with Fantasy Mountain. He slowed the rides down slightly to allow more time for the sensors to control the cars more safely and result in fewer breakdowns.

Larry is a shy, humble man who takes a lot of pride in his work. (When I interviewed Larry, he began to blush because he doesn't like to talk about himself or what he has done.) Larry is like many of his associates who wear work shirts, tools hanging from their belts, and a two-way radio. They go to work every day, all hours of the day or night, and seldom complain unless they need replacement parts more quickly. They keep our lights on, our gas stoves burning, the cell towers transmitting, TV and Disney attractions all working. These are the unsung heroes of our technological age.

On Top of the World responded quickly after the lightning strike, installing a grounding system that should help direct lightning harmlessly to the earth. Following that, Larry diagnosed, replaced, and repaired all the track electronic components with the help of Harold Hoskins, Bob Herbst, Jim Siltman, and Ed Sobolewski. They did this in less than two weeks when initially, we thought it was down for the entire season.

August

Rage-Ream Morse. Two-wheel drive buggy-Larry Fryer. Two-wheel drive truck-Paul Burrey and Dave Johnson. Novice-Bob Robo. Four-wheel drive buggy-Ron Kauffersch. Four-wheel drive truck-Bill Andrews. Stock GT-Neil Sorensen. Touring-Paul Burrey.

September

Rage-Tom Seitz. Two-wheel drive buggy-Ken Berry. Two-wheel drive truck-Gene Mangold. Novice-Gary Keller. Four-wheel drive buggy-Bob Melzer. Four-wheel drive truck-Paul Burrey. Stock GT-Tom Seitz. Touring-Ron Kauffersch.

We are now in our winter season, with R/C car races starting at 1 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays. Call Fred Penichet at (914) 588-7293 for information.

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R/C Flyers Club

Dan Gaffin

The majority of the R/C Flyers purchase their planes from different sources with not much assembly required. And then there are the flyers who love the challenge of building their own plane.

One member of the R/C Flyers Club, Steve Dudas, is a great example of a kit builder and in fact will only fly planes that he himself has constructed from kits.

Steve's interest in airplanes started after his father attended aeronautical school and his hobby of building his own planes began at the age of 15. He has been building and flying off and on since. Steve states that he has a high mechanical aptitude, which he attributes to his long professional career as a machinist and electrician. He admits that his keen attention for details is a great asset that assists him in the builds of the planes. He also admits that he is a perfectionist when it comes to building his planes and does not care how long it takes.

Currently Steve has 11 planes that he has constructed and flies. He has fabricated his own tool to balance wings from side to side to ensure that the center of gravity of

the aircraft is perfect. It is typical for Steve to make his own modifications to parts of the plane that he obtains for construction. He has even melted down lead pellets from shotgun shells into a small brick to add weight to the front of a plane.

One of Steve's most proud builds is a one quarter scale 1917 World War I triplane that was the plane flown by the famous German Ace, Baron von Richthofen.

Steve also enjoys vintage cars and motorcycles. He enjoys owning a 1951 Harley Davidson Chopper which has a pan head engine and a 2008 Harley Davidson Rocker. Steve shares his hobby of flying with his wife, Kamala. Kamala is a club member, a pilot and has served as the club treasurer.

The club membership count is currently 187. We would like to welcome our newest member, Terry Butler. Congratulations to two of our newest pilots, Steve Croxall and Brad Hjerpe, who have completed their flight training, solo flights and received their flight certificate from flight instructor coordinator, Dick Rose. Also, a sincere welcome to our new flight instructor, Jon Van-Skiver.

More information about the R/C Flyers Club can be seen at otowrcflyers.com. Or better yet, come down to the flying field and talk to the pilots and members and see what a great hobby that R/C flying truly is.



John and Diane Podkomorski and the ex-district attorney.

A Whodunnit

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

There's nothing like a good murder mystery. Mary Higgins Clark, C.J. Box, and of course, Agatha Christie have given us ample proof of that.

Hosts Diane and John Podkomorski saw to it that a compelling mystery was woven and eventually solved at The Lodge at Candler Hills Tuesday evening, Oct. 6. Fifty "detectives," dressed in 1920s vintage attire, were invited to help solve a 1925 cold case. One couple arrived not only in '20s garb, but also filled out the gambit by arriving in a Model A (or was that a "T") Ford. Before the crooked D.A. was bumped-off and the sleuths went to work attempting to find the perpetrator, the '20's crowd mingled, ate and drank a bit. It was a friendly group of flappers and their "Ben Gazzara" imitators.

Prior to the murder taking place, every mystery-solver was given directions and the role they were going to play in solving the crime.

Throughout the evening, participants stayed in their persona and played their 1920s characters perfectly. As the evening went on, Diane walked through the crowd and dropped hints, particularly once the "body" was found lying in the hallway.

Who could have possibly committed the dastardly deed? There were eight detectives with Columbo-type stealth, who eventually solved the mystery and brought the culprit in to answer for the crime.

In the end, the crime was solved. But most of all, it was a good night. Being in 1920s dress and, of course, in the 20s frame of mind, added to the drama and the fun of it all.

Diane Podkomorski announced that the next mystery night will take place Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the Crimson Cricket Casino, also known as The Lodge at Candler Hills.

This cold case goes back to 1976, but hopefully will be solved just a few days from now.



Steve Dudas and 1917 World War I Triplane.

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Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

Beth Wolinsky



“Drive for show putt for dough” is an expression that is commonly heard in golf. Putts can make or break a hole, as we all know. Making that long putt is very satisfying and, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, the longest putt verified is 395 feet.

The President’s Cup occurred Sept. 23 and 30. This two-day event was flighted, and congratulations goes to Christine Giza as the overall winner.

The league membership meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 11. Election of officers and lunch will take place at The Lodge at Candler Hills after golf that day. If one is unable to play, it is hoped that all members can attend the membership meeting. Please put your payment for lunch in the league mailbox no later than Monday, Nov. 1.

There will be a holiday golf tournament Thursday, Dec. 9, followed by a holiday party at The Lodge at Candler Hills that night. Details to follow.

The conditions on the golf course are more tolerable with cooler mornings and less humidity. We must still remember to hydrate, which is easy to forget, when the temperature is not at a sweltering point. Also, don’t forget the sunscreen.

The Candler Hills Ladies Golf Association is open to residents. If you wish to join, please contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@gmail.com.

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

3 Person Scramble (Team) Aug. 26

64–Michele Otto, Pamela Jones, Pam Brown
65–Christine Giza, Diane O’Brien, Jan Christ
Tie at 66–Sandy Snyder, Kate Beaty, Kathy Zunic
Tie at 67–Shelly Karsnitz, Vickie Foster, Sandra Randles.

Odd Holes (Individual) Sept. 2

Flight 1: 29–Linda Taylor. Tie at 34–Sandy Snyder, Christine Giza
36–Beverly Ovrebo.
Flight 2: Tie at 34–Virginia Combs, Jonell Washburn, Lisa Free.
Flight 3: 33–Diane O’Brien 35–Vickie Foster Tie at 36–Pamela Jones, Virginia Madura.
Flight 4: 30–Pam Brown, 31–Jan Christ.

Team 2 Best Balls (On Top of the World invite to Candler Hills) Sept. 16

126–Kate Beaty, Peggy Ellenberger, Valerie Smith, Jan Christ. 128–Maria Fournier, Ellen Brin, Jonell Washburn, Diane O’Brien. 131–Sue Fierce, Beverly Ovrebo, May Chin, Diane Boston. Tie at 133–Christine Giza, Vickie Noltensmeyer, Molly Lucieer, Cynthia Gersten; Paula Lilly, Peggy Wei humanness, Mary Ruffner, Janette Sheil. 134–Eileen Gustavus, MJ Strelec, Bonnie Bunce, Debbie Zeiler. 137–Lynn Colomb, Linda Blewitt, Iro Lisinski, Geri Treppa.

President’s Cup (Individual) Sept. 23 and 30

President’s Cup Champion: 143–Christine Giza.
Flight 1: 152–Beverly Ovrebo. Tie at 156–Lynn Colomb, Sandy Snyder.
Flight 2: 145–Connie Norris. 146–Virginia Combs. 151–Joy Benson.
Flight 3: 151–Kate Beaty. 153–Eileen Gustavus. Tie at 155–Karen Curtis, Pamela Jones.
Flight 4: 149–Vickie Foster. 151–Pam Brown. 156–Gloria Collins.
Flight 5: 144–Jan Christ. Tie at 146–Janette Sheil, Cynthia Gersten.

Bocce Club

Michelle Malsch



This is how we roll! Open bocce continues to be one of the hottest games in town. As of late, all six courts are being utilized and are at full capacity. Open bocce is played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday, and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Teams are decided by the luck of the draw. Masks or face coverings are optional. Social distancing guidelines may affect the number of players per court.

Open bocce is a good opportunity to practice or learn the game. Anyone who shows up can play. This is your chance to watch and learn or play. However, as a new player, once you have played with

the league on three occasions you will be expected to join the league, pay dues, and sign a “Release and Hold Harmless” consent form.

The annual banquet will be held May 7, 2022. The location will be determined pending member participation.

We are looking for players to form a team of four for league play Thursdays, at 10 a.m. If you are interested, please contact Terry Connolly at (352) 362-7284.

The schedule for league play has been posted on the bulletin board. There will be no bocce the week of Nov. 21, for Thanksgiving, and no bocce the week of Dec. 28, for Christmas. League play will resume Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022.

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

For further information, please contact President Terry Connolly at (352) 362-7284. All are welcome!

Until we roll again ...

Co-Ed Recreational Softball

Sherry Winn



November means that the snowbirds have returned to our wonderful community. The weather is passing summer’s humid conditions, so folks are leaving the air-conditioned comfort of their homes looking for more outdoor activities.

The Club Fair in September introduced residents to all the clubs in our community. I was amazed at how many fresh faces there are!

Co-ed recreational softball is a fun, relaxed atmosphere to meet new people, reincarnate your long-neglected athletic skills, stay active, share an interest with your partner

or, for those who are still working, to participate in an amenity, that those of us who are fortunate enough to be retired enjoy daily. I remember saying to my working colleagues, “I just want to retire so I can play with all my friends.”

To make our group even more appealing, participation is free. We have a supply of gloves and bats for use if you don’t have your own. When you are ready to commit, Jeff Thomas is a resource to purchase used equipment. Attendance is not required on a regular basis; your guests are welcome to join you and all participants are supportive and encouraging. Everyone plays.

Coach Joe Lawson does double duty umpiring and giving direction at the plate. Our teams consist of whoever is in attendance that day. Best of all, the rules are flexible according to your ability level. Our motto is “there is no sorry on Saturdays.”

If senior softball interests you, co-ed is a great place to start. Whether or not you wish to participate on a regular basis, we will welcome you to our ranks with open arms and hearts. Call Sherry Winn at (315) 528-8499 or just show up on Saturday, at 9 a.m.

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Sidekicks
Western Dance

Paula Shira



The Sidekicks dance season is well underway, and we are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. We just had our traditional Halloween dance party, complete with candy, desserts, and beverages. Although the original roots of partner dancing are in country music, we managed to dance a rumba, an east coast swing, several cha chas, a waltz and a merengue to everything from “Hotel California” to “Spooky” to “Monster Mash” and even “Thriller.” What a great time

we had.

We are looking forward to November as the weather gets cooler and we can dance more outside. In December, we will have our big holiday party where both of our classes will meet and dance together. We will do double or even triple circles to allow for different dances to be done to holiday music with all levels of dancers on the floor at the same time.

During the next two months our beginner class will be learning El Paso stroll, barn dance and their first cha cha. Our 5 p.m. class will continue reviewing old favorites and learning some new dances.

Our goal in Sidekicks is to have fun and maybe even learn a few dances along the way. We love to dance, and we love having fun

while we are dancing. We dance a specific pattern around the outside ring of the dance floor but very often someone will either deliberately or accidentally change a step. There is no such thing as a mistake in partner dancing. There are only variations and accommodations and sometimes these variations and accommodations lead us to totally change the original choreography of a dance.

Come and check us out in the Recreation Center Ballroom at 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and look for us, weather permitting, on the outside ring at The Town Square as we dance around our line dance friends on Wednesdays and Thursdays. At The Town Square,

you may notice Sidekicks doing different dances. That is because we try to emphasize that there is no one dance for a specific song. It’s all about the tempo and the beat so sometimes couples will get up and start a dance at one end of the square and others will get up and start a different dance at the other end of the square. It all works for Sidekicks partner dancing.

If you are out at The Town Square, stop by and say hello. We love to meet new people and share our enthusiasm for partner dancing.

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

New Dancin’
On the Top

Arlo Janssen



All the New Dancin’ On the Top Club officers wish you and your family a wonderful fall and winter season this year. We want you and our family of dancers to be safe, healthy, and enjoy dancing in our great community.

Our next dance will be Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 6 to 10 p.m. The music will be provided by Automatic. Doors open at 6 p.m. and pizza will be served at 6 p.m. The dance begins at 7 p.m. Decorations will follow an “autumn fest” theme. The dress is casual (no shorts, T-shirts, jeans, tank tops, or costumes) for this dance.

Keep checking for dance flyers posted on the bulletin board for our future dance events with ticket sale dates. Resident IDs will be required at the time of ticket purchase and for entry into the Recreation Center Ballroom on our dance nights. Also, please note that coolers are not allowed in the Recreation Center Ballroom on our dance nights.

A great big “thank you” to all those club members who have volunteered to help with our past and future dances. Our club provides dancing for everyone at all levels – ballroom, waltz, merengue, line, freestyle, slow, pattern dancing, etc.

For club membership, ticket information, 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. So keep on dancing.

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Ballet

Eugenie Martin



This month, the Ballet Club is adding a new class to its roster. Because of the increased interest in our classes following the Club Fair in September, we will be offering an additional beginner class Tuesdays, at 11 a.m. The class will be open to anyone who wants a slower class with more information on basic steps and techniques. It will be like the beginner class on Fridays.

We have already had some classes with new dancers we met at the Club Fair, and want to spread the word that these classes, free to all, will be open to anyone who is interested. My co-teacher, Suzanne Scheraga, will be teaching the Tuesday classes. She also teaches a more advanced class on Saturday

If you are a more experienced dancer, however, you are very welcome to join our more advanced classes. These are quicker and more difficult, but just as much fun! To start, you do not need ballet clothes. Stretchy exercise clothes and socks will do. And please bring a bottle of water. You will certainly need it.

Here is our new class schedule:

- Tuesdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (beginner).
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1 to 2:15 p.m. (more advanced).
- Fridays: noon to 1:15 p.m. (beginner).
- Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (more advanced).

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Billiards Club

Phil Panzera



The mixed doubles league, meeting each Sunday evening, had a fun-filled season. Tom West managed the league, which ran for 11 weeks. In a nice touch, Tom provided medals to each of the top finishers. Congratulations to the first-place team, Susan Tancrelle and Dave Maurer. Holly and John Mastro finished in second place, and Linda Bailey and Gus Gustatus came in third.

On Top of the World stole some thunder from the Tampa area recently. Art Keck and Phil Panzera traveled there to compete in the Tampa Bay Active Life Games. This event is a regional senior tournament, feeding into the Florida State Games. Sweeping the top two positions, Phil won the gold medal, and Art took home the silver.

PRO ADVICE: “Hanging balls are the professional player’s best friend, and the amateur player’s worst nightmare.” – Jerry Briesath. Here are several tips for this deceptive shot, simple of course to make, but position for the next shot is usually much harder.

- Hit the hanger as thin as possible. You can hit much slower this way, and you will have much better position control. If you only remember one tip here, this is the big one.
- If hitting the ball half-full



Photo by Tom West

From left to right, first, second and third place teams in the mixed doubles league.

or more, absolutely do not use high (or the cue ball will bend back towards the rail, and you’ll miss your position by a mile). This is a big part of why the first tip is so important.

- The shot itself is so easy people almost always shoot way

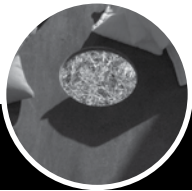
too quickly, and your position suffers. You really need to take extra time, just like for a hard shot, to lock in your position.

- Very often it is better to hit the rail first just before the ball. You can still control the cue ball’s path simply by hit-

ting the hanger thinner or fatter. Avoid going rail-first if the hanger is very deep in the pocket, or you might miss it entirely. You should hit this shot about half as hard as you think you should. Half? Really? Yes, trust me.

Cornhole Club

Jim Russell & Bill Ballweg



OPEN PLAY: With daylight saving time ending Sunday, Nov. 7, open play dates and times change to a winter schedule. Starting on Monday, Nov. 8, we will be expanding our schedule to accommodate our growing number of players. We will play Mondays, at 2 and 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, at 2 p.m.; and Fridays, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Hopefully, this schedule will permit as many players as possible to find a day and time to get their weekly cornhole fix.

The Veterans Park facility has lights to accommodate playing in

the evening and the varied time schedule should allow our members to find time to enjoy many of the other activities offered here at On Top of the World. For more information on cornhole open play, contact Jim Russell at jimrus-sell44@outlook.com.

LEAGUE PLAY: The Cornhole Club fall leagues have started with women’s, men’s, and mixed leagues well underway in October. In the middle of October, a one-on-one (singles) league was added to the mix.

The ladies cornhole league started Tuesday, Oct. 5. This league was started to give women of all abilities a chance to compete and improve their skills. We have 15 players for this season with the hope of having more next year. For details on how to join, contact Vickie Fos-

ter at poo2dog@verizon.net.

The men’s league started with a familiar leader. The eight-time champions Undertakers (Bob Helf and Bill Ballweg) have taken the early lead in the standings followed by the Professors (Joe Lawson and Dave Rearick). The mixed league has a new leader in the standings with Old Pokes (Brenda and Bill Andrews) taking a commanding lead after three weeks. Chasing the Old Pokes for the top spot is Bags of Fury (Chris and Jose Lopez).

For more information on cornhole league play, contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com

CORNHOLE CLASS: Our club offers a free one-hour basic training class for beginners or those interested in a refresher to get you on the road to playing this fast-growing activity played by folks of all ages. Our

next class, conducted by Bill Ballweg and his assistants, will be Friday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Park. To manage the number of participants, we ask that you register in advance for this class. Contact Bill Ballweg (otowcornhole@yahoo.com) to secure your spot in this class.

And finally, congratulations to four of our best players for their performance Monday, Oct. 4, at the Tampa Bay Active Life Games regional tournament. Virginia Combs, Vickie Foster, Robin Ballweg, and Bill Ballweg represented the Cornhole Club and all took first place in their respective divisions. If you are interested in taking part in future events like this one, which serves as qualifiers for the Florida Seniors Games, contact Bill Ballweg at waballweg@yahoo.com or Vickie Foster at poo2dog@verizon.net.

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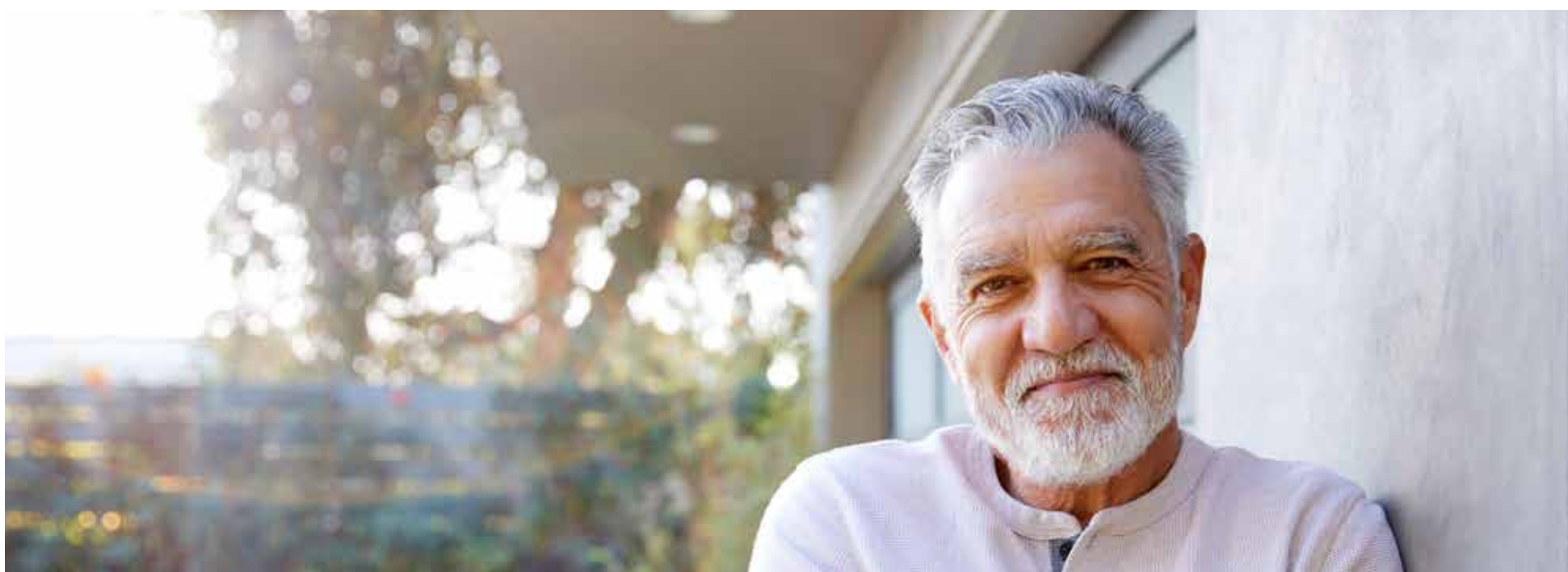
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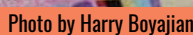
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By Donna Boyajian

It was about 25 years ago that quilting took an interesting twist. Companies began manufacturing machines that enabled quilters and non-quilters alike to create beauti-

The club is raffling a full-size quilt entitled, "Sunshine & Flip Flops." Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10 and are available Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hobby Building Art Room through November. Be sure to stop by and get yours. Good luck! For details, please call Lisa at (610) 304-1273.

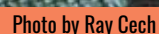


Love keeps us warm.

By Ray Cech
World News Writer

Phyllis' knitting was inspired to help when one day she and her son were driving past the school. As they watched the children playing out in the schoolyard, they both realized that something was missing — the children were not dressed accordingly for cold weather. Phyllis swung into action. She first met with 100 Grandparents here in On Top of the World. Their members are volunteers in the Romeo Elementary reading program. They agreed that the children were in dire need of warm clothing.

To accomplish all that Phyllis undertakes every year, she relies on donations, particularly yarn. So, if you would like to open your heart and contribute to Phyllis Jarskey's efforts, you can bring your contributions to her "knitting" house in Friendship Village at 9365-C SW 89th Terrace or call her at (352) 843-6519.



Sweaters for Romeo Elementary

By Karla Grimsley-Greenway

Another senior was forced into early retirement due to a serious health issue. This was compounded by a divorce and her home fell

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Potluck after the parade at the Veterans Park pavilion.

Fun with Golf Carts

Janis Holte-Pavlatos



The next Fun with Golf Carts parade will be Saturday, Oct. 30, with a Halloween theme. Gather at the Recreation Center parking lot by 9:45 a.m. with departure at 10 a.m. Costumes and golf cart decorations are encouraged but not required. After the parade, will be a members-only potluck at the Veterans Park pavilion from 3:30 to 5:30

p.m.

For the potluck, please bring a chair, beverage, ice (if needed) and dish to share. If your last name begins with A-D, please bring fruit; E-I meat; J-M vegetable; N-Q pasta; R-U dessert; and V-Z potato. If your food is in a crockpot, don't forget an extension cord to reach the outlets.

Do you need ideas for costumes or decorating your golf cart? Charlie Calhoun (club moderator) says, "Search the internet. Buy things at the thrift stores, dollar stores and Goodwill. Home Depot has foam sheets that can be used in a variety of ways that aren't expensive. To at-

tach items to your cart, use zip ties or plastic-coated florist wire."

George Ostrum, club administrator, says, "Donations for the charities the club supports are always welcome and appreciated. We are accepting non-perishable food donations as well as toys (through November) for children of all ages for Christmas. All toy donations will benefit the Family Violence Prevention Taskforce of the Marion County Children's Alliance at the annual Gift of Christmas Toy Drive (deadline is Friday, Dec. 3). Gift cards or monetary donations will also be accepted."

Mary Beth Bell is spearheading the collection of bears, blankets, and large plastic zipper bags for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Mary Beth is up to 75 sets with more coming. Last year, her total was 30 sets, so it has doubled. If you have any questions about the bears and blankets initiative, please call Mary Beth at (585) 943-4227.

Fun with Golf Carts wishes to extend a hearty "welcome" to all new members. Our club is growing. Kindness and good deeds are always in fashion.

Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards

Linda Lohr



We are so happy to be back together again! Our presenter in October was Linda Lohr. She offered a strawberry-themed card as a thank you or a birthday card. She also included a crafter's card and a mouse in a mug get well card. Linda provided all stamps and dies necessary for completion. An additional fourth card using decorative napkins was available for those with extra time or to take home and finish.

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



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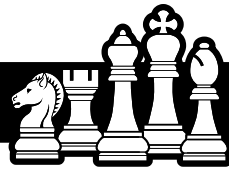
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Bingo

Nancy Grabowski



November is arriving with its usual accompaniment of anticipation. Our bingo faithful know exactly what that means ... super bingo! Our semi-annual funfest will commence Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the Recreation Center Ballroom.

While the doors are always open, we suggest a bit of earlier arrival since the crowd swells. 70/30 raffle tickets are sold from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Bingo cards are sold from 4:30 to 5:40 p.m. or until we run out of cards. For super bingo, cards are sold in increments of three and each increment costs \$5, there is no limit to the amount you may purchase. You must show your resident ID and there are no guests permitted this evening.

Ron Motchkavitz, our head caller, will oversee the festivities. He will call 16 games at \$75 each and 4 games at \$250 each. We wish everyone "good luck" just as we do every Wednesday night.

As a reminder, please be patient with our volunteers as we handle the bigger crowd, particularly those who have questions for us. Choose your chair, save only one other if you wish, and don't tip them forward as it constitutes a tripping hazard. You may bring snacks or eat at The Pub but there is no beer, wine, or alcohol permitted on the playing site. Alcoholic beverages can be consumed at The Pub or on the veranda.

Please be safe as you exit the Recreation Center; use the sidewalk rather than the roadway, watch for cards and carts, and travel on the hill is one-way so don't turn your vehicle around facing oncoming

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At the conclusion of super bingo, the volunteers will take a small vacation, returning fully recharged on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022. We will anticipate your return in 2022!

Bridge



Monday Afternoon

By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

Sept. 13

1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Pat & Debbie Quinn; 3: Linda Morgan & Mary Walker; 4: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 5: Dennis & Judi Wallace.

Sept. 20

1: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Shirley Stolly & Dianne Robinson; 3: Rick Saffol & Steve Sekoc; 4: Joan Lord & Kathy D.

Sept. 27

1: Judy Mackowiak & Rick Saffol; 2: Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson; 3: Phyllis & Herb Silverman; 4: Betty Morris & Steve Sekoc; 5: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger.

Oct. 4

1: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 2: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Bernie Kelly & Rad D.; 4: Judy Mackowiak & Rick Saffol; 5: Barb Heller & Caryl Rosenberger.

Wednesday Afternoon

By Dianne Robinson

Sept. 1

1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Betty Morris; 4: Joe O'Brien; Cons: Al Kremer.

Sept. 8

1: Gayle Taylor; 2: Lucy Malloy; 3: Bob Kraus; 4: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Debbie Quinn.

Sept. 15

1: Craig Ford; 2: Bob Kraus; 3: Gayle Taylor; 4: Joe O'Brien; Cons: Rik Saffol.

Sept. 22

1: Phyllis Silverman; 2: Gayle Taylor; 3: Rik Saffol; 4: Marlene Floeckher; Cons: Dianne Robinson.

Sept. 29

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Mike Meirick; 4: Bob Kraus; Cons: Lucy Malloy.

Thursday Afternoon

By Marlene Floeckher

Sept. 2

1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Ric Saffol; 3: Bob Kraus; 4: Al Kremer; Cons: Mary Bloch.

Sept. 9

1: Craig Ford; 2: Phyllis Silverman; 3: Al Kremer; 4: Debbie Quinn; Cons: Dave Markin.

Sept. 16

1: Gayle Taylor; 2: John Ryan; 3: Ric Saffol; 4: Dianne Robinson; Cons: Sherry Kremer.

Sept. 23

1: Mike Merrick; 2: John Ryan; Cons: Bruce Gillett.

Sept. 30

1: Ric Saffol; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Gayle Taylor; 4: Bernie Kelly; Cons: Phyllis Silverman.

Thursday Night

By Jeff & Pam Bell

Come join us at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Recreation Center. No need to bring a partner; we will pair up by luck of the draw and rotate partners through the evening. Bring \$0.25 and a smile. All levels are welcome. Our friendly and relaxed group is growing!

Sept. 16

1: Sara Anderson; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Lianne Anthony.

Sept. 23

1: Lucy Molloy; Tie at 2: Paul Claremont and Mary Bloch.

Sept. 30

1: Gayle Taylor; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Paul Claremont.

Oct. 7

1: Marilyn Valchin; 2: Gayle Taylor; 3: Patsy Claremont.

Bunco Babes Social Group

Michelle Malsch



The Bunco Babes Social Group is back and plays bunco in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio IV on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next scheduled game is Tuesday, Nov. 23. Registration is at 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. You do not have to call to register. You need only show up. You may bring a guest. The room is set up for 32 players. Please make sure you arrive on time to reserve your spot.

If you have never played before, come see what fun we have rolling the dice in this game of luck (no skill required)! The game is easy and only requires rolling three dice and moving to the next table at the end of game play. New players are always welcome.

The cost is \$3 per person and all monies collected are returned at the end of the game to the category winners. There are also two draw-

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Come join in the fun and make new friends! For more information, please call Micki Malsch at (352) 615-2790. Stay safe and be healthy until we meet again!

Chess Club

Walt Lamp



Checkmate.

Well, that's the object of the game – corner the opponent's king to a spot on the board, where your opponent can't escape capture.

Since July, we've picked up several new members. Through word of mouth, we are even getting some "walk-ins."

The story that I hear most often is that the newest members haven't played chess for many years, which was my story. But they seem glad to hear about the club. Since they have more time to play and have always enjoyed the game, they want to play again. Know anyone like that?

As I mentioned before, there are more chess clubs in our local area and in Florida. In October, there was a chess tournament at the Lady Lake Public Library, where a couple of members competed. I'll be able to report on how they made out next month.

This month, the Florida Chess Association will sponsor two tournaments – Friday, Nov. 12 in Boca Raton and Saturday, Nov. 27 in Palm Beach. Marion County Public Library Headquarters hosts weekly chess tournaments every Saturday from noon to 3:30 p.m. It's not too far from home and it's a great way to play with others in the area. So, why not give it a try?

Pinochle



Tuesday Night

By Herb Katz

Sept. 7

1: Jim Magoon; 2: Diane Costello; 3: Judy Black.

Sept. 14

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Rick Carroll.

Sept. 21

1: Marilyn Whitford; 2: Charlie Budd; 3: Kathy Dushary.

Sept. 28

1: Charlie Budd; 2: Lee Freehauf; 3: Judy Wagnitz.

Friday Morning

By Mary Hannon

Sept. 17

1: Al Whitford; 2: Judy Black; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

Sept. 24

1: Charlie Budd; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Debbie Martello.

Oct. 1

1: Al Whitford; 2: Bruce Gillett; 3: Charlie Budd.

Oct. 8

1: Charlie Budd; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Cheryl Adams.

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Turkey or ham
Which will we have?
Oh, let's have both
What a lovely pair.

Pumpkin, pecan
Pies galore.
I really don't think
I can eat much more.

A time for reflecting
For families and friends.
Any rifts in our lives
We will mend.

Mom and dad
Come in silly sweaters.
With antlers on their heads
Does it get any better?

When the night is over
And we say our goodbyes.
We hug each other
And with a sigh.

Say come more often
Let's stay in touch.
I really miss you
So very much!

Poetry

John Kinser Hall



Concert Chorus

David Wesenberg



The Concert Chorus is working hard preparing for our "Winter Holiday Celebration" concert. This wonderful holiday event will be in the Recreation Center Ballroom at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and at 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 5.

The Concert Chorus is open to all residents including those with a Gateway of Services pass. What a great opportunity to perform music and make new friends. Be sure to bring your resident ID. Our rehearsals are from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Music Room.

Every member must register as a member of the chorus and the dues are \$10 for the fall performance season. This fee goes to provide music and occasional props for our performances.

The Concert Chorus is 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 flmam68@aol.com for more information.

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The New Pretenders

Nancy Grabowski



Do you remember the tag line, "I can't believe it's not butter?" Naturally, I do. However, I can't believe it's November! Of course, that means we are replete with heartfelt thanks. First to our veterans who have served and those who are currently serving our country. Second to our first responders, fire and police, health care workers, caregivers, and essential workers. Our next round of thanks goes to family, where would we be without them?

Another round of thanks goes out to you, our faithful audience. Without your support, there would be nothing for us which makes the next words so very difficult to write.

The New Pretenders are forced to cancel our shows slated for Feb. 4, 5, and 6, 2022. I want to be perfectly clear that health and safety concerns are the primary cause driving our decision.

The New Pretenders are a family, too! I can't begin to thank them often enough for remaining as a viable group. They have and I do! Like General MacArthur, we will return. Future columns will keep you informed about times, places, and us!

The New Pretenders wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, too.

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Theatre Group

Richard Rosen



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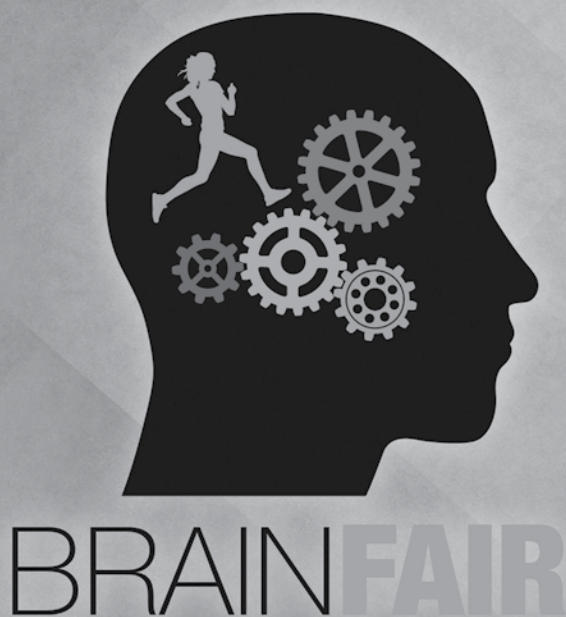
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Art Group

Elizabeth Wales



If you have never tried to draw something, here is a small art lesson for everyone! The tools needed are paper and an ink pen; and if you want color, add colored pencils or watercolor paints. Black and white pictures are fun too. Regular printer paper is fine to use, but it's fun to try using watercolor paper.

Simply draw curved lines across the page in several directions, criss-crossing, or make shapes that come to mind. When there seem to be enough lines for your ideas, begin to decorate those lines with more tiny lines or circles, as if making a

calico print pattern. Tiny flowers, small cones, intersecting roads, mushrooms and grapes are some ideas to add to the little sections of your pen lines. It is your creation and can be as "busy" or as stark as you wish.

Then choose the pencil colors that you wish to add and fill in whenever your mind urges. This can be a very relaxing and creative project, and yet so simple that it requires no special talent.

Joining in the Art Group on one or more of the special times in the Hobby Building can also bring some unexpected pleasure. We are a welcoming group and would like to meet you! We meet Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Some of us paint, draw, and others create sculptures. Come join us; you'll be glad you did!



Photo by Elizabeth Wales

Examples of pen and ink freehand drawings.

ShutterBugs Photography

Connie Filip



Yea! It's time for this year's big reveal!

ShutterBugs annual photo contest has concluded, and the winners are getting their ribbons. Tuesday, Nov. 2, will be the big day!

You are cordially invited to our reception Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. and reservations are necessary. Please reserve your spot by calling Theresa at (352) 854-8707, ext. 1498, or (352) 387-7530.

All our entries will be displayed the rest of the month in the Recreation Center. Please stop by to enjoy our efforts and to place your vote for your favorite photo in the people's choice award.

As many of our members know, our president of over 15 years, Gary Uhley, is stepping down from his post.

Gary was at the forefront of establishing our club. In 2005, he was one of a group of photographers who were approached by the Recreation Center director, to begin a photography contest for residents. Because he's a natural organizer, he took up the request along with agreeing to become the temporary president of the new photography club called ShutterBugs.

That led to our annual photo contest and reception, along with set-

ting up a monthly club schedule. Gary wanted to show educational videos at some of our meetings, but no start-up funds for a projector were available. In the end, Gary financed a used projector, for which he was reimbursed by club members.

Meetings began in The Arbors and monthly field trips were initiated to practice photography. He estimates that ShutterBugs have visited over 60 different places in Florida over the years. Gary also has fond memories of the yearly club picnics that were held in the past.

In a final salute to Gary, we are sharing this photo of his favorite subject, food.

So, as Gary's "temporary" presidency comes to an official end, ShutterBugs will be welcoming our new president, Harry Boyajian.

Have a yearn to travel?

In the Master the Possibilities' lobby in November, David White will display "What Awaits Over the Horizon?" His photos from 2019 are from a cruise of the British Isles, France, and Guernsey, as well as a six-day drive through Ireland. David says, "Driving the narrow roads of Ireland is not for the faint of heart but the advantages are worth the adventure." You will enjoy his photos from Donegal County in the northwest part of the island which is situated along the wild Atlantic coast.

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 to fourth weeks).

We start at 3 p.m. For more information contact Gary Uhley, our club president, at (352) 854-8536 or gsuhley@gmail.com.



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Happy Hookers

Jan Spielvogel



Happy Hookers wishes everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. To get us in the spirit of thankfulness for this month we are sharing with you a toddler’s hat created by one of our members, Toni Fannin. I imagine that any child wearing this would look adorable! This hat is also one of the many items created by our Hookers group and then donated to one of the organizations that we regularly support.

While we are thankful for all the work done by our group to support our donation efforts, we also want to express our thanks to all the residents who bring us donations. The many skeins of yarn, pattern books, needles (knitting, crochet, and others) as well as embroidery kits and additional items are all greatly appreciated. What is not utilized by the Happy Hooker is passed to other individuals in our community who do charitable donation work (example: knitting baby sweaters) or locations such as the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. Some handcraft kits have been donated to local schools.

Ellyn Weir, our donation coordinator, has worked hard to build

a network of individuals and locations that have helped put those donations to good use. We say it every month in our column that donations are always appreciated. Please know that all donations find a good home or use.

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 or agendas nor penalties for missing a meeting, arriving late, or leaving early. Life can and does interfere at times, and we would hate for that to hold you back. What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that’s never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should bring whatever they happen to be working on.

If you have any questions about our club, you may call Naomi Berman at (352) 873-4328. If you have yarn, pattern books, knitting needles, crochet hooks or other crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them on Mondays during our meeting time or contact Ellyn Weir at (352) 509-4355 to arrange for pickup.

Sewing Bees

Linda Lohr



To all those who stopped by our tables at Rags to Riches, we thank you for your purchases. This is our only fundraiser, and we use the proceeds to purchase batting for our comfort quilts.

We had a drawing for a beautiful Christmas quilt. Our winner was our very own Marsha Schmeer!

Again we thank everyone who made the event such a success.

Most of our snowbirds have returned and we are still having new members join us for our sewing projects.

The agencies that we donate to are Alpha Center for Women, Arnette House Inc. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center, Head Start Program, Marion School Dis-

trict Homeless Youth Services, Kids Central, Kimberly’s Center for Child Protection, Marion County Children’s Alliance, and Reddick-Collier Elementary School.

We donate quilts, pillows, pillowcases and tote bags to carry the items. Oftentimes, children are taken from their homes with nothing. Our comfort kits give them something to call their own.

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

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



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Pumpkin toddler hat created by Toni Fannin.



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Christmas quilt for our Rags to Riches drawing.

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Karaoke Friends

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Besides singing, what is the point of karaoke? It can serve as a great way to break the ice in meeting new people. The United Kingdom posted an interesting report, "Researchers watched 100 people and found that those who took part in a weekly singing class became closer to each other much faster than those taking other classes, like art or creative writing."

It is interesting to watch how quickly people start talking about the songs they like to sing. They share where else they go for karaoke. When comfortable, you may ask how you did on a song. You also get to know if you sang well, or you need to spare the world from that song. You can also learn how to correct yourself. You find out what type of song fits you best.

This month, I would like you to get to know a new resident and singer. I asked Vicky Smith to share why she likes karaoke. Vicky wrote, "I retired this year from medical administration. My husband and I moved from Nashville, Tennessee to On Top of the World in June. I started piano lessons at an early



Vicky Smith of Karaoke Friends.

age and played and sang at church. Although new to karaoke, I enjoy meeting and singing with new friends."

Monday, Nov. 1, we will have another prop night. It is so much fun to see what the singers do with their songs. I will give you a report next month on what they did.

Let's all start getting ready for Christmas karaoke. There are many religious, traditional, country, and silly songs to pick from and enjoy.

This month, we meet Mondays, Nov. 1, and Nov. 15. You can find us in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hope you can stop by.

Democratic Club

Dan Lack



Our next meeting will take place in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV Friday, Nov. 19, rather than on the usual fourth Thursday which coincides with Thanksgiving.

We will carry on our November tradition of a round table discussion, without any round tables. The chairs will be arranged in a circular pattern to encourage all attendees to engage in a discussion of any topics that concern you. We also plan to have our song contest winner perform karaoke. This is our last meeting of the year. We do not meet in December due to the end-of-year holidays.

We generally cull our roster by deleting those who have not attended at least one of our last three

meetings of the year. The board decided to forgo that process this year, as we did last year.

Our meetings are open to Democrats and independent voters but only Democrats can be voting members of the club. Masks are recommended for all attendees.

Our club supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, a former Ritz hotel that was converted into a facility for formerly homeless veterans. Ocala Ritz Veterans Village provides a safe environment for these brave men and women to learn to become productive members of our community and to live on their own once again. The Ritz needs pillows, pillowcases, twin size sheets, towels, wash cloths, toiletries, laundry pods, paper goods and non-perishable food. 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!

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Karaoke is getting so popular in our community. With all the new residents joining in on the fun, we are going to need more tables or bigger rooms! We not only have new singers, but we also have people coming to listen to be entertained. It's a fun night out for all.

We want to welcome Arthur Kleinhesselink and Lorraine Bettica to our group. We hope you enjoyed joining us; you guys were great.

We meet on the second Monday at the Arbor Activity Center Event Room at 6:30 p.m. and the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Candler Hills Community Center. All residents are welcome to join us in both places. For more information call Sindy at (352) 861-4453.

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Model
Railroaders

Paul Lewandowski



In our original room in the Recreation Center, we only had room for a single gauge – HO. Because of this, we have unintentionally limited our membership to HO enthusiasts and those few who had the patience to wait for the larger gauges to come.

In our new room, we have made room for three gauges – HO, Lionel (three-rail) and G (smallest to largest). The G-scale layout, built at home by Jim Lynam, was installed in the center of the new room on legs that are tall enough that the new Lionel layout could be built underneath the G-scale on the same footprint to allow aisle space for people working on or visiting our layout. (We will cover that layout in a later issue.)

Now that the area under the G-scale has been cleared of extra construction materials and the G-scale wiring and the under-table lighting for the Lionel has been completed, the Lionel-centric members have taken the bull by the horns to start the new layout.

To be cost-effective, the original Lionel layout that our club had set up in the Master the Possibilities each Christmas was used as a starting point. The original layout consisted of up to 10 modules that fit together in a particular configura-

tion to make the entire display. All the modules were refurbished and used, but two were cut down to fit the width of the current footprint. New Homasote was purchased and installed on the tabletop to reduce the sound of the trains as they go along the track (not a problem for HO, but a real distraction in Lionel). Spare wood was used to build supports for the various transformers and controls needed to run the layout. Slots have been incorporated in the Lionel surface to allow for sliding the entire layout side to side to allow room for working underneath the G-scale layout.

The various members of the three-rail committee have already spent about 500 man-hours on the project. Several different track plans have been tried, and the one in place at time of this writing looks to be the one that will be chosen for permanent mounting. This plan will allow for the running of three trains at one time. Building locations are not final as of this time. The committee is looking at various plans to make the most realistic distribution of buildings and roads to support the railroad in place. Grass, bushes, and trees will be added later.

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 Model 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.

Veterans Club

Charles Calhoun



Please join us Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. to honor our veterans in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Please bring a photo of your favorite veterans to share with the rest of us. A flag raising ceremony will take place at the Veterans Park Memorial at 8 a.m.

We will have a bake sale to benefit Operation Shoebox. Operation Shoebox supplies care packages to our active-duty military serving overseas.

In October, we were honored to supply the World Equestrian Cen-

ter with a Color Guard led by Captain Tim Williams USMC retired. Ed Sobolinski and Charles Calhoun were flanked by two police officers to complete the Color Guard to welcome Governor Ron DeSantis to Ocala.

Also in October, the Veterans Club delivered 15 van loads of donations to Interfaith Emergency Services, Operation Shoebox, Ocala Ritz Veterans Village and Humane Society of Marion County. We also had several wheelchairs including an electric one donated.

The veterans yoga program is a big success with over 25 participants every Monday, at 3 p.m. in the Recreation Center Fitness Center.

Our meeting is the third Thursday of the month, at 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios II-IV.

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Erwin Fluss



The Community Patrol is sponsored by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. As the name implies, we act as the eyes and ears throughout our neighborhoods. Beyond warning drivers, including golf carts, about stop signs and speeding, we also patrol some of our adjacent shopping areas.

Avalon
Social Group

Karen Volpe &
Sharon Hall



We are very excited with the response we've had from Avalon neighbors to the reorganized Avalon Social Club. We've had several additions to the email list and over 125 neighbors have joined the new Facebook group. We participated in the annual Club Fair in September and had quite a few visitors to our table.

If you would like to be added to our email list or to verify that you are on the list so that you can be notified of future events, please email your request to avalonsocialclub@gmail.com. For up-to-date Avalon news and upcoming events, we also encourage you to join our Facebook group (Avalon Social Club). This is a

private group, and you will be asked for your address to verify that you are an Avalon resident. If you have trouble finding the group or getting in, please email to the address above and we'll send you the link to the group. Activities and events will also be posted at the postal center.

As we mentioned last month, the new leadership of the Avalon Social Club is looking for your input and participation. If you are interested in helping or have ideaor suggestions for future events, please contact Karen Volpe at (631) 766-1907 or Sharon Hall at (270) 855-1354 or avalonsocialclub@gmail.com and Liz, our email coordinator, will forward to us.

Our Monday, Oct. 11, ice cream social with bunco and cornhole was well-attended. Be sure and mark your calendar for our holiday celebration which will be Monday, Dec. 13, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studio starting at 5:30 p.m.



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Artistic Crafts & Gifts

Chris Kilbride



The Artistic Crafts & Gifts' Tuesday craft show at the Recreation Center Ballroom is from 9 a.m. to noon and will continue weekly until May.

Our website ArtisticCrafts.org will give you a glimpse of our very talented crafters and artisans. The group started back in the early 1990s, and the show has grown from seven crafters to now 46 on Tuesday, with close to 50 online and more gearing up to go virtual. All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

This month we feature Susan Tancelle who has been sewing, cross stitching, and crocheting since she was a child, and recently made a natural progression to embroidery. She got hooked on creating all sorts of embroidered items and now graduated to three machines.

Embroidering towels, wine bags, t-shirts, bookmarks, door hangers, tissue holders, earrings, tote bags and other small items were some of the initial items she made. Although still creating these, Susan found her real passion in embroidered artwork. This involves using a photo, either one she has taken, or a customer has sent to her, digitizing it with computer software, and embroidering it on canvas. Every creation is unique, and sizes can range from an 8- by 10-inch to 11- by 14-inch frame.

Her specialty is now in pet portraits which has proved to be popular with pet parents. The customer emails her a photo, which then gets digitized and sent back for their approval. In about a week, they have a unique portrait of their fur baby. It makes a great gift for the hard to buy pet lover and provides a lasting memory as well.

Susan uses only 100% cotton towels for durability, and the wine bags are 100% linen. Her monogramming customization on any product includes over 60 thread colors, and customers could use their own favorite phrase or over 30 wine, beer, and coffee sayings.

Creating freestanding lace ornaments and earrings involves using only water soluble stabilizer and thread. Once the design is complete, it is soaked in warm water for a few minutes. The stabilizer disappears leaving a beautiful lace design.

Having moved here in June from

the Carolinas, she had regularly participated in many local craft and art shows. Susan's work can be viewed on her website embroideredinspirations.com and place a custom order for the holidays or any occasion.

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

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



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Susan Tancelle embroiders on a wide variety of gift items.

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Republican Club



Lizabeth Woodard

On Friday, Oct. 8, the Republican Club’s president called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. (new start time). An opening prayer was given by Fiona Bowling and all members joined in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Over 100 members were in attendance with a total of 22 new members joining the club. Club President Liz welcomed two guests: County Commissioner for District 2 Kathy Bryant, and Florida State Committeewoman Kearsten Angel.

Club President Liz gave brief updates on a few events:

- The Club Fair in September garnered over 100 signatures from interested residents;
- Member Gary White was instrumental in coordinating residents to participate in the campaign to re-elect Ocala’s mayor.
- 60-plus club members attended the semi-formal Sequins & Saddles Gala in October at the World Equestrian Center in which Governor Ron DeSantis was the keynote speaker.

Sandy Selesky, co-coordinator of Operation Shoebox, shared a few thank you notes she received from recipients and reported that they packed 400-plus holiday ditty bags

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that week. The bags are scheduled to be distributed to the USS Iwo Jima, USS Ronald Reagan, and bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Sandy and Paul thanked everyone for their continued support of this important endeavor and encouraged more members to volunteer their time filling bags. Holiday cards were distributed to club members during the meeting to sign and write a brief note to be included in each ditty bag.

Featured speaker Marion County Property Appraiser Jimmy Cowan gave an overview of his 29-year career in the office of Property Appraiser. He indicated that the county is experiencing a huge increase in both commercial and private development. According to State law, in-person property assessments must be conducted every five years, but due to lack of personnel precipitated by retirements, they are behind in appraisals by 8%. In the meantime, new technology allows arial views of property for assessment purposes. He indicated that the issue of in-person appraisals will be resolved with the Property Appraisers budget having been fully funded for the next fiscal year by the Department of Revenue. After his presentation, Mr. Cowan answered many questions regarding Homestead rebate filing, as well as tax exemptions for disabled veterans and widows. He also advised members to download the mobile app by searching Marion County PA or using the Property Appraiser’s website www.pa.marion.fl.us.

The club meets the second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (new start time) in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III. For more information regarding the Republican Club, please leave a message at (518) 534-0201; your call will be answered as soon as possible. Come join in the political conversation with like-minded, positive, and friendly people.

Finding Zen



Christina Shearer
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Park After Dark

Daylight saving time is coming to an end. The long, hot, summer days are gone, and the shorter days and cooler evenings of fall are here.

Sholom Park will be changing its hours of operation to close at 5 p.m. beginning Monday, Nov. 1. But did you know you can still experience Sholom Park after dark? The park hosts several events throughout the fall and winter seasons after closing the gates to the public.

The Park After Dark series is a collaboration with Master the Possibilities. It’s an exclusive, entertaining, and engaging after-hours event. Experience Sholom Park like never before at this year’s “World Tour Music and Entertainment Concert Series.” Professional entertainers will perform music styles from around the globe. Registration for winter 2022 opens Wednesday, Nov. 17, with virtual stops in Spain, Italy, and Ireland.

Do you remember the days of drive-in movies? Although a fun memory for most, cars aren’t the most comfortable place to watch a movie. At Sunset Cinema, you can bring your comfortable lawn chairs or picnic blanket and enjoy an outdoor movie experience under the stars at Sholom Park. Let the magic of movies come to life on a 25-foot movie screen with a professional audio sound system creating the ultimate outdoor movie experience. Come early for movie trivia and a chance to win prizes. You can also complete your outdoor entertainment and dining experience with dinner from a participating food truck.

Our first movie presentation of the series is “News of the World,” starring Tom Hanks Friday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. Register for your parking pass in advance and receive a large fresh popcorn from our snack stand. Other movie snacks will be available for an in-kind donation, or you may bring your own movie treats. You can also pay at the gate, but parking space is limited, and advanced registration is recommended.

On Friday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m., watch the star-studded comedy, “The War with Grandpa.” Visit sholompark.org/sunset-cinema/ for registration information and movie previews. We hope to see you soon at Sholom Park after dark.

Back at The Ranch



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The Importance of Flexibility

The typical benefits associated with exercise are improved heart health, stronger muscles, and maintaining a healthy weight. Unfortunately, many of us underestimate how important it is to train flexibility. Dedication time and attention to training flexibility provides essential rewards. Stretching helps to maintain the appropriate length of your muscles and connective tissue. When you stretch regularly, you improve mobility, posture, performance and reduce the risk of injury.

Here are five ways to enhance flexibility training:

1. Warm it up: By increasing your body’s internal temperature, the muscles and connective tissue are more receptive to lengthening. Imagine a piece of taffy that is cold, it would be hard to bend and stretch. If you warmed up that piece of taffy, it would become much more pliable. Your muscles and connective tissue respond in the same way. Stretching is more effective when your body is warm.
2. Include static stretching: Dynamic stretching (moving as you stretch) is a great way to prep yourself for a workout, however static stretching (holding a stationary position) will help facilitate a more permanent lengthening of the muscle fibers and connective tissue. Come try “Float & Flexibility” Thursday, Nov. 4, at 9 a.m. in the TRX® Studio. For more information, please call (352) 387-7532.
3. Get up: If you spend a good part of your day seated at a desk, you need to stand up occasionally. Sitting for long periods will shorten the muscles that run in the front of the hip joint. In addition, unless you sit in proper, upright posture, you are likely creating short, tight muscles in the front of the shoulders and chest. This will have a very detrimental effect on your standing posture. Poor posture puts you at risk for falling and undermines your functional capability.
4. Try Yoga: There are many different types of yoga classes but most will include plenty of opportunity for flexibility training. Additionally, yoga adds instruction on how to combine breathing and stretching which aids in facilitating a deeper and more relaxed stretching experience. The Ranch offers yoga classes Monday through Thursday, and Saturdays, at 11 a.m.
5. Get a massage: Look for a therapist that specializes in deep tissue massage to relieve areas of tightness and access trigger points. A good deep tissue massage enables the muscles to release and accept a more lengthened state. The Ranch has several types of massage therapies to suit your personal need and they are only a phone call away.

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Accounting	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
Arbor Fitness Center	6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED	6 AM - 8:30 PM NO CLASSES	6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED	6 AM - 2 PM NO CLASSES	CLOSED
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Candler Hills Golf	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	7 AM - Noon	7 AM - 5 PM Normal Hours	7 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	7 AM - 3 PM	8 AM - 2 PM
Circle Square Cultural Center	11 AM - 2 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	11 AM - 2 PM Normal Hours	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
The Club at Candler Hills	11 AM - 8 PM Normal Hours	Noon - 6 PM	11 AM - 8 PM Normal Hours	11 AM - 8 PM	CLOSED	11 AM - 4 PM	CLOSED
Resident Services	8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	8 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED Office Will Close @ 2 PM on Thursday, December 23	CLOSED	CLOSED Office Will Close @ Noon on Thursday, December 30	CLOSED
Indigo East Fitness Center	8 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	8 AM - 7 PM	Office Closed Fitness 8 AM - Noon	CLOSED	Office Closed Fitness 8 AM - Noon	CLOSED
The Lodge at Candler Hills	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 9:30 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Master the Possibilities	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	9 AM - 2 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
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The Master the Possibilities team is gearing up to release the winter 2022 “Explore, Discover, Understand” curriculum this month. Next term’s program includes more than 910 course options for a person who is interested in learning or trying something new.

The unveiling of the new catalog will be at our virtual kick-off Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on our website. Those who visit the website Nov. 17, may get a sneak peak of the print catalog in PDF form, view the entire curriculum on the website, and pre-register for classes that day. All who register for classes during the kick-off will be placed in a drawing to win a free seat in a class.

When the kick-off page becomes live at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, visitors of that page may expect to see course information from multiple instructors, including videos that further explain what a participant can expect to experience by registering for and attending the course. There will also be handouts, additional supply fee and list information, and instructor images and biographies to review. To register for a course of interest, simply click on the course title to be taken to that specific course page for registration.

Print catalogs will be available at our Education Center and throughout the community starting Friday, Nov. 19. That is also the first official day of registration for any January through June courses. Registration will be available on the website, by phone, or in person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at our main office at the Education Center.

Until the kick-off, Master the Possibilities has multiple course opportunities currently available for registration that take place in November. Try your hand at the pottery wheel with Greg Gwilt. Learn how to make a basket out of pine needles in a newly added “Pine Needle Basket Weaving” course with Donna Jarvis. Learn how to take care of holiday plants with Master Gardener and Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences instructor Pat Burns.

Be adventurous and learn how to scuba dive with Heath Davenport, or learn how to be prepared with the “Active Shooter Basic Training for Citizens” event with Danny Childress. Become proficient with your irrigation by attending Phillip Hisey’s “Hydrawise Irrigation Controller” class.

For a complete list of the more than 200 classes this month, visit masterthepossibilities.org. Registration is available on our website 24/7, or at our main office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Friendship Connection

Carron Janssen



On Saturday, Oct. 9, we held our Poltergeist potluck. We had the largest turnout so far in 2021, with over 80 residents joining us for food and fun! Thank you to everyone who wore a costume; they were very creative! The food, once again, was delicious and plentiful. Again, thank you to everyone who came. We hope you enjoyed it.

Hard as it is to believe, we only have one event left for 2021. Our Friendship Connection “Mingle Jingle” will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Recreation Center Ballroom from 4 to 6 p.m. This will be a more formal event. Tickets for this dinner dance will be \$20 per person and will be on sale Nov. 8 through 24 at the Recreation Center from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 29 will be the absolute cutoff date for ticket sales. This date is firm, and no reservations will be taken after it. Any questions on ticket sales, please contact Linda Hansen at (352) 509-4967 or Dinah Scheigner at (352) 355-5494.

Dinner menu will include bourbon chicken with rice, baked white fish, pot roast, mac and cheese, green beans, corn, tossed salad with dressing, rolls and butter, ending with assorted cookies and brownies. Our special guest, Mrs. Cobbler, was Ebenezer Scrooge’s maid and will fill us in on what he was really like! We will have dance music for anyone wishing to work off their dinner, and, as always, a 50/50. Please see our Facebook page for ongoing details.

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, visit our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW), or email us at Friendshipconnectionotow@gmail.com.

Community Emergency Response Team

Andrea La Fave



Well hurricane season is not over yet, so let’s be thankful but cautious, and be ready for anything. Don’t become complacent; there are always things that need updating:

- Water in plastic bottles should be checked every year.
- Gasoline, even with an additive, will only last a year.
- Food in your pantry should be checked for expiration dates and the integrity of the packaging.
- Have your car serviced or check it yourself and try to keep the tank always half filled. One never knows when you may need it.
- Check your batteries, if they were in a flashlight, make sure they haven’t leaked, and are still working.
- Check your air conditioner/furnace, don’t wait for the change of season or an emergency.
- Visually check the integrity

of your home’s windows and doors. Are they leaking air or water?

- Keep some emergency cash on hand.
- And just in case ... if a tornado or hurricane is possible, fill the bathtub in case you need more water. The water in your hot water heater is also potable.

Consider joining our team and learn how to help your neighbors in the event of a disaster. You will receive free training from professionals at the Marion County Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Operation Center, and Marion County Fire Rescue. We want to be able to help all our community members. We need your help!

To become a member of the team, please contact Beverly Case in the Marion County Sheriff’s Office at (352) 369-8103 to receive an application. The next class will begin soon.

We always welcome your attendance at our meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. For more information and to confirm the date, please contact Debra Snyder at (412) 443-2930.

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For Sale

Automobile Parts: Mazda Miata car mats, fits 2016-2021, black, \$35. (570) 640-6756.

Computer Equipment: Canon (MG 2922) color printer, scanner & fax with all cables and software. I/O Magic 48x16x48 external USB 2.0 CD-RW drive (ICDRW4848EU), writes CD-R & CD-RW and reads CDs, compatible with Windows 95/98/ME/2000/XP, \$20/obo. (352) 300-3110.

Electronics: Panasonic (KX-TGE274) multi-phone with digital answering machine, \$20/obo. (352) 300-3110.

Electronics: Sony (A350) camera with bag, two lenses and filters, \$100. (352) 509-7230.

Furniture: Teak dining table, 3-1/2' x 5' with glass top and six chairs, \$200/obo. Cut velvet down-stuffed living room sofa, \$200/obo. Companion chairs (2), \$75 each/obo. Collection of beautiful, unique antique chairs, \$50 each. Call/text (731) 661-1034.

Furniture: Trundle daybed with 2 mattresses, covers, bed cover and décor pillows. (352) 873-3087.

Golf Equipment: Clicgear 3.5 golf pushcart, \$225. (304) 893-1261.

Home Décor: 78" Ridgeway grandfather clock, German movement. (352) 509-4872.

Home Décor: Sequin tugboat model, 23" h x 40" w x 10" d, museum quality. (352) 509-4872.

Misc. Item: 10' Little Giant ladder with 2 platform steps, \$100. (352) 509-7230.

Misc. Item: Bernina (830) sewing machine, sewing table/cabinet, expandable. (352) 209-2897.

Misc. Item: Char-Broil commercial grill with side

burner and full tank of propane. (352) 300-3110.

Misc. Item: DaBrim bike helmet sun visor, florescent yellow, \$20. (352) 861-0510.

Misc. Items: Chair and cushion foam forms, high quality outdoor, several sizes, \$4 to \$22 each. (304) 893-1261.

Misc. Items: Large selection of vintage mini liquor decanters including old west, military, circus, dogs, Native Americans, etc. (352) 509-7147.

Misc. Items: Professional Nova Deluxe Pro moving blankets (24), 80" x 72" (35 pound/dozen), quilted, navy blue and black, \$3 each. (609) 706-2135.

Misc. Items: Silver, black, and tan tap shoes, size 7 to 7-1/2, 2" heel, \$10 per pair. Flat tap shoes, size 8, soft black leather, \$20. Dexter white bowling shoes, 7-1/2, \$8. (352) 854-2947.

Musical Instrument: Roland keyboard (600) with disc stand & bench. Mini mixer. Keyboard amp. Microphones with stands & cords (3). 1,000-plus sheets of music. Plus miscellaneous items. Will bundle or sell separately. (352) 537-2714.

Musical Instrument: Weber baby grand digital piano (#WDG930) with bench. (352) 671-3286.

Musical Instrument: Yamaha (PSR 410) keyboard, \$50. (352) 509-7230.

Sports Equipment: Giant Talon-3 off-road bicycle, 24-speed, \$350. (352) 291-1001.

Sports Equipment: Men's Mongoose suspension mountain bicycle, 21 speed, new seat and tires, \$120. (386) 986-8604.

Yard Equipment: 16" Craftsman electric hedge trimmer, \$25. (570) 640-6756.

Tag Sales

Friday, Oct. 29 & Saturday, Oct. 30: 8742-D SW 92nd Place (Friendship Colony), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30: 8635-C SW 95th Street (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 1: 9425-B SW 84th Terrace (Friendship), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3: 8437-B SW 90th Street (Friendship Colony), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3 & Thursday, Nov. 4: 8998 SW 99th Court Road (Avalon), 8 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, Nov. 4 & Friday, Nov. 5: 8707-B SW 90th Street (Friendship Colony), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 5 & Saturday, Nov. 6: 8697 SW 94th Circle (Stonebridge), 8 a.m. to noon · 8428 SW 82nd Circle (Candler Hills), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. · 9730 SW 97th Place (Crescent Ridge), 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. · 9246 SW 93rd Circle (Providence), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6: 8552-B SW 92nd Lane (Friendship Village), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11 & Friday, Nov. 12: 8782-E SW 93 Place (Friendship Colony), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 12 & Saturday, Nov. 13: 8747-F SW 98th Street Road (Americana Village), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. · 8886-A SW 95th Street (Friendship Village), 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 & Thursday, Nov. 18: 8966-B SW 94th Lane

(Friendship Park), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 19: 9049 SW 91st Circle (Williamsburg), 8 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, Nov. 20: 9619 SW 86th Place (Stonebridge), 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Services

3T's Lawn Care: Lawn mowing schedules, hedges, mulch, fall & spring clean-ups, crape myrtle trimming. (352) 361-1555.

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Bob's Screening Service: Garage door screens, window screens, porch enclosure screens. We re-vinyl windows. Complete rescreening service. Free estimates. (352) 586-8459, Bob.

Cat Sitting: Provided by loving experienced Cat Nanny. Resident. (352) 854-8589.

Ceramic Tile: All types of installation and repair. 30+ years experience. Lic. & ins. References available. Call Bob Adkins (352) 274-8678.

Clock Doc: Clock repairs, experienced, inexpensive, house calls. (352) 246-2438 (resident).

Computer Help: Arthur Burditt, (352) 875-7878. House calls, \$40/hour. Tutoring, set-ups, installations, Windows upgrades, PC cleanups, security software, internet connections, email access, printers, wireless devices.

Geller Lawn: Mowing, irrigation, bushes, mulch & much more! Starting at \$50 per month (no contracts). Insured. (352) 390-7454.

Handyman: Plumbing, electrical, general maintenance repairs, handicap grab bars, screens, etc. No job too small. Service you can count on. Steve Scott (resident), Steve the Handyman LLC, (517) 262-7971 (October through April).

Handyman: Repairing sliding glass door rollers/tracks, sliding garage screen doors, window balances, sliding shower doors/guides, doors & locksets, door seals. Installing handicap grab bars. One call does it all! Steve, S&T Quality Services (352) 207-8682.

Home Cleaning: Residential service and free estimates. Fully vaccinated. "Let It Shine" Home Cleaning Service, LLC (352) 857-6080.

Laminate & Tile Floor Installation: Plumbing, electrical work, general carpentry and painting. Insured and satisfaction guaranteed. Resident for 12 years. Dan (352) 425-1046 or Bill (352) 816-5450.

Medina Pressure Cleaning & Sealing: We specialize in paver sealing, driveways, concrete staining & garage floors. 25 years' experience. (352)

246-3674.

Organizer Pro: Will help pack, unpack, stage, and organize your home. Fully vaccinated, licensed, bonded & insured. Laurie (352) 321-0219.

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Robert Morin Pressure Washing LLC: Contact me for all your pressure washing needs. Call for pricing. (321) 372-8800 (resident).

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SunSetter Awnings: Enjoy your lanai, birdcage, patio, pool, & outdoors with a retractable awning. Sun protection. Free estimates. (352) 351-3642.

Transportation: Appointments, errands, doctor's appointments, shopping, hair, surgery center, hospital, etc. Diane (352) 854-9999 (resident). Leave message if necessary.

Transportation: Need car and driver? Travel to any airport/cruise port, as well as any city or resort within 600 miles of Ocala. Safe, sanitized, secure and insured. Call Terry (615) 513-8240 (resident).

Wanted

Caregiver: Assist resident with daily exercises, driving to doctor, and light errands. \$20 per hour. 3 days per week; 3 hours a day. Louise (941) 661-5079.

Caregivers: If you are caring, compassionate, have a passion for helping others and want to make a difference, consider joining our team! Part-time & flexible schedules. For more information, contact (352) 796-2200. or mmansilla@bayada.com.

Chinese Mah Jongg Player: Weekly on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Will teach the game. (352) 509-4265.

Donations: Dog or cat food [SPCA of Marion County (352) 362-0985] · Electric golf carts in full working condition for use by volunteers for local park [Barbara btsprigg@gmail.com] · Non-perishable food for food bank, empty ink/laser cartridges and cards for veterans [Anne (843) 504-0032] · Personal hygiene, school/craft supplies & small appliances for homeless; pet food/supplies for animal shelters; used cell phones, computers & musical instruments for troops/veterans; theatrical costumes & props; socks, underwear & men's clothing [Donna (352) 237-3062] · Yarn for VA hospitals, children and newborns [(352) 843-6519].

HAM Radio Operators: Support the Community Emergency Response Team in the event of a disaster. Please email brucetwiss@yahoo.com.

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