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#### **Community News**

**Kenneth D. Colen** 

#### Ocala Open

This year's Ocala Open event raised \$80,000 which was distributed equally to Interfaith Emergency Services and Hospice of Marion County. Since the tournament began, over \$890,000 has been raised for local charities.

Candler Hills Golf Course once again hosted a playing field of top golfers. The planning that went into this event was nothing short of phenomenal. Most of the effort comes down to the 60 days preceding the event. Matt Hibbs together with the other pros and golf course staff have worked very hard at getting the word out to potential players and the Florida Professional Golf Tour coordinators.

Golf Superintendent Andy Jorgenson and his staff did a great job at getting Candler Hills in terrific condition and able to withstand the rigors of four days of hard play. As the technical aspects of course condition and tournament organization went, we were in great shape.
Many thanks to Sherri Lewis for overseeing the VIP tent and guests.
That said, nothing would work as

well as it did without the coordination of resident volunteers. Many thanks to the entire Ocala Open employee committee for the hard work that goes into this tournament; and special thanks to Denise Mullen who was in charge of volunteer co-ordination. We can't say enough about the support we get from our volunteers. They make our tournament a great success!

The amount of work required by our marketing department is extensive and is led by Linda Massarella. Jay Shiffer from Restaurant Partners Inc. (RPI), food service operator, Chef Melissa Caraway, and staff did a great job on the food and beverage service for the Pro-Am, as well as all three days of tournament

Of course, none of this would be possible without all the partners. A special thank you to our platinum partner – 360 Wealth Management Group of Raymond James; gold oartners – Marsh, Lamar, Clear Channel, CS&L CPAs, Earthscapes Unlimited, Delta and Global; silver partners - Stearns Weaver Miller, Synovus and JCH Consulting Group, Inc.; and bronze partners - Sun Kool Air Conditioning, Inc., C&S Roofing, Unifirst and Southern Masonry. Pro-Am sponsors – Ausley Construction, DEGA Advertising, Pinestraw of South Florida, First Federal Bank, and Marion Title and Escrow. VIP sponsors - HIW Construction Services, Brady Construction, Colen and Wagoner PA, Harrell's, Mike Scott Plumbing, Miller Pipe Line, New Phase Construction, Tillman & Associates Engineering, and Waste Management.

We look forward to 2023 and repeating this success.

#### **Development Update**

As planned, Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST) had its grand opening Saturday, March 26. So many people attended, it was impossible to get a reliable count. Judging by the number of people in the spectator seats during the opening ceremony, it was very close to 2,000 in attendance at that point in time, although people continued coming and going throughout the day. Many who attended were residents. In that regard, staff fielded many questions. To answer broadly:

On Top of the World and Calesa residents do not receive a membership discount nor is FAST an amenity.

- On Top of the World and Calesa residents must pay a membership fee or day use fee to use the facility.
- FAST is open to the public. Inquire about senior rates. Masters swimming is avail-
- If anyone is interested in volunteering, please email kevin\_milak@floridafast.com.

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## **Memorial Day Ceremonies**

By Phil Panzera World News Writer

On Monday, May 30, the Veterans Club will host two free Memorial Day ceremonies to remember and honor our men and women who have sacrificed so much in the United States Armed Forces.

Park. The ceremony consists of a memorial for the 13 fallen soldiers

sequence of lowering and then raising the U.S. flag and the flags of the five U.S. military branches which encircle our nation's flag at the Veterans Park Memorial. The ceremony will be conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, assisted by the Veterans Club.
At 11 a.m., there will be another

At 8 a.m., there will be a cere-monial flag raising at the Veterans Ballroom. There will be a special

of Afghanistan, and a different missing man ritual than was performed last year.

Guest speakers will include Captain Tim Williams (U.S. Marine Corps, Ret.) and Captain Ken Puckett (U.S. Navy, Ret.). In addition, we hope to have a special World War II veteran to lead the Pledge of Al-

There will also be a bake sale, with proceeds going to help Ukraine. It will be a simple and modest way to help the Ukrainian people.

Please consider joining us in this frequently emotional event, as we pay tribute to those who gave their lives to protect our freedom.

# **Hurricane Preparedness Week** May 1-7, 2022

## **Get Ready, Set, Prep!**

**By Ray Cech World News Writer** 

#### **Hurricane Preparedness Week**

Where else could it possibly be more important to be prepared for a hurricane than in our very own state of Florida? And the upcoming preparedness week is a great time to start. The last few years have been very kind to us here in Ocala, but just how long will that kindness be extended? The safest bet is to assume that it expired last year. So, let's join the hurricane brain trust at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and get prepared for hurricane season!

NOAA has suggested that we take the first week in May and designate each day to accomplish one hurricane-prep activity. Sounds like a plan. Here are their recommendations:

- Sunday, May 1: Determine your risk.
- Monday, May 2: Develop an evacuation plan.
- Tuesday, May 3: Assemble and organize supplies.
- Wednesday, May 4: Do an insurance checkup.
- Thursday, May 5: Strengthen your home.
- Friday, May 6: Will your
- neighbor need help? Saturday, May 7: Complete a

written plan. Now let's talk about some of the

When you get to day seven, make

sure your writ-ten plan includes such things as having a full tank of gas, a cell phone charger compatible with your car, extra propane, charcoal, matches, folding chairs, blankets, and plenty of non-perishable food and water for three days – preferably a week. Do you have a battery powered or crank radio to stay in the know?

Your plan should also include filling up your tub with water and knowing how to manually open the garage door.

Everyone in your family should be familiar with where all the provisions are (e.g. water, food, flashlights, pet supplies and car keys) and the evacuation route and what emergency shelter is available to them. As of this writing, West Port High School is the closest shelter (no pets).

Don't forget about your pets! They should have a cage, not just for getting into the shelter, which is required, but often, pets feel more secure and less frightened in a smaller and familiar space. Be sure to have a week's worth of food and water for them — and don't forget those plastic bags.

Remember that in any emergency, cash may be the only acceptable exchange for goods and services, particularly if the power is out. So, start saving now.

For persons needing oxygen, make sure to have a portable supply on hand in case the power goes out.

Important documents such as insurance policies and bank statements, etc. should be copied and kept with you. Make copies of both sides of your credit cards and copies of any medical related documents, and, of course, your driver's

license. Be sure your phone contacts are current. **Local Emergency** 

## Alerts

You should also sign up for local emergency alerts AlertMarion. com. Once signed up, you will receive time-sensiemergency tive alerts to either your home, mobile or business phones, email or text message for severe weather, critical law enforcement activity, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

Also, at AlertMarion.com you may sign up for the Marion County Special Needs Program. This program is for residents who, during periods of evacuation or emergency, require sheltering assistance due to physical impairment, mental impairment, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities. The Special Needs Registry is a confidential listing of those needing assistance and is updated on an annual basis through contact with the registered residents. For questions relating to special needs, please call 352-369-8100.

#### Florida Disaster Prep Sales Tax Holiday

To help us get prepared, please mark your calendar for the 2022 Florida Disaster Prep Sales Tax Holiday, which runs May 28 through June 10, 2022. What does that include? Some examples of tax-free items include flashlights and lanterns costing \$40 or less; radios costing \$50 or less; tarps costing \$100 or less; coolers costing \$60 or less; batteries costing \$50 or less; smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and carbon monoxide detectors costing \$70 or less; and generators costing \$1,000 or less. The holiday also includes several items related to the safe evacuation of household

Hurricane Preparedness Week is great way to get a head start before the season begins June 1 – give

Additional resources can be found at ontopoftheworldinfo.com/

hurricane-preparedness/.
Now, for all of you who read to the bottom of this article, here are additional valuable phone num-

- Emergency: 911.
- Marion County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Line: (352) 732-9111.
- Marion County Citizen's Information Line: (352) 369-7500.

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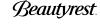


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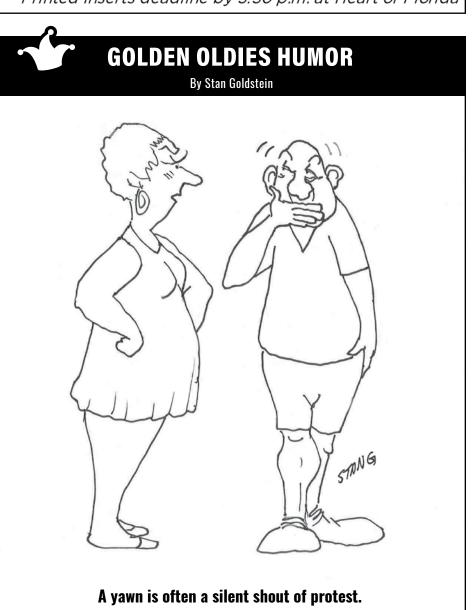
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#### Is It Legal?



SCAM ALERT #1: If someone tells you to buy a gift card to pay for something he or she says you owe – don't do it! It is a scam. And no, I do not care if it's your grandchild who tells you to do that. If you want to buy a gift card as a gift for someone, then go and buy it. But do not buy a gift card to settle or to pay any obligation that someone claims you owe. Give the card itself to the person you want to have it. Never give the numbers on the card to anyone and certainly not by email, text, or phone

**SCAM ALERT #2:** Amazon is not going to send you an email that your account has been compromised and directs you to go buy a gift card as a test, so they can trace it. If you get an email or text like that it is a scam. Do not reply.

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she has your email, don't respond.
Scam Alert #5: The very official looking government document you got that claims to protect your home you need a certified copy of your deed, is a lie. You never need a certified copy of your deed. Never!

**Q.** My daughter has made bad choices in relationships. She has young children from a few of those relationships and now she is quite ill. Thankfully, my daughter has made it possible for me to have very good relationships with all my grandchildren. When she passes, I want to leave my estate either to all my grandchildren or for their benefit. I want nothing to go to any of the fathers. Your thoughts, please.

**A.** First, I am truly sorry for the situation with your daughter, but I am quite pleased that you have been able to establish a good relationship with your grandchildren. Your daughter deserves thanks for that. You did not mention if some

or all of them were minors but whether they are or aren't one way to protect them is to create a living trust for the benefit of the grandchildren. You would be the initial trustee, and of course, the grantor.

Depending on the number of them, you can have separate "subtrusts" for each grandchild which can have various provisions for the support, health, education, and maintenance of each of them, separately. This is somewhat complex drafting but probably well worth it in your case, as you can make sure that none of the children's fathers will have any claim to any of the funds available for a child.

You do need to consider who you want as the successor trustee to you. Think about your attorney if he or she does that kind of work, or a bank or other financially able person.

**Q.** Our financial advisor is from (a midwestern state). She says that we do not need a trust because it will not protect our assets in the event we are sued. We told her that we aren't worried about ourselves, but we are seriously worried about three of our five children who are deeply in debt. She still says we don't need a trust. Your thoughts?

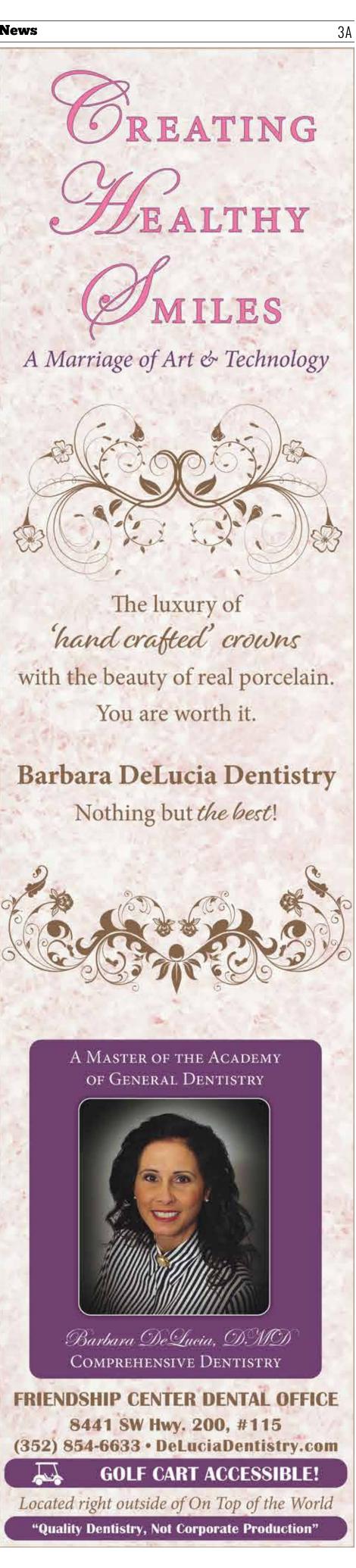
**A.** A properly drafted living trust will not serve as an asset-protection for you and your spouse, but it certainly can be an asset protection mechanism for your children. If your children are hounded by debt collectors, the trust can easily be designed to protect the children from their creditors, thus preserving and protecting the funds you want your children to receive. This is a complex area of the law, and you must discuss this with your attorney. Make sure, he or she is familiar with asset protection planning.

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More information can be found at FloridaFAST.com.

FAST is home to an indoor 10 lane, 50 meter by 25-meter-deep water pool, plus one- and three-meter springboards for diving. The outdoor pool is a seven lane, 50-meter pool, as well as 25-yard section for swimming lessons, fitness swimming, aqua aerobics, and water walking. This section of the pool is under shade cloth for anytime use.

If that isn't enough, there is also a shade cloth covered spray park for the littlest ones. For more information on how you can swim at FAST, visit FloridaFast.com.

Calesa Township, the newest community by Colen Built Development, is a community for families of all ages and is now welcoming residents to its first neighborhood of Roan Hills. We find that the top two reasons for buyers selecting Calesa is Ina A. Colen Academy public charter school and moving closer to family. In fact, many residents have children and grandchildren moving into Calesa.

Over at Weybourne Landing, the miniature golf installation should wrap up in late May, as the project manager is waiting for the carpet installation. So official opening should be by August. The Clubhouse remains on schedule, barring any unanticipated delay. The Clubhouse has an estimated completion of October.

Development of the next two neighborhoods in Weybourne Landing have been completed. You will begin to see rooftops springing up and, before you know it, we will be welcoming new neighbors to the community. The perimeter fencing and landscaping are being completed as we close out the first phase and move toward future areas.

Phase II of Weybourne Landing will begin development in midsummer. This next phase will feature many of the familiar finishes from the first neighborhoods that have made Weybourne Landing a welcome addition to On Top of the World Communities.

Longleaf Ridge continues to grow as well, and three new neighborhoods will soon join the south of The Links Golf Course. The natural topography of the land and the refreshed home elevations are quite a pairing. Longleaf Ridge is a beautiful community offering views not only along the golf course, but across the rolling terrain of the neighborhoods as well.

Longleaf Ridge models are expected to be completed in late June and planning is underway for a community pool and pavilion amenity. We will be launching a brief questionnaire to Longleaf Ridge residents inquiring about desired amenities in the future.

Candler Hills is no stranger to continued growth. Two roadway projects, SW 80th Street and SW 92nd Court Road, have been completed opening up future phases of development, namely the Ashford and Balfour neighborhoods located west of The Lodge at Candler Hills.

On the commercial side, Cody's Roadhouse is moving along to completion opening in late June. Stay tuned for the date. TownePlace Suites by Marriott is moving into the interior finish phase and is anticipated to open in late November.

#### Springtime is in Full Bloom

The April showers really greened up the community and brought out the wildflowers. The winds, however, were entirely another story!

We usually look for things to settle down in May and turn very dry for about 30 to 45 days, before the June rains begin and give yards some relief. If you didn't prune back shrubbery in mid-April, May is still time to consider any pruning of owner added plantings. Lawns and shrubbery will continue to grow, albeit very slowly, when the ground temperature warms above 65 degrees.

#### **Conservation Tip**

Depending on the type of irrigation system, shaving two minutes off each irrigation run time yields 18 to 26 gallons per zone per run cycle, which can save 77 to 112 gallons per month per zone for onceper-week watering and 155 to 224 gallons per month per zone for twice-per-week watering. Overall, monthly you have the potential to reduce your water consumption from 721 gallons to 2,170 gallons depending on the time of year and specific run times on each zone, assuming seven zones. Monthly water savings for seven zones may cost in a range of \$1.41 to \$7.67 for onceper-week watering and \$2.82 to \$15.34 for twice- per-week watering depending on the rate tier. Savings can add up.





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**Community Emergency Response Team** 

Andrea La Fave

The Community Emergency Response Team is always looking for individuals who like to be prepared to help others in need.

As you read this column, it's good to remember that hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30. We in Marion County have not encountered a destructive hurricane in recent years, but this is a good time to make certain that we are prepared for anything.

Please consider joining our Community Emergency Response Team, which is a volunteer organization, trained by the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to provide support services if our neighborhoods

should encounter an emergency. The training gives excellent knowledge and tools to identify, prevent, and handle whatever presents itself until professional first responders

There is also a need for ham radio operators to activate and provide vital communications if other forms of communication are disabled. You can even be trained for

We could use more members to support our growing community. You are welcome to attend the Community Emergency Response Team meetings as a visitor on the second Tuesday of any month, at 9 a.m. For more information on the location and confirmation of the date, please contact Debbie Snyder at 412-443-2930.

MCSO will hold its next training session starting July 9. For more information, or to apply, please visit marionso.com/emergency-management-volunteering or call 352-369-8100.



Saturday, May 7th • 9 am

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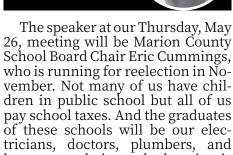


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of these schools will be our electricians, doctors, plumbers, and lawyers, so their good education is important us. Eric Cummings will talk about his experiences during his first term on the school board as well as the educational effects of recently passed state legislation. The location of the Marion Coun-

ty Democratic Party Proud to be a Democrat dinner on Sunday, May 22, was moved to the College of Central Florida Klein Center. U.S. Senate candidate Val Demings is the keynote speaker. You may use the contact information at the end of this column to request tickets. Let's get a bunch of On Top of the World Democrats to attend and fill at least two tables.

Our next club luncheon will take place at Stone Creek Grille Thursday, May 12, at noon. This is an occasion to socialize more than we can during our regular club meetings while enjoying great food. Contact Secretary Lynn Miller at lynniemiller@aol.com to let her know that you will be attending.

Our club supports the Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, a former Ritz hotel that was converted into a facility for formerly homeless veterans. The Ritz 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. They are in need of pillows, pillowcases, twin size sheets, towels and wash-cloths, toiletries, laundry pods, paper goods and canned and dry food. They do not need clothing except for shoes. 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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#### All Around **Our World**

Lynette Vermillion 352-236-OTOW (6869) generalmanager@otowfl.com



Spring is in full swing with warm temperatures and many activities to enjoy. On Thursday, May 5, we celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day falls on the Sunday, May 8, and please remember Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, to honor all who served and sacrificed for our free-

#### Ocala Open

The 16th annual Ocala Open at Candler Hills was a huge success! The teamwork displayed during the inclement weather was truly impressive. Many, many thanks to the partners, volunteers, employees, residents, and vendors who helped make this year's Ocala Open the best yet. We could not hold an event of this magnitude without this great

Congratulations to Seth Fair who again won the Ocala Open tournament with a three-round total of -18 for first place prize, with a purse of \$15,000.

We were able to raise \$80,000 for charity, providing \$40,000 each to Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services, Inc. These services provide such a great benefit to our community, and we look forward to and appreciate all the continued support to do it again next year.

#### **Changes to Recycling and Garbage**

The SW 90th Street postal and garbage area will no longer take bulk drop off white goods, furniture, or other large items. The boxes will be removed early May. As a convenience for residents, if you need to toss out this type of item, you may want to first call a local charity who will pick up if resalable in their thrift shop; make arrangements with the vendor for your area for pickup; or take to one of the county facilities. You will pay the vendor directly for removal. The phone number for centralized garbage users is Waste Management at 866-684-3142. The number for all curbside collection areas is Premier Waste Services at 352-454-9168. The county facilities are listed at https:// environmental.marionfl.org/solidwaste/customer-service/recyclingcenters-locations. Some of the local charities include Interfaith Emergency Services Thrift Store at 352-351-3541; Hospice of Marion County Thrift Store at 352-237-7707; and Goodwill of Ocala at 352-629-4202.

#### **Change of Pickup Days (Curbside** Locations Only)

For neighborhoods with curbside pickup, your designated pickup days are changing. Beginning Monday, May 2, household garbage will now be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays, and recycling on Tuesdays. The new vendor is Premier Waste Services. Please place your garbage on the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of pick-up either bagged or in a 55-gallon trash container. For recycling, please use the existing recycle tub.

#### **Golf Cart Safety**

I know many residents will be enjoying visits from their family and friends this summer, which may include younger guests. Please be mindful of the rules, "Each hours and you experience some operator of a golf cart must be at least 15 years of age ..." Each year, we witness young children driving golf carts around the communic nity, and we urge you to be aware of how dangerous this could be in the event of an accident. Operators of the carts provided by the Candler Hills Golf Course or the On Top of the World Golf Course must have a valid driver's license.

#### **Pets in Hot Vehicles**

It is that time of year to remind all residents not to leave pets in vehicles. From the chart put out by K9 of Mine, one can see just how hot a vehicle can become in the Florida sun in a matter of minutes. Even though it may not feel very warm to you, temperatures rise very quickly in closed vehicles. Even with the windows cracked, it only takes a matter of minutes for your animal to get distressed and even perish. Five minutes can turn into 10 and

Temperature inside a vehicle (closed vs cracked window) 130 Vehicle Temperature (deg F) 120 Temperature Ambient -- Cracked \* Closed 100 40 15 20 25 30 35 45 Elapsed Time (min.)

Inside vehicle temperature chart.

it may be too late when you return to your car. As you can see, even cracking the window is not sufficient. I can't say it enough, please do not leave your animals in vehicles unattended.

#### **Construction Road**

Do not enter, no trespassing, and stop signs do mean what is written. The construction road is closed to all traffic except construction traffic. If you violate the signs, not only are you trespassing, but you are also putting yourself and those with you in danger. The Marion County Sheriff's Office has been asked to patrol the construction road in addition to those within the community for traffic violations and trespassing. The construction road has not been turned over to the association, and therefore residents do not have rights or permission to travel the road, it is private. Please stay off the construction road and obey the traffic and trespassing signs to stay safe and avoid other severe consequences.

#### **Resident Services**

Resident Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the following restrictions: closed daily, from noon to approximately 12:30 p.m. The timer begins when the last resident assisted before closing at noon vacates the building.

The Resident Services office is closed the third Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m., which falls on Wednesday, May 18, this month. Resident Services may be reached at (352) 236-OTOW (6869) or otowservice@otowfl.com Monday through Friday, 8a.m. to 4p.m., or in person by visiting Suite 500, in Friendship Commons, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You may wish to complete your maintenance request online versus stopping by the office. Visit www. otowinfo.com, click on "Mainte-nance Request" on the top ribbon and enter your request. Be sure to scroll down to enter the service you are requesting and click submit.

#### **After Hours Non-Medical Emergencies**

On Top of the World (Central) Owners Association members, please notify Resident Services first before contacting an outside contractor for repairs such as roots in water lines, sewer backups, sprinklers damaged by mowers, etc.

manner of nonmedical emergency, such as a backed-up commode, we ask that you please call 236-OTOW (6869) for assistance. Even though Resident Services is closed, the number is answered 24 hours a day and you will be able to speak with an after-hours representative, who, based on the reason for the call, will provide direction or dispatch an after-hours person.

#### **Re-Roofing Schedule**

The following is a list of the buildings in On Top of the World (Central) that are scheduled for roof replacements in the first quarter: Providence buildings 001C, 002B, 003B, 004F, 0004G, 004H, 004I, 005E, 006A, 006B, 006F, 007F, 007H, 008B, 008D, 008F, 010A, 013C, 0013F, 014B, 014E, 027A, 027B, 027C, 027F, 028A, 032G, 034A, 034C, 035D, 036B, 037B, 037C, 037E, 037F, 037G, 038A, and Friendship Colony buildings 2182 A,B,C,D and 2180 A,B,C,D.

The schedule is posted on OTOW-Info.com and updated as additional units are authorized for re-roofing to begin.

Chart courtesy of K9 of Mine

#### Streaming or Rebroadcasting Limitations

Please be advised that streaming or rebroadcasting of any copyrighted video content is not permitted at any On Top of the World facilities without prior authorization from On Top of the World management. It is unlawful for any movies, videos and/or training videos that contain copyrighted content to be viewed without the appropriate licensing rights. On Top of the World is not an authorized streaming host and as such is prohibited from downloading, streaming, or rebroadcasting copyrighted video content. This includes major sporting events. Without valid licensing rights for downloading, streaming, or rebroadcasting at our community facilities severe penalties could result should the unlawful viewing of copyrighted video content be discovered. If you would like to view a YouTube.com link or have questions related to streaming or rebroadcasting at community facilities, please email t\_fields@otowfl.

#### Rule of the Month

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion regarding the installation of new gutters, and residents who have existing gutters.

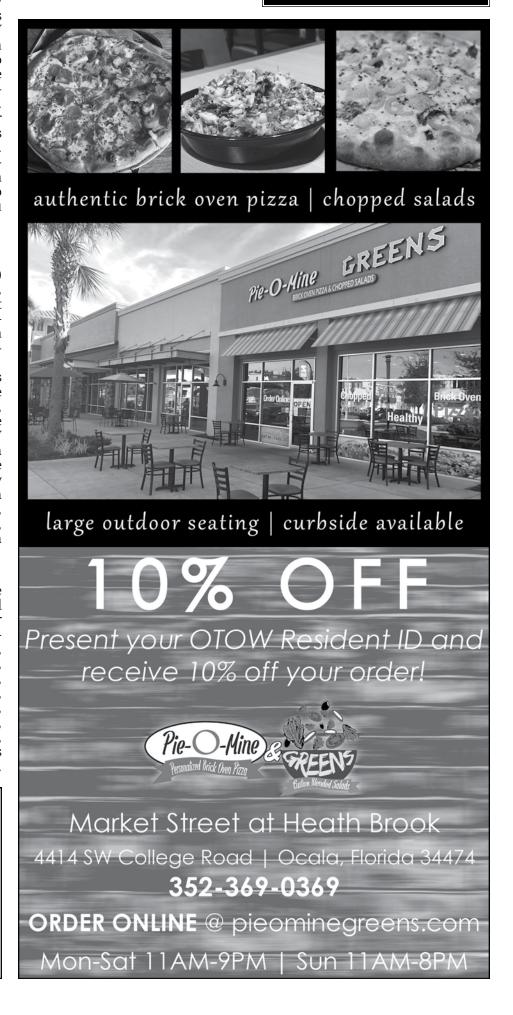
There seems to be a rumor that if you have existing gutters, you are "grandfathered in" from the rules updated at the February board meeting. This is not the case. If your gutters are creating any issues on your or your neighbor's property, you are responsible to correct the problem regardless of when they were installed.

**GUTTERS AND DOWN SPOUTS:** Gutters and down spouts shall be compatible with the architecture and colors of the house. Aluminum and pre-finished vinyl are preferred materials for gutters and down spouts. Gutters are required to be installed with underground downspout extensions to an open area not directed to common swales. Application for Modification for gutters must meet the following guidelines:

- 1. A drawing is required to indicate gutter and downspout installation locations as well as location of the underground downspout extensions.
- Underground gutters and extensions, must be in such a manner as to not adversely affect drainage onto neighboring properties. Downspout extensions must be buried and directed to an open space with an approved diffuser attached, to allow for proper drainage. It is not recommended to terminate the downspout extension between homes.
- Site plan or plat must be included indicating the end of water flow and including the distance from the property

Drainage from gutters shall not affect adjacent lots or homes by creating a washout or other erosion. The Architectural Review Board (ARB) reserves the right to require repair of erosion from gutter runoff in swales, common swales and adjacent properties and may require the removal of gutters in non-essential areas (sides of home and non-entry ways) to resolve erosion or drainage problems, which is a homeowner responsibility. Leaf guards shall not be installed underneath the roofing shingle. Rain sensor must be relocated to operate properly.

**LOST OR FOUND A PET?** Call the SPCA of Marion County hotline at 352-362-0985.





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Expository Bible Teaching - Traditional Services Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m. 110th Street across from Oak Run main gate. Drive 1 mile west. Mailing: 10260 SW 110th Street, Dunnellon, FL 34432

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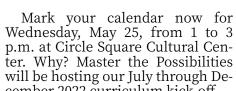


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Monday, May 23, 2022 at aviv-clinics.com/events

#### Lifelong Learning

Michelle Shideler 352-387-7571 nichelle\_shideler@masterther



cember 2022 curriculum kick-off. For those of you who may have not yet experienced a Master the Possibilities kick-off, it is an event to attend. Setup with an expo-style layout, the kick-off is fashioned to give visitors a chance to visit all faculty member tables to get a better idea of what to expect by attending that person's class or classes. Many instructors will have displays on their tables and will further explain any prerequisites, skills, or supplies needed to participate in their classes. No registration is required. This event is free and open to the public.

Those who attend the kick-off will receive the July through December 2022 catalog early, have multiple chances to win a free class, and may even register while attending the event before registration technically opens. There will be two registration opportunities during the kick-off from 1 to 3 p.m. that day.

Those who are tech savvy are invited to bring a smartphone or tablet and register themselves while perusing the tables. For those who would prefer to have assistance with registering, we will have a staffed registration section, where our team will process enrollments.

It is recommended for anyone who plans to attend and register for

classes to become familiar with the personal account username and password before the event. For assistance with creating a student profile, or for sign in information, contact our office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling (352) 861-9751 prior to the

Until that event, we have more than 190 course opportunities this month for educational opportunities. Mayor Kent Guinn will be visiting Master the Possibilities at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, to discuss projects he has been involved with in our community, as well as upcoming projects in Ocala. Cost to attend is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members.

President of On Top of the World Communities, Kenneth Colen will share with the audience at 2 p.m. Monday, May 9, at Circle Square Cultural Center about the company's growth, history, and transformation. He will discuss how On Top of the World has "redefined" the meaning of a retirement community and has become an awardwinning company, which has been a family affair from the start. There is no cost to attend this presentation, but registration is required.

Dr. Jennifer Collins will provide a brief overview of past and predictions of upcoming hurricane seasons at "Hurricanes: Should I Stay, or Should I Go?" at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, in Live Oak Hall. Her presentation will help participants get a better understanding of what to do during hurricane season. Cost to attend is \$11 for members, and \$16 for non-members.

For a complete list of this month's courses at Master the Possibilities, visit masterthepossibilities.org.

Finding Zen

**The World News** 

**Christina Shearer** info@sholompark.org



May is National Meditation Month and Sholom Park's L.E.A.F. Series Mindful Music Friday, May 20, would be a great way to help you start a new meditation practice or revive an existing one. Kellyann Binkowski (also known as Lady Ann) is a musician, Reiki practitioner, meditation, and mindfulness facilitator.

As a Reiki practitioner, she recognizes the healing energy of sound, music, and vibration. Learn how music and vibration can help you reach a state of mindfulness for health and wellness with flute meditation, Charka toning and balancing, and mantra. She will also introduce the sounds of Kirtan music. Described as medicine for the soul, Kirtan is based on ancient chants and can help quiet the mind.

The school year is coming to an end later this month, but that doesn't mean children have to stop learning. Sholom Park's summer Lil' L.E.A.F. Series will keep those minds active and hands busy. Join special guest educators, instructors, and coaches as they make outdoor learning fun at the park.

On Thursday, June 2, let Coaches Cammy Dennis and Jessica Pinkowski activate your child's senses with sensory exploration and motivate their motor skills with outdoor activities that feel more like fun than fitness.

Dig in Thursday, July 7, with Amanda Marek from the University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences and watch your children grow through the wonders of gardening. Gardening engages a child's natural curiosity and encourages healthy eating as they learn how and where food comes from and the importance of environmental awareness.

On Thursday, Aug. 4, explore nature and discover the critters and creatures of Sholom Park with Maxine Hunter from the University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences. Watch your children connect with nature on a wildlife adventure walk through the park and make some real live critter connections.

Each event ends with a Sholom Park snack and story time with Marion County Public Library. Early Learning Coalition will also be joining us and providing each child with books to help encourage summertime reading at home. Registration is only \$5 per child for each event. Attendance will be limited, and space fills up fast so register today.

For more information, please visit www.sholompark.org. To register, please call Master the Possibilities Education Center at 352-861-9751, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m to 4 p.m.

#### **Community Patrol**

**Erwin Fluss** 

All drivers are also walkers. You know the hazards when walking; please keep those hazards in mind! Always walk toward traffic, keep your dogs on the grass side, wear light colored clothing after dark

and keep a flashlight handy to signal. Please be careful. We urge you also to keep your garage doors shut when not attend-

ed, especially at night. Seldom but

sometimes there are people around who may find something interesting in your garage.

The Community Patrol are volunteers who are dedicated in keeping you safe. We drive and provide a neighborhood watch in our community as well as local shopping areas to see if anything is amiss. We are an On Top of the World club and report directly to the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Volunteer your time with us! Contact Paul Altman at 860-460-7632 or shelvesc@aol.com.

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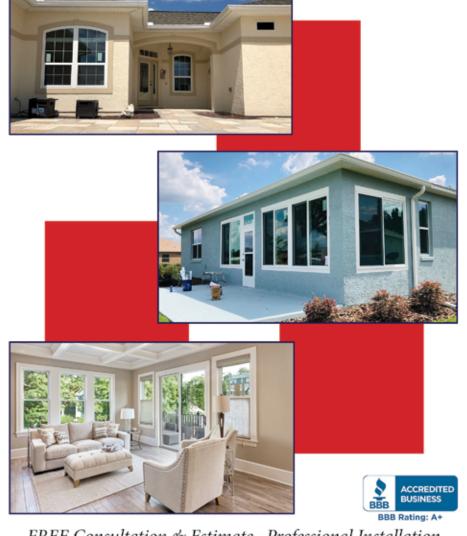
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**Edith Kolb** 90th Birthday

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#### The Lodge at **Candler Hills**

Cassie Cummings 352-387-9508 thelodge@otowfl.com



We are seeing a lot of new faces in Candler Hills, and I would like to give a warm welcome to the new residents. Every month we have something happening at The Lodge at Candler Hills.

#### **Happy Hour**

Join us every Friday, poolside, for our weekly Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free for Candler Hills residents; guest fees are \$5 per person. This is a bring your own beverage (BYOB) event; coolers are permitted with approved containers only (no glass). Anyone bringing glass containers will be asked to leave it in their vehicle leave it in their vehicle.

Entertainment is as follows:

- May 6: Solid Gold
  May 13: Tony Machicotte
  May 20: Tim Hargis
  May 27: Crossfire Band

#### **Social Night**

Join us for two hours of easy listening music Tuesday, May 10 while socializing with friends and neighbors at Social Night! This event takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. in The

> RESIDENT ID CARD Carry it with you at all times.

Lodge at Candler Hills Ballroom. Entertainment will be provided by Long White Cloud. This is a bring your own beverage (BYOB) event with light hors d' oeuvres (while supplies last).

#### **Kocktails & Karaoke**

Sing your heart out Thursday, May 26, at Kocktails & Karaoke with Charlie and Kathy in The Lodge at Candler Hills Ballroom from 5 to 8 p.m. Come sing, dance, and clap with other Candler Hills residents. Bring your own beverage. Guest fees are \$5, and guests must be accompanied by a resident. This event takes place the fourth Thursday of every month.

#### **Facility Hours**

The Lodge at Candler Hills hours are as follows:

- Monday through Thursday: 8
- a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m.
- to 9 p.m.

· Sunday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents who have already submitted a room reservation form for this year will be grandfathered into the original hours.

Pools will remain open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk.

\*To register, visit The Lodge at Candler Hills office Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Payment is required at time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. Resident IDs must be presented at all events and when purchasing ticket.

#### **Indigo East**

**Nora Dominguez** 352-387-9060



Nature is calling us to enjoy beautiful weather and vibrant colored flowers. We celebrate Mother's Day to honor our mothers, and Memorial Day to commemorate the men and women who sacrificed so much for our country. We are inspired to enjoy this beautiful month with family and friends. Join us for all the festivities we have planned for you. So, mark your calendar and let's have fun!

To keep the fun going, Happy
Hour takes place at the Indigo East
Fitness Center veranda and pool
deck area. Happy Hour moves indoors to the Indigo East Community
Center during inclement weather.
Happy Hour is held every Friday
with live entertainment from 5 to

with live entertainment from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free for Indigo East residents and \$5 per guest. You are allowed to bring your own chair, favorite drink, and snacks. Glass is not allowed in the pool area.

The upcoming live entertain-

- ment is as follows:
  - May 6: Alan Ross May 13: Mike Webb
  - May 20: Take 2
  - May 27: Cross Fire

#### Trivia Night\*

Come play Trivia Monday, May 9, at the Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. This event is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest. Bring your beverage and snacks.

#### **Pool Party Bash\***

What better way to enjoy Florida weather with your friends and neighbors than by the pool? Gilly and the Girl will provide entertainment Thursday, May 12, at the Indigo East Fitness Center veranda and pool deck area from 3 to 6 p.m. Delicious grilled food will be available for purchase with a ticket (\$13 per resident or \$15 per guest).

#### Taco Night\*

Join us for our first taco night Tuesday, May 17, at the Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will provide a taco buffet. Music will be provided by Tony Machicote as you dine. The cost is \$15 per resident.

#### Karaoke

Sing your heart out Thursday, May 19, at the Indigo East Commu-nity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free for residents.

#### Name That Tune\*

On Monday, May 23, Name That Tune will be held at the Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 P.m.

Make a team of eight people and join this fun game to prove your knowledge about music. The cost is \$3 per resident and \$5 per guest.

#### **Social Hour**

Come to Social Night Wednesday, May 25, at the Indigo East Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The entertainment will be provided by Robert France. Bring your beverage of choice and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres (while supplies last).

\*To register, visit the Indigo East Fitness Center office. Payment is required at the time of registration. No refunds will be issued 14 days or fewer prior to registered event. IDs must be presented at all events and when purchasing

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#### **Recreation Center**

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Spring is in the air with summer quickly approaching. Triple digit temperatures will be here before you know it ... make sure you stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water when participating in outdoor activities.

#### **Community Pools**

With the warmer weather, what better place to enjoy the outdoors than in one of the community pools? Please remember when utilizing the pool areas that pets are prohibited on the pool deck. Pool rules are posted around all pools and non-compliance will result in loss of privileges.

Please have resident IDs available when visiting the pool areas. Rules and procedures are strictly enforced. A resident must accompany their guest(s). Please note that children under the age of 15 are not permitted in the family pools until after noon during weekdays.

#### **Telephone Directories**

The 2022 resident telephone directories have arrived. You may pick up your copy at Resident Services. If you have changes to the directory, you'll need to make them at that time for the 2023 publication.

#### **Tap Dance Classes\***

Have some fun with tap instructor Penny Berton. 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.

There are currently two classes available on Tuesdays in the Recreation Center Ballroom: Intermediate (2:15 p.m.) and Advanced (1 p.m.). Classes are \$20 per person for a four-week class (monthly).

#### Ballroom Dance Lessons\*

Butch Phillips teaches social ballroom dancing in the Recreation Center Ballroom. 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 Wednesday of each month, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 per resident per three-week class.

Classes include step description for leader and follower, including correct characteristic of dance with an emphasis on lead and follow skills and lots of practice to music. The classes are as follows: May-Cha-Cha, and June-Waltz.

#### Tropic Trivia Night\*

Tropic Trivia has exploded with everyone ready for mind-boggling challenges. It takes place the first Thursday of every month in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This event has become so popular that every month is sold out up until September. To give everyone an opportunity to participate in future Tropic Trivia Nights we will be adding four more tables totaling 32

more residents that will be able to participate starting in September. If we continue to sell out after the addition, we will resort to a lottery system. Signups for September trivia will start in July once the Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog is published. Don't miss out on your team's opportunity to participate.

Please note that beverages, water bottles or cups are not permitted at trivia.

#### **Happy Hour**

Join us for Happy Hour every Friday in the Recreation Center Ballroom and outside at the pool pavilion from 5 to 8 p.m. (Please note that all outside entertainment will be cancelled when inclement weather is expected).

This month, join in the fun with a Derby Night-themed Happy Hour Friday, May 6. Come dressed in your Derby outfits and fancy hats and help celebrate the occasion. We will

have prizes for selected winners. The Cruise-In Happy Hour will take place the third Friday of each month (March through May), with the last one taking place Friday, May 20. We will hold it on the Recreation Center front lawn; so join us outdoors, bring lawn chairs, and come enjoy live entertainment as well as viewing the car display. Fresh Plates Creative Catering will sell (cash only, please) beer, wine, bratwursts, hot dogs and hamburgers. During inclement weather the car display will be cancelled and Happy Hour will move inside the Recreation Center Ballroom.

The Happy Hour entertainment lineup is as follows:

- May 6: "Derby Night" with Kathleen Kane (Ballroom); Solid Gold (Pavilion).
- May 13: Dave Shepard Band 1 (Ballroom); Palomino Blonde (Pavilion).
- May 20: Cruise-In Happy Hour with Groove 41 (Front Lawn); Double Trouble (Pavilion).
- · May 27: Chauffeurs (Ballroom); Jo Jo (Pavilion).

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 are not permitted to attend.

Please note that no outside beverages of any kind will be allowed into Happy Hour at the Recreation Ballroom, pool, and pool pavilion.

#### Partner Dance Night

Grab a partner and come enjoy a night of ballroom and pattern dancing among those who know the dancing etiquette for these beautiful dance moves. This event will be held Wednesday, May 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. This event is free for residents and guest fees of \$5 per person will apply. All guests must be accompanied by a resident with ID.

Dancing etiquette is required for this night; and line dancing, or single dancing will not be permitted.

#### Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens\*

Come join us for a trip to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens Tuesday, May 17, for the only walking safari in Northeast Florida. The zoo has something for everyone with more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 varieties of plants. You will also find two full size restaurants as well as snack and beverage sites. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person, and this includes transportation, admission to the zoo, 4D theater, unlimited train and carousel rides, and animal feedings.

#### **Social Hour**

Relax with friends and neighbors Thursday, May 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. You will enjoy easy listening music as Linda Sisco performs. A cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided (while supplies last). This is a free event.

#### **Victory Casino\***

An afternoon of gambling is scheduled Wednesday, May 25, on the Victory Casino out of Port Canaveral, Florida. You'll enjoy bingo, entertainment, relaxation, live table games and over 600 of the latest slots. Dine in the Atlantic Café and receive free drinks while gaming. You will receive \$30 in qualified slot play that can be downloaded once you have played and received 12 points. Please note that a valid government-issued photo ID will be required to board. Cost is \$54 per person and includes transportation, boarding of the Victory Casino, buffet, and \$30 qualified slot play. Please note face masks are required on the vessel.

#### Öpen Mic Night

Nick and Fred are back for Open Mic Night Tuesday, May 31, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. 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. This is a free event. Please note beverages and coolers are not permitted. The Pub will be open for beverage purchases.

age purchases.

This year, this event takes places on the fifth Tuesday of the month (May, August, and November).

#### Library

The community library, located in the Hobby Building, is open seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. You must scan your resident ID card for access.

#### **Community News/Updates**

Please keep in mind you must complete a Room Request form





to guarantee your use of the following pavilions: Veterans Park, Recreation Center pool, softball, Weybourne Landing, The Lodge at Candler Hills and Indigo East. Booking of the pavilions and the forms can be obtained by contacting the facility offices.

The R/C flying field and R/C car tracks are an amenity for all residents and Indigo East residents holding a Gateway of Services pass. Please note that when utilizing this facility all pets must be on a leash, and you must pick up after them. The pavilion located at the R/C flying field and car track is for club members use and is not permitted for holding private parties. Alcohol is prohibited in this area due to the insurance that is carried for these clubs.

All resident clubs and organizations requiring printed flyers and tickets will be charged \$5 per request. This fee includes professionally designed artwork and a maximum of 200 printed flyers and tickets (if needed).

#### Stay in the Know

Additional event/trip details are available at OTOWInfo.com by clicking "Activity Info" then "Virtual Bulletin Board" (or scan the QR code above), the Recreation & Wellness Connections catalog, or pick up a printed flyer at the Recreation Center. Please also refer to the monthly event calendar (home delivered with every issue of the World News).

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





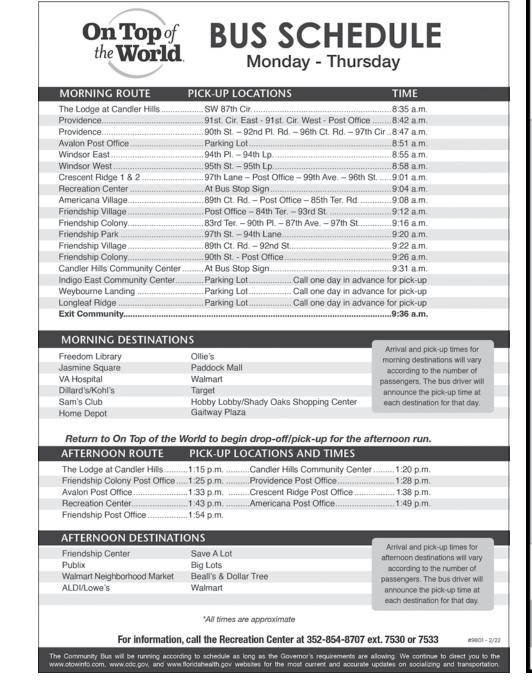
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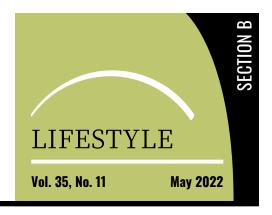


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Tackiest Hat: Rena Saiter

# **Tacky Tea Hat Contest**

**By Gail Morris** 

This month, I'm happy to share with you the winners from the Lions Club Tacky Tea hat contest! Most Creative Hat: Beth Vaudo. Fanciest Hat: Jan Lindell. Tackiest Hat: Rena Saiter.

All the participants did an amazing job with their hats. Thank you for supporting this event.

The Lions Club in Ocala had a virtual meeting to address the needs of our Ocala neighbors who were affected by the tornado in March. Our club voted to send funds to the Ocala Salvation Army, which had taken the lead to assist victims of the storm as the damage level didn't meet FEMA regulations for assistance from that organization.

We acted at our March meeting to provide more support to the Interfaith Ministries Food-4-Kids program to help them with needed cereal bars to put in the weekend backpack food program. We took a Walmart gift card to the manager of that program so they could purchase what they needed.

Our Lions Club is able to assist our community when these needs arise thanks to our residents who attend our fundraisers and make them a success.

Our outreach at the Club Fair earlier in the year and our members encouraging their friends to become members has increased our membership. We will have an orientation meeting for new and current members in May.

Our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room at 5 p.m. If you would like further information, you can contact Estelle Michelson, our membership chair, at 352-861-7358.

## **Successful Fashion Show and Luncheon**

#### By Anna McGonigal

I predicted the Women of the World fashion show and luncheon was going to be the event of the year and it lived up to my prediction! Four hundred women attended the event in March, and thoroughly enjoyed a delicious lunch and wonderful fashions.

We anticipated approximately 70 donated baskets for the raffle but to our surprise we received 160 baskets! Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to assemble the baskets as well as the money spent to make them.

Between ticket sales and proceeds from the the raffle tickets, we Women of the World accepted the raised \$11,436 for Hospice of Marion County. At the April meeting, Amy Waller presented the check to Planned Giving Director Beth Mc-Call from Hospice of Marion Coun-

April's speaker was Amanda Merck from Florida Friendly Landscaping. Amanda gave a wonderful presentation geared specifically to the landscaping in our community.

April's charity was the SPČA of Marion County. Kim Grieb, pet coordinator for Meals on Wheels, spoke on the need to provide pet food to clients so they eat the meals

provided for them and not give it to their pets. Members and guests donated much needed items to the SPCA.

Special guest, Cindy Moore, from Arnette House Inc. presented an album of pictures of the children who received our presents at Christmas. This was a tearjerker moment for all of us. She also described how they are in desperate need of funds and employees. They are having a special fundraiser. Please visit their Facebook page for more informa-

It was with a heavy heart that resignation of our President Amy Waller. Amy is a dedicated nurse, and she is leaving us to pursue her love of diabetic teaching. We wish you much happiness, Amy, in following your dreams. Betty Thayer will become president, Anna Mc-Gonigal, will assume the position of first vice president; Jan Lindell will remain as second vice president; Regina Hendrix will take over as secretary; Peggy Janisch will continue as treasurer; and Lois Nix and Janet Fragapane will remain as advisors.

The next Women of the World



**Photo by Janet Smith** 

Amy Waller, president of Women of the World, presents an \$11,436 check to Beth McCall, planned giving director for Hospice of Marion County.

meeting is Friday, May 6, and will be the last one for the season. The meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in The Lodge at Candler Hills ballroom. Our charity for May is Stuff the Bus and we will be collecting donations of backpacks, three-ring binders, colored pencils, composi-tion books, pencil boxes and any other school supplies children car-

ry in their backpacks. Our speaker will be Fitness Director Cammy Dennis from On Top of the World.

Meetings will resume in September and will be held in the Recreation Center Ballroom though May 2023. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month.

## **Upcoming Barbecue Picnic**

#### **By Nancy Meininger**

for the popular annual outdoor members, friends, and family. The

Sunday, May 15 is opening day barbeque picnic for Jewish Club

event will be held at the Recreation Center pavilion next to the softball

field, starting at 12:30 p.m. Member Shelly Kline will be the master griller, with several assists from the membership. Menu includes Kosher hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers as well as sides. Members are encouraged to bring a small dessert to share. Ticket sales are closed.

On Sunday, April 10, the club held a meeting at The Lodge at Candler Hills for Passover tastings. President Rick Carel welcomed the attendees. Treasurer Suzie Kline shared the Passover story and First Vice President Gail Levine, a former teacher, talked about the traditional foods on the Seder plate and what they stood for. Members were encouraged to taste the various symbolic foods as the discussion progressed and share their Passover traditions.

A table of delicious snacks was hosted by Second Vice President Arlene Carlton and Linda Kartzinel, hospitality chair, which featured popular mandel bread, chocolate and toffee coated matzah, several different coconut macaroons, sweet matzah kugel, sponge and honey

cakes, all baked by our members. Club members Audrey Wolotsky and Rachel Etheridge led the group in the singing of Dayenu. Members also enjoyed an afikoman search for prizes.

In June, the club is planning an ice cream social and Jewish trivia meeting, led by member Dan Lack. On the docket are lots of laughs and prizes. The meeting will be Sunday, June 19, at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-IV starting at 12:30 p.m.

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Photo by Kathy McDonald

Astronomy Club members prepare telescopes for an evening observing session at the R/C flying field.

#### Moonstruck Astronomy Club

Jim Shuman



The Moonstruck Astronomy Club held its monthly meeting Thursday, April 14, in the Hobby Building Event Room. In addition to covering club activities and publications, Secretary John Bridges announced the next NASA webinar Thursday, April 28, featuring NASA scientist Greg Robinson, who oversees the deployment of the James Webb Space Telescope for astronomical research in orbit.

Bridges also discussed the club's recent observation session Sunday, April 10, which began in the late afternoon to allow members to see images of the Sun using Jim Di Paolo's Lunt 60mm solar telescope. The scope filters the sunlight to allow viewing of sunspots, flares on the Sun's surface, and solar prominences along the visual edge of the solar disc. The session continued into the hours after sunset. According to Event Coordinator Kathy McDonald, about 20 members attended the evening session. Members were able to observe the moon and covered door sky objects after dark

several deep sky objects after dark.

Vice President Larry Isenberg covered the club's gains in membership and its financial report. He also highlighted some recent activities by club members and discussed upcoming plans for future outings. Bridges then presented his monthly review of the April night skies, showing positions of the moon, planets, international space station, and celestial objects of interest throughout the month.

Member Dean Rehpohl gave a presentation with many photos he has taken using one of the club's "loaner telescopes" – a Dobsonian reflector. He showed a variety of images of the Moon, one of his favorite targets. Rehpohl explained that the scope has been very easy to operate, and it offers good views of the moon and the planets. He encouraged club members to make use of the club's "telescope lending library."

Isenberg concluded the meeting by reminding club members to watch for more emails announcing observation sessions and telescope operation clinics in the coming

weeks and months. Observation sessions could be held on any evening 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 if they wish throughout the evenings. All sessions are held in the R/C flying field adjacent to the car track.

Regular meetings of the Moonstruck Astronomy Club are on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Event Room at the Hobby Building. All residents and Gateway of Services pass holders 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. For information or club registration, please contact Vice President Larry Isenberg at moonastroclub@gmail. com. More information is always available at moonstruckastronomy-club.org.

#### Native Plant Group

**Ron Broman** 



Where in the world (On Top of the World) grows this Florida native plant?

This month's entry into our "game," according to Craig Huegel, author of Native Plants for Shady Landscapes, "is one of the most widely propagated native wildflowers in Florida." It is also one of the most adaptable.

In our area, she might freeze to the ground in the colder months; but because she reseeds easily the

rest of the year is show-off time.
She'll need a bit of sunlight to keep her stems strong. Filtered light at edges of green will work well. She's drought tolerant; can flourish in almost any soil condition except extreme moisture.

extreme moisture.

Placed at the edge, with other native grasses and/or ferns, is the locale most favorable for her success. It is also what the hummingbirds and butterflies, especially the sulfurs and swallowtails, are seeking.

One more detail I find fascinat-

One more detail I find fascinating ... the usual color for our beauty is scarlet red. However, the white and pink forms also suit her fancy. The pink form may well be a product of the red and the white.

And with that scintillating possibility, it's your turn to discover just where in this world our beauty is growing at this very moment. This time you have a great opportunity to be successful. She is probably growing in several places. We know of at least two. She may possibly be in your own yard! Check it out!

When you discover her, give us a call at 352-861-4560. If you don't get an answer right away, give us another try. We may be outside, somewhere, enjoying her company.

where, enjoying her company.
Join us in our Native Plant Group
if you wish as we continue maintaining our projects. Call the same
number for particulars.
Last month's entry was the coral

Last month's entry was the coral honeysuckle, Lonicera sempervirens. It is growing in our Garden of

Growing is where it's at (whatever it is).



Where in On Top of the World will you find her?

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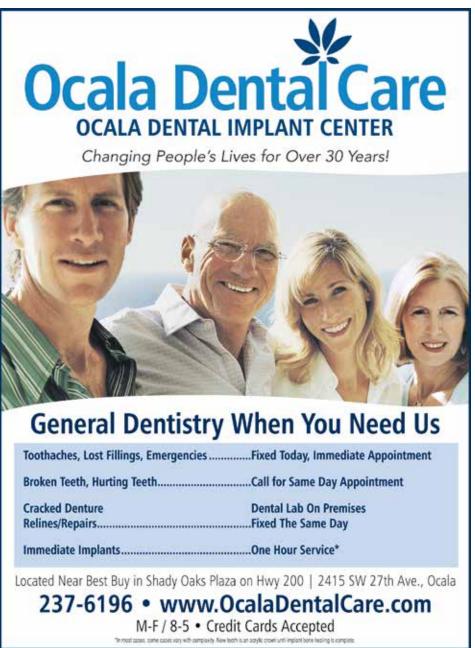
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#### **Computer Club**

**Chris Kilbride** 



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

Legacy is a term which we seniors should become familiar with, especially when it comes to technology. Our smartphones house our contacts, emails, data, and many photos. It is critical to have a password to get into the front of our smartphone in case it is lost or stolen, or what if you passed away? Each smartphone, tablet and computer have a setting for choosing one or more trusted legacy family

members, friends and/or attorney. For example, Apple has a new "legacy contact" feature using your Apple ID for iPhones and iPads running iOS 15.2, including macOS 12.1 or later. When you designate a person, they will be able to access all files in your iCloud drive, photo library, iMessage, notes, contacts, and calendars. Before gaining access, they must be already registered as your legacy contact and provide a death certificate. This is something to set up now so that it is in place. You may also consider adding that person's fingerprint and/or giving them the passcode to get into your phone.

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Be sure to check out Facebook under Settings and Privacy, Settings, General Account Settings, then Memorialization Settings. You don't want your Facebook account online forever.

Remember to tell your legacy person how you backup your computer files, and the location of any external hard drives. Regarding passwords, discuss what program or app is used, where the file is stored, and location of any paper

All smartphones let you set up emergency contacts to be shown on your front lock screen. In case a stranger is helping you, they only have access to your medical information and can call your trusted contacts. They can't go any further into your phone since they don't have your passcode to get in.

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 in-person help sessions in the Hobby Building or online one-on-one instruction, 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.

#### **Tech Tips**

Shane Bobson info@mybridgenet.com



#### **Importance of Maintenance**

Internet service providers are always diligently working to maintain the systems that allow the internet to reach every home reliably. Such maintenance can take shape in a few different forms, whether it is on the plant side, which is the physical infrastructure or on the networking side, which manages routing and security information. Performing periodic, scheduled maintenance ensures that the infrastructure and equipment are kept in working order; particularly since many parts of the equipment are exposed to the harsh Central Florida elements. Proactively identifying causes of concern will assist in reducing the number of unplanned outages and overall downtime due to equipment

To keep the physical infrastructure operating optimally, maintenance tasks are conducted regularly by following a street-by-street and neighborhood-by-neighborhood grid plan. When completing maintenance, technicians may replace ground rods or deploy other tactics to maintain power utilities and backup systems. Often, technicians will perform what is known as a "sniff test" where they will walk up and down the street with a

device that detects errors or degradation in the copper lines. Technicians will replace any lines that are degraded because of the elements.

Often, technicians will have to arrange for new lines to be run when underground utilities were not located properly by notifying 811, as is required, prior to customers or contractors performing underground work.

If you see a technician in the field and are experiencing service interruptions, please allow them to continue working without interruption. The quicker they can identify the issue; the quicker service will be restored. If you continue to experience service issues an hour or so after the technician leaves your area, please call Bridgenet Communications at 352-873-4817; select option 3. Tech support will provide an update or will dispatch a technician to investigate your specific service interruption further.

Bridgenet Communications typically performs scheduled maintenance on the networking side every Tuesday from midnight to 6 a.m. We choose to perform updates between these hours to make as little impact on service as possible; and normally, it results in little to no downtime. These updates usually take shape in the latest security and firmware patches on networking equipment, and we go through logs and address any errors reported by the monitoring systems. We may also test failover procedures at this time and replace any aging or failing networking equipment.

#### Scandinavian American Club

**David Wesenberg** 



In April, the Scandinavian American Club celebrated with a picnic at Sholom Park. Normally, our meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Arbor Conference Center

Dance Studios III-IV.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, at our regular location and time. Our Norwegian members will be sharing their heritage, traditions, culture, music, and food with the club.

Every meeting is an opportunity to learn more about our Scandinavian heritage and to share a meal and fellowship. Contact Linda Pinney at luckypinney@gmail.com or 831-431-0525 about joining us.

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for Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5, to the Navy Seal Museum and the Manatee Observation and Education Center in Fort Pierce, Florida. The cost per person for double occupancy is \$166. The cost per person for a single room is \$305. The trip includes hotel, breakfast, both museums, transportation, and the tip for the driver. To make your reservation, contact Linda Hein at 352-

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Our next meeting will be Wednes-

day, May 18, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the

At our monthly meetings we have

time to meet new friends and catch up with our other friends. We hear about past RV trips and plans for

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**Travelers** 

**David Cranmer** 

861-9880 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Please note that all tickets are non-refundable unless we have a wait list.

Also planned is a trip, Best of Panama, from Jan. 26 through Jan. 31, 2023. The trip includes the tour, airfare, travel protection insurance, and the bus to and from Tampa airport. A daily breakfast buffet is included as well as two lunches. Enjoy a city tour of Panama City, Mira Flores Locks Visitor Center, partial transit of the locks, and private transfer to the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. A deposit of \$250 per person is required to book the trip. The final payment is due by Tuesday, Nov. 22. The price is \$2,350 per person double occupancy, \$2,866 single occupancy, and \$2,280 triple occupancy. Please note that the gratuities for the tour cannot be prepaid. Look on our website for the daily itinerary details. Contact Linda Hein for more information at 352-861-9880 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

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future trips. There's always time to ask questions and share ideas on the care of our RVs.

Last month we had 15 RVs meet up for a rally at the Belle Parc RV Resort in Brooksville, Florida. Coming up we have scheduled trips in the fall to RV resorts in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida as well as Savannah, Georgia. On these trips there are fun-filled activities at the resort as well as opportunities to enjoy local attractions. Throughout the year we enjoy informal camping trips to area campgrounds usually around special events like festivals and fairs.

For more information, contact club president David Cranmer at talltaletravelers@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook (Tall Tale Travel-

#### Genealogical Society

#### Peter Parisi



On Monday, March 21, Sid Levine gave an educational presentation on "Using Find a Grave" via Zoom.

If you have never used Find a Grave, go to findagrave.com to open the homepage. For tutorials, scroll to the bottom right of the page and click on Tutorials.

To illustrate, Sid did a search for General George Meade, the Union general at the battle of Gettysburg. The search brought up his headstone at the cemetery, a brief biography, the names of his parents, his spouse, his siblings, and his children. When I first looked him up, I spelled his last name as Mead. Nothing! Adding an "e" to the end of his name brought up his bio and tombstone. Spelling is critical. Try alternate spellings of the surname.

When looking for an ancestor, type in their name, approximate date born and died with a +/- 10year span, and the city and state in which you think they are buried. If their burial site has been photographed, information should come up showing a small photo of the tombstone and their name. Clicking on their name will bring up another page showing the headstone, a short biography, and may give the names of his/her spouse, parents, siblings, and children. Finding the names of their family may give you more information on the family that you didn't already know.

Click on Add Memory at the bottom of the page to add a memorial to them. This brings up another

page on which you can add memories of the person. To add a photo to the page, click Add Photos under the tombstone photo.

The page creator's name, the date created, and the memorial number is listed at the bottom. If you want to become the manager of this memorial, click on the person's name, and email them, asking them to transfer the memorial to you.

From where did all this information come? Volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, set up a free account on the Find a Grave website and click on Contribute in the top

If you are interested in joining the Genealogical Society, contact Wilma Kelly at otowgens@gmail. com. Dues are \$20 per year for an individual and \$35 for a couple.

Our meetings are at 10 a.m. the second and third Mondays of the month. Our meetings will be both in person at the Hobby Building Event Room and via Zoom. Our club president, Paul Belter, will notify members by email on how to access Zoom.

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

On Monday, May 16, an education presentation will be given on Your Criminal Ancestors.

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#### SPCA of Marion County

Kathy Tilghman Kluge



Leisurely summer dog walks are a great way to spend quality time outdoors with your four-legged friend. But hot weather can provide some challenges to your dog-walking routine. All that's needed is a little extra planning and care. Here are a few ideas:

 Plan dog walks for the early morning or late evening to avoid the hottest part of the

· Check surfaces such as asphalt and sand, before walking there. If it is too hot for your feet, it is probably too hot for your dog's paws.

Pick shady routes and allow your pup to lazily sniff along the way. This provides mental enrichment along with the physical exercise.

Take frequent breaks. Keeping track of your dog's activity levels is particularly important to avoid overheating. Telltale signs that your dog is overheating are increased panting, drooling, and seeking shade.

Proper hydration is critical for dogs and humans alike. Take water and a collapsible bowl with you and offer it to your dog regularly. And when you return home, add a few ice cubes to the water bowl.

· Surprisingly, dogs need sun-

Shelley and Ina Kline design and build festive golf cart decorations, Shelley Kline with the Easter

unny golf cart.

screen, too! Dogs with thin hair as well as pink and exposed skin are prone to sunburn and benefit from it. Keep your pup protected by applying a sunscreen made just for dogs. Check with your vet regarding your dog's particular needs.

Flat-faced breeds, such as bull-dogs and pugs, have shortened muzzles that can make breathing and panting more difficult. They can overheat more easily so keep walks short. Pudgy or senior dogs need similar care. Consult with your vet before embarking on a walking routine.

In other SPCA news, Women of the World made very generous donations to the SPCA of Marion County in April, and we are very grateful for their generosity!

Recently, we were asked to help two new dogs. The first is a little yorkie named Rocky. He is 15 and was never fixed or housebroken. He would do better as an only dog so there is no competition for affection. He will need a very special person to adopt him in his final years. The second is a one-yearold female Anatolian shepherd mix named Sadie. She is a playful, calm affectionate dog. She weighs about 56 pounds but is probably not full grown. The Anatolian breed is a livestock guardian dog. She is good with other dogs and children and walks well on a leash. She will make a nice companion dog.

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, where monetary and other pet supply donations can be dropped off. The table is there every Thursday except the third one of each month when we have our meetings.

Our meetings are held at one p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 9510 SW 105th Street. If you want more information about being a foster or adopting a pet, call the SPCA at 352-362-0985. Also, if you have a pet in need, please contact us. For more information, visit sp-caofmarioncounty.weebly.com.

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#### World Traveler

Bill Shampine



I spent the last 12 years of my career working in the Middle East peace process. One result of that was my spending a lot of time in Jordan, Israel, the West Bank, and even Gaza. One of the places I visited, and later went back to with Margitta Claterbos, was Jerash, Jordan, the subject of today's column.

Jerash is located 30 miles north of Amman, Jordan. It is thought that Alexander the Great founded Gerasa, also known as Antioch, in 331 B.C. The Romans captured the city in 63 B.C. During the Roman rule, the population grew to about 20,000, a large city at the time. Unfortunately, a major earthquake occurred in the area in 749 that demolished the city. Jerash was not significantly rebuilt until early in the 16th century. Archeological excavations of the site have been ongoing since 1925. Today, Jerash is considered one of the largest and best-preserved sites of Roman architecture in the world outside of Italy. With more than 300,000 visitors a year, it is one of the most visited sites in Jordan.

Like most cities of its time, Jerash was a walled city. The roads in the city were paved with very large blocks of stone. You can see ruts worn in the stones after centuries of travel by wheeled chariots. Characteristic of a Roman city, it even had a crude sewage disposal sys-

tem. Large clay pipes, still visible today, designed to carry away liquid and solid wastes were placed underneath the huge stone blocks forming the roadway. A tour will take you through remnants of temples, theaters, bazaars, a hippodrome, plazas, shops, baths, and triumphal arches. The hippodrome, (where chariot races were held) was built in 220 A.D. and could accommodate up to 17,000 spectators.

Another highlight of a tour in Jerash is the Oval Plaza, which was built to connect the Cardo (the main road in any Roman city) with the Sanctuary of Zeus. It is thought to have been built in about 110 A.D., under the rule of Emperor Trajan. There were two small monuments located in the center of the plaza.

Visitors to Jerash are immediately stricken by the many stone columns that adorn the city. It is called the city of 1,000 columns for good reason. Truthfully, however, they may stand where a column was located originally, but all of them have been reconstructed from the stone remnants scattered everywhere. The earthquake of 749 almost certainly knocked them down, but lots of them have been put back together, kind of like Humpty Dumpty. You also need to remember that gathering and transporting stone building materials was seriously hard work, so when things like reorienting the activities in the hippodrome hap-pened, that created a lot of readily available stones that were repurposed for other building projects.

If you ever go to Jordan, and I recommend it, you should be sure to go to Jerash. You won't regret it.



An overview of the Oval Plaza and Jerash, Jordan.

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#### R/C LadyBirds

#### Linda Lohr



At our March meeting, after catching up on news, we welcomed Janet Voyles and the Ukelele Club. This time, Janet brought 12 members of the club to entertain us. They played favorites including "Bye Bye Love," "Love Potion #9," "Under the Boardwalk" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." In honor of St. Patrick's Day, they closed their program with "I'm Looking Over a Four-leaf Clover" and "My Wild Irish Rose." They were fantastic! Those present enjoyed their program and the enthusiasm they bring to their performance.

Our club does not meet June, July, or August, although luncheons are always a possibility! Join us again in September.



Janet Voyles and members from the Ukelele Club.

Our club is open to all wives and significant others of the R/C Flyers. We meet the second Friday of each

month, September through May, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Please come and bring your

choice of beverage. Our dues are \$10 per year. We are working on setting up adventures and guests for the coming year!

#### **Michigan Club**



Nearly 100 Coney Island hot dogs hot off the grill were quickly scarfed down by the group of hungry Michiganders. It happened at the event most eagerly anticipated every year as a salute to the opening of baseball season. Many members pitched in to ready the dogs in buns topped with homemade chili and four pounds of chopped onions.

four pounds of chopped onions.

The potluck buffet stretched across the entire rear of the baseball pavilion. Members could choose from baked beans, potato salads, cabbage salad, fresh vegetables, fruit salads, watermelon, musk melon, and an array of desserts

Orders were filled with the new club embroidered logo shirts, which many proudly wore to the event. A 50/50 drawing finished the day on a high note.

They came hungry, they left happy. Great group of people and all pitched in to help!

The Michigan Club will meet again at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-III Sunday, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m. Member Linda Sisco, a wonderful vocalist, will be our keynote entertainer for that meet-

ing. Call Nancy Meininger at 352-554-0757 for details.



Members wait in anticipation for the chili and onion topped barbequed franks at the annual Michigan Club Coney Island salute to the opening of baseball season.

#### What's Cookin'?

#### Nancy Grabowski

#### Lemon Mascarpone Loaf

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs, at room temperature
1-2/3 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup melted butter
7 ounces mascarpone cheese
Grated zest and juice of one lemon
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease an 8-½ x 4-¼-inch loaf pan.

In a large bowl sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.

In a mixer bowl fitted with the whisk attachment, beat together eggs and sugar on high speed for five minutes, until pale and creamy. Reduce speed to low and slowly add butter, followed by mascarpone, lemon zest and juice, and vanilla. Add flour mixture and mix slowly just until combined.

Pour batter into prepared loaf pan. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow cake to cool completely. Sprinkle with powdered sugar if you like.

Store cake in an airtight container in the refrigerator for four to five days. Cake is best served at room temperature.

#### **Book of the Bible**

#### **Pam Bell**



Come join us Tuesdays, at 10 a.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room as we explore the Bible. Fred Thompson is our teacher. We are currently going through the book of Genesis.

Additionally, the second Tuesday of each month we meet at the Veterans Park pavilion for a picnic at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and make some new friends with a common interest.

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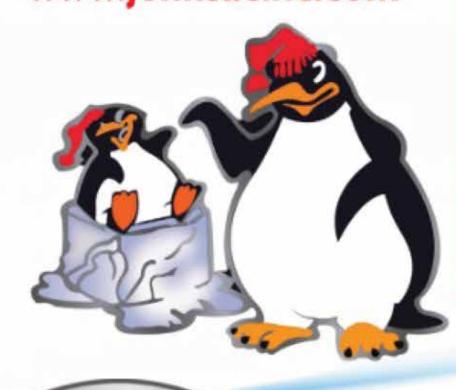
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#### **Texas Connection Social Club**

**Kathy Cornell** 

Our April meeting theme was "Getting to Know You." have a Texas connection, of course, so we started out by exploring our other connections in and around On Top of the World.

The first question posed was how long everyone had been a resident. The longest was 24 years and the shortest was a mere 10 days! We found that we represent many neighborhoods; but Friendship, Avalon and Longleaf Ridge were the places the majority called home. Quite a few lucky folks had family in On Top of the World, the Ocala area, or somewhere else in Florida. We all have activities in the community that we participate in. Our most common connection was that there are so many choices we're

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like a kid in a candy shop trying to

Moving on to some "Getting to Know You" on an individual basis, we drew names and random questions out of a bag. The question posed to Jerry Tidwell was "If you were in a rodeo would you be an announcer, rider, roper, or the clown?" He picked bronc rider. Jeanne Bradford's unusual talent is that she was a pilot in Alaska. Coincidentally, Bill Lomerson was asked if he knew how to fly an airplane or helicopter – and he did! Linda Kleinhesselink's childhood nickname was Iodine, named for a comic strip character at the time. Asked his favorite TV show growing up, Steve Wadsworth said "Roy Rogers", and that got a lot of us reminiscing.

Bill Sheppard was asked, "What is your favorite Texas smell?" His answer was "branding time." A lot of folks were confounded by that question but agreed with me that meat smokin', the piney woods after a rain, and freshly cooked

Lone Star donuts were good choices for favorite Texas smell. Bill Bachmann said he had never seen a ghost. However, when Casper, Ghostbusters and Beetlejuice were mentioned he reconsidered. Linda Byrd was asked, "Who is the person still alive who you've known the longest?" The question could have been "Who is the oldest person you know?" because her answer was her mother, Clara Ward.

Our next meeting is Sunday, May 8, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios I-II at 6 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. In honor of Mother's

Day, our activity is "Mama Said." Texas Connection is a club for residents who have a connection to Texas by being born and/or raised there; living there for work, college or military service; spending time there for any reason such as vacation, professional, competitions, etc.; or having family living there. Spouses or partners who haven't been to Texas are welcome too. We have a great group of folks who look forward to welcoming new members into the fold. For more information, contact Kathy Cornell at 352-300-3729, 352-562-

#### **Southern Club**



The Southern Club is planning its final meeting for the season. Tuesday, May 3 will be our last gettogether until September.

So, what will we do over the summer? Well, Linda Hein, president of the Travel Toppers, is going to be there to fill us in on some of the outings and trips scheduled for the next few months and for next year. The Travel Toppers column appears monthly in the World news, but it's always nice to hear about their plans in person and to be able to ask questions. I'm looking forward

Our meeting will start with the usual potluck dinner, but the board is planning a surprise for the attendees. Come between 5 and 5:30 p.m., bring your utensils and plates, and a dish to share. We furnish the drinks and cups. The meeting is held in the Arbor Conference Center dance studios I-III.

We had seven new members join at the April meeting. The guest speaker, Tom Hawk from CERT, was great. He conducted an informative session and offered us File of Life and CERT response cards. These cards are full of useful information and can assist after an emergency event.

I am going to institute a new feature for this column: highlighting one of the specialty dishes that our great cooks always provide. The best dish at the April meeting was the freshly smoked pulled pork expertly prepared by Peyton Jackson. This fella understands southern

barbecue!

If you are looking for a nice casual evening out with friendly people and a little entertainment, consider joining us. If you have any questions, you can call me at 352-873-8690 and leave a message if I'm not home.

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#### **Rhode Island** Group

#### **Judy Parisi**



The Rhode Island Group will be meeting for lunch Wednesday, May 11, at Milano Italian Grille. If you worked, lived, or served in Rhode Island and are not currently a member but would like to join the group, please email judith.parisi@gmail. com. The lunches are an opportunity to reminisce about our favorite memories of Rhode Island and get to know our fellow Rhode Island-

Rhode Island is unique in many ways. It is the smallest U.S. state, with fewer than 1.1 million residents. Marion County is a tad larger in size but with a much smaller population of about 366,000.

An area of pride for the state is its independence. Rhode Island was founded by Roger Williams in 1636 after he was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for his advocacy of religious freedom and separation of church and state. This focus on religious freedom is reflected in Rhode Island having the oldest existing synagogue in the U.S. -Touro Synagogue founded in 1763 and located in Newport; and home to the oldest Baptist church, the First Baptist Church, founded in 1638 and located in Providence.

Rhode Island was the first of the 13 Colonies to declare independence from British rule. One of the first actions of armed rebellion against the crown was the boarding and burning of the revenue schooner, HMS Gaspee in Narragansett Bay in 1772. This skirmish preceded the armed actions between the colonial militia and British at Lexing-

ton and Concord. The Gaspee under Commander Dudingston was sent by King George III into Rhode Island waters to enforce the Navigation Acts. British officials in Rhode Island wanted to increase their control over trade - legitimate as well as smuggling - so as to increase their revenue from the colony. Rhode Islanders increasingly protested the Stamp Act, the Townshend Acts, and others wherein the colonists viewed the taxes as an abuse of power given they had no representation in Parliament.

When the Gaspee gave chase to the packet sloop Hannah leaving Newport for Providence, the Hannah's Captain lured the Gaspee across the shallows of Namquid (now Gaspee) Point leading the British ship aground on a sandbar, unable to move until the tide came in. A small band of colonists meanwhile rowed eight longboats to the stranded ship. Commander Dudingston and his crew were removed and taken to Pawtuxet Village. Thereafter, the colonists set fire to the Gaspee, burning her to the waterline. This is one of the events that galvanized the colonists as they moved ahead toward independence.

Each year Rhode Island commemorates this event, with 2022 being the 250th anniversary. There will be a full weekend of events including a reenactment Sunday, June 12, with a symbolic burning of the Gaspee, as well as a parade, fireworks, colonial encampment and more taking place in Pawtuxet Village. Should your travels take you to Rhode Island in June, this would be an interesting event to see.

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#### **SWANS**



Single Women's Active Networking System (SWANS) was established for single women at On Top of the World in 2006. Our motto has always been "SWANS are never alone." We actively support each other during times of need and enjoy life through our many social

events.
Our trip to Marjorie Rawlings' home and The Yearling restaurant was a great success. We had two groups of women who went – the first group went Thursday, April 21, and was hosted by Renee Turner;

and the second group went Thursday, April 28, and was hosted by Lois Nix. Before going, about 13 women met at Lois' house and viewed the film "Cross Creek." This film talks about Rawlings' home and the other people and places in her life.

The tour of her house was very interesting and the lunch afterward at The Yearling was excellent. Many women tried items they had never tasted before, such as venison. We may set up another visit for those women who could not attend either of our first two visits. There was so much interest in this trip that we had several ladies on the waiting list for both dates. It was a wonderful outing and an excellent way to get a glimpse into how the early settlers in Florida lived.

We continue to meet Saturdays

at the Arbor Conference Center to play cards. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. and bring six decks of shuffled cards. We start playing at 10 a.m. If you are a SWAN who is interested in learning how to play samba, give Lois a call for more information.

The book club continues to meet, as well as our appetizer- and dinner-in groups. Denise and Jan hosted our April breakfast out at the Golden Spoon Diner, while Carol and Theresa hosted our April lunch out at the Braised Onion. Thanks to all these ladies who volunteered to host. Without you, these outings would not happen! These lunches and breakfasts are a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones! Our semi-annual trip to Daytona Beach will happen in May. We are

all looking forward to this trip. There are many things to do in Daytona and we take advantage of all of them! The hotel we have always used treats us wonderfully! There are many restaurants that we continue to visit on each trip.

I hope you had a chance to read the wonderful article about Lois in the April issue of the World News. It was great to see her recognized for all the work she has done on the behalf of On Top of the World, the SWANS, and the Ladies Shuffleboard group.

Our group's sole purpose is to make sure the single women in On Top of the World are never alone in this journey. If you are interested in joining us, give Lois a call at 352-854-0558. New members are always welcome!

#### Active Singles Club

#### Eileen Marden



Spring has sprung! Active Singles Club members are busy sharing lots of dining out events, golf cart poker run and several more active adventures.

This month's "back story" is an introduction to an Active Singles Club newbie, Steve Skonecke. Steve joined the club in August 2021. He is a transplant from Illinois. Most of his working life, Steve was an entrepreneur. He joined the Bennigan's restaurant chain as a manager and progressed to a president position. This position led to business travel throughout Europe and Asia. During his travels, without knowing a single word of Korean, Steve amazingly presented a speech spoken in Korean to 100 company presidents. He also met Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hamlish and sat down for drinks with Pink Floyd.

Bennigan's was not Steve's only food service position. He engaged in additional restaurant endeavors. Moving on from food service, Steve was employed by a large American dry-cleaning company, where his focus was operational logistics. He initiated revolutionary ideas in the dry-cleaning business. He introduced the American operation processes to Asian dry-cleaning business owners, which is still used today.

Steve enjoys meeting new people and participates regularly in Active Singles Club activities, including the monthly golf outing. We are lucky to have such an active gentleman in our club.

The breakfast club meets monthly on the second Tuesday, at 8:30 a.m. The location has changed to the Recreation Center Ballroom due to the overwhelming attendance.

Just a reminder, our annual Memorial Day picnic is planned for Saturday, May 28, and our first music appreciation night is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8.

Neil Sorenson and Sandy Wannemacher have re-started our group hikes and walks. In March was our first walk through Sholom Park. Three events were planned for April. There was good participation and a few members returned to Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli for snacks afterward.

If you are tech savvy, we are looking for assistance for posting on Facebook and our website. We are also looking for board member vol-

unteers. Our club elections will be held in September.

Please join us for our Wednesday, May 18, general meeting, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in The Lodge at Candler Hills Ballroom.

Our motto remains, "We may be single, but we are not alone." Contact us for more information via our website at otowactive single sclub. com.



As the weather gets warmer the beets, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, and other cold weather crops have been harvested. It is time to prepare our gardens by adding soil amendments and cleaning the garden beds in preparation for the warm weather. Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and other warm weather plants that were started at home in December are being transplanted to our garden beds.

We are experimenting and growing alternative ground covers that deter insects, are drought resistant and improve garden soil by adding nitrogen and other beneficial elements instead of covering the soil, reducing beneficial microorganisms and bugs that improve the soil.

The Eco Gardeners have erected two bluebird houses overlooking the open field to the west of the club's allotment garden plots. This helps to preserve a species that is threatened and provides beauty and entertainment. Bluebirds are beneficial to the garden as they can consume 1,200 insects per day.

Helen Ogren, the bird lady recently featured in the World News, was our guest speaker at the April club meeting. We provided a door prize passing of wildflower seeds. We encourage gardeners to save a space in your plot for wildflowers that attract pollinators that do the pollinating work that increases our garden's yield and adds color.

Residents who do not belong to

Residents who do not belong to the club are invited to attend our meetings to learn how to grow in pots or containers on their patio or lanai. The next club meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, at 1 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room.

GARDEN TIP: If you find lime/calcium build up in your irrigation system, soak the hose ends, sprinklers or hand-held sprayers in vinegar. Brush off the lime/calcium after soaking will make your tasks easier and preserve your equipment, saving money and reducing wasted water.

Also, be sure to check your hoses for leaks and broken lines. At the same time change your irrigation timer batteries and turn the system on and repair any leaking gaskets or broken lines.

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## **Seth Fair Wins with a Flawless Round**

By Ray Cech World News Writer

"Where's the green?"

"Straight over that bunker and you'll be just fine.'

But after a 20-minute delay the fog lifted, the green was in sight and the Pro-Am kicked off the 16th annual Ocala Open. It was Tuesday, March 29.

The pros and amateurs, alike, quickly found their targets and began chalking up pars and birdies. The day steadily grew into what one pro golfer called, "A golfer's holi-

day."
Thirty-six Pro-Am teams stepped up to shoot for the top prize. In the end, it was the team of Jon Hill, David Steel, and Bill Gurbisz with pro Chris Johnson who came in at 19 under par and took top honors. Congratulations, guys!

After all teams signed in and joined the crowd for lunch at The Lodge at Candler Hills, one of the more rewarding jobs was handed over to On Top of the World Presi-dent Kenneth Colen. He and his team gathered to present donations to Hospice of Marion County and Interfaith Emergency Services – each received a check for \$40,000. The money raised by the Pro-Am and corporate partners is one of the largest charitable fundraisers in Ocala. With this year's contributions, the Ocala Open has cumulatively raised close to \$900,000 for local charities.

The first day of the professional challenge, Wednesday, March 30, was another "golfer's holiday." The sun shined bright on 132 professional golfers. Some final scores were impressive while a few others were just getting warmed up. Blake Dyer of St. Petersburg, Florida turned in a sterling 63, just one stroke less than last year's Ocala Open winner, Seth Fair. On this ish spirit that I so admire — they

opening round approximately 20% of the players broke par— a portent of things to come.

On Thursday, March 31, the field of players attacked the Candler Hills Golf Course with a vengeance. At the end of the day, the leaders going into Friday's final round were Seth Fair who continued to run havoc over the course with a total of 15 under, and Kevin Hall and Blake Dyer in close contention - each at 11 under par.

Friday, April 1 (we all know what that day is), welcomed the golfers with sunshine and mild breezes. But there were no April Fools' Day pranks, just honest-to-goodness great golf. The man with the least number of strokes was last year's Ocala Open winner – Seth Fair. He finished the tournament at 18 under par to capture the 2022 Ocala Open championship.

After finishing Seth told us, "It was a great day out there. As a matter of fact, it was a great three days for me. It's the first time I've played 54 holes without a single bogey. I love the Candler Hills Golf Course. The staff, volunteers and spectators are phenomenal. And thank goodness the weather just threatened it never really affected our play out there.

Tying for second place at 14 under were Brian Richey, Chandler Eaton, and Kevin Hall. Capturing a solo third at 13 under was Blake Dver.

Seth Fair made it a point to mention the volunteers — there were more than 40 of them. Head Golf Professional Denise Mullen assigned and coordinated all volunteer activity, praised their hustle, and willingness to do what it takes. She said, "It's their giving, unself-



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2022 Ocala Open winner Seth Fair.

contributed significantly to the suc- not disappoint. Volunteers, voluncess of the Ocala Open and deserve a giant thank you.

The 16th annual Ocala Open played again on the championship Candler Hills Golf Course did

teered. Partners, partnered. Golfers, golfed. Charities were gifted. The gallery was treated to four days of challenging, spirited golf. It was, by all standards, another successful and rewarding tournament.



Session 1 winners include Tom Burck, Ron Rosenwald, Paul Snyder, Ron Rose, Jack Barros; along with Jim Kraft, Captain Ralph Szelenyi and Phil Panzera.

## Rack'em Up

By Phil Panzera

My sincere thanks to all those the risk of mines and other explowho contributed for the Billiards Club fund drive this month to help children in war-torn Ukraine. As we go to press, we have collected about \$1,500 so far, with more donations still possible.

We organized a three-prong effort to raise money. We solicited voluntary donations from all members, and we had a bake sale at the quarterly club meeting. At that meeting the membership also graciously approved a motion to donate \$500 from treasury funds.

The club has donated these funds to a top-rated charity, UNI-CEF's special fund for "Children in Crossfire of Ukraine Crisis." UNI-CEF teams are delivering safe water to families where water systems are barely functioning. They are providing health care, nutrition, and education support where services are severely damaged. And they are focusing on protecting children from exploitation and abuse in the face of gender-based violence and

sive remnants of war.

Back here in the world, our spring mixed league continues, and this month we finished Session 1. Congratulations to Team 2, captained by Ralph Szelenyi. The team went through the session with only one loss and had the most number of games won in the league.

Compliments also to Team 6, captained by Rob Lull, and Team 4, captained by Paul Stoecklin, which finished in second and third places, respectively.

Reminder that we have a club picnic this Saturday, April 30, two days after this paper is delivered. The picnic is at the pavilion (next to the Hobby Building), and runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be our first social event since 2019, and we're pleased to get back on track with one of the stated purposes of our club. Check your email and the flyer in the room for more details. Bon appétit!

# **Bump. Set. Spike.**

By Arlene Carlton

If you pull into the parking lot at the Arbor Fitness Center indoor pool on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., you will be greeted by the over-

whelming sound of laugher!
Why? Because that is when the Arbor Water Volleyball Club takes over the pool for two hours for just plain fun while staying active. What you might hear is, "net-net-net-net-net," "uh-uh," "it wasn't even close," "great shot," "you're killing us," "it hit the buoy," or "game point" point.

If you hear cheering, it is likely a standing ovation for a member of the pool staff who is retrieving a ball that went on the pool deck.

This newly formed club emphasizes fun while encouraging others to do their best. All three days have recreational play while one of the two courts on Wednesday is reserved for members who wish to play with others in a more advanced skill setting.

The club is pleased to have Joe Wroblewski as a member and regular participant. Joe is from Queens, New York and currently lives in

Williamsburg. In the past, he has enjoyed competition in organized swimming, roller/ice hockey as well as both baseball and softball. Since he has had a passion for being in or on the water for years, Joe loves water volleyball and appreciates the club's special time set aside for advanced volleyball on Wednesdays.

Joe initially found this sport while swimming at the Arbor Fitness Center outdoor pool and hearing the cheering coming from the indoor pool and discovered a community of people who share his love of volleyball.

His career before moving here was owning and running a deli and catering service. He also has great memories as first mate on huge yachts on the east coast. Today he continues to have his hands in business investments and opportunities. Joe likes the peace of mind he gets from playing volleyball as well as the friends he has made. Joe also enjoys pickleball and billiards. Come meet Joe and the rest of the club at the pool.

If you have any questions, please contact club president Dan Connors at dan4birdie@gmail.com.



Joe spiking the ball.

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#### Cornhole Club

**Vincent Stevens** 



It was another active month for the Cornhole Club with our annual club picnic on Sunday, April 3. Originally scheduled for the prior stormy Saturday, the rescheduled gathering on the following Sunday was blessed by excellent weather and universal good cheer by all attendees

One of the highlights of this gathering (in addition to the food) was the "corny games" segment of the day, created and conducted by Bill Ballweg who, as usual, did an excellent job. Winners of this activity (loosely based on the game of cornhole, and entirely based on superb athletic prowess) were KarenJensen, Pat Murphy, and Ellie Lee. Events like this annual gathering can only be successful with the unselfish advice and assistance provided by so many club members. Of note were Chris and Jose Lopez, Bill and Brenda Andrews, Donna and Dan Huizenga, Kathy and Bob Enstrom, Bernie Slisz, and many others too numerous to mention, who pitched in to help as needed. This is indeed a special group.

**OPEN PLAY:** Open play sessions continue to be well attended, with overflows more the norm than the exception. Attendance may lessen somewhat with the annual northward migration of the snowbirds but adding additional open play times remains an option. To escape the brunt of the upcoming summer weather, open play session times have been amended to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

An addition to our cornhole open play "hall of fame" was celebrated during the month. Our avid cornholer, Bernie Slisz, achieved the exalted level of six cornholes in a row during an open play session. Bernie's name has been added to the list of the few players who have achieved this elite level.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** League play has been adversely affected by weather and other delays during the winter

The women's league was the only league that completed play as scheduled. The men's and mixed leagues suffered from weather delays. The men's league declared the season "unrecoverable" and paused competitive play pending the start of the new season. Our mixed league continued well into April with several regular matches remaining, as well as some makeup matches. The Killer B's ousted the Old Pokes from first place, although with playoff matches still to come, positions may change.

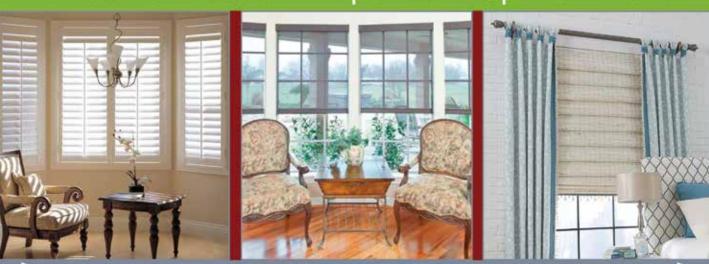
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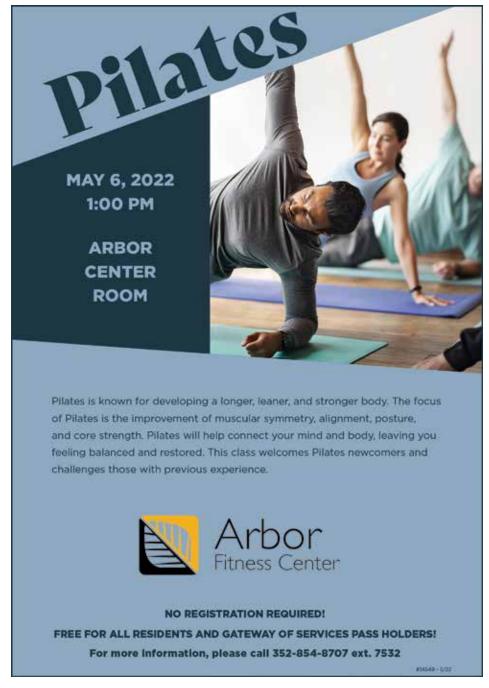
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#### Men's Golf Association

John Yenne



Due to golf course maintenance this month, the Men's Golf Association will be playing at Candler Hills on Tuesday, May 10th, instead of our regular Wednesday playdate that week.

And then on Wednesday, May 18, the Candler Hills men will be playing with us on the Tortoise & The

Hare.
The total MGA membership is 264. Our newest members are Rick Pettit, John Evans, Mike Carver, Tom Nicholl and Jerry Schneider.

Mark these upcoming MGA events in your calendar:

- May 4: Chicken Day Scramble (The Links)
- May 10: Invite to Candler Hills
   May 18: Scramble Candler
- May 18: Scramble, Candler Hills invited to OTOW (The Tortoise & The Hare)
  May 25: Team 2 Best Balls
- May 25: Team 2 Best Balls (The Tortoise & The Hare)

As always, games may vary at the discretion of the tournament director.

Quota Points (Individual) March 30/The Tortoise & The Hare

March 30/The Tortoise & The Hare Flight 1: 0–Thomas Laclair (76). -1–Joe Wilks (76). Tie at -2–Larry Gibson (83), Russell Zile (80). Tie at -4–Robert Coughanour (77), David Clune (81).

Flight 2: 0–Don McCrimmon (78). -2–Tim Clarkin (85). Tie at -3–Jerry Englar (81), Rusty Zarrell (82). -4–Marvin DeBerry (82). -5–Lyle Gave (89).

Flight 3: 2-John Yenne (78). Tie at 0-Jim Weaver (80), Roger Sparks (81). Tie at -2-Don Edmond (85), James Gourlay (82), Mike Ball (83).

Flight 4: -1–Doc Huffman (83). Tie at -2–Ruben Alvarez (84), Bigelow Robinson (84). Tie at -4–Rusty Rhodes (87), Robert Coutu (92). Tie at -5–Henry Sohl (88), Joe Wong (91). Flight 5: 2–David Hannasch (82). -1–Jim Kurlapski (88). -2–Tom Fragapane (86). Tie at -3–Philip Petrozella (88), Dwight Weirich (87). Matt Raies (88).

Flight 6: 4–Carl Zeiler (83). 3–Joseph Dunnack. 1–Brad Weirick (86). 0–Danny Newby (85). -2–Norm Hayworth (87). -3–Vince Dellapenta (90).

Flight 7: 3 –Bob Gee (87). Tie at -2–Marvin Brooks (91), David Garland (95). Tie at -3–Bob Gorman (95), John Sutherland (96). Tie at -6–Paul Randles (96), Mike Lane (100).

Flight 8: 10–Thomas Norris (99). 3–Steve Skonecke (109). 2–Thomas Kujawa (93). 0–

Larry Zieser (91). -1–Doyce Mathis (99). Tie at -3–Terry Champion (107), Joe Polizzotti (99). **Chicken Day Scramble** 

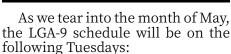
April 6/The Links
52–Brad Weirick, David Clune, Matt Raies,
Paul Randles. 53–Joe Polizzotti, Larry Gibson,
Jay Bouton, David Hannasch. Tie at 54–Brian
Wilder, Robert Coutu, Mike Kurlakowsky, Jerry
Chase: David Fosdick, Richard Deschenes,
John Owen, Gerald Schneider: Jerry Englar,
David Woitek, Paul Snyder. 55–Jim Lefaver,

Ruben Alvarez, Philip Petrozella, David Gar-

land. Tie at 56-Charles Crenshaw, Robert Walker, David Schaefer, Thomas Kujawa; Rusty Rhodes, Everett Kimball, Henry Sohl, John Hartney; Larry Manion, Dale Budd, Dennis Dobosh, Loren Magsam; Marvin DeBerry, Ricki Plesea, Jim Kurlapski, Joe Baumgartner; Dan Goggin, Bryan McCleave, Tom Fragapane, Charles Regini; Lyle Gave, Don Edmond, Bob Flynn, Robert Muller. Tie at 57-Steven Thesman, Mike Altomare, Mike Benes, Larry Chase; Rusty Zarrell, Mike Madura, Gregory Dyer, Thomas Nicholl.

#### Ladies 9-Hole Golf





- ' May 3: Team Quota Points (The Links) is the same format as the Stableford scoring system. Each golfer plays their normal round of golf, but instead of the standard scoring, each player will have a certain number of points with Stableford scoring rules to achieve their "quota." You will see a number on your card associated with your name that indicates your points you need to get without your handicap.
- May 10: Scramble/Shamble Two Best Balls from the black (executive) tees (The Tortoise & The Hare) with the On Top of the World LGA-18. Each four person team will play a normal Scramble format until you reach the green, then it moves to a Shamble format with each player playing their own ball until all balls are holed out.
- · May 17: Team Scramble (The

Links) from the black tees. Every golfer tees off, then the team of four, picks the best drive and each player hits their second shot from that location. The process is then repeated until the ball is holed out.

May 24: Individual Low Net (The Tortoise & The Hare) is where every golfer plays their normal round of golf with all ladies flighted according to their current handicap index.

May 31: Team Shamble – One Best Ball (The Links) is where every golfer tees off, then the team picks the best drive. Each player then plays their own golf ball from there for the rest of the hole, with only one of the ladies' balls counting as the team score.

Winter seems to have left just as fast as it came. With that means the 'snowbirds" are starting to head back up to their homes in the Midwest and northern parts of the United States. Here, it will still be busy, especially with the morning tee times, so just want everyone to be cognizant of the warmer weather and to be careful when going out to play. The tee times do lessen a little in the afternoon because it is warmer, but that doesn't mean they will be completely open. Our starters and rangers will have ice buckets in their carts, so please ask if needed when you see them.

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In tournament play, archers compete against others in their own divisions with similar equipment, such as barebow or compound. In tournaments, archers are grouped by skills, scores are tallied after each round, and totaled at the end. After the tournament, scores and places are announced. Sometimes prizes are involved!

At fun shoots, there are no winners or prizes, just no-pressure shooting and a good time for everyone. From the time a new archer joins the club, completes the safety instruction, and has demonstrated sufficient skills to use the range, he or she can start participating in individual use, tournament play, and fun shoots.

#### 600 Shoot March 26

Shooting five arrows four ends each at 40,

50 and 60 yards.
Freestyle Compound: 547–Jerry Hoppe.
525–Sam Scarbourgh. 379–Rod Kicklighter.
Freestyle Limited Compound with Fingers: 487–Patty Hoppe.

487–Patty Hoppe. Bare Bow: 412–Mike Bantz. Shooting at 20, 25 and 30 yards. Recurve with Sight: 501–Rick Kammes. 464–Barb Scales.

Freestyle Compound: 468–Bob Papirner. Bow Hunter: 475–Wayne Scales.

#### Dart Board Tournament March 29

Shoot at a paper dart board, using dart board scoring.

Compound

Flight 1: 774–Charlie Dove. 750–Mike Bantz. 716–Patty Hoppe. 615–Dick Purnell. Flight 2: 502–Elena Sumpter. 481–Tom Caliendo. 471–Bob Papirner. 453–Wayne Scales. 440–John Sumpter.

Bare bow: 518-Phyllis Shaw.

Recurve with Sight: 581–Barb Scales.

If you are a person who prefers to shoot alone to work on your skills and doesn't feel comfortable in competitive situations, that's totally fine. Members have access to the range at any time during the day they choose to practice on your own. Club equipment is provided for new members and those without their own equipment. In addition, a fully equipped maintenance shop is available for members to use for maintaining their equipment.

We are confident that everyone who joins the Archery Club will find a place to develop their skills in the way that best suits them. If you are interested in learning more about the club, please contact Bob Papirner at rpapirner@aol.com or Mark D'Addario at markdad06@gmail.com.



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

Candler Hills Golf Club will host the annual World Memorial Day tournament Monday, May 30, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start held at both Candler Hills Golf Club and The Links. The format will be two best balls of four and you may create your own foursome. The cost is \$20

per player. Golf is a wonderful game that we all love but don't forget about the most important part of golf – safety. If not careful, you can get injured in

you in case of an emergency. Always call 911 first in emergency situations.

a variety of ways on the golf course.

Here are some safety tips to help

Make sure to carry a cell phone in case of an emer-

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## **Candler Hills Ladies**





ery month at 9 and 10 a.m.: May 7: Addressing the slice. May 14: How to improve your

So, whether you slice the ball or want to narrow your dispersion off the tee, we have you covered. Register for either or both clinics at the Candler Hills Golf Shop.

Also, this month the Candler Hills LGA-9 has a couple of events scheduled on the following Thursdays:

May 5: Red/White/Blue scramble.

May 12: Two best balls of four on par 4s and one best ball of four on the par 3s and 5s.

Whether you are looking to start playing in a nine-hole league or have in the past and would like to get back into it, these are a couple of fun events that you can get in-

If you have any questions regarding the league or would like to get signed up, stop by the Candler Hills Golf Shop and speak to the professional staff or give us a call at 352-861-9712. Spring into golf! Let's

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bers and addresses in case of

emergency. All golf course restrooms have addresses in case of emergency.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Friday, May 6: Beat the Pro at Candler Hills Golf Club.

Saturday, May 21: Animal Golf on The Tortoise & The Hare and The Links.

Monday, May 30: World Memorial Day tournament on The Links and Candler Hills Golf Course.

#### **World Accolades**

**CANDLER HILLS:** Mary Jo Lock, eagle #7. Vadonna Hall, eagle #7. Vince Belpulsi, hole-in-one #17. Daryl Bordon, shot his age 70. Tom Murphy, personal best 73. Dave Smerdon, hole-in-one #13. Steve Thesman, shot 74.

THE LINKS: Dennis McCourt, eagle #3. Bob Mondore, eagle #7. Mary Burns, hole-in-one #5. Gerry Tansley, hole-in-one #6. Barry Barringer shot 87 six strokes under his age. Joe Wilks, shot his age 69. Greg Mc-Dowell, eagle #7. Beth Wolinsky, personal best 85.

THE TORTOISE & HARE: Joe Dunnack, eagle #5.

#### Congratulations! **Golf Tip of the Month**

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

and improve your game.

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

2. Back and Leg Stretch: Bend over at the hips and touch your toes. Hold for 20 to 30 seconds.

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

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

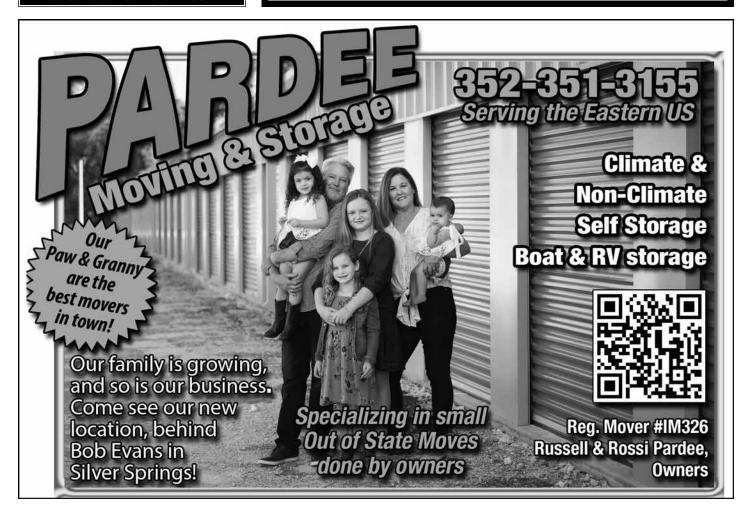
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#### Candler Hills Ladies 18-Hole

**Beth Wolinsky** 

Have you ever heard of "colf?" That is a game originally played by the Dutch in the 13th century. The modern game of golf was invented in Scotland. However, it is interesting to note that this Dutch game, played with sticks and a leather

game we know today.

We welcome two new members to our league – Mary Dawson and Jana McElroy. We look forward to

ball, may be the precursor to the

playing with them!
Our league recently donated \$738 to Marion Senior Services. We thank everyone who participated in fundraising events over the last year, such as the 50/50 raffle, for making this possible.

Judie Anderson scored a hole-inone on #14 on The Links. Congratulations, Judie, for this great accomplishment.

Anyone wishing to join our league should contact our president, Shelly Karsnitz, at karsnitz1@ gmail.com. It is a fun way to meet new ladies and enjoy a round of golf.

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

#### Ts & Fs (Individual) Feb. 3

Flight 1: Tie at 37-Lisa Free & Gail Lagrange.

38-Christine Giza. 39-Sandy Snyder. Flight 2: 36-Peggy Ellenberger. 37-Judi Mc-Guinness. 38-Virginia Combs. Tie at 39-Darlene DeBerry & Donna Smith. Flight 3: 37-Page Falconer. Tie at 40-Chris

McIntire & Ellen Brin. 41–Molly Lucieer. Flight 4: 34–Kate Beaty. Tie at 40–Beth Wolinsky & Karen Curtis. 41–Pam Brown.

Flight 5: 36–DeAnne Green. 38–Joann Delmar. 40–Liz Lang. 41–Rosann Ross. 42–Cynthia Gersten. Tie at 43–Sue Fierce & Mary Ann McCourt

#### Player's Delight (Team) Feb. 10

146–Michele Otto, Connie Norris, Laurel Rohrer, Pam Brown. 154–Shelly Karsnitz, Judi McGuinness, Virginia Madura, Janelle Gluckman. Tie at 155–Christine Giza, Darlene De-Berry, Iro Lisinski, DeAnne Green and Sandy Snyder, Peggy Ellenberger, Teri Stecker, Beth Wolinsky. Tie at 156–Lynn Colomb, Sara Nunn, Chris McIntire, Janette Sheil and Gail Lagrange, Judie Anderson, Kate Beaty, Jean Hsu.

#### Scramble/Shamble Two Best Balls Net (Team) Feb.17

105-Judi McGuinness, Sandy Snyder, Iro Lisinski, Cynthia Gersten. Tie at 106-Chris McIntire, Molly Lucieer, Mary Ann Livingston, Beth Wolinsky and Kate Beaty, Connie Sohl, Christine Giza, Sue Fierce.107-Peggy Ellenberger, Shelly Karsnitz, Page Falconer, Joann Delmar. 109-Connie Norris, Donna Isaac, Jean Hsu, Vickie Foster. Tie at 110-Virginia Combs, MaryJo Lock, Pam Brown, Kathy Zunica and Joann Dellapenna, Michele Otto, Angelita Jingco, Jan Christ and Beverly Ovrebo, Judie Anderson, Eileen Gustavus, DeAnne Green.

March and April brought some wet weather to green up the fairways and soften the shots for our 18-holers! The 2022 On Top of the World Player's Championship (Match Play) finally concluded, with Vickie Foster taking top honors. Congratulations to Vickie, and to runner-up Connie Sohl. Lynn

**Ladies 18-Hole** 

**Golf Association** 

with Vickie Foster taking top honors. Congratulations to Vickie, and to runner-up Connie Sohl. Lynn Colomb and Nancy Zielinski placed third in the winner's bracket. Kathleen Goodwin won the consolation division, with Chris McIntire as runner-up. Pam Brown and Chris Giza rounded out third place in that division. Nice showing by all participants! Next year's match play may be modified to precipitate speedier competition.

The Tuesday, March 29, Shamble on The Links brought a welcome surprise for one team. Candler Hills LGA were invited to share in the fun for that event, and Judie Anderson from Candler Hills aced #14! It was her fifth hole-in-one, and it technically gave each of her teammates for the Shamble a hole-in-one!

We welcome new members Lorie Pizzini and Ronda Richley to our ranks. We are now 101 active members!

If you have news of interest regarding our league (hole-in-ones, eagles, etc.), please feel free to submit to mgdobosh@yahoo.com. Word of mouth doesn't always travel far enough!

For up-to-date information visit ladiesgolfotow.com.

Cha Cha Cha Net (Team)
March 22/The Tortoise & The Hare

109–Bobbie Weiner, Marcela Nunez, Jean Hsu, Gail Lagrange. 111–Linda Taylor, Peggy Ellenberger, Lilly Gee, Suzanne Weirick. 113–Nancy Zielinski, Kathleen Goodwin, Connie Feola, Lynn Barber. 115–Lisa Free, Ellen Brin, Jane Hall, Debbie Zile.117–Jill Strey, Darlene DeBerry, Susan Martin.

Shamble Two Best Ball Net with Candler Hills (Team) March 29/The Links

114–Kathleen Goodwin, Peggy Weichmann, Marte Dobosh, Jan Christ. 117–Gail Lagrange, Betty McNeely, Connie Feola, Mary Ann Mc-Court.118–Beverly Ovrebo, Molly Lucieer, Janis Hannasch, Anne Dahlen. 119–Diane Boston, Peggy Ellenberger, Beth Wolinsky, MJ Strelec. 119–Vickie Noltensmeyer, Lilly Gee,



Vickie Foster, winner of On Top of the World LGA–18 2022 Player's Championship.

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Pamela Jones, Carolyn Cummings.121–Linda Taylor, Lori Pizzini, Iro Lisinski, Jeanne Newman

#### Low Gross/Low Net (Individual) April 5/The Tortoise & The Hare Gross

Flight 1: 74–Sandy Snyder. 83–Christine Giza. 86–Vadonna Hall. Flight 2: 88–Christine McIntire. 89–Darlene DeBerry. 91–Vickie Noltensmeyer. Flight 3: 90–Peggy Weichmann. 92–Lilly Gee. 95–Iro Lisinski. Flight 4: 90–Connie Feola. 94–Pamela Jones. 95–Jane Hall. Flight 5: 93–Susan Yenne. 99–Geri Treppa. 103–Terry Wilks.

.....Net

Flight 1: 73–Gail Lagrange. 74–Mary Ann Livingston. 76–Bobbie Wiener. Flight 2: 73–Page Falconer. 75–Marcela Nunez. 76–Peggy Ellenberger. Flight 3: 71–Betty McNeeley. 75–Marlena Laclair. 78–Jill Strey. Flight 4: 70–Virginia Madura. 72–Sandy Chase. 76–May Chin. Flight 5: 70–Debbie Zile. 71–Elena Sumpter.75–Suzanne Weirick.



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#### **R/C Car Club**

#### **Gene Mangold**



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For a new driver, the Traxxas 2.0 GT is a great choice. It is a stock class car, good quality and low cost (\$260); perfect for someone starting. It is level racing without expensive modifications. These are ready to run with nothing else needed except a LIPO battery. Level: Beginner.

1/10 scale touring cars are available as a ready to run or as kits under many brands. Touring is an open class, so there always will be someone faster. Just wave as they go by and enjoy and forget about making all those go-fast modifica-

tions. A ready to run will cost \$350; a kit will be \$700 to over \$999. My choice is the Serpent S411 for \$321 and is ready to run. Level: beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Finally, the third on-road is the semi-stock pan car, which reminds me of a precision Swiss watch smoothly and quietly circling the track. Most members will build from a kit for a cost similar to the above touring car. Level: Advanced.

Many have touring cars but are reluctant to race against a vastly superior few. However, new drivers should not be scared of running in this class. With several main heats, there is room for all; and if you race your race, you will have more fun than those who consider winning is everything. The race committee is making changes so both practice and points races allow drivers to race within their skill level. However, each skill level A, B, or C main still has an equal certificate chance.

#### March

Novice–Larry Huffman. Two wheel drive truggy–Paul Burrey. Tie at two wheel drive buggy–Bob Melzer and Tom Murphy. Four wheel drive buggy–JD Taylor. Two wheel drive truck–Paul Beyer. Four wheel drive truck–Bob Melzer. Touring–Phil Paquette. Tie at pan–Peter Martin, and Dough Stansbury. Traxxas–Tony Chicote.

R/C car races start at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays at the R/C car track starting May 3. Slot car racing is on Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Club Conference Center Music Rooms I-II, and legends on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the R/C car track. Call President Fred Penichet at 914-588-7293 for information.



Kenny Graham with Carbon Z Club and The Draco.

R/C Flyers Club



The R/C Flyers had two great events since my last news submission. In March, there was a Fun Fly just for members and then Sunday, April 3, a Fly-In was held that was open to any registered pilots from the surrounding areas. Our club has been busy having a lot of fun this past month.

Thank you to Alex Fedele who coordinated the club Fun Fly. This was a great event that promoted comradery among club pilots. There were flying competitions; flying under a limbo pole and a ball drop from the air, and these events were very entertaining and fun. Awards were presented for the competitions:

1: Jerry Weage; 2: Bob Anderson: 3: Jack Kezelian.

And in all good fun, the most spectacular crash award went to Doug Joel.

Despite the weather forcing the postponement of our open Fly-In from Saturday to Sunday, there was a great turnout for the event. The open Fly-In event brings in other registered pilots from the surrounding area. Members of the R/C Flyers look forward to meeting other pilots, seeing their aircraft and sharing our facilities with them. There

were 24 pilots who participated in this event.

Two of our pilots who provided the crowd with flying entertainment were Kenny Graham and Mike Betz. Kenny treated the crowd to four different styles of aircraft that he flew, and Mike flew a special helicopter. Both pilots displayed precision and stunts which really got the crowd going. Along with the pilots there were more than 100 spectators who attended. The Fly-In had great flying entertainment, low cost food for purchase and a 50/50 raffle.

Thank you to Jack Kezelian and Dick Rose who coordinated the Fly-In and also a thank you to all the volunteers who made this another successful event for the club.

The R/C Flyers membership is currently at 184 members. Welcome to two new members of the club – John Hatzenbukler and Glenn Goodwin. And congratulations to the three new pilots in the club, George Griffiths, Bruce Gillett, and Steven Brown. Each of these three pilots recently received their solo pilot's certificate after successful completion of the required training.

If you are considering joining the R/C Flyers there is information available at otowrcflyers.com. We invite everyone to come down to the flying field at any time and watch the pilots and their aircraft. You don't have to wait for one of our special events. Come see how much fun this hobby truly is.



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# JGUIDED MEDICARE



Our spring barbecue was a tremendous success thanks to all the attendees who brought something yummy to share. There was plenty of food, camaraderie, and a fun social time while we listened to some entertaining music courtesy of Lee

Some of us have been going to the University of Florida tennis facility to watch high-level tennis which happens to be close to home and free.

#### **Sports Drinks**

Some experts tend to think that they are too full of sugar to do any good, while others claim they're a good way to replace bodily fluids you lose during exercise. The truth is that sports drink usage varies for everyone. Some may benefit while others might not.

Experts recommend drinking up to three cups of water for every pound of weight you lost working out. If you exercise for long periods of time, a sports drink is permissible to replace electrolytes and give you more energy. Sports drinks are a good source of carbohydrate calories, but they also contain a great deal of sugar, which is a drawback for many.

Sports drinks started out as flavored beverages with great taste and seemingly beneficial health qualities which caught on with the public, but now there are many energy drinks on the market which parade as sports drinks but contain more sugar and caffeine than is necessary. Be sure to read the ingredients label on these drinks as well as energy bars.

**BENEFITS:** Many individuals can't stand drinking large quantities of plain water, as a result, they do not drink all that they need or skip out

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on hydration altogether. If you opt for an energy or sports drink, you are likely to drink higher quantities of liquid and thus receive better hydration than if you were to go without completely.

**HOW TO HYDRATE:** Proper hydration is vital to your athletic performance and health. To perform your best, learn how to drink enough before, during and after your work-

**PRE-WORKOUT:** Before any workout, drink plenty of fluids. The day before the event, drink extra water, 100% juice and/or other nutrientrich fluids such as nonfat or one percent milk. Monitor the color of your urine. The goal is pale yellow,

**DURING WORKOUT:** Your body

needs to stay hydrated during exercise. For each pound lost during activity, drink an additional 16 ounces of fluid. This would equate to six ounces of fluid for every 15

POST WORKOUT: To help you determine the amount of fluid you lose during exercise you can weigh yourself before and after the exercise. For each pound lost during exercise, drink 24 ounces of fluid. If your body weight increases, you have over hydrated, and you should drink less next time. After practice or competition, drink to quench your thirst and then drink some more. You will have to monitor your urine to determine whether you've had enough.

See you on the courts!

#### Ladies Shuffleboard

#### **Lois Nix**



The Ladies Shuffleboard Club is nearing the end of our fifth year. It seems it was just yesterday when we decided with Theresa Fields to try ladies only shuffling. I shuffled with the mixed league for several years, because of that experience I learned how to play the game. Thanks, guys!

There were several reasons for starting the ladies club - it was to establish a less competitive atmosphere and to have fun while learning how to play. We have succeeded in doing just that. Little did we know that so many women joined us through these five years.

We shuffle Wednesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m. and Mondays, at 5:30 p.m. We will be shuffling all summer at the same scheduled times, come join us.

#### March

12–Elena Sumpter. 11–Kathy Kloos. 10– Marsha Lau & Barbara Russell.

Congratulations to Pat Bowles, Barbara Russell, Susan Pulling, Theresa Dougherty who had their first 30-plus for the season.

Happy shuffling ladies! Stay safe and see you on the courts.

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President

#### Shuffleboard

#### **Walt Lamp**



In case you didn't know, we have equipment including sticks and discs in a white box outside our storage room by the courts. They are available 24/7 for your playing and practicing pleasure. Whether you want to play with guests or practice by yourself, with a possible eye to playing with us on a regular basis, they are there.

April was the end of our regular season. We would like to take this opportunity to honor John Mataya, one of our most successful players locally and on the national scene. John has decided to retire from the club. He was an integral part of our club. In 2011, he wrote a book, "Shuffleboard, Why Not?" He started playing in the National Senior Games in 2009. His records: 2009 gold doubles with Vern Uzzell (ages 80-84); 2011 silver singles (ages 80-84); 2013 gold singles and gold doubles with J. Smith; 2017 gold doubles with Robert Fasiang (ages 90-95); and 2019 silver singles and gold doubles with Robert Fa-

siang (ages 90-95). John was known for volunteering his time and helping new members learn the game. We wish John the best of luck and he is always welcome to stop by anytime.

Our annual end of season luncheon is Saturday, April 30. We're looking forward to this day, as it

was previously postponed.
Our summer schedule, which will run May through August, will be the same as the regular season Mondays and Thursdays, at 9 a.m.; and Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. Ten Pin will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m.: and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. Hope you can make one of these games.

#### March

#### Men/Women

Monday a.m.: Jim Vail & Nick Dreimiller/Nancy Dreamier Mary Lamp. Tuesday p.m.: Moe Gauthier/Jane Boyer
Thursday a.m.: Rick Vogel & Kurt Caple.
30+ Club: Gib Mattson, Nancy Chatham, Phil
Mercurio and Scott Lyons.

The National Senior Games are returning this year in Ft. Lauder-dale, Florida in May. We have two members – Paul Hodges and Darryl Kenyon – who will be competing in different age groups in the singles competition. Also, Paul and Darryl will be joining forces in the doubles competition, in which they won the gold medal for their efforts in 2019. Here's wishing them continued good luck and success.

#### Take Off **Pounds Sensibly**

#### **Gail Hopper**



Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) advocates healthy eating and moderate exercise to achieve weight loss and maintain it. TOPS is a weight-loss support group that's affordable and works. No fad diets or foods to buy in our program. Eat what you love and lose weight. We offer two TOPS chapters here at On Top of the World.

-Mondays in the Hobby Building Art Room with weigh-in at 6 p.m.; meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Linda Sisco (ljsisco@comcast.net). -Tuesdays in the Arbor Conference Center Event Room with weigh-in at 9:15 a.m.; meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. with Gail Hopper (gailbhopper@yahoo.com). Members must be residents, or if in Indigo East, have an ac-tive Gateway of Services pass. You can also find us on Facebook

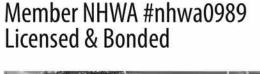
(OTOW TOPS). For the first quarter of 2022, the Monday group had a net loss of 83 pounds; the Tuesday group had a net loss of 104 pounds! TOPS can work for you too!



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#### **Discover the Power of Pilates**

Pilates is a well-known exercise program that has been around for over 100 years. There is good reason for Pilates' longevity; it is very effective. Joseph Pilates developed this unique exercise practice to help himself get stronger. As a child, he struggled with several physical ailments. Pilates evolved out of Joseph's study of yoga, meditation, and martial arts.

Pilates is a form of low-impact exercise that strengthens muscles and at the same time improves posture and flexibility. The practice of Pilates focuses on six elements:

- 1. Centering heightening awareness of the center or "core" of your body, this central region powers all of the Pilates exercises.
- Concentration bringing full attention to the alignment and mechanics of each exercise.
- Control executing movements with conscious and deliberate muscular control.
- Precision using awareness to make each movement as precise as possible.
- Breath most Pilates exercises coordinate with the breath, recruiting the lungs to fully pump oxygen in and out of the body.
- 6. Flow Pilates exercises are meant to be fluid and graceful, recruiting energy from the "powerhouse" or core musculature of the body.

Here at On Top of the World, we are very fortunate to have an experienced Pilates' instructor on our fitness team. John "Gib" Gibson is a full-time personal trainer at the Arbor Fitness Center. Gib has been teaching Pilates for 22 years. He was drawn to Pilates because in his words, "Pilates improves the overall fitness of my clients, it helps them with their daily activities, sports, post rehab issues, and helps them navigate life actively.

Insight from our resident Pilates

- **Q.** What is the difference between reformer and mat Pilates?
- **A.** Reformer Pilates is executed on a machine that has adjustable spring tension. A total body workout can be achieved with over 200 exercises. The core is always engaged, using proper form and technique to build a long, lean flexible body. Mat Pilates is executed on the floor like yoga. I like to teach a Pilates mat fusion class. I incorporate dumbbells, body bars, small balls stretching straps, etc. Using the Pilates mat fusion technique, you can achieve almost as many benefits as you would with the reformer.
- **Q.** Why is Pilates so good for active aging?
- A. Pilates is excellent for active aging because it helps build a strong foundation for your core, balance, posture, overall strength and flexibility.
- **Q.** What should someone taking a mat Pilates class for the first time expect?
- **A.** A person taking a mat Pilates class should expect to be getting up and down from the ground. A firsttime participant may have some challenges the first few times with core strength balance and flexibility, but these challenges will dra-

## On Top of the World

## **MAY 2022 FITNESS**

#### RECREATION FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dance Aerobics DENISE P.	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Warrior MAUREEN	Strength & Stretch DENISE B.	Dance Aerobics
S.O.S. DENISE P.	Dance Aerobics JACKIE	S.O.S. LARRY	Dance Aerobics DENISE P.	S.O.S.
Balance Body LINDA	Chair Yoga KATHY	Balanced Body	Chair Yoga	Balanced Body INGRID
Get Fit While You Sit	Brain Power CAMMY/SUE	Move To Improve Parkinson's  JESSICA/SUE	Brain Power	Get Fit While You Sit
Dance Aerobics		Zumba* Gold		Dance Aerobics DENISE P.
	Fitness Orientation*		Balance Assessment*	
			Tai Chi ART	
Blended Yoga		Chair Yoga TRISH	<b>Gigong</b> ART	
	Intro Hatha Yoga		<b>Yoga</b> sandra	
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Recreation Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 7 AM - 7 PM; Sunday 9 AM - 5 PM

#### ARBOR FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am	<b>Yoga</b> sandra	Boomer Beat JESSICA	Yoga JOE	Boomer Beat CAMMY	<b>Yoga</b> MELANIE
10:00 am	STRONG MAUREEN	<b>Yoga</b> 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				

Arbor Fitness Center Hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 AM - 8:30 PM: Saturday 7 AM - 8:30 PM: Sunday 9 AM - 7 PM

#### 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
9:00 - 10:00 am	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Deep Water Fitness Class**
10:00 - 11:00 am	Open	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Closed for Cleaning	Shallow Water Fitness Class**	Open Swim
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	10:30 - 12:30 pm	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 Club	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Water Volleyball Club 1:30 - 3:30 pm	Open Swim 1:30 - 2:30 pm
2:30 pm	Deep Water Fitness Class**	1:30 - 3:30 pm			Deep Water Fitness Class**
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming
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#### Model Railroaders

Paul Lewandowski



On Tuesday, April 5, the Model Railroaders had the privilege of hosting a visit to the Hobby Building Model Train Room by members of management. Mr. Kenneth Colen and Ms. Lynette Vermillion came to see what we have been able to accomplish with the new layout room. Other members of management were invited but were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Our club president, Jim Lynam, along with club directors (Al Lohr, Charlie Vartanian, Lee Robertshaw and Bernie Bossert) and special guest Bill Eleazer (backdrop artist) were on hand to greet the visitors and to provide refreshments and a guided tour of the facility.

Jim started the tour for Mr. Colen and Ms. Vermillion, then turned it over to other club directors to guide the visitors through the various areas of the layout – the pond, main town, oil and coal depots, port with the bascule bridge, and rail yard. In each area, a member was able to demonstrate the sounds and activities of the various action displays (bridge, sawmill, forest work, culvert loader, etc.). Both visitors commented favorably about the myriad details they were able to see when

they looked closer and closer at the display.

After the tour was completed, members of the club turned their hand-held DCC locomotive controllers over to the visitors so they could run trains themselves for a while (it turned out to be quite a while ...). Both visitors were feeling a little like kids again running the trains. Their grins were as genuine as their comments about how much fun they were having controlling trains on their own.

Club members also guided the visitors around the Lionel and G-scale layouts in the center of the room, showing the operating items, like the smoking diner chimney (the smoke is supposed to smell like bacon cooking ...), the operating cattle car, and others.

After their session in the Model Train Room, both Mr. Colen and Ms. Vermillion expressed recognition on their part for the work and dedication shown by the volunteers involved in accomplishing what we have in the approximately 18 months since we were able to get into the room.

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 4:00 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.



Photo by Paul Lewandowski
Club president Jim Lynam points out details on Bill Eleazer's custom backdrop to Mr. Colen and Ms. Vermillion.



Susan Kerr, Irina Long, and Marilyn Baker at a "women on wheels" rally.

**Cycling Club** 

**Dennis Baker** 



Care to ride with Susan Watters and Brenda Blanton on the Withlacoochee Bay Trail (six miles round trip), or on the Nature Coast Trail (25 miles round trip). These are two "off campus" rides organized by Susan in the past month or so! There have also been special "on campus" rallies for tricycle riders, recumbent enthusiasts, and women on wheels. Come and join the fun!

The Wheeling Around the World

Cycling Club invites and welcomes all residents and guests interested in cycling regardless of cycling ability. Beginner, intermediate, advanced, or pro? All are welcome and will find cyclists of similar interests and capabilities!

The club meets two or more times each week usually at the Power Park on SW 90th Street. Special rides or excursions are often scheduled by group members. Schedules are published regularly on Facebook (OTOW Chat Room and Wheeling Around the World Cycling Club). Grab your bike or trike and your helmet and join the fun.

For information, contact Dennis Baker at dbaker@laposte.net or 352-562-0088.





Pickleball potluck and play.

#### Top Pickleball Club

Bill Bender & Betsy Bluto



On Thursday, March 17, the Top Pickleball Club events committee hosted a pickleball tournament and potluck social that was aptly named "potluck and play." Eighty members signed up to play in a fun, casual tournament at 3 p.m., then strolled over with their significant others to the pavilion for food and friendship at 5 p.m.

It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon, the food was plentiful and delicious, especially the desserts, and there was an abundance of laughter and good-natured banter as well.

The committee recognizes that pickleball players enjoy the social aspect as much as the competition of the sport and the feedback about the potluck event was very positive.

Pickleball players are among the friendliest folks here and they invite you to come to the courts to see what this pickleball "craze" is all about. The club populates the courts Monday through Saturday from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

If you happen to be intrigued, you are welcome to take advantage of our Pickleball 101 class held every Monday or on the first Saturday of the month, at 10:30 a.m. This one-hour session is a service offered by the Top Pickleball Club to our residents at no cost or obligation. In one hour, you will know if this sport is for you.

#### Back at The Ranch

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#### Men on Mats

Yoga offers an incredible range of benefits, yet only around 28% of men practice yoga regularly. The typical associations of spiritual music, scented oils, and super flexible female participants can scare men away. However, the origins of yoga most certainly included men, and there are many compelling reasons why men should join this practice. Here are three great reasons for men to get on the mat.

1. Strength & Mobility: Yoga is

not just about training to become more flexible; it also provides very functional strength training. There are many different types of yoga, and the focus of each will vary. Participants get a blend of strength and stretch in

- most yoga classes.

  2. Stress Management: Yoga is a mind-body practice. The instructor guides participants on connecting breathing with the movements. This is a wonderful way to quiet the mind and calm the nervous system.
- 3. Correct Years of Muscular Imbalances: Our lifestyles dictate patterns of repetitive movements, and/or sedentary behaviors. This can cause structural changes of the body. For example, if you

sat at a desk for years, you likely have short, tight muscles in the front of your body. This may result in poor posture and even pain. With regular practice, yoga can help to alleviate these imbalances.

The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa is excited to offer a special Men on Mats yoga class Thursday, May 5, at 4 p.m. Instructor Joe Froehlich will lead this special men's only program.

Joe began practicing yoga in 2012. He was a deputy chief in a police department and was having difficulty with stress. His wife suggested he try a yoga class and he discovered that combining breathing with physical postures helped him to manage stress. Joe's belief is that "it appears few men practice yoga because the media makes it appear that yoga is for young, skinny,

flexible women who can bend their bodies like pretzels. Yoga originated 6,000 years ago to train warriors for battle because it teaches focus, strength, and breath control." This class will introduce you to yoga and focus on poses that foster strength and flexibility. You will work on improving flexibility of the low back, hamstrings, hips, shoulders, and chest. All fitness levels welcome.

Joe notes, "Yoga is a popular form of exercise because it is accessible to people of all ages, body types, and fitness levels. Yoga is easily adaptable! More men are finding their way to my yoga classes for good reason; the benefits are huge!"

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#### Sidekicks **Western Dance**

**Barbara Scales** 



This is the merry month of May, and it is the month of remembrances. Across this great nation, psychologists, physicians, and others are investigating how we make memories. There is good news: researchers find that we can possibly

improve our memory. According to an article in Psychology Today, for us to make a memory we must take in a situation and convert it to a form that the brain can capture (encoding). Then we put it into our file system (storage). Pieces of it are stored as

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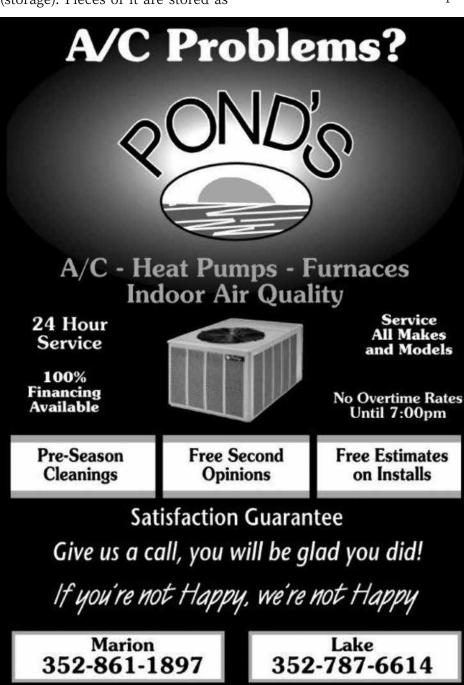
Experts have several ideas on how to promote our filing system, and motion is key. Researchers found that being in motion while absorbing a new subject matter enhances your ability to recall the new topic later. Take dancing with the Sidekicks, for instance. The body is in constant motion. The motion is repetitive, and with practice, people perform the steps with ease.

Multiple things influence our ability to take in, transition, store, and then recall events. The importance of the event is linked to the intent to recall it, as well as other factors such as stressors, sleep (or lack of it), emotions and more, some of which we have little control over. All influence our ability to imbed a memory. There are things you can do to help yourself. If you want to maintain your memory, the Mayo Clinic advises eat nutritious foods, stay mentally active, interact with other people, get your life organized, sleep well, don't ignore chronic conditions, and stay physically active.

In addition, the Sidekicks has another little-known fringe benefit. As dancers move around the floor, some steps are backwards. Walking backwards is an ancient form of healing. The Chinese refer to walking backwards as retro walking and they believe that it helps reverse

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#### **Ballet**

#### **Eugenie Martin**



In the Ballet Club we have tried offering five classes a week, but find that this schedule is putting some strain on our teachers. As a result, we are going to be offering four classes each week; two classes for beginners, and two classes for more advanced. The new schedule is as follows:

- Beginner: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 1:15 p.m.
- More Advanced: Thursdays, 1 to 2:15 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
  Newcomers are always welcome

to join our classes. If you want to start a class with us and do not have ballet clothes, just wear exercise clothes and socks. In addition, bring a bottle of water. We must all remain hydrated while we exercise. If you are interested in joining our classes, please call me at 352-854-8589. We can discuss your background in dance and exercise, and I can help you decide what class would be best for you to start.

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#### **Table Tennis**

**Athena Drewes** 



We are getting many new members and our evening and ladies time slots are beginning to be the most popular. We are working on adding another evening slot, an additional ladies play time, and switching one of our doubles to singles play time.

Many members report that they enjoy the singles time to help sharpen their play against another team player. In singles play, you serve to anywhere on your opponent's side of the table. Each side has two serves before the opposing side serves. The game is played to 11 in singles, as well as in doubles play. For those who played before 2001, the game used to go to 21, but it was changed in that year to only go to 11.

The rules are a bit different than when you are playing with four players in doubles. When you serve, you must have your ball go diagonally, from your right side of the table, across the net, to the opponent's (receiver's) right-hand side. Then after the ball is returned, the doubles pair (your partner) hits the ball. You alternate returning the ball. At this point it becomes crucial that after you serve or return the ball, that you step backwards, away from the table, so that your partner can move anywhere along the table

to hit the next ball.

If you remain standing close to the table and do not move back, you prevent your partner from being able to get to the ball when it is returned and be able to hit it to return it. You also run the risk of getting pushed, bumped into, or even hit with the paddle. So, it is very important to be able to step as far back (not to the side) as possible after you hit and return the ball.

You have two serves before it is your opponent's turn to serve twice. This used to be five serves each but since 2001 it is now just

In addition, another crucial aspect is that after you serve the ball and the point is obtained by either side, you need to switch with your partner. After you serve, your partner moves into the right side to serve when it is their turn. You alternate serving, one side goes first, then the other side. Each time you serve, you need to be sure to switch with your partner, so they are in position for when it is their time to

The best way to learn the rules and experience the differences in singles and doubles play is to come on down and play a game or two at the Arbor Conference Center! Monday and Tuesday doubles (6 to 8 p.m.); beginners (Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., doubles; Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m., singles); ladies play (Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon); all levels doubles (Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m.) and all levels singles (Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m.). See you soon!



Tuesday evening table tennis group.

#### **Bocce Club**





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 fully utilized. Open bocce is played Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please arrive a few minutes early so that a count can be taken and numbers of players per court can be decided upon. Teams are decided by the luck of the draw. Masks or face coverings are optional, but not required at this time. 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, 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 Saturday, May 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom. The event will be catered by the Golden Corral. Drinks will be available for purchase from The Pub. If you plan on attending, please register on the sign-up sheets available during open and league play. There will be no cost to members and guests will be \$5, due upon sign up.

Several club positions are now open - vice president, and league representatives for Tuesdays, at 9 and 11 a.m., and league representative for Thursday, at 10 a.m. The secretary position has been filled by Paula Hammonds.

The new season will begin Tuesday, Oct. 4, and run through April 27, 2023. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like information on what the responsibilities are, please contact Terry Connolly, president, at 352-895-3866. Until we roll again ...

#### **Fit Tips**

# **Larry Robinson** 352-387-3571 larry robinson@otowfl.com

#### **Fun Facts**

These fun facts about the human body will get you thinking. Just remember, it is very important to keep all your body parts active and

FIT TIP #1: Your body contains 100,000 miles of blood vessels. This includes veins, arteries and the little capillaries that move between both. Cardiovascular exercise such as walking, swimming and bike riding will help to keep these vessels healthy.

**FIT TIP #2:** Your brain is the fattiest organ in the body. These fatty acids are crucial for optimal brain performance. Make sure your diet includes healthy fats (monounsaturated, polyunsaturated and ome-

FIT TIP #3: The largest bone in your body is the femur bone (thighbone) and the smallest bone is the stirrup bone (located in your eardrum). Weight bearing activities and a balanced diet will help to preserve bone density.

#### Call of the Wild **Sports Club**

Jeff Wiita



Anchors aweigh! At our last monthly meeting, April 6, we had a guest speaker from the Freedom Boat Club of Tampa Bay. My wife and I had a new boat on order, and it was supposed to have been delivered last March. The new delivery date was now scheduled for July. Was I disappointed in that news? Yes! But after the guest speaker, we consider ourselves lucky. The new boat has been cancelled and on April 7, we became new members of the boat club. The boat club is an alternative to boat ownership, and it is tailor-made for retirees.

So, if you are interested in boating or other outdoor opportunities in Florida, please visit Call of the Wild Sports Club Wednesdays, May 4 and June 1, in the Hobby Building Event Room from 1 to 3 p.m. If you would like further information or have any questions about our club, feel free to contact Scott Bloch, our president, at 614-806-6738. Ships ahoy!

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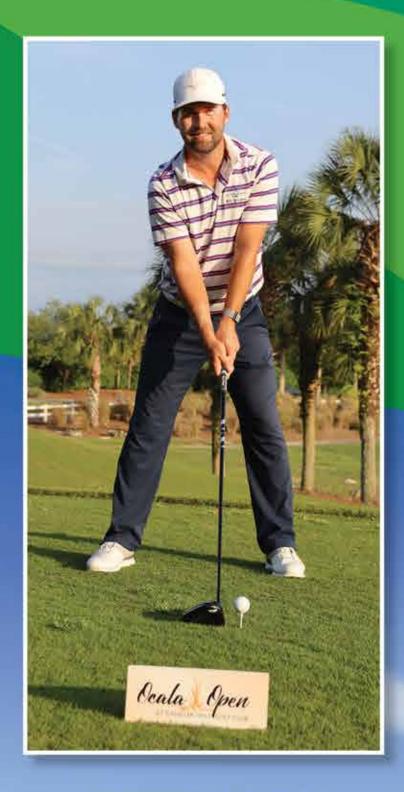


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**Co-Ed Recreational** Softball

**Sherry Winn** 

Did you play softball as a child or even as an adult? Was it part of a company social or competitive team? Was it boys, girls, or both?

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play now? Would you like to relive your youth? How about a sport without a financial investment or commitment? Do you want to get some exercise without feeling like you're working at it? How about an activity you can do with your partner or visiting family/friends? Want to prove that you've still got the ability to play? Share Saturday mornings with some great people and make new friends with Co-Ed Recreational Softball!

Come check out our laid-back, fun, supportive group Saturdays, at 9 a.m. at the softball field behind the Recreation Center.

No worries if you need a glove or a bat; we have them. No need to feel intimidated. With the help of our new coach, Sam Mestre, and other experienced players, you'll be nurtured along.

Everyone who shows up plays on balanced teams. Each team bats their entire lineup each inning, as

we don't count balls or strikes, just runs. Safety, inclusion, and fun are our priorities.

Saturday, May 7, starts our spring/summer schedule after a two-week closure for scheduled field maintenance. That afternoon, we'll also be gathering for a social barbecue. If you haven't already started playing with us, show up that morning so we can fill you in with the particulars.

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**Ernie Sersen** 

Softball

"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted island, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." -Helen Keller

One of the many things I enjoy about our club is the level of optimism. No one I know steps up to the plate intending to pop it up, and no one steps out onto the field planning to make an error. Maybe that is why the human spirit embraces this great game so well. It pushes us to keep trying even amid a losing or hitless streak because we all know and have tasted the thrill of victory that comes with that next win or hit. And, call me sentimental, but I believe that optimism has a way of following us off the field, making our hearts, homes, and community just a little bit lighter and brighter.

Bryan Lehman moved here in August, having never played in organized sports. He noticed the softball field and started playing in the co-ed league on Saturdays until he discovered the Softball Club's new player orientation. As an NPO graduate, Bryan joined one of our American division teams – the Unhitmen. "Participating with such a great group of guys has been very enjoyable. The support I received from all the club players has helped me develop as a player, and the organized batting practice is helping to improve my hitting skills." I met Bryan and his wife, Suzie, who embodies the active lifestyle

we enjoy here and, in sharing his story, hope to inspire others to add the Softball Club to their list of funfilled activities here at On Top of the World.

As our winter season ended Thursday, April 14 and we transition to our summer season starting Monday, May 2, it's time to say 'so long" to our snowbird players. Thank you for a great winter season, and we'll see you in the fall. And a special thanks goes out to 14 of our club members who represented our community at the annual Summer-Glen 70s softball tournament.

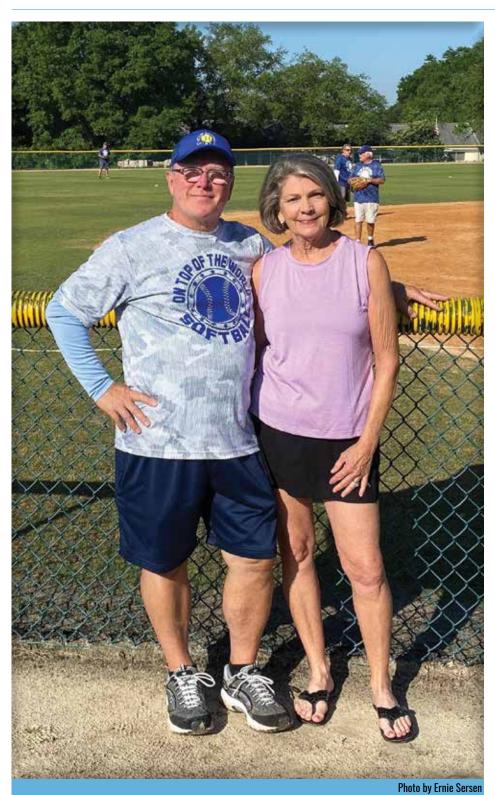
As we continue to grow, we have new opportunities for volunteer umpires, so if you have any umpiring experience or would be willing to be trained, here's your chance! Also, softball is almost as fun to watch as it is to play, so come on out, bring those foam fingers with you and cheer us on.

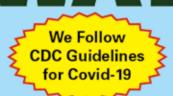
If you would like to play, the entry point for our club begins with our new player orientation program to assess your skill and ability and get you optimally placed on one of our teams. Other club benefits include weekly batting practice on Sundays, groomed fields with umpires, a digital scoreboard, socials, and other fun-filled events.

If you are looking to elevate your level of fun here in the community, check out our new bulletin board at the softball field or email me at esersen@yahoo.com, and I'll get you connected.

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## **Local Camera Club Awards**

By Connie Filip

"I was talking with someone at terBugs president. an art show and telling them about the ShutterBugs Photography Club. I told them that three of our members took first, second and third place in the most recent competition at the Ocala Camera Club. That person said, "Wow, that's unbelievable." I responded that it was "not unbelievable." The quality of images that this club is producing is images that this club is producing is "Mt. Washington Cog Railway," wonderful," Harry Boyajian, Shut- in Bretton Woods, New Hamp-

The Ocala Camera Club has a theme competition every month. Recently it was "Leading Lines." This means that a photographer makes use of lines to lead your eye to a particular subject or to give a sense of distance. You can see these lines in their photos.

Tom Murray took first place with

shire. He took it while on vacation to show it's a march rack system. Both steam and biodiesel-powered locomotives carry tourists on a three-mile-long railway to the top of the mountain.

Second place honors go to Gordon Daniels for his photo "Car Grille" of a 1951 Studebaker Champion. He took it while on an On Top of the World trip to the Mecum Auctions in Kissimmee, Florida in January. Look for the left and right grille lines leading to the circular lines in

Gordon has brought a wealth of photographic knowledge to our club having worked as a photographer for 46 years at the Daily Hampshire Gazette (first published in 1654, and

one of the oldest continuous operating newspapers in the U.S.).

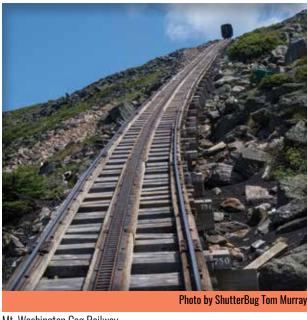
Third place goes to Dale Rubin for her photo, "Heading Home" on the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan.

She says, "I took this from the

front window of the car, while Rick was driving ... it creates a strong visual path and moves the viewer's eye to a specific area of the photo."

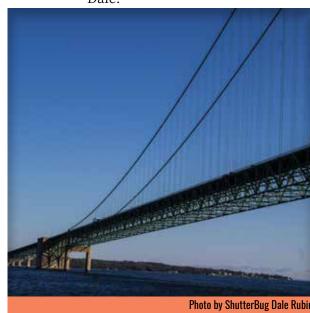
One thing that our winners say they enjoy about the Ocala Camera Club is that you are given all 12 monthly themes at the beginning of the year. They like that whenever they're out and about and see something visually appealing, that they can shoot accordingly.

Congratulations again to our ShutterBugs Tom, Gordon, and Dale!





**Photo by ShutterBug Gordon Daniels** Car grille.



Heading home.

# **Feeling Dicey?**

By Karyn Dubie

The Backgammon Club continues to meet weekly with new members still joining. As of early April, there are 37 members, made up of all experience levels from having never played to very experienced and knowledgeable players. Although we meet weekly, there is no requirement to attend weekly. The drop-in format allows for members most weeks, and that is okay too!

On Wednesday, April 6, we at-

tempted our first structured tournament with 10 players. It was a learning experience for all involved. After sorting out how a double elimination process could work, best of three game matches proceeded. After two rounds, seven players entered a third round, after which only Matt Corey remained undefeated, and was named win-ner. General play has resumed and to come when they can, with no weekly obligation. There are several core players who are present eral core players who are present to come when they can, with no ner. General play has resumed and follows a very loose social format. The following outlines the order or code of the club:

Sessions are held Wednes-

days, at 6 p.m. in the Hobby

- Building Event Room.
  Open all residents or Gateway of Services pass holders.
- All levels of play welcome. New players will be taught the game.
- Attendance each week is not required; come when you can.
- If you have a board, bring it,
- but it is not required. Opponents and table for play may be randomly assigned (usually based on number in attendance). This is to allow a mix of different experience levels, ensure everyone has chance to play, and to help members become acquaint-
- ed with each other.
- Initial match will consist of three games, then players will switch partners, either by established rotation or random table change.
- All players are expected to remain respectful, helpful, and cordial to each other, and any disputes during play will be settled in a civil manner.

Suggestions, ideas, and topics to discuss are always welcome on Wednesdays, or sent to Karyn at kadubie@earthlink.net.

The Backgammon Club meets Wednesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Hobby Building Event Room. Check our Facebook page (OTOW Backgammon) for current information.



Wednesday, April 6, backgammon tournament.

# Resident Tesla **Owners** Concert

By Dan Lack

The Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club is pleased to announce a concert Friday, May 6, shortly after 8 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to The Town Square at Circle Square Commons.

Tesla vehicles, also known as computers on wheels, are programmed to perform musical light shows. Most of the Tesla models will be there for you to see and hear during an intermission of the band playing on The Town Square. Dancing in the aisles is permitted.
Tesla owners will be available to

answer any questions that you have about these futuristic vehicles.



Members of the Tesla Owners and Enthusiasts Club look forward to entertaining the crowd Friday, May 6.

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#### **ShutterBugs Photography**

**Connie Filip** 

Cell phone users – here are three simple tips to take better pictures!

- 1. Tap the screen to focus: Before you take your photo, tap the screen on the area that you want the best focus and light exposure. Try it at a concert where the light is bright behind the singers. Tapping on a singer "instructs" your phone to take the photo with the singer in focus with "just right" lighting. Most newer phones have software to compensate for dim lighting or long distance so that your photo will be sharper than in the past.
- Be a tripod: Hold your camera steady to take a sharp picture. Hold it with both hands, elbows at your side and the volume button pointing up. Most phones will snap the pic when you use your index finger to push down on its volume button.
- Be curious: On your phone, open your camera's app and then tap on "Settings." There are lots of features to try, and ways to make your photo taking better than ever!

In Master the Possibilities' lobby this month, stop by to enjoy Tom Murray's photos, a few of which are from his recent trip to Arizona.

You'll see photos of the Petrified Forest. It's known for its fossils, especially fallen trees that lived in the late Triassic epoch, about 225 million years ago.

You'll also have an opportunity to see photos of Arizona's Painted



Desert. You'll be amazed to see fine-grained, stratified layers of rock that provide the pigments for the various colors on display. They include siltstone, mudstone, and shale of the Upper Triassic Chinle formation.

Since Tom is also an avid birding photographer, he's including a few of his favorite bird photos.

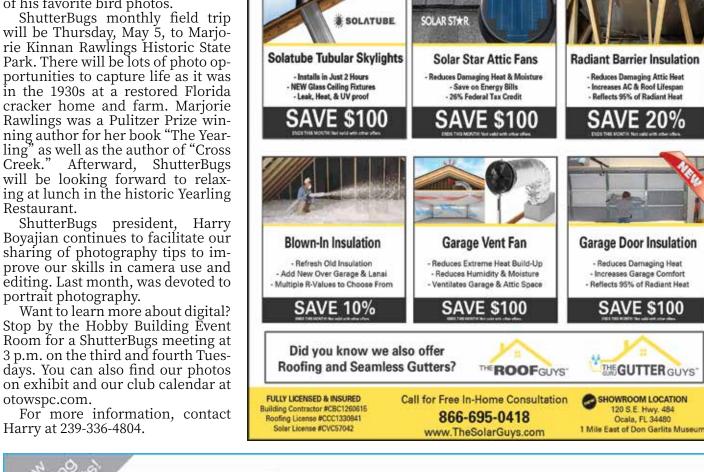
ShutterBugs monthly field trip will be Thursday, May 5, to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park. There will be lots of photo opportunities to capture life as it was in the 1930s at a restored Florida cracker home and farm. Marjorie Rawlings was a Pulitzer Prize winning author for her book "The Yearling" as well as the author of "Cross Creek." Afterward, ShutterBugs will be looking forward to relaxing at lunch in the historic Yearling Restaurant.

ShutterBugs president, Harry Boyajian continues to facilitate our sharing of photography tips to im-prove our skills in camera use and editing. Last month, was devoted to portrait photography.

Want to learn more about digital? Stop by the Hobby Building Event Room for a ShutterBugs meeting at 3 p.m. on the third and fourth Tuesdays. You can also find our photos on exhibit and our club calendar at

For more information, contact Harry at 239-336-4804.





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# **Sewing Bees**

Linda Lohr

On Thursday, March 31, we had guest speakers from Arnette House Inc. – Denise Paradis and Cindy Moore. Arnette House's mission is to provide safe and effective programs to strengthen youth and families. They offer a family counseling program among other services for children five to 17 years old. They also offer 24-hour emergency youth shelter for children ages 10 to 17. They cover five counties in the surrounding area. They also partner with National Safe Place in a program that designates schools, fire stations, libraries, and youthfriendly businesses as safe place sites where youth can access help creating a safety net for them. It was an eye-opening presentation.

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

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

We currently have a need for small stuffed animals, such as Beanie Babies. If you are cleaning out your closets, these items are donated to the preschoolers at Head Start along with our quilts.

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Guest speakers Denise Paradis and Cindy Moore from Arnette House Inc.

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#### Bingo

#### Nancy Grabowski



Can you believe it is already May? Neither can I! Super bingo came and went, creating many happy winners. While I don't have the exact number of winners, I can tell you we had 16 pots of \$75 each and four pots of \$250 each. Super bingo will return Wednesday, Nov. 16, so mark your calendar.

Our regular Wednesday schedule has resumed in the Recreation Center Ballroom. Raffle tickets are sold from 4 to 5:35 p.m. and lucky tickets are pulled shortly after that. Each lucky ticket garners the holder \$20; not bad for the price, which is three for \$1 or 10 for \$5, right?

Tickets for the actual games go on sale for \$1 each at 4:30 p.m. You must show your resident ID card. Guests are permitted if the resident signs them in. The prizes are based on the number of tickets sold each session. Our 10th game is always for \$75 and the 20th game is a sliding jackpot which can grow up to \$250. All games are played on the same purchased boards.

For new players, each game is pictured on the number board along with the number of balls already called. Each number called is illuminated and the last one flashes until the next one is called. Each called game is verified with our caller by our runners. If you are unsure if yours is a bingo, call and let our runners check it for you. We'd hate for someone to miss winning.

At the end of each table, a fly swatter is in place. It is used to help signal the runners where the bingo call was made. When the evening concludes, all cards are returned face down to the collection table along with the fly swatters. We are truly grateful for the help in clearing the decks.

#### Bridge



**Monday Afternoon** By Shirley Stolly & Carol Johnson

#### March 7

1: Caryl Rosenberg & Barbara Heller; 2: 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Wayne Caldwell & Dennis & Judi Wallace; 3: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 4: Linda & Bill Ryan; 5: Linda Curtiss & John Ryan.

March 14

#### 1: Joan Lord & Craig Ford; 2: Mar Balchin & Bruce Gillett; 3: Judy Mackowick & Rik Saffol; 4: Mary Block & Billie Anderson.

#### March 21

1: Craig Ford & Bob Kraus; 2: Judy Mackowick & Rik Šaffol; 3: Mary Block & Billie Anderson; 4: Dennis & Judi Wallace.

#### March 28

1: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown; 2: Craig Ford & Bob Kraus; 3: Judy Mackowick & Rik Saffol; 4: Mar Balchin & Bruce Gillett.

1: Caryl Rosenberg & Barbara Heller; 2: Craig Ford & Bob Kraus; 3:Carol Johnson & Shirley Stolly; 4: Marlene Floeckher & Joe McKeown; 5: Linda & Bill Ryan.

#### **Tuesday Night Duplicate**

By Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor

Do you ever feel you get dealt the worst cards? Try our duplicate bridge group where all pairs play the same hands. If you play rubber bridge, you can play duplicate. We meet Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Card Rooms I-II. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in.

Bring a partner and \$0.50 per person. After all the boards are scored, this is distributed the following week to the top teams.

If you want to play occasionally as a substitute, contact us and we will you put you on our list. For more information, contact Bob Kraus at 352-492-8525 or Gayle Taylor at 352-387-9571.

#### March 15

1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller; 3: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 4: Brent Powell & Bob Durst.

#### March 22

**North/South** 1: Dan Lack & Ed Bodnar; 2: Dan Hall & Jeff

Bell; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger. East/West 1: Linda Ryan & Bill Ryan; 2: Sharon Miller

& Caryl Rosenberger; 3: Mary Bloch & Gina

### March 29

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North/South 1: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; 2: Sophie

Redman & Jean Krueger; 3: Wayne Caldwell & Jack Heller. East/West 1: Caryl Rosenberger & Barbara Heller;

2: Sharon Miller & Arlene Loepp; 3: Billie Andersen & Connie Campbell. Apr. 5

#### **North/ South**

Jack Heller; 3: Sophie Redman & Jean Krueger.

#### East/West

1: Barbara Heller & Caryl Rosenberger; 2: Bob Kraus & Gayle Taylor; Tie at 3: Gina Andrejak & Mary Bloch and Sharon Miller & Margie

#### **Wednesday Afternoon**

By Dianne Robinson

#### March 2

1: Linda Yuen; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Linda Curtis; 4: Mar Valchin; Cons: Mary Bloch.

1: Joe McKeown; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Dennis Wallace; 4: Mar Valchin; 5: Billie Andersen; Con: Betty Morris.

#### March 16

Meirick; Cons: Debbie Quinn. March 23

1: Mar Valchin/Pat Quinn; 2: Rik Saffol/Mike

1: Pat Quinn; 2: Marlene Floeckher; 3: Debbie Quinn; 4: Al Kremer; Cons: Mary Bloch.

#### March 30

1: Bruce Gillett; 2: Mar Valchin; 3: Craig Ford; 3: Phyllis Silverman; Cons: Joe McKeown.

#### **Thursday Afternoon**

#### March 3

1: Dianne Robinson; 2: Mary Bloch; 3: Rik Saffol; 4: Marilyn Valchin; Cons: Craig Ford.

#### March 10

1: Mary Bloch; 2: Dianne Robinson; 3: Rik Saffol: Cons: Billie Anderson.

March 17 1: Marlene Floeckher; 2: Rik Saffol; 3: Dianne Robinson; 4: Craig Ford; Cons: Betty Morris.

#### March 24

1: Debbie Quinn;2: Rik Saffol; 3: Linda Curtiss; 4: John Ryan; Cons: Betty Morris.

#### March 31

1: Rik Saffol; 2: Pat Quinn; 3: Phyllis Silverman;4: Bruce Gillett; Tie at 5: Mike Meirick and Betty Morris; Cons: Marlene Floeckher.

#### Thursday Night

By Jeff and Pam Bell

Come join us at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the Recreation Center Lounge. 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.

#### March 17

1: Al Whitford; 2: Brent Powell; 3: Bob Durst.

#### March 24

1: Al Whitford; 2: Jeff Bell; Tie at 3: Mike Brody & Jean Krueger.

#### March 31

1: Jean Krueger; 2: Brent Powell; 3: Jeff Bell. April 7

#### 1: Al Whitford; 2: Jeff Bell; 3: Bill Lomerson. **Bunco Babes**

#### **Social Group** Michelle Malsch



Bunco is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, in the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios III-IV. Registration is at 6:30 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 36 players. Please make sure you arrive on time to reserve your spot. It will be first come, first served. Always check the World News for the latest updates for our

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 drawings for door prizes for those who did not win any of the cash prizes. Please bring your own beverage and snack if you wish. There is a short intermission after the first three sets have been played.

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

#### Euchre



**Friday Night** By Mary Bloch

## March 4

1: Richard Miles; 2: Nancy Kowsky; 3: Phyllis Jarskey.

#### March 11

1: Lawrence Remer; 2: Nancy Kowsky; Tie at 3: Doug Hines & Donna Turner.

#### March 18

1: Billy Swing; 2: Donna Turner; 3: Lawrence Remer.

#### March 25

1: Doug Hines; 2: Billy Swing; 3: Mary Bloch.

#### **Pinochle**

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#### **Tuesday Night** By Herb Katz

#### March 1

1: Rick Carroll; 2: Bruce Gillette; 3: Judy Black. March 8

#### 1: Phyllis Jarsky; 2: Andy Nuccio; Tie at 3: Evelyn and Dan Ebbighausen.

March 15 1: Billy Swing; 2: Stu Shaub; 3: Dan

March 22 1: Rick Carroll; 2: Lee Freehauf; 3: Bruce Gillette.

#### March 29

1: Audrey Stark; 2: Andy Nuccio; 3: Robert

**Friday Morning** By Mary Hannon

### March 18

1: Mary Hannon; 2: Jim Magoon; 3: Cheryl Adams.

#### March 25

1: Jim Magoon; 2: Edna Frye; 3: Judy Black.

#### April 1

1: Terri Cavagnaro; 2: Rick Carroll; 3: Bruce **April 8** 

1: Herb Katz; 2: Linda Trombley; 3: Chervl

#### **Table Game Players Club**





Are you playing your weekly game made for six to eight players on a table made for four? Are you playing cards or games in your home and would like to play in a room with other like-minded fun people? Have you nothing to do on weekday afternoons and would like to play cards or games with others?

We have tables available for up to eight players comfortably. We also have some empty seats at already established games.

Tables are filling up fast. Two months ago, our three sessions were using five tables each week. We are now using 10 tables out of 21. Tables are perfect for games like samba and Mexican train. Get your game gang together and grab one or more of the still vacant tables before someone beats you to it.

On Mondays and Fridays, at 1 p.m. the nickel, nickel gang is still looking for more players. Bring 22 nickels and two quarters and get ready for a fun time. Join us Mondays, Wednesdays, or

Fridays, at 1 p.m. in the Arbor Activity Center Poker Room.

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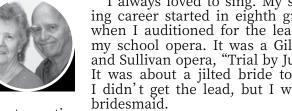
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#### **Karaoke Friends**





Many people ask about practicing songs at home. Certainly, you can buy a karaoke machine for home use. When you do that, you also need to purchase songs. There are several online karaoke sites that provide you the program and songs to practice. Many singers go to You-Tube.com to practice. When you do the search ask for the song in karaoke. You cannot change a key there. You will know if it is too high or low. We can change keys in our software program. Of course, you can sing along with the radio in the car. That is a good way to find a song to sing.

This month, we are highlighting Fran Schrock. Here is what she wanted to share with you.

"I am originally from Canada. I retired after a 40-year career in nursing. Six years ago, my husband and I hung up our skis and moved from western New York to On Top of the World.

I always loved to sing. My singing career started in eighth grade when I auditioned for the lead in my school opera. It was a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Trial by Jury." It was about a jilted bride to be. didn't get the lead, but I was a

I wonder what the world would be like without music. Just like many of you, I sing along with the car radio. Karaoke allows me to sing loud and proud with my favorite songs.

Remembering back to the first time I went to karaoke in On Top of the World, I was greeted with a friendly welcome. The group has become friends. They never criticize. They only encourage. Songs are sung from different genres which are a pleasure to hear."

Fran's story gives meaning to the phrase "always a bridesmaid never a bride." We are glad this "brides-

maid" found Karaoke Friends. We meet in the Arbor Activity Center Music Room on the first and third Mondays of the month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This month we meet May 2 and 16. All residents are welcome to join the fun.



**Nancy Carp** 



The Theatre Arts Group is an exciting new performing arts club. It will focus on all aspects of the theater including acting, singing, dancing and performance skills.

Do you like to act, sing, or dance, but do not have the confidence or are shy? Do you lack the confidence to be on stage? Are you interested in being a prop master, have experience with set design, are tech experts, enjoy making costumes or are seamstresses? Then this is the group for you.

This new club will teach the art of performance, build your confidence, support you in your endeavors and we will perform for the On Top of the World community.

Nancy Carp and Claudia Baker have created this new club to fill a void of theater arts in this community. Nancy has been consistently involved in the Theatre Group for eight years. She brings with her years of experience in acting, singing, directing, producing and tech skills. Claudia brings to the community a lifetime of expertise in acting, singing, dancing, and is a professional choreographer.

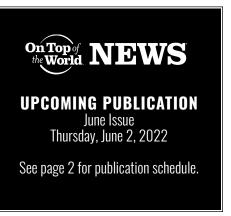
We are also very proud to have aboard a very talented career director, producer, and filmmaker - Alvin Ross. Alvin has spent his entire life in the entertainment field, including his years as a producer, director, dancer, actor, writer, public relations expert, marketing/mer-chandising agent, talent agent and music agent. He has been all over the world promoting his crafts and has been on covers of magazines worldwide. Alvin and his film making and theater arts courses at Master the Possibilities remain some of the most popular at this facility. He is a wealth of information and is a great addition to this group

Theatre Arts Group will be like no other, for we will not only perform, but will teach and have fun at the same time. This club will truly be a community effort, where all opinions and suggestions from club members will be taken seriously and considered. True fellowship and friendship will be encouraged.

Acting is magical, and we will make magic happen with our mem-

Our first meeting of the new Theatre Arts Group will take place Thursday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m., at Arbor Conference Center Event Room. Future meetings are being planned for this month. Hope to see you there!

Follow us on Facebook (OTOW Chatroom) and this column. Our contact information is otowtheatrearts@gmail.com, Nancy at 410-935-2625 or Claudia at 805-630-2777.



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Rock portraits.

#### **Art Group**

Joanie Ford

Allow me to introduce Carole Drost.

I met Carole at the Hobby Building, as part of the Art Group. I immediately realized that she was a magnificent artist.

Recently I saw her rock portraits and was intrigued. I call them the rock artist and little canvas because it describes what she is doing.

I wanted to tell you about this display she is creating for the Freedom Public Library.

Her history includes growing up in a very small town in Louisiana. As a young adult she completed some illustration jobs and taught drawing.

Her parents, encouraging her to get a real job, brought her to teaching physical education and coaching. With the needs of a growing family and demands from coaching, she decided to step away from the teaching physical education to teach art classes again.

After retiring, she came to Ocala and taught art to children, as well as teaching art skills for 12 years at Master the Possibilities.

The rock portraits came into being because she noticed when painting on rocks that she could capture facial features that were recognizable. From there she designed the small canvas that would go along with the artist portraits

she was characterizing.

Salvador Dali and Vincent Van Gogh were two of her first famous artist rock portraits.

She explained that as a child she visited Colorado with her parents, and she saw paintings of Thomas Moran, Albert Beirstadt, Robert Bateman, and Joaquin Sorolla.

With the help of her niece Lisa, an art professor who teaches at University of Miami, Carole was turned on to other famous artists including Willem Drost, a relative from long ago. Willem Drost worked with Rembrandt finishing his paintings, which was how things were done in those days. Excitedly Carole explained that she had seen some of his paintings also.

The library display will contain about 20 rock portraits. The rocks are painted with acrylic and are on stands made from old CDs. She has carefully researched and chosen the artists for this display, covering many nationalities.

After my chat with Carole, she was kind enough to show me through her collection of paintings. Her space is most amazing. Each wall is thoughtfully adorned with beautiful art that she and others created during her life. As an artist myself, I know that each piece of art we paint comes with a story. I joyfully listened as Carole led me through the collection and the beautiful paintings she displayed. She has conquered all mediums.

I encourage you to see this display from Monday, May 9 through Sunday, May 29, at Freedom Public Library by this very talented woman

#### Fun with Golf Carts

#### **Susan Pulling Robinson**



The Easter parade in April was a big success, with many decorated carts participating. The route included stops at both Bridgewater Park and Brookdale Senior Living. Parade participants dropped off treats and extended warm Easter wishes to the many residents who turned out to enjoy the decorated carts. As always, our talented members did a great job decorating their carts and many dressed in adorable costumes.

After the parade, club members gathered at the Veterans Park to enjoy a potluck picnic, adult Easter egg hunt, and raffle. The designated charities this time were Interfaith Emergency Services, Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL), veterans, Operation Shoebox, and Stuff the Bus.

The Memorial Day parade will take place Saturday, May 28, in

honor of those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. This parade is always well-attended, and we hope to see many of you along the parade route to honor our fallen heroes.

Membership in the Fun with Golf Carts Facebook group is now well over 300, so it is no wonder that the parades are getting bigger and better! If you have a golf cart, please consider jazzing it up (or not) and joining in as we "parade for a cause." Each parade benefits one or more local charities. To follow us on Facebook, search for OTOW Fun with Golf Carts; then click 'Join Group.' For more information and to receive emails about this club, please email otowfunwithgolfcarts@gmail.com.

All parades start at the Recreation Center, with lineup and charitable donations at 9:45 a.m., and pullout at 10 a.m. The route for a given parade is posted on Facebook (OTOW Fun with Golf Carts and OTOW Chatroom). If the parade is not coming by your house, please come see the action as we leave the Recreation Center promptly at 10



Rita Hurley and her decorated golf cart.





Rick and Carol Lewis team up to design custom made plaques.

#### 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 late 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, where the show has grown from seven crafters to now over 45 on Tuesdays, and even more on our website. All resident crafters are welcome to sell virtually on our website and inquire about a table at our Tuesday show.

Having built single family homes for over 40 years in Colorado, Missouri, and Kansas, working with wood is engrained in Rick Lewis' blood. So, after retiring in 2018 and moving here, Rick needed something to do. After making friends with some other wonderful residents, he built various types of tables, shelving units, and other miscellaneous wood items for them.

It was on a trip back to Kansas in November 2020, and visiting family in the small town of Fredonia, that his newest art came about. This area has several Amish families and the famous Amish barn boards. On a building in the small downtown area, he saw miniatures of the quilt patterned barn boards and decided he could do those. So instead of just marking them off on plywood and painting them, Rick individually cuts each piece of the pattern in premium pine wood. They are then

painted and, using construction grade Gorilla glue, they are glued to a quarter inch plywood backing and drilled for hanging.

Rick's wife, Carol, envisioned her retirement as going to the pool and getting involved in other crafting and clubs. However, with such a detailed endeavor, once Rick started the quilt pattern plaques, the painting became Carol's job. So, Lewis Woodworks is truly a partnership.

Soon all the available wall space in their home was full of the plaques, so another option had to be sourced. Last fall they started selling at various vendor events around Marion County, recently having participated in the Habitat for Humanity Strawberry Festival, the Trenton Quilt Festival, and Marion County Days. Look for their items also on our website. Their wide variety of custom styles include military branches, sports teams, business, and quilt patterns. They can also personalize the graphics for your order.

For those who have never visited on Tuesday, please take an hour, and go by to see the wide variety of quality items for sale. All crafters are now part of our virtual website, so you can see everyone's products even if you can't get to the weekly show, including throughout the summer months from late May until the end of August. Any crafter can make individual arrangements for 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.

#### **Sunshine Quilters**

**Arliss Day** 

Our Sunshine Quilters member of the month is Donna Boyajian. Donna is a friend to all and a great teacher of quilting. She has taught many classes and we all have learned so much from her. She is a natural! Donna was born and lived most of her life in New England. She attended Quincy Beauty Academy, was a hair stylist for a while, then a retail clerk, and then moved on to being an owner of Twin Willow Studios (photography) with her husband Harry. Along with being a manager of Meals on Wheels for Berks County, she also held several other administrative positions over the years. Donna and Harry moved to Florida in 2011 and moved to our community in 2016.

She started sewing with her grandmother as soon as she could hold a needle. Donna learned the art of sewing while sitting on a treadle machine while her grandmother sewed clothes for Donna and her sister. She has sewn her whole life and her quilts reflect her passion – they are works of art and very colorful. Donna has taught many classes on different techniques for blocks and putting a quilt together.

Donna loves her BabyLock Ellageo Plus which is a sewing machine and an embroidery machine rolled into one. Her travel machine is a Brother. She recently purchased a Q-Zone quilt frame and a semi-commercial Brother PG1500SL which allows her to quilt her masterpieces at home. She loves being able to put the finishing touches on her quilts with her Midarm. She had a list of 30 UFOs (unfinished objects) and is now down to only six since she got her Midarm up and running. Of course, there are times when Mr. Ripper is front and center, but she loves taking a project from the pattern (conception) all the way through to its finale. Donna's favorite go-to websites are YouTube.com and MissouriQuiltCo.com. Donna believes that each quilt project is formation. special, unique, and beautiful.



Quilting with appliqué.

And her favorite thing about Sunshine Quilters Club? The people. It's like one big happy family. Everyone is always willing to support, help, share (even their stash), and just have fun; while we somehow manage to get our projects finished.

Our club activities for May include:

- Tuesday, May 3: Member meeting and spring fling potluck lunch.
- Tuesday, May 10: Dresden Plate block of the month. This will be a comfort charity quilt.
- Sunday, May 15: All day spring retreat, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17: Sit and sew.Tuesday, May 24: Table runner block
- ner block.

  Tuesday, May 31: Sit and sew.

We welcome new members who are interested in learning how to make quilts and other items. Our club meets every Tuesday in the Hobby Building Art Room from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call Gail Schultz at 352-304-9159 for more information.

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#### **Poetry**

**Linda Toner** 



#### **Hair Woes**

I'm going to do My hair in an hour. I just don't know If I have the power. To deal with This tangled mess. Right now, it looks Like a bird's nest. Wash and dry, Then to style. My beautician can do it, All the while. She's keeping me Up-to-date. On all the juicy Gossip of late. Well, it's done, Time for hairspray. Just to start over the very next day.

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#### **Avalon Social Group**



Our night at the races social event in March was held with around 75 in attendance. We had a fun evening with a variety of entertaining volunteer jockeys riding their stick horses in a race to the end. The evening also included a Kentucky Derby hat contest with around 10 ladies and four men participating in the contest. Thanks to all who helped plan and organize the event. A special thanks to the Texas Connection Social Club for providing their racing paraphernalia, knowledge, and guidance for our first attempt at this event.

We have an ice cream social scheduled for Monday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Arbor Conference Center Dance Studios. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information on that event.

We are excited that our planning committee is expanding to include members from various sections of Avalon. We are still in need of rep-

ing part of the planning committee or volunteering to help on the night of the event, please let us know. Men and women are needed in both

formed of upcoming events: email, Facebook, or postings at the postal center. 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 avalonsocial-

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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 us and we'll send you the link to the group. Activities and events will also be posted at the postal center.

#### Williamsburg **Neighbors**

**Carmel Kessler** 



Attention all residents! The Williamsburg neighborhood is hosting a tag sale Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fifteen families will have a variety of items for sale. Bring your money and follow the cars and golf carts from open garage to open garage. A complete list of addresses of those participating is on the classifieds page of this newspaper.

Williamsburg residents mark your calendar for Monday, May 9. Two wonderful events will be taking place that day. The first is a golf cart poker run. The second is a Williamsburg neighborhood potluck dinner for everyone. The dinner is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Park pavilion. If your last name begins with A-G, please bring a vegetable dish. If your last name begins with H-M, please bring a main dish, and last names beginning with N-Z, please bring a dessert. All dishes should serve about eight people. Don't forget your plates, silverware, and drinks. Alcoholic beverages are allowed at the Veterans Park. What a fantastic way to share a meal, laughter, tall tales, and meet new neighbors!

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Bring golf cart, resident ID and insurance policy (stating amount of bodily injury). All residents in household must be present.

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Prior to dinner is the golf cart poker run. What a fun activity! The run will begin at 2 p.m. at the Power Park. Everyone who has signed up will be given instructions at that time. The cost is \$10 per golf cart. Teams will be established depending upon the number of participants. At the end of the run, cards will be compared, and the best poker hand wins the pot for each team. Please note, no prior poker experience is necessary. Join us for this great activity. To register, call Nancy Meininger at 352-342-9757.

The Hawaiian luau will be held Saturday, July 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. Don't miss this gathering hosted by Dan Wiegand and coordinated by Linda Jones. There is no cost for this delicious meal as the chicken entree is being sponsored by Scott Cameron from State Farm Insurance. The remainder of the meal will be potluck. The Ukulele Club will provide music. There will be a variety of indoor games, and outdoor yard games for everyone to enjoy. More details will be forthcom-

ing.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to share about life and activities in Williamsburg, please contact Nancy Meininger nancy@nancymeininger.com. Please contact Jill Carel at Jilleroni@gmail.com if you are not signed up for the Williamsburg email no-

#### Friendship **Connection**

**Carron Janssen** 



What an unusual experience Friendship Connection had during April. For only the second time in the three years we have been in existence, we had to cancel an event. Ironically, both events were Kentucky Derby themed. Since this happened, the planning committee is trying to decide whether to keep our events to bi-monthly, quarterly, or twice a year. I will keep everyone informed of our decision in an upcoming column. Also, the woman who won the door prize from our Mardi Gras event has not received it yet. Please contact Linda at 352-509-4967.

This all being said, on to the immediate future! Our next event will be a barbecue at the Veterans Park pavilion Saturday, June 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets will be \$10, which will cover food, paper goods, drinks, etc. Ticket sales will be Monday, May 23 through Friday, May 27 and again Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs hallway of the Recreation Center. Look for Linda in

front of the urn once again.
Our cooks will grill hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs. We will also serve salads, chips, desserts, and non-alcoholic drinks. Different from any of our past events, our entertainment this time will be yard games. There will be several different games set up so, hopefully, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. These games will not have prizes; they will be just for fun! As usual, we will have door prizes and 50/50. Make sure you have your resident ID with you when you purchase your ticket and check in at the event.

Our next planned event will have a luau theme Saturday, Aug. 13 in the Recreation Center Ballroom. More information will be available in the next column.

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, clean-up, or serve please contact Carron Janssen at 847-529-6183 or info@ friendshipconnection.com, otowfriendshipconnection.com or our Facebook page (Friendship Connection-OTOW).

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#### **Theatre** Group

#### **Richard Rosen**



The Theatre Group presented "The Best of Times," a revue of some of the most magnificent, sophisticated, and entertaining musical numbers ever performed on Broadway and Off-Broadway. The two April productions wowed our large and enthusiastic Recreation Center audiences. This was the first theater performance in two years and got our troupe of talented performers charged up for some more great performances in the future.

Ken Wesenberg belts out "A Little Bit of Luck" from "My Fair Lady" with an assist from Rosalina Norita much to the delight of our wonderful audience.









Happy Hookers hopes that everyone had a blessed and joyous Easter. In addition to our recent partnership with the Sewing Bees for children of Marion County, we have also been made aware of an organization called the Women's Wellness Center in Ocala. They need items that are specific for babies. Besides the traditional hats and clothing that can be created by our group, the Women's Wellness Center can also use diapers and anything else that supports not only newborns but all babies, regardless of age. However, please be aware that blankets are not needed at this time. Theresa Dougherty is the coordinator for this effort.

Happy Hookers enjoyed a lunch at Little Joey's in April. Our club 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 agenda and no 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.

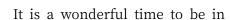
What we do have is a group of ladies busy with crocheting, knitting, needlepointing, card crafting, embroidering, and handcrafting of all kinds. This is a very talented group that's never too busy to help someone with a difficult pattern or stitch. We welcome newcomers with open arms. Attendees should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

you have yarn, books, knitting nee-crochet hooks or other dles, crafting tools that you no longer have a use for, donations are always appreciated. Please bring them Mondays during our meeting time or contact either Ann Gallo at 917-597-2178 or Kathleen Frost at 925-960-5945 to arrange for pickup.







On Top of the World! Our neighborhood had a wonderful monthly gathering in April. It was great to see some new faces.

We hope to see everyone Sunday, May 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring a side dish, beverage of choice and conversation to the Veterans Park. See you soon!



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# The New Pretenders





Everyone has had that moment when a song starts playing in your head and just won't stop, right? I recently had that happen to me. The song was "Anticipation". Why was it repeating like an echo? I suppose because I am, like the entire troupe anticipating our new show!

troupe, anticipating our new show!
We cannot wait to begin practicing the new lineup of material. We cannot wait to step onto the stage.
Most of all, we cannot wait to present to you, our audience, the best two hours of sheer entertainment you can imagine!

Naturally, along with this anticipation, comes the long hours we spend perfecting our presentation. Additional hours are expended finding the costumes that enhance each number. Then, even more hours are consumed locating the stage decorations and preparing them to go up the day before the show.

The performances will take place Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. We will light up the Recreation Center Ballroom in a way you haven't experienced in over two years! As always, tickets must be pre-purchased since none are sold at the door. Tickets may be purchased Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Recreation Center Ballroom and every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until Feb. 1. Reserved tickets are \$10 each while general admission tickets are \$8 each.

Our veteran performers have

welcomed a "bumper crop" of new talent to our midst! Our membership committee was fantastic in securing these entertainers. In the upcoming months, you will be introduced to ten of them who will join us as an awesome singer, eight band members, and a highly skilled and organized prop man!

It is very important that we continue to introduce our personnel. Randy Schmid, our sound engineer, is a great place to start! Randy is a multi-talented transplant from New Jersey. Recently, he directed the spring Concert Chorus concert, "Hooray for Hollywood." Within that program, he sang a duet, and accompanied the group on the keyboard to complete the second half. Randy superbly handles the music for The Pretenders, too, creating our great sound. He procures the best soundtracks and has upgraded our equipment. Randy combines his expertise with computers and music which is a superb benefit to us. Indeed, one of the most important cogs in our wheel of success!

Larry Domnitz will have his first opportunity to perform even though he's been a member for a couple of years. Wait until you see the moves of this New Yorker who moved south to join his sister, Shari Tighe, and friends. A life-long worker within the automotive industry, Larry has his four cars keeping him busy. He is a fantastic cook who specializes in Italian cuisine. When he has the inclination, he enjoys eating out and dabbling in the stock market. Larry adds some high energy to our show!

While we currently have a complete roster, anyone who might be interested in our waiting list can contact any member or the director, Nancy Grabowski at 352-209-4699

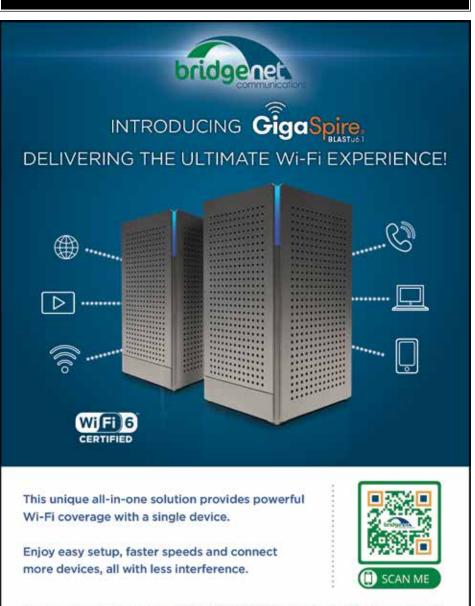


Back row: Carl Folkers, Manny Goyanes, Nancy Kiziu, Donna Siegfried; Middle row: Janet Becker, Lorraine Bettica, Mary Ann Berardi-Schmitt, Bob Schmitt, Kathie McDonald, Robin Waselewski, Gloria Emmons; Front Row: Dinah Schiegner.

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#### **Rubber Stamp Greeting Cards**

Linda Lohr



Linda Lohr was the presenter for Thursday, April 7. She offered three cards: two masculine cards and a hummingbird card. All cards could be used for several different occasions by changing the sentiments. We thank Linda for providing all the embossing folders, dies, and inks to complete the cards.

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.

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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 cardstock. Everyone in the group shares their supplies and everyone brings new ideas to the table. You are only limited by your imagina-

If you feel this might be a class you would enjoy, or if you have any questions, please contact Penny Douphinett at pennydouph@gmail. com. We look forward to introducing new people to our fun craft. Un-

til then, keep on stampin'!

er joining us. Dues are \$15. But the Concert Chorus is more than just singing and dues. It is a great time to work with other singers, learn a little bit about voice performance, and fellowship with other folks who really support each other and want

to learn. The Concert Chorus is open to all residents and Indigo East residents with a Gateway of Services pass. Please be sure to bring your resident ID card to all rehearsals.

If you plan to join us, contact Mary Ann Majni at flmam68@aol. com for further information.

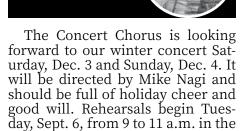


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Randy Schmid leading the Concert Chorus.

View from the Library

Linda Barilli



What's a guy to do when the woman he loves does not feel the same way about him? Well, that's exactly what happened to Jack Mac.

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This national bestseller is a heartwarming story of a strong, caring woman finally discovering who she really is. "Big Stone Gap" by Adriana Trigiani can be found in softcover fiction.

"The Wars of the Bushes – A Father and Son as Military Leaders" by Stephen Tanner encompasses the invasion of Panama, the Gulf War, and the Afghan War. Tanner compares the vision of America, the policies and principles held by each president. Tanner's book is in non-fiction labeled 973 TAN.

"Charlie Wilson's War" by George Crite III is closely related to the events discussed in this book.

"Man in the Blue Moon" by southern writer, Michael Morris, tells the tale of Ella Wallace, a woman abandoned by her husband. Ella is desperately working to keep the land that has been in her family for years. Bankruptcy is knocking on her door.

This story reveals the importance of ignoring people's opinion of you and sticking to your values against all odds. Found in hardcover fiction.





#### Indigo East Social Committee

**Janice Liberton** 

The Indigo East Social Committee is sponsoring an Indigo East breakfast Saturday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets, for residents only, will go on sale in May.

The Indigo East Social Committee is asking all crafters if they would be interested in an Indigo East fall craft show. If interested in participating, please contact Chairperson Lynn West at 570-954-4082.

The month of May has many significant holidays, including Memorial Day, which, of course, is a national holiday honoring our military men and woman who have made the ultimate sacrifice while representing our country.

This month also celebrates our mothers Sunday, May 8. Mother's Day is an international holiday, which falls on different dates in different countries, however, the most common months celebrating our mothers are March and May.

The modern-day American version of Mother's Day began in the early 20th century at the initiative of Anna Jarvis, who organized the first Mother's Day as a service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which now serves as the International Mother's Day Shrine.

In 1908 the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday joking that they would also have to proclaim Mother-in-law's Day. Due to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911, all U.S. states observed the holiday. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation designating Mother's Day to be held on the second Sunday in May as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Anna Jarvis started Mother's Day as a liturgical service and became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. She believed companies misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day and she organized boycotts of Mother's Day and threatened lawsuits against the companies involved. She believed mothers should be honored with handwritten letters expressing love and gratitude instead of buying gifts and premade cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1923 and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By that time, the sale of carnations became associated with Mother's Day, and this angered Jarvis. She was then arrested for disturbing the peace.

Mother's Day is the third largest retail holiday in the United States. In 2021 Mother's Day sales were a record \$28.1 billion. 2022 sales are expected to exceed that number. Greeting card sales are expected to rise to 72%, special outings 49% and flowers 68%. In 2021, the aver-

age consumer spent \$219 on their moms and \$190 on their dads.

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all mothers, in any capacity, a very happy Mother's Day. I would also like to thank all the men and women who serve our country,

those who paid the ultimate price as well as all police, firefighters and first responders who daily put their lives on the line to keep us safe. Enjoy the May holidays and as usual, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

#### Candler Connection

Debra Keirn



Happy Mother's Day to all our Candler Hills mothers. Hope you have a happy and relaxing day.

Upcoming events at The Lodge at Candler Hills are as follows:

- Monday, May 16: Trivia night takes place at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 paid at the door, and the money goes toward prizes. Teams of eight at a table compete. Good luck to all.
- Wednesday, May 18: Speaker series with Brian MacNeal from Florida Crime Prevention at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 31: Potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Let's celebrate our mothers by bringing a dish that your mother handed down to you. Please prepare your dish for 10 to 15 people. Residents with last names beginning with A-H should bring a dessert; I-P a main dish; and Q-Z a side dish or salad. \$1 cost per person covers eating utensils, plates, napkins, and decaf coffee. Please RSVP to Deb Keirn by phone or text at 814-571-7908 or email to arthurkipdeb@ verizon.net. Please label your dish with ingredients for those with allergies.

Other upcoming events include:

- Sunday, June 19: Ice cream social from 3 to 5 p.m. Vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, salted caramel ice cream and ice cream floats will be available as well as hot fudge, caramel, and numerous toppings to create your favorite sundae. The cost is \$4 per person, and you can go back for seconds.
- Monday, July 4: Picnic and dance from 5 to 8:30 p.m. You provide a picnic dish, and we provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and DJ. More information to come in June.
- Sunday, Aug. 14: Ice cream social from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 17: Selfie scavenger hunt (3 to 4:30 p.m.), dinner and games (5:30 to 8:30 p.m.).
- Sunday, Oct. 23: Annual barbecue at the pavilion.
- Saturday, Dec. 10: Holiday

Want to be an ambassador? Contact Pat Diaz-Verson at pdv@bellsouth.net.

New residents of Candler Hills may receive "The Happenings" by email at candlerconnection.org. Log in and fill out the form. 1,550 residents receive this publication to keep informed of Candler Hills activities.

Keep informed by joining 1,350 Candler Hills residents who are members of the Candler Connection Facebook group.

tion Facebook group.
The next Candler Connection board meeting is Tuesday, May 3, at 4 p.m. at The Lodge at Candler Hills. All residents of Candler Hills are welcome to attend.

See you around the neighborhood!



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

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

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# Weybourne Landing Neighbors Laura Thomas

The April meet and greet social was a huge success. The pulled pork was provided by Harry Carlile, and there were delicious sides provided by many in the community. Attendees were entertained by the Dulcimer Group and Ukelele Club who played many favorite tunes

who played many favorite tunes.

The next meet and greet social will be held Sunday, May 1, starting at 6 p.m. at the pool pavilion. Please bring a snack or appetizer to share, and your own beverage. If you did not toss your name badge in the basket, please remember to bring that with you. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to help Karen in organizing the monthly meet and greet socials, please email her at ks-goldsm@yahoo.com.

The pickleball courts are heating up! While the courts are open all the time, organized play is held on Sundays, at 5 p.m. We would love to see more players come out to play a round or two. This is a great way to learn the ins and outs of pickleball in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere. Keep in mind that some of the courts are temporary, so caution is advised while playing on those courts. Also, in the event of rain, the courts can become slippery. Please be very careful while playing and stay out of that kitchen!

Cornhole, also known as bags or tailgate toss, is a game that hails from the Midwest. It can be found in many backyards and even in the triangle greenspace on Wednesday evenings. If you are new to the game or have been tossing bags for a while, you are invited to play on Wednesdays, at 6 p.m. Join us and learn why this fun game has spread like wildfire!

#### Longleaf Ridge Friends

Michelle Migdal, Kathleen Taylor, & Debbie Vitale

Greetings from Longleaf Ridge, named after the beautiful longleaf pine tree. These trees stand 80 to 100 feet tall, are fire-resistant, have the longest needles of all pine trees and can live over 300 years!

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Longleaf Ridge residents have continued to enjoy each other's company at the monthly driveway gatherings or "howlings." The hamburger cookout/potluck held Wednesday, March 30, was a huge success and was attended by over 80 new neighbors. The event was hosted by Bob and Liz Lang. Special thanks to the grill masters: Stan Taylor, Ken Fournier, and Larry Daubenspeck. If you would like to help with the next potluck Thursday, May 26, or any other fun event, please contact Maria Fournier at 585-820-3755.

The new group "cruising with neighbors" is planning a sevennight Western Caribbean cruise departing from Miami on the Carnival Celebration Sunday, Nov. 27. It's going to be a blast!

If you are a Longleaf Ridge resident and you are interested in any of these events, please check our private Facebook page (OTOW Longleaf Ridge Friends). We look forward to welcoming you to the Longleaf Ridge neighborhood. Please send questions to otowlong-leafridge@gmail.com.

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Dulcimer Group performed at Weybourne Landing's meet and greet.



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Friday, May 6: 7750 SW 88th Street Road (Indigo East), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May **7:** 9630 SW 86th Place (Stonebridge), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 8892 SW 84th Circle (Candler Hills), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 8830-A SW 94th Street (Friendship Village), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 9237-B SW 83rd Avenue (Friendship), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Friday, May 7:** 7750 SW 88th Street Road (Indigo East), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May **14:** 9635-B SW 94th Terrace (Crescent Ridge), 8 a.m. to noon.

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